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Lanny & Melanie Boden's 1966 Oldsmobile 98 Convertible

Coming Events:

- 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 **5:30 PM**
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2013 Florida Region Dues

Please send your check for \$20, by January 1st, to

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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 AACA.

That amount is \$35 and should be mailed to

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Gene Crawford, Longwood, FL
**1956 Chevrolet sedan delivery and a
1987 El Camino**

Terry & Carol Firestone, Apopka, FL
1930 Model A Ford Tudor

Henry & Betty Hopkins, Orlando, FL
1965 Mustang

Nelson & Jan Lawhorn, Winter Park, FL
1948 Chevrolet Fleetmaster 4 door

Minutes of the Florida Region AACA Board Meeting – December 10, 2012

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

The Board of the Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on December 10, 2012. Darrel Cole called the board meeting to order at approximately 6:20 pm.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Marilyn Roy and Darrel Cole.

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

Darrel will request for two Region members to conduct an audit of the financial records of the Florida Region in early January. The annual audit is generally performed prior to the January regular meeting.

Howard Gilkes made a motion of support for Mark Regnier, the editor of *The Running Board* to continue to be the editor for the next decade at least. All were in favor.

A discussion of holding the Florida Region Show at Old Town was held. Darrel Cole will look into this possibility further.

Tom Holt reported that he and his **1950 Oldsmobile Holiday hardtop** will be awarded the McKean Touring Award at the AACA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA in February.

Mickey Bryant spoke about his acquiring an embroidery machine which he can use to make club items with logo's etc. These items could be offered for sale through the Region web site. Mickey circulated examples of his work. Mickey will report back on this to the board.

It was noted that elections will be held tonight.

The January meeting will be a Pot Luck dinner with installation of officers.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Coolidge, Secretary

Minutes of The Florida Region AACA General Meeting – December 10, 2012

Florida Region members present: Approximately 30

The Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on December 10, 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 December meeting was a very interesting DVD featuring Dennis Gage's visit to several car garages.

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

Darrel requested two members to audit the checking account before the January meeting. Larry Cole and Mike Montague volunteered to conduct the audit.

Howard Gilkes introduced the slate of candidates for officers and board members for the year of 2013.. There were no nominations from the floor so the slate was unanimously elected. Those elected are as follows: President-Darrel Cole, Vice President-Lee Duncan, Secretary-Bob Coolidge, Treasurer-Charlie Steffy, Board Members-Jerry Eakins, Wayne Bostak, and Nelson Lawhorn.

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

Darrel spoke about reinstating the calling of members prior to meetings etc. Pat Duncan will call the members who do not receive e-mail.

Sunshine Report: Dena Holt reported that Marianne Main is now home. Nellie Adkins is progressing with her treatment for cancer. Judy Beauchamp is recovering from knee surgery.

Larry Limmel reported on the passing of John Downing, a Florida Region member.

Various ideas for a future Florida Region car show were discussed. Holding the show in Edgewood is one possibility. More details on this will be forthcoming. Darrel Cole will look into holding the show at the Old Town complex in Kissimmee.

Tom Holt reported that his **1950 Olds Holiday** was nominated for a Touring Award. He will receive the McKean touring award as part of the AACA Annual Meeting in February in Philadelphia.

Mike Montague reported that he met several Florida Region members during the recent Turkey Run Show in Daytona Beach. Those members were generally surprised to find out that Mike sells castors and has for many years. He has had a booth at the Turkey Run Show for several years.

Tom Holt reported on the show at Renningers in Mt. Dora yesterday. Tom was impressed with a Lamborghini brought by a twenty some year old man to the show.

Don Allen spoke about the upcoming **AACA Winter National Show** in Lakeland to be held the weekend of February 21, 22, and 23th, 2013. Registration is open through the end of January 2013. 2013 national AACA dues must first be paid in order to register.

Gene Roy reported on his recent purchase of a **1951 Frazier Vagabond**. The car used to be owned by a former Florida Region member, the late Bill Stead of Lake Mary.

The January 2013 meeting will be a Pot Luck dinner. The Board Meeting will begin at 5:30pm. The pot luck dinner will begin at 6:30 pm.

