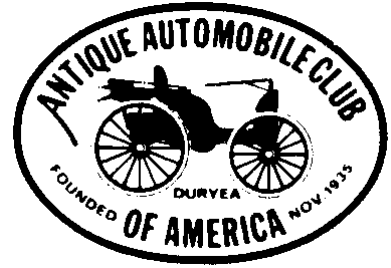




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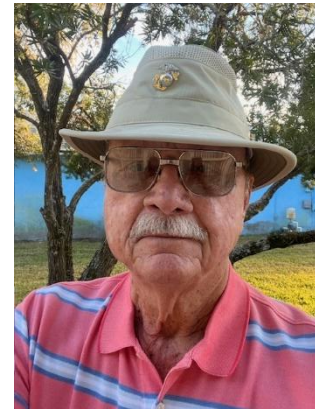
Antique Automobile Club of America

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

January

January was a fun month and you will see a recap of our club events here. Earlier this month, I was happy to reconnect with George Perry, a man I met last year at one of the shows here in town. George and his wife Doris are here in Florida for the winter and I met them again at the St. Augustine Cruiser's cruise in. He's easy to spot because he has the same car as mine. His black Lexus SC 430 is one year newer, an '05. Our conversation led to George and Doris joining the club at our Golden Chopsticks Dine and Dash event in Palm Coast. Welcome aboard.



We have been fortunate to attract about half a dozen members recently, adding a new level of interest to our club. We welcome any ideas that may have worked for you in your previous automotive connections. I encourage you to contact me directly if you have a suggestion for something new since automotive entertainment is always the goal. For new members, one of the ways we achieve that goal is with driving events and one of our most popular is the Frostbite Picnic. We'll tell you how it works and discuss scheduling of this combination,

“automotive obstacle course and outdoor lunch’, during our February monthly meeting. Come join us on the 5th.

Thanks, Joe

Ancient City Auto Club Monthly Meeting

The first meeting of the new year was a busy one with lots of club items to discuss, beginning with confirming the current board for another term. The hard work from these five members keeps the club vital, alive, and entertaining.

Several new members were at the event and we enjoyed meeting them and hearing their stories.

Plans were established for our January 22 dine out, this time a return to the Golden Chopsticks in Palm Coast.



Guest Speaker, Dick Hewett told us about his early history with automobiles as well as a personal connection with the New York to Paris Great Race.



Joe handled this month's trivia competition, won by Marty Wylie and Jeff Dougherty's brother Jerry.

Joe was also involved in the 50-50 raffle, taking home the cash.



The group



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Dick Hewett addressing the group



The Dougherty brothers, Jeff and Jerry



The kid's table



Joe Greeves congratulating Marty Wylie for his trivia win.



New members Richard and Pam Kloetzli, welcomed into the club.



Joe also congratulated Jerry Dougherty for his trivia win.



Tim Wing welcomed into the club



Brett Sutton welcomed into the club



If you were one of the four lucky winners of a Village Inn whole pie certificate, this is what it looks like.



Joe Greeves receiving the 50-50 cash.



Late-night shot of Tim Wing and his BMW.



Joe Greeves Lexus SC 430



Brett Sutton's Dodge Charger



Richard and Pam Kloetzli's Corvette convertible



QuackenBagg arriving in their Mustang convertible

Old Guy's Breakfast

Our January get-together at the Beachside Diner saw some old and some new faces. John Caruso and Rob Daly made the trip in from Jacksonville while one of our newest members, Rich Kloetzli joined us with his 2006 red Corvette convertible. George MacGown, who arrived in Florida just days before, showed up with his beautiful, new-to-us, Chevy-powered Deuce Coupe. We look forward to learning a bit more about his new ride at future get-togethers.



Conversation at the event was spirited, ranging from Dick Hewett's photographs of the 1908 New York to Paris Great Race to some first-hand accounts concerning the pros and cons of modern hearing aids. We cover it all at these gatherings!

This month's lucky winner of a free breakfast was Newsletter Editor John Bagg.

Put February 13 on your schedule, and come join the gang at Beachside. There's always something fun going on.



