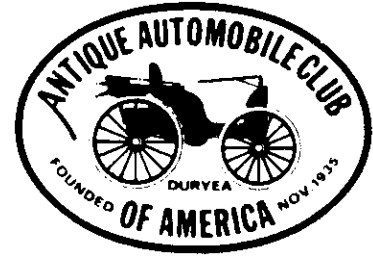




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*John Kaiser's ORIGINAL 1967 Fairlane Grand National Stock Car was on display under the Sunoco Pavilion at the Daytona Spring Turkey Run.*

Cobra Replicar. That engine made 485 horsepower and 525 ft. lbs. of torque. It was about that time that Charlie Williams joined us.



## **HOT ROD TUESDAY**

**By Brian Wirz**

On just about any Tuesday evening you can find from 8 to 15 ACAC members at the FASCARZ ENGINEERING shop of Brian Wirz.

The original group including Brian, Bobby Guice, Phil Lyon, Max Miller, Dick Sherrod and Gary Steinburger, started years ago working primarily on high performance engines for various and sundry hot rods. We built a 350 Chevy for a 52 Chevy truck, a 327 Chevy for a numbers matching Corvette and a highly modified 350 for a 39 Ford Coupe.

The next project undertaken was a 351 Windsor engine, bored and stroked to 408 cu. in. that was installed in Brian's 65



The group then took on the restoration of a 1954 De Soto previously owned by John Guarnieri. That project took about a year and a half and resulted in a beautiful example of a four door, Firedome Sedan. During that restoration, Carl

Brilliant, Tony Castellano and Jim Weiss started working with us.

While searching for its next major project, the group has been working on ACAC members' cars. During this time new members Dave Burrows, Ray Emery, Vinnie Pelligrino, Tony Spozanzi, and Peter Starr have joined in.

The first car the group worked on was Dewey Porter's 54 Chevy. It received a new set of shocks, shock mounts, an idler arm rebuild, brake job, torque tube drive shaft rebuild, rear end and transmission lube, carb and linkage work, and a beautiful transmission paint job.



Jim Weiss' Falcon was up next. It received a new clutch and a transmission rebuild.

Next on the agenda was Peter Starr's 51 Studebaker Commander convertible. Peter recently bought the car in the Carolinas. And, as old cars are prone to do, it broke down on the drive back to Florida.

As you can see from the attached photos, the car is cosmetically beautiful both exterior and interior. But, Peter drives his cars and wants them to be right. So the group went after a number of known and later discovered issues.

The charging circuit was the culprit on the breakdown; so, that's where we started. Grounds were cleaned, wiring was checked and the main culprit, a faulty voltage regulator was identified and repaired.

Next we started on the lighting system. The lenses were cleaned of overspray. The bulbs changed to a proper 6volt bulb and installed in cleaned sockets. Circuits were wrung out and corrected.

The windshield wipers, motor, linkages, and switch took several attempts to correct. But suffice it to say, Peter can now drive without fear of the dark or rain.

We can now pull the wheels and drums off the car with the efficiency of a NASCAR pit crew. What started as a check of the brakes and bearings turned into a major job. The brake fluid looked like water from a rusty pipe. So, a new master cylinder was purchased and installed and the lines were flushed. The brakes were bled.



That's when we discovered that the adjusting mechanism was lacking. So, new parts were purchased, then supplemented when the original delivery was short of key components. Each time wheels off, wheels on. Ultimately, the brakes were completed and now work fine.

With the car on the lift we found several problems. Some body bolts were missing and others weren't tight, the idler arm was sloppy. These items were corrected and the chassis lubricated.



The holes for brackets to hold stainless trim pieces along the lower portion of the car had been covered up on the passenger side of the car. So, we modified and installed brackets and then installed the stainless trim strips.

Along the way we changed the oil in the engine, trans and rear end. The lack of a gas tank filler

neck bracket was corrected and the convertible top's motor, cables and linkages were cleaned up lubricated and now function well.

The radiator and cooling system were flushed and the defrost system which had been left disconnected was hooked up using new hoses and valves.



To date, the horn is still resisting, a leaky gas tank is a problem and there is a mystery bulb socket under the dash. These will be attacked next. We're also going to do a conversion to a Petronix ignition and a general tune-up.

