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It's January and we are looking forward to another active year enjoying the wonderful hobby we love, old cars, special cars, rare cars, cars that we have adapted or modified to represent our individuality or the ones we hope to restore or acquire. That pretty much covers the purpose of our club as stated in the by-laws, but our club is much more than that. What really gets us going is to share our special vehicles through cruising, car shows and special events which leads to another great aspect of our club, the social contacts, making memories and friends, not to mention cruising to eat. It's about getting each of our members involved, and sharing their ideas on ways we can all have more fun enjoying our hobby.

This great hobby is an evolution of the type of adventuresome people that explored, settled and developed this great country. A car opened up a new frontier for adventuresome Americans who quickly became obsessed with acquiring their car, particularly after Henry Fords development of the assembly line for mass production a 100 years ago. That car fascination has not diminished, today just ask any teen what is important and high on their dream list is the day they get their drivers license as the first step towards having their car and the freedom that comes with it, and some of us never get over it.

Our club provides an outlet for promoting our hobby by getting young people interested and involved. We need more people doing this. an excellent example was last

month when Bill Soman got some of our Club Members to go over to the Technical School, in old cars, to visit the Automotive training class. Our club is a sponsor of that program with two scholarships each year. It was refreshing to talk with the young people that are taking up auto repair and listening to their stories of car projects or their some day hopes for special cars. There were lots of questions about the cars, their vintage and history. Of course, the proud car owners were happy to share their knowledge with the students. This year we would like to get more of our members involved in this as well as other club activities, our participation and exposure is how we develop interest and inspire the young people that we need to take this hobby into the future.

There are multiple reasons for joining any association, organization or club, for some it may be just one reason or for others of us it may be a dozen. Personally, I have been a member of many groups and each had their individual purpose and activities that were beneficial to me. Number one with all groups is the common characteristic of nice people, active people, the kind of people you enjoy being around, getting to know, forming friendships with, the camaraderie that develops from being associated with people of similar interest. I was thinking about that just last night at a Christmas function observing that in a wonderful environment of personal interaction and fellowship, several of the young people spent most of the evening heads down

on their latest electronic device texting, they must be missing out on something.

I was just reminded of the fellowship aspect of joining a club like ACAC when Jim Weiss called to fill me in about what had taken place at Brian's garage the Tuesday before when I had already left for Tennessee. The progress he and several others had just made on the 54 Desoto. He pointed out the fun of getting together and working on a common project. The past 4 or 5 years there has been a group of us (eight to 10) meeting one night a week to contribute individual skills and problem solving ability to various car projects. Originally we met at Lon Greenwoods' garage on Wednesdays, then added Tuesdays at Brian Wirz after he completed his garage/shop. The project going on in Brian's garage currently is to complete the restoration of the 1954 Desoto that John Guarnieri had under way. Jim has been over to Brian's several Tuesdays and expressed to me how much enjoyment he gets from working together and helping or just observing that type of activity (not to mention Carolyn's snacks) and learning about different old cars. Our club members always benefit from that type interaction and sharing, and in this case it has also led to several new members for ACAC.

While our club activity and effort is to make it an enjoyable experience for all of our members as well as those that are exposed to our club through community activities, like all groups, we have to have some stated structure and set of rules to operate within. To make sure everyone gets an opportunity to see the general guidelines we operate ACAC under, the by-laws are included for your reading pleasure in this issue so you can make sure we function within at least a loose interpretation for the benefit of all.

There is a good time to both reflect on what we have done but more important get input on what you would like to do for your club and participate in this year.

A successful and happy club is an involved club, member involvement, so we are looking for new and renewed ideas of ways to get more of our members into the involved category, INVOLVEMENT, might be a good theme for 2014. Along this thought, Denya Soman reminded me at the Christmas party

that in years gone by the December party was an occasion for members who wished to participate to bring a gift for needy children. If we choose to do it again, she has volunteered to direct others wanting to help get the gifts distributed.

We look forward to seeing you on January 9th at the Caddy Shack in the World Golf Village. Several members have mentioned a desire to plan a few overnight excursions, maybe to car shows beyond a day trip. If you have ideas for action like Denya, or suggested events to participate in bring them to the meeting for discussion and we will take them up at the regular board meeting.