The Group



Our lovely waitress Jae



Dick Hewett displayed his Great Race photos



Dick Hewett's Mustang convertible



Skip Ferguson's Dodge Challenger



Rich Kloetzli's Corvette



George MacGown's Deuce Coupe



Joe Greeves Lexus

Monthly Dine Out

Rather than an evening event, we decided on a little variety this month, scheduling a luncheon that included a trip to Palm Coast. The weather was definitely on our side for the driving-to-lunch-bunch, with three top-down convertibles in the group adding to the fun. Our members met in St. Augustine at Walgreens and left at noon. We arrived at the Golden Chopsticks in Palm Coast a half-hour later with several other club members meeting us there.

Waiting for us in the parking lot was Doris and George Perry, newly arrived and spending the winter in Florida. George and I chatted last year and this year, he and Doris officially became members at the restaurant. We look forward to getting to know them better at upcoming events.

Everyone enjoyed the restaurant with its stunning decor and mile-long selection of food. The happiest member at the event was Jim Athas, winner of the newly established free meal lottery!

We posed for a group shot in front of the restaurant's pink Cherry Blossom tree in the lobby, said our goodbyes, and headed home. It was a great day to be behind the wheel with friends!



The first of many conversations began in the Walgreens parking lot.



The Group enjoying lunch



Our resident Galloping Gourmet was very happy with the selection.



Jim Athas was the winner of the free lunch lottery.



The salad bar seemingly stretched forever.



The Group in front of the pink Cherry Blossom tree



Your President and First Lady



Ed Downing's 1947 Lime Green Dodge Challenger



Bill McCaw's Bugatti replica



Ron Leone's BMW convertible



John and Jinny's Mustang convertible



Bill McCaw's Bugatti replica attracting a fan in the parking lot



Ann and Joe Greeves' Lexus SC 430



New members, Doris and George Perry in front of their '05 Lexus SC 430



Pam and Richard Kloetzli's '06 Corvette convertible

Cars and Coffee at the Car Museum

Everyone looks forward to the monthly get-togethers at the Classic Car Museum here in St. Augustine. It's always a wall-to-wall collection of cool cars featuring something in every year, price range, and horsepower.

It also becomes an automotive education when chatting with the owners. Sidney Hobbs added to your knowledge bank this month, showcasing the most expensive car in his collection. The crowd was intrigued to find out that the amazingly aerodynamic Dodge Daytona with its 23-inch rear wing and pointed nosecone was the first to achieve speeds in excess of 200 miles an hour at NASCAR events. While amazing on the track, the cars languished in dealer showrooms with no buyers. Finally, forced to sell at rock bottom prices, current Daytonas have an opening bid at more than half a million dollars! If we only knew!



Sidney's Dodge Daytona

Choosing a winner for the D-Q Award and the Car Museum monthly is a happy job since I am then surrounded by winners with their beautiful cars. This month's winner echoes Bob and Dewey's relationship with wheeled things in that, when Richard Widman first saw his 1975 Morris Mini in Bolivia, his mind's eye had already seen the vehicle he brought to the Cars and Coffee for January. Richard sold oil and lubricants in Bolivia, teaching car owners how to use them. When he saw this car, like when Bob saw many of the cars he restored the finished vehicle already was imprinted on his brain; he only had to bring it to full restoration. The Mini is so small, you could almost fold it under your arm and carry it around! And even being bright red could easily be missed in the gathering of all the other cars. Congratulations, Richard, and thanks for displaying this unusual specimen.



If you'd like to be part of the fun, put February 28 on your calendar and join the group for an early morning Saturday get-together.



Joe Greeves' '04 Lexus SC 430



Russel Pucci's '22 Ford Mustang Mach 1 coupe



Bill Soman's '61 Corvette convertible



Jimmy Pucci's '18 Corvette stingray



Richard Kloetzli's '06 Corvette convertible



Kevin Brooks' '08 Mustang GT 500 KR



John Bagg's Mustang Convertible



Priced to sell, Needs work!



High dollar cars were everywhere!



Beautiful Vintage Vette



Cool Truck!



Tim Wing's Corvette

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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