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SEPTEMBER CAR SHOW MOVES AHEAD



A partial view of the huge show field, note *THE SHADE!* A very important advantage in Florida in September. Look for details of our planning progress in the minutes of the July 15 board meeting.

Flyers were passed out at the St. Augustine Cruisers cruise night July 17. The flyer is also posted on the AACA website and our show was listed in the calendar of the current issue of *Antique Automobile*. It will also be listed in the next edition of *Mike Kelly's Cruise News*.





PHOTOS ABOVE BY RON LEONE

The FSD&B School is doing the work to invite arts and crafts vendors who will be located at the far end of the show field. We are also working on signs on San Marco to build local interest. FSD&B will also erect a large tent near the show car area, with picnic tables. This will be available for the use of everyone at the show.

The Cape Canaveral Region of AACA has planned to make our car show an overnight activity. They have always been a strong supporter of our annual show.





ACTIVITIES

Aug 11 DYOC (Drive Your Old Car) 2nd Wed each month. Send photo to Olde News editor

- Aug 13 Old Guys Breakfast Sluggers Grill US 1 N & SR16 9 AM
- Aug 14 ACAC Monthly Cruise night at Steak & Shake US 1 So. next to Home Depot 5-8 PM
- Aug 19 ACAC Board Meeting 7 PM at Porters
- Aug 21 St. Augustine Cruisers monthly cruise night at Ponce Mall 5-8 PM
- Aug 26 ACAC eat out night at Purple Olive restaurant A1A & Dondanville Road 6 PM
- **Sept 3** ACAC Monthly meeting Village Inn US 1 N. at 6 PM for dinner 7 PM for business meeting
- Sept 18 24th Annual First Coast Car Council Car Show at Jacksonville Landing

Sept 25 ANCIENT CITY AUTO CLUB 26th ANNUAL SHOW AT THE FLORIDA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND, ST AUGUSTINE, FL CAMPUS

Oct 2 Cruisin' Mopars of Jax car show at Baymeadows and Phillips Hwy, hosted by Woody's BarB Que. Open to all makes of cars and trucks and will be top 25 format with participant voting. \$20 registration day of show with no pre registration.

Oct 2 Cruisin Couples Car Show, Eustis Ferran Park by the lake. Live music with Elvis, 1985 & earlier, 80 trophies with cars judged. 8 AM – 3:30 PM info at www.cruisincouples.com or Kent 352 301 5368

- Oct 6-9 AACA Eastern Fall Meet Hershey Region Hershey, PA 717 834 9146
- Oct 16 Six Flags Annual Car Show by Amelia Cruisers Fernandina Beach
- Oct 23-25 3 rd Annual Daytona Beach Dream Cruise info at Rick@DaytonaBeachDreamCruise.com
- Oct 28 Annual ACAC Halloween Costume Party at Sherrod's house at the River. 6 PM
- Nov 25-27 Daytona Turkey Run at Daytona Speedway
- Nov 27 Volusia Region AACA annual Car Show at Fortunato Park

NOTE! If you haven/t visited our web site lately you need to check it out. Rob Daly has updated a lot of club information and needs any suggestions or contributions. The web address is: http://local.aaca.org/ancientcity/

ANCIENT CITY AUTO CLUB STEAK AND SHAKE CRUISE NIGHT JULY 10, 2010

40 cars attended our kickoff cruise in spite of record heat and a blacktop parking lot. Bob Q. supplied the music and we even had a 20 minute performance by "Elvis", a very professional entertainer. Eleven ACAC members attended with 8 collector cars. The 50/50 winner took home \$37.00 The Steak and Shake manager was very happy as we filled her restaurant, and we enjoyed good food and fast service with all drivers getting reduced prices on food and all drinks one dollar.



Bob Barton made all the arrangements to get this cruise night going and deserves a big hand.



He looks and sounds just like Elvis



Primo parking places in the only shade



Bill Soman welcomes Tony & Barb Castallano



Daryl Parsons "Tonka" truck was a favorite



We hope next month will be even more well attended as word gets out to locals and nearby communities. Steak and Shake décor is right out of the Fifties and a great location for a cruise.

