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## **1931 LINCOLN Model K Convertible Coupe**

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### **Coming Events:**

- December 4** First Sunday Breakfast, Denny's Restaurant, 351 East Main Street, Apopka, FL **8:00 AM**
- December 5** Christmas Dinner and General Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL **6:30 PM**



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# First Lady's Letter

While Howard is riding his 1966 Firestone bicycle out to Breakfast at the College Park Café, I thought I'd take a few moments and write a First Lady's Letter. First off I'd like to thank you all for laughing at his silly little jokes. He has a rather dry sense of humor. He has been President of our Club for nine (9) years and is insulted when someone says seven years. He was hoping to be able to go ten (10) years but a volunteer came along and put a stop to that. Engineers like even numbers, so he tells me.

We haven't been as active in our Club this year as we would have liked to due to our involvement in a major home expansion project in New Smyrna Beach. Howard is the Engineer of Record and self-appointed on-site supervisor. He's a control freak. However, I must say his input has made a difference in the quality of the project.

But so much about Howard. Let's talk about our Christmas Party on December 5th. As of this writing, registration is going well but I know several regulars won't be able to attend due to sickness or conflicts. We will miss you. With our meal being catered, it should be a good opportunity to lay back and enjoy socializing with fellow members and get to know someone you haven't had the opportunity to talk to.

After our dinner, Howard will hold a short General Meeting to approve a slate of Officers and Board Members for 2017. There will be no General Meeting on the second Monday.

Howard is riding up the drive-way now, so I'll ask him if he would like to add anything. He said yes, the Slate for the Executive Board to be elected for 2017. Here it is:

President	Steve Tunney
Vice President	Michael Zimmermann
Secretary	Jerry Eakins
Treasurer	Don Allen
Board	Matt Cannizzaro
Board	Dick Gauchat
Board	Nelson Lawhorn
Board	Wayne Bostak

See you all at the Christmas Party.

**Kendra Gilkes**

**Send your article submissions to:**

**EditorTRB@gmail.com**

**Deadline is the 20th of the month**

## **Minutes of the Florida Region AACA Board Meeting – November 14, 2016**

The Board of the Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on November 14th, 2016. The meeting was called to order by President Howard Gilkes at 6:08 PM.

Officers and Board Members present were Nelson Lawhorn, Matt Cannizzaro, Wayne Bostak, Darrel Cole, Steve Tunney, Dick Gauchat and Jerry Eakins. Matthew Zimmermann also was present.

President Gilkes presented Treasurer Don Allen's Treasurer's Report and it was filed.

The October Board Meeting Minutes were approved as printed in *"The Running Board"*.

Matt Cannizzaro reported he had no items to present concerning the 9 Ambassador Group program.

President Gilkes reviewed events concerning the Region. Nelson Lawhorn reported 7 members cars attended College Park Tour of Homes. Also 4 members showed cars at the First Annual Turkey Trot held at the Apopka Calvary Church on November 13.

Darrel Cole reported on the New Car Show during the Thanksgiving holidays at the Convention Center. Darrel needs 17 cars. He will be contacting members for commitments. This show provides much needed revenue for the Region.

President Gilkes commented on the recent passing of Gail Petronis, a past member and the health issues Board Member Al Atkins is facing.

President Gilkes reminded us the Christmas Party is December 5th at the church. He is going

to hold a short General Membership meeting at the party. The December Region meeting generally held on the second Monday of the month is cancelled.

President Gilkes and the Nominating Committee, consisting of the entire Board, discussed and approved a slate for 2017. Elections will be December 5 at the Christmas Party. The slate is:

**PRESIDENT:** Steve Tunney

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Matthew Zimmermann

**TREASURER:** Don Allen

**SECRETARY:** Jerry Eakins

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Matt Cannizzaro, Dick Gauchat, Al Atkins, Nelson Lawhorn, K.C. Camp, Wayne Bostak, Howard Gilkes

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 PM..

*Jerry Eakins*

*Florida Region AACA Secretary*

## **Minutes of the Florida Region AACA General Meeting – November 14, 2016**

The General Meeting of the Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on November 14th, 2016. The meeting was called to order by President Howard Gilkes at 7:01 PM. Thirty-six members and guests were present.

Dick Gauchat lead the Pledge of Allegiance. He also thanked all Past Presidents who stood as called by Dick. The audience applauded.

Nelson and Jan Lawhorn presented a slide show of their recent trip along US Route 66.

President Howard Gilkes presented the

Treasurer's Report and it was filed.

The October General Membership Meeting minutes were approved as published in "The Running Board".

Mickey Bryant reported on the Region Website. Mickey's daughter who has operated the website since inception is going to coordinate with Steve Tunney to have a backup for the website. Mickey needs members to furnish materials and information to add to the site content.

