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1967 Toyota 2000GT
Sells for nearly
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On the Road

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Coming Events:

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| April 11 | Florida Region Board Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL | 6:00 PM |
| April 11 | Florida Region General Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL | 7:00 PM |
| April 16 | Florida Region's Spring Potluck Picnic, Caseelberry, FL, Full details at above meeting | NOON |



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President's Letter

Kendra and I were so pleased at the turnout for our Spring Pot Luck Supper. Forty-five (45) members and guests were in attendance. The food and fellowship was excellent. What a great group!! It was good to see several members we hadn't seen for a while including Jack & Joanne Swain and Bud Gross & Patty Ullrich. It's good to have them back. We are so sorry that several regulars were unable to attend. We look forward to their return as soon as possible. We are also looking forward to our Fall Pot Luck Supper. My daughter Gail (down from Connecticut) appreciated everyone singing "Happy Birthday" to her. Her birthday is Saint Patrick's Day, the theme of the Pot Luck Supper.

Many of our newer members and even many of you not so newer members may not remember "The Mount Dora Spring Meet". If you do, you probably think of Tom and Eileen Jevcak. They were associated with the VMCCA (Veteran Motor Car Club of America), out of Tampa, and produced the Meet for thirty (30) years from 1980 to 2010. April, 2010 was the Thirty-eighth (38th) Annual Invitational and last. So if Tom and Eileen produced the last thirty (30), who produced the first eight (8)? The answer follows.

In the early 70s, Florida Region AACA was the host of "The Mount Dora Spring Meet". And low and behold, Larry Cole was Meet Co-Chairman with Grace and Ted Lindenberg. Grace and Ted lived in Mount Dora. And now some Forty (40) years later, Larry is living in Mount Dora and hosting "The Mount Dora Classic" at the same Lakeside Inn Hotel. Wow!! The Show date is Saturday, May 7th. 9am to 3pm. Way to go, Larry! I hope a lot of Florida Region cars show up and support this venture. E-mail mtdoraclassiccarshow@gmail.com.

I also hope a lot of cars showed up for the Tour to Orlando Wetlands Park/Fort Christmas (I'm writing this before the tour on March 23rd and before Kendra and I head to the Beach for two weeks.) Thanks to Nelson Lawhorn for being the Tour Leader.

I am looking forward to our first "Story Night" on April 11th. Charlie Steffy is scheduled to tell a real life 'old car related' story and Don Allen will Show 'n Tell. It is gratifying the way members are volunteering to sign up. Thank you to you all.

Howard Gilkes

Minutes of the Florida Region AACA Board Meeting – March 14, 2016

The Board met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park, Florida. Present were Howard Gilkes, Nelson Lawhorn, Wayne Bostak, Al Adkins, Don Allen, Matt Cannizzaro, Steve Tunney, Dan Brennan, Larry Cole and Jerry Eakins. Dick Gauchat was absent because of health issues. President Gilkes called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

February's Board Meeting minutes were approved as printed in the March 2016 issue of "The Running Board".

Treasurer Don Allen presented the Treasurer's Report.

Steve Tunney discussed having business cards for the Region printed as approved previously. Steve has also agreed to contact Mickey Bryant in regards to The Running Board/Web Site.

Matt Cannizzaro discussed recruitment for the Region. The Board agreed to have stickers made, using Matt's design, for affixing to old issues of "Antique Automobile". The stickers will be given to Region members who can arrange to leave their old magazines at businesses like barber shops, doctor offices, etc. The stickers will identify our Florida Region chapter, meeting time, and urge the reader to take the magazine.

Steve Tunney spoke about the upcoming Secret Lake Park picnic scheduled for April 16. The park has been reserved and Steve will coordinate with Dick Gauchat. It is anticipated Mark Regnier will grill as usual. Jerry Eakins agreed to assist as needed.

President Gilkes reminded the Board of the upcoming General Meeting programs. April will offer Charlie Steffy with a personal story about autos. May will feature a video.

Steve Tunney commented on the great time

members had at the Living Legends of Auto Racing Meet on February 15, 2016. Six or eight members drove their old cars to the Port Orange event.

Larry Cole discussed the upcoming Mount Dora Classic at Lake Side Inn on May 7, 2016. Larry is being assisted by Larry Mills. He also offered a Garage Tour of his new Mt. Dora facility and Bill Morris' garage for an upcoming Region event.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 PM.

Jerry Eakins
Florida Region AACA Secretary

Minutes of the Florida Region AACA General Meeting – March 14, 2016

President Howard Gilkes brought the meeting to order at 7:30 PM after a great Potluck Dinner.

Forty five members and guests were present.

Howard thanked his wife Kendra for her work in coordinating the dinner. He introduced Gail, his and Kendra's daughter, who resides in Groton, Conn. with her husband Fred. Every one sang "Happy Birthday" to Gail, whose birthday falls on St. Patrick's Day.

