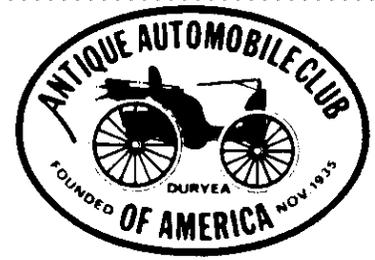




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Jim's 1960 Corvette

Trip Zenith

*By James Salanitri
Greensburg, PA
June 1, 2018*

After spending several weeks preparing my tow vehicle and car trailer along with a crash course in "must-have towing equipment" by Jim Weiss, my cousin Ron & I left St. Augustine early Tuesday morning the 29th of May. We were on our way to the Second Annual 2018 AACA Zenith Award & Annual

Grand National meet in Greensburg, PA. It was clear sailing with occasional heavy rains to my niece Susan & husband Steve in their new home in Denver, NC. Great stop and a chance to recharge & spend some family time.

We left early the following morning for the second leg of our trip when the weather started turning against us. Heavy thunder storms and fog as we hit the mountains of Virginia which became a driving nightmare especially for Ron who was behind the wheel. We proceeded down a mountain with a 9 degree decline for over 15 miles with less than 100' visibility causing white knuckles to Ron's hands. I was holding tight and almost put my foot through the floor trying to break in the passenger seat! We followed the tail lights of a tractor trailer on thru West Virginia and finally through the mountain tunnels that we were able to get blood flowing again. All I can say is the

"Must have Tow Equipment" we installed, as recommended, was spot on in getting us through a dangerous situation.

After 850 miles we arrived at the Westmoreland Fairgrounds in late afternoon. This location chosen for the 2nd Annual AACA Zenith Award which was held in a 10,000 sq ft Maintenance Bldg for the sixteen (16) vehicles being judged. The weather was calling for thunder storms all week so we lucked out to being inside for the event. We gained access to the Bldg and unloaded our car only to find a 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air, Fuelie, Triple Black convertible to be the 1st car parked. We unloaded our Corvette and parked next to the Chevy, rubbing his door handle for luck and being the only two (2) cars that had arrived and just in time for the heavy rains that followed. We parked and disconnected our trailer, headed to the Springhill suites in Latrobe, checked-in, showered down

and had a well deserved dinner.

Next morning after a great hotel breakfast we headed back to the Fairgrounds to find that six (6) additional cars had arrived. We met Steve Moskowitz, Chief and Master AACA judge who was the key person in charge of setting up the Zenith Awards for Friday June 1st. He also was responsible for staging the 513 Vehicles for the AACA Senior and Grand National Awards on Saturday June 2nd at the University of Pittsburgh, Greensburg campus. Talk about pressure! Wow - thank God for my cousin Ron who took charge and quickly figured the spacing and layout for the sixteen (16) Zenith Award vehicles to be judged. It was an all day affair as the remaining cars arrived and unloaded especially the 1935 Packard 1204, Super 8. Ron and I knew ahead of time this was worthy of winning the top prize, it was just magnificent. What a great experience meeting all the vehicle

owners, sharing in the same hobby, our love of restoration and the historical significant they represented. We all came together that day and it wasn't all about winning. For me, I had already won just being nominated as one of the sixteen vehicles. After a long day we headed back to change and found a great family restaurant and sports bar called Dinos, having been served two baskets of fresh popped popcorn we knew we were in for a good meal. Afterwards, heading back to the hotel refreshing ourselves with a swim in the pool and a much needed rest before the Zenith judging the following day. Although Ron doesn't require much sleep, while I'm snoring he's up and about at 3:00 am checking all the latest news, scoping out the hotels facilities and getting ready for breakfast which started at 6:00 am. After breakfast we fueled up and made our way back to the Fairgrounds to get our car ready for the judging that will be starting at 10:00 am. All sixteen (16) vehicles were

spaced 6' (six feet) apart, eight (8) on each side, just as Ron calculated. Several tables lined the center and supported sixteen (16) unique crystal trophy's One (1) larger for the winner and each nominee received a smaller version. Prior to judging we were all introduced to the judging team, comprising of ten (10) judges which split into two (2) five (5) member teams. The judging started at 10:00 am with each team being on opposite ends and having each owner give a brief back story on their vehicle which created a calming effect on the owners. By 1:00pm the two (2) five (5) member teams completed there 1st round of judging and we all took a lunch break. At 2:00 pm the second round of judging began and the two (2) judging teams switched to opposite sides. The judging concluded. By 6:00 pm and after a brief consultation started awarding the fifteen (15) nominees, the smaller version of the prestigious Zenith Award. The "Restoration of the Year" was

won by Greg Haack's magnificent 1935 Packard, 1204 Super 8 that Ron and I picked at the very first sight of it. After some handshakes and well wishes to all the nominees Ron and I decided to get our trailer hitched and load our Corvette for the trip home. Just as we completed loading the weather changed and heavy rains were upon us once again. Due to the weather we decided to stay overnight and leave early Saturday morning which worked out to our benefit, stopping again at my niece's in NC and home on Sunday afternoon.

