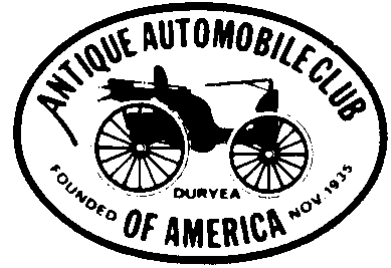




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PRESIDENTS CORNER

One of the highlights in August was the tour of the Classic Car Museum, especially since we got to see people we haven't seen in a long time. Everyone enjoyed the get together and it underscored the benefit of having a world-class museum, right here in our town. We owe a special thanks to Ron Leone and Sidney Hobbs for making it possible.

Here is what else is going on. Calendar shoots began last week with Jeff coordinating the effort. So far, one calendar is booked. I'm starting a second list. Let me know if there is enough demand for a second calendar.

I am scheduled to photograph the Sargeant Service Center team for their full-page ad in our brochure. (They are waiting on their 2024 Best Of Award and want it to be included in the shot.) Work on the brochure is progressing however the job is made easier when more members are involved. If you have someone you think would be interested in sponsoring our car show, let me know and I will get the paperwork to you. So far, we have only five members actively working sponsorship requests. I have spoken to Jacob Fields, our printer and the deadline

for submissions is November 1. Hopefully everything will be complete well before that date.

Next, our member, Justin Felker is a sponsor of the Ponte Vedra Show on November 10th. Fortunately, his show and ours will not conflict this year and we have asked him to become a special BOS judge and to display one or more vehicles from his collection at our event. He wants us to know that his Ponte Vedra show will have a special class for Military Vehicles. If that's something you're interested in, remember you must preregister for this show and the closing date is in October.

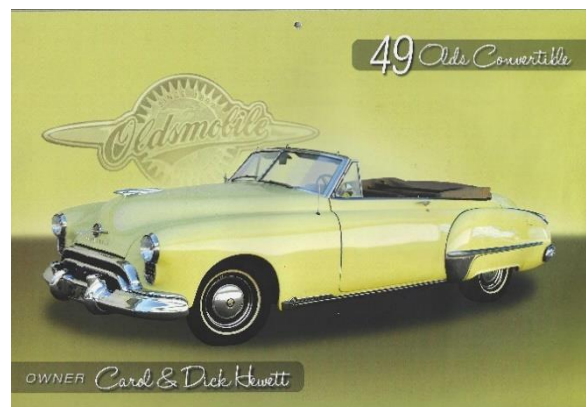
That's it for now

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.

For September you will see Ron Leone's '04 BMW 330 Convertible and the 1949 Oldsmobile Convertible owned by Carol and Dick Hewett.



Ancient City Auto Club Monthly Meeting

We were back at our traditional location, the Village Inn, and many familiar faces were present. Lots of club items were discussed beginning with requesting names for those interested in being in the 2025 car calendar. Forms were passed out for the club fundraising effort that creates a brochure to be distributed at our November 16th car show. Our December 5th Christmas party is booked with the Classic Car Museum. Finally, details on a unique Museum trip just for our members (17 August) should be a fun event. Watch the activities list for more details.



Everyone enjoyed Bill Soman's Trivia Contest won by Joe Greeves. Unfortunately, the extra tickets didn't help Joe since once again, the lucky Dougherty's -- Tara and Jeff -- took home the cash for the second time in a row! If you would like a shot at a free dinner like the Dougherty's, put September 5 on your calendar for our next monthly meeting and hang out with the gang.





Pete Dancy's '66 Chevelle



John Bagg's '68 Mustang

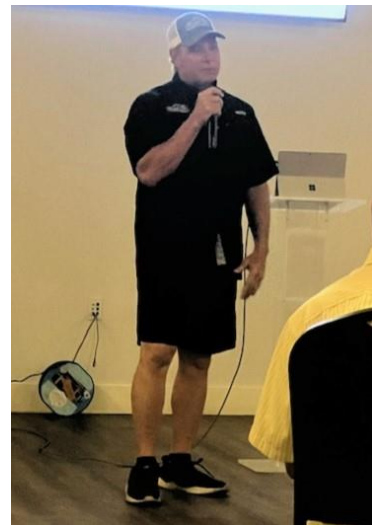
Special Tour of the Classic Car Museum



The special tour of the Classic Car Museum for ACAC club members and friends was a great success with about forty enthusiasts showing up on a sunny Saturday morning. They were greeted with a spread by our wonderful culinary expert, Ron Leone, who provided coffee, tea, water, and pastries out on the front porch.