OUT AND ABOUT

Olde Guys Breakfast July 9: Attendance was way down as members out of town or just not willing to get out in the heat. Six of us, Bob Q, , Dewey, Daryl Parsons, Bob Barton, Ray Cornett with son in law Brian Ruff. You snooze, you lose!

DYOC Day July 14 What?? Your old car doesn't have air conditioning and an IPod dock? Only 3 cars this time. At least drive around the block and take a photo for the Olde News.



Here's a photo view looking through the rear window of our 1929 Willy's Knight Varsity Roadster on the lovely country roads of Bellefontaine, Ohio on Wednesday July the 14th while we were on tour with the Willys Overland Knight Registry. We only travelled 87.9 miles that day. Good thing the car has natural air conditioning...it was only in the 90's that day. (Yeah, we opened up the cowl vent and opened the rear window!!) and kept the pedal to the medal as much as possible. You can see another member's car following around the bend..

From Tuni and Jim Weiss Now that's touring!



Bob and Jinny drove the 1959 Edsel Villager station wagon and Dewey & Annette drove the 1976 Buick Lesabre hardtop (with air conditioning) to dinner at Ruby Tuesdays at SR 16 and I 95 for "DYOC Wednesday and even used a buy one get one free coupon. Three for three: drive that old car, good food and half off coupons for the senior trifecta. No we did not eat a 4 PM



Allan and Connie Moscowitz took a flight to Ft. Lauderdale to purchase this beauty. Allan had driven down to look at it and make the deal the week before.



This is a 2003 Jaguar XKR Performance Edition. It has the 20 inch BBS wheels, Brembro Brakes and Recaro seats as part of the special option package. The car had only 16,550 mile on it when I bought it in Ft Lauderdale



Jinny Q gets a 1978 Cadillac. Now she has to get a bumper sticker for her Honda Fit that says "My other car is a Cadillac"

Bob and I were just taking a mini-vacation down to Dayton Beach. On the way down there "out of the corner of my eye" I (Jinny) saw this car and it called us back to it on the way home. After Bob did as much research as he could on line, we just really liked the car and purchased it. I enjoy the fact that it is the same year as the year we came to St. Augustine--could we have afforded it then we would have been really excited; but this is just as much fun and the air conditioning works too. Jinny





OUR NEWEST MEMBER

Glenn Klein picture here with his 1939 American Bantam roadster. He lives at 90 Magnolia Drive, St. Augustine, FL. 32080

Make him welcome at the next club function.

Glenn brings our total membership to 39

15JUL2010 ACAC BOARD MEETING

For July was held at the home of Kathy & Mark Young. In attendance were Dewey Porter, Ron Leone, Bob Quackenbush, Dick Sherrod and Mark Young.

Dewey delivered John Guarnieri's reports of Membership (38) and Money (\$3600). The money balance is after both scholarship payments.

Olde News editor Dewey Porter brought for consideration of the board the proposal to return to e-mailing, instead of postal mailing, issues for all club members who have e-mail capability. The main reason for this would be the quicker time between preparation and receipt as the Olde News is the primary means of informing members of upcoming events. After some discussion the board unanimously agreed.

AACA National has asked clubs for a voluntary contribution to assist in paying the liability insurance policies that protect Directors and Club Activity functions. As in the past, we declined to do so.

Letters have been sent to Paul Williamson of the city staff advising him of our plans for our upcoming Auto Show and to Merlene Thomas of the Tech School conveying our intention of providing scholarships again in 2011.

The August 26 Eat-Out is to be at the Purple Olive, 4255 A1A South at 6pm.

Auto Show News: Volunteers are still needed for most functions.

Ron Leone is planning on furnishing breakfast for club members.

Ron will also provide his Mini Winnie for judging tabulation.

FSDB has printed 500 flyers for distribution. Dewey has them.

FSDB will furnish as many as four carts for assisting in parking show cars.

Subject to consultation with Mike Bowles, who has already secured some

Sponsors, we will be offering sponsorships at \$250, \$100, and \$50.

See Ron Leone for details.

