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COMING EVENTS:

FEBRUARY 7-9	83RD AACA ANNUAL MEETING PHILADELPHIA 201 HOTEL	
FEBRUARY 10	KOEHN CONCOURS	2:00 PM
FEBRUARY 11	FLORIDA REGION BOARD MEETING, KRESS MEMORIAL CHURCH,	6:00 PM
FEBRUARY 11	FLORIDA REGION GENERAL MEETING, KRESS MEMORIAL CHURCH,	7:00 PM
FEBRUARY 23	2019 WINTER NATIONAL MEET OCALA, FL	8:00 AM



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**PRESIDENT’S LETTER**

Greetings

On to another year with our slate filling up with some great shows and events already scheduled and some yet to be finalized.

Take note under coming events for details of the Living Legends of Auto Racing & the AACA National Winter Meet and just a reminder that we have 3 complimentary National Membership apps available for someone worthy of opportunity – let me or one of the board know via email. I would also like encourage any suggestions, comments, recommendations or ideas for the Regions activities be made via email or in writing to the board - especially those verbal suggestions, please convey or follow-up via email (LOL), unless you saw me write it down!!!

Best Regards,

Mickey

**Minutes of the Florida Region AACA Board & General Meeting – January 14, 2019**

The Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on January 14, 2019. President Mickey Bryant called the Board Meeting to order at 6:13 pm; General Meeting at 7:05 pm. Officers and

Board Members present were Jack Scott, Steve Tunney, Howard Gilkes, Darrel Cole, Larry Cole, Bob Coolidge and Larry Mills; General Meeting had 26 Members. The Minutes of the December Meeting were approved as printed in "The Running Board". Mary Rose presented Don Allen's Treasurers Report for December 2018. There was a general discussion on an annual show site, Membership Roster revision and an inventory of Florida Region property (including our USA flag that we keep in the storage room at the Church). Howard Gilkes made a motion at the Board Meeting that the Club allocate \$300 toward President Mickey Bryant's representing Florida Region at the 83rd AACA Annual Meeting on February 7-9 in Philadelphia. The motion passed unanimously. Howard also made a motion at the Board Meeting that the Club pay Coles Classic Cars \$400 for having to furnish additional cars at the New Car Show to meet the requested nineteen (19). The motion passed unanimously. The Board suggested the following for the monthly 2019 Florida Region Activities.

January 14	Club Awards
February 11	Living Legends of Auto Racing
March 11	Pot Luck Supper
April	Spring Picnic
May	Longwood Car Show
June	Garage Tour
July 8	Auction
August	Too Hot !
September 9	Pot Luck Supper
October	Sugar Mill Restaurant
November	College Park Tour of Homes

Nov. 28-Dec. 1            New Car Show  
 December 12 Christmas Party Golden Corral

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm; General Meeting at 7:40 pm  
 Howard Gilkes, Florida Region AACA Secretary

**February Birthdays**

James A. Centrella, III	February 11
Darrel Cole	February 21
Ray Eckhart	February 12
Peter Foley	February 15
Howard Gilkes	February 3
Larry Golub	February 5
Ann Verner	February 25

**In Memory** Larry Limmel passed away last spring. He had cancer that was very bad. If you would like to send a note to his wife, it is Janet Limmel, 5055 South Dale Mabry Highway, Apt #826, Tampa, FL 33611.

Jerry Eakins passed away in his sleep last night Jan 26. This followed a long illness. If you would like to send a card to his wife, she is Jan and the address is 2525 Votaw Road, Apopka, FL 32703-4860.

## Parking Lot Finds

Seen January 9, 2019 in Eustis, FL parking lot 1972 De Tomaso Pantera second year of U.S. production Rear mid-engine, rear-drive Originally sold through Lincoln–Mercury dealerships 351 cubic inch (5.8 liter) V-8



engine 4-barrel carburetor 350 horsepower 5-speed manual ZF transaxle Ford sold around 5,500 Panteras



Seen January 25 in downtown Oviedo: 1947 International Panel Truck, used for towing trailer on trips to the mountains, using 467 cu in Chevy engine.



