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Bill & Cloteen Morris' 1941 Ford Pickup

Coming Events:

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| May 5 | Florida Region Sunday Breakfast, Bahia Shrine, 2300 Pembroke Drive, Orlando, FL | 9:00 AM |
| May 13 | Florida Region Board Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL | 6:00 PM |
| May 13 | Florida Region General Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL | 7:00 PM |
| May 18 | Florida Region members cruise-in at "The Villages" car show, Contact Tom Holt | 3:00 PM |



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Florida Region Celebrates 60 Years

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Florida Region AACA!

By Howard Gilkes, *Historian*

The April Mystery Event is no longer a mystery. It was a surprise 60th Birthday Party for the Florida Region. Howard and Kendra were able to keep it a complete surprise right up to when Howard gave a presentation on the history of how Central Florida eventually ended up being the Florida Region.

It first became apparent when Howard stated that our Certificate of Charter from Antique Automobile Club of America is dated April, 1953.

The few mathematicians among the forty (40) members in attendance were able to relate us being sixty (60) years old to the big 60 on the sheet cake on display on a table between the two party balloons.

As members entered for the Board and General Meetings, they inquired as to whose birthday it was, Kendra and Howard would just say it was a surprise party so we had to keep it a secret. The basic ingredients for a birthday party are sheet cake, ice cream, drinks, balloons and gifts. At the end of Howard's presentation, we had a drawing for two door prizes. Millie Gauchat and Larry Limmel were the lucky winners.

At the end of our General Meeting, we enjoyed ice cream, sheet cake (vanilla and chocolate), cookies, juice and coffee. It appeared that everyone was enjoying the festive spirit of the occasion. Thanks to Annette and Sylvia for assisting Kendra in serving the party refreshments.

Howard and Kendra are already planning our surprise 70th Birthday Party. By then it will probably be just as big a surprise to Howard and Kendra.



Minutes of the Florida Region AACA Board Meeting – April 8, 2013

Members Present: Howard Gilkes, Bob Coolidge, Dick Gauchat, Tom Holt, Jerry Eakins, Charlie Steffy, Lee Duncan, Wayne Bostak, Nelson Lawhorn, and President Darrel Cole.

The Board of the Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on April 8, 2013. Darrel Cole called the board meeting to order at approximately 6:16 pm.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Charlie Steffy.

Larry Limmel spoke of a possible location for a Florida Region car show. This would be in connection with the Tour of Homes in College Park. The College Park Neighborhood Association (CPNA) holds this event each year in the Lake Adair area. A few cars would be placed this year in front of selected homes on the tour. The 2013 date is May 4th. The location for a Florida Region car show in 2014 would be Dartmouth Park Square. It may be possible to invite a person from the CPNA to meet with the Board of the FL Region AACA. Howard Gilkes will plan to meet with the CPNA to obtain more information.

Lee Dunkin spoke about the 2013 Private Gardens of Historic Orlando featuring the Lake Eola Heights Historical District show on April 21st. The group would like to have five antique cars up to 1960 parked in front of specific houses. Box lunches will be provided and the Lake Eola Heights Historical District will contribute \$200.00 to the FL Region AACA for providing the cars. The time of the event is 11 am till 5 pm.

The minutes for the March Board Meeting were approved as published in the April 2013 edition of *The Running Board*.

AACA shows in adjourning Regions were mentioned. Ocala, Cape Canaveral, and Volusia Region.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Bob Coolidge, Secretary

Minutes of The Florida Region AACA General Meeting – April 8, 2013

Florida Region members present: Approximately 37.

The Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on April 8, 2013. President Darrel Cole called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 pm.

Dick Gauchat led the pledge to the flag.

The program (Howard's Mystery Event) was presented by Howard Gilkes. Howard's topic was the History of the Florida Region AACA which began in Archer, FL in 1953. For full details on this please speak with Howard. In honor of the founding and 60th anniversary of the Florida Region a birthday cake was served and door prizes were awarded.

Charlie Steffy presented the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's report was filed.

Darrel reported on the Florida Region picnic. Lee Dunkin reported that there were 42 present for the picnic. This event will be repeated due to enjoyment expressed by members.

Larry Limmel reminded those attending that the Sunday morning breakfast is upcoming this Sunday at the Bahia Shrine in Orlando.

The Minutes of the March meeting were approved as printed in the April 2013 edition of *The Running Board*.

Sunshine Report: Dena Holt had no reports of illness to speak about.