The next Cruise-in at Steak & Shake will be on September 11, which also happens to be a Significant Birthday for Fearless Leader Dewey Porter.

Mark Young, acting Secretary.

NOW THAT WAS A GREAT INVESTMENT: Ford Motor Co. purchased Swedish automaker Volvo in 1999 for \$6.45 billion in 1999 dollars.. They earned practically nothing on the investment in the 11 years they owned it. They sold it in 2010 to Geely of China for \$1.8 billion 2010 dollars. Volvo was founded in 1927 and has always been held in high esteem as a well made car.

ROB DALY AND JOHN GUARNIERI ON THE HUNT FOR MOPAR JEWELS AT CARLISLE



Rob Daly and I made plans to attend this years "Chrysler at Carlisle" held the second weekend of July. This year Lynda came along and I dropped her off at Newark airport, where she picked up a rental car and went on to Long Island to visit and then up to Connecticut to spend a few days with our oldest son Douglas. The timing was perfect, as we pulled into the Enterprise Car Rental, Rob was waiting.

With Lynda in her rental Rob and I were headed to Carlisle in my Charger. We had planned to look at an original 1956Plymouth outside of Carlisle, but when we arrived at the guys house, his wife said he was already at the show. It seems after Rob called her and told her we were on the way, she neglected to tell her husband, and I thought I had senior moments? Well what's a 30 miles detour when I would be driving/flying thousands of miles over the next several weeks.

On our arrival to the show we were able to park on the show field as I had reserved a spot where all the modern Mopar muscle cars were parking. After unloading, it was straight to

the car corral, where we saw the 1956 Plymouth. Now this car was a true driver as we had to drive the same steep country roads in my Charger that this Plymouth had to maneuver and believe me the hills were steep and twisting

As Rob started to go over the car the owner came over from the shaded pavilion, remember it was 105 degrees!!! The car in fact was all original along with some original lower door panel damage, I do not see how people can drive a car for years and not repair parking lot damage? Rob was concerned about the fading yellow paint on the car that over the years had been touched up with non-matching yellow paint! The interior was good enough to be left alone, but the engine bay was a disaster. Similar to my 1954 Desoto, "how about pressure washing your engine bay from time to time"!!! With all these short comings and shipping it back to Florida the deal fell though, although the owner had offered to lower his price to make the sale, alas the car was still there unsold late on Saturday as we left the show field. And on Sunday morning the seller never brought it back!

We have learned in past years that Thursday afternoons are a good time to start looking for parts and bargains, we walked among the vendors saw and spoke with old friends and Rob started buying. When it got close to 5PM we decided to go and check out the cruise in, which is held on Thursday night during show week. On our arrival well over 150 cars were already in place. As we walked among the cars we could see that they had come from all around the neighboring sates and Canada. We left for dinner at a local Red Robins and came back to the cruise in to see additional cars that were not there on our first walk through.

Friday morning had us on the hot show field after 8AM, broke for lunch and had some of the best hot dogs at any car event (being a hot dog guy I never miss this vendor). We spent the rest of the day with Rob buying. We had passed an Italian restaurant the previous night on our way back to the cruise in, so tonight we tried DaVinci's (it was also recommended by the locals) and we were not disappointed.

Saturday we again were on the field early and again Rob was finding gems, he also was very interested in a complete engine with 2 4bbl carbs and transmission, while I was unable to find anything! very frustrating! Hot dogs again for lunch. And after wards we finished walking the vendors and part of the show car field, where we met up with some of our Mopar friends from Jacksonville. We got a call back from the shipper for the engine and the seller dropped his price but Rob "could not pull the trigger"

Saturday night we tried the local restaurant in the small town of Carlisle, we had learned of this place several years ago from other Mopar guys and try to eat there every year. We organized my trunk and made sure all of Rob's purchases were bagged and stored, as I would be taking the car into Canada the following week.

Sunday morning we were again at the show field early and checked the vendors, Rob was disappointed to learn that a complete powering steering assembly for a '55 Dodge had been sold. We walked the car corral show field, we decided to pack it in just after noon and headed back to the hotel to get showered (you've got to love those 2PM checkouts) and on the road back to Newark, where Lynda would be expecting us. I dropped Rob off around 530PM and picked up Lynda a bit later. Once in the Charger we were off to visit Uncle Joe and then head up to Toronto and a much anticipated train ride across Canada.