## FLORIDA MEMORIES

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**The Daytona Beach Road Course** got its unofficial start back in 1902 when the founder of Oldsmobile and Reo Motor Car Company, Ransom E. Olds and the founder of Winston Motor Carriage Company, Alexander Winston staged a race at the Ormond Beach, just down the way from Daytona Beach. With the first organized event taking place at Ormond Beach in 1903, the sandy course became the premier location to chase down the land speed record. In 1936 Daytona Beach officials contacted Sig Haugdahl, a local racer, about organizing an automobile race

at the 3.2-mile course. Unfortunately the sandy turns of the course became almost impassable at the 1936 event and it was shut down after 72 of the 78 scheduled laps. After another race in 1937 lost the sponsoring Daytona Beach Elks Club money as well, William France Sr. took over promoting and running the Daytona Beach racing events. In 1938, the two races held at the beach made money, \$200 for the first and \$20,000 for the second. The attack on Pearl Harbor came in 1942 and racing mostly came to a halt until 1946, when racing returned to the track after the war.

### **Daytona Speedway- February 1963 The Day a Pontiac Tempest Bested the Mystery Motor 1963 Sting Ray**

Vette April 1, 2019 issue BY BRIAN BRENNAN  
PHOTOGRAPHY BY PETERSEN ARCHIVES

We've all heard the story of the little engine that could. Well, the little engine in our story isn't so little and packs a great deal of muscle for something from the mid-'60s. How about a 421 SD Pontiac packing 500-plus hp and capable of motorvating a '63 Tempest LeMans around Daytona quicker than the competition. And what does this have to do with all things Corvette? Well, at a time when the all-aluminum 427 Mystery Motor was about to make its advent within a pair of Mickey Thompson 1963 Corvette Z06s here pops up this barely noticed Pontiac V-8. At a time when the Chevy 427 big-block—the first of its breed was about to punch the automotive world in the proverbial nose—

there was this Pontiac to get around. Doubly impressive was the Pontiac hustling around the track and lapping everyone, including one poor Ferrari eight times. Others were lapped multiple times, too. Even the second place finisher, one of the Mystery Motor Corvettes driven by the legendary A.J. Foyt would succumb. Instead of Chevy introducing the world to a victory with the Mystery Motor, the best they could do this day was to come in second. In Corvette folklore, the accounts of the Chevrolet 427 Mystery Motor packed into the Mickey Thompson 1963 Corvettes that raced at the 1963 Daytona Speed Weeks is the stuff associated with legends. Normally we wouldn't expound on the virtues of a Pontiac in a Corvette magazine, and especially its editor's page ... but I thought this is such a great story and is wrapped around the history that is all things Corvette. And this lil' Pontiac and that big ol' Corvette are forever linked. Let's start with the basics of the car that gave everyone fits. It was a 1963 Pontiac 421 (500-plus hp) Super Duty LeMans coupe (Tempest) belonging to Paul Goldsmith. It's February 17, 1963, and Chevrolet has provided two 427 big-blocks (aka Mystery Motor) to Mickey Thompson who promptly wedges one each into a pair of 1963 Corvette Z06s. And the rest, as they say is history, as all three are off and running at the Second Continental Race a 250-miler. Possibly the most peculiar occurrence of the weekend took place shortly after the event. The Pontiac was sent back to the shop in Indiana and sat for a short time

before reportedly being purchased by Mercedes-Benz, who promptly shipped it back to Germany and completely disassembled every nut and bolt for a “competitive” inspection. The car has never been seen again and is listed by most hard-core SD experts as “destroyed.” But what made this car so desirable, especially to Mercedes, was the rear mounted trans-axle. But it’s what allowed this little Pontiac to stick in the corners and when on the straightaways the rest was easy with the 421 V-8. The transmission was another “head scratcher” as the Pontiac engineers stacked a pair of Pontiac two-speed Tempest Torque units minus the torque converter. Instead, Goldsmith used a clutch to get off the line but once underway it was a simple matter of “grunting” into the next gear ... of which there were four. The Pontiac started at the pole position and it wasn’t even close! Can you imagine a Pontiac Tempest sitting next to a styling marvel like a Ferrari GTO? Even the brutishly good looking Sting Rays of the day resting next to this Pontiac was an odd site. The Pontiac beat the A.J. Foyt-driven 427 Sting Ray by two laps, that’s five full miles ... almost wonder if it was a race at all? When the time came for the Pontiac to compete in the longer distance Continental race later that same week it wasn’t long before the lil’ Tempest gave up the ghost. Popular consensus is the 421 SD motor was fatigued from the shorter 250 race and couldn’t finish the longer, more grueling race. Since

being shipped back to Germany in 1963, the car has never been seen. Some think the car was eventually destroyed. Others believe it still lives in a corner of a research shop somewhere across the ocean. Competition breeds excellence and I have to think that the Corvette benefitted from the lil’ upstart Pontiac ... and so did Mercedes and everyone else who was watching. ■



