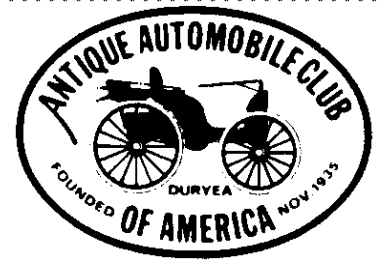




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Two World Class Events in Two Weeks!

Contributed by Peter Starr

I recently had the privilege of displaying our 1957 BMW 507 Roadster at the Amelia Island Concourse on March 10.

Of the many car shows and events I've attended over the years, this is my favorite.

The cars are presented on the fairways of the golf course at the Ritz Carlton where they really stand out on the manicured lawns. It has a relaxed atmosphere as opposed to some Concourses which can get tense and stuffy.

The cars are the stars, and for the most part the owners are happy to engage you in conversation about their most unusual vehicles.



This year there was a class of "Ed Roth" cars which are wild custom built vehicles from the 1950's and 1960's when the "space-age" look was all the rage.



Among the many other cars shown was the original Mustang Fastback used in the Steve McQueen movie Bullitt. This car had been lost for many years and only recently has come back into the public eye. It was shown by itself in the Hagerty Insurance booth as a showpiece item of the weekend.



In fact, several of the cars had plexiglass bubbles over their passenger compartments in the fashion of the Jetson's cartoon car.



Another very unusual and first time shown automobile was the sequel car to the iconic

Shelby Cobra, called the LoneStar. It was a rear-engined, V8 powered design that had it come to production would have given cars like the Lamborghini Miura and the mid-engined Ferrari's of the era fits. Alas, it was not to be and is now just a very exclusive 'footnote' to Shelby's lustrous history.



As all of the cars on display at Amelia appear by invitation it is an honor to just have a car in the show. This year we were privileged to receive an Amelia Award of Distinction in the 1950's Sports Car Class. Our prize was a ribbon and a beautiful Lalique glass trophy on a granite base! It was well beyond our expectations and will forever serve to commemorate the day for us.



Contributed by Peter Starr—Thanks, Peter!
More on Page 5!!!!
Moving right along!

**Meeting at Zaharia's
Thursday, April 5
Eat at 6
Meet at 7
See You There!**

Regular Monthly Meeting of ACAC
March 1, 2018
At Zaharia's Restaurant,
St. Augustine Beach, FL



Thirty-one members were present for the March ACAC meeting at Zaharia's Restaurant; 5 collector cars were in the parking lot including some Model T's and a Model A.



Vice President Dewey Porter called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. The minutes from the February meetings were approved as printed in the "Olde News." Our Treasurer was out of town in Tennessee, so no financial report was given. Newsletter editor reported the need for member support in reporting car activity.



Activities were highlighted from the report in Olde News, especially the Olde Guys With Olde Cars breakfast at Steak 'n' Shake March 9—Rodeheaver Boys Ranch Show on March 10—Amelia Island Concours de Elegance will feature Peter Starr's car and the Weiss's have an opportunity to show their Bently also at a special event.



The Crankin' A's show at Barberville will take place on April 7th.



Several members including Dewey Porter, Bob Quackenbush, and Jim Arpaia recounted amusing stories involving old cars for our entertainment

John Battistini will be selling the tickets at the April meeting since he was the big winner of the evening!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Quackenbush, Secretary Pro Tem.



*Thanks to
Joe Greeves
for the
photos!
Blue
Tickets for
the cars!*

ACAC Board Meeting At Quackenbush Home March 15, 2018

Present: Dewey Porter, Vice President, Jim Arpaia, Past President, Bob Quackenbush, Founding Member, Jinny Quackenbush, Editor, Rita Arpaia, Member

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Vice President Dewey Porter. Treasurer still out of town. Minutes of February meeting approved as printed. A budget of \$550 to take care of the expenses of field and food at the Frostbite Picnic April 15 was presented and passed. Looking into hiring a food truck to supply the food. This amount will also cover the prizes for the games.

March dine out is at Carrabba's March 22. Turkey Run will also happen in March. Coming attractions include possible pizza party at Mark and Kathy Young's. A Chinese Auction, the 4th of July extravaganza at Sherrods'.

There will hereafter be a section of the "Olde News" dedicated to cars that are for sale. Please submit a photo with the copy you would like ***including the price*** for publication.

