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## **1955 Hudson Italia**

### ***Coming Events:***

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| <b>June 5</b>  | First Sunday Breakfast, Denny's Restaurant, 351 East Main Street, Apopka, FL             | <b>8:00 AM</b> |
| <b>June 13</b> | Florida Region Board Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL   | <b>6:00 PM</b> |
| <b>June 13</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

Thanks to Jerry Eakins for his story on how he got into the antique car hobby and his **1940 Plymouth Sedan**. And to Matt Cannizzaro for his story of his **1965 Porsche** and how it left him stranded on the Bonneville Salt Flats. The Club membership seemed to really enjoy the stories. Requests for telling stories is coming in right on schedule. June's volunteers are Larry Mills and Michael Zimmerman.

Many thanks also to Charlie Steffy for printing the stickers to be affixed to AACA magazines for distribution..

The day after our General Meeting, I rode my antique bicycle (a **1966 Firestone Warrior**) uptown to have breakfast at the College Park Cafe. Don Allen is familiar with my two (2) Firestone Warriors ( I have twins ) since he assembled them while working for Firestone.



While riding, I got to thinking about the large number of antique cars showing up at shows, 290 at Lake Helen, 80 signed up for Mount Dora, 60 at "Dancing On The Drive" at Edgewater Drive College Park and 200 every second Saturday of the month on Canal Street, New Smyrna Beach. My son Jason asked one of the car owners at "The Drive" what club he represented and he said none. I have two neighbors, one has the **1967 Malibu** I gave him and the other (his brother) has a **1950 Chevy Pick-Up** he restored in his garage. Neither one has any desire to belong to a car club. So maybe the Antique Car Hobby is doing better than the membership in car clubs indicate. Even though Club Membership may be down doesn't mean necessarily that the Hobby is down. It could be that only the demographics have changed. Just look at the prices these cars are selling for at auctions, probably the highest ever. Demand is high... Just food for thought.

*Howard Gilkes*

## ***Minutes of the Florida Region AACA Board Meeting – May 9, 2016***

The Board met at Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park, Florida. Present were Howard Gilkes, Don Allen, Mickey Bryant, Nelson Lawhorn, Al Adkins, Wayne Bostak, Matt Cannizzaro, Darrel Cole, Larry Cole, Kerry Camp, Dick Gauchat and Jerry Eakins.

President Gilkes called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

Don Allen presented the Treasurer's report.

April Board Meeting minutes were approved as printed in the May 2016 issue of "*The Running Board*".

President Gilkes spoke to the Board concerning the Region website. Steve Tunney has volunteered to be Webmaster. This position is currently held by Mickey Bryant's daughter. Mickey told the Board that although there are problems with keeping the website current the problems were because his daughter had not been receiving current and pertinent information from the Region. He made several suggestions about updating and improving the website. Mickey will be meeting and discussing all these with Steve Tunney. Mickey told the Board the website needed a Welcoming Message and read a sample he had prepared. Al Adkins made a motion to accept the message. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board.

Matt Cannizzaro said that tonight was Guest Night. He also discussed the Membership Drive using message stickers for member donated AACA magazines. He will distribute stickers and written instructions after the General Membership Meeting tonight.

Darrel Cole told us that the June Event will be a

Garage Tour of his new garage and a visit to Dave Murray's Orlando Classic Cars business. The date is Saturday, June 11 from 10 AM until about 2 PM. Darrel suggested attendees could have lunch after the tours. Information will be forthcoming via email soon.

President Gilkes asked how many of us had read his letter in the May "The Running Board". He then explained how the photo that appeared was taken and the steps necessary to get it printed.

Dick Gauchat volunteered to present an old car story at the July General Membership Meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM.

*Jerry Eakins, Secretary  
Florida Region AACA*

## ***Minutes of the Florida Region AACA General Meeting – May 9, 2016***

President Howard Gilkes called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park, Florida. Thirty six members and guests were present.

Dick Gauchat led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Don Allen presented the Treasurer's Report.

Minutes of the April 2016 General Membership Meeting were approved as printed in the May 2016 "*The Running Board*".

