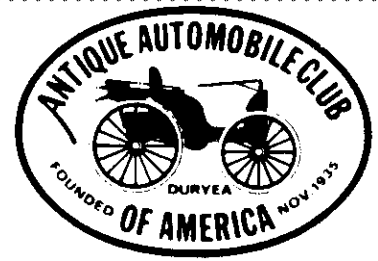




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## The Great Race of 2017— by Dave Burrows GROWING UP IN MICHIGAN

SINCE AN EARLY AGE, I WAS FACINATED WITH CARS. I BOUGHT MY FIRST CAR AT AGE 16 WITH A FRIEND WHO WAS ALSO UNDER AGE. WE HAD TO SELL IT AS OUR FATHERS GOT TOGETHER AND

NEITHER ONE WOULD INSURE THE OTHER BOY ON HIS POLICY. (SMART MEN). I HAD SEVERAL INTERESTING CARS BEFORE I GOT MARRIED— 1954 FORD CONVERTIBLE, NEW 1957 CHEVROLET CONVERTIBLE AND A 1956 JAGUAR 140 MC. THEN MARRIAGE AND FIVE WONDERFUL CHILDREN--A 1955 FORD AND VARIOUS COMPANY SUPPLIED BORING FOUR DOOR SEDANS.

#### THE BRITISH INVASION

WHILE ASSIGNED TO CHICAGO IN 1969 ,I BOUGHT A ROUGH 1964 MGB ROADSTER TO KEEP ME BUSY. IT DID AND WITH A FACTORY MANUAL I BECAME A DANGEROUS MECHANIC ONCE I FIGURED WHICH END OF THE SPARK PLUG WENT INTO THE HOLE. A BUSINESS TRANSFER TO MILWAUKEE FOLLOWED WHERE I JOINED THE GREAT LAKES SPORT CAR CLUB. THE MEMBERS WERE HEAVILY INVOLVED WITH ROAD RACING SANCTIONED BY THE MIDWEST SPORTS CAR COUNCIL. I RACED WITH THEM AT BLACKHAWK FARMS IN ILLINOIS AND THE SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA AT THE MIDWEST AND EASTERN ROAD COURSES. I BECAME PROFICIENT AT MAINTAINING MY RACE CARS , INCLUDING ENGINE REBUILDING. THE CARS WERE 2 MGB'S(ONE BY HUFFAKER), 3

TRIUMPH SPITFIRES (TWO BY GROUP 44) AND A SPLIT WINDOW CORVETTE BY KAPLAN ENGINEERING. WHILE RACING FROM 1971 TO 1988 AND 2001 TO 2006, I RESTORED OTHER BRITISH CARS TO HELP PAY MY RACING EXPENSES.THEY WERE MG, TRIUMP AND MORGAN CARS.

#### FLATHEADS



I NEVER LOST MY DESIRE TO OWN A FLATHEAD WITH DUAL “SMITTIES” . I HAD FLATHEAD FORDS ON MY RADAR. AFTER RETIRING I MOVED BACK TO MICHIGAN IN 2011. THAT SUMMER I ATTENDED A CAR SHOW IN TRAVERSE CITY AND SAW MIKE NICKELS 1934 FORD WOODIE AND LATER WENT TO HIS SHOP. MIKE RESTORES AND MANUFACTURES WOOD FOR ALL CAR MAKES AND MODELS FOR CUSTOMERS ALL OVER THE GLOBE. WOODIE— WHAT A WAY TO GET A FLATHEAD AND A BEAUTIFUL CAR—I TOLD MIKE I WANTED TO

HAVE ONE. HE SHOWED ME SOME BACK ISSUES OF THE "WOODIE TIMES" CLASSIFIEDS AND SUGGESTED THAT I TAKE OUT A SUBSCRIPTION; WHICH I DID. I ASKED HIM TO PUT ME INTO HIS SCHEDULE, WHICH STRETCHES OUT VERY FAR.



#### THE CHASE

AFTER SOME MONTHS , A 1948 MERCURY LOOKED PROMISING; BUT WAS TOO FAR AWAY IN LITTLE ROCK. IN THE SPRING OF 2013 I HAD A TRIP PLANNED TO DELIVER MY 1967 MGB TO ONE OF MY DAUGHTERS IN HOUSTON. THE



ROUTE FROM MICHIGAN TO HOUSTON WENT THRU LITTLE ROCK (IMAGINE THAT!) AND THE

MERC WAS STILL AVAILABLE. I DISCUSSED THE CAR WITH MIKE AND HE TOLD ME WHAT TO LOOK FOR AND WHAT QUESTIONS TO ASK. AT EASTER TIME I LOADED UP THE MGB ON A TRAILER AND DROVE TO LITTLE ROCK AND LOOKED AT THE MERC. AFTER DISCUSSING THE WOODIE ON THE PHONE WITH MIKE , I



COMPLETED THE PURCHASE AND LEFT THE CAR THERE FOR MY RETURN TRIP FROM HOUSTON. I DELIVERED THE MG, SPENT EASTER WITH MY FOUR DAUGHTERS AND THEN RETURNED TO PICK UP THE MERC. I BOUGHT A MIDDLE SEAT FROM THE SELLERS FRIEND, LOADED UP THE SPARES AND CONTINUED TO TRAVERSE CITY. I LEFT THE MERC AND TRAILER WITH MIKE. WE USED THE TRAILER TO STORE THE CHROME WHICH HAD BEEN RESTORED AND ALSO THE PARTS WE REMOVED FOR THE RESTORATION. I LIVED ONE HOUR AWAY SO I DROVE TO THE SHOP SEVERAL DAYS A WEEK TO WORK ON THE CAR.

