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1956 Ford Fairlane Victoria

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- August 5** Florida Region Sunday Breakfast, Bahia Shrine, 2300 Pembroke Drive, Orlando, FL **9:00 AM**
- August 13** Florida Region Board Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL **6:00 PM**
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Tim Bucher Retires As Editor of “*The Running Board*” Newsletter

by Howard Gilkes, Florida Region Member

Over the last ten (10) years, Tim Bucher has made life a whole lot easier for previous Florida Region Presidents including Lee Dunkin, Alson Adkins, Tom Holt, Darrell Davis, Howard Gilkes and Bob Coolidge. It is my honor to have been asked to write this Thank You note to Tim.

Thank you for such a long and significant contribution to our Club. Month after month over the 10 years, you have edited, published and delivered an excellent publication to every member of this Club. You have received many accolades from National and expressions of appreciation from our Board of Directors.

While it is time for you to retire as Editor; it is also time to let you know what it has meant to each Club Member to look forward each month for the delivery of “*The Running Board*” to our home mail box. For many Members who can't attend every monthly Club Meeting, it is their connection to Florida Region.

To our Club's good fortune, Mark Regnier has volunteered to be our next Editor.

Thanks again to both of you.

Mary Dee Williams November 13, 1922 – June 11, 2012



Mary Dee Williams was born in Columbus, Ohio. She raised two sons while her husband was fighting in WW II. The family moved to Florida in 1957. She helped start a small hospital in downtown Orlando that later became Orlando General Hospital. She began as an insurance clerk and finished her career as the Assistant Administrator and at times acting Administrator of the same hospital. The hospital has grown and

is now known as Florida Hospital East. She was a beloved former member of the Florida Region AACA. She also served as the Editor to *The Running Board* newsletter for 10 years.

She was survived by her two sons and daughter in laws & many grandchildren, great grandchildren & one great great grandson.

SOURCE: <http://stei-237566.tributes.com/obituary/print/93962830>

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Deadline is the 20th of the month**

Minutes of the Florida Region AACA Board Meeting – July 9, 2012

Members Present: Howard Gilkes, Bob Coolidge, Dick Gauchat, Tom Holt, Gene Roy, Marilyn Roy, Wayne Bostak, and President Darrel Cole.

The Board of the Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on July 9, 2012. Darrel Cole called the board meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Darrel Cole announced that Mark Regnier has agreed to assume the interim position of Editor of *The Running Board* newsletter.

Whether the Florida Region would want to participate in the April 2014- Sunbelt Rentals corporate request was discussed. Sunbelt is requesting to have 25 antique cars on display at their meeting to be held at the Marriott World Center. They are offering \$500.00 for the event. It was felt that the amount of money offered was low. Darrel Cole will speak with the Sunbelt contact about the Florida Region being paid more money for supplying 25 antique vehicles. There was interest in participating if the payment is appropriate. The contact person is Ken Ruthael 704-506-8639.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Marilyn Roy. The balance on hand is \$7,148.13 with all financial activities falling under routine business.

The June Board Meeting Minutes were approved as published in the July edition of *The Running Board*.

It was noted that a final count of members and guests for the Christmas Party will be needed by the November meeting. The Christmas Party will be held on Saturday night, December 1, 2012. The location is Carrabba's located on the NE corner of Red Bug Lake Road and Tusawilla Road in Winter Springs.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Coolidge, Secretary

Minutes of the Florida Region AACA General Meeting – July 9, 2012

Florida Region members Present: approx. 25.

The Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on July 9, 2012. President Darrel Cole called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Dick Gauchat led the pledge to the flag.

Guests: Nelson Lawhorn, a new member was introduced.

The Program was a video of Jay Leno along with Dennis Gage featuring several of Jay's cars. Darrel noted how special it was for Rachel Veitch to have had the opportunity to visit Jay's garages.

Marilyn Roy presented the Treasurer's Report. It was filed.

The Minutes of the June meeting were approved as printed in the July edition of *The Running Board*.

Dena Holt presented the Sunshine Report. There were no illnesses to report however the passing of two former members was noted. These were Bart Barto and Dee Williams.

