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Ancient City Auto Club

Antique Automobile Club of America

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Due to the editor's health issues, this is a double issue, August and September. Hopefully we will be back to monthly in October.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PRESIDENTS CORNER August – September

In this combined August/September President's Corner, I'll go over a quick run down from last month to today. First, thanks to our treasurer's careful coordination, we have a Christmas party date scheduled at the Museum on Friday, December 15, and once again Sporks will be doing the catering. Everyone was pleased with them last year and we expect more of their great service this year.

The Car Calendar is next, and we now have two paid sponsors for the car calendar, thanks to Mike Sargeant of the Sargeant Service Center and our friend, Justin Felker of Art 'n Motion. As of this writing, we have 21 names on the list. I photographed the first five cars along with Justin Felker's car and building for the cover shot. I will begin scheduling calendar car photography on a regular basis.

Our Car Show Brochure fund raising effort is inching toward our goal, but it is important that everyone contact their assigned potential sponsors and close the deal. Everything must be complete well in advance of our car show in November. Try to wrap things up as soon as possible.

Longtime member Chris and Kathleen Koch shared a painting done by artist David Snyder, capturing the Koch car collection in front of the Koch Research Library, an amazing accomplishment on several levels. The poster will be on sale at the 2023 AACA Eastern Fall Nationals (Better known as Hershey). Chris will be part of the Best of Show selection team at our event in November.

We reported the loss of our longtime friend and former Club President Jim Arpaia. A memorial is planned at the museum, sometime in the near future. When we hear more from the family, I'll keep you informed. A sympathy card on behalf of the club has already been sent. You can send your own to the Arpaia family at 3249 Percival Rd., Columbia, SC 29223.

One final note. Driving your collector car is always great fun but we have not seen many of the club's specialty vehicles at our events. With the weather getting cooler, it's time to get back behind the wheel.

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 are highlighting the upcoming cars that you will see as you flip the calendar each month.

The calendar cars for September are the 1965 Ford Mustang owned by Mary and Joe Lando as well as the 1957 Chevrolet station wagon owned by Paul McCarthy.



The October cars are the 1964 Chevrolet C10 pickup owned by Mike Sargeant and the 1930 Ford Model A Tudor owned by Jim Athas.



BIOGRAPHIES, THE FIFTH IN A SERIES, Jeff Dougherty

As part of a continuing series where we get to know a little bit more about our membership, this month is all about our Vice-president, Jeff Dougherty.

We are very happy to have Jeff in the club and we are already benefiting from his talents and enthusiasm. Jeff is an active club member for the past three years. He was born in Winter Park Florida in 1972, relocating to New York as a teenager with his family in 1988. His love for automobiles began soon after high school and

it intensified when he got a job driving a limousine for a man with a 200-plus car collection. The unique vehicles were rentals for movie productions.

While cool cars were fun, at age 23, he embarked upon his primary career, becoming a New York City police officer. Beginning as a patrolman, he soon moved to a mobile response unit, then enjoyed five years as a Highway Patrol Officer piloting classic Ford Crown Victorias. Interesting aspects of the job included escorting dozens of high-profile dignitaries that even included President Bush when he visited the site after 9/11. On a somber note, his accident investigation assignments taught him a lot about what happens to a car when everything goes wrong. While that was an eye-opening experience, on the other hand, one of the best experiences was meeting and marrying his wife, Tara. Jeff rose to the rank of Detective and at the twenty-year point, decided it was time for a career change. He recalls with a smile “One of the most interesting reasons for choosing retirement was getting my holidays back like Christmas, July 4th and more. Those were typically workdays for us in the field.” After leaving the force, he and Tara stayed in New York for a few years with Jeff working in the medical construction field.



