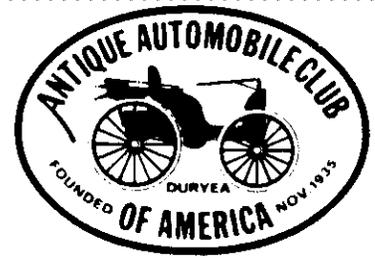




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New Beauty Found at Beauty Shop



TAKING YOUR HUBBY TO THE SALON

By Christine Snyder

Bill and I have a routine for going to the hair salon. I drag him along and while my color is processing, he gets his hair cut. He usually takes along a book to read until it's his time. On August 8 he forgot to take a book. So as I'm sitting there while my color is being applied, I glance over to my husband and see him busily searching through his smart phone.

I wondered what that was all about, and soon found out!

We were to have guests over for dinner the next night. Bill sheepishly asked if we could postpone that dinner engagement. I asked why. He then told me he had found a 1955 Thunderbird Convertible with an accessory hard top while searching the net on

his phone and he'd like to go look at it the next day in Orlando. So, being the good old-car-supporting wife that I am, said "sure, why not"?



So the next day we picked up Charlie and Wilma Krivanek in Ormond Beach and off we went to Orlando and "Just Toys." The car was beautiful, pristine and black in color. We made a deal and the car is now in our showroom!



Bill and I have a deal—when he buys one car, the next one we buy is mine. It was my turn when the Thunderbird came up. So it is my car! Better'n diamonds, I say!



So be careful girls, if you take your hubby to the hair salon with you. Either make sure he has a good book to read, or you may end up the owner of a neat old car!



Bill and Christine are our "Italian" members who love olde cars!

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**Don't Forget the Meeting
 At Caddy Shack—6 eat;
 7meet—Thurs. 10/6/16.
 Drive your olde car!**

1967 Ranchero

by Mark Young

THE HISTORY

Ford invented the factory Ute for U.S. buyers in 1957. Based on a two-door station wagon with the back two thirds chopped off, it was on the full sized platform. They called it a **Ranchero**. It sold well, and by 1959 Chevrolet had copied the concept with the El Camino.

In 1960 Ford introduced the compact Falcon and in the mistaken belief that the primary appeal of the Ranchero was price, they used the new Falcon as the platform. Since Chevrolet couldn't very well use their own new compact, the rear engined Corvair as a platform, they used the intermediate chassis for the El Camino going forward. Good choice.

Ford continued to use the Falcon platform through 1965. In 1966 they switched the Ranchero to the intermediate Fairlane chassis but oddly clad it in Falcon sheet metal. The '66 Fairlane was a very handsome car; club member Danny Stephens has one.

The 1967 Fairlane was also good looking. John Kaiser has two hardtops: One is a full on NASCAR racer, the other an homologation special that is (barely) drivable. Both are powered by a 427. John also has a Ranchero of that year; the largest factory engine available then was a four barrel 390.

These cars were light but the unitized bodies were quite strong. Mario Andretti won the '67 Daytona 500 in a car that had to look just like John's, and in 1968 a Ranchero won the Baja 1000. My Ranchero, with a 200 cubic inch six and a three-speed automatic weighed only 2865 pounds. And a 427 *would* fit in it.

As it turns out, the '67 Ranchero was the only year for the Fairlane look with the vertical quad headlights. In 1968, Ford re-did the intermediate chassis and called it a Torino. The last year for the Ranchero was 1979.

THE BUILD

I know this would never happen to any other car guy, but things kind of escalated once parts started coming off.

Initially, the plan was to fix a couple of rust spots, install power steering, power disc brakes and install air conditioning.

The rust. Access to the rear shocks was from below the rear seat. Well, no seat in the Ranchero, so a patch panel was laid over the top at the factory. Forty-nine years later it became obvious that it had leaked. Bad enough that a good bit of the floor had to be replaced. Surprisingly, the unit body was still very straight.

