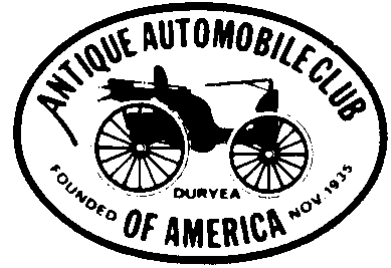




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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The highlight this month had to be our annual Frostbite Picnic, always a combination of great food (thanks Ron) and entertaining car games (thanks Bill). It's the perfect get together for our members and I think we should consider doing it again in the Fall. What do you think?

I am still hoping that someone in the club will step forward to act as our unofficial cruise director. (My plate is kinda full!) It's not a hard job but it does require a bit of preplanning and coordinating with the membership. Specifically, I would love to see someone begin coordinating an event that seemed to be popular with the membership at our last meeting, the Dine and Cruise aboard the Lady Dolphin Paddle Wheeler in Daytona. My suggested date is Wednesday, 29 May and planning needs to begin soon since when I checked, several May tours are already closed. If you would like to step up, I have everything you need to get started.

We have a conflict coming up with two events on the same day. The St. Augustine Cruisers Car Show and an event that has been a club favorite in the past, the

Barberville Spring Frolic are scheduled for April 6. This will be a topic of discussion at our April 4th 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 April, beginning with the 1982 Citroen 2CV owned by Kelly and Marc Blasser and the 1969 Mustang convertible owned by Ingmari and Chris Zima



Frost Bite Picnic

As several of you have suggested, we might change the name to the Heatstroke Picnic but in fact, the weather could not have been more perfect. Temps in the low 80s with a gentle breeze ensured everyone's comfort throughout the day. Our master chef, Ron Leone, started his day at about 7:30 AM, preparing the sumptuous feast that greeted the



members when they arrived at about 11. Shrimp, ham, salad, drinks, and of course his specialty, strawberry shortcake for dessert made sure that no one went away hungry.



Car games throughout the day added to the fun, with spectators and participants alike enjoying Bill Soman's tests of your driving skill. Stab the Potato, Over the Cliff, and Back into the Garage had drivers and navigators working hard for the top spot.

The Stab the Potato participants displayed a variety of techniques. Check out nephew Carlo sitting pretty in Tony Evangelista's Corvette, Dave Cameron competing from his electric bike, and Faye Thomas in the back seat with husband Bill piloting their 1937 Pontiac. Joan Kaiser was poised and ready with John driving the family Ranchero as was Jinny Quackenbush with John Bagg guiding the Mustang convertible through the course. Driving with a bag on your head was a new experience for most!





Our winning wheel men, John and Joan Kaiser, Tony Evangelista and nephew Carlo, along with Bill and Deenya Soman took the honors, going home with the group's admiration as well as \$25 gift cards.

We enjoyed meeting George and Nancy MacGown as well as Bill and Faye Thomas, two of our newest members. In all, the event was a great success, no doubt because it combines our traditional love of good fun, great food, and cool cars.



THE 38TH ANNUAL SPRING DAYTONA TURKEY RUN



If you couldn't make the event, here is a rundown of what you missed. The Spring version of this event is slightly smaller than the legendary Fall



Turkey Run but the turnout was strong, even with a wet and windy Friday. Saturday and Sunday saw good weather and huge crowds. The show field at the Speedway was packed with thousands of cool custom and classic vehicles on display, meaning there was something for everyone at every turn. Swap

meet vendors and the Car Corral added to the fun as did Turkey Run Nites, the free outdoor car show sponsored by the Daytona Beach Street Rods.

Sunday afternoon at 2 PM is the opportunity many enthusiasts wait for, eager to take a ceremonial lap and experience the 31° banking of the legendary Daytona International Speedway. For more information on either the Spring or the Fall event, go to www.turkeyrun.com





Ancient City Auto Club Monthly Meeting

Official minutes of the member meeting are distributed separately.

This month saw 17 club members enjoying the food and conversation at the Village Inn for the March meeting. The primary topic of discussion was upcoming events, especially



the threesome that included the monthly meeting on Thursday, the Old Guys Breakfast on Friday, and the annual Frostbite Picnic on Saturday.

Conversations back and forth across the long Village Inn tables covered dozens of topics as everyone learned a little bit more about everyone else.

Traditionally, meetings come to an end with the Trivia Contest and your president shows no mercy for this experienced group. There was a three way tie for first with each of the winners getting an extra ten 50-50 tickets. John Kaiser put them to good use, winning the cash. It's always a fun gathering so put April 4 on your calendar and join the group.



Joe Greeves – '04 Lexus



John Bagg – '68 Mustang



Joe Lando – '16 Corvette

Old Guy's Breakfast

March



The turnout this month was light with just the usual suspects on hand, but everyone enjoyed the conversations and good food at Beachside. Thanks to our ace parking coordinator Paul McCarthy, we take over the front of the building, giving those folks sitting out on the patio their own custom car show. Swapping stories inside, you learn about the tremendous variety of skills possessed by our members.

The breakfast event ends with the lottery when we draw tickets out of the box. Once again, your very lucky President got another free breakfast. Several members checked to see if there was something up my sleeves but to no avail. Food tastes even better when it's free! The next get together for the Old Guys is on April 12. Hope to see you there.





Joe Greeves – '04 Lexus



Jim Athas – '30 Model A



Bill McCaw - Bugatti replica



Payl McCarthy – '67 Chevy Wagon



Dick Hewitt – '11 Mustang GT



Terry Brown – '93 Harley

Monthly Dine Out

March Dine Out This month's dining adventure was at a restaurant that we haven't been to in a while. The LaCocina Mexican restaurant serves great food with diners enjoying their colorful Mexican atmosphere. A varied menu, a cozy room, and good friends made for a wonderful evening.



Next time, I think we will ask to have one long table to facilitate easier conversations, but everyone had a chance to chat throughout the evening.

Our next dine out will be Thursday, April 25 and the location has not yet been determined. Let me know if you have a favorite.





Joe Lando – '16 Corvette



Joe Greeves – '04 Lexus

Cars and Coffee at the Car Museum

March

Attendance was lighter this month, thanks to competition from the Spring Turkey Run in Daytona, a popular weekend event that draws thousands of cars and tens of thousands of spectators to the Speedway. Initial weekend weather reports were grim but in fact, the Saturday morning weather was beautiful. Drivers at the Museum swapped stories, investigated cars, and enjoyed Sidney Hobbs' traditional breakfast of coffee and Parlor doughnuts.



The Dewey Porter Memorial award went to our club member, Marc Blasser for his diminutive Fiat 500. When Sidney presented the award, he noted that the tiny little car, at 9'9" would be perfect for Dewey, "who was 5 feet nothing!" Congratulations Marc! Thanks for bringing it out. You'll see Marc's 2CV Citroen in the April Car Calendar. They are just two of several cars in his collection and we hope to schedule a visit sometime in the Fall.



Bill Soman – '61 Corvette



Mark Blasser – Fiat 500



Ron Leone – '04 BMW 330



Joe Greeves – '04 Lexus



Skip Ferguson – '55 Nomad



Paul McCarthy – '67 Chevy wagon



Chris Koch – '57 Chevy 2 door hardtop



John Kaiser - Roush supercharged F150

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