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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

April 2023

April has been a busy month with lots of activity in the area, beginning with the Museum. Even if you don't own a dune buggy, you would certainly have enjoyed the collection of Volkswagen-based vehicles at the Manx Club event. Also, if you were lucky enough to be passing by the Museum a week later, as I was, you would see the astonishing collection of vintage classic rides, part of a Classic Car Club of America group organized by our friend Chris Snyder. The collection included a pair of Packards and a Rolls-Royce that were clearly seven-figure cars, made even more unique since they were driving in St. Augustine traffic! Local events were also high on the list like the Cruisin' to the Creek Spring event at Trout Creek Memorial Park. Our monthly Dine out was also great fun. Twenty-eight ACAC members gathered at Ford's Garage, enjoying the collection of vintage tin outside and the automotive theme inside. The final attraction this month will be the St. Augustine Cruisers Car show at the museum, now adding a swap meet to the fun. Remember that the primary goal of the club is entertainment and fun, and we are always looking for new ways to achieve the goal. Contact me with your ideas.

Joe Greeves, President

## Calendar Cars

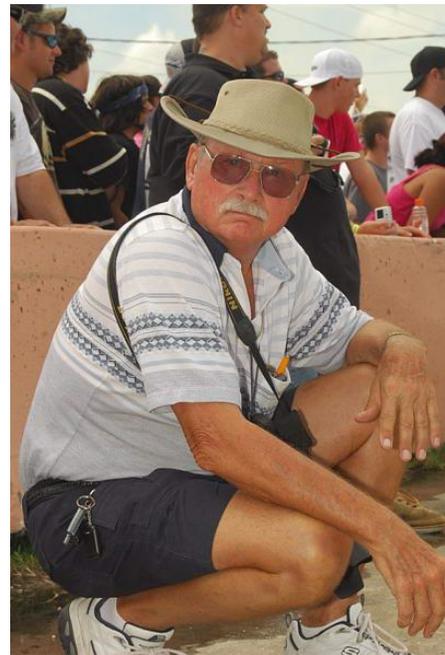
We realize everyone does not have a car calendar and that very few have both calendars. Since there are two car calendars and two cars featured each month, we plan to highlight the upcoming cars that you will see as you flip the calendar each month. In the May issue we see Bob and Beverly Kessler's 1991 Cadillac Allante Convertible and Hermione and Richard Boyle's 1972 Alfa Romeo GTV 2000.



## BIOGRAPHIES, THE SECOND IN A SERIES, JOE GREEVES

Some months back, before his passing, I created a profile on Dewey Porter to provide you with some additional insight to a wonderful guy that we already knew. I'm going to try to do that every month starting with me.

I was born in Bayonne, New Jersey in 1939. I graduated from Rutgers University in 1961, majoring in English. I've always loved to write and I've been doing it on a professional level for about half a century. I joined the Marine Corps in 1962, visiting such hot spots as Vietnam, the Philippines, Okinawa, Norway, Beirut, and the Mediterranean before retiring from Camp Lejeune as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1987. I was an active freelance



automotive photojournalist while I was on active duty when I retired from the Corps, my passion for writing and photography became a wonderful second career. Back in the day when print magazines ruled the newsstands, I was published about a dozen times a month in 17 magazines around the world, writing feature articles, tech articles, and show coverage for US magazines as well as books in London and Australia. I have approximately 2200 bylines to my credit.

Automobiles have always been a big part of my life. Over the years I've had six custom vans, featured in multiple magazines here and abroad. My last full custom vehicle was a one-of-a-kind, a Corvette-styled pickup truck built on a 1989 Caprice four-door sedan donor vehicle. Completed in 2001, "Unexpected" became a headliner on the World of Wheels for four months (they paid me \$10,000!), it was an all-expense-paid SEMA booth car, then became the star of a Speed Channel TV series, and finally, it was featured in 23 magazines around the world. See [www.greevesphotography.com](http://www.greevesphotography.com) for details. After 11 years, it was sold to the President of the 'more-dollars-than-sense club' in California about the time I joined the Ancient City Auto Club. Obviously, it was not an easy vehicle to replace but our current Lexus SC 430 fills the bill in an entirely different way.

Ann and I really enjoy St. Augustine, moving here in 1994. We have kids in North Carolina, Florida, and Mississippi, all of whom, we are very happy to say enjoy visiting us on a regular basis. We joined ACAC about 2010 and immediately wondered why we hadn't done it sooner. We are looking forward to many more years with this wonderfully congenial group.

Next month's biography will let us learn a little more about our club treasurer, Fred Cooper.

