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*Ancient City Auto Club*

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**DECEMBER, 2018**



**2018 ACAC Auto Show at FSDB is now history**  
**Best of Show—1969 Ford Mustang—Jeffrey Loweher, Bunnell!!!**



**Here is Sidney Hobbs (beaming) as Jake awards “Jake’s Choice” to the winner.**  
 Jake’s Choice went to Chip Wilson for his 1974 Detomaso Pantera.



Dewey Porter  
 Awards  
 \$100  
 to the  
 Corvette  
 Club for  
 Having the  
 most cars.

**Best of Show!!**





**Trophies on display.**



**Plenty of Door Prizes**



**An absolutely glorious day!  
It started out cool and went on to  
perfect for all, the cars, the  
spectators and the participants.**



**The entrance was decorated with  
Ron Leone's bicycle display,  
greeting people in style!**



**Jim Salanitri gave a great talk about  
his prize winning Corvette.**



**Registration was smooth and quick;  
no waiting around for filling out  
papers, etc.**



**Happy Campers**



**St. Augustine Line Dancers added some spark.**





**More Happy Campers.**

**Smilin' Soman!**



**ACAC Club President Dick Sherrod with Sponsor Banner. These sponsors make the show possible. Thanks to Doug Nietzel for getting so many great sponsors. Thanks to the sponsors for their support.**



**Rita Arpaia, Dewey Porter, Jim Arpaia and Mark Young smile for the camera.**



**The faces are dark, but here are Bill and Pat Meyer, Joe Greeves, and Dong Hunsworth manning the registration table.**



**And Thanks be to God for our Country and the Stars and Stripes.**



**This show is a culmination of the vision of the two remaining founders, Dewey Porter and Bob Quackenbush. Dewey took on the job of show chairman without the title; all members pitched in to make a show of shows. Congratulations!!**



# The Lakeland Show By Helen and Jim Salanitri

The Hancock Classic Road Tour was scheduled for Sunday October 21st with registered entrants enjoying a morning drive through Central Florida's countryside between 45 - 60 miles. This event was open to *All* types of vehicles culminating with lunch and prizes.

As October rolled in, so did my new Grandson "Luca". So, a trip to NY was scheduled giving me some family time with Luca, my son James, his wife and new mom, Bri and my three daughters, Danielle, Dana, and Krista, "The New Aunts". Time goes quick when you're having fun but time also waits for no one. Back to St. Augustine, late on the 16th, with only a few day's to prepare for the Lakeland trip, as most car guys know the same feeling "Do I have everything I need?" After some heavy rains on Friday the 19th, Ron and I were able to load my Corvette in the trailer and also my tow vehicle for an early 5:00am departure Saturday morning.


We had Jim and Rita Arpaia, Bill Soman, Tony Evangelista, Danny Stevens, Cliff Williams, Cliff Jr. and son Kyle car pooling, but due to our 8:00- 8:30 am staging window Ron and I had to leave earlier.



## *Arrival & Staging*

Arriving at Lake Mirror at 7:45am, after following the pre-mailed maps, we located our staging gate # 17, unloaded car and was directed by no less than six (6) flag men to our (078) parking spot. This was the beginning of a memorable day and an experience I'll never forget. Our location was on the high ground overlooking the main stage with Lake Mirror behind it and several one of a kind Mahogany Speed boats cruising the Lake gave such a surreal look of the beauty of Lake Mirror. The entire perimeter of the lake staged the most beautiful, historically important and rare vehicles I have ever seen at one time and at one





event. One particular car Ron and I came upon was a “1957 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz” hardtop with a Serving Tray. I know if Bob Quackenbush was with us he would have a huge smile from ear to ear!

As we strolled around the lake it reminded me of a great restaurant, toasting with your favorite glass of wine, getting ready for your best meal to follow. The combination of the awesome fair grounds and outstanding vehicles presented was a testament to the skill and incredible organization of the many people who made this event possible.

The Lake Mirror Concours d’ Elegance was the featured event of the Mid-Florida Auto Show weekend. At 10:00 am both shows started with Lake Mirror’s Bagpiper leading a small contingency of Flag carriers across the main stage. A thirteen (13) year girl started belting out the Stars Spangled Banner with a voice far greater than her age. After introduction of several dignitaries and honored guests, the Judging commences for both shows.

The Mid Florida Auto Show took place on the streets of downtown Lakeland, accommodating over 750+ and Special Interest and Collector Cars of all types. Vehicles were displayed in groups of similar makes and models. All pre-registered Vehicles and special awards were held at the Mid-Florida Credit Union stage at 2:00 pm. The winning cars selected were based on merit by Special Awards Committee and presented Trophies. In addition, Sponsors presented Award Ribbons to their favorite vehicles which are equally interested in original, unrestored, and rare and unusual cars. Simultaneously, the judging started at 10:00 am with judges adorning their trademark straw hats.

