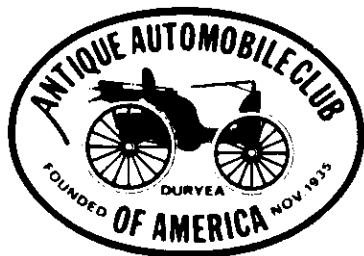




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As Close To A Concept Vehicle As I Could Build.—Joe Greeves

If you're wondering what you're looking at, you're not alone. A quick look will confirm its Chevy heritage, from the Malibu headlights and Corvette taillights to the "SS" emblems found throughout the truck. And it is a Chevy, just not exactly the one you might expect. Before I reveal the answer, I'll tell you that driving a one-of-a-kind vehicle creates a very special feeling, much like the concept cars that manufacturers use to predict your automotive future. Like the El Camino and Ranchero pickups, my truck has passenger car roots. The four-piece fiberglass Super Stepside kit transforms almost 50 different, plain-Jane, General

Motors four-door sedans into Corvette-style pickups. Best of all, two men can mount the body in no time. My one-owner, **1989 Chevrolet Caprice Classic** went from a four-door caterpillar to an exciting new two-door butterfly in just two days! (I wrote the instruction manual. Click on www.superstepside.com to see my car being converted to a truck.) Once the body was mounted, it took me about six months to incorporate all the latest options, finished just in time to make its SEMA debut in the Chassis Tech booth.

This is my 40th year as an automotive photojournalist and the Super Stepside was the perfect opportunity to incorporate many of the ideas I've accumulated over the years, beginning with the primary goal of making the truck unidentifiable! After the kit was installed, the only stock things left were the doors and windshield, so I eliminated the GM door handles and added custom paint and LEDs to camouflage the factory side mirrors. Then I made a list of the best aftermarket options available and began integrating them into the design. With Viper overtones up front and clear homage to the Corvette in the rear, the new two-seater gets an aggressive stance from 20-inch KMC 'SS' rims up front along with 24-inch versions in the rear. I designed the subtle wings behind the cab and the paint is a custom mix of DuPont's Hot Hues Copper Pearl Metallic and black. Realistic fire accents, inside and out and an elaborate StreetGlow lighting package adds to the fun. The air suspension put altitude control at my fingertips and the bed is covered by a remotely operated, electric tonneau cover and Turbo Tail spoiler. As the cover opens, it reveals an oak bed created in my workshop, along with twin, flame-painted nitrous bottles. Since the truck is designed to be driven, all the essentials are there including the 20-inch spare inset into the floor and a forward storage compartment that holds a floor jack and jack stands, along with the pair of Optima batteries.

Moving inside, the elaborate entertainment package begins with a Blaupunkt Nav screen and a CD/DVD flip face head unit with a 7.5 inch screen controlling the output from the pair of Blaupunkt amps behind the seats. There's a 10-CD player in the glove box, Sirius Satellite Radio screen in the center armrest, two more monitors in the sun visors, and a rear view camera that automatically activates with reverse. With a total of 15 speakers, the sound is awesome! Honda bucket seats are separated by a unique center console that holds stereo components up front while the armrest houses the controls for the satellite radio, nitrous purge valves, flame throwers, and power windows. The original Caprice instruments were replaced with a Dakota Digital dash and the truck uses a Dakota Digital Automatic Air Suspension Controller, mounted above the rear view mirror.

Under the hood, the 5.0L V-8 benefits from a Spectre dual cold air intake, Hooker headers, Flowmaster mufflers, electric cutouts, and a ZEX nitrous system with lighted, machine-gun purge valves that blast lighted (red) plumes of nitrous from both corners of the windshield. (Looks like a Double-A fuel dragster!)

Has the truck been a success? Although I never compete on the show circuit (14 sponsors gives me an unfair advantage against the kid doing without lunch to customize his truck), the Stepside did spend four months on the World of Wheels as a head liner, along side Chip Foose's seven million dollar Impressions car. It's been on display at SEMA, was part of the Speed Chanel TV series, Kit, An Autobody Experience, and has been featured in 23 magazines from here to Australia. The name of the truck, "Unexpected" is appropriate since no one who didn't already know the details was ever able to guess its origins. I've been looking for a new project but so far, nothing compares to the old one. . . (See back page for additional photo!)