It's a lot of fun working on the cars and learning how the various systems function. Some of the approaches that were taken on these old cars are really amazing. But, what really makes it fun is the camaraderie. We work, we talk, we eat pizza and snacks prepared by Carolyn or provided by the happy recipient of our labor. We have a good time. That's what being part of a car club is all about.

## **VINTAGE CARS REQUIRE SPECIAL LUBRICANTS**

By Dewey Porter

Summarizing recent discussions in the publication *Auto Restorer* . Neither the modern day GL4 or GL5 gear lube concoctions is right for any vintage vehicle that initially rolled out with a straight 90 weight gearbox oil. The 90 weight oil is available and is identified as GL1. After searching all of our local auto parts stores, I was able to find it only stocked by the NAPA store on US 16, the north end of town. They have it in gallon size bottles, NAPA's own brand labeled SAE 90 API GL-1,

MANUAL TRANSMISSIONS in response to a reader's complaint that his recently rebuilt 49 Chev truck was leaking lube out where the high gear shaft exits the case, the answer was "the tranny and many other GM manuals that followed, particularly three speeds with an unsynchronized first gear employed only a

slinger to hold back excessive lube oil from the shaft. There is no seal. A certain amount of lube transfer was expected to service the release bearing on the sleeve that mounted it. The clearance specs of his truck's gears are not well served by the GL4 and GL5 lubes. That stuff is almost watery by comparison to a standard 90 weight gear oil"

### AUTOMATIC

TRANSMISSIONS Failures went from less than a million units in 1972 to over eight million units a year by 1975 due to new designs and the loss of sperm whale additives. Effective synthetics were created which we use today, but when used in your earlier transmissions they don't shift quite as smoothly. Anything built before 1965 using modern ATF is risky. Leaks are not just possible, they absolutely will happen. They go on to caution using modern ATF fluid all the way up to 1975. They recommend using ATF Type A in classic Powerglides, Hydramatics, Torqueflites, and Fordomatics as well.

This article caught my attention as I recently replaced the gear oil in both the transmission and the rear end of my 1954 Chev 3 speed manual with GL-5 and got leaks where I had none before. Needless to say, I will be replacing it with GL-1.



**Ancient City Auto Club**

Minutes: March 2015 Club Meeting  
 Date/Time: Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 7:00 PM  
 Location: Murray's Brothers Caddy Shack  
 Restaurant, 455 South Legacy Trail,  
 St Augustine, FL

Minutes:

- Brian Wirz, VP, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM due to Dick Sherrod's absence.
- Brian Wirz gave the Treasurer's report due to Donna Sherrod's absence. He reported that we are solvent and a more formal report will be given at next meeting.
- 50/50 totaled \$131.00. Winner, Joe Greeves took home \$65.00 with \$66.00 going to club treasury.
- Motion passed to approve January and February board minutes.
- 55 members in attendance with 3 new members.
- Each member present stated their name and make of car to familiarize everyone.
- Brian announced start of Formula One season for those interested.
- Activities: Old Guys Breakfast to be held on March 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Dream Car Weekend (Labor Day) – details to follow.
- Bob Quackenbush reviewed upcoming car shows:
- Rodehaver Boys Ranch, March 7-Sydney Hobbs is coordinator and Bob advised that cars should arrive at 9:00 a.m. Members can meet at Racetrack Gas Station on Rt 207 for 8:00 a.m. departure.
- Meeting held at Quackenbush residence on March 4 to increase and learn new skills regarding use of cell phones and various

