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The Pizza Gang's All Here!



Forty five dedicated pizza fans braved the elements June 7th, splashing their way up a sodden Genung dirt path to join the general meeting of ACAC.

A delayed delivery didn't depress spirits, if conversational volume was any indication. If these gatherings can keep the drought at bay, there may be more.





Check it out: Club web site: http://local.aaca.org/ancientcity/

SAINT AUGUSTINE CRUISERS 10TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW



The Cruisers were blessed with perfect weather May 19th for their successful show at FSDB. Over 140 cars registered. Nine ACAC members displayed a total of 12 cars there, with Bob Quackenbush and Cliff Williams receiving 1st Place trophies, and Skip Ferguson taking home a Rick's Pick for his Dodge Challenger.



Edgar Wynne, Cruisers Club President, presided over the door prize table.







GOIN EZ George Parson (father and son) chose that phrase for the license plate of their 1932 Ford Coupe Replilcar. It exemplifies their delight in their work/hobby.



A life-long St. Augustinian, Clarence Melvin Chapman Sr. proudly displays his 1926 Ford pick-up, a total rebuild. The truck was featured in his grandson's wedding.



Minutes of June General Meeting

President Jim Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The pizza had not yet arrived so hungry members listened respectfully to the matters at hand. Ron Leone's sister, Deb (of Debbie's Day Spa) has rejoined the club and had a friend with her. The next meeting will convene at Papa Harry's, north near the courthouse on the east side of US 1 (Jim Weiss will post directions via email.) The proposed trip to Penney Farms did not have any participants.

Cliff Williams warned us of impending fines for not wearing your nametag. Stickers will not be available at future meetings. There is a Cruise In THIS SATURDAY! Please bring your car and yourself and your spouse if applicable!

- ~~Karen Erwin invited the membership to a Father/Daughter dance at Good News Presbyterian Church on Wildwood Drive on June 15th. They would like to have a display of old cars in place around 6 p.m. Any old car would be welcome.
- ~~Bob Quackenbush highlighted the Cadillac LaSalle Club's coming to the World Golf Village on June 13. More information will be sent via email to members.
- ~~Treasurer Tuni Weiss reported the balance on the books.
- ~~Carley King invited all members to a Halloween Party the Saturday before—October 27. **SAVE THE DATE**.
- ~~Charley Williams read the activities list for upcoming events.
- ~~Board Meeting June 21 at Mark and Kathy Young's.
- ~~Ron Leone announced the next "EAT OUT" at Amici's—13% off your tab in commemoration of their 13th year!—June 28. They usually have dancing on Thursday nights.
- ~~FIRST PLACE WINNERS at Cruisers' show—Cliff Willams and Bob Quackenbush.

The meeting was adjourned by President Jim Weiss at 7:30 p.m. The pizza came and we all enjoyed a good meal with good friends. Respectfully submitted, Robert W. Quackenbush, Secretary.

Old Guys with Old Cars gather to marvel at John Guarnieri's newest rust bucket....ooops.....we meant his latest project. This one is a Dodge Cabover.



Upcoming Activities 6-15 Sock Hop at Good **News Church** 6-16 S&L Classics Show. U.S. 1N 6-16 Vettes at WGV 6-21 Board Meeting at Youngs 6-28 Eat-Out at Amici's 7-13 OGWOC at Steak & Shake 7-14 Cruise-In at Steak & 9-23 Ponte Vedra Show at Sawgrass 10-27 Carley's Costume Party!

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Woman Power: a Tribute to Lynda

As many club members know, I have been working on a 1954 DeSoto Firedome, Hemi-

powered car, trying to get it ready for the AACA Spring National Meet in Lakeland, FL, Feb. 2013.

Well, on May 17, 2012, I was ready to put the engine and transmission into the car. I prefer installing them as a unit, but maneuvering over 1000 pounds of swinging weight can be tricky. But not for us! Lynda has helped me on similar projects, but this was a First: doing it without third party assistance. I would like to get it in print that I appreciate all the help Lynda has given me on my projects over the years. This coming November marks 3 years since I started this project and I hope to complete it by year's end. John Guarnieri



Ancient City Auto Club Awards Two \$500.00 Scholarships

Bill Soman, Scholarship Chairman reviewed and selected 2 students attending the First Coast Technical College. Jim Weiss and Bill Soman presented these 2 students with certificates and laminated facsimiles of the checks on Tuesday evening at the awards ceremony and reception at the First Coast Technical College.