**Koehn Concours** rescheduled to Feb. 10 2:00PM at 1141 Via Capri in Winter Park George Koehn needs to know by email if you plan to attend. All he asks is to bring an interesting vehicle. koehngwk@gmail.com

**The Original Living Legends of Auto Racing Annual Beachside Car Show and Parade Monday, February 11, 2019**

Car Show staging will begin at 9:00 AM at the Drive-In Christian Church on A1A in Daytona Beach Shores. Cars will be on display until 1:00 PM and then proceed north on A1A and back to the Drive-In Church. Food will be available for purchase. For more info, call John West at (386) 290-419



**12th Annual Modified Reunion  
Friday, February 15, 2019**

New Smyrna Speedway 12 PM TO 5 PM.  
Join your favorite Modified Legends in a relaxed afternoon of remembering the Golden Days of the Modified in the Northeast. View over 20 vintage racers in both static display and on track exhibitions. Richie Evans Memorial Modified Race follows the reunion activities. For more info contact Geoff Yoder at [geoffyoder@hotmail.com](mailto:geoffyoder@hotmail.com).

**The Original Concept Car**

In the automobile industry, the "concept car" is a well-known tool for automobile development. It is a marketing tool, a teaser and also a way for car companies to receive feedback and even gauge audience's reactions to bold new designs and technologies. The history of the concept car originates to one man, Harley J. Earl, an early auto designer and coachbuilder. He started the first-ever styling department at GM in 1927, a first for the auto industry, and later became Vice President of General Motors. Earl's groundbreaking 1939 Buick Y-Job was the first concept car from a major manufacturer, setting the tone for auto design for years to come and paving the way for many forward-thinking concept cars from General Motors. This Harley Earl-penned design was GM's first post-war

concept car. It debuted at Autorama, GM's in-house auto show that ran from 1949 to 1961. Held at the prestigious Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York City, Autorama was General Motors' venue for showing



concept cars, halo cars, and other new exciting vehicles to boost sales and increase their public profile. The 1951 Le Sabre was a groundbreaking concept car for GM. It had numerous advanced features for the time, such as a rain-sensing hardtop actuator, post-war aircraft-inspired styling, heated seats and a 12-volt electrical system at a time when every vehicle operated on 6 volts. After completing numerous auto show circuits, the 1951 Le Sabre concept became Earl's personal vehicle and saw regular road use. By Sam Keller  
[www.autotrader.com/car-news](http://www.autotrader.com/car-news)



### **Car Auction Results**

A legendary Ford Mustang sold Friday (Jan. 11) for a historic price at Mecum's Kissimmee auction when bidding closed at \$2.2 million, making it the most expensive Mustang ever sold at auction. The Shelby Mustang 1967 GT500 Super Snake, a prototype Carroll Shelby built for a tire test conducted by Goodyear.



This 1930 Duesenberg Model J Torpedo Phaeton was originally fashioned with Judkins Company limousine coachwork. This chassis is perhaps the most filmed of any Duesenberg, having appeared in at least 14 Hollywood productions, including "The Great McGinty" Sold for \$935,000

1963 Chevrolet Corvette Z06 sold for \$396,000. Z06 Special Performance equipment package, L84 fuel injected 327/360 HP engine.



1954 Hudson Italia Coupe- Hudson designer, Frank Spring (who left Murphy Coachbuilders in the '30s to join Hudson), contracted with Carrozzeria Touring of Milan to build 25 production models of his dream sports car. Touring created a Superleggera coupe with an aluminum unibody built over a steel tub frame. Spring designed doors cut 7' into the roof for ease of entry, which he pioneered on some Duesenbergs. Each car cost Hudson \$28,000 to build and sold for \$4,800. Concourse-Quality, Price: \$398,600  
[www.hemmings.com](http://www.hemmings.com)





## REGISTRATION

To enter a vehicle in this meet you must be an AACA member and register your vehicle(s) with the meet registrar no later than February 1, 2019. To register\*, visit <http://members.aaca.org/login.asp>

Registration packets will be available Thurs., Feb. 21 and Fri., Feb. 22, at Hilton of Ocala, 3600 SW 36th Ave 34474. Meet participants arriving on Saturday will receive their packets at the show field entrance. Those arriving with trailers will pick up registration packets at trailer parking instead of the hotel.

