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ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA

The Running Board

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1911 Rambler Model 65 Seven-Passenger Touring December 2025

Coming Events:

December 8	Florida Region Club Board/General Meeting and Christmas Lunch, Perkins (Apopka), 989 West Orange Blossom Trail, Apopka	1:00 PM
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December Birthdays

Charles Jones	December 12
Shaun Sweeney	December 12
Craig Minegar	December 16
Jack Swain	December 16
Larry Cole	December 21
Arlene Mills	December 26

Board and General Meeting –

The Florida Region AACA Club general was held on November 10 at All Saints Church in the Mary Martha Room of the Thomas Center. The meeting was started by the club President Charlie Jones with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag at 7PM. The minutes from the August meeting as presented in the TRB newsletter were accepted by the club. Don Allen presented the Treasurer's budget report for July and August. The report was accepted by the club.

Charlie finished the treasurer's report with an announcement that Don Allen plans to not support the monthly meeting due to the difficulty of driving at night. The February meeting will be the last meeting that Don and Carole will attend. Don has offered to continue as Club Treasurer working from home.

Don has been the club representative for the AACA National organization club business contacts and club information distribution such as notices/email. Don is willing to continue this work from home.

Charlie asked for volunteers for the club offices in 2026.

Next the club show planning status was discussed. The distribution of show fliers continues.

Show goodie bag contents are needed to fill for show. Mickey Bryant expects that about 100 goodie bags will be needed based on the number of cars at the last show. Charlie encourages all members to bring their old AACA magazines to put in the goodie bags.

Next Matt Cannizzaro reminded club members that Veteran Day will be Nov 11 the next day. Matt has recently joined the American Legion Post in Oviedo that promotes the old car hobby. The post has about 15 members who have collector cars who are active.

Jack Scott presented a meal ticket from an Auburndale restaurant that he won at the BOPC show to Don Allen for his outstanding job as club treasurer.

Charlie Jones has picked up a bunch of old parts (some fenders, model A parts including some wheels and other body parts for a Ford Torino) that Howard Gilkes had collected. Most of these parts are in pretty rough condition. Charlie is going to try to sell them on e-bay. If this doesn't work, he will most likely take them to a scrap dealer. Any money that comes from this effort will be given to the club treasury. If any member has an interest in any of these items, contact Charlie Jones.

The meeting was adjourned and the 50/50 drawing was held.

Dana Sprague

Club Secretary

New Members to our Club

We have a new member. He is Wally Abela and his wife is Darlene Abela. They live at 1026 Crossroads Dr., Polk City 33868. Phone number is 734-558-7381 and the e-mail address is abela427@yahoo.com/ He has a 1932 Ford model B pick up truck, a 1965 Corvette roadster, and a 1967 Corvette coupe.

Dues are Due Jan.

Our Region and National dues are due to be paid by Jan. 1, 2026. The Region dues are \$25 and this is for a single person or a married person or someone with a significant partner. Send your check to me, Don Allen, 153 Poe Dr., Winter Haven, FL 33884. Make the check out to the Florida Region, AACA. You can also give me cash or a check at the November meeting or the club Christmas dinner on December 8. The national dues are \$45 and you can pay that by check or call in and pay by credit card. If mailing a check, make it out to AACA and mail to AACA , 800 West Hersheypark Drive, Hershey, PA 17033. Be sure to include your membership number.

Club Treasurer

Don Allen

1967 GlamourBird



"Glamour Bird" is a nickname for the fifth-generation (1967–1971) Ford Thunderbird, a luxury personal coupe known for its distinctive design that made it stand out from other American cars of the era. It was a large vehicle that came in two-door and four-door models and was powered by powerful V8 engines.

The "Glamour Bird" was considered luxurious and featured a unique, flowing body style with elements like a formal roofline, Landau bars, and a distinctive "bird's beak" grille.



The four door model featured the suicide style door orientation as part the

goal to move the Thunderbird from sporty to luxury markets by Lee Iacocca on style



There would be other seismic shifts in the Thunderbird's direction in the future, but the change for '67 was more significant in that at the time, it was only the second instance this model's identity had been overhauled to this degree.

The design was considered bold and elegant, with its long hood, a low-slung profile, and smooth, rounded lines. The 1967 Ford Thunderbird was a clear reflection of Lee Iacocca's increasing influence on the company's product direction. After his success with the sporty Mustang, Iacocca steered the Thunderbird away from its sporty roots and toward a larger, more formal, and more profitable personal luxury vehicle, borrowing design cues from the higher-end Lincoln Continental.

The 1968 Thunderbird saw the introduction of the new 385 series big-block "Thunder Jet" 4V (4-barrel carburetor) 429 cu in (7.0 L) V8 engines. Like many Ford engines of the time, they were conservatively rated at 360 hp. The new engine made the cars some of the quickest and fastest Thunderbirds ever produced, despite their larger size and increased curb weight. The 1968 and 1969 model years saw minor trim changes



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