



Old News



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Since 1935

St. Augustine Since 1565
Ancient City Auto Club
Antique Automobile Club of America
January, 2022



Bob Quackenbush

One of our Organizing Charter members, Bob Quackenbush died from medical issues January 16. Bob's story is basically the story of the Ancient City Auto Club.

The Ancient City Auto Club was started by Dewey Porter, Bob Quackenbush, and Frank Phillips, back in 1983.



Our Founding Members

Bob moved to St. Augustine in about 1980. He brought almost a dozen cars down from up north, building a garage to house his collection. He put an ad in the local paper, advertising two or three other cars for sale. Dewey answered the ad and the friendship began.



The first show that they attended

together was in Palatka with Bob driving his 1927 Chrysler and Dewey drove his 1930 Chevrolet.

Bob put an ad in the paper asking if anyone was interested in forming an antique car club and got a response positive enough to proceed. After about the third year of the club's existence, they applied to AACA to become a chapter and it was approved in 1985.

The first car show was at the old Ponce golf course, with the show occurring right after a major hurricane. About 60 cars attended. Frank Phillips financed the show, paying for the trophies and other expenses, hoping that the club will break even. It worked and Frank got his money back.

As the club expanded, the club moved to a field near Marineland, then to the fairgrounds at Elkton, then the special events field in St. Augustine, and finally to the D&B school. When COVID shut down the school, the Classic Car Museum opened in time, providing the perfect in town venue for the show.



Bob and Jinny have been active in the club since its inception, only slowing down after Bob's accident approximately nine years ago.

The Celebration of Life for Bob was held at the Classic Car Museum on January 21.



More than 100 friends and family filled the museum dining room to capacity with many sharing fond memories of their times with Bob and Jinny.



Club President Dewey Porter recalled the many wonderful adventures he shared with his close friend of 40 years. Photographs on the big screen captured Bob's love of family and fascination with cars.



Chocolate ice cream, Bob's favorite, was the perfect personal touch.



We will miss him.

Old Guy's Breakfast

The members of the Ancient City Auto Club enjoyed breakfast at the St. Augustine Steak and Shake, our second time meeting at this recently reopened restaurant. Although not designed for breakfast under the new franchise rules, proprietors Laura and Dale made special arrangements to accommodate our club. In years past, Steak and Shake was always our favorite venue, with the spacious parking lot perfect for all our cars and the easily rearranged tables inside that seated all our members. We had 20 members present.



Although the current menu was limited, the food was good and the prices were inexpensive. Everyone enjoyed the camaraderie before breakfast in the parking lot, chatting inside, and looking over everyone's cars after breakfast. We wish to thank Laura and Dale for their efforts and hope to make Steak and Shake our regular choice for the Old Guys Breakfast. The February event is scheduled for Friday, 11 February, 9 AM.





Minutes of the Ancient City Auto Club Meeting January 6, 2022

President Dewey Porter called the meeting to order at 7:00- pm, at the Village Inn Restaurant on US 1. Board Members in attendance were Joe Greeves, Vice President, Fred Cooper, Treasurer and Bob Kessler, Secretary. We had 14 members in attendance.



Meeting Minutes: The minutes from our November 4, 2021 meeting were sent to the club members via email. A motion was approved to accept the minutes as published. A December Club meeting was not held due to the club's Christmas Party which was held on December 2nd. Dewey turned the floor over to Fred to give the Treasurers Report.



Notice the only convertible of 6 with the top up!

Treasurers Report: Fred reported that the club has cash assets of \$6,946.63 as of December 31, 2021. At the January 5, 2022 Board meeting the

board approved the expenditure of \$1,500.00 for 2 scholarships in the amount of \$750.00 each for the 2022 Scholarship Program. Since the Scholarship Program was established in 2009, the club has awarded over \$15,500.00. Fred turned the floor over to Joe for the Vice Presidents Report.

Vice Presidents Report:

Board Approval: Joe reported that although the board members were initially confirmed at our December Christmas party, according to club bylaws, voting should occur at the January meeting. The request for nominations went out in September and there was no response. The current board agreed to stay on for another year and it is time for an official vote. A motion was proposed by Dewey that the current Board members be approved for another year, the motion was seconded by Bill Soman, the motion was approved 14 to 0 by the members.

Membership: The club has a current membership of 61 families who have renewed their membership. I have one free AACA membership still available. If you know of someone deserving, it is a savings of \$45. Welcome returning members Joe and Mary Lando. Joe turned the floor

over to Bob for the Secretary's Report.

Editor's note: The final free membership went to our newest club members, Kenneth & Christine Wissmann. Welcome aboard.

