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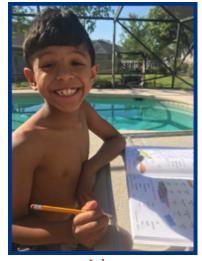
September, 2017



August 19, 2017--This Is A WOW Moment for ACAC!



Proof that Dewey Porter has at least one fan! Also shows just how hot it was that day! Everyone was seeking anything cool. Thanks be to God for Cold Cow!



Meet Jake. He is 9 yrs old and has Muscular Dystrophy. Dreams Come True Jax contacted Ancient City Auto Club member Sidney Hobbs recently and told him Jake loves classic cars and that his dream is to tour Jay Leno's

garage in CA.



Sydney took his cause on and contacted other car clubs in NE Fla to raise the funds to grant Jake's wish.



They said the dream would cost \$7500. Sydney put out the challenge by donating a sum and said he would match any donations up to a point. I'm pleased to say that car clubs in St Aug, Flagler Beach, Palatka, Jax and Amelia Island raised enough funds to grant not only Jake's wish but that of another kid who is into classic cars.

On August 19th Sydney hosted a party at his shop where we all met Jake and his family. A crowd of over 100 car



enthusiasts showed up with around 50 or so classic cars.

Jake got a chance to sit in many of the classic cars that were there that day. I let Jake sit in my stingray. I cranked it up and told him to mash the gas pedal. He had a huge smile on his face as the engine roared!



Jake also got to ride in the race car. Since Jake also likes cartoons of course Spiderman showed up too. We were treated to lunch catered free by Sonny's and ice cream from Cold Cow

courtesy of Sidney.



Sunbelt rentals donated cooling fans for the event. Lynn Betros. Developmental Director of Dreams Come True, told us that while on their dream trip Jake and his family will get a private tour of Jay Leno's garage which has over 150 cars and motorcycles.



There is a good chance that he will be able to meet Jay! They will also visit Knott's Berry Farm, the Universal back lot which has the movie set for Back to the Future, Petersen Car Museum, and Paramount Studios where they watch a TV being made. During the presentation Sydney informed the crowd that through the generosity of the car club community enough funds were raised to also give the family \$3650 to help defray their expenses while on the



We also showered Jake with gifts. Jake his family departed for this whirlwind trip on August 27th and spent five days in California. A great time was had by all at Sydney's party, especially Jake!

Thanks to Dave Cameron and Tony Castellano for this article and the photos. And thanks to all who participated in this wonderful event! .

> **NEXT MEETING!!** September 7 Eat at 6 Meet at 7 Caddy Shack—C U There!

Minutes of ACAC Meeting, August 3, 2017, Caddy Shack Restaurant -- St. Augustine, FL

Vice President Dewey Porter called the meeting to order after the membership had enjoyed a companionable meal. There were 20 members in attendance. Dewey introduced new members, Peg and Garret Hutchison, who live in World Golf Village and own a '55 Chevrolet (Beautiful, Blue) that has been always owned by their family. He also noted that since Bill Soman was not present, the possibility of getting lucky that night was greater than normal.

Gary Steinberger moved that the minutes as printed in "Olde News" be approved, seconded by Barbara Castellano and passed.

Donna Sherrod gave the treasurer's report, outlining the expenses and income for the past month. Brian Wirz moved that the report be accepted as read, seconded by Gary Steinberger and passed.

Bob Quackenbush gave a detailed recap of the Olde News newsletter, pointing out important issues and highlighting the letter at the end from President Jim Arpaia. The club would like to know how Dave Burrows did as far as placing in The Great Race; some said 87^{th} or 187^{th} .

Dewey recapped the rules for "John's Breakfast"—Conversation to exclude politics, religion, sports, grandchildren, medical issues, (pets?) Women are encouraged to have their own breakfast party. Next one August 11.

Activities: Party at Sidney's August 19th—12:30-2:30

Red Boat Tour will be covered dish - details will be sent to

membership.

Car Show: Please sell an ad for the magazine. Try to get new sponsors.

Send the ad work to info@jjfields.com. See Sponsorship sheet.

