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By Sidney Hobbs



You never know where the next classic car opportunity is going to come from. For us, it happened to be where we least expected it, Barcelona, Spain !! In June, I cashed in all of my frequent flier miles and we took Madison on her “dream” vacation to Europe as a graduation present.



After visiting London and Paris, we ended up in Barcelona for a few days before

flying back home. While Brenda and Madison were looking for shopping, I was always looking for cars! We had one day left in Barcelona and we were all tired and quite ready to come back to the good old US of A. I googled and found an “Auto Museum” in Barcelona not too far from our hotel. We hopped in a cab and found it on a back street, split level between two streets. It was 2 levels and they had about 40 cars there and a great collection of motorcycles too. They had about 10 American cars but most were European cars. As we walked around, Brenda pointed out that this one little car was “for sale”, the only one in the museum marked as such. There was a write up about the car and a price tag in Euros. It was different from anything I had ever seen and we all quickly “fell” for the car.



The description was “a 1895 Rochet-Schneider”. Of course I had never heard of it but the more I looked at it, the more I was intrigued. It was a one-cylinder, chain driven car with two speeds, forward and reverse, and looked kinda like it belonged in a Mary Poppins or Chitty Chitty bang bang movie. We spoke with the curator about the car and found out it belonged to the owners’ friend and he wanted to sell it. He didn’t know much about the car. We left the museum and when I got back to the hotel, I spent a few hours trying to research the car, finding VERY little about it. What I did find intrigued me even more. “Rochet” was a bicycle maker in France in the late 1800s and “Schneider” was an engineer that actually developed the Zenith

Carburetor. Evidently, they got together and decided to build a car. This car was one of the first ones ever built.



The fact I googled for over an hour and found nothing certified to me how rare this little car was. I did find enough to validate if it was original and went back to the museum. Brenda and Madison actually convinced me to make an offer on the car (it wasn't very difficult) because they said "where will you ever have an opportunity like this again". The curator put me in touch with the owner and we found out his Dad had owned the car for many years but had passed and son was selling the car. He didn't know much about it but talked about the rarity of the car. We made an offer and after some negotiating he accepted our offer. It was contingent on him proving ownership of the car to me (title or equivalent) and me being able to bring the car into the U.S. and after checking on shipping costs. Long story short, I learned how much I didn't know about importing a car, but got educated along the way and a month later, the little gem was in Miami for me to pick up at the port. Having no owners manual or instructions for the car, it was trial and error to get it started but one night about 11:30 PM I got it to fire and cranked a few minutes later. To say the least, I stood in my shop all by

alone and gave myself a standing ovation !!! I was SOOO happy. I have since driven it around the parking lot of my shop but haven't put it on the road yet. I have combed the internet for every piece of info I could find on the car and here's what I know.



It's a 1895 Rochet-Schneider Cronum. Built in France and is a one-cylinder, chain driven auto. The company only built 200 cars between 1895 and 1902 and went to a two-cylinder model shown at the Paris Auto Show around 1900.



From what I have been told, the "Cronum" designation on the car means it is "one of one" built but I can't validate that or discredit what I was told. It's a "brass era" car with side-mount kerosene lanterns and originally ran off a magneto but has been

converted to a modern coil. Front Crank Start with two speeds. Reverse and SLOW forward.



I have not found another one anywhere on the internet but there may be

ONE in the US that someone told me about. Many of you have heard me say that these old cars are many things to us but mostly memories. This little car is just that. Dream vacation with our Daughter and we made a memory with an old car we will never, ever forget. We made many great memories on our vacation, but every time I look at that car for the rest of my life, it will vividly bring back the memories with Madison in Barcelona. And it is truly a piece of art I would love to share with any of you that would like to see it.

-----Contributed by Sidney Hobbs

ACAC Minutes October 4, 2018, Meeting Held at Quackenbush Home



After a fun visit to Art 'n' Motion north of town with a fantastic mini-collection of eclectic automobiles and a great covered dish dinner supplied by the members, Vice President Dewey Porter called the regular meeting of ACAC to order at 7:40 p.m. President Dick Sherrod was out of town with Treasurer Donna Sherrod who will be having a shoulder operation later in October. Treasurer's reports will be sent to the board.