## THE RESTORATION



I ASKED FOR A #2 JOB AS I ONCE DID A #1 JOB ON A MGA TWIN CAM. IT WAS SO NICE THAT I WAS AFRAID TO DRIVE IT. IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG TO FIND A NEW OWNER. MIKE HAS A GROUP OF GUYS WHO HANG AROUND THE SHOP AND LIKE TO WORK ON HIS PROJECTS. THANKS TO THEM THE RESTORATION GOT STARTED RIGHT AWAY. ESPECIALLY HELPFUL WERE : MARK,



BUD, TOM AND TWO OTHER MIKES. PRIOR TO TAKING THE CAR TO THE SAND BLASTER , WE REMOVED ALL THE WOOD, THE ENGINE AND TRANNNIE AND CLEARED OUT THE ENGINE

COMPARTMENT. THE CAR INTERIOR WAS ALSO CLEARED OUT EXCEPT THE WINDSHIELD; ALSO THE HOOD AND FENDERS WERE REMOVED. THE



CAR SLIPPED HALF WAY OFF THE OPEN TRAILER ON THE WAY TO THE SAND BLAST SHOP. SEVERAL GUYS AT THE INTERSECTION HELPED US RELOAD THE CAR. WOW!— THAT COULD HAVE BEEN A DISASTER. WE PICKED UP THE CAR THE NEXT DAY AND WERE MORE CAREFUL WITH THE TIE DOWNS. MARK PRIMED IT



IMMEDIATELY AS THE SURFACE WAS TURNING TO RUST ALREADY. MIKE MADE A COMPLETELY NEW TOP AND SEVERAL PIECES THAT WERE BEYOND REPAIR. HE DID THE WOOD WORK;

MARK THE PAINTING WHILE THE REST OF US DID THE MECHANICAL RESTORATION. MARK FOUND ONLY THREE SMALL SPOTS OF RUST- ALL ON THE FLOOR. THE PIECES THAT HE REPLACED MEASURE ABOUT 6"x12" ALTOGETHER. WE REPLACED THE "PETE AND MIKES" DROPPED FRONT AXLE, THE FLOOR SHIFT TRANSMISSION AND THE WIDE REAR WHEELS FROM MIKE'S BONE YARD. MIKE'S BROTHER MADE THE REAR SEAT. I MOVED TO SAINT AUGUSTINE, FL THAT FALL , 2013. MIKE AND BUD WORKED ON THE MERC AND OTHER CARS DURING THE WINTER. I RETURNED IN THE SPRING TO HELP FINISH THE CAR. WE WERE SCHEDULED TO GO TO THE EASTERN NATIONAL EARLY FORD V-8 MEET IN LATE JUNE OF 2014. WE TRAIERED THE CAR TO THE MEET IN GETTYSBURGH, PA. IT LOOKED GREAT AND RAN PRETTY GOOD FOR IT'S FIRST OUTING.I TRAIERED THE WOODIE TO MY ST AUGUSTINE HOME IN THE FALL AND CONTINUED TO TWEAK THE RUNNING PERFORMANCE. A GOOD FRIEND HAD BEEN AN A/C CONTRACTOR IN N.Y. BEFORE MOVING HERE. WE INSTALLED A/C. IT'S A MUST IN FLORIDA. THE CAR WASN'T RUNNING UP TO IT'S POTENTIAL. I DIAGNOSED IT AS A FUEL PROBLEM. I REBUILT THE CARB, FUEL PUMP, TRIED NEW JETS— REPLACED THE

FUEL LINES AND GAS TANK—IT WASN'T A FUEL PROBLEM. ALL THE WORK TOOK ME INTO THE SUMMER OF 2016. THE MERC HAD BEEN ACCEPTED INTO THE GREAT RACE WHICH STARTED IN JUNE 2017. THE CLOCK WAS TICKING.

MY NEIGHBOR DUDLEY NEW GREW UP WITH FLATHEADS AND WAS VERY HELPFUL DURING THE FINE TUNING PHASE. WE TALKED TO MANY FLATHEAD ENGINE EXPERTS. JIM WEISS AND BOB BEACH FROM THE ANCIENT CITY AUTOMOBILE CLUB ALSO WERE TREMENDOUSLY HELPFUL. THE ONLY REMAINING SOLUTION WAS TIMING. THE DISTRIBUTOR HAD BEEN REBUILT PRIOR TO INSTALLING IT IN TRAVERSE CITY, WHICH IS THE REASON WE DIDN'T LOOK AT IT AND ALSO DUE TO THE IMPOSSIBLE LOCATION ON THE ENGINE. WHEN WE PULLED THE DISTRIBUTOR OUT, WE MEASURED THE POINT GAPS. ONE SIDE WAS .006 AND THE OTHER WAS .000. SINCE I'M AIMING FOR CONVENIENCE AND EASE OF ADJUSTMENT, I CONVERTED TO A 1949 FORD DISTRIBUTOR WITH THE IGNITOR ELECTRONIC IGNITION. THIS INVOLVED SEVERAL MODIFICATIONS TO GET THE ENGINE BELTS FORWARD AND OUT OF THE WAY OF THE TOP

MOUNTED 1949 DISTRIBUTOR. MODIFICATIONS INVOLVED: WATER PUMPS, FRONT TIMING COVER, CRANK SPACER AND A HOSE FROM THE OIL FILTER CANNISTER TO THE FRONT COVER. I COMPLETED THIS ABOUT 90 DAYS PRIOR TO THE GREAT RACE. IN ADDITION TO MANY LOCAL RUNS MY CREW (SUZANNE) AND I MADE SEVERAL LONG TRIPS. ONE WAS TO THE WOODIE BOAT SHOW AT MT. DORA, FL. IT WAS A 300 MILE TRIP AND EVERYTHING WORKED FINE. (ARTICLE-WOODIE TIMES, JUNE 2017)