The power steering and brakes were easily found and while searching for the air conditioning, Paul Holman, the owner of Visual FX, found one on a recently totaled 1987 F-150. It was attached to an almost brand new 302. Long story short, the engine and the air are now in my Ranchero. As is a rebuilt four speed AOD transmission. As are 15-inch wheels, to clear the disc brakes. The '87 also contributed a new gas tank with in tank fuel pump to supply the fuel-injected engine. And seats, which Ken Bryan has rebuilt and recovered in Alcantara, along with the new headliner.

No pictures yet... those will come in next month's *Olde News*.

But as a teaser, the color was chosen from standard Ford choices for the era, and it was available in 1967. However, I have chosen to give you the list as renamed for 1970:

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Anti-establish Mint | Baby Blue Ice |
| Bring 'em Back Olive | Young Turquoise |
| Counter Revolutionary Red | Hulla Blue |
| Freudian Gilt | Good Clean Fawn |
| History Onyx | Home on the Orange |
| Knight White | Last Stand Custard |
| Original Cinnamon | There She Blue |
| Three Putt Green | |

(Sounds like some nail polish names!) Thanks, Mark—looking forward to the photos!



Dave Burrows at the GOF South Golden Anniversary, Ocala, this spring.

1967 MBG ROADSTER

HI JINNY--hope this works—

I saw the car listed in Hemmings ads in late 1999 and it was located in Dallas--he was the second owner. The original owner lives in Ft. Worth. The car sounded like it was a little rough and this guy was over his head as far as being somewhat mechanically inclined--I like the fact that it was always a Texas car [no rust] and that that I could do all the restoration except paint--

I had planned on spending thanksgiving in Houston with my four daughters so I made arrangements with the seller to see the car on my way back home to Fairhope ,Al. The car was in need of a complete restoration which suited me as I was retired and needed another good British car project to keep me busy--the seat covers were new and are still in the car

Contributed by Dave Burrows

today--the car ran very rough and it had electric overdrive which, was news to the owner, and it didn't work well--we didn't agree on a price--

In January of 2000 I phoned him; he still had the car and accepted my price--I phoned J C Taylor before I left Dallas to add this car to my policy--later that day, in a rest stop, I checked the vin in the engine bay--it didn't match the vin listed on the title which I gave Taylor--I immediately called J C Taylor to make the correction to the vin on the car--well, the woman at Taylor got pissed and raised hell with me for causing her extra work--one would think I called her an old w----..I had done business with them for 20 plus years and on maybe 20 cars--obviously I changed insurance carriers when the policy expired---Haggerty is superb!!!



I kept the original car color which is Old English White--I worked with the red leather seat covers--I added red carpeting, door panels, and a friend suggested a red top --which I ordered from England along with a tonneau cover--I rebuilt the engine, tranny, front and rear shocks, all hydraulics [with silicone fluid], brakes, heater, steering, dash and added seat belts--the 1967 M G is one of the best MG's to own as the 1968

cars started getting pollution equipment which robbed horse power and also body changes for safety which compromised the good styling looks--



Later, I added a roll bar which I painted to resemble a barber pole...It is to resemble the roll bar that a good friend has on his race car--one of my neighbors in Michigan, [yes I moved there from AL,] had two rear head rests from a Toyota Corolla that he traded in. he offered them to me. Now I have that safety feature--

In 2013 I was planning on moving to FL and had one to many MG's...Also I had been looking at a 1948 mercury wagon which was located in Little Rock, AR--Again

I was planning a trip to see my four daughters in Texas over Easter--I was donating this 1967 MG to the only daughter who hadn't received a MG from me--my route from Michigan to Houston took me thru Little Rock--[imagine that] I purchased the woodie on the way to Houston, delivered the MG and picked up the woodie on the way back to Michigan [what luck]!