Don Allen, Treasurer presented the Treasurer's Report. Don thanked Darrel Cole for coordinating the New Car Show and collecting the payment. He distributed 2016 Directories and advised members to destroy old Directories to prevent names, telephone numbers and email addresses from being used by non-members. Don also told the group that he had seen the **1925 Rolls Royce** featured in the March 2016 "The Running Board" in the Silver Springs Museum twenty years ago.

The Minutes of the February General Membership Meeting were approved as published in the March "The Running Board".

Steve Tunney told the membership about the

Secret Lake Park picnic in Casselberry, FL on April 16, 2016 (Saturday). The picnic is potluck with the Region furnishing burgers, hot dogs and drinks.

He also told us that Nelson Lawhorn has scheduled a cruise for March 23, 2016 (Wednesday) to Orlando Wetlands Park in East Orange County near the town of Christmas, FL.

Matt Cannizzaro explained that members will be asked to hand out their old copies of "Antique Automobile" to attract new members. Stickers will be furnished to affix to the magazines giving pertinent Florida Region information and telling the reader the magazine is complimentary. The magazines can be left at businesses of the member's choosing.

President Gilkes told the membership about the upcoming April 2016 program. Charlie Steffy will tell a story about a vehicle and Don Allen will do a Show 'N Tell.

Dena Holt gave the Sunshine Report. Gene Roy is in Rehabilitation and is improving.

Dena Holt held the 50/50 raffle. Annette Morrison won \$40. She also won \$1 while Peter Foley and Joann Swain both won \$1.

Kendra Gilkes and Howard made table awards of the centerpieces. Kendra thanked everyone for bringing food and especially to Betty Hopkins for the ham and Annette Morrison for the delicious fried chicken.

Larry Mills and Larry Cole invited members to the Mount Dora Classic at Lakeside Inn on May 7.

Tom Holt asked for a show of hands for members going to the AACA Naples, FL show (March, 19, 2016).

Ray Eckhart invited club members to the upcoming May 19, 2016 Edgewood Car Show. Cars must be 1975 and earlier.

Darrel Cole introduced his guest, Todd Taylor,

Master Mechanic to the membership.

Kendra Gilkes told the members that the First Sunday Breakfasts were suspended until further notice due to lack of a suitable location.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Jerry Eakins
Florida Region AACA Secretary

April Birthdays

Dot Clark	March 31
Linda Bryant	April 1
Vonell Cooley	April 4
Jan Lawhorn	April 23
Bob Rader	April 6
Perry Lynn Rader	April 6
Thomas Tart	April 2

Classic Cars in Havana, Cuba



The Mount Dora Classic at Lakeside Inn

**Saturday
May 7, 2016**
9am-3pm

**LIVE
MUSIC**

**OUTDOOR
BBQ
& BAR**



**FREE VIEWING
TO PUBLIC**

AWARDS CEREMONY at 2:30pm

Welcome to beautiful Mount Dora and the historic Lakeside Inn.
Plan to relax on the veranda while viewing cars displayed around the
Lakeside Inn grounds, overlooking Lake Dora.

Enjoy all that Mount Dora has to offer:

**DOWNTOWN SHOPPING • DREAM CAR MUSEUM
SEA PLANE RIDES • TRAIN RIDES
BOAT EXCURSIONS ON THE DORA CANAL**

Enjoy the songs & sounds of the 50's, 60's and 70's performed
by the locally acclaimed musical group "THE PROPELLERS".

Make a weekend out of it by booking a room at the Lakeside Inn.
Special room rates are available. Serving Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner daily.
Contact the Lakeside Inn at 352-383-4101 for rates and information.

Overnight parking for cars and trailers will be available.

If you have any car show questions, send an email to:

mtdoraclassiccarshow@gmail.com

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COVER VEHICLE FEATURE ARTICLE

1967 Toyota 2000GT

RM Sotheby's Automobile Auction
Amelia Island, FL
March 12, 2016

Lot 125, Sold for US \$797,500

“1,988 cc, 150 bhp, 2,000 cc Yamaha DOHC hemi-head aluminum inline six-cylinder engine with triple twin-choke side-draft carburetors, five-speed fully synchromesh manual transmission with overdrive... Wheelbase: 91.7 in.

One of 62 left-hand-drive examples sold new in the U.S.

Here was an automobile that could compete with the world's most sophisticated sports cars, not only in terms of performance but also in design. Yamaha, which at the time was heavily involved in motorcycle production, developed the car's underpinnings. Toyota saw this as an opportunity to shake their reputation for rather conservatively designed cars. The 2000GT project would show the world that Toyota could design and construct a car that was both evocative and exciting and that they could reach a design equilibrium that perfectly balanced aerodynamic efficiency and aesthetic excellence.

While the 2000GT's interior was well appointed with wood trim—sourced from Yamaha's own piano division—and leather, it featured nothing more than what is necessary for a driver to enjoy the car as a grand tourer.

Even though its engine was based on the inline six in the second-generation Toyota Crown Sedan, the 2000GT would prove to be the most exciting car in the Toyota model range. The engine produced 150 horsepower, and the vehicle had a curb weight of just 2,400 pounds. This allowed it to achieve a favorable 49/51 weight distribution, which made it quite light on its feet and a joy to drive on a winding mountain pass. Motor Trend lauded it as “one of the most exciting and enjoyable cars we've driven.”