Call Dewey if you have a question.

\$600 - Full page, entry, booth, goody bag

\$400 - Half page, entry, booth (smaller) g-bag

\$200 - Quarter page

\$100 - Eighth page with plaque

\$50 - Business Card (same as eighth-no placque

Doug Nietzel sold many ads last year and encourages us to take the form and the book to at least one place where we do business to garner new participants for next year.

Tony Castellano asked if the judging class will be offered. Jim Weiss assured that it would be offered either in September or October. We are going back to our old judging formula.

Barbara Castellano announced that the Christmas Party has definitely been scheduled for December 7 at Amici's. Mark your calendars. No one drove old cars in the pouring rain to get to Caddy Shack, but the rain had stopped for the ride home, still in the light of evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 on a motion by Doug Nietzel, seconded by Jim Salanitri.

Respectfully submitted, Virginia Quackenbush, Secretary Pro Tem

Minutes of ACAC Board Meeting held at the Arpaia Home August 17, 2017

Present: Jim Arpaia, President, Dewey Porter, Vice President, Joe Greeves, Membership, Bob Quackenbush, Founder, Jinny Quackenbush, Newsletter

President Jim Arpaia called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Treasurer Donna Sherrod reported by phone that the books have not changed very much from the time of the regular meeting, August 3, 2017, at Caddy Shack.

The minutes from the board meeting which was held at Cold Cow on July 20 were approved on a motion by Dewey, seconded by Joe.

Joe Greeves highlighted the most recently joined members: Walsh, Wesley, Hutchison, and Viola.

Activities: Sidney Hobbs' party 8-19 also Cruise In behind Longhorn's. Harbor tour cancelled. (too hot). Dinner at Cheezes instead August 24.

There are no car shows other than the regularly scheduled ones for September. Brookdale Senior Facility has requested that we gather some cars for the residents to enjoy. Possible date for this is September 13. Jim will ascertain what the particulars are. Board meeting will be September 10. September 11 is Dewey's birthday. There is a show at Nocatee on September 10.

Dewey outlined the process for judging the cars newer than 25 years old. They will have a BLUE windshield card and the numbers will start with 300 going to 350. Only those participants who have cars in this class will be able to vote in this class. Dewey will have ballots printed (150). We also offer free entry to cars older than 1942.

We are especially asked not to get to FSDB before 2 p.m. on the day before the show for setting up. It is a security matter, so even if the guard might let you through, please do not go onto the field before 2 p.m.

The trophies are being handled by Joe Greeves; all matters (with the guidance of Karen Erwin) are up to date and being handled by members of the club. Doug Nietzel is selling ads, but we all need to help with that. Jim Weiss will hold a judges training session.

We were dismayed to learn that even though our show has been scheduled with the First Coast Car Council for many moons, there is another show scheduled for the same day.

Cruisin' to the Creek will have more than 500 cars in October. Details in Activities. No problems with "Olde News".

Founding Member declined to comment.

Meeting adjourned at $8:10\ p.m.$ Delicious refreshments served by the host and hostess.

Respectfully submitted, Virginia Quackenbush, Secretary Pro Tem.



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By Dewey Porter

Sixty years ago I was able to purchase my very first brand new car, a 1957 Ford Country Sedan from Jack Fagan Ford in Delavan, Wisconsin.

The Country Sedan was an upscale model however the dealer was having trouble selling this one because it had a six cylinder engine, a 3 speed manual transmission, a base radio and heater. It also had white wall tires and they had put Thunderbird full wheel covers on it that a Thunderbird buyer did not like and had exchanged for the full wheel covers off the Country Sedan.

The six engine was 223 C.I. with a 1 barrel Holley producing 144 HP. The base V8 was a 272 C.I with 2 barrel Holley producing 190 HP and a step up to a 292 C.I. with a 4 barrel Holley produced 212 HP. A further option was a 312 with a 4 barrel Holley which took you all the way up to 245 HP.