Lights, Camera, Action—Joe Lando

We have all heard those words from the TV industry but in our case, Mary and I were somewhat astonished! Let's back up a bit. We sold our beautiful '50 Chevy, leading us to be inactive from club activities for a couple of years, so we decided to check out the Mecum auction at Kissimmee. We pre-registered for the first day, January 17th. My Guru friend, Dewey Porter, told me that the first day of any auction can lead to some value in collector cars. Several cars and trucks were scattered around this massive show. Boats were featured too. We did our due diligence and selected three cars that could possibly meet our criteria; a '68 Chevy Caprice, a '67 Camaro and a '65 Mustang.

After a little lunch we settled into a couple of seats near the auction floor. I have watched several Mecum auctions on TV, but they did not do it any justice. When the action started there was a fever pitch that took over the stage. Several thousand people were gathered in anticipation. The auctioneers started the action with their chatter which couldn't be understood but somehow was understood just by following the pattern of the sales. Several cars went through the auction block. The '67 Camaro was too pricey for me; the '68 Caprice was a really nice vehicle but I got outbid by some guy who was staring me down. Ouch!! The action was fast and furious with portable TV cameras scooting around following the bidder agent to the spot of a possible buyer. Little did I know that we would be next in line!!

I was concentrating on my bid for the '65 Mustang. The bids kept getting higher and higher. My hand kept going up to bid. The announcer then blurted out that "the reserve is off" and people were clapping! I was the bid at the reserve price but someone else was bidding also. To my shock, a camera was poked in my face as I kept bidding. The bidder agent did her job and really put me on the spot. I waited till the last moment then gave her my final bid. The strategy worked and the other bidder backed down. We were the winners of a beautiful, fully restored 1965 Gold Mustang!! People were patting us on the back and clapping and shaking our hands telling us we made a good deal. It was an experience like no other. We collected our vehicle after going through the closing and Mary proudly drove it home.

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I sold my 1955 Buick Century Riviera the week before Thanksgiving last November and shed no tears as it departed on a roll back truck. I then saw it next a few days later in the car corral at the Turkey Rod Run in the Daytona Infield priced about \$7,000 more than I sold it for and it was looking good. Again I had no regrets for selling what I affectionately referred to as the "Money Pit". It had a 322 c.i. V8 commonly referred to as a "Nailhead" because of the unusual appearance of the heads. It is unique and shares no common components with any other GM engines. I found this out during the ordeal of a valve job which ending up costing \$3500. For that amount I could have purchased a Chevy 350 crate engine and had \$1000 left over to spend on other things. They were very fast cars and I am sure there are many happy owners of them today, I just never got the car to run right.



Early January 2014 I found a 1954 Chevrolet Belair hard top on eBay. It is a 20 (maybe 30) footer and is a fixer upper. I needed a project requiring minor fixing and it will never be better than a number 3. It's a stovebolt six with a 3 speed manual. Best of all most mechanical needs can be purchased locally at any of our auto supply stores. It came with both bumpers spray painted silver but rechromed replacements have already been ordered and were very reasonable. It's not my favorite color but it was just repainted a year ago and was a good job but needs sanding and buffing to look good.

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February 6, 2014—Meeting at Jaybird's

Nice People, pretty cars gathered for the club meeting at Jaybird's on February 6th, 2014. The room is bright and cheerful; lots of laughter and a good time, good meeting. Excitement about the upcoming show at Rodeheaver's Boys Ranch—see the activities page. Joe and Mary Lando also brought out their "new " Mustang, featured on page 3. The black Corvette belongs to Sidney Hobbs, Miata to Carley King, '65 Ford Falcon Convertible to Jim and Tuni Weiss, 1969 Chevrolet Pickup Truck to Gaine Wright, 1955 Mercury Wagon to Bob and Jinny Quackenbush. L to R—Bob Hubbard, Donna Sherrod, Joe Greeves, Dick Sherrod. (Delivering the 50/50 winnings and club share to Donna, Treasurer.



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Ancient City Auto Club

Minutes: February Club Meeting
Date/ Time: Thursday, February 6th, 2014 @
7:00PM

Location: Jaybirds Restaurant, 2600 North
Ponce De Leon Blvd. St Augustine
FL, 32084

Minutes:

President Dick Sherrod called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM. The following issues were covered:

1. Dick Sherrod spoke of the passing of Annette Porter. He said that Dewey and the family deeply appreciated club members' support.
2. Jinny Quackenbush indicated that the February "Olde News" was sent out on February 4th. She also reported that there will be no ACAC Cruise In. Club members are encouraged to support the Cruiser's Cruise In which is held the third Saturday of the month in the Long Horn's/ Hobby Lobby parking lot.
3. Max Miller announced that he has beautifully embroidered, multi-colored, iron on, club patches for sale. The price is \$2.00 or 5 for \$10.00.
4. Brian Wirz asked for and received approval of the Club and Board meeting minutes for January.
5. Donna Sherrod reported that there have been neither revenues nor expenses incurred since her last report. So, we have money.
6. Bill Soman, Scholarship Chairman, announced that the scholarships have been posted at the tech school. He further indicated that:
 - a. The tech school has a 1981 Dodge pickup that they would like to give to a club member. After some discussion it was decided that Sydney Hobbs will take the truck. It will be donated to the Rodeheaver Boys Ranch.
 - b. Bill also has information on a 2001 Camaro for sale, price \$6,500.
7. In Dewey's absence, Dick Sherrod covered the Activities report. Of special note were:
 - a. Old Guys' Breakfast on Feb 14th
 - b. Cruiser's Cruise in on Feb 15th @ 5:00 PM
 - c. ACAC Frostbite Picnic on Feb 22nd (replaces the February Dine Out).

Details to be provided by Ron Leone.

Further details on activities will be provided by E- mail.

8. Dick Sherrod reported that the Club now has 47 members. He also announced that Carly King has agreed to become membership Chairperson. She will be developing a plan to increase Club membership.
9. Dick Sherrod announced that **this year's car show will be on November 22nd**. This date corresponds to the first night of Nights of Lights and opens up some unique promotional opportunities for our show.
10. Dick Sherrod announced that Rob Daly has agreed to be the Club's Webmaster. He reminded members that the **winner of each month's 50/50 should submit a picture of their car to Rob for display on the Web site.**
11. The February Board meeting will be held 7:00 PM, Thursday, February 20th at the Sherrod residence.
12. Bob Quackenbush is heading up the Club's participation in the Rodeheaver Boys' Ranch Classic Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show which is being held Saturday March 15th from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. In that role Bob provided the following information:
 - a. Interested members will meet in the parking lot of Jinny's Publix on US1 at 8:00 AM.
 - b. They will drive by the Race Track service station on 207 on the way to the show. Members not wanting to go to the Publix can join the group there.
 - c. **Please coordinate your participation with Bob.**
13. Sidney Hobbs, an ACAC member and one of the founders of the Rodeheaver show, provided some information about the event.
 - a. The ranch is a Christian based organization. It doesn't receive any government funding.
 - b. About 100 vehicles participated last year.

- c. The event raised approximately \$5000 last year.
- d. Normal camping fee of \$25 will be waived for club members.

14. Mark Young is preparing a club apparel order. If you want to order something contact Mark.

15. Donna Sherrod won the 50/50. Her car will be featured on the web site this month.

Action Items:

1. Dewey to e-mail out current activities information to the membership. **Ongoing**
2. Board members to attend meeting -7:00 PM, February 20th at the Sherrod residence.
3. Ron Leone to provide details on the proposed joint Cruise In at the city pier. **Ongoing**
4. Ron Leone to provide ideas to the Board for possible meeting locations. **Ongoing**
5. Bill Soman and Sydney Hobbs to coordinate the transfer of the 1981 Dodge truck to The Rodeheaver Boys Ranch
6. Donna Sherrod to forward a picture of her car to Rob Daly for inclusion on the web site.

Minutes prepared February 13th, 2014
by Brain M. Wirz, Secretary

Ancient City Auto Club

Board Meeting

Minutes: February Board Meeting
Date/ Time: Thursday, February 20th 2014 @ 7:00PM
Location: Sherrod Residence
Attendees: Dick Sherrod -President
Bob Quackenbush
Max Miller- Vice President
Jim Weiss President Emeritus
Donna Sherrod-Treasurer
Dewey Porter
Brian Wirz -Secretary
Jinny Quackenbush, Newsletter

Minutes:

President Dick Sherrod called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM. The following issues were covered:

16. Max Miller reported that he has the Membership cards and Business cards in his possession. He is

working to get same ready to issue to the membership.