Darrel Cole announced that Mark Regnier has accepted the interim position as Editor of *The Running Board* newsletter.

The number attending and the choice of meal selection for the Christmas Party is needed by the end of October. The Christmas Party will be held on Saturday night, December 1, 2012 at Carrabba's on the NE corner of Red Bug Lake Road and Tusawilla Road, Winter Springs.

A pot luck dinner will be held as the September Florida Region meeting. The date for the dinner is September 10th. Kendra Gilkes volunteered to serve as coordinator for the dinner. September 8 is the date for a Garage Tour as the September activity.

The "Back to the 50's" Car Show in St. Paul, MN was reported on by member Mike Montague. Over 12,000 cars were present for this show.

Gene Roy reported on the Grand National Show held in Shelbyville, TN. Gene received the Grand National Award for his Kaiser. Following the AACA Grand National, Gene and Marilyn participated in the Kaiser National Meet at Athens, TN.

Dick Gauchat reported on the National Buick Show. Judging was hot at 104 degrees. The show was held at the Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, NC. Thirteen members from the Mid-Florida Buick Club Chapter participated in the show.

Tom Holt reported that he purchased the **1950 Oldsmobile** back from Frank Boreman and is offering it for sale. No doubt the car's value has increased due to its famous former owner. Tom also reported on the starter trouble he encountered on way to the Sentimental Tour.

Larry Limmel reported that the annual Shriner's Car Show will be held on October 21, 2012 at the Maitland Shrine Center.

Darrel Cole reported that the annual Winter Park Concours will be held on November 9th – 11th at Central Park on Park Avenue in Winter Park.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Coolidge, Secretary

SUNSHINE AND TIDBITS

by **Dena Holt**, Florida Region Member

If you happen to notice exceptionally glowing smiles on Kendra and Howard Gilkes faces, it is due to the return of their daughter Gail and family from Hawaii on July 16th who will now be living in Mystic, CT where their son-in-law Fred will be stationed at The Naval Underwater Research Laboratory. It is easier to travel to CT then it was Hawaii so there will be more family times.

It is with a heavy heart that we write of our Dee Williams passing on June 11th. Dee and her husband Al had been longtime, hard working members of the Florida Region and Dee had served as our **Running Board** Editor for ten years.

Dot Clark had cataract surgery on July 17th and we better watch out now as for sure Dot won't be missing a trick! Good Luck!

Leon D. Barto known to most of us as "Bart" passed away on June 22nd in Sebastian, FL. Bart and Shirley were long time members of our Region until their move and many of us shared many good times with them both. Our condolences to Shirley and their family.

Talk about togetherness, Marianne and Dave Mains both had surgeries on July 27th.. Marianne had left shoulder surgery and Dave had repair surgery. Wishing you both a speedy recovery.

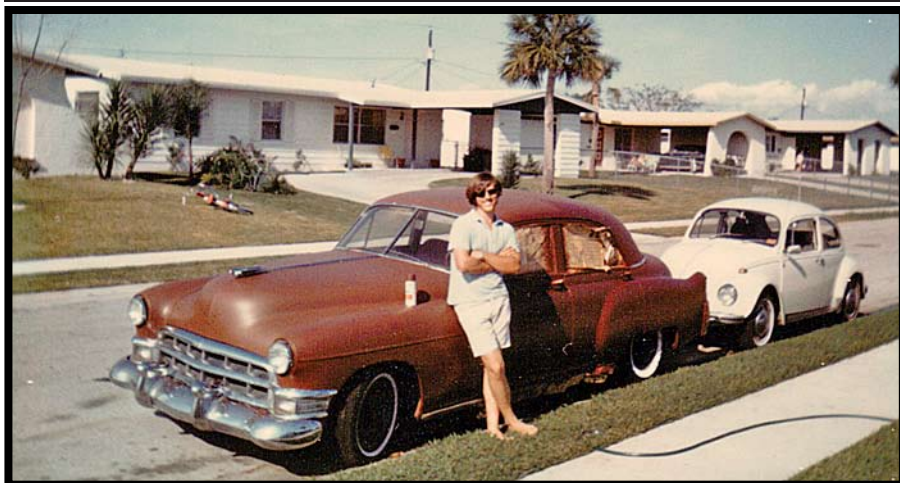
Bob McMullen is joining the ranks of retiree as of mid-August and he and Marlin are looking forward to enjoying the car hobby to the fullest by attending more car shows and tours. Wishing you both many years of happy times in your retirement.

