

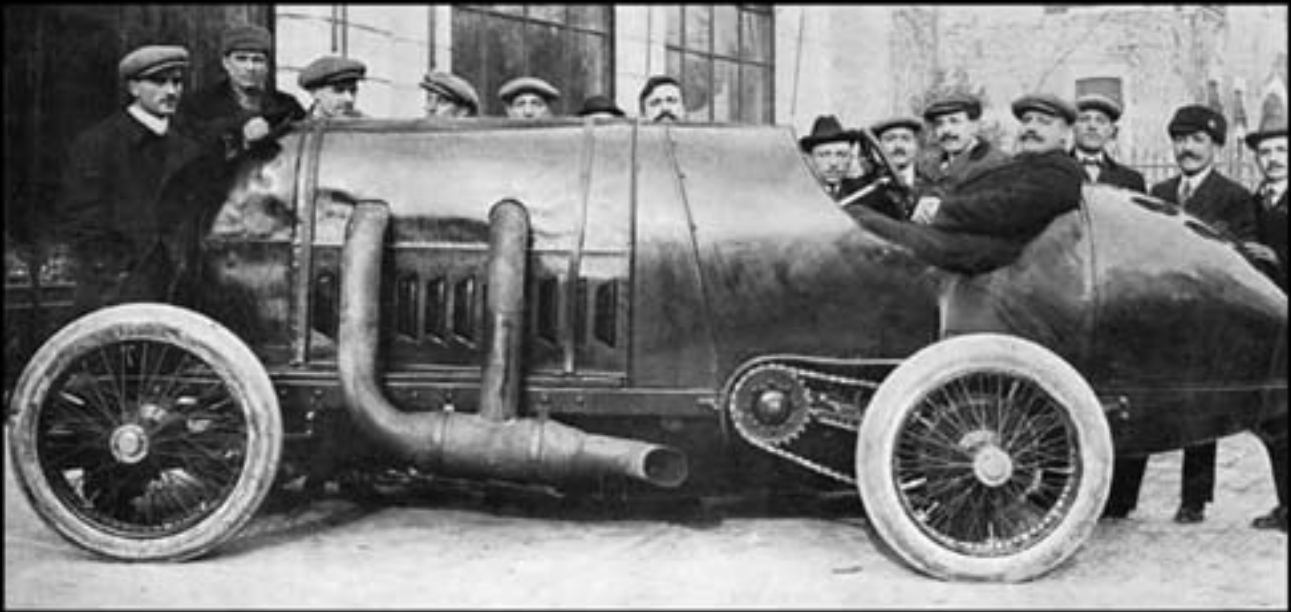
FLORIDA REGION – ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA

# *The Running Board*

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## **1910 Fiat S76 “Beast of Turin” Land Speed Record Car**



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### *Coming Events:*

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| <b>March 1</b> | Florida Region Sunday Breakfast, Bahia Shrine, 2300 Pembroke Drive, Orlando, FL          | <b>9:00 AM</b> |
| <b>March 9</b> | Florida Region Board Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL   | <b>6:00 PM</b> |
| <b>March 9</b> | Florida Region General Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL | <b>7:00 PM</b> |



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# President's Letter

Our February meeting was a wet rainy evening, but we managed to have a great turnout of 56 for our pot luck. We were glad to have Annette Morrison's visiting daughter and a new member with us. The pot luck food was good as usual and thanks to Kendra Gilkes and the ladies for doing a fine job.

In early February AACA National had their yearly meeting in Philadelphia. Ray Morrison was present for his position as a judge on the "Board of Governors". As I was unable to go, Ray represented me at the Regional Presidents dinner. Thanks Ray for representing our club.

Hope everyone is taking advantage of the great car meets in surrounding areas. Myself and several members have had a great time going to car meets. To name a few: Zephyrhills, Sumter County. Also at Daytona Shores was the "Living Legends of Auto Racing" meet. What a great day it was to take the car out and be with a lot of antique cars. I had the honor of Bob McMullen riding with me in my **1948 Chevy**. Also present with their cars were Bob Coolidge, Tom Holt, Gene Roy, Tom and Mary Rose. If you have not been, plan to go next year.



We will have a booth in the "All Ford powered" car show in Longwood on February 28. We will have two of our club members cars next to our booth. The purpose is to attract new members. We will have more about the outcome at our next club meeting.

Our March club meeting will be a good one. We will have Al Atkins and two of his fellow storytellers give us some great entertainment. Invite friends and come have a great time and support your club.

