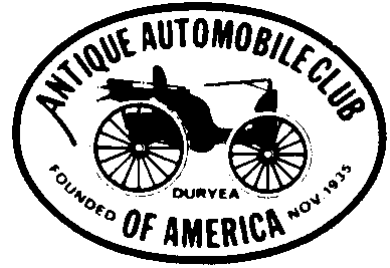




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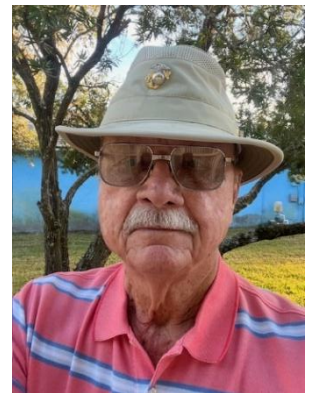
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March

We have just completed the Frostbite Picnic and as always, it was great fun. It's hard to beat the combination of car games, great location, warm Florida weather, and free food. Those whose schedules did not allow, missed a genuinely entertaining event. Maybe we will do it again in the Fall.

The automotive Madness in March began with a new cruise in at the Mazda dealership, fun at the old guys breakfast, the automotive extravaganza of the three-day Turkey Run in Daytona, and a well-attended club dine out at Piesano's. We have welcomed several new members in the past two months, and reacquainted with some old favorites who have been away for a while. Summertime means more daylight driving hours and more opportunities to get behind the wheel. Here's hoping that you introduce your specialty ride to the asphalt at every opportunity.



I'm always looking for ways to entertain the group and would love to hear your suggestions. Email or call me if you have a fun idea. See you at the April 3 General Membership Meeting at the Village Inn.

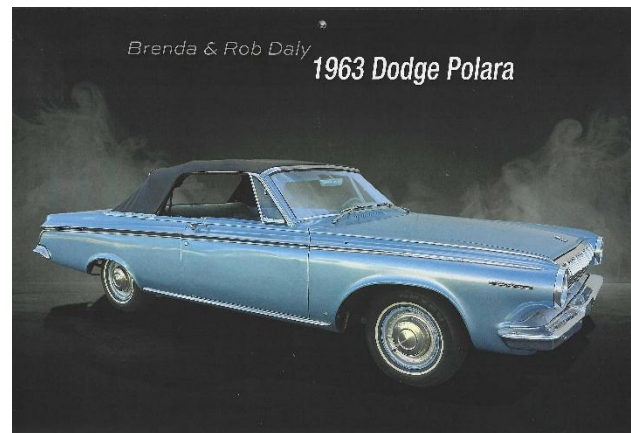
Warm regards,

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 April, you will see the 1963 Dodge Polara owned by Rob and Brenda Daly.



Bozard Car Show



The Bozard Ford Lincoln dealership teamed up with the Classic Car Museum of St. Augustine for the first car show in March. The huge turnout at the Bozard location was a combination of new and classic vehicles with spectators getting to see cars from the '30s, brand-new 2025 versions, and everything in between. Several of our members attended, displaying their favorite rides and enjoying the Chamber of Commerce Florida weather.

Just a short walk away, Ford's Restaurant was serving an early breakfast and later, a great lunch to the crowd. The awards ceremony presented unique-car piston trophies to the winners.



The car show at Bozard Ford



Kathleen and Chris Koch's highly optioned '56 Ford convertible.



The 2004 Lexus of Ann and Joe Greeves



Ken Bryan's '65 Buick Wildcat, in the family for decades



Jim Athas' classic Model A



Radical Rat Rod



Reid Hotaling's '40 Ford coupe, a Great 8 Winner!



Pete King's '57 Thunderbird had a for sale sign. Interested?



Marty Wylie's '95 Ford f250

Ancient City Auto Club Monthly Meeting

Our group met at our favorite restaurant, the Village Inn to discuss the latest goings-on in the club. We enjoyed Bill McCaw's seminar on electronic circuit testers and now we all know who to contact the next time we have an electrical short!

Joe Greeves led a discussion on his favorite car and opened the floor to the membership, asking everyone to recall an interesting story or two about their favorite vehicle either in their past or present. The back stories that surround these vehicles are fascinating.



The next big event on the schedule is the annual Frostbite Picnic scheduled for the end of March. This is a traditional event where everyone has fun behind the wheel.



Joe Greeves discussing his Lexus



Seminar guy, Bill McCaw was the 50-50 winner.



The group



And the group



Joe Greeves' Lexus SC 430



John Bagg's '68 Mustang convertible



Marty Wiley's 1995 Ford F250



Jeff Doherty's Mercedes 'Megavan!'

The Cruiser's Cruise In

There was a light club turnout at this month's St. Augustine cruisers event but those who were there enjoyed chatting with friends and of course, checking out the vehicles. We got a chance to see Ed Downing's 1967 Dodge Dart, one of three pristine Mopars in his collection. Joe Greeves, John Kaiser, and Bill McCaw rounded out the attendance list.



Our charitable host, Sidney Hobbs was on hand, treating everyone to free hotdogs.



The March Old Guys (And One Good Lookin' Gal!) Breakfast.

