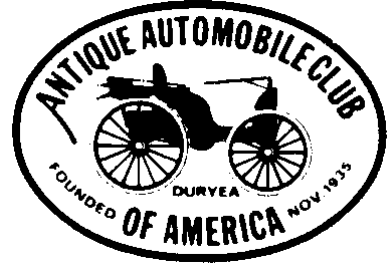




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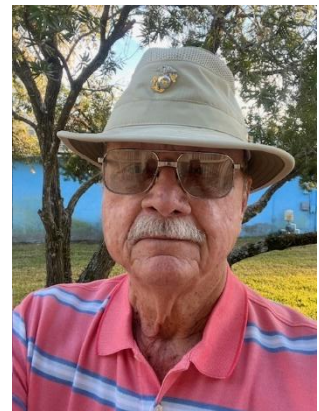
February, 2025

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February

February was a fun month with club members enjoying our regularly scheduled events like our dining out at the Texas Roadhouse, the Old Guys Breakfast where we welcomed new member John Caruso (all the way from Jacksonville!), and of course, the wonderful turnout for the tour of the Koch Museum.

I was also very happy with the general membership meeting where we saw what I hope will become a regular event. The informative automotive seminar presided over by Ron Leone and Bill Soman was very well received. I would love to see this become a regular feature with a guest speaker filling a 5-10 minute slot at our monthly member meetings. Options include an automotive story or skill you'd like to share, discussions about your cool project vehicle, and maybe even about a place or event that might make an interesting club tour. Please call or email me with your ideas, hopefully in time for our March 6 meeting date.



Plans for March include the return to an annual event that has been a club favorite for decades. The Frostbite Picnic is slated for Saturday, March 29 with our gourmet chef, Ron Leone already working out his version of a traditional Jewish Deli experience and our activities coordinator Bill Soman orchestrating the challenging car games. It will be a test of skill as well as great fun.

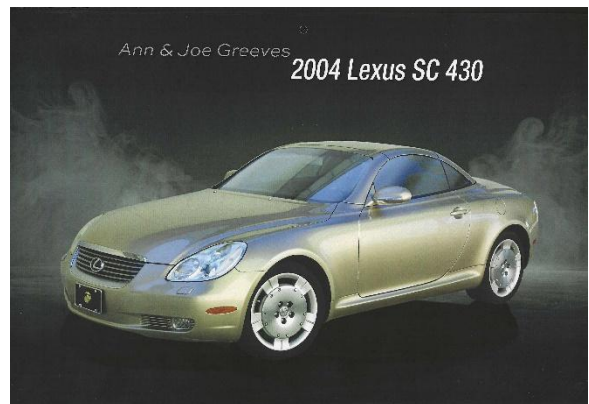
That's it for now

Joe Greeves, President

Calendar Car

We realize that 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 February, you will see the 2004 Lexus SC 420, owned by Ann and Joe Greeves



Ancient City Auto Club Monthly Meeting

Our group met in the Village Inn for dinner and conversation that centered around our two upcoming trips.

The Koch Museum was very well received when we visited several years ago and both new and old members were looking forward to a delightful return. Discussions also covered the Frostbite Picnic, another classic event scheduled for March that includes good food, car games, and even some prizes to the winners.





Ron Leone treated the membership to a display of a dozen different automotive gadgets as well as detailed discussions on OBDII code readers while Bill Soman added hints and techniques for bicycle tire maintenance.

The trivia competition is always a combination that both tests and expands your knowledge of automotive info. Vice President Jeff Dougherty came away the winner, receiving extra 50-50 tickets.

Unfortunately, they didn't help since our newest member, Marty Wylie pulled off his second 50-50 win in a row.

We learned that our friend and club secretary Jinny Quackenbush is under the weather. We wish her a speedy recovery.



Pedro Menendez Car Show

Rain showers in the morning delayed some drivers but by 9 AM, the gathering at the museum saw capacity crowds with an amazing variety of interesting vehicles. It was clear that the high school students were impressed with the fascinating collection of vehicles.



Our member, Ken Bryan did quite well, taking a Museum Choice Trophy for his LS-equipped, Chevrolet Street Rod. Keeping it in the family, the man who won Best Of Show at Ken's own car show last month, Mike House, also got a Museum Choice Trophy for his amazing 1968 Nova-X.

My favorite was the amazing Model A Ford by Stephen Katkowsky, loaded with every possible aftermarket item available at the time.



Notice the Policeman's arms when the brake is applied.



Congratulations to the Pedro Menendez students and the Classic Car Museum for putting on such an entertaining event.