Don Allen spoke about the retirement of Bob Rader of Rader's Relics and the sale of various items.

One half of the sale proceeds will be donated to the Florida Region.

Darrel reported that the Mecum Auction to be held in Kissimmee in January 2013 will be 10 days in duration. Additional car drivers are needed. Those interested in driving auction cars should contact Darrel Cole.

Pat Duncan spoke about members helping to provide snacks at the monthly meeting. Please notify Kendra Gilkes, the permanent snack coordinator, if you are willing to help with this need.

Bob McMullen introduced Terry Firestone as a prospective member. Terry is the current President of the area **Model A Ford Club**.

Gene Crawford introduced his neighbor Sam Loch as a prospective member.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 pm.

50/50 of \$30.00 was won by Ray Eckhart.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Coolidge, Secretary*

January Birthdays

Melanie Boden	January 1
James Prior	January 11
Marianne Main	January 12
Gary Patterson	January 15
Lou Coppola	January 18
Beulah Embree	January 21
Walt Juergensen	January 21
Barbara Mahaffey	January 26
Marilyn Roy	January 29
Peter Barr	January 31

MYSTERY CAR IDENTIFIED?



by: **Jim Prior**, Florida Region member

It's a Fuggizit Mishmash Model 19XX.

Seriously, the car appears to be a hot rodded nine teens car with components from several cars, possibly "crafted" in the 1920s and updated in later years with the orange parking lights.

Why hot rodded? No fenders. No body. No sides to the engine compartment. Or was it built from the remains of a wrecked car, or cars, by an aspiring mechanic?

I am reasonably sure that the engine is a 1915 Cadillac V-8, with an electric starter.

The hood and radiator appear to be similar to the six cylinder 1913 Marmon Model 48. That radiator did not have a Motometer. The hood, however, could be from the Marmon Model 34 which had an aluminum body among other things. The split rim wheels were used on many cars of the era, including the Marmon 48. The headlights were not drum, as were many of the era, but the 48 had the teardrop shaped lights, shaped to conform with the reflector geometry.

The seating and rear mounted trunk suggest a longer wheelbase car. The Model 48 was a longer car. Many sources for the seats and trunk could have been used from tourers of the era. The front seats do not appear to be from the same source as the rear ones are, tufted vs. plain. The end of the trunk appears to be from a more modern case of beer, probably from the indistinct photo. The running boards appear to have been built by Jack Armstrong and hung from the frame with L-shaped hangers, common to the era. He probably also derived the spare tire mounting ropes, upgraded in more recent

years with polyethylene woven rope.

Cars that I did not find any links to included Apperson, Mercer, Packard, Peerless, Pierce-Arrow and Stutz, all involved in racing in the teens. The early Chevrolet V-8 was significantly different from the Cadillac.

Since the photo shows several cars of more recent vintage in the background, the car may still exist. Is that one of the cars that Rob Rader had in his Rader's Relics on Lee Road? I recall seeing some unusual cars there in the good old days before the land and location became very valuable.

POT LUCK DINNER

**Monday, January 14, 2013
6:30 PM**

- ***General Awards***
- ***The President's Award***
- ***Installation of 2013 Club Officers***

General Meeting follows Dinner

**YOU bring a dish –
the CLUB will furnish the
Meat, Drinks and Paper Goods.**

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**Kress Memorial Church
746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL**

COVER VEHICLE FEATURE ARTICLE

1966 OLDSMOBILE Ninety Eight Convertible

Owners: **Lanny & Melanie Boden**, Florida Region members

1) Lanny acquired this Olds convertible from his Uncle Herman in California who purchased this car that was used at his local Bing Crosby Golf Tournament event. Oldsmobile's flagship 98 was one of the longest-running models in the Division's history. The "98" was made between 1941 and 1996.

2) This Olds is named "Charlotte" after Uncle Herman's wife. A 425 cubic inch (7.0 liter) engine rated at 365 horsepower powers this Olds. The automatic transmission is a 3 speed "Turbo 400". The large four wheel drum brakes stop this full size car just fine. The car rides on a 126 inch wheelbase. In 1966, only 4,568 Olds 98 Convertibles were made.

