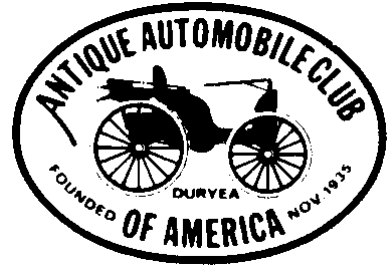




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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

June 2024

We started off the month with the club participating in one of our first road trips in a long time. The collection of cool cars created a convoy worthy of a photo op as we made our way to the Princess Place Preserve. The first stop was a great lunch get-together in Palm Coast followed by an in depth view of Florida's early movers and shakers. While the road trip was fun, summer months in Florida are typically slow when it comes to car shows. I'm sure that once someone figures out how to air-condition outdoor venues, opportunities will certainly improve!

A family reunion kept your club photographer from this month's Cars and Coffee but fortunately, John Bagg was on the scene. He was also able to handle this month's dine out. The long lines, noise, and separated seating at the Sunset Grille proved a little too much for Ann and we diverted to Longhorn with the Fergusons. We will probably aim for a location a little more intimate next month. Let us know if there's a favorite location that you'd like us to try.

Mark your calendar for the rescheduled July General Membership Meeting. Since the first Thursday is July 4, we will head to the Village Inn on July 11. I'll make sure to include the revised date in the activities list.

Happy Independence Day and proudly fly your flag!

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 June, beginning with the '54 Corvette owned by Tara and Jeff Dougherty, and the '68 Mustang, owned by John Bagg



### Our June Road Trip To Princess Place Preserve,

Florida's beautiful 1,500-acre preserve in Flagler County, was a big success. The first group of club members assembled in the St. Augustine Winn-Dixie shopping center and with Ron Leone leading the way, the caravan drove to Dominic's Deli in Palm Coast. There, we were joined by several more members, seated at a long table already reserved for us. Even with more than two dozen at the

table, the service was lightning quick, and the food was amazing. We were happy that the group consisted of some of our newer members as well



as some we haven't seen for a while.

It was wonderful to catch up with everyone.



About the time lunch was complete, Mother Nature sprung a surprise with a light shower that sent our three convertible top drivers scurrying into the parking lot. It didn't last and by the time we convoyed to the Preserve, it was once again hot and dry. A few more members joined us there and at 2 PM, the tour guide opened up the main lodge.



Originally built by Henry Cutting, the Adirondacks-style lodge dates back to 1886 and is Flagler County's oldest intact structure. While the tour guide explained a few details, Ron Leone was the one with answers to everyone's questions. (New job opportunity, Ron?)





After the tour, the group was treated to ice water and cupcakes at the shaded picnic tables on the grounds, once again with Ron Leone in charge. Between the light rain and the long sandy roads in and out of the preserve, all the club classics no doubt benefited from a careful car wash that evening. The event was a great opportunity to get behind the wheel, see an unusual local attraction, and enjoy some really good company. Special thanks to Ron for all his hard work.



The 2004 Lexus of Ann and Joe Greeves

Not shown are the red BMW of the Blasser's and the '66 Chevelle SS of Peter Dancy. (The photographer dropped the ball.)



The red '69 Mustang convertible of Chris and Ingmari Zima



The '68 Mustang convertible of John and Jinny



Ron Leone's BMW convertible



John Bacon and wife Porter in their Mini.

## Ancient City Auto Club Monthly Meeting June

Official minutes of the member meeting are distributed separately.

The June General Membership meeting saw full tables at our favorite restaurant, St. Augustine's Village Inn. During the dinner hour, it was the perfect opportunity to chat with club members and learn more about them.



The meeting began at 7 PM with one of the prime topics discussing the upcoming road tour to the Princess Place Preserve. Twenty members signed up at the meeting and an email was sent to the general membership explaining the details to those who could not attend. Other items included a minor change to the bylaws, briefing the membership on some of the early procedures for our November car show, discussing a possible location for our December Christmas party, and listing upcoming car shows. It was decided to move the July general membership meeting from the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday to the following week, July 11<sup>th</sup>.



The trivia contest is always a fun way to end the day. Ron Leone showed he had what it takes, achieving the highest score. Although he earned extra tickets, they didn't help because Joe Greeves won the 50-50.





