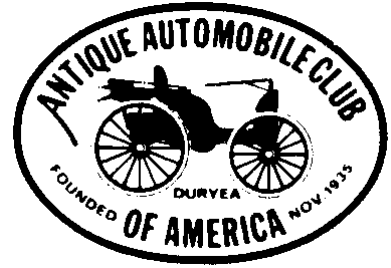




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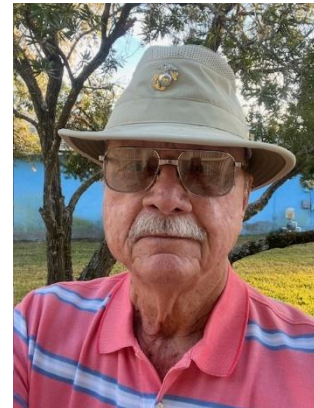
April, 2026

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April

Our dry-as-dust April may not be the answer to a fertile green lawn but the absence of rain certainly gives us more opportunities to get behind the wheel.

We've had several fun events this month but the one I enjoyed the most was the wonderful turnout at Ford's Garage with two dozen club members enjoying each other's company. On the plus side, we learned about members sharing six decade anniversaries and also heard about an upcoming wedding happening in our wonderful automotive family. On the downside, we are saying goodbye to many active members who are leaving us for homes in chilly northern climes. We will miss you and look forward to your return in the Fall. Until then, our monthly newsletter will keep you informed of our shenanigans.



For those of us who are quite happy to enjoy Florida's warm summers, we will continue to schedule automotive opportunities where we can get behind the

wheel, maybe share a bite to eat, and catch up on each other's busy lives. I'm always looking for new ways to entertain so if you have an idea, give me a call. As you probably know, my favorite saying is the club is what we make it so let's make it exciting.

Thanks, Joe

## Ancient City Auto Club Monthly Meeting

We had to adjust our calendars, watches, and reminder lists when we arrived at the April meeting of ACAC. Joe and Ann were not there!! So it was supposed that the rest of us had gotten the date/time/place wrong and would have to scramble to find out when/where we should have been. But Jeff Dougherty our able vice president soon quieted our quandary and confidently led us through the various monthly reports and on into the fun of the meeting.



Fred Cooper assured us that we are solvent; no reports from Secretary, or Newsletter. Minutes of last meeting approved. Jeff asked for volunteers to speak at meetings from the vast experiences of our membership having to do with the car hobby. So, if you have even a short anecdotal remembrance that could either enlighten or entertain having to do with the cars, please just call Joe 904-347-4602 and set it up! (Aside--You might be able to get your dinner free.) (This is not an authorized thought. (vq))

Joe Greeves had prepared the trivia questions and Ron Leone won with 5 correct responses, so Ron will be preparing the May Trivia. Bill Soman won the 50/50 (Big Surprise) and FREE DINNER was won by Bill McCaw (owner of the red Bugatti seen around). Newer members Mary, Ethan and Marty were there. We had good friends, good food, great wait staff, What more could we ask?

Join us at the next meeting, May 7<sup>th</sup>.



The Gang



Ron won the Trivia



The Overflow Table



Bill won the 50 / 50



The Gang



And Bill won the free dinner

## Old Guy's Breakfast

**Old Guys Breakfast.** This month we saw the OGB regulars and we had a few cancellations due to medical reasons that we hope will resolve shortly. Conversations are always spirited at Beachside, this month ranging from viewing the 12 Hours of Sebring (Richard Kloetzli), to winning a Formula Vee race at Sebring (Bill McCaw). From there we moved on to pacemakers (Jinny, we are happy to hear that you are recovering nicely) and finally, how good the food is at Beachside.



Next month, your president will attempt to steer the conversation to cars, I promise! If you'd like to be part of these stimulating round table discussions and you are a fan of nourishing breakfasts, put the May OGB on your list and join the fun.



The Group



Joe Greeves Lexus SC 430



Jeff Dougherty's Mercedes van



Bill McCaw's Bugatti replica



Richard Kloetzli's 2006 Corvette



Paul McCarthy's Wrangler

## St. Augustine Cruisers monthly cruise in

The cruise in put on by the St. Augustine Cruisers is always the third Saturday of the month and always a fun get together for the automotive community. The combination of good friends, cool cars, and the option for a Dog Town hot dog adds to the fun.



There is always the occasional one-of-a-kind vehicle on display like the wide open Lola showing off its race pedigree to the red and white Pontiac wagon, owned by our old friend, Carly King. After a long time in the shop, the beautiful red and white Corvette of Paul McCarthy was also on display.

May 16 is the date for the next Cruisers get together. Put it on your calendar now.