Nelson Lawhorn reported that 7 members brought their cars to the College Park Parade of Homes event.

Ray Morrison reported on the Apopka Calvary Church Turkey Trot Car Show.

Tom Holt attended and reported on the AACA Hershey show this year.

Kendra Gilkes told us about the Region Christmas Party. She also said she had spoken with Al Atkins and he sounded good.

President Gilkes told the members that a short Business Meeting will be held at the Christmas Party in order to vote on the new slate of officers and Board Members that would take the place of the regular December meeting. There will be no meeting on December 12, 2016.

President Gilkes spoke about the annual gift exchange at the Christmas Party. The gift must be \$10 or less and wrapped. Members have the option of not participating in the gift exchange. Unwrapped gifts for special needs children will also be collected.

Darrel Cole asked for volunteers to put their cars in the Convention Center over the Thanksgiving holidays. He needs seventeen cars and only ten had volunteered as of the meeting. Cars go in between

1 and 2 PM on Wednesday, November 23 and come out at 5 PM on Sunday. Darrel also reported on the Mt. Dora Garage Tour.

Dena Holt gave The Sunshine Report. She told members that Gale Petronis had died. She had a copy of the obituary. She told us that Marilyn Roy had been hospitalized for a blood clot. Dena had a Get-Well card for members to sign.

Mary Rose won the 50/50 raffle. Annette Morrison, Peter Foley and Larry Mills won a dollar.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

*Jerry Eakins*

*Florida Region AACA Secretary*

## ***Members Birthdays***

Larry Cole	December 21
Barbara Golub	December 23
Maryann Joos	December 30
Arlene Mills	December 26
Jack Swain	December 16
Michael Zimmermann	December 9

## ***Club Dues Reminder***

Dues are due. We start collecting dues November 1 for the following year. Please do it now. The Region dues are \$25 and should be mailed to:

Don Allen  
153 Poe Drive  
Winter Haven, FL 33884.

Also, if you would like to have the newsletter mailed to you each month, send an extra \$21 which is just what it costs to print and mail it. Also, remember that in order to be a member of our local Region, you must be a member of the National Club. Mail a check for \$35 to:

AACA  
501 West Governor Road  
Hershey, PA 17033

Be sure to put you membership number on the subject line.

*Don Allen*  
*Florida Region Treasurer*

## ***Florida Region Membership Directory***

Please check your club directory and see if their is anything that needs to be changed. Check name spelling, address, home phone, cell phone, and e-mail address. Also let us know if you have gotten any new cars or disposed of one previously listed. If you have a change and don't tell us, it will not be changed for the club directory. We need this information just as soon as possible. Why not check it now and let me know. Send correction to:

Don Allen  
153 Poe Drive  
Winter Haven, FL 33884

or e-mail me at : [mrboti55@aol.com](mailto:mrboti55@aol.com).

*Don Allen*  
*Florida Region Membership Chairman*

## ***Tech Tip***

**PROBLEM:** You have a 12 volt car battery that you will use to check an automotive radio that

is out of the car. The speakers to the radio are hooked up but you just need 12 volt power to see if the radio works. You only have small alligator clips to attach to the car battery terminals.

**SOLUTION:** Use a small worm type hose clamp to attach to the battery terminals. Attach the alligator clip to the end of the hose clamp.



## ***Tour of Homes Event***

On November 6, 2016, the College Park neighborhood (north of Downtown Orlando, FL) had their 25th annual Tour of Homes event. Our club was invited to park our 7 antique cars along Lake Ivanhoe near the featured homes. The weather was in the low 70's and just a lovely day to hang out by the lake. Thanks to Larry Mills for bringing the group ice, water and soda.



## ***Apopka Calvary Church Car Show***

On November 13, 2016, the 1st Annual Bike and Car Show was held at the Apopka Calvary Church of the Nazarene in Apopka, FL. Over 20 cars and motorcycles attended the event. Ray and Annette Morrison (Florida Region members) greeted attendees. Car show participants were invited to the Church's free turkey lunch at noon.

An interesting 1970 Sears and Roebuck (catalog ordered) single cylinder motorcycle was on display by the daughter of the owner.

