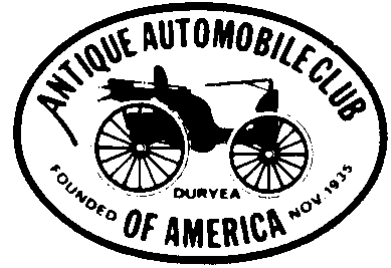




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April 2024

April has been an interesting month beginning with our informative Great Race guests at our monthly meeting sharing their experiences. We also had several options to choose from when it came to automotive events beginning with the Barberville Spring Frolic, the Cruisers Annual car show at the museum, the colorful SSR Club display, and the Riding Into History bike show.

April was also a personally rewarding month for me thanks to the editors of Street Trucks magazine putting my name on the cover of the May 24 issue. The six page article showcased my 50 years as an automotive photojournalist. What an honor!

On a less than happy note, unfortunately the boat ride scheduled for the end of May has been canceled. Ann and I did a test run on the Lady Dolphin in Daytona and we felt the lengthy delays in boarding, the difficulty in movement inside the vessel for anyone with reduced mobility, and the lack of any entertainment during the (rather boring) 90 minute trip on the river made us rethink the idea. We will come up with an alternate plan.

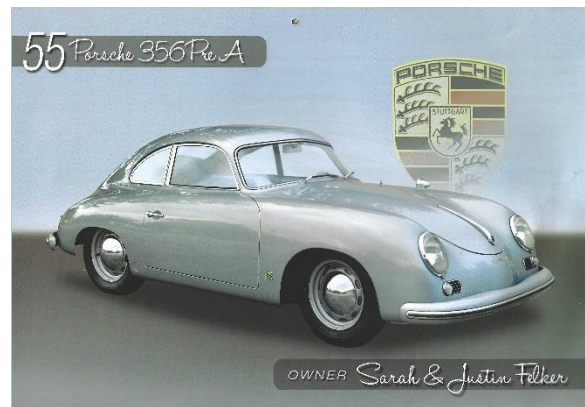
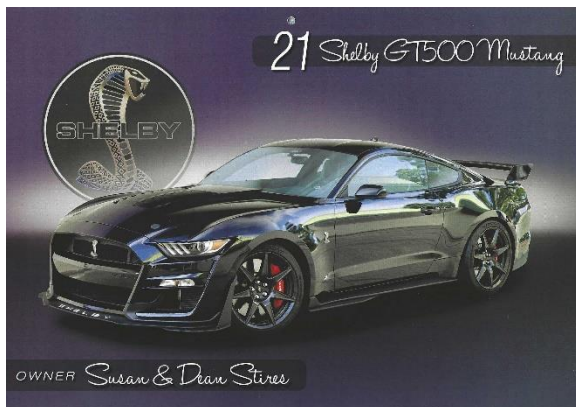
On the bright side, we have several new club members that we hope to get better acquainted with at this month's May general membership meeting.

Hope to see you there.

Joe Greeves, President

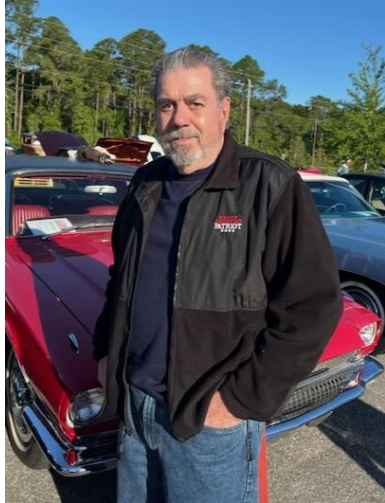
Calendar Cars

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 Cars for May, beginning with the 2021 Shelby GT 500 owned by Susan and Dean Stires, and the 1955 Porsche 356 owned by Sarah and Justin Felker.



St Augustine Cruiser's Car Show

The Cruiser's 23rd annual show at the museum was a big success. Great weather, a huge collection of cars, and the museum even ran out of parking space! Cars were lined up along Rt 1!



Our own Reid Hotaling captured the Best of Show trophy with his Great 8-winning, 1940 Ford. Reid is one of our newest



members and he clearly knows how to make an entrance! Congratulations! We look forward to getting a closer look at his amazing car at one of our next gatherings.



Ron Carmichael – '63 Galaxie



Paul McCarthy – '57 Chevy Wagon



Skip Ferguson – '55 Nomad



Skip Ferguson – '69 Pontiac GTO



Bill McCaw - Bugatti replica



Jim Weiss – Rolls Royce



Dean Stires - 2021 Shelby GT 500



Jim Athas –
'30 Model A

Ancient City Auto Club Monthly Meeting April

Official minutes of the member meeting are distributed separately.

The club's general membership meetings are always fun, especially when you get a chance to spend time with friends during dinner before the actual meeting starts.