A year and a half later that daughter had back surgery and wasn't able to get in and out of the MG--the car sat in her garage--during my visits there I worked on the car to replace a freeze plug in the block which was located next to the carb--there were issues with bad gas -so bad that carb cleaner wouldn't work--so last Christmas I brought the car back to St Augustine--now after a new gas tank, rebuilt carbs and a few other things; the car runs fine—



It's a great highway car--I've cruised 3-4 times on I 75 from AL to see a friend in Venice, FL--I drove it to several shows In Chattanooga, New Orleans, Pensacola Beach, Tallahassee, Palm Coast, Montgomery, AL, St Augustine [prior to moving here], Jekyll Island and Sebring, FL.

I had planned on selling it this spring--but it's just too MUCH FUN to drive—

Monthly Meeting Ancient City Auto Club

Minutes: September 2016 Club Meeting
Date/Time: Thursday, September 8th at 7:00 PM
Location: Murray Brothers Caddy Shack
Restaurant, 455 South Legacy Trail, St Augustine, FL

Minutes:

- Dick Sherrod, President, was not in attendance.
- Brian Wirz conducted the open meeting.
- Brian announced that the ACAC Christmas party would be held on Saturday, December 10th (date change).
- Brian said that the club is subsidizing the Christmas party cost @ \$10 per person for those who have paid their dues before December 10th. (Maximum two per family)
- Brian reiterated that the Christmas Party Committee is made up of the following members: Barbara Castellano, Carolyn Wirz, Jennifer Steinberger, and Pat Williams.
- The Christmas Party Committee is in the planning stages, more to come.
- Brian said the look for the September/October issue of the Antique Automobile Magazine for the renewal card. Please give this card to Donna Sherrod, Treasurer. This is a big help to Donna when she submits our club's paperwork to the AACA.
- Brian in Donna Sherrod's absence reported that club is in great financial shape.
- Brian announced that the "Night at the Drags" that was to be held on September 30th has been cancelled due to track issues. He will try to reschedule.
- Jennifer Steinberger, Secretary, asked for approval of last open meeting minutes and approval was given.
- Dewey Porter, Activities Chairman, gave a brief rundown of all the upcoming activities:
 - Dine Out will not be held in September
 - No Board Meeting will be held in September
 - Oct 1 – FCCC Cruisin To The Creek at Trout Creek 30th Annual Car Show
 - Oct 5 – 8 AACA Eastern Fall Meet Hershey Region Hershey, PA
 - Oct 12 – Sanford Steam Wheeler cruise
 - Oct 15 Amelia Cruizers 20th Annual Car Show in historic downtown Fernandina Beach, FL
 - Oct 22 – Azalea City Cruizers Palatka 38th Annual Car & Truck Show City Park
- Dave Burrows, Membership Committee Chairman, reported that we now have 73 members.
- Bill Soman – Scholarship Committee, was not in attendance, however Dewey reported

that two \$750 scholarship applications were posted at the tech school.

- Karen Erwin, Car Show Chairperson, explained the following:
 - Brochures from last year's car show plus Sponsorship Form are to be taken with each member to "sell" advertising space for our upcoming November car show.
 - If each member sells two ads we will be in great shape to increase our contribution to the D&B School.
 - **All advertisements are due by October 10th!**
 - If you were a judge last year you will be assigned that same position for the upcoming show.
 - If you have your "staff" shirt from last year please wear it again otherwise let Karen know if you need a shirt.
 - If you were given a job last year you will have the same job this year unless you contact Karen and tell her otherwise.
 - Volunteers are needed on the Friday before the car show for staging.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.
Minutes prepared September 10, 2016 by
Jennifer Steinberger, Secretary

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BLUE TICKET LISTING

| Name | Automobile |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Bobby Guice | 07 Vette |
| DAVE BARROWS | 67 HGB |
| ROGER EWING | '56 CHEVY CONV. |
| TERRY BROWN | '57 CHEVY 210 |

**BREAKFAST AT STEAK 'N' SHAKE
SEPTEMBER 9, 2016**



More Blue Tickets were awarded to members who drove their old cars down to Steak 'n' Shake last month. Above is Roger Ewing with his superlative '56 Chevrolet. The

men meet each month to kick tires and enjoy themselves, talking about their vehicles.