MINUTES OF MONTHLY CLUB MEETING AUGUST 5, 2010

Meeting held at the Village Inn was called to order by Pres Dewey Porter. He thanked the 33 members who were in attendance. He asked Bill Soman to introduce his guest Bob Barnes who was attending the meeting trying to sell his Volvo a project car he has given up on. Jim Weiss introduced his 2 grand daughters who are visiting.

John Guarnieri reports the treasury to be \$3783.39. also that all the clubs shirt money has been collected. He also reports that we now have 39 paid members and introduced our newest member, Glenn Klein, owner of a 1939 American Bantam Sports Roadster, Welcome Glenn!

We also have 4 paid pre-registrations for the Sept 25th car show. With Tony Ropollo again being our 1st registrant. John further reports the Space Coast region will be bringing at least 10 people to the show and who will be staying overnight in St. Augustine. He would also like to thank Rob Daly for getting the show flyer on the web site as all 4 early pre registrations came from clubs web site. Thanks again Rob!

John would also like to thank Stanley Zwiercan for reporting his brand new AACA membership number, he also requests other new members to submit their numbers, so we can have Mark Young update the clubs roster.

Dewey also reports that we have been getting positive feedback from the other AACA clubs and the Model A Club who are glad that we again are having a car show. He also reports that he has ads running in the AACA Magazine and Cruise News. Karen Erwin reports that she has an artistic photographer for the car show and that we will be having the after-show party at the King Fish Grill, located at the western end of the Vilano Bridge, with entrées running from \$9.00 to \$30.00. Nicely done Karen.

Dewey as Olde News editor reports that the newsletter is again being sent via email, with 4 members who will be getting them by mail. He again wants to extend the clubs thanks to Olde Carriage Realty for their efforts to allow the club to have had one of the finest quality newsletters in ACAC history. He again requested members to get articles into the Olde News as he has little material for next month.

Dick Sherrod gave a run down on upcoming activities, which you can find listed in this months Olde News. But remember Weds 8-11 is "Drive Your Olde Car Day" get a picture of you in your old car into Dewey at ddpnamp@aol.com

John Guarnieri asked if the club will be supplying door prizes for this months cruise in? With only Karen Erwin responding positively, Bill Soman stepped up and said the he would personally supply the door prizes. Way to go Bill! Speaking of the clubs new venture, Dewey personally thanked Bob Barton and the management of Steak and Shake for making the 1st cruise in such a success, which saw 11 ACAC members and 8 of their old cars as well as 32 other cars who attended and our own "DJQ" who emceed the event. Nice going to both Bobs! Bill Soman and Mark Young will be meeting Tuesday Aug 11 at the FSDB to go over the layout for the show field. Any member is invited to join them at 9AM. Thanks guys!

Dewey handed out the new LeBaron Bonney catalogs, any member who did not get one can contact their website and request one, that will be mailed free of charge to your address.

Ray Cornett thanked Bill Soman for giving the members who drove the vehicles from each decade for the Bridge of Lions reopening with a commemorative note card, done by a local artist. Along with the artists rendition on the front it lists all the participating club members and the cars they drove for the event.

Jim Weiss reports the he is heading to Hershey (The Mecca of the AACA) in his motor home and asked if any members were interested in joining him this October? Contact Jim at 461 9111

Our newest member Glenn Klein requests any member who can help him trailer his Austin from Gainesville to St Augustine? Submitted by JG Secretary

The Willys Overland Knight Registry International Meet in Bellefontaine, Ohio from Tuni Weiss

Tuni & Jim Weiss had the pleasure of meeting up with Old Friends in Bellefontaine, Ohio for the 50th Anniversary of the W.O.K.R. It was a 970 mile trek for us (each way) in our motor home with car trailer in tow. We took the recommended route from Map Quest, not such a good idea, even though it was 1:30 in the afternoon traffic on the by-pass in Atlanta, GA was absolutely horrible, it was as if the road was too narrow for our coach! Chattanooga was much better as we headed north on I-75 just before the mountain curves. Through Tennessee, through Kentucky the ride was great...then just before Cincinnati all traffic stopped dead, 5 lanes of traffic into one lane, going over the bridge into Ohio. Thank goodness for the good old camera, I got a nice shot of the city that we were going to drive right through...on our way home, we're taking the by-pass!