Ray Morrison reported that former Florida Region members, the Jesse's, recently passed away in Tennessee but were buried in Winter Park.

The organizers of the Lake Eola Garden Tour are seeking vintage cars to be parked in front of homes on the tour. The period cars should match the period homes. There were some who expressed interest in providing cars for this event.

Area AACA regional shows were mentioned, such as, the April 27, Volusia Region, Lake Helen Show.

The Region activity for May will be a cruise-in at The Villages. Participants must be present in The Villages by 3 pm on May 18, 2013 (Saturday).

The Elliott Museum located in Stuart, FL was reported on. Visiting it may possibly turn into an overnight tour for the Florida Region June activity. The car collection in the museum is focused on Ford vehicles. The display is staged in such a manner as to be non-stationary.

Larry Limmel spoke about a potential location for a future Florida Region car show. This would be in conjunction with the College Park Neighborhood Association. Howard Gilkes will be meeting with the Association in the near future and will report back with details.

Lee Dunkin spoke about the Lake Eola Heights 6th Biannual tour of historical gardens. A request was made to the Florida Region to have antique cars parked in front of five of the homes. The Florida Region would receive a \$200.00 donation for providing the cars.

Gene Roy reported on his recent visit to the Charlotte National AACA show. Approximately 250 cars were present for the show. Earl Beauchamp reported that he lost his set of keys to his **1939 Buick** at a hotel in Darien, GA.

Gene Roy reported on the Cape Canaveral Regional AACA Show. There were approximately 125 cars present. Tom Holt was

presented an award. Gene Roy won best of show with his **1951 Frazier**.

Ray Eckhart reported on the 2nd Edgewood Farmers Market show. 20 cars were present. The last Thursday in July (July 25th) will be the next show. The street will be closed off for this event. Darrel and Ray ate a pound and one half of burritos. No sickness was reported following this splurge.

Don Allen reported on the overnight trip of the Orange Blossom Region AACA to Sarasota. They visited the Gamble Mansion Museum and ate a lot going from restaurant to restaurant.

The British Car Show held in Mead Gardens was reported on. Matt Cannizzaro spoke about the upcoming St. Stephens Church show on Tusawilla Road in Winter Springs.

Darrel reported on the recent Barrett-Jackson car auction in Palm Beach. The quality of cars offered for sale was light this year. Prices seemed to be really high or really low with few cars selling in between.

Matt Cannizzaro spoke about an appraisal needed in Long Beach, Calif following his talk last month to the Florida Region. The appraised vehicle did not sell due to issues with non matching numbers.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Bob Coolidge, Secretary

May Birthdays

Mike Adams	May 26	Becky Koehn	May 24
Don Allen	May 4	Ray Morrison	May 16
Nancy Barr	May 10	Tina Prior	May 17
Clayton Elliot	May 9	JoAnn Pyle	May 29
Bud Gross	May 17		

Classics at the Beach Car Show



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

The 17th annual Classics at the Beach car show was held on April 7, 2013 at the Elliot Museum on Hutchinson Island in Stuart, Florida (about 2.5 hours southeast of Orlando). A strong group of around 60 private vehicles from the south Florida area were on display. The weather was overcast and in the high 70's. It did not rain on all the beautiful cars in the museum's parking lot. This year's show was by invitation only. Participants had to submit photos of their vehicles to the museum and if the museum selected your vehicle the entry fee for the show was \$200 per car.

The show vehicles were mainly American, British and German. The oldest car there was a **1926 Durant Star Landau Sedan**. The newest was a **2012 McLaren MP4 12C Coupe** (a half million dollar super car). Also at the show were 2 vintage drag race cars and a few low production vehicles.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE WINNER

Sitting unattended with no barriers around it (see the photo above) was this lovely two tone **1935 Duesenberg Model "J"** originally fitted with a sweep-panel phaeton body by LaGrande. It was later rebodied with a Willoughby Berline body. It was also upgraded with a supercharger. It claims to now have 320 horsepower in "SJ" specification.



V-12 PACKARD

Just a few cars down from the "Duesy" was this **1938 Packard Convertible** with a 175 horsepower V-12 engine (473 cubic inches) that "was capable of reaching 100 mph". The owner was sitting next to the car and was very friendly. This car has the vertical grill openings that are controlled by the thermostat and close in the cold to help starting and warm up. The car has 30,000 original miles, and he is the second owner. It rides on a 124 inch wheelbase and weighs 5,255 pounds.