Secretary's Report: Bob reported that we have 43 Sargeant cover calendars and have sold all of the Museum cover calendars. Bob will continue sales to local shop owners until the end of January. Any remaining calendars will be given to Mike Sargeant as a good faith gesture for all the support he has given the club over the years. The board discussed the calendar activity for 2022. Although we did not break even on the cost of the calendars, Joe mentioned the activity energized the members, received great participation and was fun for all concerned. In addition, the "Calendar Car" voting activity by the general public was well received at our car show. The board approved to go forward with a 2022 calendar, one designed to break even on the cost of production. Bob and Joe will oversee the production of the calendar. Bob turned the floor over to Joe.

Activities List:

Joe addressed that the Activities List went out on Monday, January 3rd

listing the upcoming events. There was a date change to the Old Guys Breakfast, incorrectly reported as 6 January instead of 14 January. The location remains the same, Steak 'N Shake. There was a good turnout last month and everyone who attended enjoyed the camaraderie.

Car Show for 2022:

One of the items that the Board has been reviewing concerns rescheduling our November car show event. November seems to be a very popular month and we are looking at the possible rescheduling to a month with less competition. August 6th or the 13th are the proposed dates. Joe Greeves has contacted the Museum about the availability of those dates and they are available. Please advise if you know of any conflicts. Take into account that the third and fourth Saturdays of each month at the museum are already booked with Cars and Coffee and the Cruiser's Cruise-in.

Editor's note, the annual car show date has been set at Nov. 5, 2022 since this meeting.

Dine Outs:

Club activities are a very important part of membership and we are asking members their opinion about reinstating the monthly Dine Outs.

We have put out an email asking if we schedule them, will you attend? We would also like input on future activities that you would like to see on the club calendar.

Frost Bite Picnic: February date to be determined:

The Board is actively planning club activities and the first is the Frostbite Picnic, tentatively scheduled for Saturday February 19. We will ask Ron Leone to contact the County as to availability of the location. It is always great fun and has proven very popular with club members in the past.

DeLeon Springs State Park: Tentatively scheduled for March 18:

The second proposed event is De Leon Springs State Park, Friday, March 18. The club enjoyed outings there where one of the unique elements at the Sugar Mill Restaurant is you make your own pancakes on their griddles!

Potential Activities

To all club members: The board is scheduling several activities for your enjoyment and it is important to know whether you would attend. These are two proposed events in March and April and we need to get your response so we can plan accordingly. Both events have been

very popular and well attended in the past. Please let us know your thoughts about attending these events, we will tabulate your replies and report back to you. Send your reply to ddpnamp@aol.com

DE LEON STATE PARK FRIDAY MARCH 18

The tentative March event is at the De Leon Springs State Park, Friday, March 18. The club enjoyed outings at the Sugar Mill Restaurant where you made your own pancakes on their griddles! In addition to pancakes, there is recreational swimming and trails through a lush subtropical forest that features a massive old-growth bald cypress tree.

De Leon Springs State Park 386-985-4212

The Sugar Mill Restaurant is open every day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on weekends and holidays, serving until 4 p.m. The cost for the pancake breakfast is very reasonable.

Park entry Fees

\$6 per vehicle: 2-8 people

\$4 per vehicle: one person only

\$4 per motorcycle

\$2 per person for pedestrians, bicyclists and extra passengers

ST. JOHNS RIVERSHIP COMPANY
CRUISE, Saturday April 9

The paddle boat ride in Sanford at the St. Johns Rivership Company is tentatively scheduled for Saturday April 9. This was a very successful trip a few years ago enjoyed by a large group of our members. It is a 3 hour boat ride during which we will be served a gourmet sit down dinner in their air conditioned dining room. The details of the cruise begins with booking our date which is tentatively planned for April 9th. They will send us a contract and a 10% deposit is required. One month later 40% of the total bill is required one month before our reserved cruise date, about March 9th. The full amount is required 10 days prior to the cruise about March 31st. Free parking for your vehicles is in the Rivership parking lot which is a close walk to the departure dock. Check out their website for further info <https://www.stjohnsrivershipco.com/>

Obviously we need to know exactly how many people are involved to determine the price. The standard rate is \$64.84. If there are more than 20 people, the rate drops to \$61.19. We paid \$50 each several years ago so the price still looks like a bargain, especially since tips are included. The ship boards at 10:30 AM and leaves at 11 AM sharp. It returns at 2 PM.

