



# Olde News

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## Porter's Pointer

Dewey sez: Check out the link at the bottom of the page. Awesome scenes in a 1936 Pontiac factory. No safety equipment! Note that when the body comes together with the chassis, it is in Full Trim! Interior, windshield, etc. – already in place as it is dropped onto the awaiting rolling chassis.

## YOUR NEXT TRIP?

(from the Wall Street Journal)

For 25 years, the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Mich. presented a "timeline" of historic automobiles.

\$8 million and a year of work has enabled the Museum to launch a modernized, digitally enabled version of its main attraction.

The revamped exhibit is called "Driving America", and shows not just the cars but their effect on American culture.

Picture a scale model of an old Texaco service station where kids can play at fixing a car, or a classic McDonald's sign.

But cars are the stars. The chronological lineup of classic cars begins with an 1895 Roper Steam carriage and Henry Ford's Quadricycle, the 1896 forerunner of the Model T.

The display includes cars one might expect to see only in junk yards, like the 1978 Dodge Omni. Now synonymous with 'flop', a 1958 Edsel sits under the banner "Elements of Style". The 1975 motor home of CBS newsman Charles

Kuralt is on display.

The four-door 1998 Dodge Ram Quad cab shows how pickups morphed from utilitarian work vehicles to substitutes for family sedans in America's heartland. Luxury on wheels is represented by a 1931 Bugatti Type 41 Royale Converti-



ble, while the last car in the timeline is currently a 2002 Toyota Prius hybrid. It's all a trip back to an America where driving was fun, unencumbered by angst about pollution, congestion and urban sprawl. Shall we go?

## Club Meeting Minutes: 2-2-12

President Jim Weiss called the well-attended meeting at Creekside restaurant to order at 7:15 p.m. and asked for reports from Board members.

Vice President Cliff Williams asked if members would like to share vacation memories, either orally or with photos. He also reminded the club of the approach of Valentine's Day and the depressing aspects of doghouses.

Dick Sherrod asked if the club would be participating in the Easter Parade. There are no firm plans but 10 members expressed interest.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed in the Olde News.

Treasurer Tuni Weiss reported that all is well financially.

Bill Soman reported that there is one Scholarship applicant at this point, and that he will be interviewed shortly. Brian and Carolyn Wirz, owners of a Cobra sports car, were guests at the meeting.

Peter Starr, who won the 50/50 pot, mentioned that the Nov/Dec issue of Antique Automobile had an article about the Founders Tour sponsored by the Central Florida Region. This tour included visits to the Bob Shearer collection known as South 40 Classics and a stop in Daytona Beach at the Museum of Arts and Sciences. He suggested this area as a possible outing for the club.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45p.m.

# 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Ford and Mustang Roundup

From Tuni Weiss

Jim and I, along with new members Cam and Sue Baker, attended this spectacular tribute to all things Ford in early January. Silver Springs Nature Park provided a great show venue, and over 2000 vehicles lined the fields.

From Model T's to Cobras, Ford-powered vehicles were well represented. 25 Falcons represented the poor man's Mustang. Cam and Sue brought their blue '64 Sprint, and we took our red one.

For fans of Elvis and Marilyn, check out this tribute!



Silver Springs also boasts the famous glass-bottomed boats, exotic animals, and a fabulous Antique Merry-Go-Round. Who could resist?



People's Choice was the only judging of the day, and this T-Bird was my personal favorite. What a paint job!



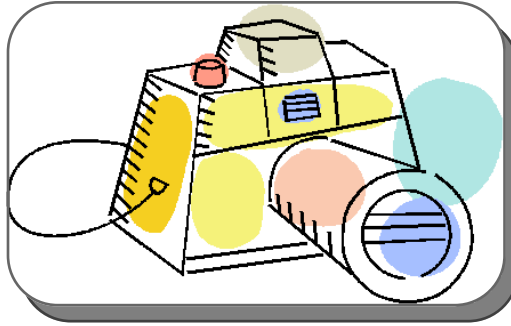
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# Photo Tips from a Pro

ACAC is blessed with member Joe Greeves, a professional photojournalist who is published in numerous national automotive-related periodicals. Olde News asked Joe for some basic guidelines for producing Eye-Candy photos. Here are his hints.

These tips may not get you into National Geographic, but you may have a better shot at the club newsletter. Point and shoot cameras, as well as smart phones, are great cameras, since the best cameras are the ones you have in your pocket when the photo op arises. There is some technique involved, however, to create good images. The single biggest flaw in most pictures is camera shake. While full-size cameras have a viewfinder and the camera is steadied against our foreheads, pocket camer-

as and cell phones require us to hold them at arms length so that we can view the monitor through our bifocals. The first solution is to brace it against something. Anything is better than nothing. Next,



put your index finger on the shutter button on top and your thumb on the bottom. When you squeeze gently, the forces counteract each other and the camera remains stable. If you're outdoors shooting a car, always have the light at your back. Shoot the front of the car and then move the car, not the camera, to shoot the back. Try to make your shots before 9 a.m. or close to

sunset for the best light. When you photograph the motor, the interior, or the trunk, move the vehicle to open shade. Your eye can easily compensate for sunlight streaming into the interior but your camera light meter is not nearly so sophisticated. Either the shadows will be muddy or the highlights will be washed out. Open shade gives you even lighting throughout. In you're indoors and using flash, remember that light falls off exponentially as you increase your distance from the subject but your monitor is the key. Check your shot, and if it's too dark, move in closer or re-compose from a different, brighter angle. The advantage to digital is that it doesn't cost a dime to delete, so edit your photos ruthlessly. And follow the final rule, examine your monitor carefully. If you don't like what you've got, take another shot!

