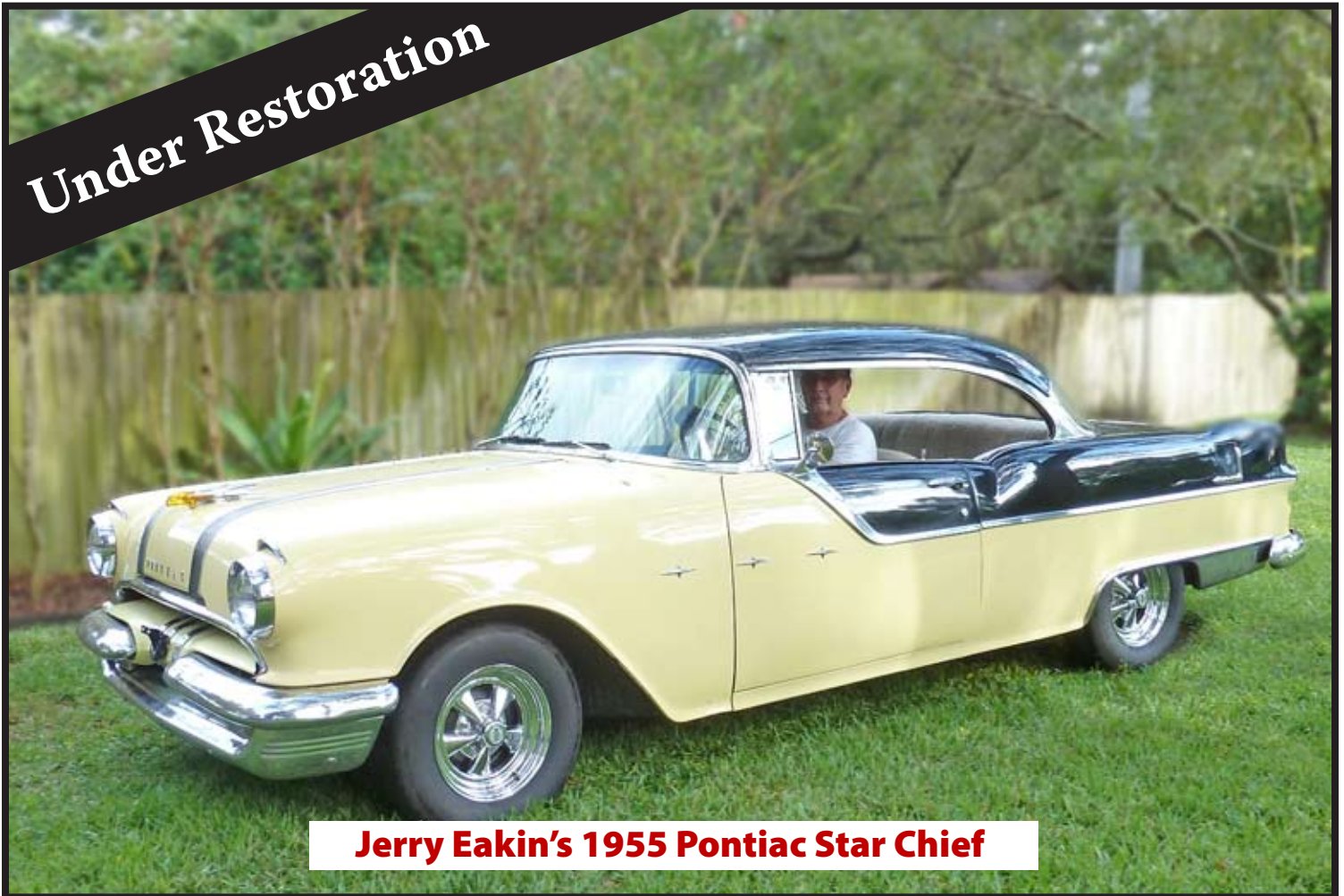


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Coming Events:

December 8 Florida Region's Stetson Mansion Christmas Tour, 1031 Camphor Lane , DeLand, FL **9:00 AM**

December 12 Florida Region Board Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL **6:00 PM**

December 12 Florida Region General Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL **7:00 PM**



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2013 Florida Region Dues

We start collecting club dues November first and hope to have them all in by January 1.

