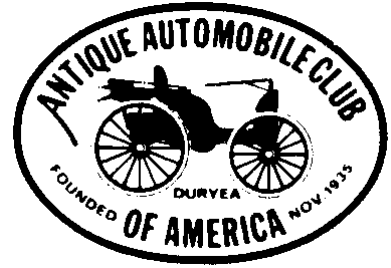




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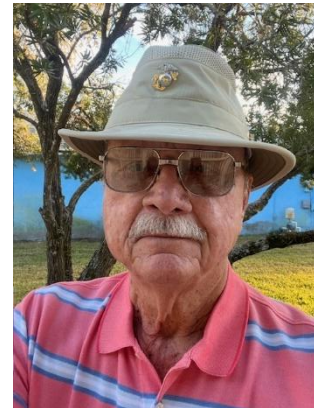
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March

This has been a very active month for our club, beginning with our birthday boys, Skip Ferguson and Danny Stephens at the Old Guys Breakfast, celebrating their matching milestones with ice cream.

Florida Chamber of Commerce weather at our annual Frostbite Picnic saw another strong turnout, with Bill Soman orchestrating car games and Ron Leone in charge of our outdoor picnic lunch. Several of our newer members got to experience our version of fun behind the wheel.

We enjoyed each other's company again at our monthly Dine Out, this time a luncheon at St. Augustine's Black Molly restaurant. We had a light turnout at the March Cars and Coffee, presumably because most folks were already enjoying the Daytona Spring Turkey Run.



The point is that although cars might be the connection, expanding our list of friendships is the goal. Getting like-minded people together is always a great combination. Check out our weekly Activities List, see what fits your schedule, dust off that mechanical marvel in the garage, and come join the fun. Remember, the club is what you make it. If you have an idea for some form of automotive entertainment, I'd like to hear.

Thanks, Joe

Ancient City Auto Club Monthly Meeting

Attendance was initially light but once the stragglers arrived, our long Village Inn banquet table was almost filled. Lots of interesting topics were discussed including several upcoming events like the old Guy's breakfast and the Frostbite Picnic. We also decided on the Black Molly restaurant for our March luncheon Dine Out.

Our new feature, the one that encourages crosstalk between members, was well received and we all learned a little bit more from Marty Wylie, John Kaiser, and George Perry.

We had three winners at tonight's event with Joe Greeves dominating the trivia contest, Bill Soman walking away with 50-50 Cash, and Jinny Quackenbush, the first recipient of our newest club feature, a free dinner to the member with the winning ticket.

Come join us if you can. Our next general membership meeting is April 2.





The Gang



Bill Soman won the cash



The rest of the Gang



Jinny won the first free dinner



Trivia winner, photographer Joe Greeves taking his own picture

Old Guy's Breakfast

We had a capacity turnout at this month's Old Guy's Breakfast, welcoming the regulars and happy to see new faces. Beachside always sets aside four tables in their alcove for our group but this month we had to pull in two additional tables to accommodate our members.



The highlight of this month's event was the pair of birthday boys, Skip Ferguson and Danny Stephens, born within hours of each other. Danny is three hours senior so Skip has to listen when he talks. Both got breakfast and extra ice cream, marking the occasion and courtesy of the club. Skip had some breaking news as well, losing his ponytail, something that he has had for all but two of his 90 years. Looking good!

And, since good is the operative word, if you like good food and good-natured banter, come join us for our April gathering on the 10th. It's always a good time.



The Gang



Holly always takes great care of us.



The Group



John Kaiser's '67 Ranchero Pickup



Chris Zima's '69 Mustang Convertible



Joe Greeves's '04 Lexus Retractable



John Bagg's '68 Mustang Convertible



Skip Ferguson's '55 Chevy Nomad
Wagon



Paul McCarthy's Jeep Wrangler



Jeff Dougherty's Mercedes Van



Ed Downing's '23 Dodge Challenger



The ice cream Birthday Boys, Danny on the left and Skip on the right.