Adding to the desirability of the 2000GT is its rarity. Only 351 examples left the factory by the time production concluded in 1970, and just 15 percent of those were imported to the United States. Priced at over \$7,000 in 1967, the 2000GT was \$1,000 more than both the E-Type and 911 and over \$2,500 more than a Corvette.”

Photos & Text from:

<http://www.rmsothebys.com/am16/amelia-island/lots/1967-toyota-2000gt/1078792>



Sold on eBay

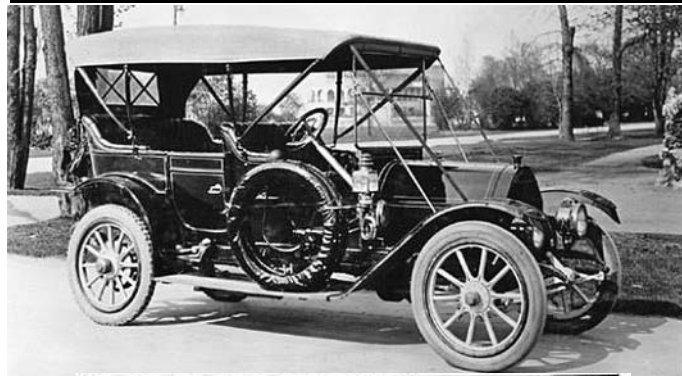
This 1941 Lincoln Zephyr V-12, Four Door Sedan (81,287 miles) with a 292 cubic inch engine (4.8 Liter, 120 Horsepower), 3 speed manual transmission, 125 inch wheelbase, located in Portland, Oregon sold for \$25,000 on March 22, 2016 (22 bids).

Seller's description says...

This restoration was done about ten years ago and it has sat in a collection since then... It starts right up and idles very smooth. The impressive V-12 engine really was unique power plant for the time. The 292 ci engine is a variant of the flat head V8's. John Tjaarda, who was fascinated with airplanes, designed the Zephyr. He wanted a light car and aerodynamic design. It even has a drag coefficient of .45, un heard of for the times."



1910 Carhartt Touring



“Carhartt, Inc., makers of rugged but fashionable (in the Midwest, anyway) clothing for work and outdoors, got its start in Detroit in 1889. An early auto enthusiast, company founder Hamilton Carhartt and son Hamilton Carhartt Jr. briefly jumped into the automobile business in 1910 with two high-quality models of 25 and 35 horsepower. Priced at \$1100 to \$2250, the cars failed to sell in sufficient volume and the automotive operation was discontinued in 1912.

Two 4-cylinder models were advertised - the Junior 25hp and Four 35hp, with the latter having six different body styles... In 1912 a 50hp Four was offered, priced from \$2500 to \$3500.

Very few of these cars were built before Carhartt returned exclusively to the manufacturing of clothing.”

Text and Photos from:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carhartt_\(automobile\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carhartt_(automobile))

<http://www.earlyamericanautomobiles.com>

On the Road: Orlando Wetlands Park

Text by **Nelson Lawhorn**
Past Florida Region President

What a great day (Wednesday, March 23, 2016) for a club car cruise, good sunny weather and great temperatures! Participants were: Bud Bernier, **1970 Oldsmobile Convertible**, Bob McMullen, **1933 Chrysler**, Nelson Lawhorn, **1948 Chevy**, Mark Regnier, **1966 Ford Mustang** & Jerry Eakins, who rode with Bob McMullen.

We started our cruise at 8 a.m. at Nelson's house and went to the Town House Diner in Oviedo, a great breakfast was had by all.

We continued our cruise on back roads for about 20 miles, great country driving, to the "Wetlands of Orlando", a great 1,200 acre nature preserve with hiking trails. We toured the Nature Center and then took a half mile walk enjoying the outdoors. After the walk, Bob McMullen had to leave, with Jerry Eakins, to pick up his newly acquired **Model A**.

Next, we went to nearby Fort Christmas (built in 1837) and had a great time just going through the old buildings, a lot of history. After leaving we went to the Boston Fish House and had a salmon lunch, a great end to a perfect day and no car problems at all. Plan to join us on our next club car cruise.



Automobile Driving Museum

The Automobile Driving Museum (ADM) is located in El Segundo, California, about half a mile south of the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). The museum has around 130 cars from the 1920's to present, some formerly owned by celebrities. The ADM is the only automobile museum in the world that takes guests for rides in their fleet. There is no cost for the ride but donations are accepted.



Every Sunday (weather permitting) the ADM features three different cars in their ride program. Guests can expect to ride in anything from Joseph Stalin's **1936 Packard** to a **1982 DeLorean**. Rides are Sundays only from 11 am – 3:30 pm for guests 10 years of age and older.

Admission cost is \$10 Adult, \$8 for Seniors.

<http://www.automobiledrivingmuseum.org/weekend-rides/>