They relocated to Florida in 2019 citing the good weather that allowed year-round use of the motorcycles in the family, along with their boats, cars, and RV. As we all know, life in the Sunshine State means there’s no need to garage our toys for the winter! Using talents acquired over the years, Jeff started his JMD Maintenance service here in Florida that keeps him as busy as he wants to be. The flexibility allows time off with Tara, son Jeff (19) (who loves his 2015 Cadillac CTV) and daughter Paige (17) (who enjoys her 2015 Honda Civic). The whole family enjoys



their property on the St. Johns River. It's home to their RV and boat that are used at least once a week. Cars also play a role in Jeff's leisure time, thanks to his beautiful 1954 Corvette, recently purchased from Bill Soman. He also owns a 1980 Corvette and a 1997 Jeep Wrangler. Motorcycles add to the fun with a classic 1947 Harley Flathead in the garage as well as 2023 Harley Unlimited.

We are very happy to have Jeff in the club and we are already benefiting from his talents and enthusiasm. Tara is also a vital resource, most recently using her computer skills to publicize our upcoming car show through her multiple social media connections. We are looking forward to many years of this wonderful connection.

Ancient City Auto Club Monthly Meeting August

Official minutes of the member meeting are distributed separately.

The August general membership meeting saw 19 members enjoying the food and camaraderie at the Village Inn. Big events are coming up soon and were the primary topics under discussion. The car calendar, the club fund raiser, and the car show all require advance planning and volunteering. Progress is ongoing in all three areas, with photography for the calendar occurring first. We all enjoyed Jeff Dougherty's trivia contest and our Newsletter Editor John Bagg enjoyed going home with the 50-50 cash.







Joe Greeves' Lexus retractable

Ancient City Auto Club Monthly Meeting September

The September membership meeting at our favorite Village Inn venue was enjoyed by about a dozen members of the club, catching up with each other and later, discussing club business. Of course, our first thought was that we were glad to see John Bagg up and around after surgery. He's getting better quickly, thanks to Jinny being at his side. Next on the agenda was the club fund raising effort, coming along slowly but looking like we will wrap things up soon with an amount that will provide reassurance, should weather affect our car show. Photography for our car calendars has begun and should be complete long before the end of the year.

The trivia competition and the 50-50 raffle always add a fun final note to every meeting. The Trivia for the night was prepared by Bill Soman. There were eleven questions and John Bagg was the winner with 6 correct answers. So, John will be preparing the trivia questions for next month's club meeting. Thanks to Bob and Beverly Kessler for starting this tradition.

50-50 tickets were sold; Bill Soman was the winner!

Put the meeting on your schedule for October 5th at 6PM.



Joe Greeves' Lexus retractable



Old Guy's Breakfast August

The August Old Guys Breakfast crew tried out a new location, this time at the Beachside Diner. Although the restaurant parking lot was crowded, the public lot right next door was the perfect display place for the collection of vintage classics. Manager Alan set us up at our own table and the ten members present enjoyed good food, fast service, and good company with lots of interesting stories shared during the gathering. Ken Bryan was already having fun, but his day got even better when his number was called for the free breakfast. Drive your classic to the next OGB, scheduled for September 8th. See you there.



Bill McCaw's Bugatti replica



John Bagg's Mustang convertible



Dick Hewitt's Mustang convertible



Paul McCarthy's Chevy wagon



Ken Bryan's Corvette convertible



Car guys gathered 'round



Joe Greeves' Lexus retractable



Old Guy's Breakfast September

The September Old Guys Breakfast at the Oasis was fun with mother nature cooperating to the fullest, holding off on thundershowers until later in the day. The best part of this get-together, besides the good food, is the opportunity for one-on-one conversations where you can learn more about members you already know. This month's free breakfast was won by Dave Hewitt.



Responding to a request, we will explore a return to the Beachside Diner next month. The date is October 13th, 9 AM.





Chris Zima – '69 Mustang



John Kaiser – 32 Ford Hotrod



Joe Greeves, '04 Lexus



Jeff Dougherty – Big Mercedes Van



John Bacon – '51 MG TD



Dick Hewitt, '07 Mustang

The Bryan Memorial Car Show

The Bryan Memorial Car Show had a wonderful turnout at the Classic Car Museum with half a dozen ACAC members participating. The memorial event was

hosted by our good friend and long-term member Ken Bryan in memory of his son Joseph. Door prizes, a silent auction, and lots of trophies added to the fun. Our very active Vice President, Jeff Dougherty and son Jeff Junior passed out flyers for our November event, commenting that many folks in attendance were excited at the prospect of our upcoming show. Hopefully, those efforts will result in increased attendance.



