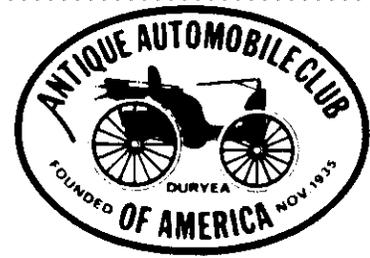




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July, 2017

Wow!

What a great experience attending the AACA National Meet at the Ocala, Florida Central College Campus on Feb. 25th. Thanks to Sidney (making an offer I could not refuse) providing a trailer, Ron Leone & I proceeded to load my 1960 Corvette aboard & with some shrink-wrap off we went. Upon arriving we off-loaded and was given parking space No. 308 for a meet that had over 400 cars being judged. This was the first time I ever had a car of mine judged, which was especially exciting after the 17-year Restoration of the Corvette.

I was very impressed with the judges & my car was viewed several times by the National Judges as well, which was an extra surprise. Receiving my 1st Place Jr. was just the icing on the cake. Great to see Jim & Rita Arpaia, Brian & Carolyn Wirz & Jim & Tuni Weiss driving their mint classics to the meet. The Brass cars were spectacular in workmanship and detail beyond description.

On May 6th I attended the Cruisers show at the School of the Deaf & Blind which is always a great show having good attendance. I was honored to receive a 1st Place Award for my Corvette.

Back on the road to the NCRS Florida Chapter Spring Judging meet at the Plantation on Crystal River, May 12-13. Ron & I thinking it would be a sizable meet found out that only ten (10) Corvettes were to be judged! We arrived at the Plantation just after noon & Ron took advantage of our free Shuttle tickets taking us from the hotel to the beach. Thank God the driver was from the Bronx, so our accents were in sync! That evening we attended the judging school held at Crystal Chevrolet in their "Toy Bar" which also housed their extensive car collection, (a small version of Chris Koch's magnificent museum). Meeting the Master Judges & how NCRS judge Corvettes was an awaking & realizing the caliber of their skill and experience was scary for my first NCRS meet.

Well, around 8:00 am on Saturday morning we off-loaded the Corvette & it started to rain. The other Corvettes were set in place for judging only to find out that only four (4) of the ten (10) cars showed up. The judging began & the rain intensified with all the cars under canopy tents, it was a testament to these twenty (20) judges that they continued with 11” of rain that fell that day. Ron & I had to change clothing three (3) times but It finally stopped raining around 3:00 pm. After the judging scores were tabulated I was honored to receive a “Top Flight” award (85.5%) for the 1st NCRS judging meet I attended.

I thoroughly enjoyed the experiences & meeting the people who have the same appreciation & love for *Classic Cars* as I do.

Jim Salanitri



Thanks, Jim, for this fine write-up; I know that the club will enjoy hearing about your experiences—Jinny

Cruising Down the River (or up)

It depends on whether you think North is up and South is down or from the headwaters is down and toward the headwaters is up, but we all (Arpaias, Quackenbushes, Dewey Porter, Fergusons, Doug Nietzel, Joe and Ann Greeves,) all enjoyed a relaxing and informative journey aboard the *Barbara Lee* sternwheeler. Skip Ferguson took a photo of all of us with *The Record* but I don't have it, so look for it in the newspaper.



Here Dewey Porter and Bob relax to the swishing of the paddle wheel. We had the run of the boat and could view the beautiful shores from many vantage points.



We had to wait a while for this bridge across the St. Johns to allow us through.



Ann Greeves, Tempe and Skip Ferguson and Paul & Chris McCarthy.



Dave Burrows and Suzanne (below) came along also.



The stern



There was music and dancing and great food, almost like Ron Leone had been in attendance.



The bow. I didn't see an alligator, though they said it was the last day of mating season. Thanks, Joe Greeves, for the photos! SEE PAGE 13 also.



Jim and Cary O'Connor's "new-ish" '92 Cadillac Allante was the only special car to come for the regular meeting that I noticed. If yours was there, my apologies!

