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### 1957 A GREAT YEAR by Dewey Porter

Those of us who have been around a while will remember the 50's as an era of full employment and general prosperity for the nation. Dwight Eisenhower was in his second term as President and among many things he is remembered as a driving force behind expansion of the Interstate Highway system.

I enjoyed the year as I was able to purchase my first *new car!* It was a 1957 Ford Country Sedan station wagon with a straight six and manual 3 speed with the shift on the steering column. The only options were an AM radio, whitewall tires and full wheel covers. The wheel covers were taken off a new Thunderbird which the purchaser rejected and they put them on the wagon.



The photo is fuzzy as it was taken from slide

Ford also introduced the Ranchero which was a truck on the car platform. Ford also introduced the ill fated Edsel in Oct of 57.

Other notable events in 57 were, the first Frisbee is produced.

The first Toyota cars arrived in the USA and were perceived a no competition with American manufactured cars. We all know how that turned out.

Elvis Presley buys Graceland

Russia launches Sputnik, the first satellite to orbit earth beating USA into space.

West Side Story debuts on Broadway

Leave It To Beaver premieres on CBS

The Brooklyn Dodgers play their final game at Ebbets Field and move to Los Angeles

Average annual income was \$5,000.

New house average was \$12,200

Gasoline was 24 cents/gal A postage stamp was 3 cents Loaf of bread 19 cents

Average new car was \$2100

WHAT YEAR STANDS OUT FOR YOU ?

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### RROC Tour to Daytona by Tuni Weiss

The St. Augustine Brunch Bunch, Northeast Florida Region of the Rolls Royce Owners Club meet the first Sunday of each month. We were invited by our friend Judy Alden many, many months ago. Of our ACAC members, are included Jackie & John Rodriquez (and son Christopher), Ray & Judy Cornett, Carey & Jim O'Connor, and Judy & Ray Cornett. We used to meet at the Kings head Pub in Northern St. Augustine, and then moved their meetings to the Kingfish Grill near the Vilano Bridge.

Members of the group drove their cars to the restaurant, and proud to do so. Some of the cars are projects in the works, some brand spanking new; some show quality and others everyday drivers. We discovered that you don't have to be a member to join the group; you don't even need to own a Rolls Royce or a Bentley, either and this Club is open to all British cars. Well, we don't have any of those either (can you imagine us parking a 65 Ford Falcon right next to a Concours winning Rolls) but the group still welcomed us with open arms. This Month's tour went to Daytona for a lunch at Caribbean Jacks Restaurant



Over 45 miles drive each way. And yes, all car tours include eating. Feed them and they will come!

The cars on tour were 2 Rolls Royce's a 1957 and a 1997, 2 1999 Jaguars and one 1929 Willys Knight.

Guess which one we were in?



Our trip left promptly at 10:30 from the Winn Dixie Parking lot, driving the scenic route south on A1A through the Bulow State Park for a visit to a 2000 year old tree in the park dedicated to the memory of American Botanist David Fairchild.



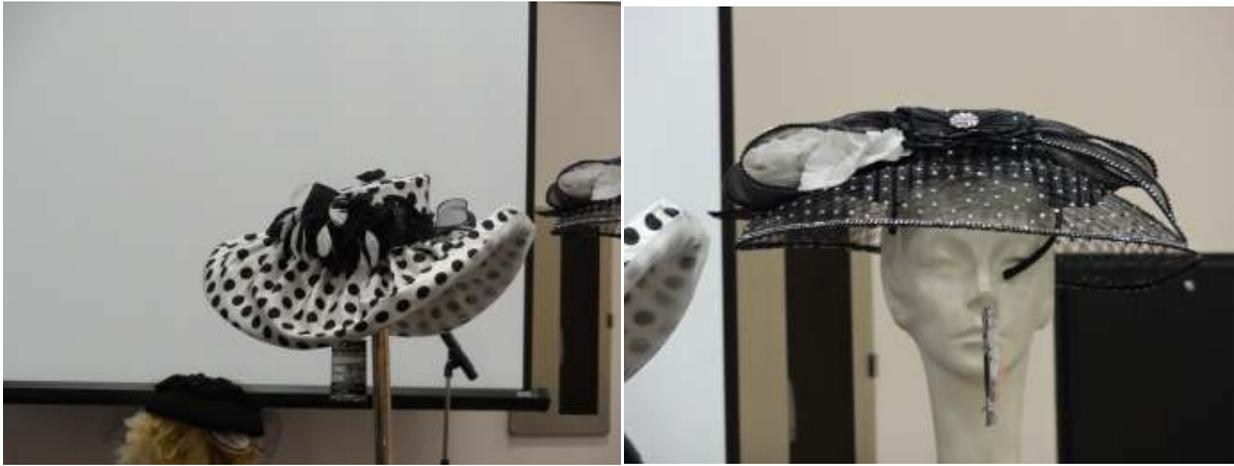
After a short visit and photo opt we were back into our cars heading to the restaurant. We had our own private room and the restaurant had blocked off parking spaces just for us, now that is luxury! We had the best view of the river and luxury yachts passing by. Lunch was good too!