Speakers at the club meetings for April and May have been arranged. April will be Dennis McDonald and May will be Brian Wirz. They will bring a short talk about car-related matters for our enjoyment.

There was some discussion about how to relieve the stress of registration and the waiting times for the Car Show participants. Please send your suggestions by email to Dewey Porter for consideration. We really want the participants to be happy as they present their prize winning cars for display in November (17th). Dewey is checking on prices for printing the flyers (no changes from last year) and will have some available asap. Cookies and ice cream were enjoyed by the participants.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Quackenbush,
Secretary Pro Tem.



Holy Land 1000 Tour!

Contributed by Peter Starr

The other half of our incredible two week car-fest was a 6 day, 1000 mile Tour in Israel in the company of 70 other pre-1965 sports cars called the HolyLand1000Tour (www.HolyLand1000Tour.org). We left 4 days after Amelia ended.....!

The event was first run in 2015 and caught my eye back then, as Gina and I had driven essentially the same route in a rental car back in 2000, staying in Kibbutz's and B&B's. This time though it was all being done for us, with only the driving (the fun part!) being left for us to do.



For those who've not done a multi-day driving tour, I'd highly recommend it. You show up with your car, check in to the hotel and from there everything is handled for you. Luggage miraculously shows up at your next night's hotel room after you've followed a route book

that takes you over wonderful two lane roads with magnificent scenery you'd likely never discover on your own. The accommodations, food, and hospitality are "over the top" and you typically get to "exercise" your pride and joy with relative impunity as the Tour sponsors usually support the local police charities and the tour gets police escorts who look the other way (usually....but that's a story for another Olde News!!).



I've been collecting and restoring Toyota 2000GT's since 1976, which is when I acquired the car that I drove on the Tour. It

was perfectly suited for the event as it is a high-revving (7000 rpm) twin cam six, with 5 speed gearbox and lots of torque. So it was fun chasing and passing other old sports cars up mountain roads and on long desert two-lanes. The car performed spectacularly and was a huge hit as it was the first time one had ever been in the country. In fact the host of the event at the closing ceremony introduced us saying "There were two cars that had the most 'hits' on Israeli social media. One was the oldest car on the Tour, a 1922 Bentley open touring car, and the other was the Toyota 2000GT"! This made us feel pretty special, as most of the younger generation are keen on the Japanese cars and the 2000GT is really their "pin-up" car.



Starting in the Mediterranean seaport city of Tel Aviv, we drove south by the West Bank to the fabulous Beresheet Hotel on the edge of a crater in the Negev desert. From there we drove to the southernmost tip of the country to Eilat on the Red Sea, where years before we'd walked across the border into Jordan to visit Petra, the ancient city featured in the beginning of the movie Raiders of the Lost Ark. The next day we drove to the Dead Sea, the lowest elevation on Earth at -1405 feet below sea level. Our drive from there up to Jerusalem at +2,474 feet was a challenge as it was about 15-20 degrees warmer than usual and we entered Jerusalem during stop and go

rush hour with our antique cars! Even with police leading the way, several cars (and passengers) overheated. Fortunately the Toyota performed like a Toyota and was none the worse for it!

We left quite early the next morning to avoid traffic and to have a procession of cars thru the Old City. This was the biggest thrill of our time over there for me, as I got to drive a car I've cherished for over 40 years thru the ancient city walls into the Holiest City on Earth! Wow!!



Our trip concluded with fascinating terrain in the Golan Heights above the Sea of Galilee, a stop at Capernaum and Caesarea where all of the cars parked in the old Hippodrome by the sea where the chariots would race every five years and then back to Tel Aviv to put the cars back into their ocean containers for the long sea passage back home. All in all, it was an epic adventure and the trip of a lifetime for both Gina and me.



Thanks, Peter for sharing your wonderful adventure with us. Mazel Tov! (I don't know how to spell that really or what it means; hope it's good!)



A Formula One race car rolled up at Old Kings Elementary School in Flagler Beach as part of a program to encourage independent reading by students.



Old Kings Elementary School students have crossed the finish line in their Race to Reading competition. As a reward for their efforts, they got what school media specialist Kim Weeks called a “wow” experience: a close-up look at a Formula One-style race car.

