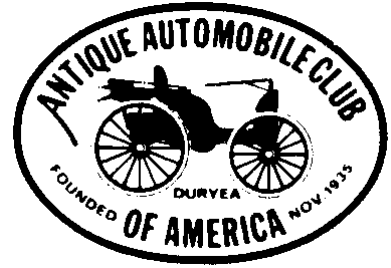




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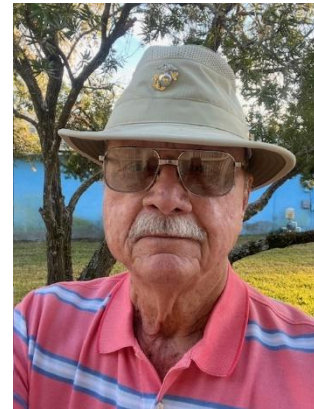
Antique Automobile Club of America

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February

One of the things we spoke about during the last monthly meeting was the fact that I do most of the talking. In order to encourage more conversations between club members, I'm going to implement a regular feature that encourages members to discuss their favorite automobile and how they personalized it to make it their own. I think everyone has a couple of those stories and I think it will be especially helpful for some of our new members to get to know individuals in our group even better. Please come prepared. I hope to call upon one or two members every meeting.



The March General Membership meeting will be the first time that members can win a free dinner. We have been doing this for years at the Old Guys Breakfast. The Free Dinner idea is simply a way to ensure that club money is spent on club members.

One of our most anticipated annual events is coming up, with the Frostbite Picnic currently scheduled for 14 March. Everyone enjoys the multiple driving games.

Although they are simple and fun, there is clearly a level of skill required to win. Bill Soman sets them up and there will be prizes for the winners. As usual, this club-sponsored, lunchtime event will be in the capable hands of our resident chef, Ron Leone who already has his theme picked out. No one goes home hungry when Ron is in charge!

Put the event on your calendar and let's hope for Florida Chamber of Commerce weather. We will put out specific details as we get closer. Until then, drive your specialty vehicle every chance you get.

Thanks, Joe

Ancient City Auto Club Monthly Meeting

Club members braved the cold February weather to attend the monthly club meeting at the Village Inn. We started the meeting with an awards presentation to Deb, the Village Inn General Manager, thanking the staff for their wonderful hospitality to us over the years. Several events on the schedule were discussed including an upcoming dine out at the Columbia restaurant in Old Town along with plans for the annual Frostbite Picnic scheduled for March 14. Topics at the meeting ranged from personalizing your car by Joe Greeves to new laws that affect Florida drivers with Ron Leone as guest speaker.



We enjoyed meeting new members Tim Wing, George and Doris Perry, and potential new members, Jim and Diane Chase. We wrapped up the meeting with Ron Leone winning the trivia contest and George Perry taking home the 50-50 winnings. Put March 5 on your schedule for our next General Membership meeting.



Our Newsletter Editor John Bagg, all set for winter.



General manager Deb accepted the award for the Village Inn



Ron holding his cut glass trophy.



Ron was the winner of the trivia competition



Group shots



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Joe Greeves Lexus SC 430



Tim Wing's BMW "Clown Shoe"



The 'portable garage' of Jeff Dougherty



New member George Perry took home the 50-50 cash.

Old Guy's Breakfast

We had a capacity crowd this month at the Beachside Diner which always makes for an interesting round of conversations. The wide range of topics covered such unusual subjects as aircraft maintenance and boa constrictors to the high cost of water heater installations. Occasionally a few automotive subjects slipped in, sprinkled with cool grandkid tales and the wonderful food in front of us.



Holly, our waitress, knows what half of us want before we even order. She likes our group and we take good care of her. One of our newer members, George MacGown was already having a good time, but it became even better when he found out he was our free breakfast winner.

Several members drove specialty cars to the event, and it was top-down convertible weather on the way home. The event is always an interesting diversity

of talent as well as a great opportunity to get better acquainted with your club members. March 13 will be our next get-together. Come join us if you can.