Jerry Eakins told a story about several old cars he had owned, particularly a **1940 Plymouth sedan**. Matt Cannizzaro told a story about a **1965 Porsche** that stranded him in the Bonneville Salt Flats and how he was able to get the car repaired for his trip home to New York.

Several members introduced guests: Kerry Camp



introduced Paul Berman, Jack Scott introduced Woody Welch and Matt Cannizzaro introduced Evan Stone.

Woody Welch invited members to a car show on Thursday, May 12 at 6 PM. Location is The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, 251 E. Lake Brantley Dr., Longwood. Food will be furnished.

Mickey Bryant discussed the Region Website and asked for input from members. He will be discussing improvements and changes to the Website with Steve Tunney.

Matt Cannizzaro explained the procedure for affixing the information stickers printed by Charlie Steffy to AACA magazines to be distributed in businesses by members. This is part of the Membership Drive.

Lee Dunkin told us about the sale of the late David Main's tools. Apparently the family kept the **1964 Plymouth Valiant Convertible** and scooter, which were sent to Ohio.

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Ray Eckhart reported that the next Edgewood Car Show would be on Thursday, May 19, 2016. A show is also planned for October 2016. Ray also told the members about a buffer he recommends.

President Gilkes asked how many of us had read his letter in the May "*The Running Board*". He then explained how the photo that appeared was taken and the steps necessary to get it printed.

Paul Berman invited members to an **Oldsmobile** show in Homosassa Springs on May 21.

Larry Cole and Larry Mills reported that the May 7 Mount Dora Show was a success with about 80 cars registered, 18 from the Region.

Dena Holt's Sunshine Report has both Al Adkins and Gene Roy improving. Al attended the meeting.

Tom Holt reported 290 cars were at the Volusia Region's Lake Helen Show.

Jerry Eakins won the 50/50 drawing and Matt Cannizzaro, Steve Yancy and Charlie Steffy won a silver dollar.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

*Jerry Eakins, Secretary  
Florida Region AACA*

## 1941 Packard 120

After a 3 year sleep in his garage, Jeff Alexander's **1941 Packard 120 4 Door Sedan** is running again and will soon be road worthy. Cleaning out the fuel line and a rebuilding the original one barrel carburetor were all that was needed to get the vehicle running smoothly again. Jeff plans on driving the car around locally this summer.





# Lake Helen Car Show

By **Mark Regnier**, Editor

Over 300 vehicles were on the Blake Park show grounds at the 40th annual Lake Helen Car Show held on April 30, 2016. The “Heritage Classic and Antique Car Show” was hosted by the Volusia Region AACA. The weather was cloudy and in the mid 80’s. A lot of interesting vehicles were there.



**1925 Model T Pickup**



**Tom Holt’s 1950 Oldsmobile 88 (left)  
Bob Coolidge’s 1949 Studebaker Commander**



**1974 Alfa Barchetta**, aluminum frame, fiberglass body, 600cc 4 cylinder engine, 111 HP, weighs 1,362 lbs.

# Car Show Car Spotlight

By **Mark Regnier**, Editor

I spoke to a local Lake Helen (FL) resident about his unrestored **1926 Graham One Ton flat bed truck** that he drove to the Lake Helen Car Show. The engine is a Dodge 4 cylinder flathead engine (original). The wood spoke wheels were wearing 6.0 x 23 tires. He says he has the original cab and bed at home and plans to drive his completed truck to next year’s Lake Helen car show.





# COVER VEHICLE FEATURE ARTICLE

## 1955 Hudson Italia

**Worldwide Auctioneers**  
**2016 Houston Classic Auction**  
**April 23, 2016**  
**Montgomery, Texas**

Lot 38, Sold for US\$ 242,000

Sequestered for More than 40 Years  
The 24th of Just 26 Hudson Italias Built  
Beautifully Preserved Coachwork and Interior  
202 CID In-line 6-Cylinder Engine (3.3 Liters)  
Three-Speed Manual Gearbox on Steering Column  
Twin Carter One Barrel Carburetors  
4-Wheel Hydraulic Drum Brakes