Dennis McDonald, parked the car outside the school Tuesday and classes took turns coming out to see it and pepper McDonald with questions. Race to Reading winners had a chance to be photographed sitting in the car.

This teacher had been looking for a race car to come out for the past two years--

she'd tried to arrange a NASCAR visit but was unsuccessful. Voicing her frustration, her principal said, ‘Hey, I know someone.’ That’s where Dennis McDonald came in.



He bought the car a decade ago from Barrett-Jackson, an auction company specializing in classic and antique automobiles. It was one of only 50 such autos manufactured in Pensacola and was used as a promotional vehicle for Naples Motor Sports, a major dealer in exotic cars. McDonald spoke about the car as the wide-eyed students crowded round.

Race to Reading is the Old Kings name of the Scholastic Reading Counts! program, a vehicle to encourage students to read books on their own. The students read

selections at their own individual reading levels. Then they take computerized quizzes to assess their understanding. The entire school participates and five winners are named for each grade level.



As an incentive, the teacher arranges monthly contests with rewards such as an ice cream party. The big one, the race car, was the result of the February contest. McDonald, who said the car was just about having fun, has driven it up to 115 mph at Lime Rock Park road racing venue in Lakeville, Connecticut.



Racing and Reading

"If you think being a race car driver is easy, you should drive this," said McDonald, "because it works you. The faster you go, the harder it works you. When you have these giant tires, and you have this basic steering like this, there're just your arms.

"Then, on top of it, they give you this little tiny steering wheel that's 12 inches wide. So it's really hard. There is definitely a physical

aspect to it. And these guys you see driving these race cars, they are truly athletes."

The car is powered by a Chrysler Prowler drive train. It weighs less than 1,800 pounds and has 285 horsepower. Having all the required signals, lights and tag — reading "MY F1" — it's also street legal.

"I have people follow me all the time when I have it out," McDonald said, laughing. "It's quite a conversation piece, to say the least. And it's loved by everybody, even the police."

But police need not worry that McDonald will be tempted to open it up on regular roads — he said its proximity to the pavement makes him careful.

"When you're riding this low in a car, your eye is about 28 inches off the ground," he said. "So you have no perspective on anything that's lying in the road."

A special concern is those scraps of tread often left behind by passing trucks — also known as road gators.

"You wouldn't want to have one of those permanently attached to you," McDonald said.

The teacher is hoping the car's visit will work as an incentive for next year's young readers. Judging by the excited chatter of those gathered to view the car, that's probably a safe bet.

Contributed by Dennis McDonald The full article is in The Daytona Beach News-Journal, March 28, 2018.

A business card for Beverly Automotive, Inc. The card is split into two sections. The left section is white with a black logo of a stylized car wheel and the text "Beverly Automotive, Inc." Below that, it lists contact information: "SHOP 904.692.4760 | CELL 904.315.4760", "GARAGE LOCATION 7661 SR 207 ELKTON, FL 32033", and "Beverlyautomotive@yahoo.com". The right section is black with white text, identifying "Jason Beverly Owner" and listing services: "COMPLETE MOBILE REPAIR RV, Heavy Trucks, Small Trucks, and Cars".

OLD GUYS BREAKFAST MARCH 9, 2018



We had 19 Old Guys driving 14 collector vehicles on a perfect Friday morning. During



the end of the meal as we were paying up at the register our member Doug Nietzel had an episode of dizziness and collapsed and the rescue squad was called. He was taken to Flagler where he was diagnosed with extremely low blood pressure. Glad to say he was discharged later that afternoon and was even able to attend the Rodeheaver Boys Ranch car show the next day. In the concern for Doug I somehow lost my signup sheet for the guys attending but I did save parking lot photos and Joe Greeves took photos also.



Eleven of the old cars driven to breakfast were by ACAC members: Jim Battistini, Paul McCarthy, Ron Leone, Doug Nietzel, Dennis



McDonald, Rob Daly, Mark Young, Jim Salanitri, Jim Arpaia, Dewey Porter and Bob Hubbard. The next breakfast is April 13.





So, as far as blue tickets go, please follow these directions carefully: Fifteen cars were at the breakfast. If your name is not on Dewey's list on page 9 and you did bring your olde or special car to Steak 'n' Shake, please contact the Blue Ticket Chair—Peggy Hutchison, 904-826-7086, hutch55chevy@gmail.com THANKS joe Greeves for photos!