We have two new memberships: Don and Pat Norbut and Fred and Vicki Cooper—welcome!

Dewey Porter, Nominating Committee Chairman reported that he had not yet made any nominations, but that they would be forthcoming.

Of those at the meeting, only Arpaias and Emerys were intending to go to the show at Palatka.

FSDB needs 8 convertibles to help celebrate their Homecoming October 19.

Treasurer reports that dues are now due; \$60 includes national—for those who have lifetime memberships in AACA, the ACAC dues are \$20 and should be paid before the December meeting to qualify for a reduced price on the Christmas party.

Car Show: All food vendors have been secured—Italian Ice, Sporks, Cold Cow, Old City Subs, Extreme Burgers and Shakes. We have provided Tonya with the AACA certificate of insurance.

Awards will be given at 2 p.m.—Joe Greeves is handling the trophies. The first 100 will receive dash plaques (we have ordered 130) (they feature Jim Arpaia's Red Oldsmobile Convertible) There will be a "Best of Show" trophy—three volunteers have come forth to make the choice—John Bagg, Doug Nietzel, Bill Soman. Sidney Hobbs will choose the winner of "Jake's Choice."

Marion Hunsworth and Hope Emery will take care selling 50/50 tickets. The 50/50 drawing will be right after the trophies are awarded. Jim Salanitri's car will be on display.

Joe Greeves is handling getting the advertisements into the Record. There is a site on the web called "Historic City News" which would probably give us some space if we contact Mike Gold.

Karen Erwin is shepherding us as we come up to the Car Show in November. We are trying to follow all her precepts.

The next two meetings are November 1—pizza at Mark and Kathy Youngs' house--\$10/per person, pay at door—let them know you are coming 904-687-3894, 34bechrod@gmail.com. And December 6th at Amici's for the Christmas party (make reservations at Youngs' -pay \$31 per person if your dues are paid up.—choose entrée. Marion Hunsworth will take your reservations at Youngs'. Normal restaurant meetings resume in January of 2019.

Art 'n' Motion will be joining ACAC. The minutes of the September meetings were approved as printed in "Olde News" and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert W. Quackenbush, Secretary

ACAC Board Meeting October 18, 2018 Held at Arpaia Home

Present: Dick Sherrod, President, Dewey Porter, Vice President, Bob Quackenbush, Secretary, Donna Sherrod, Treasurer, Jim Arpaia, Past President., Jinny Quackenbush, Newsletter Editor

President Dick Sherrod called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Dispensing with the customary reports, (Treasurer handed out copies of the Treasurer's Report.) he asked for a run down on how the Car Show is coming. Dewey, who has shouldered all the responsibility for the show reported on all the progress:

Windshield Placards - done (he ordered enough for two years' worth)

We have 26 pre-registered cars.

The Key jobs have been filled—(Note: if you don't have an assignment, please still show up—you are needed and will be assigned an important function.)

Friday before the show we will meet at the FSDB field—not before 2 p.m.

Instructions to follow at the November meeting.

Bill Soman and Danny Stephens will be in charge of parking.

Stripes of lime will demark the parking area. Sidney Hobbs can get the use of a marker.

Luvly Loo (bathrooms) are set.

5 Vendors are set.

Joe Greeves has the trophies (30 People's Choice + One Best of Show.) Also

Sidney Hobbs is taking care of the "Jake's Choice" trophy and the choosing of the winner.

Dash plaques are set.

Line Dancing will take place.

Jim Salanitri will display his car as Feature Car of the Car Show.

Got signs from Max and Jan Miller and Sidney. Tony Evangelista will help with putting out signs on the road.

The ballots will have 10 picks each and will have to be returned by 12:30 pm.

Jinny has collected about 75 door prizes. The board approved an additional \$40 that she overspent.

