



# OLDE NEWS

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**ANCIENT CITY AUTO CLUB FOUNDED 1983**  
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## **OLDE NEWS TO RETURN TO MAIL FORMAT**

Our member Arnold DeLorenzo has generously offered to print in color our monthly newsletter. It will be on magazine quality paper, printed both sides and stapled. His son Michael will be doing the printing job on a very upscale printer which is owned by Olde Carriage Realty. A sample copy provided for the Ancient City Auto Club board to review was so impressive that a unanimous vote of 6-0 approved the change.. It will be Arnold's contribution to the success of our club newsletter. Arnold will provide the ready to mail printed edition. ACAC will supply the postage, the mailing envelopes and mailing labels. For those who like to access their newsletter via email, it will still be available in email format. Copies sent to other car clubs will continue to be sent via email, not mailed. The board agreed this would be a great help to keep our members actively interested in the club as well as help to interest potential new members.

**IF ALL GOES WELL, YOU SHOULD BE READING THE NEW FORMAT**

## **OLDE NEWS RECEIVES AACA AWARD**

For the second year in a row, the *OLDE NEWS* has received a national award recognizing the outstanding job done by 2009 editor, Tuni Weiss. This recognition at the national level is a well deserved award for the high quality newsletter she produced .



**OLDE GUYS BREAKFAST FEBRUARY 12, 2010**

We had 7 guys total. Two of them were "first timers": Daryl Parsons and Bill Soman. Bill usually plays golf on Fridays so we never see him, but it was raining so Bill joined us. Can't win any money that way Bill but we enjoyed having you. Also attending were John Guarnieri, Dewey Porter, Bill Meyer, Dutch Devilbiss, and Bob Quackenbush.

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## ACTIVITIES

**March 4-6** – Homestead, FL – **AACA SE Winter Meet** – South Florida Region, 305 251 3469 [www.aaca.org/southflorida](http://www.aaca.org/southflorida)  
**Mar. 4-** ACAC Monthly meeting at Village Inn, 6:00 for dinner, 7:00 for open meeting  
**Mar 5-6-7** The Horseless Carriage Club is touring to St. Augustine in 40 cars, all older than 1927. Noel Dana is chairman of this event. Bob Quackenbush is also a member of HCCA and is helping with arrangements. Karen Erwin has volunteered to help ensure a great time in our city.  
**Mar 6** AACA Indian River Region Vero Beach, FL 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Show Clark Ballard 772 567 8920 [loal.aaca.org/indianriver](http://loal.aaca.org/indianriver)  
**Mar. 12-** Old Guys with Old Cars 9:00 AM The Diner, Malaga St., St. Aug  
**Mar 12-14** Amelia Island Concours D Elegance we have some brochures, see Dewey  
**Mar 13** Atlantic Dodge Car Display & Cookout. 10 AM to 2 PM  
**Mar 18** ACAC Board Meeting location Quackenbush's 7 PM  
**Mar 20** The Cruisin Couples Car Club from Eustis, FL will be visiting "The Cave" and Bob Q. has requested as many members as possible attend to help welcome the travelers.  
**Mar 20** St Augustine Cruisers monthly cruise in Ponce De Leon Mall 5 – 8 PM  
**Mar 20** Royal St. Augustine Golf Course Car Show. Fundraiser for American Cancer Society for info phone Suzanne 904 307 6930 or email [relaysuzanne@gmail.com](mailto:relaysuzanne@gmail.com)  
**Mar 25** ACAC monthly eat out night at Mezzaluna in European Village Palm Coast. Leave Publix Wildwood Drive at 5:30 PM  
**Mar. 21-26** - Austin, TX - AACA Sentimental Tour (1928-1958) - Central Texas Region 512 913 4317  
**Mar 25-28** Daytona Spring Car Show at the Daytona Speedway  
**Mar 27** Wooden Boat Show at Tavares, see Bob Q for info.  
**Mar 27** AACA Cape Canaveral Region Cocoa, FL Celebration of Cars auto show. Bob

Carpenter 321 459 9950 [PLCRLC@aol.com](mailto:PLCRLC@aol.com)

**Mar 28** Live Oak Carriage & Car Show Kingdom of the Sun Region AACA at the Live Oak Horse Stud Farm in Ocala. Note: we are designating this great show as our club activity for the month of March and encourage all members to attend. Depart Publix @ Wildwood at 8 AM for those attending. (note a Sunday show) 1975 & earlier, no modified, stock only. Info Carolyn Smith 352 368 3880 or email [SKISS1937@Embarqmail.com](mailto:SKISS1937@Embarqmail.com) We have flyers.