Dee and Bill Soman with family members smile for the camera.

Carrabba's Dine-Out—March 22



Christine Snyder and daughter with Bill and Pat Meyer.



Doug Nietzel, Hubbards, Arpaia's, Quackenbushes, Sherrods, Bauers, Ron Leone, Greeves,



BUT—no blue tickets! A good time was had by all!

Joe Greeves photography

AZALEA REGION AACA CAR SHOW PALATKA MARCH 3 2018



About 130 entries carefully parked in Riverfront Park and along the side streets made a great venue for the show. Perfect sunny weather and a lot of food choices made the day. Even though it is only 25 miles away we only had two members from Ancient City registered. Doug Nietzel brought his 1962 Cadillac convert and Dewey Porter brought his 1990 Mustang GT convert. Both cars won a Top 20 award. -Dewey Porter



So it was definitely good for the “wearin’ of the green.”



Gorgeous weather, good friends—Bob Q., Dewey Porter, Joe Greeves.

Definitely St. Patrick's Day



The Cruise-In behind Longhorn's each third Saturday night came directly on St. Patrick's.





See article by Dewey Porter on page17



The gold at the end of the rainbow!



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March 25, 1901

This Day In Automotive History

Submitted by Brian Wirz

Daimler introduced the Mercedes at the 1901 Nice Races (Week of Nice). This car was the forerunner car with the modern automobile shape.

She wasn't an engineer, or a race car driver, or the founder of an automobile company. But Mercedes Jellinek, born in 1889, left an indelible mark on the automobile industry, thanks to her doting father and his attachment to her name.

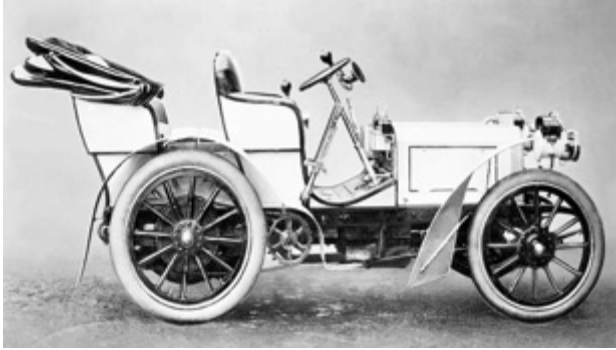
Emil Jellinek was to become Daimler-Motoren-Gesellschaft's best and most difficult customer. Always wanting to go faster, in 1896 he wrote to Daimler to order four cars, but only if they could attain 25 MPH.

Founder Gottlieb Daimler and engineer Wilhelm Maybach were reluctant to put a powerful engine in a small chassis – even then, the way to better performance – but the offer was too good to turn down. Jellinek was pleased with his new hot rod, and managed to sell the other three to another motoring enthusiast, Baron Arthur de Rothschild. (He caught Rothschild's attention by passing his Panhard on a hill, and sold him the first of three Daimlers on the spot.)

Jellinek was having such a good time selling Daimlers that he ordered six more – these were to have front-mounted four-cylinder engines, rather than the previous cars' two-cylinder engines. Again, Daimler and Maybach were reluctant, but again they found the offer too good to refuse. Jellinek entered the first of these cars in the Nice Automobile Week races, and, like many other racers of the time, competed under a pseudonym, adopting a name dear to his heart: Mr. Mercedes.

Jellinek again offered another alternative: a lower, lighter, wider, longer and all-around better race car. He wanted an engine of at least 35 hp. And he promised to

buy 36 such cars, at the equivalent of \$130,000 in 1900 dollars. In exchange, Jellinek asked for two things: One, he wanted to have the exclusive sales agency for Austro-Hungary, France, Belgium, and the United States. And two, he wanted the car named after his daughter, Mercedes. The factory agreed.



Daimler-Motoren-Gesellschaft's 35-hp Mercedes of 1901, designed by Wilhelm Maybach. Courtesy of the Mercedes-Benz Classic archives

The first Mercedes was an even bigger success than Jellinek could have hoped for, dominating the 1901 Nice Week events by winning the hillclimb, the distance race, and the sprint. He capitalized on that success by replacing the speedster's two seats with a four-place touring body and cruising the Promenade des Anglais to let everyone know that the race car was, in fact, a passenger car that they could buy. Lighter, more powerful and faster than the cars that had come before, the new Mercedes changed the world overnight. In 1905, Emil changed his last name to Jellinek-Mercedes, quipping, "This is probably the first time that a father has taken his daughter's name."

