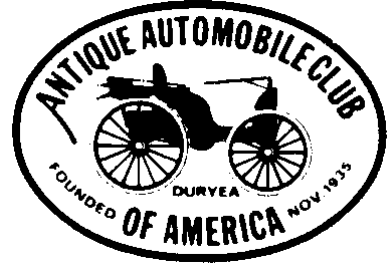




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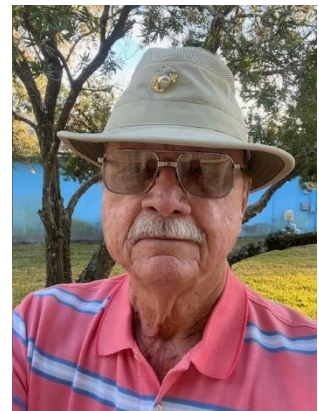
Antique Automobile Club of America

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

January

Well, 2024 was a very good year with the nation free from pandemic concerns and Mother Nature just tiptoeing through St. Augustine during the hurricane season. I'm certain that 2025 is going to be even better as we enjoy our cars, our friends, and the delights of the Sunshine State. Our club has a strong group of members who attend our functions regularly, making every event special.



There are many of our long-time members, however, who are facing issues that keep them from enjoying the benefits of our get-togethers. Hopefully, some of these concerns will become easier to deal with this year and we will see more of them. Sometimes an encouraging phone call from a friend is all it takes.

Our next big event might be the perfect location for that re connection, enjoying the wonderful collection of cars at the Chris and Kathleen Koch Museum in mid-

February. Hopefully, we will see some of our new as well as some of our old favorite faces there.

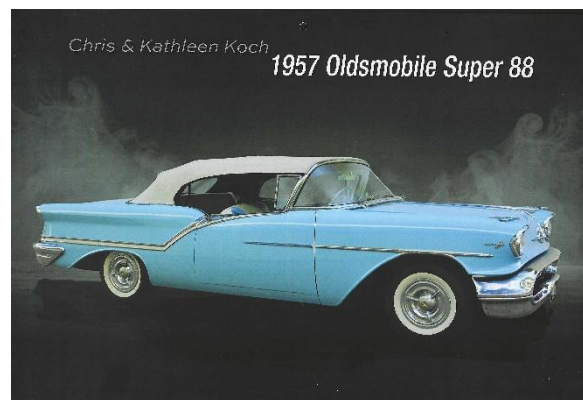
That's it for now

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 1957 Oldsmobile Super 88 convertible, owned by Chris and Kathleen Koch.



Ancient City Auto Club Monthly Meeting

Our first meeting of the new year was a busy one where the first order of business was reelecting the board members for 2025. The current officers agreed to remain in place for another year and were confirmed by a unanimous vote of the membership.

The key topic under general discussion at the meeting was planning automotive entertainment events for the next few months as well as technical discussions from Ron Leone and Bill Soman, scheduled to become part of the February membership meeting.



We welcomed our newest member, Marty Wylie, wintering here in St. Augustine and returning to his home in Michigan during the summer. Everyone participated in the end-of-meeting Bingo game with Carol Hewett taking the win. Unfortunately, her extra 50-50 tickets didn't help because our newest member, Marty, had the winning 50-50 ticket. He certainly knows how to make an entrance!

Put February 6 on your calendar for next month and we hope to see you there.



Old Guy's Breakfast October

Now that the excitement of the holidays has subsided, we are returning to a more stable routine. The Old Guy's Breakfast saw 13 participants for the January gathering at the Beachside Diner. The conversations were spirited, getting back in touch with members we hadn't seen for some time. Membership renewals and calendar sales added to the fun.



We were very happy to welcome our newest member, Willie Sadler. You can tell immediately what kind of car Willie drives, thanks to his email address, thesaabdoctor@yahoo.com. His 1991 Saab 900 convertible is just one of a fleet of Saabs that he owned prior to relocating from California. Welcome aboard.

While everyone was enjoying the camaraderie, Skip Ferguson made out better than most. He was already having a good time, but everything improved when he heard his number called for the free breakfast. If you'd like to catch up with old friends and maybe get a shot at a free meal, put the Old Guy's Breakfast on your calendar on Valentine's Day, February 14.



The group at our Beachside table



Bill Soman was a late arrival



Ken Bryan's Porsche



Chris Koch's '57 Oldsmobile



Ed Downing's Dodge Challenger



Joe Greeves' 04 Lexus



Skip Ferguson's E250 van



Jeff Dougherty's Mercedes Van

Monthly Dine Out

Intermittent rain and temperatures colder than we're used to, meant that many members stayed safe and warm at home. The hardy few who braved the elements however had a good time at this month's dine out, held at Ford's Garage.



The company was great, and the food had fun touches like onion rings served on a transmission funnel! (That's a taller upgrade from the previous smaller dipstick used for onion rings in the past.)

We were very happy to greet George and Nancy MacGown, arriving back in Florida from their home in New Hampshire. While the 40° weather may have been troublesome for our club members, George smiled and said it was 4° when he left home! We look forward to seeing more of them at upcoming events.



Keep in touch with club events through the activities list published every Monday and participate when you can. Put the tour of the Koch Museum on your February 20th calendar now. Chris and Kathleen have an amazing collection. See you there.



Cars and Coffee at the Car Museum

Unseasonably cool weather kept many drivers home for the January event but the promise of hot coffee and sweet doughnuts was still strong enough to attract a wonderful collection of cars and their owners. Bundled up in puffy jackets and gloves, drivers got a chance to chat, see some interesting rides, and think about warmer times.

Our own Jinny Quackenbush enjoyed the refreshments, but she also came to work. Her task was picking this month's winner of the DQ Award. A tribute to her husband Bob and our old friend Dewey, the trophy goes to the vehicle that Jinny likes best.



This month's lucky winner was Allen Bond and his beautiful Oldsmobile 442. He saw a similar car advertised on his high school bulletin board. The janitor was selling it for \$350 and it was too good to pass up. It was his high school car, but like most of us, life happens, and it was sold.



Allen and Jinny with the DQ trophy



The DQ Award-winning Olds 442 of Allen Bond

Decades later, Allen saw a similar car and although it needed considerable work, the finished vehicle was worth it. The DQ trophy now becomes part of the car's provenance.

Thanks to the Classic Car Museum for bringing enthusiasts together at this wonderful monthly gathering.



The Model A Ford of Jim Athas



The beautiful mile-long Cadillac of Chet Sveistrup



The shiny Lexus SC 430 of Joe
Greeves



The freshly restored Toyota Crown of
Peter Starr



The LS-equipped Chevrolet Street
Rod of Ken Bryan



It's important to get the kids started
early!

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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