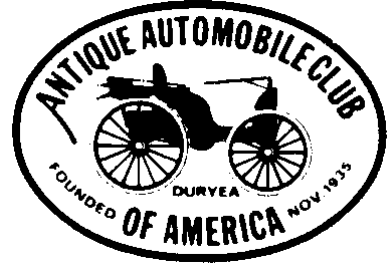




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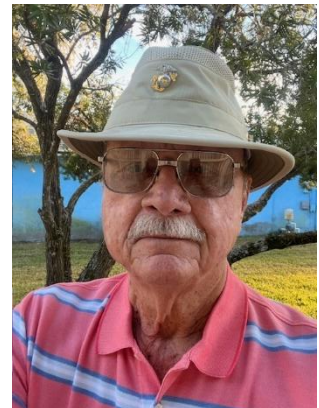
Antique Automobile Club of America

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

June

Each month as I sit down to write this column, I am reminded of the wonderful people who are part of our club, either in the present or the past. It's a unique gathering of like-minded folks who are clearly passionate over just about anything with wheels. I especially like the format of our club that adds to the enjoyment since there is something on tap virtually every week.



Each month begins with the general membership meeting, then there's the Old Guys Breakfast, the cruise night at the Museum, the Thursday dine outs, Cars and Coffee, and of course, some of our cool road trips. Not everyone attends each event like me but I see the same groups of people enjoying those individual get-togethers that appeal to them. I would love to see our members expand their involvement to include an extra gathering or two since new faces in a group always adds to the dynamic.

Remember, I am constantly looking for input to make our events more interesting. If you have an idea, I'd love to hear it.

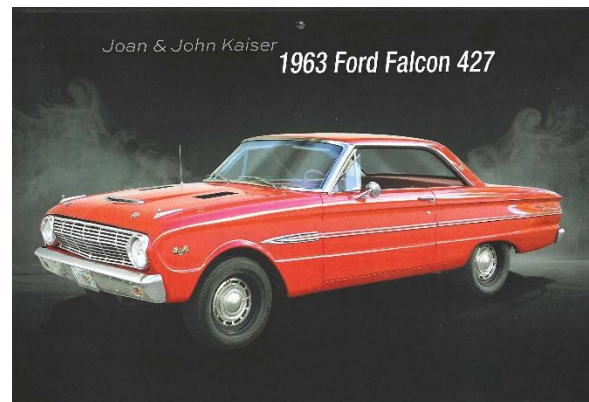
Warm regards,

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 1963 Ford Falcon 427 owned by Joan and John Kaiser



## The Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve Tour

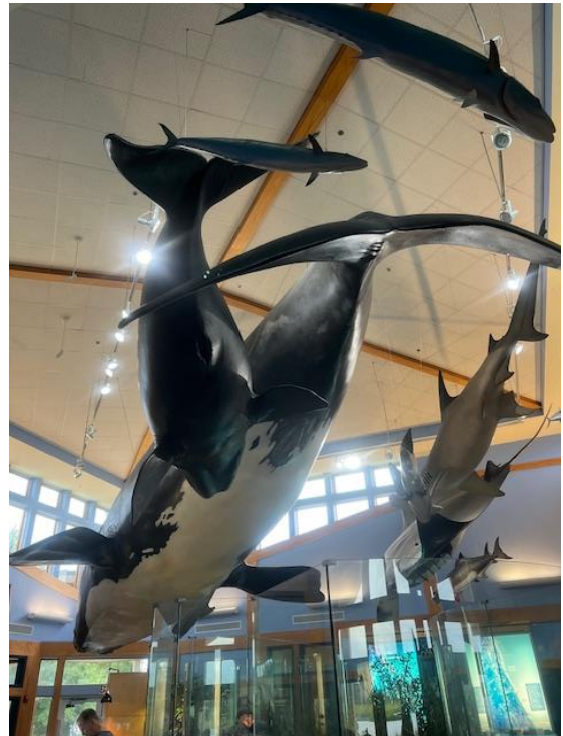
ACAC road warriors headed to The Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve (GTMNERR). Say that three times fast!