A beautiful Florida day.



Trophies



Mike House's Nova X



Bill Soman's Corvette



Joe Greeves' Lexus SC 430



Steven Katkowsky's fully equipped
Model A



Drone pilot and copilot, Bill and Danny

Old Guy's Breakfast February

The group met at our favorite breakfast spot, the Beachside Diner. We welcomed our newest member, John Caruso, an avid Volkswagen fan and currently, the owner of a 1973 Volkswagen Super Beetle Convertible. John, along with our webmaster, Rob Daly is from Jacksonville, meaning they have quite a drive to attend our events. We are very happy to have them on board.



In addition to about a dozen others, the primary topic this week was our upcoming visit to the Koch Museum. Several of us had been there before and the rest were looking forward, after hearing the details.

The event ended with our traditional drawing for a free breakfast, which this month was won by Ed Downing. Put next month's OGB on your calendar for March 14.



The Old Guys



Ed Downing 2023 Dodge Challenger



Joe Greeves – 04 Lexus

Chris and Kathleen Koch Museum

The club get together at the Chris and Kathleen Koch Museum was a genuine treat, seeing their amazing collection and enjoying the wealth of knowledge that they possess when describing their vehicles. The provenance of each was fascinating and amazing cars were everywhere.



Edsel Ford's own Cabriolet, purchased by Chris decades before, was authenticated by Chris and Kathleen through their research at the Ford Museum. Restored, it is now a seven-figure car.

Everywhere you turned, there were one-of-one cars, thousand-point cars, signage covering every inch of wall space, and the unexpected collection of, shaving mugs, some worth the cost of a new Lexus.



Chris describing the collection to the members

It's clear that Chris and Kathleen really enjoyed sharing their collection with us and we certainly appreciated the experience.

The Museum is a nonprofit and the Koch's favorite charity is the Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, Maine. Many of you already know about the Chris and Kathleen Koch AACA Library And Research Center in Hershey, PA. It is recognized as a world-renowned resource for the collectible vehicle community with more than 3 million individual items to help restorers and historians alike.

We are privileged to have them as members of our club.

Lunch afterwards at the Capt.'s Barbecue added to the fun.





A stunning unrestored 1937 Packard Drop Head Coupe



Edsel Ford's Cabriolet undergoing maintenance



Cars and signage were everywhere.





A \$70,000 child's Cadillac



A room full of miniatures



A stunning Nash Healy



The barbershop



The collection of hand-painted ceramic shaving mugs





Karen and Toby Erwin and their
Model A



Ann and Joe Greeves Lexus SC 430

Monthly Dine Out

This month's dine out at the **Texas Roadhouse** was a first for many members but it will not be their last. Judging by everyone's response, the service was quick and the food was wonderful although seating was just a little tricky with our large group. Our table for eight meant conversation was easy and everyone learned a little bit more about folks they already knew.



Discussion also turned to plans to attend the Bozard Ford/Lincoln event just up the road from the restaurant on Saturday.

We were very happy to see our club secretary Jinny Quackenbush well on the road to recovery after experiencing a medical issue last month.

Our next get-together will be the general membership meeting March 6, at the Village Inn. See you there.





Joe Greeves - Lexus SC 430



John Bagg – Mustang Convertible

Cars and Coffee at the Car Museum

The cloudy weather at this month's Museum Cars and Coffee was not enough to discourage this hardcore group of automotive enthusiasts. Specialty cars filled the up front and side parking spaces while spectators filled the grass lot. Sidney Hobbs' once a month get together is the perfect opportunity to meet and greet old friends and admire some genuinely rare vehicles.

With a selection that varied from high dollar Ferraris to antique Model A's, there was something for everyone. We especially liked the Model A with the opera window and convertible top over the rumble seat.

Robert Styles was particularly happy with the February outing since his beautiful 1939 Ford captured the coveted DQ award. His Blue Oval restomod, complete with a ZZ4 GM 350 crate motor and modern chassis was loaded with details.



Joe Greeves - Lexus SC 430



Russell Pucci – Mustang



Bill Soman – Corvette



Jimmy Pucci – Corvette



Chris and Kathleen Koch - Oldsmobile convertible



Mark Blasser – BMW



Ron Leone equipping Jim Athas's walker with slicks and nitrous



High dollar cars added to the fun.



John Kaiser- Ranchero



Everybody loves donuts



Beautiful Model A, complete with rumble seat convertible top



Styles' 1939 Ford Restomod



Pres. Joe Greeves enjoying the cars and coffee.



DQ trophy winner Robert Styles receiving his award.

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. 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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