It was a remarkable trip and incredible experience, although, due to the distance and weather conditions I may re-think a similar trip in the future. I was privileged to meet the owners of some of the most exceptional cars I was in completion with, sharing their stories and take the position that our cars have to appear as it would have been delivered by the factory. That is the same

position of the AACA and how the Zenith Award came to be.

The most important thing to remember, is to enjoy whatever aspect of the hobby in which you participate. If your not having fun, your doing it wrong.

Jim Salanitri



Zenith Award Trophies



1953 Nash Healey, Ed Koch



1934 Ford Cabriolet



1957 Chevy Bel Air F.I.



1919 Walker LA 10 (w/Ron Leone)

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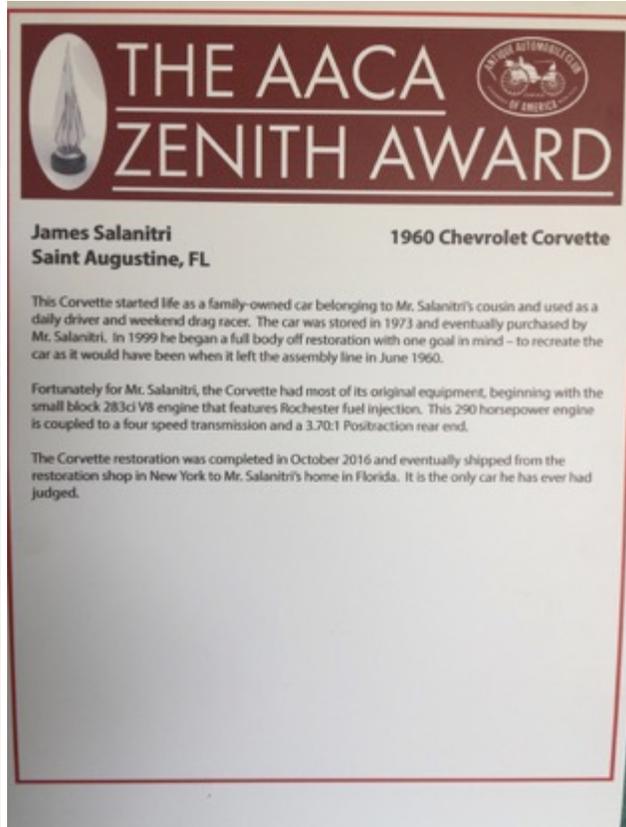
1935 Packard 1204 Super 8 Winner



1934 Studebaker Roadster



1958 Eldorado Biarritz



Display Card



August Speaker at Caddy Shack—6 pm we eat; 7 we meet—see you there!

Meet Don, Hagerty Field Representative for Central and North East, Florida

Don Swift, Central and NE Florida

I am a Regional Territory Manager for Hagerty in Central and North East Florida, helping to provide drivers with classic car insurance in the Orlando, Space Coast and Jacksonville areas. Growing up in Cleveland, OH, has allowed me the opportunity to be around and appreciate automobiles of all types! My dad still has a '57 Bel Air that he bought at age 17 and the highlight of my childhood summers was helping my uncle fix or build his next dirt track race car. My passion has always been muscle cars but continues to expand as I meet so many great clients and learn more about their beautiful vehicles!

With an extensive background in sales, marketing and having recently served as an insurance agent, this is a great opportunity to incorporate my interests in entrepreneurship -- and of course, CARS!

Thanks to Jim Weiss for securing Don as our August Speaker.



