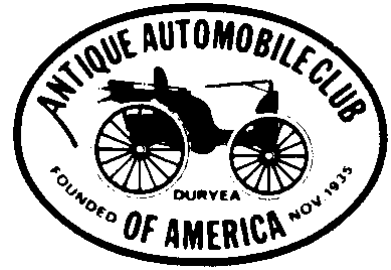




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Ancient City Auto Club

Antique Automobile Club of America

February, 2022

Jinny Quackenbush

The club received a nice thank you note from Virginia Quackenbush for the club and members love, support, prayers and flowers for the Quackenbush family during this difficult time.

Our longtime member Ron Leone once again amazed the club with his culinary talents, creating a sumptuous meal for the group.

Frostbite Picnic

Our annual Frostbite picnic at Butler Park West was a great success, with 52 members and guests attending along with 13 classic vehicles participating in the club games.



The main course began with Butterball Turkey and sliced Hickory Smoked Ham, followed by more than a dozen sides, and topped off with his famous Strawberry Shortcake and whipped cream for dessert.



No one left hungry but everyone left impressed.



Next, Bill Soman has been orchestrating his entertaining club games for years. Drivers and passengers participated in the Potato Stab, Blind Garage Back Up, Over the Cliff, and Water Torture. The games were as much fun for the spectators as the participants.





Winners in each category received humorous mementos of their accomplishment, carefully selected by Pres. Dewey Porter from the 'scratch and dent' table at Tractor Supply! While the food and entertainment were delightful, clearly the best part of the event was the camaraderie, seeing old friends and renewing old acquaintance. We look forward as a group to our next adventure, the get together at DeLeon Springs on March 18. Let Dewey know if you plan to attend. It's another great outing and an opportunity to get behind the wheel.

Lord Nutfield and the Wrenching Tale of British Cars

From John Bacon

This is the history of British nuts and bolts, a story that first appeared in *The Sacred Octagon* in 1974, a British magazine for MG enthusiasts.



If you've ever owned an MG, Bentley, Triumph, Jaguar, Mini, Rolls Royce, et al, you know the feeling - being completely baffled when it comes to choosing the right wrench: British Standard, British Association, American Standard, Metric, or Whitworth?

Well. The Morris engine plant in Coventry was purchased in 1923 from a French munitions company who in 1915 had built in the UK when it feared their manufacturing in France would be overrun by the German army in the early days of WWI.

Sir William Morris originally decided to retain all the French metric tooling

to save costs, however the tooling was never converted to British standard. For this reason all threaded parts on early Morris, Wolseley, and MG automobiles use French Metric threads. Adding to the confusion, there are two French metric standards, each with a different thread pitch.

As a concession to British motorists, and to further confound later generations, Sir Morris decided to use Whitworth hex heads on his French Standard bolts and nuts so that Whitworth wrenches could be used to turn them. If that were not enough, there was no standardization of hex head sizes. For example, bolts on the same engine may be the same 8x1cm bolts, but one will require a 3/16th Whitworth wrench, and the other a 1/4th Whitworth wrench.

Toward the end of WWII, Great Britain, Canada and the USA got together to decide upon a standard thread form, and standard bolt and nut size. The result, with some arm twisting by the Americans, was the new "Unified" thread which was only slightly different to the American National threads. In fact the new Unified threads and the old American National threads (pre WWII), are interchangeable. The official name we use in the US is Unified National

Fine and Course (UNF and UNC). The old name: American National Fine and Course (ANF and ANC). And the even older name: SAE and USS. These are just different names for the same bolts and nuts. So in America “just hand me a 5/16 inch wrench” will get the job done.

Depending on which British car you drive and its age, depends on how many different wrench sets you will require. For sure, you will need American Standard and Metric wrenches. Some American wrenches will fit some British bolts, and some Metric wrenches will fit others, but neither type by itself will fit all British fittings.

Also note, none of the American or Metric wrenches will fit the British hex heads really well, so the eventual result will be rounded-off heads or sprung wrench jaws. To do the job right you will need wrenches made to fit the bolts and nuts you want to turn. You may need two types for pre-Unified cars (pre-WWII) and three types for the later cars (post WWII).

So, we can thank Sir Morris for all our rounded bolt heads, and just in case you own a car built in Abington, Castle Bromwich, Cowley, Oxford, Elise, Goodwood, or Crewe, you may

want to add a few more wrench sets to your collection.