17. Dick Sherrod encouraged Club members to consider submitting an article to "Antique Automobile Magazine" for national publication. Dewey Porter indicated that ACAC members have been reasonably successful in getting their articles published.
18. The club receives certificates for 4 free National Memberships a year. These are received in September. Three and possibly all four of these have been used. Jim Weiss will check with Carly King to see if the fourth has been used.
19. Dick Sherrod announced that Karen Erwin is making good progress on this year's car show.
20. Dick Sherrod reported on his efforts to increase membership participation in club activities. So far, the following have been scheduled:
 - a. **Frostbite Picnic**-Ron Leone coordinator -February 22nd
 - b. **Participation in the Rodeheaver Boys Ranch Classic Car, Truck, and Motorcycle show**-Bob Quackenbush coordinator-March 15th.
 - c. **Back to the 50s Social**-Sidney and Brenda Hobbs coordinators-April 16th.
 - d. **Kentucky Derby Party**-Donna Sherrod and Carly King coordinators-May 3rd. **(note this partly will replace the May monthly meeting)**
 - e. **Viewing the Great Race at the Villages**-Jim Weiss coordinator-approximately June 29th. Jim is gathering information to see if this is a viable activity. More information will be forthcoming.
 - f. **Halloween party**-Donna Sherrod and Carly King coordinators-October 25th.
21. Dewey Porter provided an Activities report. He highlighted several upcoming events:
 - a. March 1st- the Azalea Region show-River Front Park- Palatka. Dewey is organizing a group to attend. They will be leaving from the Race Track Station on 207 at 8:30 AM.
 - b. March 15th Rodeheaver show. Bob Quackenbush will be leading a group leaving from the Race Track Station on 207 at 8:00 AM.
 - c. March 29th -The Casement show for Cars 1939 or earlier. **Cars must be preregistered.** Jim Weiss is coordinating.
 - d. April 12th the Fruit Cove Baptist Church show. **Registration is limited to 500 cars; so if you want to participate get your preregistration in early.**

Additional information on activities will be issued via E-mail. If you have a pressing question contact the event coordinator.
22. **There will be no Board meeting in March.** The April Board meeting will be held at the Weiss

residence and the May Board meeting will be held at the Quackenbush residence.

23. It was reported that the Cruisers donated ½ of their car show's 50-50 drawing to the FSDB. This amounted to \$325.00.
24. Dick Sherrod requested that Donna Sherrod and Karen Erwin prepare a breakdown of revenues and expenses from last year's Car Show.
25. Dick Sherrod requested that Donna Sherrod prepare a review of changes to the Club's Financial Position Statement from about the middle of last year until the present.

Action Items:

1. Dewey Porter will issue an activities sheet monthly. **Ongoing**
2. Brian Wirz to submit Club and Board Meeting minutes to Jinny Quackenbush for inclusion in the newsletter. **Ongoing**
3. Dewey Porter to update and issue a car roster for the Club. **Ongoing**
4. Carly King will maintain the membership roster and issue it to club members and National Headquarters as appropriate. **Ongoing** (this action Item changed from last month)
5. Bob Quackenbush will store assorted Club memorabilia and property at his residence. **Ongoing**
6. Max Miller will offer Club iron on patches to club members at a price of \$2.00. **Ongoing**
7. Brian Wirz will update and maintain the Board's Action Item list. **Ongoing**
8. Max Miller will notify Cliff Williams that the Monthly Cruise In has been canceled. **Complete**
9. Jim Weiss to notify the Azalea Club that the Cruise In has been canceled **Complete**
10. Bob Quackenbush to notify Bob Barton that the Cruise In has been canceled **Complete**
11. Bob Quackenbush will lead and coordinate ACAC's participation in the Rodeheaver Boy's Ranch Car, Motorcycle and Truck Show. **Ongoing**
12. Dick Sherrod will work with Karen Erwin to firm up this year's Car Show date. **Complete**
13. Donna Sherrod to pay ACAC's dues to the FCCC. **Complete**
14. Dick Sherrod will make arrangements with the Caddy Shack for our February 6th meeting. **Complete** (Meeting location changed to Jay Birds)
15. Max Miller will work with Carly King, Membership Chairman, to develop and implement a membership strategy. **Ongoing**(this action Item changed from last month.)
16. Max Miller will issue membership and business cards to current club members **Ongoing**

17. Brian Wirz will submit the "Roster of 2014 Region Officers" for the Ancient City Region to National Headquarters. **Complete**
18. Max Miller will advise Bill Soman that the Blue and White ticket programs have been canceled. **Complete**
19. Dick and Donna Sherrod will contact National headquarters about a way for the Club to gain status as a legal entity for banking and other purposes. **Ongoing**
20. Dick Sherrod to work with Ron Leone to develop the idea of a club picnic to replace the February Dine Out. **Complete**
21. Jinny Quackenbush to organize a trip to the Blackwater Inn. **On Hold**
22. Carly King will turn over the Club's business cards and membership cards to the new Club Vice -President. **Complete**
23. The Board will take up the issue of the Clubs Monthly Cruise in at their January Meeting. **Completed**
24. Jim Weiss to check with Carly King on the availability of free National Memberships.
25. Sidney and Brenda Hobbs to coordinate a Back to the 50s Social.
26. Donna Sherrod and Carly King to coordinate a Kentucky Derby party.
27. Jim Weiss to look into the feasibility of the Club attending a viewing of the Great Race.
28. Donna Sherrod and Carly King to coordinate a Halloween Party.
29. Donna Sherrod and Karen Erwin prepare a breakdown of revenues and expenses from last year's Car Show.
30. Donna Sherrod to prepare a review of changes to the Club's Financial Position Statement from about the middle of last year until the present.
31. Board Members to attend a Board Meeting April 17th at the Weiss residence.
32. Board Members to attend a Board Meeting May 15th at the Quackenbush residence.
 .Minutes prepared February 24th,
 by Brian M. Wirz, Secretary