Bobby Darin's Car

The 1960 DiDia 150 was a luxury, custom-designed iconic, handmade car also known as the "Dream Car" forever associated with its second owner, singer Bobby Darin. The car was designed by Andrew Di Dia, a clothing designer, who Bobby Darin had met whilst on tour in Detroit in 1957. Darin telling Di Dia at the time that he would purchase the car if he ever "hit it big". For seven years, from 1953 to 1960 the DiDia 150 was hand-built by four workers, at a cost of \$93,647.29 but sold to Darin in 1961 at a cost of over \$150,000 (1.5 million today).] At the time the car was listed as most expensive 'custom-made' car in the world by the Guinness Book of Records.] The body was hand-formed by Ron

Clark and constructed by Bob Kaiser from Clark Kaiser Customs. Its metallic red paint was made with 30



coats of ground diamonds for sparkle. Built in Detroit, Michigan, clothing designer Andrew 'Andy' Di Dia designed this "unrestrained and unconventional" automobile. Only one example was ever built. The normal V8 engine is located at the front with an engine displacement of 365/427. It has a rear-wheel drive, the body and chassis is hand-formed from 064 aluminum with a 125-inch wheelbase alloy tube frame. It has a glass cockpit in back, a squared steering wheel and thermostatically controlled air conditioning system.



The interior is rust coloured in contrast to the ruby paintwork. The design included the first backseat-mounted radio speakers and hidden windshield wipers, that started themselves when it rained. Other

features include retractable headlamps, rear indicators that swivel as the car turns, 'floating' bumpers and a trunk that was hinged from the driver's side. Each of the four bucket seats have their own thermostatically controlled air conditioning, individual cigarette lighters and ashtrays, as well as a radio speaker. The original engine, a Cadillac V8, was later replaced by a 427 high-performance by Ford when



it was taken on the show circuit. Darin drove his wife, Sandra Dee, in the car to the 34th Academy Awards in 1961. When Bobby drove the car to the Academy Awards, Andrew Di Dia and Steve Blauner followed behind him in a limousine. The car had two fans and a switch that you had to turn on. Bobby didn't realize, so it heated up. All the



magazines said the car caught fire but it didn't. Di Dia toured the car around the country, when Darin

wasn't using it for public appearances. After publicity and film



use, Darin donated his "Dream Car" to the St Louis Museum of Transportation in 1970 where it remains.

Brian Wirz shared this article and I see that another friend Bruce Erlin of the Classic Car Club (FL Region) had also passed it on. Interesting to all of us who lived through this wonderful past time. Thanks, Brian. Jinny



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July meeting at Sherrod's celebrated Independence Day with fireworks!





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GARAGE CAR PARTS BIG SALE

NEW UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

SOME HAVE BEEN CLUNG TO FOR YEARS AND MOVED TO 4 STATES

140 6V bulbs, many sizes, with cabinet	\$50	Battery cable in orig box suitable for ground	\$5
2 6V flashers	\$5 ea	41 Chev box of retainers & spring for horn	\$5
67-68 Mustang AC drier	\$10	Clamp on door rear view mirror new (2)	\$10 ea
49-56 GM headlight bucket in GM box	\$10	36-48 Ford left and right water pumps suitable	Free
54-60 Chev 6 cyl 235 carb rebuilt	\$100	for rebuilding	Free
6V generator cutoff	\$10	36-48 Ford brake shoe springs	\$5
49-54 Chev starter solenoid	\$25	33 Chev clutch throw out bearing NOS	\$5
35-48 Ford set of all 3 tie rod ends	\$30	33 Chev pinion bearing NOS	\$5
33 Chev 216 water pump	\$25	55 Buick used door handles	Free
4 ft Flexible air duct hose 2 ½" dia	\$10	Delco relay new in orig box	\$5
6 ft Flexible air duct hose 2 ½" dia	\$12	36-48 Ford box of ignition parts	\$10
ACA bronze license plate badge		36-48 Ford Carb adapter plate for a gasoline	
From 1950's hevi casting (used)	\$15	Heater - very rare	\$10
Side post knife style battery disconnect	\$10	36 Ford pickup black taillight rim new	\$5
Calyx Manifold dressing new/unopened	\$10	36-48 Ford rt front brake wheel cyl	\$10
Traffic light viewer 40's-60's	\$10	36-48 Ford used wheel cyl for rebuild	Free
Cast iron license holders for cars with		70's-80's For GM 305 cu in fuel pump	\$10
Front license headlight bar	\$10	Jegs 12 V elec fuel pump new in box	\$20
49-54 Chev valve cover gasket	\$5	12V elec fuel pump slightly used	\$5
12V Flamethrower coil	\$5	36 Ford box of misc used headlight parts	Free
50-54 Chev powerglide universal joint		Copper tubing in orig box very small diameter	
Gasket set	\$5	Suitable for gauges	\$5
29-33 Chev 216 valve cover gasket	\$5	Right & left fender mount rear view mirrors	
55 Buick Century 2 dr HT color ad	\$5	With chrome a little scuzzy	Free
87 Chev Shop manual all models	\$10	3 flags & holder/parades front mount	\$15
Paasche airbrush set new in orig box	\$10	TOOLS	
Set of Buick engine decals for strt 8\$5		Set of 9 combination wrenches ¼-3/4	\$5
All for 1954 Buick: Shop manual \$40,		Ring of 7 allen wrenches	\$1
Owners guide \$20, Sales catalogue \$10,		Small pliers	\$1
Paint color chips \$5, All for \$75		Ratchet screw driver with sockets & driver	
48-49 Buick shop manual	\$40	Bits in a case	\$5
33 Chev repair manual (owner's)	\$35	Set 3/8 drive sockets w/ratchet drive and	
75 Chev Monte Carlo owners manual	\$15	speed wrench in a case	\$10
76 Chev Monte Carlo ads (2)	\$5	Plastic tool box	\$1
2008 Chev HHR sales catalogue	\$5	Med size tool box with several tools	\$10
80 Honda Accord sales catalogue	\$10	Beugler Deluxe Striper tool (in box)	\$10
2005 Pontiac G6 sales catalogue (last yr of		Kit for striping wheels 20's-50's	\$10
Production for Pontiacs	\$10	Sharpe spray gun from 60's -works used	\$5
64-88 Chilton Chev midsize repair manual	\$10	Wheel paint jig	\$5
57 Ford & Thunderbird shop manual			
Reprint like new	\$40	1957 Florida license plate, already verified by	
50 Olds 88 ad 15"H X 11" w	\$5	Tallahassee ready to install	\$40
54 Chev owners manual	\$10		
54 Chev sales book	\$10		
53-57 Chev rebuilt starter for 235	\$60		
31 Carb various 30's cars works	\$5		