Complicated name aside, the Visitor Center display was amazing. Our adventurous crew met bright and early Saturday morning at our favorite stop, the Village Inn parking lot. The morning rain showers kept most of the specialty cars safely under wraps, with the exception of intrepid Bill McCaw who piloted his open Bugatti replica and scoffed at the thunder clouds. With Ron Leone leading



the way up A1A, the crew arrived and posed for a group picture in front of the Visitor Center.

Inside, we were impressed with the wonderful 15 minute presentation from the staff explaining the work that they do in protecting Florida's coastal ecosystems. Although everyone enjoyed the interactive displays, the real eye-opener was the full-size collection of marine life overhead. Viewing the 70-ton, 55-foot North Atlantic Right Whale and her baby was a humbling experience.



Leaving the visitor center, it was still a bit too early for our lunch reservations so we took a quick diversion to Mickler Boulevard to admire the collection of multi million dollar mansions.



Heading south once again we arrived at Drakes Bistro on San Marco where everyone enjoyed the restaurant's wonderful hospitality as well as their amazing collection of unique sandwiches. Mother Nature cooperated and everyone headed home in bright afternoon sunshine.



## Ancient City Auto Club Monthly Meeting

Mother Nature was not cooperating during the June General Membership Meeting, sending down rain and keeping most specialty cars under wraps. But the faithful arrived in less exciting cars, enjoying good food and the connection with old friends.

This month, Rich Boyle was our guest speaker, recalling many interesting points from his automotive history and



recounting the purchase of his current car, his 1972 Alfa Romeo GTV 2000 Coupe. The stories were interesting and his beautiful classic was in last year's calendar. We continued the discussions on our upcoming car show, citing areas that need attention.



The event concluded with our traditional trivia competition. Fred Cooper's list of questions proved too easy for our astute enthusiasts with six folks scoring 100%. The tiebreaker gave the win to Ray Emery who received extra 50-50 tickets.

Unfortunately for Ray, the bonus did not help since our guest speaker made off with the cash. Put July 3 on your calendar for next month's get-together.







## Old Guy's Breakfast June

**The June Old Guys Breakfast at the Beachside Diner** is always a fun event, beginning with upfront parking thanks to our ace coordinator, Paul McCarthy. The line up of cars is always impressive, especially so this month when we met Cathy and Kevin O'Leary who showed up in their bright red Corvette. After a brief chat, they seemed enthusiastic and we may see them at our next general membership meeting. Moving inside, we always have a reserved alcove thanks to Alan, the Beachside General Manager. Even our waitress was a car gal, showing us a picture of the family racecar. Lots of individual topics were discussed but the group discussion centered around the





club car show and its requirements. We will cover more details on the show at our next general membership meeting. We always have a drawing and our Bugatti replica driver, Bill McCaw was the lucky free breakfast winner. Come on out to the next Old Guy's breakfast, July 11. It's a great way to start the day.



Dick Hewitt's 1949 Oldsmobile convertible.



John Kaiser's 1967 Ford Ranchero



Bill McCaw's Bugatti replica



The bright red Corvette of Cathy and Kevin O'Leary.



Joe Greeves' Lexus SC 430



The guys



Free breakfast winner Bill McCaw



Our waitress with a shot of the family racecar



Car talk afterwards.

## Volks Fest

The Ancient City Auto Club membership does not boast a large collection of German vehicles but the Summer Volksfest at the Museum was still a treat for any enthusiast. With show vehicles filling the front parking lot and multiple rows on the grass, the turnout was impressive. Equally as impressive was the imagination of many of these builders especially when it came to Beetles. It's



amazing the number of unique personalities these little cars can achieve. Enjoy the photos.



The field



Dune buggies are the ultimate fun vehicle.



That's a modern Volkswagen convertible with an equally modern trailer on the back.



Don't touch the paint, it's not dry yet!