#### THE GREAT RACE

THIS IS A TIME/SPEED/DISTANCE RALLY, UNLIKE THE CANNONBALL RUN. IT IS A RALLY FOR PRE 1972 VEHICLES. THE WINNER WILL BE WITHIN SECONDS-PLUS OR MINUS-OF THE COMPUTED BASE TIME AND TOTALED OVER THE NINE DAY EVENT. THE DAYS ARE BROKEN INTO LEGS WHICH ARE UP TO 7 LEGS PER DAY. THUS A PERFECT DAY WILL BE 7 LEGS @ 0 FOR EACH LEG =0. THIS EQUATES TO 7 ACES. ACE DECALS ARE PROUDLY SHOWN ON THE VEHICLES. ALL VEHICLES HAVE A TIME MODIFICATION %--THE OLDER, THE MORE ALLOWANCE. THE OLDEST CARS THIS YEAR ARE A 1916 PIKES PEAK HILLCLIMBER, A 1916 HUDSON FOUR PASSENGER SPEEDSTER, A 1916 CHEVROLET

PHAETON, A 1917 PEERLESS RACER AND A CHAIN DRIVEN 1918 AMERICAN LA FRANCE SPEERSTER.

THE MAJOR SPONSERS ARE: HEMMINGS MOTOR NEWS, HAGERTY, COKER TIRE AND RELIABLE CARRIERS. THE TOTAL ENTRY WAS 120 PRE-1972 VEHICLES. TOTAL PRIZE MONEY WAS \$150,000 WITH \$50,000 AWARDED THE GRAND CHAMPION. THE PREVIOUS 31 GREAT RACE ROUTES INCLUDE THE ECLIPSE AT THE WHITE HOUSE, THE STATUE OF LIBERTY CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, DISNEY LAND, DISNEY WORLD, ROUTE 66, THE GRAND CANYON AS WELL AS STOPS IN CANADA AND MEXICO. THIS YEAR THE RACE WAS 2300 MILES ALONG THE DIXIE HIGHWAY—JACKSONVILLE, FL TO TRAVERSE CITY, MI.(MY RACE WAS CLOSE TO 2400 MILES AS WE GOT LOST ONCE A DAY). NEXT YEARS RACE WILL BE FROM BUFFALO STARTING FROM THE PIERCE ARROW MUSEUM ENDING IN HALIFAX, NS. IT'S ALREADY OVERSCRIBED. SO GET YOUR ENTRY IN FOR 2019. TEAMS AND CARS COME FROM EVERY CORNER OF THE UNITED STATES(INCLUDING ONE FROM HAWAII), 7 TEAMS FROM JAPAN, 2 FROM ENGLAND AND 2 FROM CANADA.

COMPUTERS, CALCULATORS, LAP TOPS, MAPS

AND GARMINS ARE NOT ALLOWED. THE NAVIGATOR RECEIVES THE DAYS COURSE INSTRUCTIONS 1/2 HOUR BEFORE DEPARTURE. VEHICLES START AND ARE SUPPOSE TO END 1 MINUTE APART. THE NAVIGATOR IS ALLOWED 1 STOP WATCH. THE ELECTRONIC SPEEDOMETER WORKS ON A MAGNETIC PICK UP OFF THE LEFT FRONT WHEEL. THE SPEEDOMETER AND A CLOCK ARE CALIBRATED EACH MORNING. THE FACTORY SUPPLIED SPEEDOMETER AND ODOMETER ON THE DASH ARE COVERED.

#### PRE RACE PREPARATION

BESIDES GREASING, OILING AND FIXING; I PUT OUT SPARES FOR ALMOST ANYTHING THAT COULD GO WRONG: SPARE ENGINE BELTS, HOSES, LIGHT BULBS, DISTRIBUTOR CAP, FILTERS FOR OIL, GAS AND AIR, GREASE GUN, CARB, COIL, ELECTRONIC IGNITION, HAND TOOLS. FLOOR JACK, 2 EXTRA SETS OF GAPPED SPARK PLUGS, 2 CASES OF DRINKING WATER— AND CLOTHES FOR A MONTH AS I WAS STAYING IN NORTHERN MI. AFTER THE RACE. AFTER I LOADED EVERYTHING, THE WOODIE WAS SITTING LOW ON THE SPRINGS. I BEGAN TO UNLOAD, KEEPING ONLY THE BARE ESSENTIAL ITEMS. SOME OF THE TEAMS HAD ALL OF THESE ITEMS IN THEIR CREW CAR.

MY NAVIGATOR, RICK GRANT, IS FROM DAYTON, OH. HE HAD SEEN THE MERC BUT HAD NEVER BEEN A PASSENGER. I SAVED ROOM FOR HIS SUIT CASE.

THAT FILLED UP THE AREA THAT HAD BEEN OCCUPIED BY THE THIRD BENCH SEAT. I INSTALLED A CLOTHES ROD WHICH HELPED. THE CREW, RICK AND SUZANNE, AND I ATTENDED THE PRE RACE INSTRUCTION CLASSES AND ACTUALLY DID A WARM-UP TROPHY RUN. JIM WEISS AND BOB BEACH HELPED WITH THE CAR AND WERE ON HAND FOR THE SATURDAY START.

#### THE RACE

OVER THE NINE DAYS AND 2300 MILES WE HAD ORGANIZED STOPS IN 19 CITIES. CROWDS LINED THE STREETS AS WE MADE OUR LUNCH AND DINNER STOPS. EACH ANTIQUE CAR IS WELCOMED UNDER THE TRESSEL WITH A FLOWERY DESCRIPTION OF THE CAR AND TEAM. CORKY COKER WHO OWNS THE GREAT RACE WAS THE M. C. AT EACH OF THE 2 OR 3 STOPS EACH DAY. IT WAS GREAT TO SEE WAYNE CARINI THERE TOO IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY.