Once inside, everyone got their credentials and moved into the main meeting room of the Museum. Our good friend Sidney Hobbs briefed the group on the many aspects of the collection, not the least

of which are their ongoing donations to the community, now in excess of \$400,000. Explaining the Museum's 501c3 status, Sidney showed how anyone can be part of their charitable pursuits either through direct donations, providing automobiles that can be used for charitable support, or simply by arriving to assist at some of their memorable charitable get-togethers. Contact Sidney if you are interested. Then, since cars are the stars, his slideshow broke down several categories of vehicles in the Museum discussing





the vehicles themselves as well as the fascinating back stories attached to each. Corvettes came to prominence with discussions about the Zenith award-winning '60 Corvette Fuelie of Jim Salanitri, the back story about Bill Soman's classic '61, and Sidney's latest under construction, restomod Vette currently on the lift. Between the comments from Sidney and Ron, the membership learned more about the vehicles

than they could any other way.

Later, armed with new information, members touring the pristine collection began looking for some of the specifics previously mentioned. After about an hour of wandering the rows of rainbow-colored vehicles, the group headed off to lunch at several locations in town. Special thanks to Ron Leone for organizing this wonderful event along with Sidney and Brenda for hosting our group. We are very fortunate to have the Classic Car Museum and their supportive staff in our community.



Sidney has provided a list of membership packages for the museum ranging from annual to lifetime. The payment includes both the fee and the 6.5% tax. Memberships are tax-deductible and include all museum benefits including half price for one guest admission.

Individual annual \$100 plus \$6.50 equals \$106.50

Individual lifetime \$250 plus \$16.25 equals \$266.25

Family annual (2 Members) \$150 plus \$9.75 equals \$159.75

Family annual (4 members) \$250 plus \$16.25 equals \$266.25

Family lifetime (2 members) \$400 plus \$26.00 Equals \$426.00

Family lifetime (4 members) \$700 plus \$45.50 equals \$745.50



Ron Leone always puts out a delectable spread.



Sidney and Ron added back stories to many of the prominent vehicles on display.



ACAC members, families, and friends joined in for the special tour of the Classic Car Museum.



Several unique vehicles were on display outside the Museum



Jim Salanitri's Zenith-winning, '60
Corvette Fuelie



Bill Soman's '61 Corvette



Steve Wyland's '08 Pontiac Solstice
Convertible



Joe Greeves '04 Lexus Retractable

Old Guy's Breakfast August

This month, we missed Paul McCarthy's talent for reserving parking spaces upfront, but members found locations throughout the Beachside Diner parking lot. That meant that the mini car show that has become a ACAC monthly tradition was put on temporary hold. Drivers on A1A and Beachside diners who sit outside get a firsthand look at our collection on display and we always receive positive comments.



Automotive-themed stories are always the norm during breakfast, and we did a little club business, passing out brochures for the club fundraising effort. We are happy to report that Beachside has become one of our sponsors.

If you would like to be part of the early Friday morning breakfast fun, put September 13 on your calendar now.



John Bagg's Mustang convertible



Dick Hewett's Mustang convertible



Ken Bryan's Buick Wildcat



Joe Greeves' Lexus Retractable

Monthly Dine Out

We returned to a restaurant that we enjoyed last year, Taco Libre on Rt 1 near SR 16. The staff was very accommodating, creating one long table so that the club members could sit together as a group, an arrangement that always creates spirited conversations.



St. Augustine thunderstorms meant the group's specialty vehicles were safely stored in their garages, but the camaraderie was worth braving the elements. Over some really good food choices, there was lots of catching up, especially with a few members that we haven't seen in a while. That's always the underlying purpose of the event.

Put September 26 on your calendar and join us for the next culinary gathering. The local watering hole has yet to be determined but Ron always comes up with an interesting location. See you there.



Cars and Coffee at the Car Museum

The fourth Saturday of the month in August saw a full house at the Classic Car Museum with every parking space around the Museum full and show cars lined up four rows deep in the grass behind the building. The popularity of the event seems to grow every month thanks to the amazing variety of vehicles that participate.

While the free coffee and tasty Parlor doughnuts certainly help, it's the chance to greet old friends that seems to be the biggest draw. Then the conversation turns to the mix of vehicles, with spectators able to enjoy the contrasts of a diminutive Renault 2CV and the sleek late model Ferrari parked next to it. Everything from high dollar modern sports cars to muscle cars from the 70s, customs from the 50s, and rods from the 30s were part of the rainbow-colored display.



Multiple vendors added to the fun. This year's Dewey Porter Memorial award went to Jim Weiss for his beautifully restored 1953 Bentley Saloon. Jim did the restoration himself.

September's gathering is scheduled for the 28th. Arrive real early if you want a

spot!



Pete King's '57 Thunderbird had a for sale sign on it. Interested?



Sidney Hobbs presented Jim with the Porter trophy.



Bill Soman's classic red and white '61 Corvette.



Jimmy Pucci's 2018 Corvette Stingray.



Russell Pucci's 2022 Mustang Mach 1



Ron Leone's '04 BMW 330
Convertible



Ken Bryan's '65 Buick Wildcat



Steve Wyland's '08 Pontiac Solstice



Joe Greeves's '04 Lexus SC430

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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