**SPRING FESTIVAL ST, AMBROSE
CATHOLIC CHURCH MARCH 18 2018**

The festival always attracts a lot of collector cars as they have reserved parking for them. There were quite a few from the St. Augustine Cruisers and Ancient City managed to have 4 there. Seen enjoying the food and the music were Jim & Rita Arpaia, Doug & Marion

Hunsworth, Dewey Porter and Danny Stephens. A nice day in the country.



St. Ambrose Fair



Always fun to see—Hunsworth's Ford



The serenely sophisticated and supercalifragilisticexpialidocious Arpaia
Lincoln

The St. Ambrose Fair is a special time for enjoying a Sunday afternoon with friends, good music and food. –Dewey Porter



Bill Soman's Very Versatile Vette



Danny Stephen's Classy Chassis



Did you notice? This photo belongs with the cars at the Cruise-In March 17, 2018

Brian Wirz submitted this interesting information about some Porches that were at Amelia Island this March.

3/17/1834: Gottlieb Daimler born, Germany

3/17/1949: The first car to carry the Porsche family name,

the Porsche 356 Gmund Coupe, was introduced at the Geneva auto show.

[2016: Two of the fifty-two Porsches manufactured in 1949 were at the Amelia Island Concours this year. Here's s/n 50]



29TH ANNUAL SPRING TURKEY RUN DAYTONA BEACH TRACK MARCH 24 2018

Are the Ancient City members getting too old to go just 50 miles to one of the prime car activities in our area? In years past (now there is an old timer expression) we had 20 or more members with show cars going for the day and sometimes all 3 days. I went on Saturday the 24th and parked with the Saint Augustine Cruisers who had about 30 members there. Attendance at the spring event is only about one fourth of the turnout at the November version and tends to be people living within 150 miles of Daytona.

Showing cars on Saturday were Danny Stephens, Bill Soman, Dan Smith, Dewey Porter and Dick Sherrod. There probably were others I did not see. I was fortunate enough to see all of the show cars and car corral riding in Joe Greeves' golf cart. He had photo assignments from 3 different car/truck publications and was there all 3 days taking photos.

Saint Augustine Cruisers Monthly Cruise Night March 17 2018

This cruise seems to have the weather gods favoring it because it is always great. They continue to have high attendance to this low stress event. Just bring that collector vehicle and folding chairs and relax.

Attending from Ancient City and driving collector vehicles were Clay & Renee Green, Dennis & Janet McDonald, Jim & Rita Arpaia, Dewey Porter, Bob & Jinny Quackenbush, Paul & Chris McCarthy, Bill Soman, and Danny Stephens.

Door prizes, and the winning 50/50 ticket ended the evening with everyone leaving about 7:30PM.



6TH ANNUAL RODEHEAVER BOYS RANCH CAR SHOW MARCH 10, 2018

Beautiful day for a car show. All cars parked on grass, some under shade trees. Food available from the on site cook house. Judging is done by the ranch residents. The unique award plaques with a photo of the car it is awarded to, and made by the boys gives this show something different and memorable. Top 30 Awards were passed out by Madison Hobbs about 2:30 PM so everyone had an early departure about 3:30 PM. To see photos of all award winners go to Facebook and search for Azalea City Cruisers - Pictures/Events and scroll down until it appears.

Ancient City had 11 cars entered with 10 awards received. Only Paul McCarthy's 1957 Chevrolet station wagon failed to win and that was probably because all the restoration is being performed by Paul and it is a work in progress. Receiving Top 30 awards were Jim Battistini, Doug Nietzel, Dewey Porter, Sidney Hobbs (2), Jim Arpaia, Bill Soman, Ken Bryan (2), Doug Hunsworth.





ACTIVITIES

April 5 ACAC Monthly meeting, 6 PM dinner, 7 PM meeting Zaharias's Restaurant A1A

April 5-7 AACA SE Spring Meet Charlotte, N.C. www.charlotte-autofair.com

April 7 Crankin A's Annual Car Show at Barberville Pioneer Village. 9AM-3 PM Food available, no entry fee, vehicles 1985 and earlier awards about 3 PM. On grass under huge shade trees. Lots to see and do. Many Model A's of course. No pets as it is a state park. Info 386-985-3688 To caravan over leave the Mostly empty shopping center on US 1 So. at 8 AM. Will be going 50-55 MPH to accommodate older cars (we now have several Model A's in the club.)