After a visit in the parking lot, with lots of attention from onlookers, we were back on the road for our trip home, this time taking A1A north the entire way overlooking the beautiful blue Atlantic.

### **ACAC Members Attend Winter Meet, Lakeland, Florida**

8 Members, Carolyn & Brian Wirz, Gidget & Bob Guice, Jan & Max Miller, Tuni & Jim Weiss traveled to Lakeland Florida for the Winter AACA Meet. On Friday Tuni & Jim attended seminars on fashions for your autos and chrome plating in the morning and Judges school in the afternoon. The presenters for the fashions presentation spoke of the proper hats to be worn with the era of your cars. It not only covered women's fashions, men's were included. I was surprised to hear that the trends in today's younger set are beginning to return to the wearing of hats. The style of the 40's turned to manly fashions for women due to the end of WWII; the hats resembled men's fashion style similar to Fedoras with a smaller brim. I particularly liked the hats from the 50's fashions. It's not all poodle skirts and sundresses; there were many fitted straight (pencil) skirts. Loved those polka dots and the one that looked like a flying saucer! Guess we have to start looking for a 50's car so I can get some new clothes Hahah! (Did I really say that???)





Not all ladies in the 20's wore flapper dresses either. There were also elegant fashions made from silks and chiffon. Victorian fashions were very elaborate, hats displayed flowers and birds, (to the point some birds became few in number!). Riding in open cars required long ties and neck scarves attached to hats to keep them on.

Shoes were another topic for discussion, how many of us have a nice pair of lace-up high heeled boots? The gentleman giving the presentation noted that many of us will dress in era, but forget that shoes are as just as important to fashion. ( I don't think that I will be purchasing high top heels in the near future...ouch!!)



Men's fashions in hats ran from top hats to straw hats and caps depending on your stature in life.



Judges school in the afternoon went by quickly with a very entertaining slide show presentation. Saturday morning was rise and shine early for us. We got the Franklin started and Jim drove it onto the show field. Then off to Judges Breakfast before 8, we parted ways, as partners are not allowed to be on the same Judging team. Awards were given out and last minute Judging instructions were announced. CJE groups were formed out on the show field; you could choose which ever you wanted to hear...engine, chassis, etiquette, exteriors, sport cars, tires, etc.

It was a small show of only 240 cars registered; Judging went by quickly as the day heated up. We visited with one of our friends from the Willys Overland Knight Registry; who showed his plaid side Willys Knight Roadster that won the President's award at Philadelphia



Here's one that drew a lot of attention, no AC in a Messerschmitt! And then a nice little Singer



## Steak N Shake Cruise-In Still Bringing a Variety of Cars

The monthly cruise-in at Steak in Shake brings in the cars under the direction Bob Barton with Bob Quackenbush & Grandson providing the music.



Doug & Marion Hunsworth brought their newest acquisition..... even cars on trailers!

## Ancient City Auto Club Board Meeting

Minutes: February Board Meeting

Date/ Time: Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 2013 @ 7:00PM

Location: Weiss Residence

Attendees: Jim Weiss-President

Carley King- Vice President

Tuni Weiss-Treasurer

Dewey Porter-Activities Chairman

Brian Wirz -Secretary

Carolyn Wirz

Glenn Klein

Bob Quackenbush

### Minutes:

President Jim Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. The following issues were covered:

1. Carley King presented draft proposals for both the club ID card and business card. The drafts were reviewed and suggestions were made. Carley will make revisions and submit the final draft of each card for approval. (Action Item 8)
2. Jim Weiss reviewed the information that he had gathered concerning National's request for a donation to help cover insurance costs. He recommended approval of same. Tuni Weiss indicated that we have made this donation for the last several years. The Board voted to approve a donation in the amount of \$ 110.00 (Action Item 3)
3. Jim Weiss indicated that National is requesting donations for the AACA Museum in the amount of \$250.00. The Board voted to not make a donation.