Bill McCaw's Bugatti replica

Annual Frost Bite Picnic

We couldn't ask for better weather for our annual outdoor picnic at the Frank Butler Park. Ron Leone was the first to arrive, setting up his amazing lunch for the group. Members began arriving at about 11 AM with nearly a dozen cars in attendance.

Lined up along spectator row, club members were anxious to see the traditional car games, run by Bill Soman. Several drivers and passengers found out that stabbing a potato is not as easy as it sounds. On the other hand, our newsletter editor John Bagg, even with a bag on his head, showed everyone how to win Over the Cliff, driving his Mustang to within 8 inches of the finish line. Not to be outdone, John Kaiser used the braille method, finding the finish line perfectly, except without a car! Backing Into The Garage proved an easy task for David Cameron and Lucas.



When the final car game ended, it was time for lunch and as usual, Ron never disappoints. His Coney Island theme was the perfect choice for our outdoor adventure and the two picnic tables were filled to the brim with all his extras. No one goes home hungry when Ron is in charge. The award ceremony gave out multiple \$25 gift certificates to the winners for a meal at the Beachside restaurant. Special thanks to Ron and Bill for their untiring efforts.



Member cars were lined up.



And members were too!



Stopping just inches from the finish line, John Bagg won the event.



Staying between the ropes is a challenge



Stabbing a potato is harder than you think.



The luncheon spread was amazing!



John Kaiser had a much more novel approach.



Cliff said a prayer before lunch.



The award ceremony sent members home with gift cards.



Ron Leone explained the extensive menu.

Monthly Dine Out

Our monthly luncheon get-together was a success with 14 hungry club members enjoying the luncheon menu at St. Augustine's Black Molly. Unfortunately, two different unexpected medical events kept several folks from joining us but everyone is now doing well.

The restaurant had graciously provided us with the pair of long banquet tables but we consolidated into one and a half, and enjoyed each other's conversations. The only real excitement was our waitress dropping a full tray of drinks at our table. Everyone was pleased with the food and the weather meant it was a great opportunity to drive your special car.



Our next scheduled dining event, April 23, will probably be an evening ride to Ford's Garage, a restaurant where we will be fully immersed in the automotive environment. If you haven't been, you'll enjoy the three restored Model A's out front, shop rags with hose clamps for napkins, and onion rings served on a dipstick! Put it on your calendar.



The Kid's Table saw our buddy Skip Ferguson now without a ponytail for the first time in 90 years.



The group



The waitress dealing with an unexpected surprise.



Ed Downing's '72 Plymouth Duster



Skip Ferguson's '55 Chevy Nomad



Bill McCaw's Bugatti replica

Cars and Coffee at the Car Museum

Attendance was little light this month, no doubt due to the Spring Turkey Run on the same weekend. It's a challenge to do both. Even with conflicting events however, there were still dozens of beautiful vehicles to enjoy, especially with a wonderful day and temperatures in the mid-70s.



In addition to chatting with friends and enjoying breakfast courtesy of Bozard Lincoln, there was the monthly DQ Award, chosen by our good friend

Nancy Porter. Nancy's tastes run from mild to wild, antique to modern, and everything in between. This month she chose the beautiful 2024 Saleen Mustang owned by Robert Walker. Robert has been a Mustang fan since age 19, and this is his latest. The Saleen Black Label is the highest level that the company produces. Their latest road-going rocket boasts a supercharged 5L Coyote V-8 good for a staggering 800 hp. Robert says it is a great weekend fun car that he enjoys with his son, Austin who is also a 2006 Mustang owner. We already know that cars are great fun, but they are a lot better when you can enjoy them with your family. Congratulations Robert!



Nancy Porter in front of her DQ Pick, a 2024 Saleen Mustang

Put April 25 on your next month's calendar and come out and enjoy your friends for an early morning, breakfast get-together.



Overall Group Shot



Jimmy Pucci's '18 Corvette Stingray



Bill Soman's '61 Corvette convertible



Joe Greeves' '04 Lexus



Tony Evangelista's '92 Corvette



Nancy with the DQ Award winner, Robert Walker.



Nancy behind the wheel of the Saleen
"Can I drive it?"



The Saleen Mustang

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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