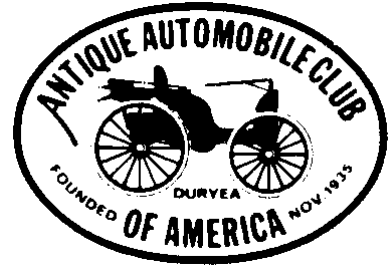




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Annual Car Show Planning

This is the final newsletter prior to our annual car show, November 5. Hopefully, all the details have been attended to and those few remaining items and assignments will be discussed at the Village Inn meeting on Thursday, November 3. If you have a role in the event, please try to attend.

Will there be cars in Heaven?

By Jinny Quackenbush

I guess the next best thing for Bob Quackenbush's cars is to go to Montana where son Jeff has made room in a dry, secure garage at his ranch for 8 of Bob's cars, including the 1926 Chrysler that has been in the family since 1950. Bob gave his



neighbor \$25 for this car at that time though she had wanted to give the car to him. In the earliest days of our marriage, he and his father devoted most weekends to the restoration of this car and when competing in shows at that time, won prizes. The oldest is the 1914 Oldsmobile that he purchased from Donna Catrambone several years ago. He had fun getting this car to go around the driveway on its own power; it made a wonderful sound. The 1929 Pierce Arrow is up there also; we took that one to the Lake Mirror Classic one October; Jeffrey had found that car at auction in Orlando; the interior was done here in St. Augustine by Reginald over on Whitney Street. The '51 Ford was one of Bob's favorites, shown here with John Bagg admiring the motor, hankering to make it work again. The '48 Lincoln was always one of my favorite cars. I could never figure out why we did not restore that car. It is supposedly the most beautiful car



ever designed by Bob Gregorie . We actually drove it around when it first was here, and we purchased a new convertible roof, but then it stood in the back corner for so many years.



The '40 Buick station wagon "Mercy" that we purchased from Bob O'Brien is being worked on at another location, so when we visited the ranch, it was absent. Another favorite was up on a lift--the '48 Buick which is featured in this year's club calendar. And the Franklin, shown with Jeff standing in front, was once riding through the area around Brookville on a Horseless Carriage tour. So, to answer the question, "Will there be cars in Heaven?" I don't rightly know, but I do know it was heavenly when Jeff opened the garage door and we could see these cars that Bob had cherished while here on earth, dry, clean, and admired by any lucky enough to see them.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Club Activities Update.

By now, everyone should be back to normal after the hurricane and ready for several rounds of automotive fun. Here is the latest club info:

BROCHURE: Thanks to many hard-working club members, the Car Show Brochure was a success, earning money for the club and ensuring that the costs of the brochure itself as well as the car show trophies are covered. The big box of completed brochures, was delivered to my door today and I can assure you, both you and the sponsors you contacted will like the finished product.

CAR SHOW: The planning for our annual car show on November 5 has been ongoing and almost all the details have been addressed. At our final meeting on November 3 at the Village Inn, we will cover any remaining details. Hopefully, our new Facebook presence (thanks Tara!) will spread the word. Now we just have to hope that Mother Nature will comply.

CAR CALENDAR: I have seen the proofs of the car calendar and I feel certain that the 26 owners photographed in the pair of 2023 calendars will be very happy with the results. I have already ordered a poster of my car and secretary Bob Kessler has as well. Hopefully, we will have them to display either at the November Village Inn meeting or the car show. Anyone wanting enlargements will deal directly with Ron at PIP printing and we will have his phone number and a price list for you.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Our next big event will be the Christmas party, held at the Museum on December 10. We have already put a deposit down for the Preferred Catering Package from Sporks that includes three hors d'oeuvres, three entrées, and three sides. The board members will meet with the Sporks staff to decide on final menu choices but if it's anything like last year, everyone will be very pleased with the results.

More details as we get closer.