Non pre registered entrants will be greeted and pay \$25 to enter the show; they will be given their placard with entry number on it and proceed to park on the grounds. After parking they should bring the placard back to registration to get it filled in and to receive the goody bag. Ray Emery will be in charge of Goody Bag handout. We will ask Mark Young to transport the goody bags to the show.

Doug Nietzel has been selling advertising for our show, insuring a financial success. He has also secured a number of gift certificates which will be added to the door prizes.

Nominations for board positions are shaping up. More on that later.

It has become important for Dewey Porter to be an official signator on our checking account. Motion made and seconded that Dewey Porter (Dwayne Porter) be added to Donna Beard's as signator on our Center State checking account. Minutes to be forwarded to Jessica Dailey, Customer Service Representative.

Several of our members won trophies at the Palatka Show—Ken Bryan, Ray and Hope Emery, Jim and Rita Arpaia, Danny Stephens—and you if we missed that, please call Jinny and if you have any photos, send them to magagquack@aol.com for inclusion in "Olde News." Also several members went to St. Ambrose—Danny Stephens, Bill Soman, Doug and Marion Hunsworth—again if you have photos, please send them to Jinny. There is an invitational show at Our Lady of Good Counsel on Sunday, October 21.

That being said, Donna moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Jinny; time 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert W. Quackenbush,
Secretary and Founding Member



Here are Helen Salanitri, Rita and Jim Arpaia, Jim Salanitri, Justin Felker, and Dennis McDonald at Art 'n' Motion October 4, 2018.



View from second story.



Hope Emery admires iron on upper floor.



Relaxing with a view of the cars we brought to the table. Bob Quackenbush, Ray Emery, John Kaiser, and John Battistini.



Bob Quackenbush cane still get close to these beautiful examples of rolling art in motion.



Sidney Hobbs and Justin Felker confer.



John Battistini in conversation with the owner.



Dewey Porter gets close to the Model A. Other cars in this venue are for sale, but this one (on the right) has been in the Felker Family for generations, and is not for sale.



Race cars and paraphernalia were very much on display and discussed at length.



Danny Stephens & Garrett Hutchison stroll.



There is an elegant dining/meeting room.



Along with necessary rooms nicely decorated..



The event even brought out our Jacksonville members, Rob and Brenda Daly—Doug Nietzel, here shown also came along. We understand that Doug has been able to sign Justin Felker up to participate in our car show on November 17. Thanks to Art 'n' Motion for a gracious preview of these cars and building. We are sure that we will be enjoying this association for many years.

Next Meeting
November 1
At Mark and Kathy
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Bill Soman's Corvette

Beautiful ACAC Cars at Art 'n' Motion



Arpaia's Lincoln



Hubbard's Chevrolet



Hutchison's Chevy



Dewey Porter's Buick



Nietzel's Corvette



And a couple more shots from inside that Dewey took.



JOHN'S OLD GUYS BREAKFAST OCT 12, 2018



Sunny skies brought out 20 Old Guys with 14 collector vehicles. New management at Steak & Shake brought speeded up delivery of our breakfast orders and it appears Marsha was a casualty of the new administration. We had some really nice cars in the parking lot to admire. Brian Wirz won the free breakfast (second time this year).

In attendance were Doug Nietzel 2014 Corvette, Dennis McDonald 99 Mustang SVT, Bill Soman 61 Corvette, Roland Pavesic, Bob Barton 93 Chev C10 pickup, Rob Daly, Mark

Young 96 Nissan pickup, Jim Arpaia 50 Olds 98 Convert, Bob Quackenbush, Bob Hubbard 81 Chev Corvette, Ken Smith 67 Barracuda, Bob Parker, John Battistini 70 Corvette, Stan Zwiercan, Joe Greeves, Fred Bauer 29 Model A tudor, Brian Wirz Beemer Sport Coupe, Bob Beach 67 Ford Fairlane coupe, Dave Burrows 48 Mercury woody wagon, Dewey Porter 68 Buick Skylark coupe.

advise, buying or selling them, computer or technology issues. Drive a collector and receive a blue ticket chance to win \$100 at the Christmas party.



