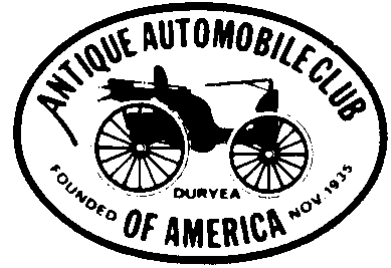




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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October has been a very busy month for me, shooting 24 cars for our two Car Calendars and coordinating with our members, sponsors, and the printer for our Car Show Brochure. I'm happy to say that all the calendar images are at PIP Printing and we will have proofs for you to review at our November meeting. The same is true for the brochure with the dozens of sponsorship logos carefully proofed. It's also in the hands of the printer. Jacob Fields says to expect the finished brochures on my doorstep Friday, November 3.

I have provided the ballots, schedules, and one hundred Free Pie Coupons from Village Inn, as well as a box of giveaway automotive items from O'Reillys to the Carmichaels. Once the brochures arrive, they can complete stuffing the Goodie Bags. I am waiting to hear from the T-shirt Lady and hopefully, our additional Staff T-shirts will arrive in time for our November 2 General Membership meeting. Signage for the car show has also been picked up.

Last week, several of us met with the FSDB Staff and worked out the details for

tents, electricity, parking, trash, vendors, food trucks, traffic control, and more. The school is excited to have us back. November 10, the day before the car show is an all hands working party to erect the tents, mark the field, and review the procedures for the November 11 show. If you are able, we could use your help. Initial response to the show has been amazing with the number of preregistered already three times what we had last year (57 Vs 19)! Special thanks to our publicity team.

As long as Mother Nature cooperates, we should have an amazing show.

Joe Greeves, President

Calendar Cars

We realize everyone does not have a car calendar and that very few have both calendars. Since there are two car calendars and two cars featured each month, we are highlighting the upcoming cars that you will see as you flip the calendar each month. In this issue we see the November cars, the '04 Lexus SC 430 owned by Ann and Joe Greeves, and the '39 Ford Tudor Deluxe owned by Doug and Marion Hunsworth.



BIOGRAPHIES, THE FIFTH IN A SERIES, Ron Leone

Everyone in the club knows Ron Leone but there are probably few who know the level of accomplishments that Ron has achieved in his lifetime. Born in Astoria New York in 1950, Ron, his brother, sister, and parents moved to Long Island to be closer to his father's office in Grumman aircraft.



Talented on multiple levels, Ron recalls that he was not only an accomplished bowler in high school, but he had the highest New York state average at 185. He recalls one tournament where he bowled a 277 with crowds cheering at the overhead score board as he racked up his personal best. Sports and academia continued with Ron becoming an accomplished gymnast in college while he was getting his Masters Degree in architecture from the New York Institute of Technology in 1972. His talents led to a job designing elements for the World Trade Center, then later multiple buildings throughout New York State and finally, on his own with his company - Ancient City Architecture Inc. -serving celebrities like Lauren Bacall and the New York Jets, finally moving here to a Frank Lloyd Wright style prairie home.with an antique billiard and casino room and a 2 sided fireplace with a waterfall.

Ron has always been into cars and was an active member of the Long Island Motor Touring Club for 24 years. When he moved to St. Augustine in 1995, it didn't take him long to find our club, introduced by his good friend Bill Soman. Although he keeps most out of sight, Ron's collection currently numbers about 46 niche vehicles that embody historical significance and rarity rather than high performance. The collection began with a stunning 1917 Ford Couplet, only one of seven in the world. His 1929 Model A Shay Roadster is called a 6-Wheel due to its side mounts. He has a pair of BMW



Isettas, a Heinkel Trojan Kabine 200 from Argentina, two Micro trucks, country singer Alan Jackson's electric Roadster, a '56 T-Bird, a '52 MGTD, a '54 MGTF and a '59 MGA. Two modern BMW roadsters share space with a PT Cruiser and a Winnebago motor home and an original N.Y Sabre hot dog cart



that he bought for his dad as a Fathers' Day gift. Adding to the list are nine antique bicycles, eight motorcycles/ scooters, six antique boats/kayaks, and a BD-5B airplane like the one used in the James Bond movie- Octopussy. It's a diverse collection to say the least.

