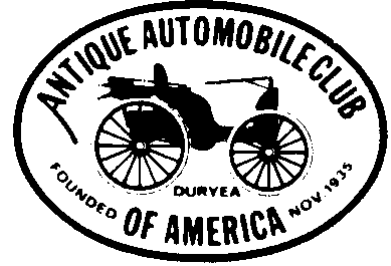




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HAPPY NEW YEAR

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

December

December was an unusual month with two big events occurring early and very little activity afterwards. Many members were on the move, enjoying family gatherings and holiday cruises during this special time of the year. Ann and I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and we wish you the very best in the new year.

Our next event is our January 2 general membership meeting, 6 PM at the Village Inn. We have four new potential members that we met at the car show, and we hope they can join us at the event. It's always fun to meet new people and hear their stories.

Annual elections will be held at this meeting. Currently, the nomination committee has had no responses and the current board members have agreed to

another year of service. According to the bylaws, a confirmation vote is all that is required. Come cheer on your hard-working board members over dinner.

One final request for all our current members. Please come prepared with suggestions for club activities/outings that we can add to the calendar throughout the year. Automotive entertainment is an important part of the club's future, and I would love to hear your ideas.

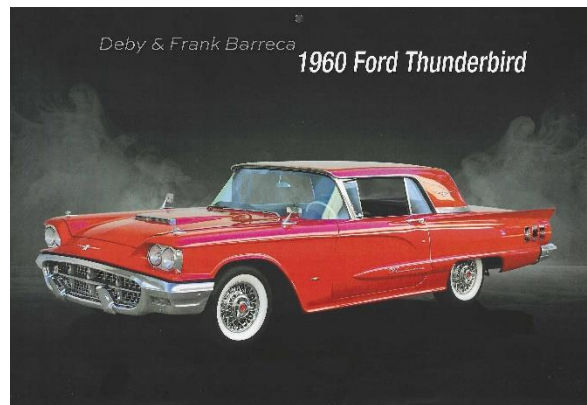
That's it for now

Joe Greeves, President

Calendar Car

We realize everyone does not have a car calendar, so we are highlighting the upcoming car that you will see as you flip the calendar each month.

For January, you will see the 1960 Thunderbird, owned by Deby and Frank Barreca.



Ancient City Auto Club Monthly Meeting and Christmas Party

Our **2024 Christmas party** was a success, even though the numbers were considerably smaller than last year, thanks to unforeseen family issues and medical crises that caused last-minute cancellations.



Everyone present however had a good time, especially enjoying the wonderful food from Sporks followed by the amazing desserts, courtesy of our favorite food expert, Ron Leone. Mary Lando placed tempting treats on everyone's table and the museum decorating team added to the Christmas atmosphere. Everyone who entered got a ticket for the door prize table and everyone who brought a White Elephant gift got a separate ticket as well.



Ron Leone's tempting dessert spread.

Following tradition, we had a trivia contest won by Josh G at the Ferguson table, scoring an amazing 100%! Josh got several extra tickets to the door prize table for his win. The highlight game of the evening was the White Elephant where you brought a gift and then had the opportunity to trade (steal) someone else's. A tiny birdhouse was the favorite, getting 'stolen' about six times.

The final event of the evening was the blue ticket giveaway. Every time a member attends an event, a blue ticket with his name on it goes into the bucket. At the end of the year, some lucky winner takes home \$100. John Bagg is the man in charge of the event, keeping track of everyone's attendance and creating the tickets. When Joe Greeves pulled out the ticket, the \$100 winner was John Bagg!



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Put Thursday January 2 on your calendar for the first general membership meeting of the new year.



The White Elephant gift table



Members at their tables



The Grab Bag table

Joseph Avram Bryan Memorial School Fund Car Show

The Joseph Avram Bryan Memorial School Fund Car Show, put on by our friend Ken Bryan in memory of his son Avram, attracted a wonderful crowd of vehicles to the Classic Car Museum. Perfect weather, food trucks, 50-50 raffle, and a cash prize to the winner attracted some high quality vehicles. Several Ancient City Automobile Club members attended both the St. Augustine morning Christmas parade as well as the car show.

The Top 20 vehicles, voted on by spectators, sent drivers home with tangible reminders of the fun. Our own Dr. Marc Blasser was clearly a lucky winner at the show. He not only captured two Top 20 awards (for Luigi and Lamar) he also won the 50-50 raffle, promptly donating the money to the memorial fund.

Taking Best Of Show and the \$250 cash prize was the amazing Nova owned by Mike House. Everyone who saw his highly engineered car agreed it was the right choice.



Ken, Marc and Sidney



Ken and Mike House with his BoS trophy

Finally, congratulations to Ken for creating such a wonderful scholarship memorial in his son's name.



Joe Greeves '04 Lexus



The little red Christmas truck



Pete King's '57 Thunderbird



Joe and Mary Lando's Corvette



Jeff and Tara's '54 Corvette



Marc Blasser's '67 Fiat, "Luigi"



Marc Blasser's '61 Austin "Lamar"



The Best Of Show-winning '68 Nova owned by Mike House.

Monthly Dine Out

There was no December dine out due to Christmas. See you in January.

Cars and Coffee at the Car Museum

There was no December Cars and Coffee due to Christmas. See you January 25th.

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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Member articles are welcome. Tell us the story of your car or an outing. Just send the story and pictures to John Bagg, jcmabagg@yahoo.com