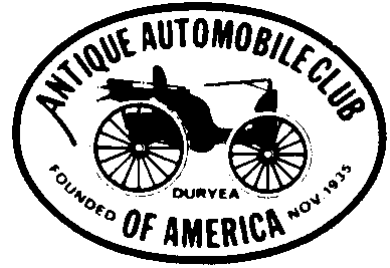




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May

There were several interesting events this month beginning with our general membership meeting and remarks from our good friend Ken Bryan. Since it adds a new dimension to the gathering, I'm going to try to have a speaker at every meeting in the future.

We enjoyed the Old Guys Breakfast with a nice collection of vehicles outside the Beachside Diner. The group also had a good time at Arnold's Lounge, complete with steak dinners, a dance floor, and karaoke. We especially enjoyed getting reacquainted with Brian and Carolyn Wirz, away from most club activities because of medical issues. Welcome back!



We will wrap up the month of May with a tour of the Guana Tolomato Matanzas Visitors Center followed by lunch at Drake's Deli and Bistro. This event will be covered in the June newsletter.

On a personal note, our longtime favorite Matador Red Lexus ES350 has been replaced with a new Nightfall Blue Mica ES350 with a distinctive Palomino interior. We thought the red car was amazing but now realize the blue car's modern technology is a vast improvement, both in comfort and built in safety! We are looking forward to many happy miles in the future. (FYI: The SC430 is still important enough to commandeer the garage!)

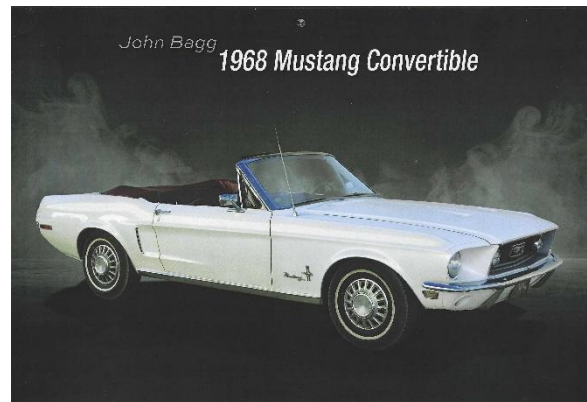
Warm regards,

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 June, you will see the 1968 Mustang Convertible owned by John Bagg



Ancient City Auto Club Monthly Meeting

The long Village Inn tables were packed with old and new members along with additional side tables pressed into service for a few latecomers.

Even though warmer weather means fewer car shows, there was still activity on the schedule. The group voted on an old favorite location, Arnold's, for our May Dine Out and Ron Leone established a tour of the Guano



Tolomato Matanzas Visitor Center for the end of the month.



We were very pleased to hear our guest speaker, Ken Bryan, telling us the chronology of a family favorite, his Buick Wildcat. It passed through several hands before Ken restored it to its former glory. John Bagg handled the trivia contest and our astute treasurer, Fred Cooper had the highest score. The 50-50 raffle was won by Bill Soman, a regular winner in the past.





Joe Greeves' Lexus SC 430



Jeff Dougherty's Mercedes van



Ken Bryan's Corvette convertible



Marty Wylie's Ford F250



John Bagg's Mustang convertible

The St. Augustine Cruisers May Cruise In.

The monthly cruise in at the Classic Car Museum is always a good opportunity to reacquaint with friends and see some amazing vehicles. Several club members

were there along with our old friend, Carly King and her Pontiac wagon. Carly was a club member several years ago and is still an active enthusiast.

Trivia questions, hot dogs, and a big group of like-minded enthusiasts make the cruise in the perfect Saturday evening treat. Put June 21 on your calendar for the next get together.



Joe Greeves' Lexus SC 430



Carly King's Pontiac wagon



Bill McCaw's Bugatti replica



Carly



The DJ



Ed Downing's Dodge Challenger



Dinner for the crowd

The April Old Guys Breakfast.

The Old Guy's Breakfast is always a lot of fun and there is a regular group that shows up every month. We enjoy the reserved parking spaces out front, thanks to Paul McCarthy who orchestrates the tiny car show in front of the restaurant. Outside diners always seem to enjoy it.

Beachside Diner manager Allen always has our tables established in the restaurant alcove and our regular waitress Holly, knows what most guys want before they order.