THE LOCAL PEOPLE AT EACH CITY STOP USUALLY SERVED THE MEALS AS WELL AS

HANDED OUT GOODIE BAGS. IT'S AN INSTANT FESTIVAL. THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF ENTHUSIASM FROM THE CROWDS. SOME ASKED FOR AUTOGRAPHS IN THEIR OFFICAL PROGRAMS.

DAY 1: WE STARTED FROM JACKSONVILLE ON JUNE 24 @ 10:30 AM.THE LAST CAR GOT OFF @12:30—REMEMBER 120 CARS –EACH A MINUTE APART.THAT NITE WE HAD AN ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD IN TIFTON, GA. RICK AND I GOT AN “ACE”. WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE EASY TO GET A LOT MORE ACES DURING THE RACE. WE WERE WRONG AS WE GOT CLOSE ONLY SEVERAL TIMES WITH 1 AND 2 SECONDS OFF.

DAY 2-SUNDAY JUNE 25: LUNCH STOP IN NEWMAN, GA. HOME OF SEVERAL GREAT RACE TEAMS. PIT STOP-ARMUCHEE, GA. WHERE WE VIEWED A PRIVATE COLLECTION OF FORD CARS BELONGING TO GREAT RACER, WAYNE VICK. CARS RANGED FROM MODEL T TRUCKS TO A'S TO FLATHEADS. OVERNITE— CHATTANOOGA, TN. –HOMETOWN OF THE GREAT RACE AND SPONSOR COKER TIRE. WE DINED IN THE HOSPITALITY AREA OF THE COKER TIRE MUSEUM. WE ENJOYED GREAT BARBUQUE AND A TOUR OF THE VAST AND ENDLESS MUSEUM

WHICH SHOWED CAR RESTORATIONS FROM START TO FINISH—CONSISTING OF CARS, MOTOR CYCLES AND MOTOR SCOOTERS.

DAY 3-MONDAY JUNE 26: LUNCH STOP IN MURFREESBORO, TN. LUNCH AT CANNONSBURGH VILLAGE ON A 1800'S HISTORICAL SITE. OVERNITE-BOWLING GREEN, KY. HOMETOWN TO THE CORVETTE ASSEMBLY PLANT AND THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM, BUT IS BEST KNOWN AS THE HOMETOWN OF HOLLEY CARBURETOR, WHO SPONSORED THE EVENING MEAL. EARLIER DURING THE DAY ONE OF THE COMPETITORS DROVE HIS CAR OFF THE ROAD INTO A DEEP RAVINE AND LANDED ON ITS SIDE. THE CAR WAS HAULED OUT BY A WRECKER AND WAS ABLE TO FINISH THE ENTIRE RACE.

DAY 4-TUESDAY JUNE 27: LUNCH STOP AT FRENCH LICK, IN-HOMETOWN OF NBA GREAT LARRY BIRD. ALSO HOME OF THE FRENCH LICK RESORT AND THE FRENCH LICK SCENIC RAILWAY. DINNER STOP IN FRANKLIN, IN. THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL SMALL TOWN WITH THE USUAL RESTORED COURTHOUSE IN THE CENTRAL CITY SQUARE. WE DROVE ABOUT 25 MILES TO OVERNITE IN INDIANAPOLIS.





DAY 5- WEDNESDAY JUNE 28: LUNCH AT WAPAKONETA, OH.- HOMETOWN OF THE FIRST MAN TO STEP FOOT ON THE MOON-NEIL ARMSTRONG. WE ENJOYED LUNCH AND A LOCAL CAR SHOW. TO RICKS SURPRISE A HALF DOZEN OF HIS FRIENDS FROM DAYTON MADE THE 60 MILE TRIP TO SURPRISE HIM. OVERNITE- AUBURN, IN. IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE AUTOMOBILE, IT WAS INDIANA NOT MICHIGAN THAT LED THE WAY. THERE WERE MORE CAR COMPANIES IN INDIANA THAN ANY OTHER, AND NO TOWN WAS BETTER KNOWN THAN AUBURN FOR TURNING OUT THOSE CARS. THE AUBURN, CORD AND DUSENBERG WERE BUILT THERE. WE STOPPED AT THE ACD MUSEUM. I HAD VISITED IT 15-20 YEARS EARLIER AND WAS AMAZED AT IT'S GROWTH-POSSIBLY 3- 4 TIMES MORE CARS AND ALL BEAUTIFULLY RESTORED. ON THE PROPERTY IS A NEW MUSEUM OF TRANSPORTATION.

DAY 6-THURSDAY JUNE 29: PIT STOP AT SHIPSHEWANA, IN. THIS SMALL TOWN HAS THE MOST INCREDIBLE COLLECTION OF HUDSON AUTOMOBILES. ELDON HOSTETIER STARTED THE MUSEUM JUST SEVERAL YEARS AGO. LUNCH STOP-HICKORY CORNERS, MI. HOME OF THE GILMORE CAR MUSEUM. IT IS NORTH AMERICAS LARGEST AUTO MUSEUM-ALMOST 400 ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILES AND MOTORCYCLES

IN A 190,000 SQUARE FOOT EXHIBIT ON A 90 ACRE HISTORIC CAMPUS. SPECIAL FEATURES INCLUDE A 1930'S SHELL GAS

STATION AND A 1941 SILK CITY STAINLESS STEEL DINER. GILMORE HAS A YOUTH PROGRAM AND THEY ENTERED A CAR BEING DRIVEN AND NAVIGATED BY THEIR STUDENTS(X CUP CLASS)-OVERNITE IN YPSILANTI, MI. THE TOWN WITH THE LAST HUDSON DEALERSHIP AND HOME TO WILLOW RUN AIRPORT. THE AIRPORT WAS COMPLETED BY FORD IN 1941 FOR PRODUCTION OF THEIR B-24 BOMBER. DINNER WAS HOSTED BY THE YPSILANTI AUTOMOTIVE HERITAGE MUSEUM.