“The Italia featured a radio (not yet standard equipment even on Cadillacs), form-fitting bucket seats made from foam rubber of three different densities for maximum comfort covered in red and white leather, featuring reclining backrests made up of two contoured bolsters, one for the shoulders and one for the lower back. The seats were firmer at the lower back than the upper and between the two cushions was air space so “the seats actually ‘breathed’ through the motion of the passengers.” A non-reflecting dash was finished in red, with bright red deep-pile Italian carpet, all contrasting with the “Italian Cream” exterior color. Even red leather seat belts were incorporated as they were just beginning to appear as standard equipment that was pioneered by Nash but attached only to the seats themselves. Flow-through ventilation, usually credited as a General Motors innovation, feeding through a cowl vent (just becoming usual in 1950s U.S. cars), was also standard.

The Italia was powered by Hudson’s “Twin H” 202 cubic inch (3.3 L) L-head straight 6, with higher (8:1) compression and dual one-barrel (single choke) downdraft carburetors, producing 114 hp (85 kW; 116 PS) and all were equipped with a 3-speed manual transmission with a column-mounted gear shift lever. The cars featured drum brakes front and rear. The trunk was accessible only from inside the car as part of a large luggage platform behind the seats with straps to hold cargo and lockable storage compartments on either side of the platform.”

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<http://www.worldwide-auctioneers.com>  
<https://www.wikipedia.org>





# Sold on eBay

This **1940 Lincoln Zephyr** (25,852 miles) with a 292 cubic inch V-12 engine, 3 speed manual transmission, located in La Habra, California sold for \$8,000 on May 21, 2016 (31 bids). Seller's states...

*"Sedan with suicide doors, good rust free body, good glass, 3 spd, non overdrive, 16" chrome smoothies w cone hubcap, original wheels, caps, whitewalls included, gages all function (amp not working) all mechanical systems functioning, good clean california title, historical plates no reserve... car starts and drives excellent, good overall condition, excellent candidate for restoration ...Paint is fair, and interior is white vinyl... You'll definitely not see one of these at your local show.."*



# 1909 Hupmobile

“ Along with the **Overland** and the **Hudson** automobiles, the Hupmobile was another great car to come on the market shortly after the 1907 Bank Panic and had a reputation of being one of the best in its class.

The first model, Model 20, was completed on November 1, 1908 with a four-cylinder, 10 hp, water-cooled engine with a price tag of \$750. It was shown at the 1909 Detroit Automobile Show in February. It was put into production in March by the Hupp Motor Car Company that had been organized in Detroit shortly after the model was finished . Charles Hastings, former employee of Thomas-Detroit was sales manager and Emil Nelson was the designer. “

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*Hupmobile*

4 cylinders  
30 H. P.  
Sliding gears  
Roch magnet

**\$750**

F. O. B. Detroit, including door, oil lamp, horn and bell. Top, gas lamp, tank in garage, accessories and road test value.

This was the first car of its type to be placed on the market. It is still the first of its type in the estimation of careful motor car buyers and in the opinion of thousands of Hupmobile owners.

This is true notwithstanding the developments which have taken place in the industry since the advent of the Hupmobile. It is true because of two things.

One of these is the low first cost of the Hupmobile and its splendid value.

The other is the fact that, in service, it is faithful and true; and the cost of upkeep and repairs is remarkably low, due to the high ideal which is maintained in its construction.

Investigation and comparison of Hupmobile value with values presented elsewhere will wipe out your last faint doubt, if you are in the market for a car at a price approximate with that of the Hupmobile.

**Hupp Motor Car Co., Dept. B, Detroit, Michigan**  
Licensed under 2660a Patent



# Mount Dora Car Show

By Mark Regnier, Editor

The weather was perfect (clear skies, high 70's) for the May 7, 2016 Mount Dora (FL) car show held at the historic Lakeside Inn Hotel. Lakeside Inn was built in 1883 and is the oldest continuously operating hotel in the State of Florida. It is the last of the Grand Victorian Era Hotels still remaining in Central Florida.

Around 80 cars (18 from the Florida Region) were at the show. The Best of Show winner was Warren Wuebker's beautiful Accent Red and Victorian White **1957 Oldsmobile Starfire 98 Convertible** (bottom 2 photos).