The Country Sedan was a 4 door which is what I needed with 4 year old twin girls, a 6 year old boy and a 65lb. Boxer dog. We pulled a 1938 Mullins trailer with the clam shell cover containing all our camping gear and went camping in some of Wisconsin's fine campgrounds on Lake Michigan and also some crystal clear lakes. Once you had all your gear the only cost for your get away vacations was gas for the car.

Jump ahead 60 years to 2017. I had always wanted to get a 1957 Ford again, for sentimental reasons I guess. Sitting in it looking at that dashboard and steering wheel takes me back. Isn't that why most of the collector cars we buy have some connection to a happy experience in our past? A Country Sedan would have been my first choice but most of those I saw for sale were rusted beyond repair or else a huge project which I no longer am interested in doing.

After searching for almost a year with no luck, Sidney Hobbs called my attention to a Craig's list ad for a 1957 close by in Quincy, Florida which is very near Tallahassee. The mechanic who kept a collectors cars maintained was helping his friend sell some cars. He

sent more photos and a full description and a price was agreed upon with him offering to bring the car to St. Augustine for my approval. That was in January of 2017. Since purchase I have had the paint restored, added new Coker radial whitewalls, rebuilt the brakes and am ready to drive to old car activities. It's a top of the line Fairlane 500 2 door hardtop with the 312 engine, power brakes and steering, an automatic transmission, radio and heater. The opposite end of the scale from what fit my needs in 1957 but it fits now 60 years later.



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HP

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BECAUSE 1957 CHEVS ARE IN HIGH DEMAND THEY COMMAND SELLING PRICES 3 TO 4 TIMES AS MUCH AS A FORD TODAY

GO FIGURE!



Old Guys With Old Cars August 11, 2017



Dewey's trying to beat the old record of 28 participants. Maybe next month—9-8.



Here's where you can find out the answers to your most puzzling questions!







You can see that the guys have a wonderful time kicking tires and telling tall tales about the one that got away. These people brought their cars; members get BLUE TICKETS for the December drawing:

- 1. Roger Ewing-'56 Chevy 2dr HT
- 2. Bob Harris-'88 Corvette (Maroon)
- 3. Dewey Porter-'57



- 4. Tony Castellano-'66 Vette white coupe
- 5. Gary Steinberger-'70 Camaro
- 6. Charlie Williams-'65 Cobra
- 7. Bobby Guice- '07 Vette
- 8. Terry Brown—57 Chev. Sedan (Write Up is on page 15.)



We Eat Again



Ann Greeves, Pat & Bill Meyer, Dewey Porter, Joe and Mary Lando (abover) (Q&A below)



ACAC Dineout Aug 24, 2017



Max and Jan Miller and Paul and Chris McCarthy and son.

Hot and sunny with rain clouds threatening, a typical August evening. Not to be discouraged were 15 of us driving 6 collector cars that gathered at Cheezes Grill for our meal and then went next door to Cold Cow for an ice cream dessert.



Too Too Handsome twosome.



Another double pair of good-looking iron and men.



These people get BLUE TICKETS!!!

Enjoying the dineout were Bob & Jinny Quackenbush driving 51 Ford woody wagon, Dewey Porter driving 1930 Model A Ford sedan, Max & Jan Miller driving 57 Chev Belair Station wagon, Paul & Chris McCarthy with their son (I failed to get his name) driving 57 Chev Belair station wagon, Joe & Mary Lando driving 57 Chev Belair 4 dr sedan. Notice

3 out of six old cars were 57 Chevs. Jim & Rita Arpaia 50 Olds 98 convert, Joe & Ann Greeves and Biil & Pat Meyer Driving modern



Paul and Chris McCarthy's '57 Chevrolet Wagon



Max and Jan Miller's '57 Wagon



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Classy Dame with Olde Car



This car was owned by Roosevelt, now at Carini's Garage.