DAY 7-FRIDAY JUNE 30-THE FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY STARTS THIS DAY. ALMOST EVERYONE IN SOUTHERN MICHIGAN IS DRIVING ON I-75 AND IS HEADING UP NORTH. WE WOVE OUR WAY THRU THE TRAFFIC OVER TO CHESTERFIELD, MI. TO STAHL'S AUTOMOTIVE FOUNDATION FOR A TOUR AND MAGNIFICANT LUNCH. THE STAHL FAMILY ENTERED 2 CARS IN THE RACE. THERE ARE MANY GAS PUMPS AND ALL SORTS OF AUTOMOTIVE SIGNS. THE AUTOMOBILES ARE DUSENBERGS, AUBURN, PACKARD, STUTZ, MERCEDES, TUCKER AND MARMON JUST TO NAME A FEW. ALL WERE BEAUTIFULLY RESTORED. IF YOU ARE TRAVELING IN SOUTHERN MICHIGAN, STAHL'S AND GILMORE ARE MUST VISITS—ABSOLUTELY! OVERNITE IN FRANKENMUTH, MI. THIS TOWN HAS A STRONG GERMAN HERITAGE AND IS STRUCTURED TO RESEMBLE OLD BAVARIA. THE CHRISTMAS STORE IS OPEN 364 DAYS A YEAR AND IS THE LARGEST OF IT'S KIND IN THE WORLD. FOR DINNER WE RECEIVED GENEROUS COUPONS VALID AT ANY OF THE RESTAURANTS.

DAY 8-SATURDAY JULY 1-WE HAD BEEN RUNNING THE A/C SINCE DAY 1. IT WAS GETTING COOLER OUTSIDE AS WE APPROACHED ALPENA, MI WHICH IS ON LAKE HURON. WE TURNED OFF THE A/C , ROLLED DOWN THE WINDOWS AND GOT SOME LAKE HURON FRESH AIR. LUNCH WAS PROVIDED BY THE ALPENA YACHT CLUB. —AFTER LUNCH WE REJOINED I-75 NORTHBOUND TO CROSS OVER THE MAJESTIC MACKINAW BRIDGE WHICH JOINS THE MICHIGAN LOWER AND UPPER PENINSULAS. OUR OVERNITE WAS THE SOARING EAGLE RESORT IN SAULT SAINT MARIE KNOWN AS THE SOO. AS WE APPROACHED THE BRIDGE , TRAFFIC WAS BACKLED UP APPROXIMATELY 50 MINUTES. REMEMBER THIS IS THE FOURTH OF JULY WEEKEND. AS WE EXPECTED, THE LAST LEG WAS ABORTED SO WE CRUISED INTO THE SOO IN A

FAST, EASY FASHION. AFTER THE DOWNTOWN CAR SHOW WE DROVE TO OUR HOTEL. CANADA IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SOO BOAT LOCKS. A FIREWORKS DISPLAY FROM ACROSS THE LOCKS WAS VISIBLE AFTER DARK.

DAY 9-SUNDAY JULY 2-WE DROVE THE MACKINAW BRIDGE AGAIN TO FINISH THE RACE EARLY AFTERNOON IN TRAVERSE CITY, MI. THIS CROSSING WENT WITHOUT ANY DELAYS. TRAVERSE CITY IS THE HOMETOWN OF HAGERTY- ONE OF THE GREAT RACE MAJOR SPONSERS. ALSO MY WOODIE WAS RESTORED THERE AT NICKELS AUTOMOTIVE WOODWORKING. OUR ARRIVAL FOR THE FINISH OF THE GREAT RACE COINCIDED WITH THE NATIONAL CHERRY FESTIVAL. THERE WERE LOTS OF PEOPLE TO GREET US. OUR OTHER CREW MEMBER, SUZANNE, TWO FRIENDS FROM THE JACKSONVILLE MG CLUB, GEOFFREY AND PAULA ASHCROFT, RICK'S WIFE AND DAUGHTER, CHRIS MORLEY AND MIKE AND BUD FROM THE WOODIE SHOP WERE THERE AND GAVE US A ROYAL WELCOME. THE THUNDERBIRDS GAVE AN IMPRESSIVE AIR SHOW. HAGERTY PROVIDED LUNCH AND THEY PUT THEIR BEST FOOT FORWARD FOR THE AWARDS BANQUET AND AWARD CEREMONY. OUR FINISH WAS IN THE UPPER 2/3 BRACKET SO WE WERE NOT IN THE MONEY. ALL COMPETITORS RECEIVED AN OLYMPIC STYLE MEDAL WHICH WAS ENSCRIBED "TO FINISH -IS TO WIN".

DAY 10-MONDAY JULY 3-COFFEE AND GOOD BYES AT THE RESORT. THE HAGERTY AUTOMOBILE COLLECTION WAS OPEN TO ALL THE RACE TEAMS. I TURNED THE WOODIE OVER TO RELIABLE CARRIERS, ANOTHER MAJOR SPONSOR, FOR DELIVERY TO MY HOUSE IN ST AUGUSTINE. I JUST WASN'T READY FOR ANOTHER 2300 MILE TRIP. OFF TO HIGGINS LAKE FOR RELAXING AND UNWINDING. HIGGINS IS A BEAUTIFUL SPRING FED LAKE LOCATED 1 HOUR EAST OF TRAVERSE CITY. RICK AND HIS FAMILY LEFT FOR HIGGINS ON SUNDAY. SUZANNE DROVE US TO THE LAKE AFTER I COMPLETED MY BUSINESS WITH RELIABLE CARRIERS.