4. Jim Weiss announced that there have been discussions with the Hilton Hotel about the level of service at last years Christmas party. As a result of these discussions, the Hilton has agreed to provide a free dinner to Club members.
  - a. The date for this affair will be April 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. There will be an advanced sign up.
  - c. No guests will be allowed at the dinner, club members only.
  - d. There will be a cash bar set up for members use.
5. Jim Weiss announced that the FSDB is holding a golf fundraiser. Jim will provide the information to the Club membership for their use as appropriate.
6. Glenn Klein presented his ideas for a mentoring program. Basically, club members would work with disabled children in areas associated with car restoration. There were a number of areas discussed including problems with liability, work involved to set up a program, safety issues, and the recruitment and retention of interested members and children. The Board tabled the matter; agreeing to discuss it further in the future.
7. Jim Weiss indicated that the club now has 52 members. There were several other membership issues discussed.
  - a. The membership roster needs to be updated
  - b. The updated membership roster will be e-mailed to club members rather than printed and handed out.
  - c. The roster is to be used only for club business.
  - d. Tuni Weiss agreed to send the current roster information to Dewey Porter. Dewey will reformat and update the report.
  - e. The 4 **bright blue** free national membership applications have been received. (Action item 7) Three of them have been issued.
8. Jim Weiss provided an update on this year's car show.
  - a. Toby Erwin will chair this year's show. (Action item 10)
  - b. Karen Erwin will work with Toby.
  - c. Ken Bryan will be assisting Toby and Karen. He will chair next year's show.
  - d. An organizational meeting has been held with the FSDB. November 2<sup>nd</sup> has been confirmed as the show date. (Action item 11)
  - e. Jim Weiss incurred expenses from the organizational meeting. He will submit a bill to the Board at their next meeting for approval and reimbursement.
9. Dewey Porter provided an activities report.
  - a. The Ladies Breakfast will be an ongoing activity. Those interested in attending should contact Jinny Quackenbush.
  - b. The Federal Point Fish Fry is being held April 20<sup>th</sup>. Dewey Porter is organizing a Club Tour leaving from St. Augustine and driving to the event. A sign up sheet will be sent around at the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - c. Dewey and Tuni will work together to issue a new activities sheet.
10. The Board discussed whether or not to continue the practice of issuing "Blue Tickets" to members who wore ACAC shirts to Club events. It was decided to discontinue this practice. (Action item 2)

#### Action Items:

1. Jim Weiss/ Peter Starr to provide a final report on News Letter advertisers and associated revenue. **Completed**
2. Bob Quackenbush will provide amended rules for the "Blue Ticket Program" to Jim Weiss. **Completed**
3. Jim Weiss to provide a report and recommendation for Board action on National's request for a donation to offset insurance costs. **Completed**
4. A date needs to be set for the July Club meeting **Ongoing**
5. A decision needs to be made as to whether or not to reschedule the July Board meeting, **Ongoing**
6. Tuni Weiss needs to submit the "Yellow Officer Reporting form" and the "Pink Roster form" by March 1<sup>st</sup> **Completed**
7. Brian Wirz to contact National and obtain 4 **bright blue** free national membership applications. **Completed**
8. Carley King to provide her thinking on ID cards, Club Business cards, and a Ladies Auxiliary at the next Board meeting **Ongoing**
9. Dewey Porter to purchase and deliver 2 trophies to car show participants. **Completed**
10. Jim Weiss to continue to work with club members to secure a chairman for this year's car show. **Completed**
11. Carley King will confirm the date for this years car show with the D&B School. **Completed**
12. Jim Weiss to continue to work with club members to secure an editor for the newsletter. **Ongoing**
13. Jim Weiss to provide information to club membership on the FSDB fund raiser.
14. Dewey Porter will update and reformat the membership roster in preparation for issuance to club members.
15. Jim Weiss will submit a bill to the Board for his expenses incurred at the car show organizational meeting.
16. Dewey Porter will organize a car tour to the Federal Point Fish Fry.
17. Dewey Porter and Tuni Weiss will work together to issue this month's activities sheet.

Minutes prepared February 28<sup>th</sup> 2013 by

Brian M. Wirz, Secretary



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