3) Only available on a "high end" Olds 98 was this tilt/telescoping wheel. A lever on the left side of the steering column operates the tilt function. The round button in the center of the steering wheel rotates to telescope the steering wheel in and out.

4) This loaded Oldsmobile has POWER everything; steering, brakes, windows, 6-way split front bench seat, top, trunk release, antenna and unique to the Ninety-Eight, dual power front side vent windows!

5) At 223 inches long, this 7th generation Olds 98 rides great on its new 15 inch radial tires. Passing gear, for a car of this size, is acceptable. There's not a lot of wind noise or buffeting with the top down.



STETSON MANSION CHRISTMAS TOUR

By **Howard Gilkes**, Florida Region Historian

On December 8th Bob Coolidge, Tom Tart, Mark Regnier and Kendra & Howard Gilkes took the Stetson Mansion Christmas Tour in Deland. Al Atkins joined us for lunch at the MainStreet Grill afterwards. We joined (5) five others for the ninety minute tour. We were most fortunate to have JT Thompson as our tour guide since he is one of the two co-owners who bought the property in 2005. The estate restoration took (4) four years and \$2 million to complete.



The Stetson Mansion at night

“ It’s not a museum. It’s a thriving, living home. We own it, we pay the bills and maintain it, but we believe this is a national treasure that should be shared, “ said Thompson.

Stetson Mansion was built in 1886. John B. Stetson built the home for his wife Elizabeth and their three children. Mr. Stetson died in 1906. The Victorian design includes the 9,700 square foot, three-story home, a school house to educate their three children and a two-story carriage house. The Stetson Hat



First floor Sitting Room next to the front entrance

inventor and his family spent the winter months in the Mansion. In it’s heyday, Stetson hosted famous guests like John B. Astor, the Vanderbilts, King Edward VII and the 22nd U.S. President Grover Cleveland.



One of the eight bedrooms in the 3 story Mansion

The Mansion was Florida’s first luxury home and the first home in Florida to be built with electricity (Edison Direct Current). It has several original Edison electric light fixtures and the original Edison electric fuse box. Deland was the first Florida city to use Edison’s electricity. The Mansion has 8 bedrooms, 13 bathrooms, several kitchens and 6 fireplaces. Built-in closets were rare in the 19th century homes because they were taxed as separate rooms.



2 story, 3 car garage located next to the Mansion

JT Thompson and Michael Solari, co-owners of the Mansion, gave mind-boggling attention to detail in the restoration. JT decided to design and create the Christmas decorations by himself. They cover the entire first floor. They were truly an eye-popping experience with sixteen different Christmas trees. The Mansion is open for tours and special events. The Christmas Tours go through January 15th, but they are fully scheduled through that period. I highly recommend this Central Florida attraction.

SOURCE: www.stetsonmansion.com
all photos are from the above website

John Staluppi Car Auction Results

by **Mark Regnier**, Editor, *The Running Board*

At the RM Auctions's event on December 1, 2012 in North Pam Beach, Florida, the impressive John Staluppi (114 car) Collection was auctioned off. All the vehicles were sold with no reserve.

In addition to the vehicles for auction, there were many unique memorabilia sold, also with no reserve.

The most expensive item sold at this auction was an impressive 1918 Herschell-Spillman 32 foot Carousel (Lot #163) which sold for \$460,000.

The second most expensive memorabilia sold was a large scale Lionel train layout measuring approximately 30 feet long, 15 feet wide, and 9 feet tall (Lot 162) which sold for \$103,000.

A recreation 1966 "Batmobile" with a recreation of the "Batcycle". (Lot 241) sold for \$170,500.

Liasted below are some of the more impressive factory original vehicles sold at the auction along with a brief description.