## THE RACE

THE GREAT RACE WAS A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE AND A "MUST DO" FOR ANY CAR PERSON. WE DEVELOPED MANY FRIENDS, FROM HERE AND ABROAD. CORKY COKER AND HIS TEAM SPEND A LOT OF TIME AND WORK TO MAKE THINGS RUN SMOOTHLY. IT TAKES HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE AND THOUSANDS

OF HOURS TO GUARANTEE THAT KIND OF SUCCESS. I IMAGINE THAT THE 2018 GREAT RACE PLANS ARE ALMOST COMPLETE AND THAT 2019 PLANS ARE IN THE WORKS. SIGN UP NOW FOR 2019.

## October Greetings



Hi ACAC club members, I was supposed to be in Hershey at the AACA show, but because of "Irma" and other commitments, I decided not to go. I know a lot of our members suffered serious damage from the recent hurricane, but I hope everyone is safe.

We now need to focus on our upcoming show on November 18th at the Deaf and Blind School.

A special thanks to Karen who attended the Board meeting and brought us up to date on the

activities needed to get ready for the show.

Rita and I were busy with visitors the past couple of weeks. First our Sister-in-law, Mary who accompanied us to the car show at Nocatee last Sunday where Rita and Mary past out over 50 flyers of our car show. We then had my Daughter and her husband with my Great Grandson Micah (left) visit us this past weekend. He is a very smart 3 year old, and likes Great Grandpa's Old cars! Never too Young, or too Old to enjoy our interest in Antique cars!



Next Meeting  
October 5  
Caddy Shack  
6 to eat; 7 to meet

Ancient City Auto Club  
Board Meeting  
Dewey Porter's house  
September 21, 2017

Board members present: Jim Arpaia;  
Dick Sherrod; Donna Sherrod; Bob  
Quackenbush; Jinny Quackenbush;  
Dewey Porter and David Cameron  
Others present: Joe Greeves, Marion  
Hunsworth, Karen Erwin, Doug Nietzel

Meeting called to order by President  
Arpaia at 7:15PM.

#### Secretary

A motion was made, seconded and  
passed to accept the minutes from the  
August meeting. David Cameron,  
Secretary, announced that he does not  
want to continue as Secretary in 2018.

#### Treasurer

Donna gave the report and passed out  
a copy to all board members. A motion  
was made, seconded and passed to  
accept the report.

#### Activities

All activities for September and October  
are in the Olde News. ay  
1st Sat in Oct. Crusing to the Creek  
Sept 24 Nocatee car show that was  
postponed due to Hurricane Irma  
Sept. 28 Dine Out, Antonio's on US 1

#### Membership

Three new members recently joined the  
club, Walter & Ella Wesley and Thomas  
Walsh.

#### Newsletter

Thanks to Jinny for once again doing a  
great job putting the newsletter  
together.

#### Car Show

Dewey explained how the participant  
voting will be done and showed the  
cards that will be used. He also passed  
out the form which will be used to judge  
regular class cars. Doug suggested  
that the form be included in the October  
Olde News.

Karen updated all on the progress to  
date on the show. To date 9 have pre-  
registered in regular class and 6 in  
participant voting class.

A sheet with a description of directions  
by month starting in January was  
passed out by Karen. Attendees were  
then briefed on what has been done to  
date and what will need to be done in  
the few months leading up to the  
November 18th show.

A sheet listing the Show Committee  
Chair Positions with a description of  
tasks to be performed was passed out  
by Karen. The positions are: Show  
Chair, vacant; Goody Bags, Marion  
Hunsworth; Program, Dewey Porter;  
Trophies, Joe Greeves; Publicity, Joe  
Greeves; Participant email list, Gidget;  
Judging, Jim Weiss, Door Prizes, Jinny  
Quackenbush, Signs, David Cameron;  
Announcer, Bob & Jinny Quackenbush,  
Field Layout, Bill Woman, Danny  
Stevens, Mark Young; Treasurer, Donna  
Sherrod

A brief discussion took place regarding  
ads for the program. Doug indicated  
some of the prospective advertisers  
would like to know how many people  
might read an ad placed in the program.  
We plan on printing 500 brochures.  
Each car show participant will receive a  
program in their packet. Programs will  
be made available to show spectators  
by placing them on a table.

## Eating With No Meeting September 28 at Antonio's

A brief discussion ensued regarding if we are going to have a scout present the flag during the playing of the National Anthem. Since no one knew any scouts personally the decision was made to simply have all stand facing the giant flag which will be displayed.

Joe Greeves mentioned that next month members will need to pay their \$60 dues. The Application for AACA Membership will need to be filled out so Donna can forward them to national. The form is in the Antique Automobile magazine on page 99 of the July/August 2017 issue. Joe will compose a letter to go to members regarding renewal dues. Dewey will email it to the all members.

Bob Quackenbush offered his opinion that the participant fee remain the same in future years. No decision was made in this regard. Bob also suggested that we have a speciality car displayed. He also suggested that we once again have the quiz event for kids with a special treat given, such as candy bars, for correctly answering car trivia items.

Respectfully submitted  
David Cameron, Secretary

### Post Script

After the meeting was adjourned Dewey announced he made a key lime and dutch apple pie for all to enjoy. We all then retired to the kitchen to imbibe. It was suggested that the pies may have come from Publix. However examination of the trash receptacle showed no evidence of any Publix pie boxes. At any rate they were delicious. Thanks Dewey for being such a gracious host!



Haloed at Cheezee's. Max and Jan Miller were the last to arrive, so they didn't fit inside Antonio's, and they dined at Cheezee's instead.



The rest of us, including Walter and Ella Wesley, the Sherrods (and guest) Dewey Porter, and Q's squeezed in for good pizza, lasagna, and salads. The proprietor had positioned a picnic table outside to accommodate the larger than normal crowd, but it was too hot for use for us. We then went to Cold Cow.



Deenya and Bill Soman fit right in.



Paul and Chris McCarthy enjoyed the pizza!