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Elks Club on A1A Car Show July 28, 2018



This show has not been held in recent years so it is great that it is being revived. Both the St. Augustine Cruisers and the Ancient City Auto Club were invited to display our vehicles from 10 AM to 2 PM. There was no judging or awards just an opportunity to see some great cars and trucks and even one motorized bicycle. We were treated to a free lunch with burgers, hot dogs and chips with a cold drink.





Pontiac Trans Am pace car, Ken & Lauren Bryan
1966 Buick Skylark 445 convert, John Battistini
1970 Corvette convert, Jim Salantri 1960
Corvette , Cliff Williams 1936 Ford 4 dr sedan,
Bill & Deenya Soman 1954 Corvette, Tony
Evangelista 1992 Corvette coupe, John & Margie
Bragg 1968 Ford Mustang convert, Charles &
Karen Bernath 1980 Morgan roadster, Doug &
Marion Hunsworth 1939 Ford tudor sedan,
Sidney Hobbs 1954 Corvette roadster, Doug
Nietzel 1953 Pontiac 4 dr sedan, Danny Stephens
1969 Chev Camaro coupe, Ted Michael 1930
Ford Model A 4 dr sedan and Dewey Porter 1990
Ford Mustang GT convert. We all were glad to
leave at 2 PM as it was starting to get hot on the
blacktop parking lot. -DEWEY PORTER

Our Ancient City members supported the show
with 17 display entries and the Cruisers had
about the same number. Showing were: Ray &
Hope Emery 1950 Ford coupe, Ron Leone with a
Whizzer ? bike complete with wicker
accessories, Robert & Kathleen Johnson 1980



Ron Leone's Whizzer Display with rare siting of Cliff William's Ford

Excellent opportunity to gain BLUE TICKETS!



Battistini's 'Vette with Hood Open at Elk's Club.

Johns Old Guys Breakfast July 13, 2018



Sunny skies brought out 21 Old Guys driving 11 collector vehicles. The usual expertise was expounded with much wisdom being absorbed. Ten of the cars had been seen before but one Old Guy, Tony Castellano showed his newly acquired 1941 Ford Pickup truck which had been treated to a resto-mod and done up in red by the previous owner.