The Group



Richard Kloetzli, 2006 Corvette



Joe Greeves, Lexus SC 430



Skip Ferguson, Dodge Challenger



Ed Downing, Dodge Dart



Dick Hewett Mustang convertible

Monthly Dine Out

The Columbia Dine Out was a big hit with the club, attracting 24 members and guests to an afternoon get-together at St. Augustine's elegant Columbia Restaurant. Located right on historic St. George Street, the restaurant has been named one of Florida's best since 1967, serving Spanish/Cuban cuisine in a beautiful old world atmosphere.



Ron Leone handled all our dining arrangements and also lead the convoy that brought several of our members through the narrow streets of St. Augustine to Columbia's free parking lot. The responsive staff at the restaurant had a huge banquet table set up to accommodate our two dozen hungry diners and everyone enjoyed the combination of food and fellowship.

Several of our newer members were on hand and we welcomed Jim and Diane Chase to the group. The Chase's decided to join us after hearing about our club from their neighbor, Newsletter Editor, John Bagg. Welcome Jim and Diane! After lunch, many of us enjoyed the perk of having an amazing parking spot and took a short stroll on St. George Street prior to heading home.



Welcome to our newest members,
Jim and Diane Chase.

Unfortunately, a picture of the Chase's BMW is not available. Next time.



Having a place to park on St. George Street is a real advantage.



Our long banquet table held 24 members, making conversation easy.



The Gang



George Perry's Lexus SC 430



Ron Leone's BMW



Richard Kloetzli's Corvette



Bill McCaw's Buggatti



John Bagg's Mustang



Joe Greeves's Lexus



Bill Soman's Corvette

Cars and Coffee at the Car Museum

Mother Nature was not on our side this month for the February Cars and Coffee at the Classic Car Museum. Dry but cloudy and dreary, the weather kept many specialty cars safely at home in the garage. For the hardy souls who did attend, there were still cars to admire and friends to greet.

The big news at the event came from Sidney Hobbs, explaining the new automotive attraction to be built in Palatka, featuring multiple racetracks, amphitheater, and condos. In addition to the several



automotive venues, there will be big-name entertainment throughout the year. The grand opening is expected to be sometime next year.

Rain, rain, go away! Well, at least it did NOT really rain and soon we will be hoping for such a nice cool shady day like yesterday as respite from the hot weather we know is coming. Cars and Coffee always brings spectacular show cars and this time a most beautiful black (perfect) '39 Ford Coupe DeLuxe was a star! Parked just right of the entrance, the car caught your eye as soon as you arrived. Robert Styles has owned this vehicle for about 4 years, purchasing it "as is" from Newport Beach, CA; but it's not the first of this kind that he has owned. In 1966 he bought a similar car for \$125 and restored and worked on it until duty called in the Armed Services.



The beautiful 1939 Ford DQ Winner



Jinny presenting the DQ award to Robert Styles.

Put together in 2006, the attributes of this car include a ZZ4 - 350 GM crate motor, 355 hp, 405 pounds of torque, 700 R4 GM transmission, 9" Ford Rear End 3.55 POSI, Heids Coil Spring Suspension, power rack & pinion steering/disk brakes, vintage air conditioning/power windows, leather interior/finished trunk, CD Stereo-Jensen Hi-output system, Budnik custom wheels, 18" rear; 17" front--comes complete with three jugs of white lightning. This could



be your next "get-away" car for fast trips under the radar. Bob and Dewey would have loved this car. Jinny Quackenbush

Hoping for better weather, put March 28 on your calendar for the next Cars and Coffee get-together.



The map of the new automotive venue



Sidney Hobbs explaining plans for the new racetrack in Palatka.



Bill Soman's Corvette convertible



Joe Greeves's 2004 Lexus SC 430



Tony Evangelista's C4 Corvette



Richard Kloetzli's 2006 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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Member articles are welcome. Tell us the story of your car or an outing. Just send the story and pictures to John Bagg, jcmabagg@yahoo.com