Ancient City Auto Club Minutes—June 1, 2017

June 1, 2017 ACAC Membership Meeting
Murray Brother's Caddy Shack Restaurant
Members attending: 25 No guests

The meeting was called to order by President Arpaia at 7:00PM. The following items were discussed:

Bob Quackenbush offered some kind comments in memory of club member Bill Snyder who recently passed away.

CAR SHOW Past show chair Karen brought us up to date concerning the upcoming car show. Many thanks to Karen for preparing a document listing the various committees with specific things needed to be done to keep things moving was passed out. We need volunteers to head up the committees: Show chair; Show program; Goody bags; trophies; publicity; previous participant email update; judging; door prizes; signs; announcer; filked layout; and treasurer.

3. **TREASURER'S REORT.** No report was given since Donna was out of town.
4. **MINUTES.** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes from the May membership meeting.
5. **ACTIVITIES.** See Olde News for details

June 9 Old guy breakfast

June 15 Car display at Symphony Assisted Living facility

June 22 Breakfast at Old Spanish Mission, DeLeon State Park

July 4 Party & fireworks at Dick and Donna Sherrod's. July membership meeting will be held at the party.

6. **MEMBERSHIP.** Welcome new members Jim and Helen Viola

7. **NEWSLETTER.** Jinny welcomes members to submit articles for Olde News.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Cameron, Secretary

Ancient City Auto Club Board Meeting

David Cameron's house

June 15, 2017

Board members present: Jim Arpaia; Dick Sherrod; Donna Sherrod; Dewey Porter and David Cameron

Meeting called to order by President Arpaia at 7:25PM.

TREASURER

Donna gave the report. It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the report.

SECRETARY

Minutes from the May membership meeting and board meeting are in the Olde News.

ACTIVITIES

See Olde News for details

June 15. The club had 7 cars at the Symphony Assisted Living event

June 17. Corvette display at World Golf Village, Cruiser's drive in at Longhorn

June 22 Dine out at Limelight Theatre.

June 24. Great Race begins on Main St in Jax

June 29. Breakfast at DeLeon State Park

July 4. Club party & fireworks at the Dick and Donna Sherrod's house

July 8. Magician show at Jim Arpaia's house

CAR SHOW

It was suggested to wait until the end of July to start selling program ads.

Jim Weiss will put on a clinic on judging at his house at the end of October.

Dewey Porter went over who will head the various committees suggested by Karen who was show chair last year.

Show chair - vacant Karen will assist

Show program - Dewey Porter

Goody bags - Marion Hunsworth

Trophies - Joe Greeves

Publicity - Joe Greeves

Update Email addresses from last

years entries - Gidget Guice

Judging - Jim Weiss

Door prizes - Jinny Quackenbush

Signs - David Cameron

Announcers- Bob and Jinny

Quackenbush

Field layout - Bill Soman and Danny

Stephens

Treasurer - Donna Sherrod

The general membership meeting for July will be at the July 4th event.

A discussion was held concerning when the club should start our annual membership drive. It was decided that renewals should be finalized by Nov 15th. President Arpaia will write an article concerning this in the newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.

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**OLD GUYS WITH OLD CARS
MET AT STEAK 'N' SHAKE
JUNE 9, 2017
(See Page 14, too)**



GOOD USE FOR OLD LICENSE PLATES!

Emerys, Arpaias, and Quackenbushes journeyed north to this barbeque place on a Wednesday night. When they run out of food, they close.

Handsome group travels to DeLeon Springs.



After a pretty hairy start and after almost burning the house down, seven of us, including three Quackenbush grandsons, left town and journeyed about an hour to DeLeon Springs for breakfast on June 29th. There Bobby, Henry, Westly and Jinny enjoyed a dip in the cool water with many beautiful bathing beauties and nymphs while waiting for our turn at the pancake

griddle, where Doug Nietzel enjoyed pancakes with Bob Q., Jinny, Bobby, Henry, and Westly, while Dewey downed a hamburger since he had wisely eaten breakfast before leaving home.



Bob's '57 needed a little coaxing to cooperate, but made it there and back.



Hot and Happy!



Bobby and Westly



Henry



Bob



Dewey Porter—good photo don't you think?



Mysterious man sitting next to me. Says he's going to post this on Facebook.



Magic at the Arpaia's!!!