Joe Greeves – '04 Lexus



Jeff Dougherty – '54 Corvette



Paul McCarthy – '57 Chevy Wagon



Bill Soman – '61 Corvette



Dean Stires – '21 Mustang



James Wrubleski – '78 Eldorado



Terry Jackson – '81 Jeep Scrambler

Monthly Dine Out August

This month's dine out at Redfrog & McToads Grub-n-Pub proved to be a pleasant get together for the dozen or so members attending. In addition to good food and great company, we enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about the people that you already know. When sitting across from someone at dinner, you find out so much more during the ensuing conversation than you would learn at a dozen chance



meetings. It's a great way to get better acquainted and I suggest always sitting with someone new. Next month's gathering will be at Arnold's on 28 September. I will create an attendance list as we get closer.



Joe Greeves – '04 Lexus

Monthly Dine Out September

Two dozen club members enjoyed the unique atmosphere of Arnold's Lounge during the September Dine Out. Arnold's has been a fixture in St. Augustine for decades but air quality was a problem. With smoking no longer allowed, the lounge is quite comfortable, the Thursday Steak Night prices were a bargain, and the karaoke





added a new level of entertainment to our monthly get together. Although many were encouraged, our membership is apparently still a bit shy about participating in song. Maybe next time.

Our next get together is the October 5 general membership meeting at the Village Inn. Hope to see you there.



Joe Greeves – '04 Lexus

Cars and Coffee at the Car Museum August

As usual, this wonderful monthly event was packed with cars, filling every Museum parking space up front, along the sides, and in the rear. It's the perfect opportunity to show up on a Saturday morning, chat with friends, enjoy coffee and donuts, see some amazing cars, and by 10 AM, head for home with the rest of the day open for even more fun. Our hosts, the Hobbs family, were in Hawaii but the Museum staff did a marvelous job of welcoming everyone to the event. Now a monthly tradition, the Dewey Porter Memorial award is presented by someone intimately acquainted with Dewey's tastes. In fact, Nancy Porter recognized her father's legacy, choosing a 1947 Ford that was very similar to a '46 version restored by Dewey decades before. The Dewey Porter Memorial trophy went to Jim Ricci from Ormond Beach, the current owner of this beautiful 1947 Ford. Jim may decide to become a member of our club so we may see more of him soon.



Joe Greeves 2004 Lexus



Ken Bryan, 1965 Buick Wildcat



Bill Soman – '61 Corvette



Chris Zema – '69 Mustang



John Bacon – '51 MG TD



Paul McCarthy – '57 Chevy Wagon



Bill McCaw Bugatti replica

Cars and Coffee at the Car Museum September

As usual, the fourth Saturday of the month is always a special event, thanks to the colorful gathering of enthusiasts and their cars at the Classic Car Museum. It's the perfect blend of enjoying old friends and making new ones while you're there. Cars that you would never normally see are drawn to this early Saturday morning automotive assemblage. It's the perfect two-hour party to get your weekend started. Grab some coffee, pick up one of those amazing Parlor doughnuts, and check out the unique collection of rides.

In addition to greeting virtually everyone by name, host Sidney Hobbs provides the Dewey Porter Memorial trophy to the car that he (and Dewey's daughter Nancy) think that Dewey would have liked the most. This month, the award went home with Mike Smith for his beautiful 1967 Mustang GT 350.



Mike Smith and his Mustang GT 350

Put C&C on your calendar, coming up on October 28.



Ken Bryan '13 Porsche



Bill Soman, '61 Corvette



Joe Greeves, '04 Lexus



Jim Athas '30 Ford Model A



Jim Weiss Willys Knight



John Battistini '70 Corvette



John Bagg '68 Mustang



John Bacon '51 MG



Paul McCarthy '57 Chevy wagon



James Gajewski '02 Lexus



John Kaiser '67 Ranchero



Ron Carmichael '63 Ford



Bill McCaw '27 Bugatti replica

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

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