Happy Birthday to our August members and wishes for a happy day and a year of good health and happy times.

August Birthdays

Darrell Davis	August 8
Rachel Veitch	August 8
Ken Anderson	August 10
Shirley Dawson	August 11
Nelson Lawhorn	August 11
Michael Montague	August 15
Jacque Davis	August 17
Pat Dunkin	August 17
Greg Mihalic	August 20
Gene Roy	August 23
Mickey Bryant	August 27
John Downing	August 27
Cindy Mihalic	August 28
Bob Coolidge	August 29
Sylvia Bowman	August 31

My First Automotive Deal



by **Mickey Bryant**, Florida Region Member

Pictured above is a **1949 Cadillac Model 62** – four door sedan. In 1972, three years after my family moved to Florida, I could be found in the family car (a '68 VW Bug shown behind the Caddy) learning the lay of the land by using I-4 as my reference point. Of course, at 28–33 cents a gallon you could still do that. For as long as I could remember I have had an interest in antique and classic cars, trucks, tractors, almost anything with wheels or a motor. Now as a young college man, my main ride was a '67 GTO, a car of a lifetime and another story, but getting back to familiarizing myself with the area. As I was cruising, I was also taking note to any old cars parked, sitting around, or for sale like a **1928 Hupmobile**, a **1948 Dodge wrecker** and a **1949 Caddy**, which I found on the Southwest side of Orlando – just parked in someone's front yard. The car was Forest Green, a solid car, with original interior, complete with no rust but some bright work needing attention. However, it wasn't running at that time. My interest was piqued and the owner was ready to sale – \$100.00!!! **WHAT!** I waited all of three seconds and said, "I'll take it!" Boy was my dad surprised and a little skeptical. But being a supportive dad and a trucker with his own big **International Truck**, he was the first one I thought who could help tow it home. So we headed off to retrieve my new deal. Once there he had a chance to look it over and he was pleasantly surprised by my first deal. Before hitching her up he said, "You know being that this is a hydra-matic transmission, if we get her going fast enough, she could start." Sure enough, going down South Orange Blossom Trail, she fired up. I gave Dad the thumbs up and he pulled over to check it out. My Caddy sat there purring like a kitten and I think Dad was more excited than I was. What a great moment – a memory I will never forget – my deal paid off and my Dad enjoyed it with me.

1970 Dodge Dart Range



Dart Swinger 2-door hardtop, our lowest priced hardtop.



Dart Swinger 340 2-door hardtop,* showing 40 steel Rallye wheels.



Dart Custom 2-door hardtop,* showing 40 steel Rallye wheels.



Dart Custom 4-door sedan.

Do you have an interesting automotive story you would like to share with our club members?

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1964 International Scout 4x4



Cracker Creek / Gamble Place Club Activity

by **Howard Gilkes**, Florida Region Member and Cracker Creek Event Chairman

On May 26, 2012 twenty-six (26) Florida Region Members and Family embarked on a pontoon boat guided eco-tour. The 40 ft. Trident Pontoon Boat is able to accommodate 31 passengers. It was full. Cracker Creek is located in western Port Orange. When you turn off the paved road, you quickly find yourself in the middle of the woods of old Florida, much like the first pioneers did centuries ago. The name Cracker Creek refers to the cowboys and the cattle ranchers in the area. The cowboys cracked long cowhide whips while herding cows, making loud popping noises, and they became known as "Crackers".

The Boat Tour took us on a one-hour cruise down and up Spruce Creek. Spruce Creek is a unique, natural black water stream and is one of only a few left undisturbed in Florida. Numerous habitats along the way are home to a number of protected and endangered plant and animal species.

At the conclusion of the eco-tour, the captain gave a demonstration of the art and accuracy of snapping one of those long cowhide whips. His subject held a weed stick in her mouth. She was Mrs. Williams, the narrator along the boat tour. The Williams family are owners and operators of Cracker Creek.