Looks like salad and a sub for the Arpaia's



Nice line up of olde cars. Arpaia, Porter, Quackenbush, McCarthy in a row. Other patrons enjoyed the mini car show. (See Page 20 also)



'48 Buick and '31 Ford in the sunset.



The golden glow of evening touches McCarthy's '57 Chevy.



Sun burnished '57 Chevy-Max and Jan's treasure.

These evenings out with friends from Ancient City Auto Club are so pleasant. You need to know, though, that six o'clock really means 5:30; we take eating seriously.



Bill and Dee Soman's 'Vette shines with a special patina as the sun goes down.

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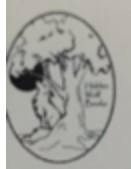
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September Cruise-In Behind Longhorn's Steakhouse 9-16



McCarthy's chit-chat with Dewey Porter at the Cruise In



Quackenbush's '31 Model A



Porter's (new) '57 Ford



Smilin' Soman w/Corvette



I have no idea what this is about!



Cameron's Classic Corvette  
These are just a few of the beautiful cars that can be seen each third Saturday night of the month in the parking lot near Hobby Lobby.





Ferguson's shiny Chevy.



There is music, there are door prizes, and there are nice people to share the cooler evening breezes. Make plans to attend the next one on October 21, 2017.



My choice for "Best of Show" - Ed.

## Blue Tickets!

ACAC SEPT 28 2017 DINE OUT AT ANTONIO'S

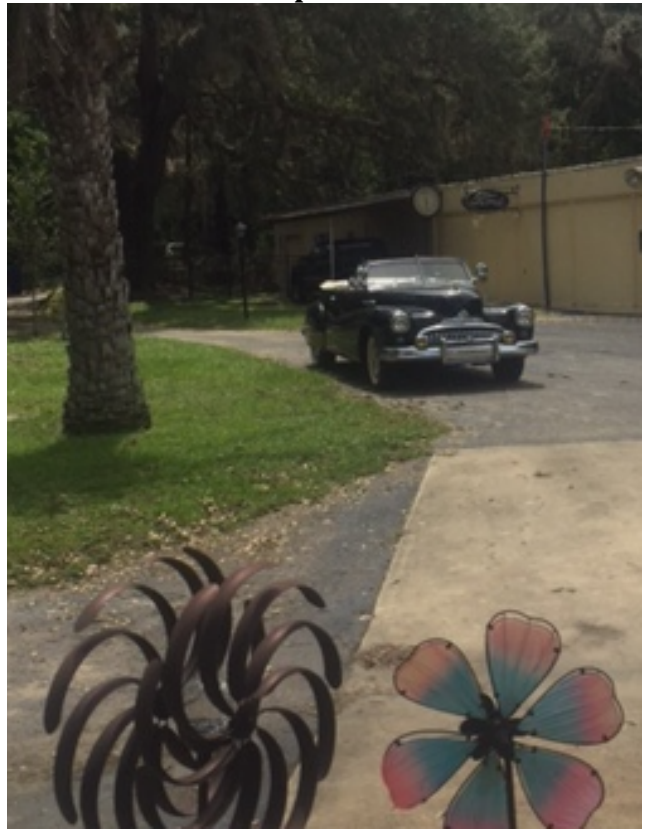
Going the Italian route were 17 of us at Antonio's restaurant next door to Cold Cow so you know where we had dessert. We crowded in to a small number of indoor tables which made for an at home feel. Food was very good with most ordering pizza.

There were six collector cars driven there as the skies were clear with no rain in sight. Driving top down convertibles were Jinny and Bob Quackenbush in their 48 Buick Super and Deenya and Bill Soman in their 54 Corvette. Others were Rita & Jim Arpaia 56 Lincoln 2 dr HT, Paul & Chris McCarthy in 57 Chev Belair station wagon and Jan & Max Miller also in a 57 Chev Belair station wagon. Bringing his Model A Ford 4 door which was built the same year he was , 1930, was Dewey Porter. Driving modern were Ella & Walter Wesley, Donna & Dick Sherrod with their friend Alex. Doug Nietzel joined us for ice cream coming from an earlier meeting. – Dewey Porter

This month the Blue Tickets were scarce due to IRMA—People did not attend the regular meeting which was cancelled; the Olde Guys With Olde Cars really did not happen almost twice. So then you must realize there were fewer opportunities to get your blue ticket for the Christmas Party drawing (\$100 to the winner) December 7. Remember, your dues cover a portion of your bill for the Christmas Party. You must have them paid before the end of November, so get it done!



**Photo from trip on Sternwheeler**



**First outing after IRMA**

Quackenbush waterfront during IRMA. See page 21 for other storm photos.



## Irma Came to Visit the Sherrods!



These scenes are what greeted Dick Sherrod, past president, when he arrived home right after the hurricane Irma had visited his home September 11, 2017—We have since had another Nor' Easter drop a load of water on us. Getting ready to build an ark! Thankful we are that no one was hurt. Praying for Las Vegas people hurt this week. Jinny. Ed.





## ACTIVITIES

Oct 4-7 2017 AACA Eastern Fall Meet Hershey Region , Hershey, PA.