This month we had a special treat thanks to guests Diane and Steve Pusey who shared with us their activities in this year's Great Race. After lots of local driving practice, Diana got behind the wheel while Steve handled navigation. Their '68



Mustang was outfitted with a special clock and high-tech speedometer that allowed them to arrive at numerous checkpoints often within seconds of the allotted time. Even with that unbelievable level of accuracy, they placed near the top but not in the money. It highlights the level of competence necessary to win a grueling nine-state event like this. If this is an item on your bucket list, you might want to contact the Puseys for some expert advice.



Our meeting concluded with John Bagg testing the group's automotive knowledge. President Joe Greeves and Bill McCaw tied for first place in the trivia competition scoring 9 out of 10. Bill will create trivia at our next month's meeting. Secretary Jinny Quackenbush was the lucky 50-50 winner.

Put May 2nd on your schedule for the next club general membership meeting.





Joe Greeves – '04 Lexus

Old Guy's Breakfast April



The day before our monthly breakfast gathering, the weather was genuinely terrible with a tornado touching down at the World Golf Village. Scary! Thankfully, Friday morning dawned sunny and bright, making it the perfect opportunity to get behind the wheels of our favorite cars. Paul McCarthy gets up early to reserve parking spaces for members in front of the Beachside Diner while Alan, the Beachside manager, always has prime tables set aside for us.

Conversations run the gamut, covering everything old and new where we all learn a little bit more about folks we already know. John

Kaiser was already having fun, but it got even better as this month's lucky winner of a free breakfast. There is an additional element to this event where we get to chat with interested spectators who enjoy seeing our cars parked out front. Join the group on May 10th for our next get together.



Dean Stires – '21 Shelby GT500



Joe Greeves – '04 Lexus



Jim Athas – '30 Model A



Bill McCaw - Bugatti replica



Chris Zima – '69 Mustang



John Kaiser – '67 Ranchero



Chris Koch – '57 Chevy 2 door
hardtop



Paul McCarthy – '57 Chevy



Bill Soman on an electric bicycle

Regional Chevy SSR Club

The Regional Chevy SSR Club gathering at the Museum was a sight to behold. Dozens of Chevrolet's convertible pickup trucks, resplendent in all the colors of the rainbow, were on display for an interested group of spectators. We have the number of the SSR Club President and hope to invite them to our event in November. It would make a wonderful addition to our show.



Riding into History Bike Show

The Riding into History Bike Show at the Classic Car Museum was a treat, whether you were a rider or not. Featuring the motorcycles of Japan and augmented by both American and European bikes, it was amazing to see the like-new condition of bikes that were 30 and 40 years old. The show was designed around a worthwhile cause, with all the proceeds to benefit K9s for Warriors.





Monthly Dine Out

This month's Dine Out at Chili's saw 18 members enjoying good food and great company at one of the town's best Mexican/American restaurants. Conversations ran the gamut from the (unfortunately) canceled May boat ride to other options that included visits to the local dinner theater and the newly remodeled Arnold's Lounge. We will discuss the options at our next general membership meeting, May 2nd.





Mary Lando with the Lando's new Corvette



Joe Greeves' Lexus

Cars and Coffee at the Car Museum

April

It was a soggy Saturday morning for this month's Cars and Coffee but iPhone radar said 'Do not despair!' By 9 PM, the brief showers were gone and there was a strong turnout of hardy enthusiasts, eager for doughnuts, coffee, and conversation at the Museum.



In what has become a monthly tradition, Museum owner Sidney Hobbs selects a vehicle that he believes our former President Dewey Porter would enjoy. This month, the



Porter Memorial trophy went to Lloyd Hoffman for his beautiful 1968 GTO. Lloyd says it was built to be driven and he and his wife Sharol certainly do.



Congratulations Lloyd!

In fact, it was a great day for the club, welcoming three new members with one more coming soon.

Our three new members (L to R)
Russell and Jimmy Pucci and Frank Barreca.





Joe Greeves' Lexus



Ron Leone's BMW convertible



New member Frank Barreca in front of his '60 T-Bird.



Jim Weiss's Classic Roadster



Peter Starr's '61 Catalina



New member Jimmy Pucci and his 2018 Corvette 7-speed



Skip Ferguson's big Explorer



New member Russell Pucci and his 2022 Mustang Mach-1

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

Our regular monthly events:

First Thursday; ACAC General Membership Meeting, Village Inn, 6 PM dinner, 7 PM meeting.

Second Friday; The Old Guys Breakfast at the Beachside Diner on A1A. It starts at 9 AM and goes until the stories run out. It's always fun! Paul reserves spots just for us up front and the cars always draw an admiring crowd.

Third Thursday; Monthly dineout; Check the weekly activities list for more information.

Fourth Saturday; Cars and Coffee at the museum. You know the drill! Cool cars, free food, great people!

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