Paul McCarthy relaxing with a cold drink



Paul McCarthy's beautiful Corvette.



The Lexus SC 430 of Joe Greeves



Carly King's red and white Pontiac wagon.



Check out this high performance Lola on display



Another view



A new convert to the hobby



Built McCaw's attention-getting Bugatti replica

## Monthly Dine Out



This month, the group traveled to Ford's Garage to meet with old friends and to enjoy the restaurant's diverse menu. With an amazing automotive theme throughout, the restaurant gets your attention immediately with the three beautifully restored Model A's out front. Inside, Flathead motors are on display and

Blue Oval signage is everywhere. At your table, your napkin was a microfiber shop towel wrapped in a radiator clamp and if you ordered onion rings, they were served on a dipstick!

A pair of long tables promoted spirited conversations and we discovered a few memorable moments as a result.



Longtime club members Bill and Deenya Soman were scheduled to celebrate their 61st anniversary the very next day while newer members George and Doris Perry were getting ready to celebrate their 60th anniversary! Perhaps the biggest news was from our Club Secretary, Jinny Quackenbush and Newsletter Editor, John Bagg, announcing wedding plans in June! They met at our Frostbite Picnic and your Club President was the matchmaker! We wish them the very best.

Our next dining adventure will be May 28 and if you've found a perfect location suitable for the club, please share and we will work it into the schedule.



The Group



Tabby, our personality-plus waitress



More of the group at the long table



Overflow table with Ron and friends



Your club photographer and his lady.  
He's the guy usually behind the camera.



Newlyweds to be, John and Jinny



John and Jinny with eyes only for each other



The anniversary kids, Bill and Deenya



Doris and George, enjoying each other's company for six decades



Bill Marshall's Mustang race car



Joe Greeves Lexus SC 430



Bill McCaw's Bugatti replica



John Bagg's Mustang convertible

Lost in Ford's sprawling parking parking lot, your photographer missed Marty Wylie's 1995 Ford F250 and Pam and Richard Kloetzli's 2006 Corvette convertible. Sorry.

### Cars and Coffee at the Car Museum

When the fourth Saturday of the month rolls around, you know where most enthusiasts will be. The Classic Car Museum invites enthusiasts from all over to join a two-hour get together starting bright and early at 8 AM. The car community is welcomed with hot coffee and donuts, then treated to a collection of amazing automotive treasures on display.





No matter what brand you favor, there is something for everyone from a tiny Japanese Pao and a miniature Austin Healey Sprite to a fire breathing Ferrari and a classic Mercury lead sled.



A tiny Japanese Pao



Austin-Healey Sprite with easy access to the motor



High dollar Ferrari convertible



Slammed and chopped, this is a perfect example of a Mercury lead sled.

Nancy (Porter) Buchanan and Jinny Quackenbush were again put on the spot to choose from the assembled beautiful and interesting cars one that would evoke the spirit of Dewey Porter and Bob Quackenbush. James Shaffer had by chance brought his 1941 Hollywood Graham--you might have thought that Graham was only crackers, but research will tell you there was a car also. This one



has a 350 Chevy Turbo with a 350 Turbo transmission and 4-wheel disc brakes. The owner knows where there are 3 others, so if you've never seen one, that is not hard to believe. From the windshield back this car is a Cord. And it was red. Bob had always admired and thirsted after a Cord, often showing a home movie where he had caught one making a smart turn. Late in life he bought one and it seemed as if everything he had dreamed of was now accomplished. It was silver grey, and the tiny gearshift contraption was definitely unique; but the brakes failed as we were going onto US 1 down the hill and he had to turn quickly onto the grass and somehow the magic was gone, although we were safe. We sold it soon after. This red Graham is a car that both Dewey and Bob would have loved, and we are so thankful that it was here at the April Cars and Coffee.

Jinny Quackenbush



The DQ Award Winner, the 1941 Hollywood Graham owned by James Shaffer



Nancy Porter, Jinny Quackenbush, Sidney Hobbs and award winner, James Shaffer

If you'd like to be part of this monthly gathering of automotive finery on display, the next date is May 23rd.



Ron Leone's BMW convertible



Russel Pucci with wife Dianna and son Lorenzo with their '22 Mach 1



Joe Greeves Lexus SC 430



Jimmy Pucci with his '18 Corvette Stingray



Bill McCaw's Bugatti replica



A rare Lotus on display



John Bagg's Mustang convertible



Our old friend Bob Kessler and his Cadillac Allante, complete with matching golf clubs.



Paul McCarthy's Jeep Wrangler



The '56 Ford convertible owned by Chris and Kathleen Koch



Pam and Richard Kloetzli's Corvette convertible

**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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