**April 1** ACAC Monthly Meeting at Village Inn 6 PM for dinner, meeting at 7 PM  
**April 4** St. Johns Flea Market SR 207 & I95 annual car show note this is Easter Sunday  
**April 8 – 11** AACA SE Spring Meet Hornets Nest Region Charlotte, NC. 704 536 0727  
**April 10** First Baptist Church in Hammock car show 11 AM – 3 PM  
**April 15** ACAC Board Meeting Young's @ 7 PM

**April 17** Azalea AACA Region annual car show at Riverside Park Palatka. Note this will be our monthly club activity for April. Depart Publix at Wildwood at 9 AM

**April 17** St. Augustine Cruisers Monthly cruise night at Ponce de Leon Mall 5 – 8 PM  
**April 24** Crankin A's Car Show at Barberville Restored Village  
**May 13-15** AACA Annual Grand National Meet First Capital Chapter New Bern, NC 252 637 2319  
**Oct 6-9** AACA Eastern Fall Meet Hershey Region Hershey, PA 717 834 9146  
**Oct 28** Annual ACAC Halloween Costume Party at Sherrod's house at the River. 6 PM

## **MINUTES OF ACAC BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 18,2010**

By John Guarnieri, Secretary/Treasurer

The February board meeting was held at the Guarnieri's...in attendance for the meeting were Bob Q, Dewey, Mark Young, Ron Leone and Dick Sherrod...keeping true to his no nonsense style of rule Dewey handed out the meeting agenda for all to follow! Dewey made the board aware that Arnold DeLorenzo and his son Michael would like to print the Old News for the club at Old Carriage Realty expense. The club will be supplying the postage. The newsletter will be printed on glossy paper stock. The board was impressed with the issue Dewey presented and passed 6-0 to have the newsletter once again mailed to the membership. The board is hoping that if the membership again has a printed newsletter that we may achieve better attendance at club functions? "remember this is a rebuilding year for the club" Any member who still wishes to get the Olde News on line contact Dewey and he will send it to you. The club wished to thank the DeLorenzos for the generosity and support. Ron Leone reported that he is all set for this Saturdays coming Frostbite Picnic, as he has made the arrangements for us to use the new refurbished Butler Park at A1A and the Intracoastal.

Dewey requested that the secretary send his minutes to the Olde News in at least number 12 type? He was assured that the matter would be looked into and rectified. Dewey asked the Village Inn be notified that we would be holding our March meeting there, I volunteered Lynda to make the notification! Dewey stated that he was going to notify the City of St Augustine about the club not using Francis Field this year. A location was requested for the March board meeting and Bob Q stepped up, with Mark Young stating that they would host the April board meeting.

John G gave the treasury report and all bills to date have been paid, including the upcoming picnic. John gave the membership report of 35 paid members with 2 memberships pending dues checks? John also reports that Ancient City Screen Graphics is on schedule to have the first edition of the clubs new shirts to be ready by March 1st, so that members going the AACA National meet in Homestead FL will be able to wear their club shirts. A reminder that the shirts are \$30 each and payment to the ACAC will be needed when the shirts are delivered.

Dewey questioned as to the status on the clubs web page. I have been in contact with Rob Daly and he is working with a member of the AACA and hopes to be able to get us up and running.

Dick Sherrod presented the upcoming activities, please refer to them in The Olde News.

Dewey also informed us that the Azalea Region of the AACA is cancelling their long running annual spring picnic. After discussion the club has made it clear that we would be making their annual car show one of our clubs monthly events. We must support our affiliated AACA clubs in their endeavors

Mark Young reports that he could use help in getting our phone committee reactivated. Mark further stated that he has been getting good feedback when he emails members on upcoming events.

The meeting was adjourned and members went out to my garage to see the progress on my '54 Desoto [slippery slope] Firedome. I am hoping to have the car ready by years end, but really have no actual date in mind? We then returned to the house where Lynda G served homemade brownies with ice cream. All in all a very productive meeting, thanks to all for attending

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### **A touch of humor**

#### **A man and his football tickets**

A man had 50 yard line tickets for the Super Bowl. As he sits down, a man comes down and asks if anyone is sitting in the seat next to him.'

"No", he says, "The seat is empty".

"This is incredible" said the man. "Who in their right mind would have a seat like this for the Super Bowl, the biggest sporting event in the world and not use it ?"

He says, "well actually, the seat belongs to me. I was supposed to come with my wife, but she passed away. This is the first Super Bowl we haven't been to together since we got married in 1987."