April 13 Johns Old Guys Breakfast 9 AM Steak & Shake US 1 So. next to Home Depot. You do not have to be a member to attend so bring a friend who has an interest in things with a motor.

April 13-14 Moultrie, GA. Summer Swap Meet & Car Corral. ***THIS SHOW HAS BEEN CANCELLED! NO EXPLANATION.***

April 14 Car Show 2018 CAR SHOW - 17th Annual Fruit Cove Baptist Church, 501 State Road 13, St Johns, FL 32259. Register your car today at

www.fruitcove.com/carshow

Cars and Trucks will be shown with prizes awarded in various categories. Free food, door prizes, children's activities, and other items round out this fun event. \$25.00 Registration Fee includes entry, t-shirt, and eligibility for judging and door prizes. There will be a limit of 300 cars - online registration only. There will not be any day of show entries. We are expecting a great show that always fills the lot to max capacity. Your help and understanding are greatly appreciated and will help make things go smoothly. The following parking policy will be strictly enforced. Gates to all parking will not open until 7 am No overnight parking No reserved spots Absolutely no holding spots Clubs and friends need to arrive together No tents or chairs blocking spots No refunds For more information, call Mark Simmons at 904-237-1770.

April 19 ACAC Monthly Board Meeting 7 PM location Porter res. 769 Crestwood Drive

April 21 St. Paul's Federal Point Episcopal Church Spring Fling. 10 AM-4 PM Flea market, Music, Hot dogs & barbeque sliders available. Info Sharon Hughes 904-692-3806

April 21 St. Augustine Cruisers Monthly Cruise Night at Hobby Lobby Shopping Center behind Longhorn restaurant 5-7 PM DJ, door prizes 50/50

April 28 ACAC Frostbite Picnic at Butler Park West on the Intra-coastal side. 10:30 AM to 2 PM. Car Games with awards to 1st place winners. Food will be served about noon. Bring chairs.

April 28 AACA Volusia region 42nd annual Heritage classic at 493 S. Lakeview Drive, Lake Helen, FL info contact Pat or John Meinelt 386-734-1912

May 3 ACAC Monthly Meeting location TBA 6 Pm dinner 7 PM meeting

May 5 Saint Augustine Cruisers 16th Annual Car Show FSD&B School 207 N. San Marco Ave Top 25 participant judging, no classes park with your friends but arrive together. , best of show award, awards at 3 PM. Pre reg \$20 (ends April 10) Day of show \$25 dash plaques & goody bags to 1st 100. Reg 8AM-11 AM Open to any motorized vehicle, scooter, motorcycle, or boat.

May 11 Johns Old Guys Breakfast 9 AM Steak & Shake US 1 So. next to Home Depot. You do not have to be a member to attend so bring a friend who has an interest in things with a motor.

May 17 ACAC Monthly Board Meeting 7 PM Arpaia Res 7 PM 3144 Kings Road

May 19 Riding Into History motorcycle show at WGV 10 AM-4PM. 1990 or older motorcycles registration is free. Spectators admission is \$15. Info: ridingintohistory.org or phone Marina 904 608 4196

Oct 6 40th ANNUAL PALATKA CAR SHOW, open to all cars, trucks, motorcycles & boats!!! Pre-register at premiumcarshows.com or call Larry (727) 321-1211 For Show, Vendor & Sponsor info, go to azaleacitycruisers.com or call/text John (561) 602-8686 or Phil (443) 513-6414

Oct 10-13 AACA Eastern Fall Meet Hershey, PA

Oct 20 Amelia Cruisers 22nd Annual 8 Flags Car Show, Fernandina Beach 8 AM-2PM, info www.ameliacruisers.org

Nov 17 ACAC 34TH Annual Auto Show at the FSD&B School 207 N. San Marco. Details to follow.



Here is another entry into the Amelia Island Concours de Elegance. This car (1932 Packard) was also in our car show last November, entered by Richard Lambert. (Submitted by Dennis McDonald)



This is an aerial view of the car show that was held at Pedro Menendez High School in February. Enjoy! -Jinny