Conversations are always interesting, and we generally learn something new about our old friends during each meal. A couple of our regulars have headed north for the season, but a couple of newer members have arrived to fill the void. The biggest treat is that almost everyone drives something special, exactly how a car club breakfast should work.

This month's free breakfast went to our ace parking coordinator Paul McCarthy. Put June 13 on your calendar. Hopefully, we will see you there and oh yeah . . . drive something special.



The Guys



Ken Bryan Buick Wildcat



Kevin Brooks, Mustang GT 500 KR
Coupe



Bill Soman was a late arrival



Bill McCaw, Bugatti replica



Paul McCarthy Van



Joe Greeves Lexus SC 430



Bill Soman's classic Corvette

Monthly Dine Out

The May Dine Out at Arnold's Lounge was great fun. Multiple tables were rearranged into one making conversation easy.

Thursday is always steak night and your meal comes with all the fixings, yet it costs less than most local breakfasts. Everyone who ordered the special was pleased.





Once dinner ended, entertainment began thanks to several karaoke singers, some of whom were really good!

We were very happy to see our old friends Brian and Carolyn Wirz, returning after a long absence. We hope to see more of them in the future. As always, these club events

are a great opportunity to drive your specialty car. Get behind the wheel as often as you can.



Ed, Jinny, and John heading in.





Joe Greeves's Lexus SC 430



David Cameron's classic Corvette



Tempa Pleker's Mini



Ed Downing's Dodge Challenger



Bill Marshall's Mustang convertible



John Bagg's Mustang Convertible



The Wirz's BMW

Cars and Coffee at the Car Museum

The monthly **Cars and Coffee** at the Classic Car Museum is a wonderful opportunity for local enthusiasts. The two hour mini automotive gathering on the fourth Saturday morning always draws a huge collection of fascinating vehicles.

Particularly interesting this month was the contrast between the slowest and fastest on display. Under the canopy was a vintage Ford Model T, probably good for 40



The Model T is truly a historic vehicle

mph downhill. In the front row was a Superlight SL-C with a window sticker advertising 215 mph! Its high-performance mid engine and race-derived chassis puts it in a class by itself. These two ground breaking vehicles depict the amazing journey of the modern automobile, presented to you here in sunny St. Augustine along with free doughnuts!



The Superlight SL-C is fast!



Check the window sticker.

It was Memorial Day Weekend and the Cars and Coffee crowd, sensing another awesome gathering of the faithful, drove beautiful cars to the Classic Car Museum. The D-Q (Dewey - Quackenbush) award chosen by Nancy (Porter) Buchanan and Jinny Quackenbush posed its regular puzzling choice, but it was decided to choose a Chevrolet product ("see the USA in your Chevrolet") in keeping with the patriotic holiday.

Rounding the backside of the building-- there it was--a beautiful '68 Camaro owned by Bob and Alec Beauregard. This car had taken both father and son to prom (1981 and 2016) and was definitely part of the wedding package for Bob! History galore! Bob has owned this car since 1980 and he has taken care to keep it original with only the tires and transmission not being stock. All 1968



SS396 cars got stack louvers; SS350 cars from 1967 until February 1968 had finned louvers. The houndstooth interior was not available in convertibles, but beautiful in this car. We had fun hearing the stories connected with this car and these owners. Thanks to all who share special memories each month.



The monthly Cars and Coffee should be on everyone's *got-to-be* there list. Put a June 28 asterisk on your calendar and prepare to be amazed!



Free doughnuts add to the fun.



Take a kid to a car show.



Bill and Tony watching barefoot Luke fly the drone.



Event sponsor Bozard had an impressive line of Lincolns on display.



Ann Greeves and Carly King



Jim, Bill, and Rob enjoying the unfolding automotive landscape.



Joe Greeves' SC430



Sidney welcoming the crowd.



Bill McCaw's Bugatti replica



Pete King's Thunderbird



Bill Soman's classic Corvette



Russell Pucci's Mustang Mach 1



Jimmy Pucci's Corvette stingray



Kevin Brooks' Mustang GT 500 KR



Chris Zima's Mustang convertible



John Bagg's Mustang convertible



Dean Stires' Shelby GT500 Mustang

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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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