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**Olde News, August, 2013**

**The Lil' Red Roadster That Could Not Stay Out of**

**Storage**

Remember that lil' boy (maybe, one of our grandsons) that could not stay out of trouble? Well, how about a lil' red roadster that could not stay out of storage? Listen on, for that is the sad, sad story of my 1939 Bantam Model 60 roadster. This is not a story of "dust unto dust" for the story must surely end in December 2015 when I return from the Peace Corps in Macedonia. Ugh, wow, that's a long time!

Raising six teenagers, including two sets of twin girls, is always a financial strain. A bout of cancer and no work for five years places a mighty capstone on retirement plans, but God was gracious and here I am 20 years later. Five years after cancer, about 2001, while working on a contract assignment, I decided that twenty years without an antique auto was enough. So, the search began on an old dream for an Austin or Bantam. Photo Bantam0001 shows the Bantam as



purchased from a three-year storage in West Palm Beach. Even then the sadness was over this lil' roadster as its owner was literally on his deathbed; his wife had already passed and he could not survive cancer the second time. The purchase was consummated from his Estate.



Photo Bantam0002 shows a happy time for our lil' red roadster; loaded for the trip to Gainesville. Grandson Charles, now 18, was "driving" that day. That began four happy years *out of storage*. Photo Bantam0003



shows us running through the S's in our neighborhood. Photo

Bantam0004 shows how small the Bantam is; there was not enough room for my size 13 shoes so I always drove barefoot!



Very shortly, the High Springs Cruisers had a car show; yep, mostly hot rods, supercharged Pontiacs and Mustangs; and virtually every motorcycle was 100+ horsepower. It was almost as large as our first show at the FSDB School. This was the first real road trip for Lil' Red Bantam Roadster and I. That's us, Lil' Red Bantam



Roadster and me, (Photo Bantam0005) off in a field with 10-12 other "antique autos." Golly, gee, we were like *embarrassed black sheep*. Go figure that the Bantam engine has 14 horsepower (Photo Bantam0006) and is about the size of a 'jimmie blower' sitting atop those hot rods! It takes much more than 14 horsepower to turn them blowers. Boy, were we embarrassed.

Haha. Guess what? The article next week in the High Springs Herald featured only one car photo; aha, you are right, -it was the Lil' Red Bantam Roadster on the front page. Can't show you the article 'cause it is already packed away.

Anybody remember Bre from Victory Cruises at last year's car show at the FSDB? Well, there she is during better days sitting atop the Bantam in Photo



Bantam0007. She says she wants to participate in this year's show.

Lil' Red Bantam and I have been separated now for eight long years while she is in storage near Gainesville in a shed (Photo Bantam0008); I never could figure out how to bring her over with no garage at my rental apartment and with catastrophic finances. If you look





closely in the lower RH corner, you can see the “TAXI” flag above the stop light;;, and of course it carries the “taxi” license tag. So we keep up the good fight, Lil’ Red Bantam Roadster and I, by me struttin’ around town in my “Taxi Uniform” (Photo Bantam0009).



Unfortunately, the sad, sad story continues as she will be moved from Gainesville storage to Saint Augustine storage while Glenn is in Macedonia. Maybe Lil’ Red Bantam will be happy just because she is stored at the beach?

Love, peace, and God’s richest blessings on each of you and our club,

Glenn Klein



## August Cruise-In at Steak 'n' Shake

Hopefully, this is the last time you’ll see Bob Quackenbush in a wheelchair—Friends gathered at the August Cruise In at Steak ‘n’ Shake. L to R. Tom Wells, Frank Exum, Bobby Guild, Bill Soman, Doug Hunsworth, Christian Sinatsch, Max & Jan Miller, Gaine Wright, Danny Stephens, Kay Wells, (in front) Shirley Hamilton, Bob Quackenbush, Linda Exum—Hot August Night!