Attending were Rob Daly, Garret Hutchison, Bob Quackenbush, Dewey Porter 1968 Buick Skylark coupe, Bob Parker, Jim Arpaia 1950 Olds 98 Convert, Roger Ewing 1956 Chev convert, John Battistini 1970 Corvette, Tony Castellano 1941 Ford pickup, Gary Steinberger 1970 Chev Z28 Coupe, Dave Burrows, Joe Greeves, Jim Weiss 1965 Ford Falcon convert, Terry Brown 1957 Chev 4 dr sedan, Jim Salanitri 1960 Corvette, Danny Stephens 1969 Chev Camaro coupe, Bob Barton 2014 Chev Camaro, Lee Ilya, Paul Pome, Doug Nietzel 2014 Corvette convert. Several of our regular attendees have been missing the past few months so let us know if you are under the weather or need a ride. -DEWEY PORTER

Good Blue Ticket Territory!



ACTIVITIES

Aug 2 ACAC Monthly meeting 6 PM dinner, 7 PM meeting Location Caddyshack WGV. Zaharias' was not available so back to Caddyshack for the August meeting.

Aug 10th Johns Old Guys Breakfast 9 AM Steak & Shake US 1 So. next to Home Depot. You do not have to be a member to attend so bring a friend who has an interest in things with a motor.

Aug 16 ACAC Board Meeting 7 PM Porter Res. 769 Crestwood Drive, Southwood SD

Aug 18 St. Augustine Cruisers monthly Cruise Night at Hobby Lobby Shopping Center behind Longhorn restaurant 5-7 PM, DJ Door Prizes, 50/50. Bring chairs, always a great selection of vehicles to see.

Aug 23 ACAC Monthly Dineout 6 PM at Crispers Restaurant in Cobblestone shopping Center

Sept 6 ACAC Monthly Meeting 6 PM dinner 7 PM meeting Zaharias Restaurant St. Augustine Beach 3945 A1A So. Lots of parking so drive that collector for a blue ticket.

Sept 14 Johns Old Guys Breakfast 9 AM Steak & Shake US 1 So. next to Home Depot. You do not have to be a member to attend so bring a friend who has an interest in things with a motor.

Sept 15 St. Augustine Cruisers monthly Cruise Night at Hobby Lobby Shopping Center behind Longhorn restaurant 5-7 PM, DJ Door Prizes, 50/50. Bring chairs, always a great selection of vehicles to see.

Sept 20 ACAC Monthly board meeting 7 PM Location TBA

Sept 27 ACAC Monthly dineout 6PM location to be announced

Sept 29 FCCC Cruisin to the Creek annual car show. <http://www.carcouncil.org/show-registration/>

All cars on grass. We are members of the Car Council. We can park together if we request club parking ahead of time. This show usually attracts several hundred cars. Food trucks on site. Videod by Drone. Several awards as selected by the FCCC. Bring chairs. Click on the link and you can register and pay (PayPal) on line.

Oct 6 40th ANNUAL PALATKA CAR SHOW, open to all cars, trucks, motorcycles & boats!!! Pre-register at premiumcarshows.com or call Larry (727) 321-1211 For Show, Vendor & Sponsor info, go to azaleacitycruisers.com or call/text John (561) 602-8686 or Phil (443) 513-6414

Oct 10-13 AACA Eastern Fall Meet Hershey, PA

Oct 20 Amelia Cruisers 22nd Annual 8 Flags Car Show, Fernandina Beach 8 AM-2PM, info www.ameliacruisers.org

Nov 17 ACAC 34TH Annual Auto Show at the FSD&B School 207 N. San Marco. Details to follow.

Nov 22-25 Daytona Turkey Run Join us at the largest combined classic car show and swap meet in the U.S. Four days of fun for the entire family held in the infield of Daytona International Speedway. More than 6,000 classic cars for show and sale, a massive swap meet, art and fashion on Artisan Alley, great food, drink and entertainment. \$15 per day Thursday - Saturday and \$10 on Sunday. Kids 11 and under free. Thursday - Saturday 8am-4pm and Sunday 8am-2pm. To register on line go to www.turkeyrun.com

Feb 14-16 2019 During Daytona 500 Week, Daytona Beach, FL Wheeler Auction of 500 Vehicles all inside Ocean Center's Climate Controlled Facility, More info to come.

Feb 21-23 2019 AACA Winter Meet Ocala, FL. Ocala Hosted by Kingdom Of The Sun Region 352-538-1338 for info.

May 4, 2019 Saint Augustine Cruisers Annual Car Show at FSD&B school



Mark Young supplied the photo on the left!

Thanks to Dewey Porter again for his faithful club reporting and to Joe Greeves for his faithful photography.

Thanks to Jim Salanitri for providing his article on his trip and for giving the club the honor of having his car in the club

Thanks to Brian Wirz for his article about Bobby Darin. See you all at Caddy Shack on Thursday night! -Jinny, Ed.