\* No cancellations or refunds after 2-1-19

## TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE INFORMATION

Trailer parking is available Thursday through Sunday morning. Cost is \$25 per rig for the entire event. Parking passes will be emailed or mailed with instructions. Parking will be at the Paddock Mall across the street from the show field. Please register trailer at No Charge for day of show.

Attendees requiring special assistance:

Saturday arrivals or transportation companies, please contact Meet Chairman Larry Galyean at (352) 538-1338 or [LGALYEAN01@GMAIL.com](mailto:LGALYEAN01@GMAIL.com).

**No truck/trailer parking at college or host hotels.**

## AACA CLUB MERCHANDISE

**Thursday, Feb. 21**  
12:00 noon - 6:00 pm  
at Hilton Ocala (host hotel)

**Friday, Feb. 22**  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
at Hilton Ocala (host hotel)

**Saturday, Feb. 23**  
8:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Show Field (at CF)

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Thursday, February 21

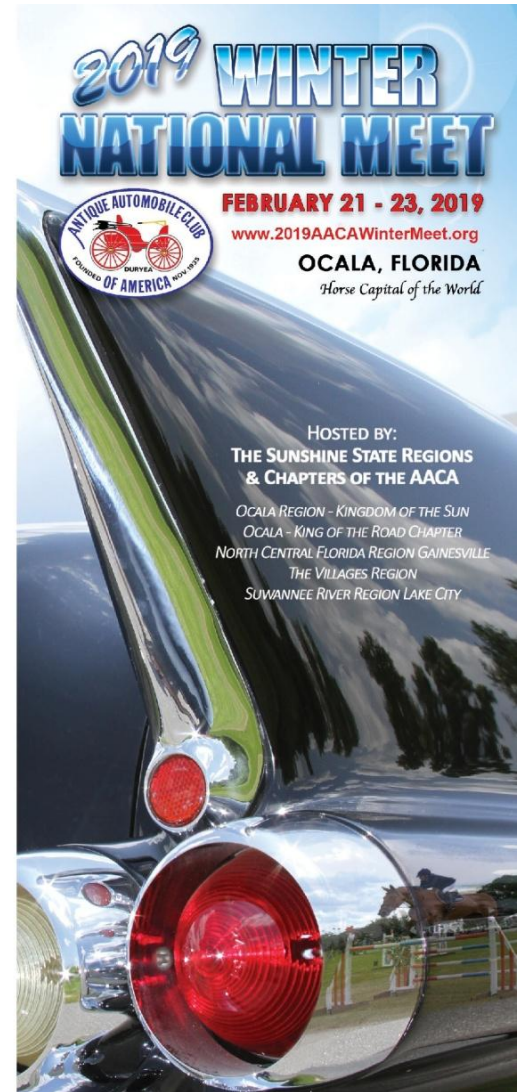
- 12pm - 6pm **Registration Packet Pickup at Hilton Ocala**  
*(No trailer parking at host hotel)*
- 6pm - 8pm **Ice Cream Social & View NPD Car Collection**  
National Parts Depot

### Friday, February 22

- 8am - 6pm **Registration Packet Pickup at Hilton Ocala**  
*(No trailer parking at host hotel)*
- Tours from Hilton Ocala (host hotel)**
- 8:15am - 1:15pm **Tour #SS to Silver Springs**
- 9:30am - 12:30pm **Tour #GG to Gypsy Gold Farm**
- 11am **2-wheelers / Racecars**  
Contact Head Judge
- 1pm - 2pm **Round Table Discussion**  
CF - Building 40
- 2pm - 4pm **Judges' School**  
CF - Building 40
- 6pm - 8pm **Bar-B-Que with Entertainment**  
Hilton Ocala (host hotel)