If you have never attended or are a new member you have to see what this is all about as it has evolved as one of our more popular activities. Few rules: Male only, No discussion of religion, politics, health issues,



grandchildren, sports. That only leaves cars, trucks, boats or anything with a motor, projects working on, technical questions or



Write up by Dewey Porter; photos by Joe Greeves. Thanks! Is that Fred Bauer's car upper right?

ACTIVITIES

Nov 1 ACAC Monthly Meeting Special Event, will be at Mark & Kathy Young's res. 160 Genung ST. 6 PM for Pizza. \$10 per person. Phone 904 687 3894 to confirm you will attend so Mark has a head count to order the pizza. Meeting will follow at 7 PM. You can pay 2019 dues (\$60) and also pay for Dec 6 ACAC Christmas party at Amici's (\$31 per person) Make checks payable to ACAC.

Nov 3 Jack Wilson Car show display 10 AM to 2 PM Free lunch, prizes, bring chairs. No awards, just hang out. Scott Lagasse Racing will display 4 race cars including the winning Corvette. Over 50 Corvettes on display. They have asked for a head count. So far I have 10 cars from ACAC attending: Nietzel, Stephens, Porter, Burroughs, Soman, Bill Scott, Dan Norbut, Salantri, Hutchison, Jim Arpaia.

Nov 3 Car Show at Flagler Executive Airport, Palm Coast Fl. 10 AM- 9PM Freedom Fest tribute to those who served our country. I have flyer and registration so email me for info or phone 386-986-9911 or mail kirk at www.flaglerbroadcasting.com fireworks at 9 PM

Nov 9 Johns Old Guys Breakfast Steak and Shake 9 AM. Drive that collector for a blue ticket. Free opinions and advice on that project or mechanical issue. Bring a male friend. Free drawing for a free breakfast.

Nov 10 Federal Point St. Paul's Episcopal Church Fall Festival: 10 AM to 4 PM, Pumpkin Patch, Arts & Crafts, Food trucks, Plant Swap, Face Paint, Games, Blessing of the Animals, Info 904 692 3806

Nov 8-11 Zephyrhills Festival Park will resume hosting shows with it's annual fall show. It has had to cancel it's past two events because of road construction. It now has a new road right to the entrance.

For info www.zephyrhillsautoevents.com or phone 813-312-4009.

Nov 16-18 28th Annual Swap Meet at Moultrie, GA info @ www.moultrieswapmeet.com

Nov 17 ACAC 34TH Annual Auto Show at the FSD&B School 207 N. San Marco. Volunteers needed to help set up on Friday Nov 16 *AFTER 2PM NOT BEFORE*. Go to the guard house for a pass which will allow you to drive in the front gate. Should not take more than 2 hours. You will not need a pass for the Saturday show. Members show cars can park inside on show day but daily drivers have to go to parking lot. All members needed Saturday at 7 AM. Bring your own coffee and treats. There will be food vendors for lunch. If all goes well we should be all done except for clean up and take down by 4 PM

Nov 17 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.

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

Dec 1 Christmas parade City of St. Augustine. Ancient City Auto Club has paid for club entry. Assemble on Mission Avenue by 8:30 AM parade starts at 9:30 AM. Decorate your entry.

Dec 6 ACAC Annual Christmas Party at Amici's Italian restaurant 1915 A1A So. Saint Augustine Beach 6 PM sit down dinner and Dancing, DJ, Vote for new 2019 slate of officers. Blue ticket award drawing. A separate email will be sent with menu choices to sign up for and further information.

Dec 14 Johns Old Guys Breakfast Steak and Shake 9 AM. Drive that collector for a blue ticket. Free opinions and advice on that project or mechanical issue. Bring a male friend. Free drawing for a free breakfast.

Dec 20 There will not be an ACAC board meeting the month of Dec.

Jan 3-13 Mecum Auction at Kissimmee 3000 cars.

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 AACAA Winter Meet Ocala, FL. Ocala Hosted by Kingdom Of The Sun Region 352-538-1338 for info.

Feb 23, 2019 2nd Annual Menendez High School car show SR 206 West of US 1 So.