# COVER VEHICLE FEATURE ARTICLE

## 1931 LINCOLN Model K Convertible Coupe

**Bonhams Auction, October 3, 2016**

Preserving the Automobile, An Auction at the Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum, Philadelphia, PA

**“1931 LINCOLN Model K Convertible Coupe**

Coachwork by LeBaron

Lot # 237, Sold for US\$ 79,200 inc. premium

“385ci L-Head V-8 Engine

Single 2-Barrel Downdraft Stromberg Carburetor

120bhp at 2,900rpm

3-Speed Manual Transmission

4-Wheel Servo-Assisted Mechanical Drum Brakes

\*Beautifully proportioned LeBaron convertible coachwork

\*Generously equipped with one of the first mobile radios

\*CCCA Full Classic™

### THE LINCOLN MODEL K

Competition in the American luxury market was heating up in the early Thirties, however, and Lincoln responded in 1931 with the Model K, signaling a move beyond the Leland legacy. The respected Leland-designed V-8 with its fork-and-blade connecting rods remained for 1931 but with new cylinder heads, manifold and a downdraft 2-barrel carburetor (the first appearance of a downdraft 2-barrel on any American automobile.) Its horsepower increased dramatically, now being rated at 120 brake horsepower, up 1/3 from the same displacement's 90bhp rating in 1930.

More significantly, Lincoln introduced an all-new drop-frame chassis with up to the minute features and 145 inch wheelbase, nine inches longer than 1930. Nineteen inch wheels complemented the dropped frame while a new gearbox with freewheeling and synchromesh on the two top gears, a double disc clutch, Houdaille double-acting shock absorbers and Bendix Duo-Servo brake booster reflected how thoroughly Lincoln was being transformed.

The reason for all this updating would become apparent in 1932 when Lincoln dropped into the new frame a new, 448 cubic inch V-12 to create the Model KB, but in 1931 it meant Lincoln Model K buyers got a new level of comfort, performance, safety and design flexibility to complement the vastly improved Leland-designed V-8 engine.

### THE MOTORCAR OFFERED

Richard Hopeman had a long association with the Lincoln marque and so it is not surprising that retained in his stable were a series of highlight examples of their production. The Convertible Coupe was certainly a pinnacle of the design relationship between Lincoln and LeBaron with its beautiful proportions.

Mr. Hopeman acquired the Convertible Coupe in New York in the late 1980s, from photos taken at that point it appeared to be complete, only to have seen better days. In keeping with his high standards, he and his assembled friends and assistants worked to restore the car to its former glory. As part of that work a full repaint was carried out into the tasteful two tone blue scheme that it sports today. The mixed tones accentuating the body moldings.”

*Text & Photos from [www.bonhams.com](http://www.bonhams.com)*



# 2016 Fall Florida Autofest – Lakeland

November 10–12, 2016  
Lakeland, FL

The 2nd annual Fall event was held at the Sun & Fun complex (a small regional airport). In addition to the Carlisle sponsored car auction there was a swap meet, car corral, classic car show, airplane display and helicopter rides.



1953 Mercury Woody Wagon, 9 Passenger



1953 Mercury Woody Wagon, V8, Automatic, Air



1946 Hudson Pickup



1946 Hudson Pickup, Lot F165, Sold for \$12,500



1958 Chevy Bel Air 50th Anniversary Edition



1946 Hudson Pickup, Flathead 6, 3 Speed, 6 Volt



1951 Kaiser Deluxe Sedan



A Batmobile replica driving by



1951 Kaiser Deluxe Sedan, 6 Cylinder, Automatic

# Central Florida International Auto Show

November 24–27, 2016

Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, FL

This year our Florida Region AACA club had 3 separate display areas due to one vendor not showing up. A total of 17 cars (3 were non-AACA members) represented vintage and classic cars from the 1930's to the 1990's. Thanks to Darrel Cole for organizing and staging this year's event. Listed below are this year's participants.

- 1) **1931 Cadillac Imperial Limousine** – Mickey Bryant
- 2) **1940 Ford Coupe Deluxe** – Steve Yancey
- 3) **1941 Ford Pickup** – Bill Morris
- 4) **1948 Chevy Fleetmaster** – Nelson Lawhorn
- 5) **1955 Pontiac Star Chief Hardtop** – Jerry Eakins
- 6) **1957 Chevrolet Bel Air Convertible** – Steve Tunney
- 7) **1959 Cadillac Coupe De Ville** - Darrel & Larry Cole
- 8) **1959 Dodge Coronet** – Darrel & Larry Cole
- 9) **1962 Dodge Custom** – Bill Lamping
- 10) **1965 Ford Mustang Coupe** - Henry Hopkins
- 11) **1966 Ford Mustang Coupe** – Mark Regnier
- 12) **1966 Cadillac De Ville** – Darrel & Larry Cole
- 13) **1971 Oldsmobile Cutlass Convertible** – Wayne Bostak
- 14) **1980 Oldsmobile Toronado** – Tom Holt

The 3 non-AACA member cars were a **1940 Ford Pickup**, **1965 Chevrolet C10 Pickup** and a **1993 Ford Mustang**.



Waiting to move in. Cars # 8 & 6



On the show floor, Car # 1, 1931 Cadillac Limousine



On the show floor, Cars # 2, 14, 5, 4 and 10



On the show floor, Cars # 7 and 9.



On the show floor, Cars #8 and 6