There's no motor in the back or a radiator upfront. Electric?



This VW is considerably faster than when it left the factory.





Masterfully engineered, this Beetle has a complete VW van grafted on the back.



This light-duty hauler is perfect for carrying pillows!

### **St Augustine Cruiser's Cruise-in**

The St. Augustine Cruisers Cruise In is always a fun monthly event but this month there was a special twist. The Gypsy Players and Performers group was on hand, doing a photo shoot inside the museum. When the collection of beautifully costumed ladies came outside, many drivers enjoyed the opportunity to snap a photo with their cars. You never know what surprises await when it comes to the Classic Car Museum!



Group shot



The field





The Gypsy ladies posing for photos.



Some of the costumes were spectacular!



Check out this little guy appreciating this flathead pickup truck



Photographers, cars, and ladies; a perfect combination.



Hanging out with friends.

## Monthly Dine Out

The **Monthly Club Dine Out** is always a great opportunity to either try a new restaurant or enjoy an old familiar one, while at the same time, hanging out with friends.

This month, we went to a perennial favorite, the St. Augustine's Carrabba's. With members and guests seated at two long tables and a booth, everyone got a chance to catch up while enjoying great food. Dinner conversations help you to learn more about folks you already know. This month we were pleased to chat with potential members, Cathy and Kevin O'Leary, having first admired their new C8 at the Old Guys Breakfast.

Check out the Activities List next month for details on the July get-together, on the 24<sup>th</sup>.



One table of Diners



A second table of diners





A third table of diners



Ron Leone's BMW convertible



Joe Greeves 2004 Lexus SC 430



Bill Marshall's Ford Focus



John Bagg's Mustang convertible



Kevin O'Leary's Corvette



## Cars and Coffee at the Car Museum

The **June Cars And Coffee** attracted an amazing turnout of vehicles, guaranteed to provide something for everyone's taste. Ranging from brand-new 2025 Lincolns to restomod T-Buckets, the variety of cars on display spanned a century of cool rolling stock. It's also the perfect opportunity to see club members and friends sharing donuts and coffee.



Every month there is a special award given in memory of ACAC founders, Dewey Porter and Bob Quackenbush. Appropriately, the winning vehicle is selected by Nancy Porter and Jinny Quackenbush. This month, they chose the beautiful Model A owned by Tom Happle. His father acquired this car in 1966. Tom remembers riding in the rumble seat as a small child. His grandchildren are shown in the rumble seat below. The car spent most of it's life in Colorado and came to Florida 2 years ago.



When was the last time you were in a rumble seat?



Nancy Porter in the rumble seat





1926 Ford Model A business coupe



The DQ award



Nancy and Jinny trying out the winning car



Nancy and Jinny awarding the DQ Plaque

This month, the doughnuts at the event carried a special meaning. Put a tip in the doughnut jar and the proceeds went to the Til Valhalla Project, a charitable organization that remembers fallen military by providing memorial plaques to the family. Always quick to get involved with a worthy cause, Museum owner Sidney Hobbs added to the total, matching the donated funds. Car people are the best!





The Cars And Coffee event is always the fourth Saturday of the month. Put July 26<sup>th</sup> on your calendar and join the fun.



Joe Greeves Lexus SC 430



Nancy Porter and Ann Greeves  
enjoying the show



A beautiful day for a car event.



Jim Athas' 1930 Model A





Kevin Brooks' 2008 Mustang GT 500 KR.



Jimmy Pucci's 2018 Corvette Stingray



Tony Evangelista's '92 Corvette. (It's for sale.)



Russell Pucci's 2022 Mustang Mach 1



Bill Soman's 1961 Corvette convertible



Ron Leone's 2004 BMW 330





Ed Downing's 2023 Dodge Challenger



Tony and Ron hanging out



Bill Soman and Luke checking out the collection.



Tony with Jinny and Ann





John Bagg's 1968 Mustang convertible.



Former member Carly King enjoying the show.

**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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