Koch Museum visit



It has been a few years since the club visited the museum run by Chris and Kathleen Koch. On December 11, 2021, 34 members of the club including founding members Dewey Porter along with Jinny and Bob Quackenbush, made the short 20 minute drive south on Route one from St. Augustine. The Koch collection is housed in a dedicated building, as amazing for its signage as it is for the cars.

Chris and Kathleen welcomed our arrival and once everyone was inside the air-conditioned facility, Chris began to relate the fascinating stories about each of his award-winning vehicles.



Some of the highlights were the 1934 Ford Lexus, a stealth project built in secret by Edsel Ford, hoping his father would approve.



One of several 1000 point cars on display was his '47 Mercury Deluxe convertible, a Senior Grand National car featuring a foot-controlled radio, fog lights, and heater, powered by a 239ci Flathead V-8.



His French-bodied Packard is a one-of-a-kind, surviving the war only because it was walled up in Sweden.

Chris displayed his sole surviving 1913 Sterns Knight, once owned and restored by Bill Harrah in 1978. He smiled, saying there are only 18 easy steps necessary to start the sleeve valve engine! Dozens of other outstanding vehicles were part of the tour with members given the opportunity to examine them closely.



His miniatures collection in a separate room featured such exquisite items as a Cadillac pedal car valued at more than a new Corvette!



The automotive portion of the tour ended with Chris's unique collection of Barber chairs and shaving mugs, followed by a glimpse of his workshop where several cars had restorations underway. The club adjourned to the local barbecue restaurant enjoying lunch and Chamber of Commerce sunny weather, followed by a short drive home. Special thanks to Kathleen and Chris for their hospitality.



2021 Christmas Parade

Ancient City Auto Club had 10 members driving their collector cars in the Annual St. Augustine Christmas Parade Dec 4, 2021. We have had club member's cars in every parade dating back to 1980. For the first time, the parade was not held last year (2020) because of the Covid disease. It's a lot of fun so decorate and drive your car in the parade next year and wave and honk your horn.







The first scholarship given to the students of the First Coast Technical College by the Ancient City Auto Club was 2009. Two students were awarded \$500 each. From 2009 to 2016 the award was \$500 each. From 2017 to 2021 each student was awarded \$750.

Winners this year are:

ACAC scholarship program

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William Clark, in automotive class



Hannah Rhoades, in the diesel class

Both are in the First Coast Technical College, \$750 each.

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Upcoming events:

Jan 29, 2022 Knights of Columbus Charity Car Show at the Classic Car Museum 4730 Dixie HWY 9 AM-2 PM \$20 pre-reg until Jan 21 make checks payable to K of C Council 13337, mail to 197 Suite D, Blackford Way, St. Augustine FL 32086, \$25 day of show Participant choice top 25, 50/50 drawing, Door prizes, Raffle prizes, goodie bags to first 100 entrants

Feb 3 6 PM Ancient City Auto Club monthly meeting 6 PM Village Inn US 1 No.

Feb 11 Old Guys Breakfast 9 AM Steak & Shake Us 1 No. (Close to Home Depot)

Feb 17, 2022 10 AM-4PM 9th Annual Day of Duels Motoring Festival at Daytona Beach Drive in Christian Church 3140 S. Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach Shores Fl. 32118. All Street rods, make, model and years welcome Awards presented by Hanksters Hot Rods. 50 Best of Show, plus pastor's and mayor's pick. Pre- registration by 1/31/2022 \$15 and \$20 at the gate. Flyer, entry form

and payment are available at www.driveinchurch.net/carshow Info phone John 404-580-7714 Food vendors, 50/50 (2020 was \$1,950)

Feb 19 St. Augustine Cruisers monthly Cruise Night 5-7 PM at Classic Car Museum

Feb 24-26, 2022 AACA Winter Nationals, Melbourne, FL. Cape Canaveral Region info call 484-769-7856. Note: you must be pre-registered to enter your vehicle to be judged. Request info and entry form from AACA

Feb 26 Cars & Coffee at Classic Car Museum 8-10 AM

March 3-6 Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, Amelia Island, FL. www.ameliaconcours.org 904-636-0027

March 5 Azalea Region AACA Palatka Annual Car Show

March 25-27 2022 32nd Annual Spring Daytona

April 16 2022 First Coast Car Council Cruisin to the Creek Spring Edition Car Show

Oct 1, 2022 First Coast Car Council Cruisin to the Creek Fall Edition Car Show

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Note from the editor:
We will try to publish this newsletter once a month, about this same time of the month. I will try to live up to the high standard set by the previous editor, Jinny Quackenbush. Thank you, Jinny.

Member articles are welcome. Tell us the story of your card or an outing. Just send the story and pictured to John Bagg, jcmabagg@yahoo.com