### Saturday, February 23

- 7am **Show Field Opens**  
*No trailer parking at CF*
- 7am - 11am **Registration Packet Pickup**  
Show Field
- 8am **Judges' Breakfast**  
CF - Building 40
- 9:30am **Continuous Judges' Education (CJE)**
- 9:30am **Owners' Briefing**  
Show Field Entrance
- 11am **Judging Begins**
- 3pm **Cars May Leave Show Field**
- 5pm **Social Hour - Cash Bar**  
Hilton Ocala (host hotel)
- 6pm **Banquet Seating**  
Hilton Ocala (host hotel)



**2019 WINTER NATIONAL MEET**

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**AREA TOURS**

**Gypsy Gold Farm**

Friday, Feb. 22nd, departs Hilton-Ocala at 9:30 a.m., returns by 12:30 p.m.  
 Tour #GG at \$20/person. Caravan or car pool to the Gypsy Gold Farm in Ocala for a 2 hour tour of the farm with lecture by the owner and staff of these unusual and beautiful Gypsy Vanner Horses that were originally bred in England to pull Gypsy Caravan Wagons during the 19th century. Up close and personal with some of these horses allows for memorable photos. These Vanners are a genetic cross between Clydesdale, Shire, Dales Pony and Friesian stock giving them unique hair-covered legs, full fluffy manes and a wonderful disposition. A small gift shop is on site. Short walks on uneven ground are involved; seating in the shade is provided. Equine fans and animal lovers marvel at these unique horses. *Select Tour #GG in your online registration.*

**Silver Springs State Park**

Friday, Feb. 22nd, departs Hilton-Ocala at 8:15 a.m., returns by 1:15 p.m.  
 Tour #SS at \$45/person. Space is limited. Round trip bus transportation to the famous Silver Springs State Park just outside Ocala affords a look at a 200 acre park that was one of the main tourist attractions in Florida before Disney arrived. Silver Springs was founded in 1852. The tour includes a lecture by the Park Ranger explaining the geology of the area and a 30 minute narrated ride in the famous Glass Bottom Boats to see the extraordinary clear spring water source that flows from here north out to the Atlantic Ocean. The TV series "Sea Hunt", starring Lloyd Bridges, was filmed here in the late 1950s. So were the movies "The Seven Swans" (1916), "Tarzan the Ape Man" (1932) and "Creature From The Black Lagoon" (1954). In all, about 200 movies and TV shows were made here in the crystal clear waters. Manatee, alligator, wild boar, wild turkey, armadillo and feral monkey sightings are possible. Ability to do a short walk and board a boat is involved; seating in the shade is provided. Café and gift shop are on site. A box lunch is included before departing the park. This is "Old Florida" at its finest. *Select Tour #SS in your online registration.*

**HOST HOTEL**

**Hilton Ocala\***

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**LaQuinta Inn & Suites\***

3530 SW 36th Ave., Ocala  
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*Mention the AACA when booking for a discounted rate.*

**OTHER HOTELS IN VICINITY**

- Courtyard Ocala\* (352) 237-8000
- Hampton Inn & Suites\* (352) 867-0300
- Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites\* (352) 629-9500
- Fairfield Inn & Suites\* (352) 861-8400

**RV PARKING**

**Off-site RV Parking\*** available through event registration. (must be self contained). \$30/night. (Thur-Sun only)

**RV Campground Parking\*** available. Only one close to show field and host hotel with limited space. Reserve early.  
 Ocala RV Camp Resort (866) 858-3400

**\*No truck/trailer or RV parking at college or host hotels.**

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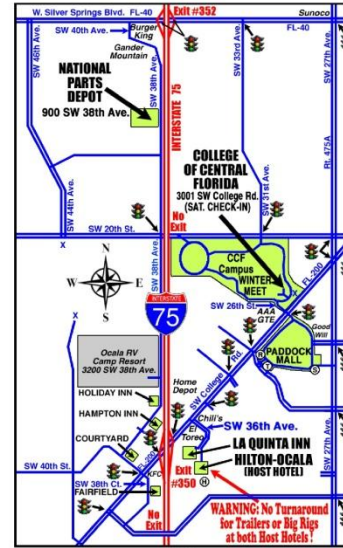
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**2019 AACA WINTER MEET AT THE COLLEGE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA OCALA, FL.**



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 Two Lane Road  
 X Road Closed  
 In Ocala Avenues run N-S Streets run E-W