Pictured are Jim Weiss, Fabian Funk, Jonathon Camacho, Bill Soman



Welcoming the Wirz Family

From Lynda Guarnieri

Ancient City Auto Club is spotlighting new members Brian and Carolyn Wirz this month.

Brian says they came to St. Augustine at the end of a southern migration - from Washington, D.C., to Atlanta, then Jackson-ville, and finally to a home near the St. Johns River, close to the Outback Crab Shack. They were introduced to our group by Dick Sherrod, who shares an interest in motorcycles with Brian.

Brian was a mechanical engineer who built power plants, and then moved on to race cars and ocean racing boats. Brian's collector car is a 1965 Cobra replica. An earlier Olde News featured the fabulous garage he has built.

Carolyn claims no automotive expertise, but acts as Brian's mechanic helper. She does have proud memories of a 1962 Chevy convertible, but now says her idea of a good car is one that starts when she turns the key and stops when she hits the brake. (Ed. Note: Carolyn, you are not alone in this 'blasphemy'!)

Both Wirz's enjoy good food and good company, and have found these at ACAC.

ACAC Board Meeting May 17, 2012 At the Home of Charlie Williams

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 by President Jim Weiss. Present were Cliff Williams, Dick Sherrod, Bob Quackenbush, Mark and Kathy Young, Dewey Porter.

Jim Weiss proposed "Papa Harry's" as a possible meeting place for the regular club meetings. They have 32 seats and maybe more; offer beer and stuff. July at Papa Harry's will be a trial run.

Rob Daly is manning our website; thanks to him for doing this. An ethanol guy may be coming to the club for a presentation. Jim Weiss is working on that. Jim and Tuni want to schedule a cookout at their home to encourage people to work on the car show.

Cliff Williams discussed getting better door prizes for the Cruise-In at Steak 'n' Shake.

Bob Q. will find out about window stickers.

The treasurer's report indicated that the books are balanced.

Scholarships--Jim and Tuni Weiss and Bill Soman went to the Technical School to present scholarships.

Car Show--Mark Young went over our flyers and registration forms. One "2011" was found where a "2012" should be—will be reprinted (\$90 authorized)

Activities—Charlie presented the list.

New Business:

Discussion—Why do we get so few cars at our Cruise Night—Suggestion—Free Dinner drawing for those with old cars at Cruise Night—with collector car—not only antique cars.

MOTION by Mark Young; second by Cliff Williams-PASSED.

Discussion—Let's rejoin First Coast Car Council--\$25/year. MOTION by Bob Quackenbush; seconded by Mark Young—PASSED.

Judges for our Car Show November 3rd should be picked before the show.

Meeting adjourned by mutual consent at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Robert W. Quackenbush, Secretary



Carolyn is even cuter with her eyes open! Apologies from amateur photographer. Please Note the Wirzes are wearing their name tags!

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Restoration of a Vintage Travel



Growing up around the transportation industry helped me form an appreciation for all types of vehicles. Tractors, tow trucks and rusty wrecks all have their own special appeal for me, so when I saw a photograph of a vintage travel trailer I knew I had to have one of my very own. The particular style that appealed to me most is called a canned ham (for obvious reasons), and I began to search for a candidate in our area. I found this 15 foot, 1957 Shasta near Titusville, FL and brought her home the same day.

Now almost completely restored, the Shasta is solid inside and out & has been painted to match the '55 Pontiac wagon. New wiring, gas lines and structural repairs make camping safe, easy and fun. The original Princess stove/oven combination works great and the original Krefft refrigerator keeps food and drinks ice cold. A heater and air conditioning take care of any temperature discomfort. The Shasta purportedly sleeps five-two in the comfy bed, two in the bed that is con-

verted from the dinette and one in the

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