And now for two coincidences:

My brother Russell joined us on the eco-tour. While signing in at the ticket office, he ran across

an old friend of his. They both retired from Florida Power & Light Company. It turned out that he was the Boat Captain.

While making conversation with Mrs. Williams, the narrator for the tour, I learned that she was the daughter of George Musson of Musson Florists & Flower Farm in New Smyrna Beach. That's where we teenagers used to buy orchid corsages for our dates to our Junior and Senior Proms. In many ways, it really is a small world.

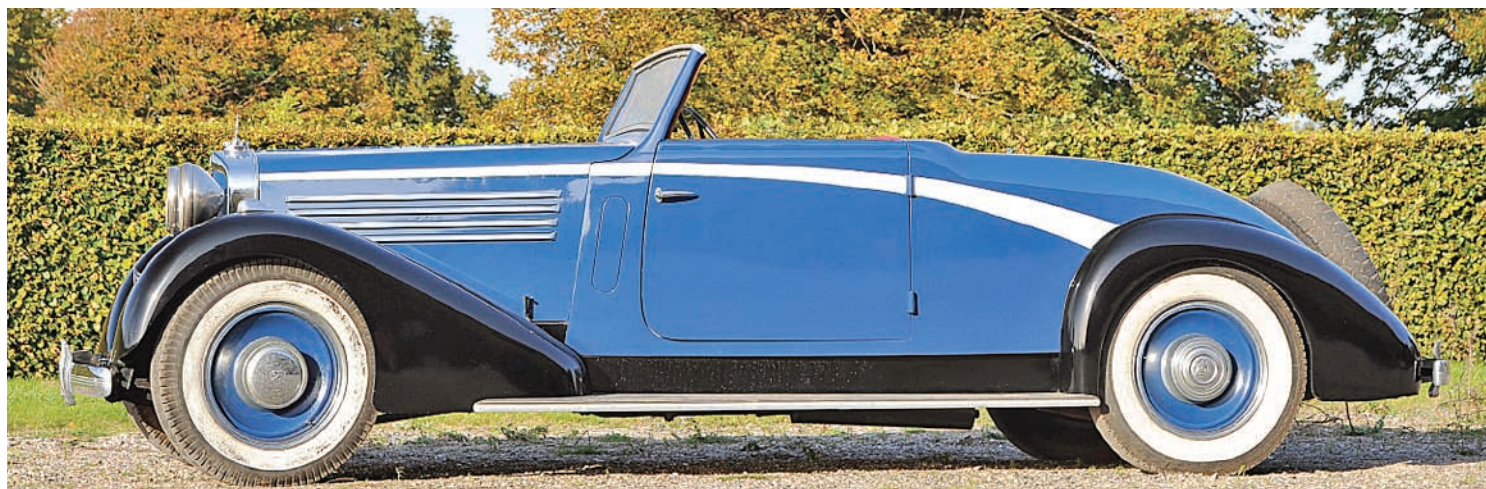
Following the eco-tour, we all headed to the Cracker Creek Café' where our pre-ordered lunches were ready, waiting and delicious. The Café' is a large pole barn pavilion with many picnic table sets. The kitchen is a converted mobile home connected to the pavilion.

After our leisurely lunch, we re-convened just 100 yards back up the dirt trail at Gamble Place (Gamble of Proctor & Gamble Company), also on Spruce Creek. In 1898 James N. Gamble bought these 175 acres for use as a hunting and fishing retreat. In 1907 he built a small cracker-style cottage and he rebuilt an existing packing house to process citrus from his grove. Also on the property is the Snow White Cottage complete with a Witches' Hut, Dwarfs' Mine Shaft and an elaborate network of rocks and gardens.

To those that missed this event, it would be well worth your time to visit this unique set of attractions.