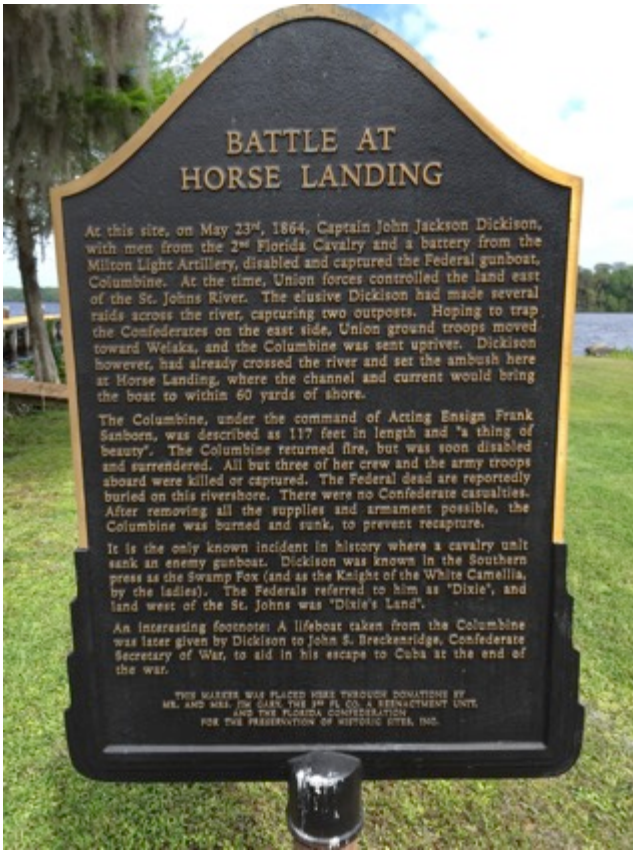
applications. Bob said meeting was very informative.

- Acting Secretary, Gary Steinberger, offered to make name badges for new members and a list of names was developed. Previously ordered badges were handed out to those in attendance.
- Calendar of Events are as follows:
- March 7 – Azalea Car Show located at waterfront in Palatka
- May 2 – D&B School Car Show to be hosted by St Augustine Cruiser
- November 21 – D&B School Car Show to be hosted by ACAC.
- St Augustine Cruisers are sponsoring a cruise-in behind Longhorn Steakhouse every third Saturday of the month.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Minutes prepared March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 by Jennifer Steinberger, Secretary



Joe Greeves wins the 50/50 and gets to take the box to sell the tickets at the next meeting. Don't know who looks happier, Joe or Gary Steinberger?



Peter Starr stands by his car.....



This eye-catching "Tin Woody" was a beautiful entry.

# Rodeheaver's Boys Ranch—March

It was a cool and cloudless morning as we braved the early-morning fog and traffic for a fun and relaxing day at Rodeheaver's Boys Ranch in Palatka. Competing shows on the St. Johns River downtown Palatka kept the attendance down somewhat, but still over \$10,000 was raised for the Ranch, and we are so happy to be a part of that. The above plaque commemorates the only sinking of a ship attributed to the cavalry, near the dock at Rodeheaver's.



Doug Hunsworth, Jim Weiss, Marion Hunsworth, Bob Hubbard, Bill Soman and Bob Quackenbush relax.



Madison, Sidney, and Brenda Hobbs enjoy a fine day together in front of some of the many motorcycles that rode over for the show.



Detail Bob Q. needed for his '50 Chevy Tin Woody.



The St. Augustine Line Dancers perform “She Thinks My Tractor’s Sexy” for a fun audience that included many talented young dancers and singers from St. Augustine’s Showtime.



Kermit had a good seat.



Pretty sure this is Hubbard’s beautiful Chevrolet.



Tom Wells strikes a pose; '66 Shelby Cobra





Jim Weiss's Falcon



Hunsworth's Ford



Soman's 'Vette



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*Trip to Debbie's Day Spa—*

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*came home refreshed and relaxed.*



*While relaxing, there is specialty shopping to please every taste and spur-of-the-moment temptations. My hour-long facial was very relaxing and refreshing. Thanks, Debbie*



*After.*

**April 2 Meeting is at Caddy Shack at (dinner) 6 p.m.—(meeting) 7 p.m.**





Didn't it rain, children?—Nothing keeps us from enjoying a good time eating—Joe Greeves did a good job of selling the 50/50 tickets and the winner, Carl Brilliant took home a good prize! Eat Out at Creekside—March 26—

*Pictures at an Exhibition—Doug Nietzel shows off recent purchase.*



*This car is rare—call him to find out how he got it!*



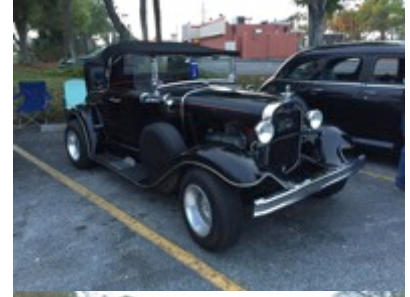
*Many beautiful cars were on display at the St. Augustine Cruisers Cruise-In March 21, 2015 behind Longhorn's*