Mar 9th Rodeheaver Boys Ranch Annual Car Show. Details to follow.

Mar 22-24 , 2019 #0th Annual Spring Daytona Turkey Run www.turkeyrun.com

April 13 2019 18th Annual Fruit Cove Baptist Church car show

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

Ancient City Auto Club Nominations for Office:

Sidney Hobbs, President



Sidney is the owner of "Classic Car Storage" that is creating a Classic Car extravaganza south of town on US 1. You can see the earth movers busily changing the scape as you drive by. He has many beautiful collectible cars.

Jim Arpaia, Vice President



Starting after I shut down my business "Conn. Machinery Sales", and retired to St Augustine from Southington, CT. I bought Jim Weiss residence on Kings Rd., because it would accommodate my RV !

After several years touring the Country in our RV, We were attending a meeting dealing with education, where Rita met a former student she taught in

North Haven, CT, who happened to be Janet and Dennis MoDonald. In the mean time, I had sold my RV and was looking for something to replace it. Dennis, who has a fantastic collection of great cars, asked me if I would like to go with him to Mecum auction in Kissimmee. I readily agreed, and became an instant "Classic Car Buff" purchasing my 1956 Lincoln Premiere. My neighbor Mike Grace asked me to join the Cruisers, I then met Jinny and Bob Quackenbush who invited me to the ACAC. I was "Hooked"!

A year later I purchased my 1950 Oldsmobile 98 Convertible. I had owned a 1950 Olds. 98 in 1956 while in the USMC stationed in Memphis, TN. putting 100,000. miles going back and forth to CT.

So now after 35 years in boating on Long Island Sound, 12 years in RV'ing, from Main to California and from Canada to Key West, I'm now 5 years in Classic Cars, and loving it!.

Robert Quackenbush, Secy.



Bob is a retired teacher and owner of mobile home parks. He has been collecting cars since he was 15, several years ago. He is one of the founders of Ancient City Auto Club.

Fred Cooper, Treasurer



Fred is retired, and likes boating, fishing, and old cars. Vicki and Fred moved to St. Augustine in 2016 from Richmond Hill, Ga (near Savannah). Fred's working career included Aircraft Maintenance Officer, Aircraft Manufacturing Engineer, Accountant, and Computer Systems Design/Implementation /support. He was also the Treasurer of an HOA in Richmond Hill, Ga.

Things to remember for Thursday night—money for dues, money for Christmas party.

Also we need some volunteers to help with the blue tickets—to write names of those qualified to receive a blue ticket chance for the \$100 drawing December 6. We will supply the tickets and the pens and the names.

Touring with our Willys Overland Knight Registry Friends

Our Spring 2018 Meet began in the Hotel Jacaranda April 4-8, 2018. Built in the 1920s and listed on the National Historic Register, Avon Park's "gracious lady" boasts high ceilings and quiet hallways. In years gone by, the Jacaranda played hostess to the likes of Babe Ruth and Clark Gable. The hotel also serves as a South Florida State College facility, for students training in the hotel management sector.

Our first full day of touring included tours of Lake Wales and Frostproof, FL. First stop was Bok Tower. Developed by Edward W. **Bok** in the 1920's on top of Iron Mountain, one of the highest points in Florida, the historic landscape garden overlooks the sprawling vistas below, was designed by landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr.



Where we also toured Pinewood Estates, the winter residence of Charles Buck, the original owner of Pinewood Estate, **Charles Austin Buck**, commissioned the Olmsted's firm in an unhurried creative collaboration after purchasing Pinewood Estate's property in 1930.