## **Minutes of the Ancient City Auto Club Monthly Meeting**

Official minutes of the member meeting are distributed separately. This month's general membership meeting had a good turnout at the Village Inn with the restaurant configuring the tables in the meeting room to promote good conversations. Although there were several topics discussed at the event, President Joe Greeves opened the floor, asking for ways to increase attendance at club events as well as to create car-oriented entertainment for the membership.

Several ideas were presented and will be pursued further. Contact Joe if you recall some past ideas for automotive entertainment that you might like to see again.

The final event of the meeting was the trivia contest, testing your knowledge with the goal of entertainment being more important than winning. Three members tied for the win and received a share of 50-50 tickets. Pat Meyer was one of the winners and agreed to do the trivia next month.

The 50-50 winner was Eddie Obi (\$36) who now has the privilege of collecting the 50-50 money next meeting.

The combination of wonderful camaraderie, good food, and an intense, mind-bending trivia game caused your club photographers to drop the ball and we have no inside pictures of the event. Come join the fun in May.



Joe Greeves – '04 Lexus



John Bagg – '68 Mustang

## Cruisin' To The Creek 2023

The 2023 Cruisin' to the Creek Spring car show at the Trout Creek Memorial Park is always well attended with a great selection of vehicles as well as a great humanitarian cause as part of the event. Run by the First Coast Car Council, the event proceeds benefit the Ronald McDonald House charities. Ancient City Car Club members Dan Norbert, Bill Scott, Doug and Marion Hunsworth, Jim Athas, and Rob Daly enjoyed the event and represented the club.



Jim Athas – '30 Model A



Dan Norbut - '70 Pontiac GTO



Doug Hunsworth – '39 Ford

Unfortunately, we do not have a picture of Rob Daly's '63 Dodge

## Old Guy's Breakfast



The Friday morning 'Almost Lunch Bunch' met at the Oasis for our April get-together, enjoying each other's company and the restaurant's (always) good food. The weather was warm and sunny, and we had the private room on the south side, perfect for extended car conversations.

It's a great way to get to know more about members you might previously only know in passing. The same thing is true about the parking lot get-togethers before and after breakfast that give you a chance for detailed knowledge about the vehicles in the club. One of the fun aspects of the event is always the drawing for the free breakfast winner, going this month to our talented Newsletter Editor, John Bagg.

Come hang out with the guys at the next gathering, May 12. See you there.





Our waitress, Nikki



Peter Starr – '98 Lexus SC400



John Bagg - ;68 Mustang



Skip Ferguson – '73 Challenger



Bob Hubbard – '98 Corvette



Joe Greeves – '04 Lexus SC430

## Monthly Dine Out

The weather didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the attendees, but the rain prevented anyone from bringing their collector cars. 28 members attended the dine-out at Ford's Garage and enjoyed the fellowship and the good food. We had a long table setup in a separate area enabling lively conversation.

Their specialty is fried onion rings served on a dipstick and radiator clamp napkin



holders! Unfortunately, Joe and Ann Greeves were on their way to the event but were caught in a hailstorm of such intensity that they turned back, fearing a broken windshield.

We will visit them again soon, hopefully without the rain so we can bring our cars.





There were several old Fords to admire

## Cars and Coffee at the Car Museum

The April Cars and Coffee at the Museum always attracts a unique blend of automotive art. The chances are good that you will be familiar with many of the cars and their owners, but you can always count on the unexpected. After greeting friends over coffee and donuts, it's time to wander around, admiring the hundred or so vehicles that typically arrive on a Saturday morning. It becomes a special treat when you see rides that are rarely seen. C&C attracts Lamborghinis, Ferraris, and more, exciting for any enthusiast.



Nancy Porter attended and selected the Dewey Porter winner.



Sidney Hobbs announced to the crowd that the goals for the Women’s Refuge of St Johns County charity had not only been met, but the dollar amount exceeded the goals, thanks to the generous enthusiasts at the event.

As if free food and drink wasn’t enough, Museum owner Sidney Hobbs adds to the fun, with the Dewey Porter Memorial trophy every month. This month, Dewey’s daughter Nancy Porter chose her favorite, presenting the trophy to Julie Rolf for her bright red ’57 Thunderbird, the last and some say best example of Ford’s Baby Birds.

Put the May Cars and Coffee on your calendar. It’s always the fourth Saturday of the month but get there early. Prime spots fill up quickly!



Julie Rolf’s 1957 Thunderbird



Nancy Porter, Sidney Hobbs and Julie Rolf with the Dewey Porter Award



This unique 2+2 Ferrari is big enough for the family to have a picnic.



Jim Athas' '30 Model A



Joe Greeves' 04 Lexus SC430



Bill Soman's '61 Corvette



Ken Bryan's 2015 Corvette Z06



James Wrubleski's Cadillac Eldorado



John Bagg's '68 Mustang



John Kaiser's '63 Falcon Sprint

**The list of Up Coming Events is distributed separately every Monday.**

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