# Ancient City Auto Club

Minutes: August Club Meeting

Date/ Time: Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 @ 6:00PM

Location: Wildflower Café, 4320 A1A South, St. Augustine FL

## Minutes:

In President Jim Weiss' absence, Vice President Carly King called the meeting to order at approximately 7:06 PM. The following issues were covered:

Cliff Williams announced that he has sold his 87 Monte Carlo to Dewey Porter and bought a 36 Ford with 3000 original miles on it.

1. Carley King announced that she bought a new MX 5.
2. Bill Soman provided a membership report. New members are Gaine Wright the owner of a 1969 Chevrolet C 10 pickup and Shirley Hamilton who owns a 1976 Ford Pinto 2 door sedan of which she is the original owner. Club membership now stands at 55.
3. Toby and Keren Erwin gave a report on the Club's Car Show. The following information was provided:
  - a. Beaver Toyota has signed on as a Platinum Sponsor.
  - b. Food vendors are set. Papa John's, Cold Cow, Smokin D's, and last year's hot dog vendor make up the list.
  - c. Cliff Williams is heading up the effort to obtain sponsors. **Please coordinate any sponsor contacts with Cliff.**
  - d. Classic Cars and Customs has changed hands. They were a show sponsor last year. The new company name is "Cruisers' Collision". If anyone has a contact for the new owner please contact Cliff Williams.
  - e. Karen and Dewey Porter are working on the trophies. They will soon be finalized and ordered.
  - f. **Show activities are starting to pick up. Karen will have volunteer sign-up sheets next month.**
4. Jinny Quackenbush thanked Dewey Porter for his work on last month's newsletter. Stories and pictures are needed for this month's publication. Please send them to Jinny.
5. Bob Quackenbush thanked the club members for all their support following his accident. He also has some suggestions for our Cruise In that he will bring up at the next Board Meeting.
6. Ron Leone announced that the next club dining event will be held at the Hilton's pasta night on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM. Cost will be \$16.00 per person.
7. Ron Leone indicated that he is still working on the Progressive Dinner to be held this fall. Mark and Kathy Young have agreed to host the hors- de-oeuvres course. **If you are interested in hosting one of the stops, contact Ron.**

8. Toby Erwin announced that he knows of a BMW 2002 for sale. Anyone interested should contact Toby.
9. There was no 50-50 drawing held.
10. Carley King finished off the meeting with an admonition to wash all fruits and vegetables thoroughly. Her recommendation was enthusiastically embraced by the membership.

**Action Items:**

2. Dewey to e-mail out current activities information to the membership. **Ongoing**
4. Board members to attend meeting –7:00 PM, August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Wirz residence.

Minutes prepared August 7<sup>th</sup> , 2013 by Brian M. Wirz, Secretary

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**ACTIVITIES**

**Aug 15 ACAC Monthly Board meeting at Wirz residence 7 PM**

**Aug 17 St. Augustine Cruisers Monthly Cruise Night Hobby Lobby Lot 5 – 7:30 PM**

**Aug 22 ACAC Monthly Dine Out Night at Hilton Inn (Pasta Night) Let Ron Leone know if you will attend so he can advise them head count**

**Sept 5 ACAC Monthly Meeting Wildflower Café 6 PM**

**Sept 13 John's Old Guys Breakfast Steak & Shake 9 AM, Ladies Breakfast at Wildflower Cafe 9 AM**

**Sept 14 ACAC Monthly Cruise Night Steak & Shake 5-7 PM**

**Sept 15 Ponte Vedra 2013 Auto Show at TPC Sawgrass \$35 entry fee and must be pre registered by Sept 13 with a limit of 160 entrants. 26 Awards in 23 Categories 10 AM to 4 PM with awards starting at 3 PM.. Complete listing of categories and to register visit [www.pvautoshow.com](http://www.pvautoshow.com)**