Here Bob Quackenbush parks his '48 Buick, blocking your view of Bobby Guice's Corvette.



Now you can see Bobby Guice's smiling car along with Max Miller's '57 Chevrolet Station Wagon.



This beauty (above) I believe belongs to Tony Sopranni.



Attendees included Dewey Porter & Terry Brown, chatting above, along with Bob Q., Roger Ewing, Max Miller, Charlie Williams, Bobby Guice, and Tony Sopranni—all of these members earned blue tickets.



Charlie Williams's Cobra!

If you like a good inexpensive breakfast with good friends and interesting and beautiful cars, don't miss this monthly gathering at Steak 'n' Shake—Second Friday, 9 a.m. Thanks to Joe Greeves, also in attendance, for faithfully taking photos!

Cruise In behind Longhorn's September 17



Cary Weisenbaker always does a good job of keeping the laughs flowing and fun happening. It looks like he's in the dark, but looks are deceiving. Here are a few of the beautiful cars that were there.



This yellow Studebaker shines bright!



A pair of pretty bugs.



2002 Firebird was offered for sale for \$6000.



I think Quackenbushes were the only ACAC members there that night with a car displayed. If I am wrong about this, and you deserve a blue ticket, please let me know. Ed.



If you are interested in this gorgeous '71 Sting Ray with T-tops—call Robyn at 904-466-0014 or 904-823-0945.

Someone has figured out how to beat the gas problem. He said I should pay him to take the

picture. I suppose that he has a patent on the technology.



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It was the best of times, not the worst of times.....Clark's Fish Camp 9-29-16



While water skiers glided over the mirror-glazed waters of Julington Creek, 27 of our ACAC members gathered to feast on fish, crabs, chicken, scallops, shrimp, and sausages with macaroni and cheese. I didn't see anyone who indulged in Clark's humongous prime rib.

Through the window you can see Bill Soman, with those of us who gathered, enjoying the ambiance and relaxed atmosphere of this iconic place.





Dick Sherrod drove his Thunderbird and recounted his hair-raising trip from Tennessee. When you are feeling very safe, ask him about it.



Arpaias chauffeured Dewey Porter up and over Old St. Augustine Road. Clark's is about a hour's drive from most parts of St. Augustine.



Driving from up near Colee Cove is not nearly as long—Emerys were at Clark's before all the rest. These three members got blue tickets!



Somans, D. Cameron, Q's, Meyers, & Emerys.



Burrows, Glenn Klein, Arpaias, Greeveses, Ron Leone, Debbie Kresge, Dick Sherrod-, Hunsworths-----



Good times!

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ACTIVITIES

Oct 5-8 AACA Eastern Fall Meet Hershey Region Hershey, PA

Oct 9 Flagler Beach "Corvettes at The Beach" Downtown rain or shine
www.flaglercountycorvetteclub.com

Oct 12 ACAC Lunch River Cruise (3 hrs.) on The Barbara Lee sternwheeler, departs from downtown Sanford, FL city dock. *Reservations are required*, cost is approx. \$50 per person. We have 20 people who indicated they were interested in going. AS the time gets closer further details will be announced. Info on the boat and cruise
www.stjohnsrivershipco.com

Oct 14, 9 John's Old Guys Breakfast 9 AM Steak & Shake. Free advice (whether you asked for it or not) on vehicle related topics. . Drive a collector car get a blue ticket for \$100 drawing end of the year

Oct 15 Amelia Cruizers 20th Annual Car Show on Centre Street in Historic downtown Fernandina Beach, FL.
www.ameliacruizers.org

Oct 20 ACAC Monthly Dine Out 6 PM TBA

Oct 22 Car Show & Fundraiser at 5830 US 1 So. (Sidney Hobbs car storage) \$25 suggested donation for entry to the car show, which is tax deductible to Pools of Bethesda Houses of Healing Ministry. Entry includes food, live music, door prizes and fun. 50/50. Win a 1994 Camaro Z28 for only a \$50 donation per chance. For info on the Restoration Center or the 1994 Camaro call 904 377 1554.