Our club group arrived and had a few group photos taken by Cliff Jr. and son Kyle. We lucked out having our vehicle located by one of the few shade trees to be able to hide from the sun now and then. The judging not only started at 10:00 am but over “35,000” spectators attending this free community event started entering the show areas.

Ron and I took turns viewing the vehicles and rare unusual cars around Lake Mirror, taking photos along the way. When asking our club group what they thought of the Lakeland show it was unanimous response “*The Best Car Show I have ever attended!*”, “*The organization was just Outstanding*” which were my exact feelings. Around lunch time all the judging vehicles were given a lunch for two (2) carried by their waitresses in straw basket. It was just another creative part of the show that Amazed me!

As the judging took place, the main stage was bringing some rare and unusual cars to view and given a history and background about the car.

One in particular was a 1948 Ferrari I66 Spyder Corsa chassis #0161. The most expensive Ferrari worldwide, the first to ever enter the US brought by well known sportsman Briggs Cunningham which was to be raced in the US. The “I” in the series number signified an “Inter” Model that qualifies for both sports car racing and formula 2 races.

### *Judging Begins*

As Ron and I returned to our area the judging for our section was taking place. Approximately ten (10) Corvette consisting of several 1963 Split Window Coups, one of which a Z06 Fuelie, Big break taking 1st Place, several 1964’s, a 1966 and two 1960’s including myself. I was fortunate to take 2nd Place and the other 1960 took 3rd.

### *Heading Home*

Due to what Ron and I thought was a dead battery on my Expedition tow vehicle, we decided to make our exit back to our trailer and tow car. We quickly loaded up and while Ron was finishing up I searched for a

jump. I found a BMW crew existing and they were able to give us a jump start. Unfortunately, after a loud squeal and “Pop” I realized the Serpentine Belt blew thus no Cooling nor Power Steering. Blocking other trailers to load we made a quick decision to leave and hopefully find a repair shop close by. We ventured down South Florida Ave with the temperature gauge starting to rise when we spotted a Sunoco station and Firestone Tire Shop which we were able to pull in and shut down thought they were closed for the weekend. We decided to check the problem and found the A/C Compressor had seized, causing the Serpentine Belt to shed and burn up.



Ron befriended “Julie” the Sunoco station manager who not only knew the owners of Levy’s Firestone but their great reputation over 37 years. We tried renting a car but the only place was “Tampa Airport” at least 40 miles away. Our solution was to rent a small 10’ U-Haul truck just to make it home, and by 9:30 pm we were back in St. Augustine. We had to leave both trailer and Expedition behind but assured they would be safe for Julie has the police always by for fresh coffee.



Monday morning I was able to speak to Gloria who was the wife and co-owner of Levy’s Imperial Tire (Firestone). She was aware of our situation and had her top technician checked the problem and get an estimate on the repair. I gave the OK and was fortunate the facility specialized in full A/C service and repair. By late afternoon I was called that the repair was completed, road tested and ready for picking up.

Ron and I left at 5:00 am Tuesday morning to get ahead of the Orlando traffic on Route 4. It worked out and we sailed through, arriving early enough to have a sit-down breakfast. When we arrived at the Firestone facility we meet Gloria, her son and staff giving up a warm comfortable that most car people have with each other. Especially asking to see what's in the "Trailer".

As I took care of the bill, Ron opened up the trailer and the whole shop came out to check out the Corvette tucked inside. Again, it's all about Car guys and girls who appreciate the hobby and have such a bond for the sport.



Relatively, a new club member and getting familiar with the various car shows and club special events, many of our club members spoke highly of the Lake land Auto Show as a "Must" attend. I submitted the required application and received an invitation on August 30, 2018 to participate in the Lake Mirror Concours de Elegance October 20, 2018.

The Show was a three-day event starting on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> with a VIP welcome reception. Unfortunately, due to restraints, we did not attend. The Mid-Florida Auto Show and Lake Mirror Concours were both scheduled for October 20 with an amazing display of more than 750 show vehicles throughout the downtown streets and surrounding the 1920 Art Deco inspired Lake Mirror Promenade now in its 19<sup>th</sup> year.

Jim Salanitri



1965 GTO

**Note from Editor—Jim and Helen gave me a wonderfully laid out article to put in the newsletter but my computer would not transfer it as they had sent it. I apologize that this is put together this way, but don't know how to do it right.**

**--Jinny Quackenbush**



1926 McFarlan



1953 JaguarXK 120

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

**December 6—at Amici's—6 p.m.**

**Magician to Perform at 6:30; dinner at 7  
Dancing, Prizes, and Nice People**



## Tony Castellano

I met Tony Castellano several years ago when we were members of the St. Augustine Cruisers Car Club. I was a new member after purchasing a 1950 Chevy and I thought the car club would be a venue to learn more about classic cars.