As one of our members with the most seniority- 27 years, Ron has served the Ancient City Auto Club as president, vice president, and secretary, as well as the man in charge of activities, primarily our monthly Dine outs and any event where he can display his exceptional culinary skills.

Community oriented, Ron delivers Meals on Wheels each week and had been President of a scholarship fund for 53 years in honor of his late brother Frank. Thank you Ron for your untiring efforts and dedication to our club.

Ancient City Auto Club Monthly Meeting

Official minutes of the member meeting are distributed separately.

All the usual suspects were on hand at the October 5th General Membership meeting at the Village Inn. The initial portion of the business meeting centered around the successful completion of the Club Fund Raiser and it's positive effect on the club treasury. Thanks to everyone who participated for their hard work. The rest of the meeting was devoted to discussing the details of our upcoming car show. Most of the critical billets have been manned and we will complete the listing at the November membership meeting.



As always, the trivia competition was great fun with our treasurer Fred Cooper answering all of 'Trivia Meister' John Bagg's questions correctly. Unfortunately, Fred's extra 50-50 tickets didn't help but the winnings did stay within the board. Our VP Jeff Dougherty took home the 50-50 cash! Our next membership meeting will be November 2.



Old Guy's Breakfast



Trying out a new location this month, the Beachside Diner looks like it may be our new choice for the near future. With good food and great conversations, the monthly breakfast is always a great opportunity to learn more about club members who you already know! It doesn't take long to realize that there is a wealth of talent in our group and some fascinating stories emerge over ham and eggs. Come join the group and drive your collector car.

You might get lucky like our newsletter editor, John Bagg and win a free breakfast! Our next date is Friday, November 10 at 9 AM.





Dick Hewitt, '07 Mustang



John Bagg – '68 Mustang



Paul McCarthy – '57 Chevy Wagon



Ken Bryant - Miata



Bill McCaw '27 Bugatti replica



Joe Greeves – '04 Lexus SC 430

Monthly Dine Out

Jimmy Hula's The October Dine Out was unique. Seated outside on the back patio with a warm Florida breeze blowing, we all enjoyed views of the river and everyone commented on the good food. With the exception of one good-looking blonde however, it was a boy's night out. Four lady members were called away at the last minute, but the guys carried on. It became an iPhone display with everyone sharing favorite photos of cars and automotive-related events. Of course, the obvious benefit is you learn so much more about people you already know when you're sitting across from them at the table. There won't be a Dine Out in November since it conflicts with Thanksgiving weekend. Check the Activities List for details about upcoming events.



Cars and Coffee at the Car Museum

There is one thing you need to know about this wonderful monthly get-together. Although it starts at 8 AM, if you'd like a parking space in the front of



the museum, you better plan to be there early. (We're not certain, but there may be a few drivers who spend the night to get that perfect parking spot!) This mini car show attracts the perfect

combination of local cars whose owners you already know along with some genuine exotics driven by people you are happy to meet. Sharing a cup of coffee and one of those amazing parlor doughnuts with friends has become a tradition for the automotive community here in town.

Every month, owner Sidney Hobbs adds to the fun, presenting the Dewey Porter Memorial award, chosen by Nancy Porter, Dewey's daughter. Jack McDonald was this month's winner. Posed in front of the hand-made wooden plaque crafted by our own talented Ron Leone along with a painting of



Dewey done by his wife Annette, Jack took home the trophy thanks to his beautiful

1940 Chevrolet Custom Deluxe. The award



has become a wonderful monthly tradition honoring our dear friend.

Put the November 25 Cars and Coffee on your schedule during the Thanksgiving weekend. There will not be an event in December.



Reggie Williams - Corvette



Jim Weiss – Rolls Royce



Joe Greeves – '04 Lexus



Cliff Williams – '67 Camaro



John Bagg – '68 Mustang



Ron Leone - BMW



Ted Michael – Model A



James Wrubleski – '04 Thunderbird



John Battistini '70 Stingray



The new McLaren

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

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