Cracker Creek web site:

<http://www.oldfloridapioneer.com/index.htm>



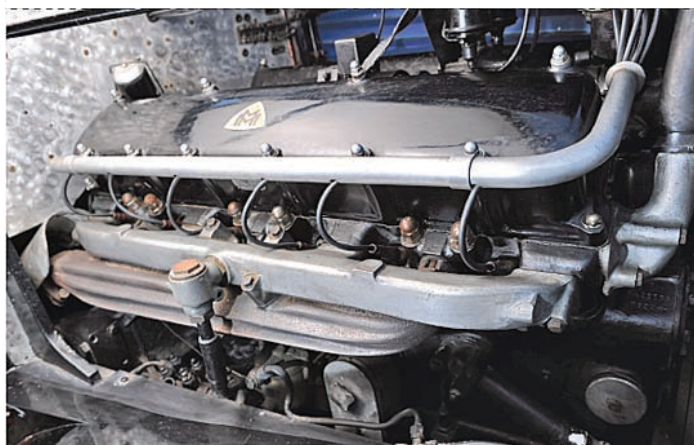
1938 Maybach Zeppelin DS8 Roadster

Lot 162, estimate: €100.000 – €120.000

August Maybach was the technical director of Gottlieb Daimler's company until 1907, after which, he and his son Karl designed a six-cylinder car that they hoped to market to Opel. In the summer of 1908, however, Maybach wrote to his friend Count Zeppelin, proposing to make engines for airships. Zeppelin set the Maybachs up as engine manufacturers, a prosperous enterprise until the Treaty of Versailles forbade German aero production. As a result, Maybach automobiles ensued. The W3, launched in 1921, was one of Germany's most expensive automobiles, more costly than a Mercedes 28/95, which limited its production to some 700 in six years. Karl Maybach became obsessed with multi-speed gearboxes, beginning with a *schnellgang* (fast speed) overdrive.

“eight speeds forward...with a V-12 engine”

Over time, this developed further to a combination sliding-gear box coupled with a separate overdrive. The effort culminated in the *doppelschnellgang* unit, with integral overdrive giving eight speeds forward and vacuum-assisted shifting. The ultimate development was the DS8 Zeppelin, with a 7,978 cc V-12 engine and the *doppelschnellgang* gearbox, also called the “Variorex”. Built from 1932 until World War II, the DS8 numbered only 25 a year through 1937, and another 25 thereafter, through 1940. One of a very few survivors of the DS8 Zeppelin Maybach, this car has the rare Variorex vacuum-change gearbox, reportedly one of about 100 manufactured. When acquired, it was almost devoid of body. It was reconstructed with a reproduction roadster body in the sporting idiom, generally following the lines of original Erdman & Rossi bodies.



SOURCE: pgs 124-125 of Auction Book for August 12, 2012 Auction
<http://www.rmauctions.com/FeatureCars.cfm?SaleCode=AL12&CarID=r179>

1937 RAILTON SPECIAL LIMOUSINE

A Unique British Vehicle with an American Connection

Owners: Eldon & Esta Hostetler, Indiana

Seen June 3, 2012 at the Classic Car Club of America's 26th Annual "Museum Experience" event held in Hickory Corners, Michigan.

1) This right hand drive vehicle with side-mounts was built in Surrey, England by Noel Macklin (builder of Invicta cars). He imported Hudson's straight 8 cylinder chassis (until the outbreak of World War II) and built the car bodies in England.

2) The Hudson straight Eight, side valve engine.

3) Showing the passenger's pull-out map holder. This held a British area road map (an early version of GPS?). Mr. Hostetler is seen at the right.

4) The "boot" (the British term for our "trunk") holds the fitted, locking luggage (that rolls out onto the drop down "boot lid") as well as a fitted tray above that holds car tools (tire wrench, car jack, hammer, wrenches, etc.).

5) Under the driver's seat is a pull out tray with built-in holders for 8 spark plugs, light bulbs, glass fuses, distributor rotor, points, condenser, etc.

This car won Best in Class-European Classic Pre-War (1936-1938) at the 2012 Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance.



1956 Chevrolet Bel Air – My First NEW Car



Photograph from September 2012 "Hemmings Classic Cars", Page 18

by **Larry Cole**, Florida Region Member

As I opened my September 2012 issue of "Hemmings Classic Car", the picture on page 18, of opening show day for the new 1956 Chevrolets, brought back so many memories of the past. One of those men in the showroom could have been me. At age 23, I purchased my first new car, a beautiful **1956 Chevy Bel Air** 4 Door sedan, Sierra Gold & Adobe Beige, 265 V-8 with an automatic trans.