I was at a drive in with my hood up when Tony strolled by and commented on how nice the Chevy was. The Chevy was cleaned and waxed and I thought that the engine compartment was very clean also, boy was I wrong!!! Tony scrapped his fingernail across the air cleaner and sure enough his nail reflected serious grime. He asked me if I knew how to detail an engine area and of course I said no. I really didn't have a clue. We chatted more while walking to his 69 Camaro and after looking at that engine, I knew what he was explaining to me. We set a date later that week after he got off work and me from school to meet at my house.

When tony arrived he carried with him some lacquer thinner and a can of black spray paint. He taught me how to clean grime from the engine using the liqueur thinner. After I scrubbed for a while, he then instructed me on how to apply the black paint to enhance the look of the area. I thanked him for the tutorial. Needless to say; I scrubbed away, taped off the compartment, then sprayed the black paint on the areas that were clean, which was the entire bay. It took me several afternoons to get it clean. Tony popped over one day to see how I was progressing and gave me some more pointers. After many days of detailing, I finally finished the job and drove the Chevy over to his home for him to critique. He loved the work and told me what a good student I was!!!

For those of you who have seen my cars then you know how meticulous I am with them. I have Tony C to thank for that and as I told Barb, there will always be a Chevy sign in my garage as a remembrance of him. God Bless.

---Joe Lando

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## JOHNS OLD GUYS BREAKFAST NOV 9 2018



Once again the weather was great and it brought out 20 Old Guys driving 16 collector cars. The parking lot at Steak and Shake looked like a collector car dealership. We even had two Model A Fords.



Attending were Lee Smith, Bob Barton, Jim Weiss 65 Ford Falcon convert, Stan Zwiercan, Robert Sims 55 Ford, John Bagg 68 Mustang



convert, Bob Parker 31 Ford Model A sedan, Terry Brown 57 Chev Bel air 4 door sedan with Maverick the Great Dane wonder dog, Dennis McDonald 99 Mustang SVT convert, Jim Salanitri 1960 Corvette, Jim Arpaia 1950 Oldsmobile 98 convert, Ted Michael 1930 Ford Model A sedan, Paul McCarthy 1957 Chev station wagon, Danny Stephens 1969 Chev Camaro 2 dr HT, Rob Daly, Dewey Porter 1990 Mustang GT convert, Peter Starr 1963 Studebaker Lark Convert, Bob Beach 1967 Ford Fairlane 2 dr HT, Fred Bauer, Joe Greeves.



Ted Michael won the free breakfast for this month. We have several new club members who need to attend this monthly event (the second Friday of each month 9 AM) and

benefit from the great wisdom which is abundant at the breakfast.



Next Old Guys with Old Cars Breakfast—December 14 at Steak 'n' Shake—9 a.m.



**Terry Brown's dog Maverick, a great Dane who is not even 1 year old yet, looks out the back window.**



See if you can match the car with the owner from Dewey's list of participants. Thanks again to Joe Greeves for taking the photos! And to Dewey for writing the article and keeping track of the blue ticket winners.

JACK WILSON  
DEALERSHIP CAR SHOW  
NOV 3, 2018



No fees, no awards, just an invitation to display your car and have a free lunch. Once again the Jack Wilson dealership hosted an event for the collector car community. There was a special emphasis on Corvettes with several Corvette clubs attending. The race winning Corvette sponsored by Jack Wilson was also on display



The Ancient City Auto Club really supported the show with 20 members bringing their show cars, actually 21 cars as Skip Ferguson brought 2. I am just listing the names of those attending as the photos show it all. Attending were: Bill Scott, Skip Ferguson and his grandson, Dave Burrows, Jim Arpaia, Danny Stephens, Garrett Hutchison, Dan Norbut, Ray Emery, Bob Beach, Ron Leone, Jim Salanitri, Dewey Porter, Robert Johnson, Joe Lando, Paul McCarthy, Tony Evangelista, Bill Soman, Andy Viola and Bob Hubbard.





Three cheers for the red, white, and blue.



## Regular Monthly Meeting At Mark and Kathy Young's Pizza!

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of Ancient City Auto Club was held on November 1, 2018, with an excited crowd eager to enjoy a pizza dinner with good friends.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Dewey Porter at 7 p.m.

All former minutes and reports from the Treasurer, Donna, were approved.

Discussion revolved around the particulars regarding the upcoming show at the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind. Everything seems to be ready. Kudos to Doug Nietzel for getting sponsors; door prizes all ready, registration to be smooth and quick; judging much easier and the trophies (thanks to Joe Greeves) will not be a major expenditure this year.