Sir Wm Morris was a British icon. He was awarded the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in 1918, was raised to the title of Baron in 1934, bestowed the title of Viscount in 1938, and admitted to the Royal Society in 1939, becoming a British Lord. Ironically, he was known to his countrymen as Lord Nutfield. Yes, he chose the name, his birthplace, the village of Nutfield, in the County of Oxford.

Knights of Columbus Charity Car Show at the Classic Car Museum

It was a cool day but a surprising number of folks showed up, enjoying the camaraderie, listening for their door prize number, and waiting for the award ceremony.

Entries from the ACAC:



Joe Greeves Lexus SC-430



Ted Michael, 1930 Ford Model A



Chris Koch, '57 Oldsmobile Super 88



John Battistini, Corvette



Jim Weiss, '65 Falcon



Doug Hunsworth, '39 Ford

Old Guy's Breakfast

The February 11 Old Guys Breakfast had a great turnout with 16 members and 12 classic cars attending. Originally scheduled for the Steak and Shake location, the club got a last-minute cancellation and luckily, Florida's legendary Oasis restaurant could accommodate us. Special thanks to Ms. Josephine, the manager, and Marie, our waitress.



Our waitress, Marie



Camaraderie beforehand, during the meal, and afterwards in the parking lot always makes this breakfast connection fun.



Welcome to Glenn Bakst, brought to the meeting by Club Secretary Bob Kessler. Glenn is a lifelong automotive enthusiast and a fan of vintage Buicks. Membership chairman, Joe Greeves gave Glenn a membership form and we hope to see more of him soon. If it's not already on your list, put this monthly event on your calendar. It's always the second Friday at 9 AM. We will be returning to the Oasis March 11th.



Joe Greeves Lexus SC-430



John Kaiser, red 63 Ford Falcon



Glenn Bakst, 1965 Buick



John Bacon, 1951 MG TD



Ted Michael, 1930 Ford Model A



Bob Kessler 1991 Cadillac Allante'



Jim Weiss 1965 Ford Falcon



Peter Starr, 1961 Pontiac convertible



Dewey Porter 1993 Buick wagon



Chris Zima, 1969 Mustang convertible



Skip Ferguson, 1969 Pontiac GTO

Minutes of the Ancient City Auto Club Meetings

Minutes of the member meeting and the board meeting are distributed separately.

Fifth Annual Pedro Menendez High School Car Show



The Fifth Annual Pedro Menendez High School Car Show, held February 26th, 2022 saw a great combination of wonderful weather, amazing cars,

and a successful fund raiser for the school. Held at the Classic Car Museum, the event attracted 145 cars with examples of hot rods, customs, restored originals, restomods, and even an impressive array of motorcycles.



Judging was accomplished by the students with each group reviewing the cars on hand and picking their favorites. Dozens of sponsors in the Car Show Brochure helped to make it a success and, as always, Brenda and Sidney Hobbs volunteer their time and effort along with their amazing facility to help a good cause. The Ancient City Auto Club had 19 of our cars on display and our president,



Dewey Porter, enjoyed his traditional photograph with the Bombshell Belles. Everyone enjoyed the event.



Everyone had fun

Members attending were:



Tony Evangelista, '92 Corvette



Ted Michael, 1930 Model A



Cliff Williams, '67 Camaro



Skip Ferguson, '55 Chevy Nomad



John Bacon, '51 MG-TD



Geoff Nadler, '72 Corvette Stingray



Peter Starr, '61 Pontiac Catalina



Bill Soman, '61 Corvette



John Bagg, '68 Mustang



James Salanitri, '60 Corvette



Bob Kessler, '91 Cadillac Allante'



Dewey Porter '93 Buick Century



Skip Ferguson, '73 Dodge Challenger



Tuni Weiss, '72 Rolls Royce Corniche Drophead



Joe Greeves, '04 Lexus SC-430



Jim Weiss, '53 Bentley Saloon

Activities Reminder

Reminder; please let Dewey know if you will be attending the next 2 events, the Deleon Springs Park Pancake Breakfast and the ACAC Lunch River Cruise on the Barbara Lee Sternwheeler. More information on these events included below.