**Nelson Lawhorn**

## **Minutes of the Florida Region AACA Board Meeting – February 9, 2015**

The Board of the Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on February 9, 2015. The meeting was called to order by President Nelson Lawhorn at 5:40 pm. Other Officers, Board Members and General Members present were Jerry Eakins, Dick Gauchat, Howard Gilkes, K.C. Camp, Matt Cannizzaro, Wayne Bostak and Larry Cole.

Jerry Eakins presented the Treasurer's Report and it was filed.

The Minutes of the January Board Meeting were approved as published in *'The Running Board'*

Dick Gauchat reported that our Club Picnic is set up for Sunday, April 12th at Secret Lake Park from 12:00 to 4:00pm.

Nelson reported that our Cedar Key Tour needs to be an overnigher (155 miles or 3.5 hours each way, approximately \$90 for a Bed & Breakfast).

Matt Cannizzaro reported that Florida Region AACA will have a vendor booth at the Mustang Car Show on Saturday, February 28th. Nelson and Bob McMullen will have their cars on display there to recruit new members.

Matt and Wayne Bostak reported that we will be submitting a half page advertisement in the *"Cruise News"* magazine (April issue) for our Old Towne Car Show on Saturday, May 16th.

Larry Cole reported that he and the Mt. Dora Chamber of Commerce are setting-up a Car Show at the Lakeside Inn on Saturday, May 9th.

Jerry Eakins suggested we have a Club Auction. Our Club Meeting on April 13th was the chosen date.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Howard Gilkes,  
Florida Region AACA Secretary

## **Minutes of the Florida Region AACA General Meeting – February 9, 2015**

Our winter Pot Luck Supper at 6:30 pm preceded our General Meeting. This most popular event was chaired by Kendra Gilkes. Fifty-Six (56) members and guests were in attendance, the largest number in recent times. Last year we had Forty-Seven (47).

The General Meeting of the Florida Region AACA was held at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on February 9, 2015. The meeting was called to order by President Nelson Lawhorn at 7:35 pm.

Dick Gauchat led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Howard Gilkes announced that the table decorations of silk roses and vase were to go home with the oldest person at the table, so you had to divulge your age to win the prize. Howard is 78 and it was divulged.

Jerry Eakins presented the Treasurer's Report and it was filed.

The Minutes of the January General Meeting were approved as published in *'The Running Board'*.

Matt Cannizzaro reminded the Club of the Mustang Car Show on February 28th. The oldest Ford will be a **1927 "T" Touring**.

Don Allen announced that the Orange Blossom Region will have a car show on Saturday March 14th in Downtown Davenport. No fee, no judging; But there will be a DJ.

Lee Dunkin reported that Don Allen got 998 points out of 1,000 at the Annual Classic Chevy Show at Westwood Lakes the week-end of February 6th. Don told me that he had scored better in the past !!!

Larry Cole announced a Mt. Dora Car Show on Saturday, May 9th.

The General Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Howard Gilkes,  
Florida Region AACA Secretary

## Photo Captions



From our members., here's some caption suggestions for the above photo.

*This arrangement won't work. Everybody knows that nautically the tailfins should be at the rear and in the water.* – Bob Rader

*After 50 years in Cuba I'm going home at last!*  
Howard Gilkes

*Leaving Cuba? Can I hitch a ride?*  
Howard Gilkes

*Good Bye Cuba; Hello USA!*  
Howard Gilkes

*But Officer... my GPS told me to turn here.*  
Anonymous

*Those Chinese made brake shoes sure don't stop very well.* – Anonymous

*Hmmm, I think your car ferry business idea needs a little work.* – Anonymous

*Are you sure we can make this car engine run the boat's propeller?* – Anonymous

## Seen at the Car Auction

This **1963 Ford Thunderbird** was seen at the Zephyrhills Auto Auction on February 21, 2015. This car did not sell. Asking price was \$35,000.

Factory high performance 390 cubic inch engine with tri-power ("M" code), believed to be 1 of only 26 built, 70,000 Miles, Rangoon Red paint, Kelsey-Hayes wire wheels, wide whitewall tires, automatic transmission, power steering, windows & power brakes, AM radio, swing-a-way steering wheel, original build sheet & owners manual.



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# COVER VEHICLE FEATURE ARTICLE

## 1910 Fiat S76 Land Speed Record Car

“The two **FIAT S76** cars were built in 1910/11 to take the land speed record from **Mercedes’ Blitzen Benz**. In this prewar period the thinking was that ‘bigger displacement is best’ and there was an amazing range of monstrous machines. There was the 25 litre V8 **Darracq** in 1905 (which was the first car to do two miles in a minute), Mercedes built a comically long car called the **flying Dutchman** which had two huge engines, one behind the other. At 28.3 litres (and only 4 cylinders) the **FIAT S76** has the largest car engine ever built. (*Editor – 7.5-inch bore x 9.843-inch stroke!*) (There are a few cars around with larger engines - but they’re aero engines). You may think that 300hp isn’t great for such a big engine - but it has more torque than a **Bugatti Veyron!** With the development of the aeroplane - and lessons learned in motor racing - engine design changed dramatically over the first world war - and it spelled the end for these behemoths.