September Greetings From Jim Arpaia:

We missed the August meeting at the Caddy Shack while we were in Connecticut on vacation visiting relatives, and looking at car's! (I enjoyed the car's more!) We visited Wayne Carini's garage, where we saw former Gov. Roosevelts Packard 4dr. phaeton being restored. It will be the first car to

cross the newly rebuilt TappenZee Bridge. We also visited Dragone's showroom with some of the most spectacular cars in existence. I also tried to buy a 1924 Studebaker 4dr phaeton but after chasing it for the past 3 years, I still couldn't agree on a fair price. I will try again next year!

returned We in time to participate in Sidney Hobbs car show on the 19th. Very well done by Sidney, and a great number of our club members. It was a spectacular show, and the people from "Dreams Come True" and 9yr old Jake were "Blown Away" by the response. I think the highlight was the ride he received in Dennis McDonald's Race car, and all the gifts which included the trip to Jay Leno's garage! I must say that I was disappointed that it has not received any mention in the local papers yet.

We are now entering into the "Car Show Season" and the time to work on our car show ad's for the Blind School Brochure. According to Joe Greeves latest club roster, we have 67 members. There are some talents in our present membership, and we would like to see some new people to "step-up" into leadership positions to help steer the club in the future. Our Board meetings are open to the membership, if you are interested in contributing to our success, you should attend, or let someone on the Board know.

Let us all look forward to a successful September!

James S. Arpaia arpaiajs@yahoo.com

JOHN'S OLD GUYS BREAKFAST AUG 11, 2017

BLUE TICKETS!!!!

We tied the record with 29 Old Guys enjoying breakfast at Steak & Shake. Some of our regulars were missing and we had 4 Wheels In Motion club members (Flagler Beach/Ormond AACA) attending for the second month in a row. There were 18 collector cars in the parking lot making for good viewing. What more can an old car guy ask, food and cars to enjoy plus a lot of expertise. With your help we could set a new record next month.

Attending were: Dennis McDonald driving an Italian made 2000 Quale, one of only 200 made and very rare. Not only is it a rare exotic but Dennis says "it's an Italian car that starts and is dependable", Dave Burroughs recently back from his successful participation in the 2017 Great Race, Terry Brown 1957 Chev Belair 4 door, Ken Smith 1955 Chev 2 dr HT, Bob Harris 1988 Chev Corvette, Dick Hewitt 1948 Olds Convert, Ray Cornett, Rob Daly, Fred Bauer, Joe Greeves, Mark Young 1996 Nissan Pickup, Roger Ewing 1956 Chev convert, Bobby Guice 2007 Chev Corvette, Tony Castellano 1966 Chev Corvette coupe, Gary Steinberger 1970 Chev Camaro Z28, Carl Brilliant, Charlie Williams 1965 Cobra, Garret Hutchison 1955 Chev 2 dr HT, Bob Barton 1998 Chev HR, Lee Harrington, Stan Zwiercan, Brian Wirz, Jim Weiss 1965 Falcon convert, Danny Stephans1966 Ford Fairlane 2 dr HT, Paul McCarthy 1957 Chev Bell air station wagon, Max Miller, Randy Weaver, Dewey Porter 1957 Ford Fairlane 2 dr HT. -----Dewey Porter



The photos on the left, taken by our photographer extraordinaire, Joe Greeves may end up in *Hot Rodder* magazine. The men in the photos meet regularly to work on Brian Wirz's present project, the LaSalle.

Perspective on Miracles:

Our club has had its share of miraculous happenings. Dick Sherrod seems to be a walking miracle even in the face of a pretty serious automobile accident. Max Miller's return to active participation following a bout with leukemia is another exclamation point in our shared experiences. Dewey's heart problems don't keep him from walking the dog each day or purchasing new and different old cars; and now we're praying for Jake (see page 1).

Rob Gangi's story is another to add to our list. Briefly, he fell off his skateboard December 26, 2009. The doctors' felt sure he would die or be confined to a nursing home for life. Facebook became an instrument in his healing—6,000 joined in praying and expressing support. He was reunited with his son, Nicholas. Long story, short—he woke up.

And he woke up with a mission, to explain to the rest of us mortals to keep hoping for that miracle you might need. That is why his wife can say, "There was never a day through the whole thing that he has woken up and said, 'Why me?' He always wakes up singing and smiling and ready to help others." "More Cowbell!" is his rallying cry for calling attention to people's needs and for the miraculous provision that can happen as we join in supporting others in their needs.