*Peter Starr's Studebaker*



*Victoria D'Agostina w/ '23 T*



*This Cruise-In was one of the best. We all enjoyed ourselves very much. Thank You! St. Aug. Cruisers!*

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**April 2 ACAC Monthly Meeting Caddyshack 6 PM**

**April 9 – 11 Jim & Tuni Weiss are hosting the W.O.K.R. Club 3 day tour and ACAC members are invited : details see email dated March 9, 2015**

**April 9 – 12 AACA Southeastern Spring Meet Charlotte, N>C.**

April 11—The Early Ford Club is visiting Quackenbushes—They drive their old cars. Come for coffee—10 a.m. Saturday morning.

**April 11 Car Show at the Macedonia Baptist Ch. Fleming Island. NOTE This replaces the Fruit Cove Baptist Ch. Annual show which is not being held this year. NOTE PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY AND WILL BE LIMITED TO FIRST 100 CARS. CLOSES APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>. No cars will be registered day of show. [www.mbcjax.net](http://www.mbcjax.net)**

**April 18 St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Federal Point Annual Fish Fry and Oyster Roast, Noon till 4 p.m.--Rain or Shine--Food, Family Fun, Fellowship, Arts and Crafts, Live Music.==All You Can Eat-- Limited tickets sold for oysters--Fish dinner included with oyster ticket--includes fries, Cole Slaw, Desserts, Beverages, Hush Puppies, Minorcan Clam Chowder Fish Dinner--Adults--\$15--Children--under 12--\$8 Oyster Roast--Adults--\$25--Children--under 12--\$8 Advance tickets available from Jinny Quackenbush for discount for military and wounded warriors (\$5 discount) Bring chairs --Go toward Hastings and follow the signs--the address is 124 Commercial Avenue, East Palatka, FL 32131--Church Phone # 904-692-1967--Jinny Quackenbush--904-797-5191 Reserved parking for collector cars**

**April 18 St Augustine Cruisers Monthly Cruise Night. 5-7:30 PM Door prizes, DJ, 50/50 Hobby Lobby parking lot behind Longhorn.**

**April 18 Clay County Cruisers 6<sup>th</sup> Annual "Rev It Up" car show. Fleming Island Presbyterian CH. 1743 County Road 220 Fleming Island**

**April 25 Crankin A's of Daytona Beach 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show at Barberville Pioneer Settlement 9 AM – 3 PM Dash Plaques, Food, Arts & Crafts, musicians Dancing. 1983 and Older, no entry fee or prior registration required. No Pets (park rules) Rain date next day Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup>. Info phone 386 673 2973 or 386 235 6659**

**May 2 St. Augustine Cruisers 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Car & Truck Show at FSD&B school campus**

**May 2 North Florida Classic Chevy Show at Gordon Chevrolet, Jacksonville, FL**

**May 15 – 16 Moultrie, GA. Summer Show huge car corral & flea Market info 229 686 1771**

**May 23 All Chevrolet Car Show at Nimnicht Chevrolet, Jacksonville, FL.**

**June 20 Vettes At The Village Show WGV (hosted by N. Fla. Corvette Assoc.**

**Oct 3 FCCC 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Show at Trout Creek Fish Camp SR 13 St. Johns County**

**Oct 7 – 10 AACA Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey, PA**

**Oct 17 19<sup>th</sup> Annual 8 Flags Car Show at Fernandina Beach**

**Oct 24 Clay County Cruisers 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Back to the Fifties Car Show, Fleming Island Presbyterian Ch. 1743 County Road 220 Fleming Island.**

**Nov 21 ACAC 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Auto Show at FSD&B School**

**Nov 27-28 AACA Volusia Region Car show on Saturday at Fortunato Park Ormond Beach. Gaslight parade Friday night. 1988 & Older, no modified or customs. All cars judged. [www.aaca.org/volusia](http://www.aaca.org/volusia)**

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***Dave Burrows took home the top prize at the Lake Dora Boat Show March 28<sup>th</sup> for his Woody Wagon which was displayed along with many beautiful Woody Cars and more beautiful boats of all kinds and flavors. -Jinny Quackenbush, Ed.***