About 30 of ACAC's members were treated to a magic show at the home of Jim and Rita Arpaia. Rita's nephew is an accomplished magician who has performed in many places around the world. From fancy card tricks to a rope trick, where he cut a rope, had Max Miller cut the rope, and then miraculously, the rope was back in seamless one-piece perfection. Smooth as butter, he provided quality entertainment in the garage (air-

conditioned, thanks to Jim Weiss) where Jim and Rita store their beautiful classic cars. Then he made ashes appear in the closed hand of Jan Miller, who was still amazingly declaring, "He didn't even touch my hand!" while we were devouring the delicious treats the Arpaia's had prepared for us.



I think Bob is asking if he can make the cane disappear.



Extremely amazing! Thanks! Jim & Rita



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The Great Race!!!!

On Saturday, June 24th car club members David Cameron, Bill Soman, Jim Arpaia and Danny Stephens drove up to the historic Springfield area of Jacksonville to watch the start of The Great Race 2017. I had not heard about this race until Dewey Porter mentioned it as an upcoming car activity. The 2017 race route encompasses nine days of precise navigation along a 2300 mile route and ended in Traverse City, Michigan. Each car has only a timer and speedometer used by the navigator to plot the route. These must be purchased by each team for their race car. No modern devices such as cell phones, GPS, etc. are permitted. Participants do not know the route for each day until the morning of the next day.

We wanted to get there before the race started at 10:30 a.m. so the four of us piled into Jim's Prius around 8:00 a.m. Upon arriving in Jax we discovered that the Main St bridge was closed, so we navigated the detour signs that took us over the Acosta bridge and eventually arrived in Springfield shortly after 9 a.m. We found what we thought was a great place to park at 6th and Main. Many of the cars participating had already started to arrive on Main Street. We figured this would be a good place to sit and watch the cars leave the starting point, so we set up a few chairs on the corner in the shade. We then walked up to the starting point which was about a block north of the Krystal. According to my cousin William Rogers this is the area of Main Street where the monthly Springfield Main Street Cruise

occurs. The oldest entry in this years race was an orange 1916 Hudson Pikes Peak Hillclimber by team members Howard and Doug Sharp. Needless to say the car was absolutely stunning. I was able to speak to them and learned that this made their twentieth time entering the race and that they have won it four times. They told me the entrance fee for the race is \$5000 and the winner wins \$50,000. Their car is valued at \$100,000. I wished them good luck and walked along Main Street and admired the 120 cars participating in this year's race. My favorite was a very sleek green 1936 Auburn. It was just breathtaking admiring it as the bright sunlight made the green paint sparkle. The way the back of the car tapered down like a torpedo made me think this beauty is the epitome of the kind of race car many probably envision might participate in a classic road rally. It kind of reminded me of the cars in the 1970's movie The Great Race with Tony Curtis and Natalie Wood. The driver and navigator weren't there by the car, so I didn't get a chance to tell them how much I liked their classic car. I suppose they were trying to find a suitable restroom to make a final pit stop before their adventure began.



As we made our way along the cars lined up to make their way to the starting point we came upon ACAC club member Dave Burrows and his navigator Rick Grant sitting in his 1948 Mercury Woody Wagon. I believe this is Dave's first time entering the race. We took a few pics of Dave looking through the window of his classic beauty and wished him good luck in the race. Since all of the cars were lined up south of the starting point it suddenly dawned on me that the cars would not be driving by the vantage point where we had already set up our chairs. Bill and I walked back to tell Jim that we needed to move to an area closer to the starting point if we wanted to see the cars taking off. Bill had already scoped out a place to move the car near 10th and Hubbard St., just a short distance from the starting point. So we moved the car and Jim and I set up our chairs on Main Street kind of in the shade of a semi parked on the street that belonged to one of the sponsors.