Forty of us gathered for the "Frost Bite Picnic at Butler Park, West, February 22, 2014

ACTIVITIES

Mar 1, 2014 Azalea Region AACA 15th Annual Car Show at Riverfront Park Palatka
Ancient City will caravan from the Racetrack Gas Station at SR 207 & I 95 departing at 8:30 AM.
Antiques, Customs and Special Interest cars welcomed. Info: Paula Kash 904 571 4956 or Art Hall
386 328 4751.

Mar 1 AACA Cape Canaveral Region, Melbourne, FL Car Show Info: Bob Carpenter 321-459-9950,
email PLCRLC@aol.com

Mar 6 ACAC Monthly Meeting at Jay Birds US 1 NO. 6 PM for dinner, 7 PM for Meeting Let Ron
Leone know if you will attend so he can give them a headcount.

Mar 7 – 9 19th Annual Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance. Info www.ameliaconcours.org

March 14 John's Old Guys Breakfast at Steak & Shake 9 AM

March 15 Rodeheaver Boys Ranch Annual Car Show. **This will be the club monthly activity for
March. Bob Quackenbush is the leader for this event Ancient City will caravan from the Racetrack
gas station SR 207 & I 95 departing at 8 AM.** To register and download a flyer go to
<http://rbr.org/events/car-show/>

March 15 Saint Augustine Cruisers Monthly Cruise In Hobby Lobby Shopping Center Us 1 SO.

March 15 Ocala, FL 4th Annual Car Show at Marion County Tax Collector Parking Lot, Trophies,
music, crafts, food, Open to All types of vehicles. Pre reg by 3/1 \$15, \$20 at the show info
mctc.charities@mariontax.com

March 15 AACA Orange Blossom Region Day In The Park, Haines City, FL. Meet. Info 863-385-5224

March 19 – 23 Vintage Chevrolet Club Southeast Meet at Titusville, FL. Info @ pdimbath@aol.com

March 20 ACAC Board Meeting is cancelled month of March

March 28 – 30 Spring Turkey Rod Run Daytona Track Infield

April 3 ACAC Monthly Meeting: location TBA

April 3-5 AACA Southeastern Spring Meet, Charlotte NC

April 11 John's Old Guys Breakfast at Steak & Shake 9 AM

April 12 Fruit Cove Baptist Church Annual Car Show, register on line www.fruitcove.com/sports.php
Note there is a limit on total cars entered so get your entry in early to have a spot.

April 16 ACAC Monthly Dine Out will be held at Sydney & Brenda Hobbs home



April 17 ACAC Monthly Board Meeting at Weiss residence & PM

April 25 - 27 Kissimmee Goodguys Nationals for info www.good-guys.com

April 26 Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, Federal Point Annual Fish Fry. 12 - 4 PM Minorcan clam Chowder, Oyster roast, beverages Reserved parking for collector cars

May 3 ACAC Monthly Meeting will be held at Sherrod's residence at St. John's River "DERBY DAY" details to follow

May 3 North Florida Classic Chevy Club All-Chevy Reunion at Gordon Chevrolet, Orange Park \$20 registration includes meal ticket 9 AM - 2 PM

May 17 St. Augustine Cruisers 12th Annual Car Show at on at the FSD&B Campus 24 Classes with 1, 2, & 3rd Awards Pre-reg \$20 until May 5, \$25 day of show.

Oct 30 ACAC will once again have a Halloween party hosted by Sherrod's. Award for best costumes by participant voting. This will be the monthly dine out for October. Details to follow

Nov 22 ACAC 30TH ANNUAL AUTO SHOW @ FSD&B School

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**Thanks to
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Ron for a
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Here are a few photos from the picnic—more next month (maybe)—



Doug Nietzel's 1953 Hudson Hornet is featured in "Cars and Parts" in an article written by Joe Greeves.



Enjoy!!--Jinny