Joe Greeves – '04 Lexus



Jeff Dougherty – Big Van



Frank Barreca – '60 T-Bird

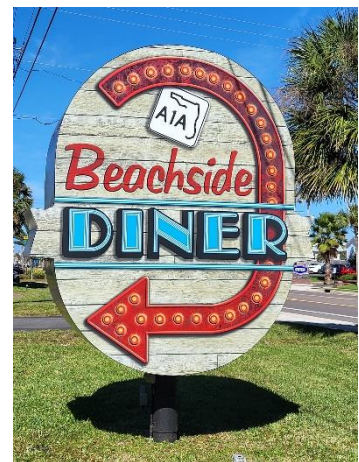


Ron Leone - BMW

## Old Guy's Breakfast May

The Old Guys June Breakfast saw several of the regulars along with a few welcome newcomers to the Beachside Diner. The fun starts off with a display of specialty vehicles out in front of the restaurant, thanks to the efforts of Paul McCarthy who gets up early to reserve the space. Spectators driving by A1A as well as restaurant patrons on the front porch enjoy the collection.

Alan, the manager, has tables reserved for us when we arrive, and the arrangement promotes good conversations. It's always a wonderful opportunity to learn something new about people you've known for some time. Everybody gets



a raffle ticket that adds to the fun. Chris Zima was the lucky free breakfast winner this month. Put July 12 on your calendar and join the fun.



Chet Sveistrup – '59 Cadillac



Chris Zema – '69 Mustang



John Bagg – '68 Mustang



Bill McCaw – '27 Bugatti





Joe Greeves – '04 Lexus



Ken Bryant - Corvette



Paul McCarthy – '57 Chevy



Eddie Obie's van

### Monthly Dine Out

The suppertime crowd had already gathered at the Sunset Grille when most of us (22) arrived. Good to see friendly faces as we parked in ever lengthening distances from the entrance – yet the mood was jovial. One green Challenger was spotted, but we're not sure the owner was one of us.

Ron, with family members, Deb, etc., had secured a table and Jim Athos, Paul McCarthy, and Ray and Sue Carmichael subsequently were seated, although the throng of diners was daunting. Joe and Ann Greeves and the Fergusons (Skip and Tempa) grew discouraged and so missed eating at Sunset Grille, but John and Joan Kaiser happily took seating outside. John Bagg had registered for a table for 6 but before it was available, 8 seats were needed for Bill



and Dee Soman, Tony and Luisa Evangelista, and Danny and Peggy Stephens along with John and Jinny. The food was interesting and delicious and the conversations a lot of fun. We had a good time. Again. Thanks, Ron, for all your arranging.

If by chance you actually drove an old car to the Sunset Grille, please let John Bagg know so that you can get your blue ticket for the December drawing. Add July 25<sup>th</sup> to your calendar for the next Dine Out and check the weekly activities list for the location.



## Cars and Coffee at the Car Museum June

With rainy storms predicted, many cautiously took treasured cars out of safe haven garages on Saturday morning, June 22, this year's longest day. They were rewarded with a wonderful display of all kinds of cars, luxury, sporty, fun, funny, classics, and cruisers. The light cloud cover provided protection from searing heat and the participants ogled, laughed and admired the cars displayed, munching on donuts while coffee provided the necessary caffeine.



Sidney and Brenda Hobbs perused the cars carefully to choose the Dewey Porter Award and settled on a 57 Ford owned by Ray Rohn. Many of Dewey's friends had questioned whether this car had previously been owned by Dewey, but Sidney shared the history of a similar purchase Dewey made and subsequent sale of one very much like the one they had chosen for the award.



ACAC was represented showing cars owned by Bill Soman, John Bagg, Ron Leone, and Paul McCarthy. Bozard Ford, which supplies the refreshments each month, had some handsome vehicles on site for people to admire. And there were several interesting canines who enjoyed walking their owners around the cars talking with friends and having a good time.



All too soon the morning show was finishing to the loud roar of hot cars with very loud and thrilling exhaust manifolds as they sped north in front of the museum off to other engagements for the day.



John Bagg – '68 Mustang



Ron Leone - BMW



Bill Soman – '61 Corvette



Paul McCarthy – '57 Chevy



Skip Ferguson – '04 F-350 King Ranch



Chris Zema – '69 Mustang

This nice Jaguar XKE brought back memories for the editor. For more than 2 years I had a picture of a red XKE over my desk in college. It was going to be my first post graduation purchase. It helped be keep my nose to the grindstone.

A few weeks before graduation, I saw one on a used car lot. Of course I had to look at it, and get in it. As I sat in the driver's seat, the top of the windshield was at my eye level. I was never going to be able to drive an XKE. My dream car, poof.



## **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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