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COVER VEHICLE FEATURE ARTICLE

1941 Ford Pickup Truck

Owners: **Bill & Cloteen Morris**
Florida Region members

1) Bill Morris bought this one owner truck in 1984 from the son of the original owner in College Park (a suburb of Orlando). All the truck body panels are painted and are waiting for reassembly. On the far left is the original 1941 radiator that has two cores... to allow for the engine hand crank to pass through the center. Bill plans on finishing the truck this year.

2) The truck originally came with an 85 horsepower flathead V-8 engine with a 2 barrel carburetor. In Bill's hands is the unique distributor assembly used in 1941. There is a rotor inside that metal housing that ignites the 4 spark plug wires on each side.

3) Adjusting the distributor points and the spark advance is no simple task for this 1941 distributor. Bill uses a 1950's era Ford Distributor Stroboscope with special adapters to make his adjustments.

4) The original truck dash cleaned up nicely. There is a starter button on the dash. The ignition key locks the steering column. The truck uses the original 3 speed transmission and a 6 volt battery.

5) The rear suspension is very basic. There is one transverse leaf spring for the rear suspension with friction shocks all around. In 1942, Ford trucks went with two longitudinal rear springs. A reproduction metal pickup bed will be added. Bill will use 6.50 x 16 inch bias ply reproduction tires all around his half ton pickup truck.



Classics at the Beach Car Show (cont.)

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IT'S NOT A BMW BUT AN EMW

One of my favorite cars at the show was this tiny two tone **1954 EMW 327/3**, one of 152 coupes built at the old BMW factory in East Germany (Eisenacher Motorenwerk). The car is actually a **1937-39 BMW 327** but was built after WW II from pre-war parts and tooling. It is believed to be the only 327/3 in the United States. It's powered by a six-cylinder engine that displaces 1971cc and produces 55 horsepower. There is a four-speed manual gearbox and four-wheel drum brakes.



A VERY IMPRESSIVE BENTLEY

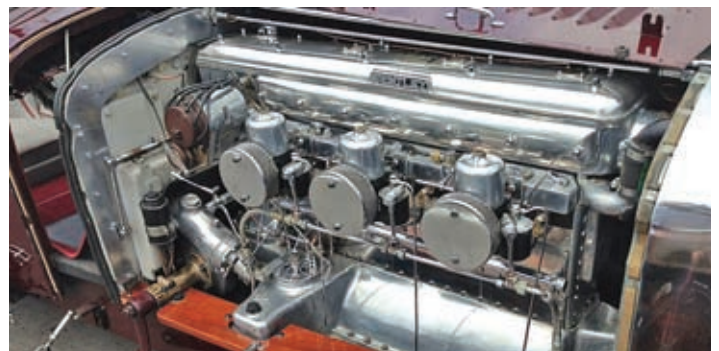
This **1931 Bentley 8 Liter Roadster** originally had a saloon body that was removed. Two feet were cut from the chassis reducing the wheelbase

from 13 feet 6 inches to 11 feet 5 inches. It was rebodied for racing in the early 1930's.

The engine is a massive 8 Liter (487 cubic inch) overhead cam, straight six engine with a claimed 220 bhp. The engine featured 4 valves per cylinder and dual ignition (coil plus magneto). The engine crankcase is made from a magnesium alloy called Elektron.

Between 1930 and 1932 only 100 of these 8 Liter Bentleys were made. Only 78 are believed to exist today and only 16 were built with open bodywork. They all featured custom coachwork, mainly from the firms in England.

The 8 Liter came at the end of Bentley's glory years as an independent automaker. Rolls-Royce, Bentley's competition, bought the company in 1931 and immediately disposed of all 8 Liter spare parts.



Seen at a Local Car Show

While at the March 30, 2013 (Saturday) Old Town Cruise in Kissimmee, FL, I saw this interesting Jeep truck produced by Willys Motors. It's a rare, all original **1958 Jeep FC-150 3/4 ton pickup truck** with a 6 foot cargo bed. FC stands for Forward Control (or cab over engine design). These trucks were made between 1956 and 1964. Total FC production was around 30,000 units .

According to the owner, the truck uses a CJ-5 Jeep chassis (body on frame) with a 81 inch wheelbase and a 57 inch track.



This truck has full time all wheel drive. It is powered by a 128 cubic inch overhead valve 4 cylinder engine with 78 horsepower and 114 foot-pounds of torque. The stock 3 speed transmission comes with a hi-low transfer case. Top speed, per the owner, is around 50 mph.