"Oh, ... I'm sorry to hear that. That's terrible. But couldn't you fine someone else, a friend or relative, or even a neighbor to take the seat?" The man shakes his head. "*No they're all at the funeral.*"

## **IRWIN FAMILY ENJOY'S DAD'S MODEL A**

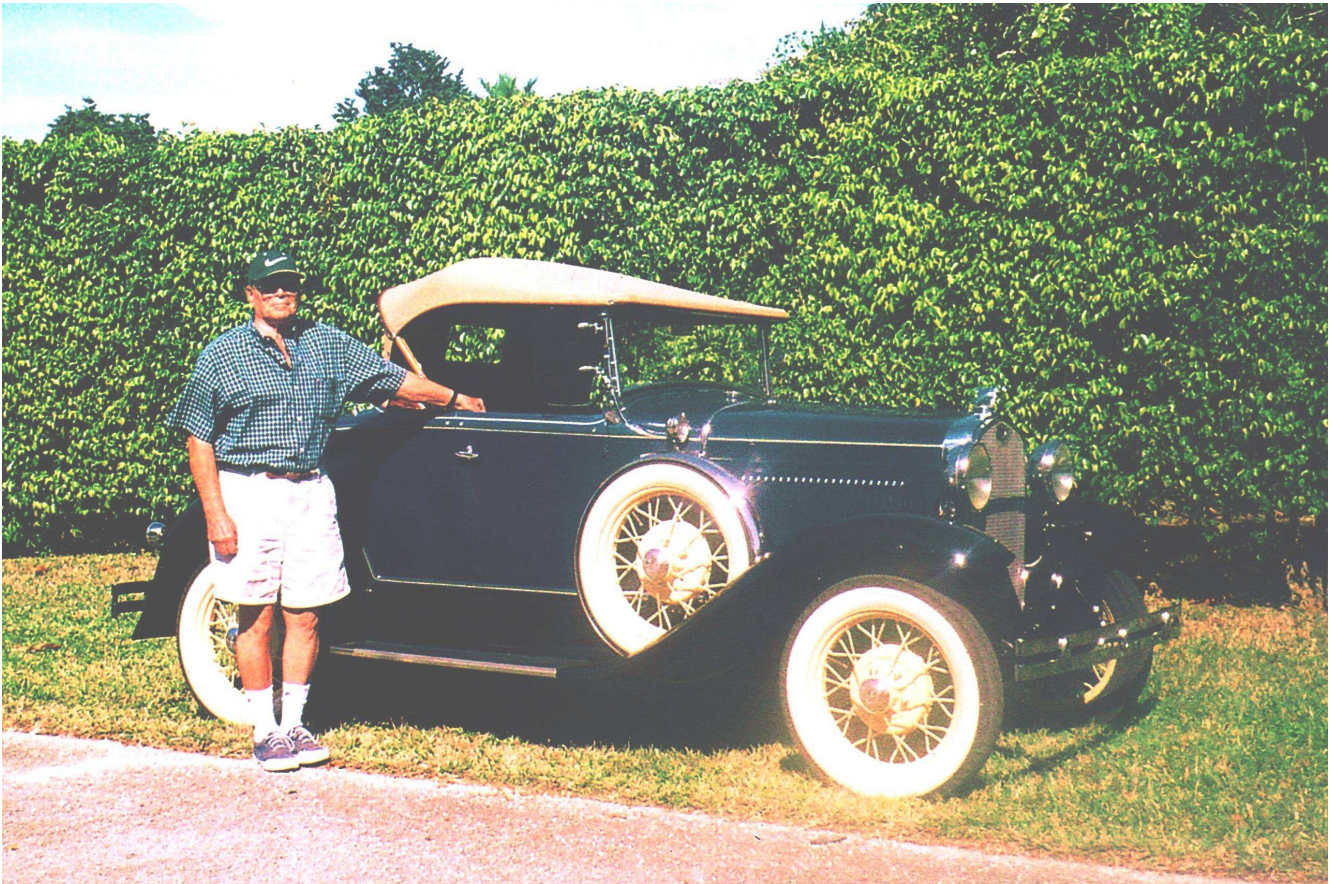
The Irwins became members at the January 2010 dinner and are looking forward to participating with their Model A roadster.



Karen Erwin recently inherited a 1931 Ford Model A Roadster from her father, Bob Cooper. Bob bought the car from a friend of his in Miami about 7 years ago and loved to drive people around in it. Interestingly enough, Bob had a '31 Model A Roadster in high school. Bob said he sold it for \$25 before leaving for Army basic training and gave the money to his parents. He was a bomber pilot in the Army Air Force during WWII and he claimed he didn't think he would make it back anyway so he didn't have any use for the car or the \$25. Lucky for us he made it back just fine.