We arrived on Sunday the day before the Meet started; the hotel had plenty of room for trailers and RV's, over 60 cars attended and nearly 300 members. The hotel was used to having tractor trailer traffic, so there were electric hook-ups for the RV's, a luxury, considering the temperature was at 101 and we would need to run the AC. I wanted to go back home to St. Aug where it was only 86 at the time.

Monday morning was leisurely, we elected to do a pre-tour, we didn't have to meet for a driver's meeting until 12:45, and our tour went out at 1:00, to Grimes Airport, a small airport in Champaign County, where they are re-assembling a WWII B-25, there was a restored Pitcairn Autogiro from the 1930's and 40's (a plane/helicopter)which was





Flown for many years by a woman by the name of Miss Ann West Strawbridge, imagine, another "woman" flying... goes to show ...Amelia Earhart wasn't the only one! On our return back to the hotel this night was the welcome picnic with all of the trimmings under the tent with plenty of fans to keep us comfortable.



These planes and engines were all restored at this airport by volunteers

Our drive back to the hotel was through the historic town of Bellefontaine, where we viewed the **shortest street** in the US; also Bellefontaine is credited with the **first concrete street** built in 1891. Our trip was only 45 miles today.

Tuesday was officially the first day of the Meet. Driver's meeting at 7:15am sharp!! Leaving the hotel at 7:30, our tour took us to Indian Lake, where we all boarded pontoon boats for a tour of the lake. Indian lake was formed from glacial remnants, today it is a 5800 acre boating haven. At one time a beautiful amusement park was there that rivaled Coney Island. Hinkle's Donut Shop had people waiting at the door to get fresh baked donuts. We drove to the Indian Lake Community Hall where we were served a buffet lunch. After lunch were back into our cars and off to the Transportation Research Center, where we loaded onto school buses to tour the grounds. Transportation Research Center Inc. (TRC Inc.) provides comprehensive research, development and testing services, and facilities to manufacturers, industry organizations and government agencies worldwide. We were forbidden to take photos. (otherwise there would be some here) The driver took us onto the track, high walls and all, the bus couldn't get up enough speed to take advantage of the side walls, (My Porsche would have been fun), when we had to take in the cobblestone roads and bricks along with pot holes, at full speed, the driver nearly freaked! Reminded us of the "Test Track" in Epcot, only in a school bus which doesn't have comfy seats and the suspension is almost nonexistent.

From the test track, we traveled to High Point Career Center (which is at the highest point in Ohio). This leg of our day's travels, we were honored by the presence of 2 lovely young lady passengers in our rumble seat, the Granddaughter (Emily) and Niece (Lily) of the Meet Chairmen.



Good reason to wear a hat!

We were entertained this evening by the "World Champion Gold Medalist Pizza Dough Thrower" Michael Shepherd. Did you know that there is a competition similar to the Olympics, held in Italy each year, with teams competing from all over the world tossing pizzas around???? I surely didn't know that!!!



After Michael's demonstration, he called some of the children in our group up to the front of the room. He gave each of them their own dough (all rolled out and ready to go)...he showed them how to toss it and then how to roll it over their shoulders. It was great to see these young kids trying some of his moves, and yes, there was flour in their hair, and plenty of dough dropped on the floor. An Italian themed dinner followed the kids show.



AND...NO we didn't have pizza for dinner that night! (Although a lot of us were anticipating it!)today's travels took us 78 miles. Wednesday morning, drivers meeting...we got to 'sleep in' hahahah...the drivers meeting was at 7:45, leaving the hotel grounds at 8:00. We were off to Shannahan's Harness Shop.



They make the harnesses for the world famous Budweiser Clydsdales. And ship all over the world. Leaving Shannahan's we are off to the Ohio Caverns. Of couse we have to take the route that has the most gorgeous scenery, rolling hills, corn fields and many covered bridges. This one was painted pink!