Jinny Quackenbush, Editor in Chief Thanks for all the submissions!

ACTIVITIES

Sept 7 ACAC monthly meeting Location Caddyshack dinner at 6 PM, meeting at 7 PM

Sept 8 Johns Old Guys Breakfast Steak & Shake 9 AM Drive a collector and get a blue ticket chance on \$100 drawing at year end, bring a member prospect or neighbor. You don't need to be a member to attend the breakfast (but you must be a male, John's Rules)

Sept 10 15th Annual Ponte Vedra Auto Show at Nocatee Town Center, Preregistration \$35. 30 Trophies, vendors, vintage motorcycle display, food trucks info @ PVautoshow.com

Sept 13 ACAC car display for the residents of Brookdale, 150 Mariner Health Way, South of Publix at Wildwood Drive, on the West Side of US 1 So. Arrive at 11 AM (residents will view cars after 12 PM.) We will be invited for lunch served 11:45 AM to 12:45 PM. We should remain until 2:00 PM or 2:30 PM for residents to view and discuss our cars. Advise me if you will participate so we can give them a count for lunch.

Sept 16 St. Augustine Cruisers Monthly Cruise night at Hobby Lobby Shopping Center behind Longhorn Restaurant 5-7:30 PM, DJ 50/50 door prizes

Sept 21 ACAC Monthly Board Meeting 7 PM Location Porter Res. 769 Crestwood Drive. Try to arrive before 7 PM so the gate is still open. If not phone me 797 7732 for gate code. We will review Car Show preparations.

Oct 4-7 2017 AACA Eastern Fall Meet Hershey Region , Hershey, PA.

Oct 7 2017 FCCC Cruisin To The Creek at Trout Creek SR 13 9 AM to 2 PM. Rain or Shine fund raiser for Ronald McDonald House. \$25 pre-reg, after Sept 30 \$30. There will be an award for best represented car club (minimum 10 cars) It is very easy to register and pay on the FCCC website or Download a flyer and entry form at firstcoastcarcouncil@gmail.com

Oct 7 Eustis, FL Cruisin Couples 17th Annual Car Show in Ferran park, Judged show with 30 classes, 70 trophies. Park space limited to 300 cars so suggest pre registering \$15, day of show \$20, info call Kent 352-255-2232 or email 21century@comcast.net

Oct 8 Flagler Beach, FL. 16th Annual "Corvettes at The Beach". A judged show, door prizes, 50/50 food music Pre register to be judged \$35. Day of show display only \$35. See flier www.flaglercountycorvetteclub.com or email Greg information@flaglercountycorvetteclub.com Rain or Shine

Oct 21 British Car Classic car show at Riverton Community Center, 90 Lanier St. St. Johns, FL 32259 (½ mile So. of Bartram Trail High), Open to all British cars info www.mgclassics.org

Oct 26-29 Zephyrhills Auto Events, Zephyrhills, FL www.zephyrhillsautoevents.com

Nov 2 ACAC Monthly meeting will be a covered dish dinner hosted by the Quackenbush's 100 W. Genung St. 6 PM dinner, 7 PM Meeting. Drive your collector car/truck plenty of parking. Advise Jinny magaquack@aol.com or me ddpnamp@aol.com if you will attend.

Nov 4 Old Karts & Arts downtown street festival in downtown Green Cove Springs. 10 AM sponsored by Council On Aging Clay County. \$25 preregistered. To register on line https://claycoa.wufoo.com/.../4th-annual-old-karts-and-arts-.../

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Nov 18, 2017 ACAC 33rd Annual Car Show at the FSD&B School SAVE THIS DATE, all members needed to assist in making it a success. Details will be forthcoming as the date gets nearer.

Nov 23 -Nov 26 Annual Daytona Turkey Run Car Display, Car Corral, Vendors.

Dec 7 2017 ACAC Christmas Party at Amici's Restaurant SR 312 & A1A. Save the date. Details will follow as the date gets closer.

Feb 2-3 2018 Moultrie, GA. Huge car corral & flea market vendors