SOURCE: <http://www.rmauctions.com>
all photos are from the above website



TOP VEHICLE SALE: 1956 Cadillac Series 62 Convertible, Lot 220, Sold for \$299,750. Specifications : 305 bhp, 365 cu. in. OHV V-8 engine with Eldorado dual four-barrel carburetors, four-speed Hydra-Matic transmission, coil spring independent front suspension, live rear axle with semi-elliptic leaf springs, and four-wheel hydraulic power drum brakes. Wheelbase: 129 in., Color: Mandan Red



TOP CHRYSLER SALE: 1958 Chrysler 300D Convertible, Lot 256, Sold for \$198,000. Specifications : Model LC-3-S. 380 bhp, 392.0 cu. in. Hemi OHV V-8 engine, three-speed Torqueflite automatic transmission, coil spring independent front suspension, live rear axle with semi-elliptic leaf springs and four-wheel hydraulic drum brakes. Wheelbase: 126 in., One of 191 convertibles produced.



TOP MERCURY SALE: 1955 Mercury Montclair Convertible, Lot 281, Sold for \$68,750, Model 76B. 198 bhp, 292 cu. in. OHV V-8 engine, three-speed Merc-O-Matic transmission, coil spring independent front suspension, live rear axle with semi-elliptic leaf springs, and four-wheel hydraulic drum brakes. Wheelbase: 119.0 in. The car is fitted with a power lubricator that services nine points on the front suspension every time the car starts.



TOP FORD SALE: 1968 Shelby Mustang GT500-KR Convertible, Lot 232, Sold for \$264,000. Specifications: 360 bhp, 428 cu. in. OHV V-8 engine, four-speed manual transmission, coil spring independent front suspension, live rear axle with semi-elliptic leaf springs, and four-wheel hydraulic drum brakes. Wheelbase: 108 in. Color: Acapulco Blue, One of 518 GT500-KR convertibles produced.



TOP TRUCK SALE: 1958 Studebaker Transtar Deluxe Pickup, Lot 237, Sold for \$46,750. Specifications: Model 3E-5. 195 bhp, 259 cu. in. OHV V-8 engine, four-speed manual transmission, solid front axle, live rear axle with semi-elliptic leaf springs, and four-wheel hydraulic drum brakes. Wheelbase: 112 in., The pickup was designed in the Raymond Loewy studios.

AUTOMOTIVE LOGOS REVEALED

BMW Roundel

The famous BMW roundel, trademarked in 1917, represents the aircraft-manufacturing roots of the Bayerische Motoren Werke (Bavarian Motor Works) — a spinning white propeller against a blue sky. That explanation is a common misconception. In fact, the roundel combines the company-name-within-a-black-circle style of Rapp Motorenwerke — from which BMW GmbH sprang — with the basic design derived from the blue and white diamond flag of the Bavarian Free State.



SOURCE: <http://editorial.autos.msn.com/the-history-of-car-logos-revealed#7>

YOU TUBE WATCH



Auto Resto Mod Videos

Jeff Ford and Vinnie Witters have over 96 videos that last between 15–20 minutes. Videos cover topics like headliner install, painting tips, testing electrical gauges, etc. Great for those that want to restore their older car themselves. New video episodes are uploaded every Thursday!

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1927 Studebaker Victoria Coupe	18,500
1929 Ford Model A	13,500
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
1967 Camaro SS Silver with Silver spoiler and Black. Beauty strip...almost completed!!	

