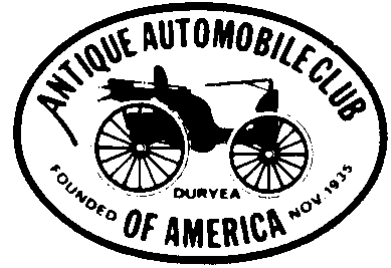




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## May, 2024

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May 2024

May was a sad month with the loss of our good friend John Battistini. John was liked by everyone who knew him, and he was active for many years with the Knights of Columbus. The men of the Knights were a solemn and wonderful addition to his wake and funeral. I hope their car show was a financial success and will allow them to continue their charitable pursuits.



On a lighter note, planning has already begun for our November car show. We have completed the rental agreement with the Florida School For The Deaf And Blind, Porta Pottys have been reserved, and we have a disc jockey signed up for the occasion.

Event planning did not pan out this month as well as expected. The Daytona Paddle Boat trip did not lend itself well to the requirements of the club, the Old Spanish Sugar Mill in DeLeon Springs had so many bad reviews concerning the new management that we decided to pass, and finally the St. Johns Rivership

cruise suffered from a timing issue with many members unable to attend. We will reschedule that one sometime later in the year.

Please let me know if there are events that you would like to see incorporated into our schedule.

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 '58 Plymouth Belvedere owned by Brenda and Rob Daly, and the '72 Alfa Romeo GTV 2000, owned by Hermoine and Rich Boyle.



## Bozard Car Show

Several ACAC club members participated in this event, designed to augment the Bozard Ford/Lincoln employee emergency fund. Significant top prizes were awarded to drivers along with a beautiful collection of



custom trophies. The car show was within walking distance of Ford's Garage, the perfect spot for lunch and conversation.



Ford's Garage was an enthusiast's delight.



Paul McCarthy's 1957 Chevrolet wagon.



John and Jinny in front of John's '68 Mustang



Ron Carmichael's Ford Galaxie



Bill McCaw's Bugatti replica.



Jim Athas' Ford Model A



Jim Weiss' 1953 Bentley



Sidney Hobbs' Ford F-100



Joe Greeves' Lexus SC430



John Kaiser's '67 Ranchero

## Ancient City Auto Club Monthly Meeting May

Official minutes of the member meeting are distributed separately.

We had a wonderful turnout at this month's membership meeting at our favorite gathering place, the Village Inn. We needed a few extra chairs to accommodate everyone. Attending this month were two new members, Frank and Debbie Barreca along with Peter Dancy. The Barreca's drove their '60 T-Bird and Peter arrived in his 1966 Chevelle Super Sport. Welcome aboard to both of you.



Lots of routine membership items were discussed during the meeting along with a couple of planned events that did not make the cut for various reasons. Our next get together will be a road trip to Princess Place (June 8) and you'll get the details in the Activities List.

The membership meeting concluded with a trivia competition that saw five members tying for first place thanks to Bill McCaw's head scratching questions. The tiebreaker was won by our new member, Frank Barreca who also won the 50-50 raffle. Good job, Frank!





John Bagg's '68 Mustang



Peter Dancy's 1966 Chevelle Super Sport.



Joe Greeves Lexus



Ron Leone's BMW



Frank and Debbie Barreca's  
'60 T-Bird.

## Old Guy's Breakfast May

The mood was quiet this month at the Beachside Diner with conversations about the loss of our old friend John Battistini as the primary topic. We recalled how happy he was with his classic Corvette and how thrilled he was when his new C8 arrived. John was known for his always pleasant disposition and his trademark pony tail. Everyone who knew him liked him and we will certainly miss his warm and cheerful ways. Our thoughts are with his family. During our breakfast, we had a short ten-minute rainstorm, adding an appropriately somber note to the proceedings.



On a brighter note, our ace parking coordinator, Paul McCarthy not only provides us with up front spots at the restaurant but also was the free breakfast winner this month. Thanks for your help, Paul. We also enjoyed the newest car in the Ken Bryan collection, a classic Chevy Street Rod riding on a full Corvette powertrain. He just might give some of the local C7s a run for their money!



This photo from the archives shows the beautiful 2024 C8 Corvette of John Battistini.

The next OGB is 14 June. Come join us.





Paul McCarthy's '57 Chevy Wagon



Skip Ferguson's 4 X 4 Ford Van



Joe Greeves' '04 Lexus



Ken Bryan's Street Rod

## Monthly Dine Out

**GAS Full-Service Restaurant** was the perfect choice for this month's culinary adventure. Already a favorite among several of our members, the restaurant, just across the Bridge of Lions served great food with amazing hamburgers that were so big they came with instructions! "Squish 'em down before you start" was the guidance from owner, Lindy Loose.





We were happy to greet a new member, Bill Marshall, who is beginning the restoration of a 1934 Ford that has been in the family for more than six decades. We've learned that conversations through dinner with someone you just met can lead to a wonderful friendship down the road.

Join the group at our next outing, June 27. Our expert food service detective, Ron Leone will be on the hunt for an interesting location in the meantime.





Ron Leone's flag-waving BMW



The 2004 Lexus of Joe Greeves



Chet Sveistrup's '59 Caddy on the sidewalk.



Bill Marshall's Mustang convertible, complete with roll bar.

## Cars and Coffee at the Car Museum May

Welcome to the wild and wonderful world of 'Cars and Coffee Saturday' where you can see all your friends, eat and drink for free, admire some of the coolest cars in town, and be on your way by 10 AM. Some say that if you show up late, there might not be room. We're not sure but we think a few drivers got their upfront spots because they camped at the museum overnight! The traffic jams during the May C&C were amazing, with cars going both directions and parking spots full until we were finally able to get



on the grass. It all worked out amazingly quickly and everyone enjoyed the monthly automotive connections.

We know that Brian Cole had an especially good time since his beautifully restored 1966 Ford Mustang 2+2 was the Dewey Porter award winner. With a new high-performance V-8 replacing the tired original, this Poppy Red Fastback goes as good as it looks.

If you'd like to see some of the finest local (as well as out of town) rolling stock, put the June Cars and Coffee on your calendar. We'll see you there.



Our Friend Dewey



The Museum was packed with visitors for the May Cars and Coffee.



Winner of the Dewey Porter Memorial award is this 1966 Mustang Fastback owned by Brian Cole



The detailed engine compartment showcases the 5.0 Roller V-8.



Ron Leone's BMW Convertible,



complete with Tucker memorabilia



The 2004 Lexus SC430 of Joe Greeves



The 1930 Model A of Jim Athas



The classic Willys-Knight roadster of Jim Weiss



John Kaiser's '67 Ford Ranchero



The 1959 Cadillac of Chet Svestrup



The 1969 Mustang convertible of Chris Zima



Bill McCaw's 1927 Bugatti replica



Former member Bob Kessler's Allante convertible



Paul McCarthy's 1957 Chevrolet Station Wagon



Bill Soman's red and white 1961 Corvette.



David Cameron's Corvette Stingray Restomod



The 1969 Pontiac GTO of Skip Ferguson

**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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