Please send your check for \$20 to

Carole Allen
153 Poe Drive
Winter Haven, FL 33884

The check must be made out to Florida Region, AACA. She will be publishing the 2013 club roster soon after the first of the year. Please check the current directory to see if all your information is correct. If anything has changed, please let me know when you send in your renewal. Also, remember, that to be a member of a region, you must have paid your dues to National.

That amount is \$35 and should be mailed to

AACA National Headquarters
P.O. Box 417
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Florida Region's Christmas Tour of the Stetson Mansion

December 8, 2012, 10 am

1031 Camphor Lane DeLand, FL 32720
(386) 873-0167 www.stetsonmansion.com

Cost: \$20 per adult

Group luncheon afterwards

***Send your article submissions
to: EditorTRB@gmail.com
Deadline is the 20th of the month***

Minutes of the Florida Region AACA Board Meeting – November 12, 2012

Members Present: Howard Gilkes, Bob Coolidge, Dick Gauchat, Mickey Bryant, Wayne Bostak Tom Holt, Marilyn and Gene Roy, Jerry Eakins, and President Darrel Cole.

The Board of the Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on November 12, 2012. Darrel Cole called the board meeting to order at approximately 6:10 pm.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Marilyn Roy.

The October Board Meeting Minutes were approved as published in the November edition of the Running Board.

Darrel made an inquiry as the status of the FL Region web site. It needs to show current information. Mickey reported that additional items are needed for the web site.

The annual Christmas Party will be held as announced last month. The date is Saturday evening, December 1, 2012. The location is Carrabba's on the NE corner of Red Bug Lake Road and Tusawilla Road in Winter Springs. A final number of participants is needed by early November. Each member is to pay \$15.00 with the car club discount. A non member is to pay \$28.00. Members should mail their payment to Marilyn Roy, Treasurer. A gift exchange will be held as usual as part of the Christmas Party. More detail will be forthcoming in a flyer on the Christmas Party.

Howard Gilkes presented the idea of touring the John B. Stetson mansion in DeLand on Saturday, December 8th. Admission fee would be \$20.00 per person. A lunch in DeLand would follow the house tour. A sign up sheet will be circulated in the general meeting.

Florida Region Car Show—Ray Eckhart has an idea of using an open piece of property in Edgewood off of S. Orange Avenue as a place to hold the show. The Mayor of Edgewood supports the idea. More information on this potential site will be announced later.

Ray Eckhart is also the contact person for a car show in Pine Castle on Thursday, November 29th. This show is part of the Farmer's Market Nite held at the City of Edgewood Municipal Complex located at 405 Larue Ave, Orlando 32839. There is limited parking for show cars so contact Ray to reserve a parking space no late than Sunday, November 25th. Show cars should arrive around 4pm the day of the show. Ray can be reached at 407-982-6364 or rayeckhart@aol.com

Mickey mentioned that he may have the ability to embroider shirts in the near future.

AACA National sent Darrel several complementary memberships for the FL Region to use.

Howard presented the Nominating Committee's slate for the Executive Board for 2013

The slate is as follows:

President:	Darrel Cole
Vice President:	Lee Duncan
Secretary:	Bob Coolidge
Treasurer:	Charlie Steffy
Board:	Jerry Eakins
Board:	Wayne Bostak
Board:	Nelson Lawhorn

The slate was accepted and will be presented in the general meeting.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:03 pm.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Coolidge, Secretary*

Minutes of The Florida Region AACA General Meeting – November 12, 2012

Florida Region members present: Approximately 35.

The Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on November 12, 2012. President Darrel Cole called the meeting to order at approximately 7.10 pm.

Dick Gauchat led the pledge to the flag.

The program for the November meeting was an auction. A mix of items automotive and household ranging from toilet paper to a cherry bomb muffler was offered. All items were sold with over forty bids submitted. Thanks to all who helped make this a very successful event.

Marilyn Roy presented the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's report was filed.

The Minutes of the October meeting were approved as printed in the November edition of The Running Board.

Sunshine Report: Dena Holt reported that Mary Ann Main is in ORMC following surgery. Nellie Adkins is progressing with her treatment for cancer.

Howard Gilkes presented the Nominating Committee's Slate for Executive Board for 2013. The slate is as follows:

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The election for 2013 officers and board members will be held at the December meeting.

Carole Allen, Membership Secretary, reminded all attendees that 2013 Florida Region dues are now due. Also stated was the requirement to have renewed AACA National dues.

The Florida Region Christmas Party will be held on December 1, 2012. The location is Carrabba's Italian Grill, 5820 Red Bug Lake Road, Winter Springs, FL 32708. The party will begin at 6pm. The cost is \$15.00 per member and \$28.00 for non members. Please mail your payment to Treasurer Marilyn Roy. To participate in the gift exchange, please bring one wrapped gift per person or couple along with an unwrapped toy for a local charity.

Howard Gilkes has arranged for a tour of the John B. Stetson mansion in DeLand, FL. on Saturday, December 8th. The cost is \$20.00 per person. A luncheon in DeLand will follow the tour. The mansion tour will begin at 10am. Please contact Howard for additional details. A sign up sheet was circulated during the meeting.

Various ideas for a future Fl Region car show were discussed. Holding the show in Edgewood is one possibility. More details on this will be forthcoming.

Ray Eckhart spoke about the Farmers Market-Edgewood car show, Thursday November 29th, 5pm till 8pm. This show is part of the Farmer's Market Nite held at the City of Edgewood Municipal Complex, 405 Larue Ave, Orlando 32839. There are no fees for participating. Since there is limited parking for show cars, please contact Ray to reserve a space no later than Sunday, November 25th. Show cars should arrive at the site around 4pm. Ray can be reached at 407-982-6364 or rayeckhart@aol.com

Darrel reported on the Winter Park Concours show held in Winter Park's Central Park on November 11. There were about 170 outstanding vehicles on display. This event is growing in prestige each year.

Darrel also reported on the Lake Mirror show in Lakeland. There were about 600 vehicles on display. The Cole's 1929 Packard was the winner of the Mayor's Choice Award.

Bob McMullen spoke about the Model A club show in Chattanooga, TN this past September.

Carole and Don Allen spoke about the upcoming AACA Winter National Show in Lakeland to be held the weekend of February 22, 23, and 24th, 2013.

Mickey Bryant spoke about the Florida Region web site. Please send in a photo of your antique vehicle which can be used on the site.

The meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Coolidge, Secretary*

December Birthdays

Jean Miller	December 6
Sandra O'Hara	December 12
Jack Swain	December 16
Larry Cole	December 21
Barbara Golub	December 23

Nominating Committee Slate For Executive Board

President	Darrel Cole
Vice President	Lee Dunkin
Secretary	Bob Coolidge
Treasurer	Charlie Steffy
Board	Jerry Eakins
Board	Wayne Bostak
Board	Nelson Lawhorn

Tom Holt, Howard Gilkes and Dick Gauchat will be serving their 2nd year of their term.

*Respectfully submitted by
Howard Gilkes
Nominating Committee Chairman*



1928 Mercedes-Benz 680S Saoutchik Torpedo
Best of Show, 2012 Pebble Beach Concours D'Elegance
Photo taken August 16, 2012 in Big Sur, California

Photo by Pawel Litwinski

SOURCE: <http://theoldmotor.com/?p=57189>

IDENTIFY THIS CAR?