Dick Sherrod—President

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A Personal History—Peter Starr

Jinny asked me to write a piece for our club newsletter, and said it could be about anything personal or car related. So, I thought I'd make it both and write about how I came to the hobby and what my favorite cars are.

At the age of 7 my Dad brought home a 1957 Ford Skyliner "demonstrator" from the Ford dealer he worked at. Seeing that mechanical hard top go down and turn into a convertible had a lasting effect on me. I was hooked!

Then in 1959, when he had his own Pontiac-Buick agency, my Mom and one of my brothers and I took a 600 mile trip during the summer in a brand new top-of-the-line '59 Bonneville Convertible. I'll never forget the light green mist color of that car, along with the tri-color green 'morokide' interior! I keep looking to this day to find the twin to that car, and still hope to own one someday.



When I was old enough to drive I bought a '56 Oldsmobile Holiday "88" 4 door hardtop. It had the 4 speed Automatic Transmission with 2 speeds in low gear, and was very fast for its day particularly off the line. I've subsequently owned 3 more same-year Oldsmobiles, and currently have the red and white Super 88 convertible that my wife Gina and I drove in the Vintage Rally's Northwest Passage 5 day tour in 2010. It has been here with me in St Augustine the last two years.

In 1969 my Dad and older brother opened a Toyota agency in our hometown in Massachusetts. This was back in the day when people didn't know what a Toyota was, and

would come in asking "What kind of toys do you sell?!"

I found myself totally intrigued by the 2 liter, six cylinder, twin cam two door sports coupe that Toyota featured on the cover of their full-line product brochure called the 2000GT. This was a hand-built, high performance luxury sports car selling for \$7600 at a time when a new Corolla was base priced at \$1,280 and a Corona 4 Door Sedan sold for \$1700!



Because Toyota only brought 62 of these cars into America between 1967 and 1970, we never did get one into our store. Not only that, most of them went to California, where Toyota was much more popular at the time than in the East. So it was not until 1976 that I actually got to see one "in the flesh" at the Watkins Glen Formula One races that Toyota sponsored that year. A dealer from Long Island brought his personal car to the track and did the parade lap with it prior to the start of the race.

Talk about love at first sight! The car was absolutely exquisite!! Compound curves throughout its hand-made steel body, with nary a straight piece of glass; 3'9" tall, with a super-elegant interior with genuine rosewood dash and mahogany steering wheel and shift knob; the car just captivated me! I now had the "gotta-haves"!!



Shortly thereafter, I located the car that I still own which was in Duluth, MN. I flew out

with a dealer plate and multiple cashier's checks equaling the seller's asking price and drove the car back to New Hampshire. This was in 1977 when the movie Star Wars was popular, and my business partner and I coined the expressions "90-110mph is light speed, and you make the jump into hyper-space over 110!" All I'll say about that is the car comes into its own once you get into 'hyper-space'!

Since 1976 we've owned or restored over 50 examples of this car, and we currently have in our collection the very first 2000GT that Toyota built (Serial # MF10-10001). We performed a body-off restoration of this car back to its original track condition, just as it was when it was campaigned by Carroll Shelby in 1968 SCCA manufacturer's championship "C" production. Since its restoration, we have had the car to several vintage events, including the Goodwood Festival of Speed in England in 2004 and the Laguna Seca Historic races in Monterey, CA in 2007. Most recently this past September it raced at Lime Rock Park in Connecticut.

In 2004, after spending 35 years primarily as a Toyota dealer I segued from a vocation in the car business to an avocation, and now maintain a collection of about 20 antique automobiles along with my long-time partner. These are made up mostly of cars from the 1950's and 1960's, and are split about equally between domestic and import-sports.

--Peter Starr



These are photos from the trip to the Tech Center where the guys met with students and faculty and enjoyed a meal.



DEC 14 S & L MOTORS CAR SHOW

Only about 30 cars were entered. Probably due to other holiday activities for car owners. S & L had on display their inventory of cars for sale which included some very nice collector cars. You could also view their showroom memorabilia and restoration shop. Mark Young and Dewey Porter were there from the Ancient City Club with Mark winning a "Best of Show" award for his 34 Ford Coupe street rod.