Oct 22 Azalea City Cruisers Palatka 38th Annual Car & Truck Show City Park on the waterfront 54 classes both stock & modified plus 15 Best of Show trophies pre reg \$20 day of show \$25 A Judged show. Info 727 321 1211.

Oct 22 BOPC car show Auburndale, FL. For info patwhissel@gmail.com

Oct 27 This months final "Dine Out" of the year will be the beautiful "Pasta Night Dinner" at the Hilton Downtown 6 PM . Including a glass of wine or beer, house or Caesar salad and fresh baked breads. - Ron

Oct 27 - 30 Zephyrhills Festival Park Fall Swap meet, car corral and Car Show
Zhill.swaps@gmail.com

Nov 5 Old Karts & Arts downtown street festival Green Cove Springs, cars, trucks, motorcycles \$25 advance registration, info
www.claycoo.org

Nov 10-13 Fall Florida Autofest Lakeland, FL. www.carlisleevents.com

Nov 18 - 20 Moultrie, GA. Giant swap meet & car corral. www.moultreswapmeet.com

Nov 19 ACAC 32nd Annual Car Show at FSD&B School.

Nov 24 - 27 43rd Annual Daytona Turkey Run, giant car display vendors, and car corral. www.turkeyrun.com

Nov 25 AACA Volusia Region 59th Birthplace of Speed Car Show at Fortunato Park, Ormond Beach, FL, Bud Pike 386-677-9153

Dec 3 St. Augustine Christmas Parade line up on Old Mission Ave staging starts at 7:00 AM, Note: NEW START TIME 9:00 AM, be ready by 8:30 AM. Decorate your vehicle.

Dec 9 John's Old Guys Breakfast 9 AM Steak & Shake. Free advice (whether you asked for it or not) on vehicle related topics. . Drive a collector car get a blue ticket for \$100 drawing end of the year

Dec 10 ACAC Annual Christmas Party Amici's restaurant 6 PM Sr312 & A1A St. Augustine Beach

Jan 29, 2017 Sarasota, FL AACA Sunshine Region 48th Annual Devereaux-Kaiser car show eehs@msn.com

Feb 3-5 Moultrie, GA. Giant flea market and car corral

Feb 16 – 19 2017 Zephyrhills Festival Park Winter Swap meet, car corral and Car Show Zhill.swaps@gmail.com

Feb 23-25, 2017 AACA Winter Meet North Central Florida Region Ocala, FL 352-538-1338

Mar 18, 2017 AACA Indian River Region, Vero Beach, FL 40th Annual Car Show local.aaca.org/indianriver

May 6 2017 St. Augustine Cruisers Annual Car Show at the FSD&B School, Top20, participant voting, no classes, park where you want.

April 6-9 2017 AACA Southeastern Spring Meet Hornets Nest Region, Charlotte N.C. 704-847-4215

June 24, 2017 The Great Race will kick off in Jacksonville, FL. Approx. 120 cars dating back to 1916 up to 1972. Those of you that witnessed the finish of the race in downtown Jacksonville in 2015 know what an exciting event it its. More details of time and location will be posted as the date gets closer.

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



Bill Soman sent me this great photo from the show at Trout Creek October 1, 2016. It must have been a fun show. Dewey's car did not make it, but he gave his camera to

Doug Nietzel and Ron Leone. That report next month!



Emerys, Somans, Hunsworths, Arpaias showing off beautifully for ACAC. All get blue tickets for participation. Thanks to all who helped put Olde News together! Jinny