Oct 5 ACAC Monthly Meeting Caddy Shack 6 PM

Oct 7 2017 FCCC Cruisin To The Creek at Trout Creek SR 13 9 AM to 2 PM. Rain or Shine fund raiser for Ronald McDonald House. \$25 pre-reg, after Sept 30 \$30. There will be an award for best represented car club (minimum 10 cars) It is very easy to register and pay on the FCCC website or Download a flyer and entry form at [firstcoastcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:firstcoastcouncil@gmail.com)

Oct 7 Eustis, FL Cruisin Couples 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show in Ferran park, Judged show with 30 classes, 70 trophies. Park space limited to 300 cars so suggest pre registering \$15, day of show \$20, info call Kent 352-255-2232 or email [21century@comcast.net](mailto:21century@comcast.net)

Oct 8 Flagler Beach, FL. 16<sup>th</sup> Annual "Corvettes at The Beach". A judged show, door prizes, 50/50 food music Pre register to be judged \$35. Day of show display only \$35. See flier [www.flaglercountycorvetteclub.com](http://www.flaglercountycorvetteclub.com) or email Greg [information@flaglercountycorvetteclub.com](mailto:information@flaglercountycorvetteclub.com) Rain or Shine

Oct 8 St. Ambrose Church Fall Festival, 6070 Church Road, Elkton FL. 12 Noon to 4 PM Minorcan clam chowder in a range of mild to super hot. Other Food, Music by Red River Band, Bake sale, Hay rides. Bring chairs and collector cars are displayed close to the Church

Oct 13 Old Guys Breakfast Steak & Shake 9 AM Lots of car news backed up due to Irma causing cancellation Of Sept Old Guys. Bring your hurricane stories to tell.

Oct 14 Auto addict cars & coffee Avenues Shopping Center Jacksonville 8 AM to 11AM. Held second Saturday of each month. Big turnout get there early.

Oct 21 Saint Augustine Cruiser's Monthly cruise night 5-8 PM Hobby Lobby Shopping Center behind Longhorn Restaurant. Door prizes, DJ, 50/50

Oct 21 British Car Classic car show at Riverton Community Center, 90 Lanier St. St. Johns, FL 32259 ( ½ mile So. of Bartram Trail High), Open to all British cars info [www.mgclassics.org](http://www.mgclassics.org)

Oct 21 Amelia Cruisers Fernandina Beach 21<sup>st</sup> annual car show on historic Centre Street 8AM-4 PM [www.ameliacruisers.org](http://www.ameliacruisers.org)

Oct 22 Our Lady of Good Counsel St. Augustine car show 9AM-3PM 5950 SR 16 WGV Register on line [www.olgc.org/carshow](http://www.olgc.org/carshow) look for blue "register and pay" button. Classes for cars, trucks, bikes.

Oct 26-29 Zephyrhills Auto Events, Zephyrhills, FL [www.zephyrhillsautoevents.com](http://www.zephyrhillsautoevents.com)

Oct 27Cruisin at O'Loughlin's Pub in Crescent Beach 6975 A1A So. 5 PM on, free soft drinks, Music, People's Choice award.

Oct 27-29 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Daytona Beach Dream Cruise info [www.daytonabeachdreamcruise.com](http://www.daytonabeachdreamcruise.com)

Oct 28 Azalea Cruisers Car & Truck Show at waterfront park 100 St. Johns Ave pre reg \$20 day of show \$25 Registration 8-11 AM [www.premiumcarshows.com](http://www.premiumcarshows.com)

Nov 2 ACAC Monthly meeting will be a covered dish dinner hosted by the Quackenbush's 100 W. Genung St. 6 PM dinner, 7 PM Meeting. Drive your collector car/truck plenty of parking. Advise Jinny [magaquack@aol.com](mailto:magaquack@aol.com) or me [ddpnamp@aol.com](mailto:ddpnamp@aol.com) if you will attend.

Nov 4 Old Karts & Arts downtown street festival in downtown Green Cove Springs. 10 AM sponsored by Council On Aging Clay County. \$25 preregistered. To register on line <https://claycoa.wufoo.com/.../4th-annual-old-karts-and-arts-.../>

Nov 4 Holly Hill, FL City Hall 1065 S. Ridgewood Ave Car Show 10AM- 3 PM Food, Music Open to all years and models 5 awards. The flyer does not indicate a registration fee. It may be a fundraiser for school supplies and be a donation.

Nov 10 Old Guys Breakfast Steak & Shake 9 AM Drive that collector car and get a Blue Ticket for a chance on \$100 drawing at Christmas party next month

Nov 18, 2017 ACAC 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Car Show at the FSD&B School SAVE THIS DATE, all members needed to assist in making it a success. Details will be forthcoming as the date gets nearer.

Nov 23 -Nov 26 Annual Daytona Turkey Run Car Display, Car Corral, Vendors.

Dec 7 2017 ACAC Christmas Party at Amici's Restaurant SR 312 & A1A. Save the date. Details will follow as the date gets closer.

Jan 13, 2018 24<sup>th</sup> & Final Ford & Mustang Roundup by NPD @ Silver Springs State Park 5656 E. Silver Springs Blvd. Silver Springs, FL. 34488. ALL *Preregistered* vehicles 2004 & earlier FREE 2005 and newer and non preregistered day of show pay \$10. Check in registration 7-10 AM sharp. NO LATE ARRIVALS. Info: [dputnam@NPDlink.com](mailto:dputnam@NPDlink.com) On line registration visit [www.npdlink.com/store/pages/ss\\_ford.html](http://www.npdlink.com/store/pages/ss_ford.html) and select "online registration". Note this is a Ford only show. Suggest you phone Derek Putnam 352-861-8701 ext. 4227 if you have a Lincoln or Mercury to see if they are accepted.

Feb 2-3 2018 Moultrie, GA. Huge car corral & flea market vendors

May 5 2018 Saint Augustine Cruisers 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show (details later)

**Dues are now due. \$60**—The AACA has raised their dues to \$40 so that plus \$20 for ACAC makes \$60. Please submit the form that comes with your monthly magazine with your check made out to ACAC and give it to Donna ASAP so that the accounting time will be minimized. If you are a life member of AACA, your check will need to be for \$20 to ACAC. If you can, bring it to the October meeting at Caddy Shack; otherwise mail it to Donna Sherrod at 8249 Colee Cove Branch Rd., St. Augustine, FL 32092 904-940-1005. Thanks to Joe Greeves for being an excellent membership chairman.