He always talked about how much he loved that old car and wished he never got rid of it. After years and years of talking about the car he gave up, Karen finally convinced him to track one down. It didn't take long for Bob to find another '31 in good shape and got a very good "Buddy" price from an old friend of his. Bob enjoyed the car, driving it around the neighborhood and short trips around town in Miami. He loved showing it off and taking people for rides. He kept detailed notes on any work he did to it or any time that he drove it.

Unfortunately, Bob passed away unexpectedly last year. He would have fit in very well with ACAC. Bob left very good instructions on starting the car, when and where to lube it, what the tire pressure should be, where to get parts and who he had been dealing with, and so on.



The car waited patiently in the garage at Bob's house in Miami until we were able to move it to St. Augustine. Thanks to Bill Soman and his guidance we found a FANTASTIC professional car mover, Minuteman Auto Transport out of Orlando, who moved the car up here for us. Bill was also the driving force behind us joining the club. We have enjoyed the experience so far as you all have made us feel welcome. Being new to owning a classic car we have had to learn through the experience of others or just from trial and error. We have had so much fun with the car and love driving it around with the top down on sunny days. Our plan is to enjoy it for years to come and leave it to our daughter one day.

Toby Erwin

### **HENRY FORD AN ENVIRONMENTAL HERO ?**

Henry Ford by virtue of having popularized automobiles has been criticized for bearing considerable responsibility for air pollution. Taking a different tack, the *Washington times* has named Ford to it's 2009 "Earth Day Honor Roll" for having created a vehicle (Model T) that forestalled "**mountains of manure that otherwise would have piled up in city streets gridlocked with horses**"

Thanks to the David L. Lewis, Ford Country column in Cars & Parts

Check out this historic video on building the Model T  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S4KrimZpwCY>

## WOW WHAT A DAY



### MARCH 20 FROSTBITE PICNIC 2010

The ACAC was truly lucky to have fantastic weather for our annual "Frostbite Picnic" that was held on Sat Feb 20 11AM at Butler Park on the Intracoastal Waterway. Ron Leone showed up well before the first members and had his array of hot dogs with all the fixings, his famous homemade chili, chips dips sodas, iced tea hot coffee and whatever else I have omitted. As the members arrived some of us helped and arranged extra tables under the pavilion that Ron had selected. Promptly at noon Ron sounded the lunch bell and the 25 members and guests lined up for picnic buffet. No one was disappointed with the selection that had been provided. After lunch the member provided desserts were laid out for all to enjoy, At 1PM Bill Soman, our games master, laid out the rules for the 4 car games we would be playing: 1. the plumb bob bulls eye, 2. stab the potato, 3. over the cliff and 4. park the car in the garage {the latter 2 were done with the driver blind folded!} A good time was had as we shouted words of encouragement (where permitted) to the various participants. All this is more fun when driving our real old cars, Bills '54 Corvette being the newest car!! Prizes, provided by the club, were presented to the top 3 finishers in each competition. It was as exciting as being in Vancouver for the Olympics!!

These get togethers are what brings the members together to enjoy each others company and our old cars! If you did not attend, try to make the clubs next function.

*submitted by John Guarnieri*

Photos on the following pages were provided by Tuni Weiss, Annette Porter and Dewey Porter

**OLD CAR GAMES AND GOOD FOOD AN ACAC TRADITION**



The monthly Eat Out Night taking place on Feb 25, was well attended for great Italian food at Joni's on US 1 North. Only three old car drivers got blue tickets for the year end drawing, cool temps probably kept the number down (old cars do have heaters I believe). See photos next page.

All photos at Joni's by Tuni Weiss



**Ancient City Auto Club minutes of March 4, 2010 Meeting at Village Inn**

The meeting was called to order by President Dewey Porter at 7:10 p.m.

John and Lynda Guarnieri were in Homestead, attending a car show, so Jinny Quackenbush agreed to take the minutes. Dewey Porter reported the balance on hand for the treasurer.

We have a new member—Wayne “Buzz” George, who has a Chevy truck from the fifties and an Olds Cutlass '71.

The activities were discussed at length—an official rendering is part of your “Olde News”. President Porter especially noted the good success of the “Frost Bite Picnic”, thanking both Ron Leone for the food, and Bill Soman for the activities.

Arnold DeLorenzo has volunteered to print our newsletter on quality stock, with staples; the board approved this unanimously. Now the “Olde News” will be mailed to you, but you can still access it on your email.

Tuni Weiss was awarded a National Award for Excellence for the “Olde News” published last year—Congratulations, Tuni

Bill Soman reported that the Scholarship information has been posted at the Tech School. We are waiting for a response. Perhaps the instructor can recommend a recipient.

Dutch Devilbiss chose the winning ticket for the 50-50, which was won by Dewey Porter. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Virginia Quackenbush, Secy Pro Tem