Upcoming events:

First Wednesday of every month
Captain Cone's Ice Cream 5-6 PM
10% off your purchase if you drive your classic or custom vehicle. They have a great variety. 197 Blackford Way, St Augustine, FL 32086 This is on US#1 South in the shopping center behind Walgreen's.

Cruise Night every Wednesday at Woody's Barbeque in Palm Coast is being held 4 PM to 8 PM on Rt 100 2 miles west of Flagler Beach A1A and right off I-95 at exit 284. for those that like to stay off the highway Rt 1 south is a great drive to Bunnell, turn left [east] on Rt 100. it's just beyond I-95 on Rt 100.

March 3-6 Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, Amelia Island, FL. www.ameliaconcours.org 904-636-0027

Mar 3 6 PM Ancient City Auto Club monthly meeting 6 PM Village Inn US 1 No.

March 5 23rd Annual Azalea Region AACA Palatka Annual Car Show Riverfront Park \$25 registration day of show Dash plaques to 1st 100 Top 24 trophies, door prizes, 50/50, \$100 to Club with the most entries (8 minimum) info Paula Kash 904-571-4956 or rpmoneybag@yahoo.com

Mar 10 Community Church located at 550 SR 207. Our club has been invited for a Car display from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Arrive at the church about 5:30 PM. . A meal will be provided for those displaying their cars. We did this about a year and a half ago and had a great time

Mar 11 Old Guys Breakfast 9 AM Oasis on A1A NOTE: Yes Oasis same as last month

Mar 18 Pancake breakfast at Deleon Springs State Park. The club enjoyed outings at the Sugar Mill Restaurant where you make your own pancakes on their griddles. In addition to pancakes, there is recreational swimming and trails through a lush subtropical forest that features a massive old-growth bald cypress tree. De Leon Springs State Park 386-985-4212 The Sugar Mill Restaurant is open every day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on weekends and holidays, serving until 4 p.m. The cost for the pancake breakfast is very reasonable. Park entry Fees \$6 per vehicle: 2-8 people \$4 per vehicle: one person only, \$4 per motorcycle \$2 per person for pedestrians, bicyclists and extra passengers. If you plan to attend please let me know by March 11. To date I have signed up Norbut 2, Greeves 2, Porter 1, Kessler 2,

Mar 19 St. Augustine Cruisers monthly cruise night at the Classic Car Museum 5pm-7Pm

March 25-27 2022 32nd Annual Spring Daytona

March 26 Cars & Coffee at Classic Car Museum 8-10 AM

April 2 The 7th Annual San Jose Car & Truck Show at Dupont Station Shopping Center 8;30 –

11:30 AM reg: \$25 further info will be forthcoming late February

April 3 St. Andrews Church Elkton, Annual Spring Festival, 12 Noon to 4 PM, parking for show cars but get there early

April 7 6 PM Ancient City Auto Club monthly meeting 6 PM Village Inn US 1 No.

April 8 Old Guys Breakfast 9 AM Oasis on A1A

April 9 ACAC Lunch River Cruise (3 hrs.) on The Barbara Lee sternwheeler, departs from downtown Sanford, FL city dock. *Reservations are required*. The cruise is 3 hours during which a sit down dinner in air conditioned dining room will be served. Info on the boat and cruise www.stjohnsrivershipco.com Go to the website for full details. The standard rate is \$64.84. If there are more than 20 people, the rate drops to \$61.19. Tips are included. The ship boards at 10:30 AM and leaves at 11 AM sharp. It returns at 2 PM. To date the following members have indicated they would attend: Koch 2, Norbut 2, McDonald 2, Porter 1, Greeves 2, Jinny Quackenbush 1. Dick & Carol Hewitt2, Doug & Marion Hunsworth 2, Skip & Tempa Ferguson 2, Bob & Beverly Kessler 2

April 16 2022 First Coast Car Council Cruisin to the Creek Spring Edition Car Show

April 16 St. Augustine Cruisers monthly cruise night at the Classic Car Museum 5-7 PM

April 21 Car display at the Brookdale Assisted Living facility 2 PM-4PM

April 23 Cars & Coffee at Classic Car Museum 8-10 AM

May 7 St. Augustine Cruisers Annual Car Show at the Classic Car Museum

Oct 1, 2022 First Coast Car Council Cruisin to the Creek Fall Edition Car Show

**Nov 5 38th Annual Ancient City Auto Club car show at Classic Car Museum
4730 Dixie HWY 8 AM-4 PM
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