The big **FIAT** tried to set records at various venues. At Brooklands it nearly went over the banking, they then drove it to Saltburn sands in the North of England on the public roads. The sand was in poor condition but it still reached 116mph. It was at Ostende in 1913 that the final attempts were made. It did reach a record speed of 135mph - but failed to do the return run needed to make it official - a new rule at the time.

At the wheel was racing driver Arthur Duray. He reckoned that first and second gear were okay, that third gear called upon all of his experience as a racing driver and that fourth gear needed the courage of a hundred men!

The cars - and the Russian Count who owned one of them - disappeared and were seemingly lost forever until Duncan Pittaway traced the engine of one and what he believes is the chassis of the other. For over 10 years he worked laboriously to reconstruct as original a car as he could - his one goal being to drive the beast which he’d seen in period photos. Using copies of the original **FIAT** plans, Duncan and his assistants Bruce and Tucker set about reconstructing the car - with specialists helping with the new bodywork and gearbox.”

### Photos and Text Source:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0TV2l6TOuGA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BfYbH7926gk>



# Sold on eBay

This 1950 Crosley Farm-O-Road Truck with 3 speed manual transmission, located in Anaheim, CA sold for \$15,000 (43 bids) on February 10, 2015.

From the Seller's description...

"... In 1950 Crosley Motors introduced the Farm-O-Road truck. The truck was street legal and there for (sic) could be used on both the farm and the road. Crosley built the trucks for 3 years from 1950-1952... around 600 where produced... Engine: 44 cubic inch, four-cylinder... 26.5 horsepower @ 5,400 rpm... Wheelbase 63 inches... This truck has a very desirable dump bed on it with the dual real (sic) tires. The truck is not in show quality but is a very nice driver or would make great for a restoration project."



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1927 Studebaker Victoria Coupe	18,500
<b>1940 Mercury CUSTOM Hotrod</b>	<b>69,995</b>
<b>1951 MGTD</b>	<b>16,900</b>
1952 Chevy 2-Door Sedan Business DLX coupe	27,000
1963 Ford Thunderbird	Call for pricing!
1964 ½ Ford Mustang	Make an Offer!
1969 Lincoln Mark III	4,250
1970 Javelin	6,200
1978 Volkswagon Beetle	10,995
1982 Chevy Corvette <b>Collector's Edition</b>	13,500
1984 Buick Grand National	16,900
1984 Chevy Corvette Coupe	12,900
1987 Ford Mustang GT	4,200
1988 Jaguar XJS Convertible	16,500
1993 Chevy Corvette Coupe	7,900
1994 Lincoln Town Car	3,500
1999 Dodge 3500 Dually	6,000
2004 Suzuki Burgman	3,300
2006 S&S Custom MC	6,000
2008 Saturn Sky 2-Seat Roadster	19,900
2008 Roketa 250 MC	1,149

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# **FLORIDA REGION**

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### **AACA Car Show – RAIN OR SHINE**

***Saturday, May 16, 2015, 10 am to 3 pm***

**Held at: Old Town, 5770 W Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy (Highway 192 East). Kissimmee, FL 34746**

This will be a non-judged car show where old car lover's can display their AACA cars, truck and motorcycles (domestic & foreign) up to the 1990 model year but all are welcome. If you choose to stay for the Famous Old Town Saturday Night Cruise at 8:30 pm and your car is 1979 or older, you are invited to do so. For those cars 1980 to 1990, you may stay in your parking place for the cruise, if wanted.

Early Registration is **\$10**, if received before May 1, 2015. Day of the show Registration is **\$15**.

Please make checks payable to "Florida Region, AACA".

Various Raffles will be held. Vendor space is available for the show.

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## ***Car Show Registration Form***

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Participant's Name

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Address, City, State, Zip Code

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Email Address and Phone Number (for next year's event notification)

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Vehicle Year	Make	Model	Color
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*Disclaimer: Upon signing this registration form you agree that no sponsor or the Florida Region of the AACA shall be responsible for damage to your car or person during any part of this show.*

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Participant's Signature and Date

Mail Registration Form and \$10 Check  
before May 1, 2015 to:

**Steve Tunney**  
9982 Cypress Vine Drive  
Orlando, Fl. 32827.



Show questions may also be directed to: **Steve 732-895-1227, Wayne 407-456-4401, Matt 407-247-7870**