Joe Greeves, President ACAC

First Responders Car Show and Rita Arpaia Memorial

TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE. Saturday, October 8 was a busy day for the car community, beginning with the First Responders Appreciation Day at the Classic Car Museum. Designed as a fund raiser for Michael Riley, a disabled St. Augustine firefighter, the family-friendly show attracted 110 vehicles from throughout the Sunshine State, complete with food trucks, touch-the-truck, first responder displays, raffles, vendors, and more. The event raised more than \$20,000 for Michael and his family.





Glenn Bakst – '65 Skylark



Jim Weiss – '29 Willys Knight



Ron Carmichael – '63 Galaxie



Jim Athas – '30 Model A



Ken Bryan – '65 Buick



Immediately following the car show, there was a memorial gathering for Rita Arpaia, wife of former ACAC President Jim Arpaia. Jim, along with his son and daughter, traveled from their home in South Carolina, entering a car in the First Responders show and then, happily greeting old friends from times past at the celebration for Rita. Individuals shared delightful memories of Rita and Jim even described his fascination with her from the very first moment he saw her. Two former presidents got a chance to shake hands, with Jim meeting Dewey Porter for the first time in years. Special thanks to Brenda and Sidney Hobbs for their thoughtfulness and unending generosity.







Minutes of the Ancient City Auto Club Monthly Meeting

Minutes of the member meeting are distributed separately.

The October 6 monthly club meeting at the Village Inn was a genuine working event, confirming the new slate of officers, wrapping up the details on the car show brochure, and going through the list of steps to prepare for our upcoming show on November 5. Lots of details were discussed and the event is proceeding smoothly. All work and no fun is no fun so the trivia contest cranked in some fun. Our expert automotive historian Pat Norbut had the highest score and received a bonus



package of 50-50 tickets. She didn't need them however, winning the pot on the tickets she purchased! Way to go, Pat. Our next club meeting is Thursday, November 3, the perfect time to wrap up all the car show details prior to the event. Add it to your calendar now.



Old Guy's Breakfast



The Old Guys Breakfast at the World-Famous Oasis saw a dozen club members enjoying good food and car talk at this monthly event. Driving your specialty car to this or any other automotive event qualifies you for a blue ticket, good for \$100 if you're the lucky winner drawn at the Christmas party. The free breakfast was won by Dick Hewett.





Dave Burrows – '69 MG C



Bob Hubbard – '60 Chevy Impala



John Battistini – '70 Corvette



Jim Weiss – '29 Willys Knight



John Bacon – '51 MG TD



John Kaiser - '67 Ranchero



Joe Greeves – '04 Lexus

Cars and Coffee at the Car Museum

This month's Cars and Coffee saw an amazing collection of exotic cars in addition to the usual great turnout of local vehicles. Spectators could get up close to such legendary marques as Ferrari, Aston Martin, BMW, Maserati, Lamborghini, Corvette, and even a modern Mercedes Gull Wing. Of course, the museum grounds were also packed with restomods, restored originals, customs, street rods, and more. We were also very happy to see our old friend Dewey Porter, the ultimate car guy, checking out the rides on his scooter and chatting with the crowd. Put the fourth Saturday of every month on your calendar for an opportunity to see some great examples of automotive art. And, oh yes, grab a doughnut and coffee while you're there and say hi to all your friends!





Ken Bryan - Porsche



Ron Leone – BMW



Joe Greeves – '04 Lexus



Bob Kessler – '91 Allante



Glenn Bakst – Buick



Remember the drive in trays?



Joe Lando - Corvette



Ferrari



John Bagg – '68 Mustang



Cliff Williams – '67 Camaro



Bill Soman – Corvette



Some Exotics



Paul McCarthy – '67 Chevy



Doug Hunsworth - Mustang



Jim Weiss - Rolls Royce



Modern Mercedes Gull Wing

The list of Up Coming Events is distributed separately every Monday.

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