The kick off ceremony started at 10:15 with the first car departing promptly at 10:30. Local drag racing icon Big daddy Don Gartlis did the count down for the first car. Everyone participated in the 3 - 2 - 1 countdown as the starting flag signal was given. The rest of the cars started in two minute intervals with the same countdown for each participant. I was anxiously awaiting Dave Burrow's journey up to the starting line. Shortly after 11 his car was about six cars from the start. Jim, Danny and Bill were already in the crowd at the starting point. Several cars before Dave approached the starting line the announcer allowed a young boy to do the count down for a car. The light bulb went off so I approached the announcer and informed him I was a member of the Ancient City Auto Club out of St Augustine and that 1948 woody that was about five cars back was being driven by one of our club members. I asked him if it would be possible for our club President to do the countdown for the woody. He responded of course so I waved for Jim to come over to where I was standing and told him that I had arranged for him to do the countdown for Dave's woody. When Dave pulled up to the starting line I jumped out in front of his car to take a picture of it as the announcer gave a short description of it and the names of the team driving it. The announcer then gave Jim the microphone. Jim yelled out "3 - 2 - 1". Dave brought the 48 woody to a roaring start honking the horn as he departed the starting line! I'm sure it will be an incredible adventure for both of them.

Afterwards we piled back in Jim's car and headed back to St Augustine. Of course we had to venture across the Acosta bridge again and promptly missed the turn off to I95 because there was no sign telling us which way to go to get onto I95. I told Jim no worries that I grew up in Jacksonville and navigated us through San Marco and eventually back onto I95. It was a great way to spend a Saturday morning with fellow car enthusiasts. By the time this appears in Olde News we will know how our club member Dave Burrows fared. I am certain he will be telling us all about it at a future club meeting!



Thanks to David Cameron for this excellent reporting. And thanks to Dewey for this photo. Jinny

ACAC CRUISE ON THE BARBARA LEE STERNWHEELER MAY 31 2017

All who went agreed, we have to do this again. An easy one hour drive to the Sanford city docks with plenty of parking right at the departure dock. Boarding commenced at 10:30 AM and we cast off for the 3 hour cruise at 11 AM. Shortly after we were seated in the air conditioned dining room and served a very good 3 course meal. All of the staff on the boat are part of the family owning the boat and are efficient and friendly. Entertaining was a family member playing guitar and singing. We cruised upriver with the Captain pointing out where and what we were viewing. There was a choice of riding inside or outside with most passengers opting for outside on the upper deck. Enjoying the Cruise were: Joe & Ann Greeves, Bob & Jinny Quackenbush, Paul & Chris McCarthy, Dewey Porter, Doug Nietzel, Jim & Rita Arpaia, Chuck & Karen Bernath with 2 friends (I failed to record their names), Dave Burrows & Susanne, Skip & Tempa Ferguson.

ACAC Car Display Symphony Assisted Living Grand Opening June 15, 2017

On a sunny, dry afternoon Ancient City Auto Club turned out 8 member cars to add to the theme of "Strolling Down Memory Lane". All guests were treated to a buffet dinner inside (thankfully air conditioned).



Skip Ferguson's '73 Dodge Challenger



John Battistini's '70 Corvette



Nietzel, Arpaia, Emery, Ferguson line up



Robert & Kathy Johnson's '80 Pontiac Indy
T/A Pace Car



Ron Leone's '63 Heinkel Kaabine 200.



Doug Nietzel's '53 Pontiac 4-dr.



Hope and Ray Emery's '74 Nova



Dewey Porter's '68 Buick Skylark

Displaying were: John Battistini 70 Corvette, Dewey Porter 68 Buick Skylark, Robert & Kathy Johnson 80 Pontiac Indy T/A Pace car, Jim & Rita Arpaia 56 Lincoln Premier 2 dr HT, Doug Nietzel 53 Pontiac 4 dr., Ray & Hope Emery 74 Chev Nova 4 dr, Skip Ferguson 73 Dodge Challenger 2 dr, Ron Leone 63 Heinkel Kabine 200.

Trivia Question for the 4th of July Party at Sherrod's—

Who wrote the song, "God Bless America" and what singer made the song famous? Bring answers to party.

Old Guys Breakfast June 9, 2017

Food and Old cars plus Marsha The Wonder Waitress brought 27 Old Guys to the Steak & Shake and they brought 17 collector cars with them. At least 4 of the Old Guys there were over 80 and most of the rest are eligible for Medicare so the group is aptly named. The youngest was Westly Sinatsch grandson of the Quackenbush's who is in high school.