**Sept 21 Emma 2013 Season Opening Gala would like 6 cars to display at 5 PM . *NOTE 20'S CARS PREFERRED BUT 30'S CAR WILL BE CONSIDERED IF NOT ENOUGH 20'S*. Vehicle owners will be given 2 tickets for the concert Paul Whiteman's 1924 "The Birth of Rhapsody in Blue" Let Jim Weiss know if you would like to display (note, nothing newer than 30's cars)**

**Sept 21 Deland ,FL Vintage IMPORTED CAR SHOW. all makes & models free registration Preregister by Sept 19 and receive a dash plaque and reserved parking. Register online at <http://mainstreetdeland.org/carsoftheworld>**

Sept 19 – 21 AACA Southwestern Fall Meet Cleveland TN (deadline to register 8/21)

Oct 6 AACA Venice Region 26<sup>th</sup> Car Show info [gfelker10@verizon.net.com](mailto:gfelker10@verizon.net)

Oct 9 – 12 AACA Eastern Fall Meet Hershey, PA (deadline Aug 15)

Nov 2 AACA Ancient City Region 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show St. Augustine, FL held at the Florida School for the Deaf & Blind Campus. Toby Erwin 904 794 1941. Download a Flyer and Registration at [local.aaca.org/ancientcity](http://local.aaca.org/ancientcity)



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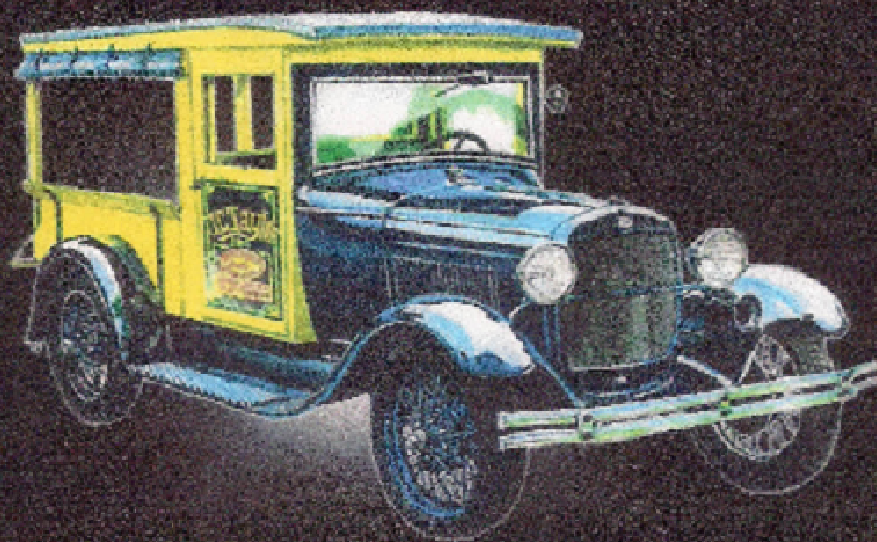


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Victoria D'Agostina parades in in her new Whatzit?



*This lady with her 2012 Cobra said that she had retired but went back to work to afford this beautiful car; Cobra poised to strike as you can see.*



Charlie Williams' Cobra drew admirers Bobby Guild and Christian Sinatsch. One of three Cobras at the Cruise-in, these cars always make an impression. Dick and Donna gave me an article about the man who was responsible for the menacing snake, back raised and poised to pounce, which has become the popular logo for this car. John Chun designed the roll bar and the spoiler for later Cobras (form, not function). He also designed the GT350 and GT500 and was consulted on the launch of Hyundai automobiles, also from Korea. Carroll Shelby garners admiration for the design of the Cobra, but John Chun, who passed away July 6 of this year was responsible for many of the eye-catching designs.





Doug and Marion Hunsworth pose in front of their '39 Ford, featured in the next article, *Ode on a '39 Ford*.