The Ohio Caverns consist of a 35-acre park is located directly above the Caverns and contains a shelter house and picnic tables where we were treated to a catered box lunch. The tour of the caverns displayed



crystal-white stalactite and stalagmite formations and a balmy 54 degrees. For those not able to walk the



Caverns, there was also a Gem Mining Sluice where you could buy a bag of mining 'rough' that has been seeded with gemstones, minerals, fossils or arrowheads and pan your little heart out in the cool running water.

Back into our cars we go and off to the Piatt Castles of Mac-O-Chee and Mac-A-Chee. Mac-O-Chee (the home built by Donn, and designed by John L. Smithmeyer) and Mac-A-Cheek (built by Abram) were begun in 1864. Mac-A-Cheek was completed in 1871, and Mac-O-Chee completed in 1879. The homes were built only about 3/4 of mile apart from each other. Abram's home was built slightly smaller, but is more secluded and set away from the road. Donn's home is larger and sits closer to the road. Both homes have three

stories and towers, boast painted ceilings, and have intricate woodwork. All the materials used for the homes, except for the glass and slate roof, came from the Piatt's property.





Castle Mac-O-Chee

Castle Mac-A-Cheek

After a photo shoot and tour, we were back into our cars and on to explore Marie's Candies. Marie's Candies store in West Liberty, Ohio, is in the beautifully restored West Liberty Depot, built in 1926. Inside the store, we were greeted with samples. There were so many choices - chocolate covered creams, nuts, toffees, cherries, orange peel, potato chips, and pretzels to peanut brittle, jellybeans, licorice, hard candy and even sugar-free candies. Did you ever have chocolate covered grapes???? Yummm!!! And fudge to die for!!!





.. Note... the Street Sign..."Chocolate Lovers Lane and a photo of the restored Train Depot. After we all finished our sampling, it was time to get back into the cars and head back to the host hotel, Another easy day of driving...only 88 miles.

Everyone scattered throughout the town for dinner on their own...but returned just in time to enjoy the "Ice Cream Social" back at the tent.

After we all enjoyed our ice cream, the General Meeting began. Among things discussed was the report of the number of participants and cars at this Meet. We had over 60 cars and nearly 300 people, and many generational families. We had Grandparents, Parents, nieces, nephews and grandchildren...Our Future W.O.K.R. Drivers!!!

They discussed future meets, Next year will be in Santé Fe, New Mexico, the following year in Minnesota, and the year after that will be in Virginia.

Jim and I volunteered to host a Chapter Meet here in Saint Augustine in March 2011...PLEASE HELP!!! I NEED TO FIND A HOTEL THAT CAN ACCOMMODATE SOME CAR TRAILERS??!!

Thursday was the final day of the Meet. It began with an auction at 9:00am, with members donating items and all of the funds raised going to the National Club, this money helps to defer the cost of the next year's Meet. It's funny how some can get so excited about a jar of homemade marmalade...one went for \$12, that better be some really good toast you put it on!!!

Lunch today was on your own...the guys went out and about, while the ladies primped a bit, because we were due to leave the hotel for "TEA" at the Orr Mansion. A short drive from the hotel, only 3 miles round trip...and yes...no men allowed...sooooo we had to drive the old cars all by ourselves. I have to admit...living in Florida I don't really have to worry about stop signs at the top (or bottom) of the hill!! Just prayed there was nothing coming the other way!!!!! AND parking lots on a hill!!!! Who thought of that! Power Steering by ARM-- STRONG!" While we sipped tea and ate finger sandwiches, the men were back at the tent doing their own version of show and tell. Various cars were driven into the tent and the owners gave a short talk about the history and features of the car.

The last night is the banquet, 13 miles round trip...some of us get dressed in period clothes, some real casual and some fancy dress...but any way you go, we're all happy that you came, we say our good buys, thank the hosts and give the person who broke down the most the coveted "HARD LUCK" award, which they have to carry to next year's Meet



Our future drivers AND THAT'S ALL SHE WROTE!!!