## ACTIVITIES

- Feb 10** Old Guys With Old Cars breakfast at Steak & Shake 9am
- Feb 11** ACAC Monthly Cruise In at Steak & Shake 5:30 – 7:30 pm
- Feb 11** Hot Rodding For Heroes, Gainesville FL. A 30 mile escorted ride followed by car show at Haile Village Center and Golf Course; park on course. \$20 pre-registration; \$30 at show, limited to 250 cars. Net proceeds to support veterans. Days activities include military flyover, drill team color guard, parachutist, live music, raffle & more.
- Feb 16** ACAC board meeting at Weiss's 7pm
- Feb 23** ACAC Eat-Out at Arnold's 3912 North Ponce de Leon 6pm
- Mar 1** ACAC monthly meeting at Creekside, eat at six, meet at 7pm
- Mar 9** OGWOC breakfast at Steak & Shake 9am
- Mar 10** ACAC Monthly Cruise in at Steak & Shake 5:30 – 7:30 pm
- Mar 11** Concours d'Elegance, Amelia Island
- Mar 15-17** AACA SouthEast Winter Meet in Melbourne, FL
- Mar 25** Live Oak Carriage & Antique Car Show in Ocala, FL



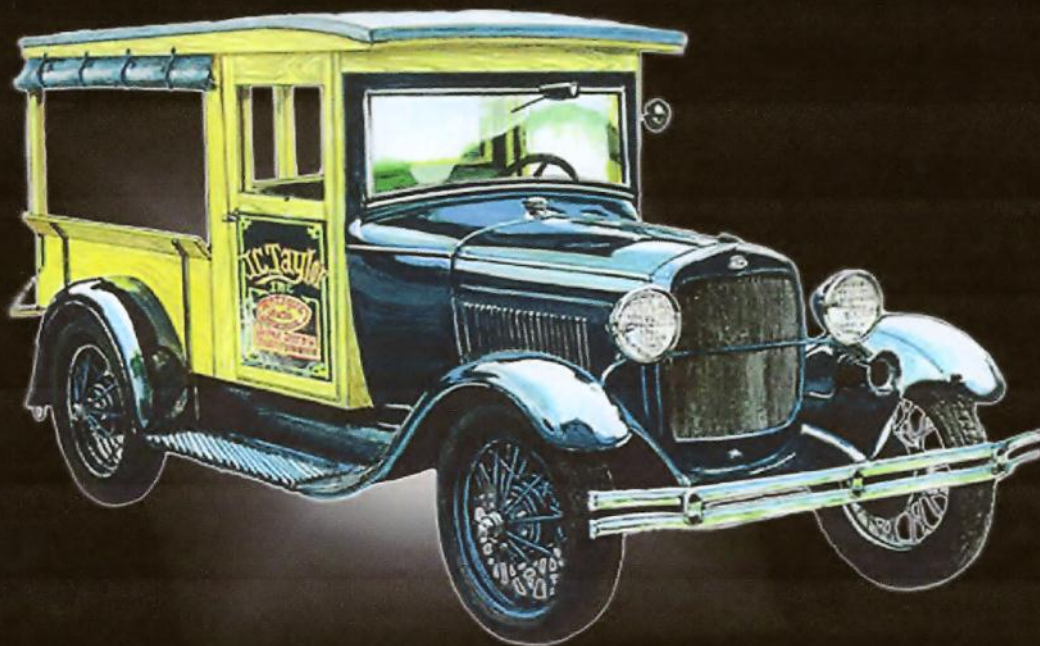
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**Minutes of Board Meeting 1-19-12**

President Jim Weiss called the meeting to order at 7p.m. Attending were: Jim and Tuni Weiss, Cliff Williams, Charlie Williams, Mark and Kathy Young, Bob Quackenbush, Dewey Porter, and Dick Sherrod.

Items discussed:

**Name tags.** To facilitate learning new members, disposable tags and markers will be provided at meetings.

"Sunshine" greeting cards will not be sent by the club.

**Club Scholarships:** Bob Q moved and Dewey P seconded that no outside donors be solicited for scholarship funds, thereby maintaining full control of same.

**Activities:** Dewey pointed out that all possible club activities should be passed through Chairman Charlie Williams.

Minutes of the January club meeting were approved as printed in the Olde News. Motion by Dewey Porter and seconded by Tuni Weiss.

**Treasurer's Report:** All bills are paid and an appropriate balance is on hand to fund the 2012 Auto Show and scholarships. Dewey reported that requests for the use of member's classic cars in wedding keep coming. The Board agreed that insurance issues should discourage this practice.

**Monthly meeting place:** The Board agreed that Gallery Café is too small for a workable arrangement. Kathy Young moved and Dewey P seconded that the club return to Creekside for the February meeting. Unanimous agreement.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. by Mark Young, seconded by Tuni Weiss.

Robert Quackenbush, Secretary

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**Ancient City Auto Club members are encouraged to contribute items of interest to antique car enthusiasts.**

**Photos of ACAC members at play in their hobby are especially useful. Please send photos as an attachment to e-mail to:**

*Winston Boyd*

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The food was good, fellowship abounded, and Creekside had room for Everyone at this month's meeting.  
Thanks to Joe Greeves for the photos.