ACTIVITIES

NOTE: THE ACAC MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE SECOND THURSDAY IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY ONLY. WE WILL RETURN TO THE FIRST THURSDAY IN FEBRUARY

Jan 9 ACAC Monthly meeting : Installation of new officers WGV Caddy Shack 6 PM

Jan 10 NPD Car Collection Viewing Ocala, FL. \$10 Donation per person to benefit the AACA Museum in Hershey, PA 12 – 4 PM Hosted by the Villages Region AACA. Meet Dennis Gage of “My Classic Car” TV Show. Use this link to register

Jan 11 & 12 National Parts Depot 20th Annual All Ford Show at Silver Springs. 1993 or older Free admission if you pre register by Jan 1, 2014. Go to www.tyraaca.org/calendar

Jan 16 ACAC Board Meeting at Wirz residence 7 PM

Jan 23 ACAC Monthly Dine Out: Location TBA

Jan 31 – Feb 2 Moultrie, GA Automotive Swap Meet. You can participate in what is always the coldest event of the year. Let Dewey Porter know if you want to go on Friday Jan 31.

Feb 20-22, 2014 AACA SOUTHEASTERN NATIONAL WINTER MEET, Port St. Lucie, FL.

Info: www.tcvcc.com/FallFestival.pdf to download flyer. Note this is the last national AACA show scheduled in Florida until 2016. It is 201 miles, a little over 3 ½ hour drive. A guided tour of the new Elliot Museum Fri AM which has a large collection of wooden speedboats, bicycles, and over 90 cars. Let’s get a group together . Download the 3 page flyer for a complete list of motels and activities.

Mar 1, 2014 Azalea Region AACA 15th Annual Car Show at Riverfront Park Palatka. Dewey Porter has flyers. Antiques, Customs and Special Interest cars welcomed. Info: Paula Kash 904 571 4956 or Art Hall 386 328 4751.

Mar 1 AACA Cape Canaveral Region, Melbourne, FL Car Show Info: Bob Carpenter 321-459-9950, email PLCRLC@aol.com

Mar 7 – 9 19th Annual Amelia Island Concours d’Elegance. Info www.ameliaconcours.org

March 15 Rodeheaver Boys Ranch Annual Car Show. Details to follow when we receive a flyer



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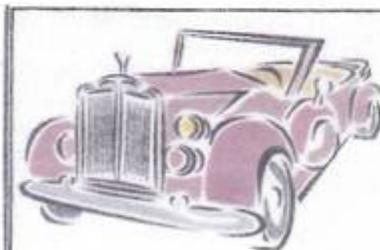


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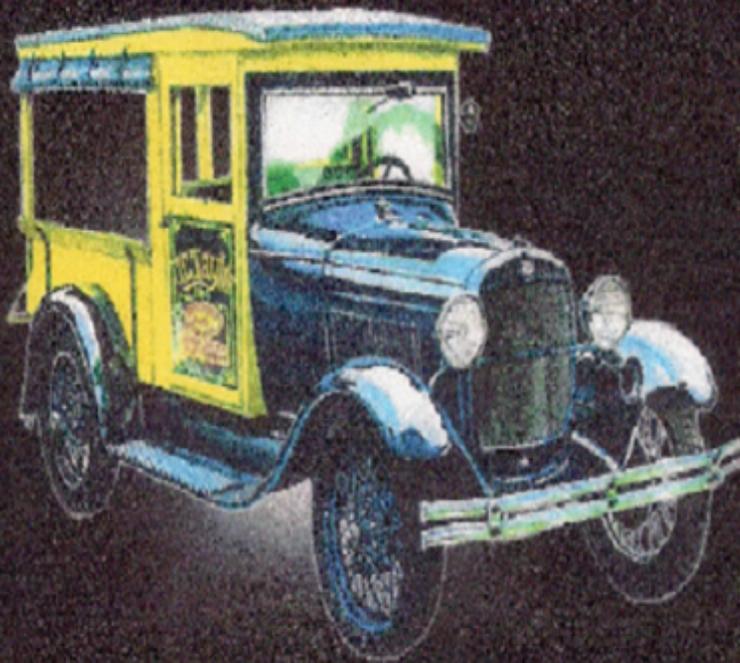
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