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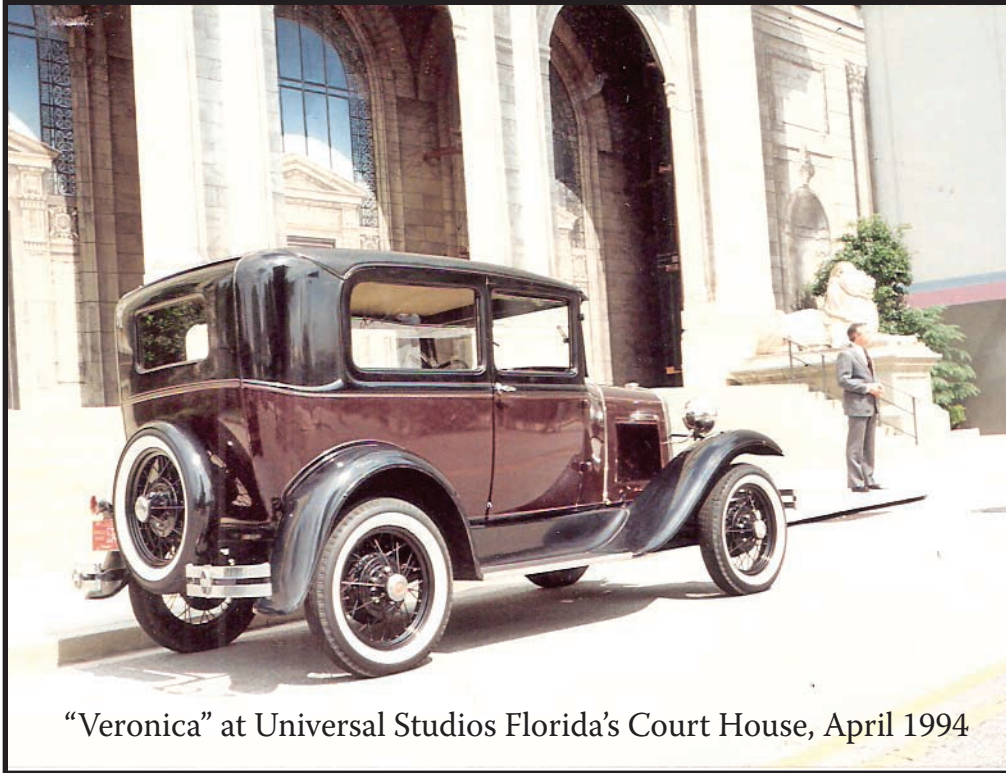
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MY 15 MINUTES OF FAME

by **Howard Gilkes**, Florida Region Historian

Reading Bob Rader's "Good Old Days" story last month brought back some "Good Old Memories" involving my newly acquired **1931 Model A** back in June, 1978. When I made the purchase, I got more than I bargained for. I also got my fifteen minutes of fame.



"Veronica" at Universal Studios Florida's Court House, April 1994

A couple of days after the purchase, Bob asked me to drive my Model A (Veronica) back to his lot to be filmed for a PBS Channel 24 TV Short. Bob knew good marketing. When I arrived, cameras were rolling and I was about to become a TV star if only for a short period of time. But in a way it lasted for about two years. They filmed me driving up to the staging area of Bob's lot. They had me beep my ooga-ooga horn several times.

Then it was interview time while opening the hood to see and hear the power plant fire each of its four (4) cylinders right on schedule. It's 40 horsepower, cast iron

block, was sounding like only a Model A engine could. I had retarded the spark as far as the lever would go. You could count each stroke as one picked up where the previous one left off. I related to the interviewer that the car got 20 to 21 miles per gallon, capable of 60 miles per hour and had a 10-gallon gas tank that held 11 gallons. He smiled and I told him that was because the gas gauge wasn't that accurate.

I knew a little about Model A's because I had one when I was in New Smyrna Beach High School back in 1951. And that is why I had to have this one.

Channel 24 aired this Short whenever a program didn't fill its allotted time slot. Many times on PBS there is extra time because commercials are cut-out.

They seemed to like my Short. It was used for about two years. Many times I wished I had asked for a copy of the film.....Oh, well !!!

1931 Model A Tudor Facts

Production 170,645 units

List Price: \$490

Weight: 2,467 pounds

Engine: 4 cylinder
200.5 cubic inches

Horsepower: 40 bhp at 3,000 rpm

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Coming Up a Little Further Down the Road:

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February 2013 Car Events

- February 21–23** **AACA Orange Blossom Region Winter National**, Lakeland Center, 701 West Lime Street, Lakeland, FL, Deadline for Registration: January 31, 2013, Registration: Don Allen, 863-604-3148
- February 22–24** **Boca Raton Concours d’Elegance**, Boca Raton, FL, auction, hangar party, gala dinner and car show. The car show is on Sunday Feb 24, 10 am to 3 pm, www.bocacde.com
- February 21–24** **Zephyrhills Winter Autofest**, 2738 Gall Blvd. Zephyrhills, FL 33541, auto auction, car corral and swap meet. Phone (813) 783-2827

Send your event submissions to: EditorTRB@gmail.com