*Can any Club member identify this car?
Photo submitted by Bob Rader*

COVER VEHICLE FEATURE ARTICLE

Jerry & Jan Eakin's 1955 Pontiac Star Chief

Owner: Jerry & Jan Eakins, Florida Region members

1) Jerry purchased this 2 Door Coupe over the internet, sight unseen, in July 2012. The car was delivered from St. Louis, Missouri by the owner. The car only needed a fresh battery and gasoline to get running. The Star Chief name was produced between 1954 and 1966. In 1967 the Star Chief name was replaced by the Pontiac "Executive".

2) The car features the top of the line engine for the 1955 Pontiac – the **Strato Streak Engine**, 287 cubic inch V-8 engine with a 2 barrel carburetor, rated at 180 horsepower at 4,000 RPMs, 264 lbs. of torque at 2,400 RPMs. The car rides on a 124 inch wheelbase. The car has a 12 volt system. The brakes, generator, power steering and the 4 speed Hydra-matic automatic transmission all work fine.

3) A leather interior was stock from the factory. Jerry plans to replace the existing cloth interior with a more factory look. The original headliner is still in good shape.

4) This Pontiac hood ornament lights up at night!

5) Jerry plans on doing most of the mechanical restoration work himself. He'll farm out the paint and interior work. Jerry says that although some 1955 Chevy parts will work on his Pontiac, the trim, sheet metal and other major parts are unique.





"1898 Mercedes Ideal", photo credit – Pawel Litwinski

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AUTOMOTIVE LOGOS REVEALED

Mercedes-Benz Three-Pointed Star

After “Mercedes” became a registered trade name for the Daimler-Mercedes automotive group, the company searched for a defining logo. In 1909, Paul and Adolf Daimler, sons of company founder Gottlieb Daimler, came up with the idea of using a star as the symbol for the automaker’s badge. When first employed as the technical director of the Cologne, Germany-based Deutz AG engine factory in 1872, Gottlieb had marked a star above the image of his house on a postcard, writing to his wife that the same star, symbolizing prosperity, would one day shine over his own factory.



SOURCE: <http://editorial.autos.msn.com/the-history-of-car-logos-revealed#6>

YOU TUBE WATCH



102 Year Old Driver Interviews

Margaret Dunning, the 102 year old Michigan driver with the 1932 Packard 740, has several interesting video interviews of her posted on YouTube. Watch her start and drive her Packard!

SOURCE: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qY-KsiJlfdc>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TeiSS2Y2A6o>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e2Xls2JCBY0>

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1939 Buick Century	15,900
1948 Dodge Pickup, No trans/motor Black Primer	2,500
1950 Farmall Tractor	3,500
1951 Mercury Custom, Red	15,000
1952 Ford Tractor with accessories/implements	3,495 OBO
1954 Plymouth Savoy New Arrival	12,500
1953 MGTD RED	22,500
1957 Chevy Bel-Air Hardtop, 2-dr Yellow	40,000
1957 Chevy Bel-Air Hardtop, Red	49,995
1962 Harley Davidson MC	Make an offer!
1966 Chrysler Convertible 300	19,500
1968 Pontiac Firebird ,Veduro Green	
Featured Car!	24,000
1968 Jaguar XKE	59,500
1969 Mercedes 280 SL Black	37,500
1972 VW Frame with Bradley Body	4,495
1972 Chevy Pickup, yellow	9,995
1972 Buick Centurion	12,500
1979 VW Volkswagen Conv.	7,995
1980 Shay Model A Roadster	14,500
1981 Mercedes Benz White 2 Tops	7,000
1989 Bentley Turbo only 10,000 miles	34,900
2006 Royal Enfield, 3200 miles Red-good shape and drives well!	2500
Day Sailors Boat with Trailer	\$800
1924 Custom Sailboat	8,000
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Good Old Days in Orlando

by **Bob Rader**, Florida Region Member

Being an editor is a labor of love and *The Running Board* looks so good now I would like to take credit for giving it that name in the beginning.