Do you remember those days when in the fall of the year, the dealerships would cover the windows of the showrooms, for the Grand Opening of the new models on Saturday morning? I couldn't wait to see them. Those exciting days are gone forever, but not forgotten.

My father was always a Chevy man. The first one I can remember was his **1932 Chevy Deluxe sedan**. Dad's next Chevy was a 1936 that we made two trips to Colorado in. Then a 1940, his first new car. Next was a **1947 Chevy Fleetline Aero sedan**, like the one in my collection today. It was always one of my favorites, when I was 15 years old.

In 1958 the recession brought me a loss of employment, as a TV technician, I decided to start my own business at 25 and bought a **1958 Chevy Station Wagon** for my service truck. I had a successful business there in Muncie, Indiana.

I started collecting antique cars in 1963 when I was 30 years old. The TV business was sold in 1971 when I moved to Florida. Six cars were shipped to Florida with no place to keep them. That's another story to be continued next month.



1932 Chevy Deluxe Sedan: Larry Cole's Dad and little Larry at the steering wheels of their cars



1936 Chevy
Larry Cole's Dad and Larry on their trip to Colorado



1939 Chevy
Larry Cole's first car, dark blue with fender skirts

AUTOMOTIVE LOGOS REVEALED

PONTIAC DART

General Motors introduced Pontiac in 1926 as a companion brand to its Oakland automobile line, which it had recently acquired and which was based in Pontiac, Mich., and within its first year the performance-oriented Pontiac was already outselling its GM sibling. The name "Pontiac" came from an American Indian, Chief Pontiac, who led an unsuccessful uprising against the British after the French and Indian War; this reference was apparent in the brand's original logo of an American Indian headdress. The headdress logo was phased out in 1956, but the American Indian imagery remained with the introduction of "the Dart," a stylized red arrowhead with a silver star in the middle.



SOURCE:

<http://editorial.autos.msn.com/the-history-of-car-logos-revealed#9>

YOU TUBE WATCH

11 Months, 3000 pictures and a lot of coffee.



Entertaining 2 minute video of an engine rebuild. There's a cute ending to the video. Not sure what kind of car it's going in, maybe a 60's British car? The catchy music is "In The Hall of the Mountain King" from Edvard Grieg's "Peer Gynt Suite".

SOURCE: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=daVDrGsaDME>

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1948 Dodge Pickup No transmission or motor Black Primer	2,500
1950 Farmall Tractor	3,500
1951 Mercury Custom, Red	15,000
1952 Ford Tractor with accessories/impl	3,495 OBO
1954 Plymouth Savoy New Arrival	12,500
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1957 Chevy Bel-Air Hardtop, Red	49,995
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1962 Willys Jeep Pickup Red	25,000
1966 Chrysler Convertible 300	19,500
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1968 Jaguar XKE	59,500
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1972 Buick Centurion	12,500
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1981 Mercedes Benz White 2 Tops	7,000
1989 Bentley Turbo only 10,000 miles	34,900
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Dog Days of Summer Pot Luck Dinner

Meeting Nite

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Bring a Healthy Appetite

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Coming Up a Little Further Down the Road:

September 2 Florida Region Sunday Breakfast, Bahia Shrine, 2300 Pembroke Drive, Orlando, FL **9:00 AM**

September 10 Florida Region Pot Luck Dinner, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL **6:00 PM**

September 10 Florida Region General Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL **7:00 PM**

August 2012 Car Events

August 11 Canal Street Cruise-in, 406 Canal Street, New Smyrna. 4 to 8 pm, Contact: Ron (386) 478-9651

August 17-19 Pebble Beach Concours d' Elegance, Pebble Beach, California, Contact: 877-693-0009

August 18 Eastside Baptist Church Car Show, 1900 Conway Gardens Road, Orlando. 9 am to 1 pm, \$10 Registration, Contact: Renee at (407) 496-2070

August 18 Woodward Dream Cruise, Southeast Michigan, www.woodwarddreamcruise.com

August 18 Winter Garden Cruise, Plant Street, 5 – 8 pm, Contact: 863-207-2498

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