Attending were: Fred Bauer 67 Chev. Pickup, Ray Emery 67 Olds convert, Terry Brown 57 Chev 4 dr., Doug Nietzel 2014 Corvette, Ray Cornett, Mark Young 96 Nissan King cab pickup, Jim Weiss 65 Falcon convert, Bob Barton 93 Chev pickup, Stan Zwiercan, Robert Johnson 80 Pontiac Indy Pacer T/A, Dave Burrows 67 MGB roadster, Westly Sinatsch, Bob Quackenbush 59 Edsel Villager station wagon, Rob Daley, John Battistini, Tony Castellano 68 Chevelle, Roger Ewing, Gary Steinberger 70 Chev Camaro Z28, Bobby Guice 07 Corvette, Brian Wirz, Dick Sherrod, Bill Meyer, Jim Arpaia 56 Lincoln Premier 2 dr HT, Danny Stephens 66 Ford Fairlane 2 dr HT, Bob Hubbard 60 Chev Impala 2 dr HT, Dewey Porter 68 Buick Skylark

ACTIVITIES

July 4 ACAC Party hosted by Sherrod's at their home on the St. Johns River. *Fireworks beginning at dusk fired off the pier.* The club will provide the food Plenty of parking. Drive your collector car. This event is the July club meeting as well as the July Dine Out. We have 40 signed up to attend.

July 8 See July 4 for monthly club meeting.

July 14 Johns Old Guys Breakfast Steak & Shake 9 AM Drive a collector and get a blue ticket chance on \$100 drawing at year end, bring a member prospect or neighbor. You don't need to be a member to attend the breakfast (but you must be a male, John's Rules)

July 15 St. Augustine Cruisers Monthly Cruise night at Hobby Lobby Shopping Center behind Longhorn Restaurant 5-7:30 PM, DJ 50/50 door prizes.

Oct 4-7 2017 AACA Eastern Fall Meet Hershey Region , Hershey, PA.

Oct 7 2017 FCCC Cruisin To The Creek at Trout Creek SR 13

Oct 7 Eustis, FL Cruisin Couples 17th Annual Car Show in Ferran park, Judged show with 30 classes, 70 trophies. Park space limited to 300 cars so suggest pre registering \$15, day of show \$20, info call Kent 352-255-2232 or email 21century@comcast.net

Oct 8 Flagler Beach, FL. 16th Annual "Corvettes at The Beach". A judged show, door prizes, 50/50 food music Pre register to be judged \$35. Day of show display only \$35. See flier www.flaglercountycorvetteclub.com or email Greg information@flaglercountycorvetteclub.com Rain or Shine

Oct 21 British Car Classic car show at Riverton Community Center, 90 Lanier St. St. Johns, FL 32259 (½ mile So. of Bartram Trail High), Open to all British cars info www.mgclassics.org

Nov 2 ACAC Monthly meeting will be a covered dish dinner hosted by the Quackenbush's 100 W. Genung St. 6 PM dinner, 7 PM Meeting. Drive your collector car/truck plenty of parking. Advise Jinny magaquack@aol.com or me ddpnamp@aol.com if you will attend.

Nov 18, 2017 ACAC 33rd Annual Car Show at the FSD&B School SAVE THIS DATE, all members needed to assist in making it a success. Details will be forthcoming as the date gets nearer.

Nov 23 -Nov 26 Annual Daytona Turkey Run Car Display, Car Corral, Vendors.

Dec 7 2017 ACAC Christmas Party at Amici's Restaurant SR 312 & A1A. Save the date. Details will follow as the date gets closer.

Here is a list of new members:

Allen Mason—441 Shamrock Road, St. Augustine 32086 909-282-8587 masonallen@msn.com

Has a '68 Dodge Charger

Thomas Walsh—792 El Vergelin, St. Aug. 32080 (508)284-8453 - brentomstaug@gmail.com

Has a '57 Chevy Two-Ten 4dr Sport Sedan

Andy and Helen Viola - 168 Bilboa Dr - St. Aug. 32086 - (828) 898-2660 - ahviola@hotmail.com

Has a '33 Plymouth Sedan 4 dr.