The beautiful Florida weather created the perfect opportunity to drive that specialty car in the garage. This month we had a capacity turnout at the Beachside Diner that even included our club founder and Secretary, Jinny Quackenbush. Jinny and John had an appointment after the breakfast, and John brought Jinny along, adding class to our old guy's discussions.



We welcomed our newest member, Kevin Brooks from St. Augustine, driving his 2008 Ford Mustang GT500 KR coupe. We are glad to have you.

Sadly, we also said so-long to one of our old friends, George MacGown. George and Nancy spend the winter here in St. Augustine and will return next week to their home in New Hampshire. Although we will miss them both and look forward to their return next fall, we know they will once again enjoy driving their classic '56 Corvette parked in their New Hampshire garage.

Discussions at breakfast included sharing contact information to accomplish needed repairs, with multiple recommendations and phone numbers trading among members. It's always a benefit whenever work is needed to talk with someone who is personally acquainted with the mechanic.

Every month, we have a drawing for a free breakfast and this month our Newsletter Editor, John Bagg was the winner. Put next month's Old Guys Breakfast on your calendar, April 11th at 9 AM. See you there.



The Gang



John Bagg's '68 Mustang



Bill McCaw's Bugatti replica



Chet Sveistrup's classic Cadillac



Ken Bryan's Chevrolet Street Rod



Kevin Brooks' '08 Mustang GT500KR



Joe Greeves' 2004 Lexus Retractable Hardtop



Chris Zima's '69 Mustang convertible



John Kaiser's '67 Ford Ranchero

Monthly Dine Out

There is something about Italian food that appeals to everyone. The March get together at Piesano's was wonderful, with everyone pleased with both the food and the company. The restaurant set aside a single long table for us which made conversation easy, especially so because it gave us a chance to get to know our newest members, Kevin and Christine Brooks. We were also happy to reacquaint with our old friends, Karen and Toby Erwin.



As you might expect, conversation centered around cars (and how to fix 'em) as well as the upcoming Frostbite Picnic on Saturday. Check the weekly Activities List for the next Dine Out, and come join the fun.

The Annual Frostbite Picnic

The Frostbite Picnic is an annual event that everyone looks forward to. Gathering at the Frank Butler Park West and enjoying perfect springtime weather, club members threaded their way through the one narrow gate or took the long way around to be cautious. The location is a perfect venue with a wide open grassy field, a shelter with picnic tables, and a public restroom.



Club games began at 11 AM with drivers responding to Bill Soman's challenging courses. Stab The Potato, Over The Cliff, and Back Into The Garage are traditional favorites with spectators cheering wins and failures with the same enthusiasm.





Drivers negotiating the course with bags over their heads meant relying on their navigators while simultaneously developing a trusting connection.



As usual, our club gourmet chef, Ron Leone produced an amazing lunch with his version of a Jewish Deli Experience. With hardly an inch of room to spare on two long tables, his spread was amazing. No one left hungry but several left with

tomorrow's lunch. Ron always outdoes himself and the club is fortunate to have him.



Winners in the three game categories went home with \$25 gift certificates to our favorite restaurant, the Beachside Diner. Special thanks to Ron and Bill for their unending support.



Cars and Coffee at the Car Museum

The March Cars and Coffee event, held at the Classic Car Museum is a wonderful asset to the St. Augustine car community. In addition to bringing local enthusiasts together for coffee and (amazing!) doughnuts, it also introduces everyone to specialty vehicles arriving from outlying neighborhoods. Cars normally stored in hermetically sealed garages now appear for all to see and admire.



Although the March show was in competition with the legendary Spring Turkey Run weekend in Daytona, the turnout was still impressive.



This concentrated two hour car show also has a second benefit, thanks to museum owner Sidney Hobbs and the DQ award. Every month, a trophy is presented in honor of ACAC club founders Dewey Porter and Bob Quackenbush. Here is our celebrity judge, Jinny Quackenbush's story about her choice:

“There were so many exciting beautiful cars at Cars 'n' Coffee last month, it was difficult to choose just one, but when I saw this red '57 T-Bird it reminded me of Bob's and my trek down to St. Augustine in July of '79--Bob was trailering the '57; I drove a '56 Chevy Convertible; Jeff a '63 Ford Galaxie 500XL Convertible; students drove 2 more T-Birds. That '57 T-Bird was originally owned by Mamie Van Doren, so with that provenance, it was a favorite; so, I was (always surprised when Bob actually sold any of the cars) and specially surprised that he was going to sell the T-Bird to Sidney, whom we had just met. Any way, Brian Rolf's car brought back many precious memories, even though it is not the same car--he bought it at an auction in North Carolina--it is stock, engine and all and will make memories for his family to cherish. We're so thankful he displayed it for us to share in the fun.”



If you're in the area on April 26, bring your specialty vehicle out and join the crowd for some wonderful Saturday morning automotive fun.



Joe Greeves 2004 Lexus SC 430



New Member Kevin Brooks 2008 Ford Mustang GT 500 KR Coupe



Russell Pucci 2022 Ford Mustang
Mach 1 coupe



Ken Bryan 2015 Z06 Corvette



Jimmy Pucci 2018 Corvette Stingray



Ron Leone 2004 BMW 330
convertible



Skip Ferguson, '55 Chevy Nomad
restomod



John Kaiser '67 Ford Falcon 427.



John Bagg 1968 Mustang Convertible

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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