Marion Hunsworth took reservations for the Christmas Party December 6 at Amici's.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert W. Quackenbush, Secretary

## ACTIVITIES

Dec 6 ACAC Annual Christmas Party at Amici's Italian restaurant 1915 A1A So. Saint Augustine Beach 6 PM sit down dinner and Dancing, DJ, Vote for new 2019 slate of officers. Blue ticket award drawing. MENU SELECTION Contact Marion Hunsworth [doughunsworth@hotmail.com](mailto:doughunsworth@hotmail.com) or 904 829 6040 to make payment or to make menu selection.

Dec 14 Johns Old Guys Breakfast Steak and Shake 9 AM. Drive that collector for a blue ticket. Free opinions and advice on that project or mechanical issue. Bring a male friend. Free drawing for a free breakfast.

Dec 20 There will not be an ACAC board meeting the month of Dec.

Jan 3 ACAC Monthly Meeting 6 PM dinner 7 PM meeting. Location TBA

Jan 3-13 Mecum Auction at Kissimmee 3500 cars.

Jan 11 Johns Old Guys Breakfast Steak and Shake 9 AM. Drive that collector for a blue ticket. Free opinions and advice on that project or mechanical issue. Bring a male friend. Free drawing for a free breakfast

Jan 24 ACAC Board Meeting 7 PM Location to be announced

Jan 31 ACAC Dineout 6 PM Location TBA

Feb 14-16 2019 During Daytona 500 Week, Daytona Beach, FL Wheeler Auction of 500 Vehicles all inside Ocean Center's Climate Controlled Facility, More info to come.

Feb 21-23 2019 AACA Winter Meet Ocala, FL. Ocala Hosted by Kingdom Of The Sun Region 352-538-1338 for info.

Feb 23, 2019 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Menendez High School car show SR 206 West of US 1 So.

March 2, 2019 Azalea Region AACA 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Car Show, Palatka Riverfront Park Pre-reg until March 1 \$20, Day of Show \$25. Top 20, goodie bags, 50/50 \$100 to club with most cars (min 8) info Paula Kash 904 571 4956, [rpmoneybag@yahoo.com](mailto:rpmoneybag@yahoo.com)

Mar 8-10 Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance Amelia Island, FL. [www.amelialconcours.org](http://www.amelialconcours.org)

Mar 9<sup>th</sup> Rodeheaver Boys Ranch Annual Car Show. Details to follow.

Mar 22-24 , 2019 #0<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Daytona Turkey Run [www.turkeyrun.com](http://www.turkeyrun.com)

April 13 2019 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Fruit Cove Baptist Church car show

May 4, 2019 Saint Augustine Cruisers Annual Car Show at FSD&B school



Miss Senior Divi with the 1930 Lincoln Roadster I drove in the Christmas Parade from Dewey's FB page.





## HAPPY CHRISTMAS SEASON ACAC MEMBERS

It's hard to believe but here we are at the end of another successful Club year, with an outstanding Car show behind us. It always amazes me how our members step up and do an excellent job carrying out a memorable experience for car enthusiasts from near and far. We hope you are all looking forward to a wonderful Holiday season filled with joy and great memories from time spent with family and friends, starting with our club Christmas party Thursday night.

We have to give a special thanks to ALL who came forward to make The Ancient City Auto Club Car Show at the D & B School a success for 2018. The show was put on without an official Chairman so we all owe Mr. Porter our appreciation for keeping us all focused on preparations as needed or he and Joe Greeves just got it done, special praise to them. A fun Christmas Party at Amici's planned by Jinny, Marion, Margie, and crew, many thanks .

Our success is attributed to all of our members who stepped up to make things happen throughout the year. A special thanks goes to the Officers, Committee Leaders and members, they are the why events get planned and actions turn into opportunities to further our great hobby of enjoying our favorite toys.

This has been a challenging year for me so I especially appreciate all those who have filled in when necessary to keep the agenda moving. We look forward to an even more active fun filled year in 2019 focused even more on events directed to benefit our members. That will be possible due to both the financial success of the car show and Doug Nietzel's, outstanding effort in making our sponsorship brochure available to a responsive business community.

My Thanks to you all and we invite everyone to put forth their ideas and suggestions for the coming year, either by attending the board meeting or passing them along to someone that will be attending.

Dick Sherrod



Reminder: Election of Officers will be held at the Christmas Party—Nominations are as follows:

President: Dewey Porter  
Vice President: Jim Arpaia  
Secretary: Bob Quackenbush  
Treasurer: Fred Cooper

Amici's is setting 7 tables of eight up for Thursday night. We have 51 members attending. If at the last minute you find you can come, please call Jinny Quackenbush at 904-377-9000 or 904-797-5191. The manager will be able to accommodate you! It's like magic!!! And there will be a magician to entertain, so don't miss it. – Jinny Q.

(In case you do not do math, that means there will be 5 extra chairs.)