### **ODE ON A 39 FORD** by Doug Hunsworth

Some families are Baptist, some families are Catholic--my family was a Chrysler family. Growing up in Pennsylvania I only knew Plymouths and Dodges, Valiants and Darts. My first experience with a Ford was the 1951 Ford Sedan my wife drove in high school. The first Ford I bought was a 1981 Escort needed at the time of the oil embargo (remember the gas lines). The car handled well in the snow, but when we moved to Florida in 1984 it was starting to be a money pit especially with rust. In 1984 I donated it to the First Coast Technical College (then VOTEC), and it was rumored that 5 mechanics left the Automotive Program that day!

In 2012 I started to explore buying an antique car to replace my past history of British sports cars (MG's and Triumphs), but the truth be known, I could no longer cork screw myself into a small sports car seat. I visited the Mecum car and truck auction in Kissimmee, Florida, and saw many fine classic cars. I knew that I wanted a piece of Americana, a car that was as original as I could find, a classic! I waited patiently a year while I got my ducks in a row (wife approval, funds, etc.) to be ready to bid on a car in 2013. The January 2013 Mecum car and truck auction in Kissimmee had over 3000 vehicles and was to be held over 8 days. The field was very strong on GM products (300 Corvettes and 170 Camaros). One day, Monday, was allowed to review the vehicles, and after signing my life away, I was awarded the coveted

bidders badge and 2 tickets to the auction. During my Mecum online inquiries I identified 5 cars to inspect that Monday for chance at a classic; they were: 2 1931 Model A Fords, 2 1949 Fords, and a 1939 Ford. Being a bean counter (Accountant) all my life, my only skill at inspecting the vehicles was--did it start, and the sound physical structure. Not totally knowing what a frame-off restoration accomplished, I was prepared to crawl under each car to examine condition and I was armed with a magnet for bondo repairs. Being from up north, the thought of rust on a 60-80 year old car was paramount on my mind. After looking at all 5 cars, the 1939 Ford was the queen of the lot--under carriage condition was excellent (see Exhibit A, Evans



Automotive photos), The overall condition of the car was great, especially the interior and body; and in addition, from my limited knowledge, it was all original ( Flathead V-8, 3 speed on the floor, 6 volt). As I found out later from ACAC founding member Bob Q., 2005 Honda beige was not an original color on a 1939 Ford (black, maroon, green, and blue were the original colors) so it was only a minor setback.



Those who have experienced a car auction or any auction, the waiting to buy something and getting it



in your price range is like experiencing your wedding night. There is a lot of anticipation and angst with the hope that the end result will be lifetime of joy and happiness. To make a long story short, on the 1939 Ford, I was up against a classic car collector who already had purchased several vehicles. My level tickets had my wife and me sitting in the cheap seats, away from the action. However despite the situation, the stars were all aligned and I was able to prevail on my third bid and within my new set price range. Truth be known I wanted that car( See Exhibit B, 1939 Ford Sedan in Mecum Sold lot, January 2013).

Getting the 1939 Ford to Saint Augustine was another story, since the paperwork was not completed with Mecum until 5 PM (3 hour process), On a Thursday night (dark outside), I was not about to drive my brand new possession in Orlando traffic at rush hour, particularly with 6-volt battery headlights. So, I contracted with long haul carrier to deliver it to Saint Augustine. Well, the day came in February when the driver called for the delivery of the 1939 Ford; it was a Sunday afternoon around 1 PM. When the driver first called, he was on I-95 an hour away from Saint Augustine. The next call was he was at Saint Augustine and with his 75 foot long trailer, he was unable to get back to the Lighthouse Area were I lived. I started to scramble to look for an alternate site, and I settled for the road behind R.B. Hunt school, Red Cox Drive which is long and straight and very little traffic, and I passed this information to the driver. In 15 minutes I receive a call from the driver --he stated he could not make the turn from Anastasia Boulevard to Red Cox drive (next to fire station), and oh, by the way, he was heading for downtown Saint Augustine with his 75-foot rig. I relayed to him over the phone that what ever he did he must not cross the Bridge of Lions or he would end up in a traffic pattern that was established in 1565 and he would be stuck forever. In the end he was able to turn around before the bridge, and the only area where he could drop of the car was in front of the Alligator Farm on Anastasia Boulevard at 4 PM on a Sunday afternoon blocking one lane of traffic. After he unloaded the car on the street, and the traffic was condensing to go through the one lane open, I suddenly realized 1939 Fords don't come equipped with side mirrors--(second set back). If it wasn't for the truck driver stopping the open lane of traffic, my 1939 Ford would be a static display in front of the Alligator

Farm.