Reading Larry Cole's reminiscences puts me in the same mood.

We moved here with three little kids in a **1967 Saab** 3 cylinder two-cycle putt-putt. I was a traveling salesman selling envelopes on straight commission. I had to wear a coat and tie and drive a car with no air. I prayed for green lights.

My first antique was a **1937 Pontiac woody** (betcha didn't know they made one) The original owner was an old gent that lived on Lake Apopka with an orange grove of 65 acres. This was back when you could make a living doing that. The car had never had any restoration done and was not bad for being 30 years old-- the equivalent of a nice 1982 car today.

The next car was a **1932 Packard 902 Club Sedan** (moving up) Aunt Hepzibah, she was the first car we named. Bought her out of a warehouse in Hialeah. Tried to drive it home on the sunshine turnpike and lost a bearing. I towed it 150 miles on a long rope, many hours in the dark with Wifey steering the Packard. (Gotta love a woman like that.)

Random thoughts:

Lynn Motors was the Mercedes Benz dealer on North Orange across from the railroad track. The building now houses an antique dealer. They had a used **1954 Benz 300SL gullwing** for \$3900. It ran like a locomotive and was just as hot inside. A great opportunity, but we just couldn't afford it with three small kids. Gullwings are bringing a million dollars at the auctions now. But I'm sure we all have our own story of the one that got away.

In 1977 I made a midlife career change buying what had been a Texaco station that closed during the gas crisis of the early seventies. It had been made into a tire store that didn't make it either. What is today a Hess

gas station at I-4 and Fairbanks was for 25 years Raders Relics Investorcars.



Front of Raders Relics Investorcars around July 1999

I sold Aunt Hepzibah to Chris Walsh whose family owned and lived on the property where "The Mason Jar" is located. (I have no idea how to spell the French name of that restaurant) Chris kept the Packard and was an active member of our club for years.

Interestingly, the owner of the restaurant at one time owned a gullwing that needed a total restoration. Don't know what became of it.

The main thing I find is that the hobby involves some nice people and wonderful memories. The cars are just the glue that binds us together.

Some of you may know that Raders Relics first customer bought a **1931 Model A tudor** named Veronica, restored by Benny Bootle, who had won some AACA national awards- and that customers name is Howard and Kendra Gilkes. (See the faded photo below)



*Howard & Kendra Gilkes, their kids
and Veronica (1931 Model A), June 1978*

Perry Lynn and I wish we had kept a journal of all the interesting people and cars we met and experienced. The last customer is going to happen regretfully soon.

I have to stop here, but there's lots more to share if you're interested. How about our members Ted and Grace Lindenburg cars and Norman Rockwell story?

The Running Board
Attn: Editor
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Maitland, FL 32751

Coming Up a Little Further Down the Road:

- January 6** Florida Region Sunday Breakfast, Bahia Shrine, 2300 Pembroke Drive, Orlando, FL **9:00 AM**
- January 14** Florida Region Board Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL **6:00 PM**
- January 14** Florida Region General Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL **7:00 PM**

January 2013 Car Events

- January 12–13** **Ford & Mustang Roundup**, Silver Springs FL, Contact: Derek at (352) 862–8701 x–4207
- January 13–20** **Barrett–Jackson Auction**, Scottsdale, AZ, www.barrett-jackson.com
- January 18–27** **Mecum Auto Auction**, Kissimmee, FL, 3,000+ auction cars, www.mecum.com
- January 18–19** **Gooding & Company Auto Auction**, Scottsdale, AZ, www.goodingco.com
- January 27** **Sarasota Region AACA's 44th Annual car show** at the Venice Airport, Venice, FL
Contact: Arnold Berns, 941-924-5224;

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