A beautiful lunch was served overlooking the gardens and entrance to the Estates



Finishing up lunch we were back into our cars for a tour to Spook Hill, in Lake Wales, FL Gravity Hills -- where cars inexplicably defy the laws of science. "Many years ago an Indian village on Lake Wales was

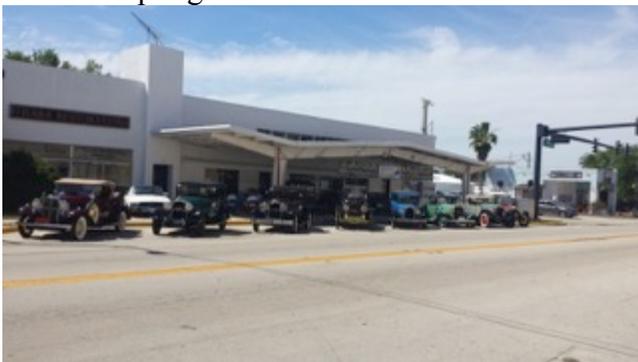
plagued by raids of a **huge gator**. The Chief, a great warrior, killed the gator in a battle that created a small lake. The chief was buried on the north side. Pioneer mail riders first discovered their horses laboring down hill, thus naming it "Spook Hill." When the road was paved, cars coasted up hill.



From our trials at Spook Hill, we continued our journey to Florida's Natural Visitor Center, where we watched a short video on how oranges are grown and juice is produced as we walked through the door of the Grove House to learn all about our humble beginnings and follow history. And of course, no visit is complete without sampling one of the many varieties of **Florida's Natural®** Brand Premium juices.



After our sampling different flavors of OJ we were back into our cars and off to O'Hara Restoration Shop.



We lined up in front of the shop and out on the street..the guys toured the shop and the ladies relaxed. Of course no "Old Car Tour" will be complete without "eating out" at some fine restaurants so dinner tonight was at the Olympic Restaurant, yummm!

Friday morning we were up and out early again. No rest for the weary. First tour was to the town of

Lake Placid, FL, also known as the “Town of Murals” and the Lake Placid Historical Society Depot Museum. One of **Florida's** prettiest small towns, **Lake Placid** boasts nearly 50 outdoor murals adorning its downtown buildings. The art is amazing; I don’t know how you can make something that beautiful in such a large scale! Every theme you can imagine, from Western themes to fishing and outdoor recreation, original paintings were on display at the Information Center.



Then of course lunch! At Main Street America. Oh, I forgot to add a photo of our cars on tour...we had a total of 12 “Collectable Cars” and then of course a couple modern drivers.

After lunch we were off again to the “Clown Show” at Toby’s Clown School. Where we all clowned around a bit.



Back into our cars and off we were to tour the Bates Sons and Daughters Caladium Farm. Hurricane Irma nearly wiped out their fields, but they were still generous to our group and everyone went on their way with a bag of bulbs. Mine are growing in our gardens and they are glorious, we can't thank them more.



Dinner tonight is at the Seafood Buffet in our Hotel, followed by our Meeting and Auction. Saturday morning, rise and shine once again! Off we are on a tour to Highlands Hammock State Park. Supporting a beautiful yet delicate ecosystem, central Florida's Highlands Hammock possesses one of the state's most unique and richly divergent collection of plant and animal life. Black bear and Florida panther tread softly through Highlands Hammock State Park, hunting and foraging among abundant ferns, air plants and massive oaks.



Our radiators helped to catch some nature as well.

Then we were off on a quest for lunch again, at Dimitri's in Sebring then off to the Military Seas Service Museum.



And a trip to Maxwell's Groves for a seat on the porch or swing for the best "Orange Ice Cream" we've ever had...and it's non-dairy so everyone can have some! The guess what's next...dinner! Of course, tonight it's at Homer's in Sebring. The back to our hotel to load up our cars and get ready for the ride back to Saint Augustine, where we all can use a vacation, from our hectic tour schedule!

Sunday it was a home sweet home!

Submitted by Tuni & Jim Weiss

P. S. Thanks to all the contributors this month—Sidney Hobbs, Dewey Porter, Joe Greeves, Tuni and Jim Weiss. Your contributions make this job much more fun. Next month we are expecting a full report of the adventure at Lake Mirror. I've heard that honors were won by the Salanitri entry.

Just got off the phone with President Dick Sherrod—Donna's been under the knife for about 8 hours. Hoping to take her home tomorrow from the hospital.

Blessings to you all. Jinny, Editor in Chief—last page is the group that went down to Lake Mirror for the October Show.