Since bringing the car home in February and with the help of ACAC members Bob Q., Freddy B., and Dewey P., I have been able to enjoy the driving of a classic 1939 Ford, and have been to several of the car shows including Palatka, Flouertown, and the Saint Augustine Cruisers Car and Truck Show at the School for the Deaf and Blind. Thanks to Evans



Automotive I have been able to keep the car rolling; it only needed a few items (carburetor, head gaskets, waterpump, fuel pump, oil pressure gauge, brakes). So far the marriage is working, although I still have heating issue at idle. I believe all these things come with the joy of owning a piece of car history, and who amongst us has not his own experiences and can cast the first stone.

The real pleasure of owning the 1939 Ford is driving it (at least once a week), and passing an elderly gentleman walking his dog and turning to your car and giving you a thumbs up as my wife and I drive by. Or the face on a young boy when after he has been admiring your car at a car show or the Steak and Shake drive-in meet, and you let him sit in the driver's seat. These are the times you can't always put into words but it makes all the sacrifice and expenditures worth it for someday that young boy may want to own a 1939 Ford! I believe its up to all of us at ACAC to keep the classic car legacy alive. I was fortunate to win Second place at the 11th Annual Saint Augustine Cruisers and Truck show ( See Exhibit C ), however the car will probably never be in as great shape as that day, for I intend to keep on driving it and I will get the dings and scratches, but to my belief, the only true way to experience a classic car is to drive it, and who knows some day when my wife and I drive over the Saint Augustine's Bridge of Lions it will be 1939!



## WHAT ELSE HAPPENED IN 1939 BESIDES FORD BUILDING MY CAR?

Franklin Delano Roosevelt is President

Radio is King

“Gone With The Wind” is Best Picture.

Joe Louis is world heavyweight champion

New York Yankees Beat Cincinnati Reds in World Series

Ernest Hemingway starts novel, “For Whom The Bell Tolls”

Wilbur Shaw wins Indy 500 in a Maserati

Future Nascar Drivers Running Shine

North American Company Develop B-25 Bomber  
Hitler Invades Poland

Founding ACAC Member born in Brooklyn, New York (well not exactly, wife born there, neither in 1939)

Thanks, Doug, great story! –Jinny



Shirley Hamilton and Gaine Wright are new members of ACAC and faithful attenders of the Steak ‘n’ Shake Cruise-in.

The computer is deciding for me where things will be and it is getting very frustrating. You wouldn’t believe it if I described it. J



For my money, this was the most beautiful car at the cruise-in.

**Thanks to contributors!**  
**Thanks to participants!**



I think this is a Karmann-Ghia—pretty ugly (sorry) but it reminds me of my mother, who had a “sporty little two-door” when I was a senior in high school (Ridgewood, NJ). It was so embarrassing when she picked me up at school in the VW 21-Window bus instead.



Nice line up—Thanks Cruisers for always being there! Ancient City Auto Club and Bob Quackenbush are saying thank you to Cary Wisenbaker and Edgar Wynne for providing the music and public address system for these cruise-ins on hot summer nights while Bob is recuperating.



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Couldn't resist this gorgeous car with handsome occupant! – Jinny Quackenbush, Editor—



Two Beautiful Camaros—not just my opinion!



Last 2 photos from Jim Aldrich, new member from NC. (Stutz at his shop)—The End—Jinny—Enjoy!