These vehicles were marketed as work vehicles "for corporate, municipal, military, as well as civilian use. Regular pickup box beds were standard, but customers were offered a large number of "Jeep approved" specialized bodies from outside suppliers. These ranged from simple flatbeds to complete tow trucks, dump trucks and fire trucks.(1)"

SOURCE: (1) http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jeep_Forward_Control
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1927 Studebaker Victoria Coupe	18,500
1934 Mercedes K500 Heritage Replica	29,900
1939 Buick Century	15,900
1947 Chevy Pickup 3100 Model Viper Red	
Gorgeous! Hotrod!	32,500
1950 Farmall Tractor	3,500
1951 Mercury Custom, Red Hotrod!	15,000
1952 Ford Tractor with accessories/implements	3,495 OBO
1954 Plymouth Savoy Hot Rod-Nice!	12,500
1953 MGTD RED	22,500
1957 Chevy Bel-Air Hardtop, 2-drYellow updated!	37,500
1957 Chevy Bel-Air Hardtop, Red	49,995
1960 Lincoln Continental 2 dr. Convertible, Mark V	89,500
1961 Crofton, Utility Vehicle	17,500
1962 Harley Davidson MC 125cc	Make an offer!
1965 Ford Mustang, Blue	23,900
1966 Ford Mustang	24,500
1966 Chrysler Convertible 300	19,500
1968 Pontiac Firebird Veduro Green Convertible	24,000
1969 Mercedes 280 SL Black	37,500
1969 Ford Mustang Fastback-Mach 1 Red	27,450
1970 Jaguar XKE Willow Green Roadster	39,999
1972 VW Frame with Bradley Body Ready to drive!	4,495
1972 Chevy Pickup, yellow	9,995
1972 Buick Centurion Convertible	12,500
1980 Lincoln Mark VI, Green 2-dr.	4,200
1981 Mercedes Benz White 2 Tops 380 SL	7,000
1989 Bentley Turbo only 10,000 miles	34,900
2006 Ford Mustang GT Yellow Immaculate piece!	22,500
2011 Royal Enfield MC G-5 Bk. Deluxe NEW !!	6,095
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All Ford Show Kissimmee, FL

by Mark Regnier, Editor, *The Running Board*

The unsettled weather conditions on April 20, 2013 kept the car attendance down at the annual All Ford car show held at Old Town in Kissimmee, Florida. Around 80 Ford, Lincoln and Mercury cars came out to show off themselves. Temperature was in the mid 70's with a very cloudy sky. It never rained at the show.

THREE RARE, OLDER SHELBY GATHER



At the show were 3 real 60's Shelby Mustangs. One GT350 and two GT500's. The black **1967 Shelby GT350** has an original Paxton supercharger on the 289 cubic inch engine. The gold **1968 Shelby GT500 Convertible** had the 428 cubic inch engine. The red **1967 Shelby GT500** (behind the white Mustang in the photo above) had the 428 cubic inch engine with two four barrel carburetors.

1946 FORD CONVERTIBLE



A beautiful maroon **1946 Ford Convertible Super Deluxe** was at the show. The owner was never around so I wasn't able to ask about the car's history or unique features. The car entry form listed the owner of the car as Gene Garrison from Port Richey, FL. The engine was a 232 cubic inch flathead V-8. It had a manual transmission shift lever on the steering column.

BEST OF SHOW

The Best of Show winner (as voted on by all the participants) was this beautiful **1931 Ford 4 door Sedan** that was owned by a young couple.



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Coming Up a Little Further Down the Road:

- June 2** Florida Region Sunday Breakfast, Bahia Shrine, 2300 Pembroke Drive, Orlando, FL **9:00 AM**
- June 10** Florida Region Board Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL **6:00 PM**
- June 10** Florida Region General Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL **7:00 PM**

June 2013 Car Events

- June 1** **Saturday Nite Anniversary Cruise**, Held on the streets of Old Town, 5770 West Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway, Kissimmee, FL
- June 8** **Vintage Car Show**, Largo, FL, 11 am - 2 pm, Held at the Armed Forces History Museum, 2050 34th Way North, the vehicle display is open to vehicles from 1920 through 1980.
Contact: Paul at (813) 468-0277
- June 14–16** **Downtown Disney Car Masters Show**, Lake Buena Vista, FL, presented by Disney World, held at Downtown Disney. For more details visit: <http://www.floridacoolcars.com/>

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