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Coming Events:

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| April 2 | First Sunday Breakfast, Denny's Restaurant, 351 East Main Street, Apopka, FL | 8:00 AM |
| April 10 | Florida Region Board Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL | 6:00 PM |
| April 10 | Florida Region General Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL | 7:00 PM |
| April 23 | Florida Region Picnic, Secret Lake Park (Sunday) Casselberry, FL, bring a dish to share | Noon |



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Deadline is the 20th of the month

President's Letter

Hi all,

Well here we are right in the middle of car show season. While we need rain, the weather has certainly been cooperating on weekends for the many car shows available to us all. Hopefully you are participating in some of them. Try and go with a fellow member.

This month, The Florida Region with sponsor our annual picnic. It is scheduled for Sunday, April 23, 2017 at Secret Lake Park in Casselberry. I am hoping that we can get some volunteers to help with the set-up beginning at 11 AM. The club will furnish hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, and drinks. Those attending are encouraged to bring salads, chips, snacks or anything else that may be appropriate. The actual picnic begins at 12 noon. I also hope that we bring our collector cars as well. That would make it a very nice event. The camaraderie amongst our club members along with the cars can be special. Thanks to Dick and Millie Gauchat for arranging this event. I look forward to seeing you there.

I had the opportunity to attend the Amelia Island Concours this year. I got to speak with Dana Mecum, Wayne Carini, and Ralph Marano personally for a short time and found them to be very gracious. If there were baseball cards for car collectors, these guys would be on them. The cars, however, stole the show. I particularly loved the grouping of **Chrysler** and **DeSoto Airflows** in attendance. There were approximately 10 on display with about 9 of them being 2 doors. The two doors cars are much rarer than the four doors so that was quite a display. All of the cars were special in their own right and it was a great opportunity to see this event. I'm very grateful.

We hope to show some vintage automobile ads from the 1950's - 60's at our meeting this month. That should bring back some interesting memories. Hope to see you there.

Best regards,

Steve Tunney

**Minutes of the Florida Region AACA
Board Meeting – March 13, 2017**

The Board met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park, Florida. Present were Howard Gilkes, Dick Gauchat, Steve Tunney, Wayne Bostak, Nelson Lawhorn, Darrel Cole and Jack Scott.

Steve Tunney called the Board Meeting to order at 5:40 pm.

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

The February Board Minutes were approved as published in "*The Running Board*".

Jack Scott was voted in as Board Member replacing Nelson Lawhorn who became Vice President.

Howard Gilkes reported that he reported to the Orange County Tax Collector that our old expired trailer License Plate had been stolen.

Steve Tunney reported that he was working with National AACA on setting up a whole new Web Site.

Dick Gauchat reported on our planned picnic on April 23 at Secret Lake Park. Dick will furnish drinks and hot dogs. Participants please bring a dish to share. Mark Regnier to cook on the grill at the park.

The Downtown Longwood Monthly Cruise is scheduled for May 13 (Saturday).

The April program will be videos of old car ads (commercials), VHS tapes furnished by Jack Scott.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Howard Gilkes, Acting Secretary
Florida Region AACA

**Minutes of the Florida Region AACA
General Meeting – March 13, 2017**

Following our Annual March Pot Luck Dinner chaired by Kendra Gilkes, our General Meeting started. President Steve Tunney called the Meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

The Pot Luck Dinner and Meeting were held at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park, Florida. Thirty Six (36) members were in attendance.

Dick Gauchat led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

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

Items discussed in the Board Meeting were presented to the General Membership by President Steve Tunney.

In addition, Steve Tunney thanked Kendra for another successful Pot Luck Dinner by her and her many helpers.

Larry Cole introduced his friend and new member Bob Mozingo. Bob is also a past member.

Darrel Cole reported on the Amelia Island Car Show, 300 cars participated.

Mickey Bryant reported on the National AACA Meet in Ocala.

The General Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

*Howard Gilkes, Acting Secretary
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April Birthdays

Linda Bryant	April 1
Vonell Cooley	April 4
Jan Lawhorn	April 23
Bob Rader	April 6
Perry Lynn Rader	April 6
Jon Strich	April 16
Thomas Tart	April 26

Florida Region Picnic

The Florida Region's **SPRING PICNIC** will be held Sunday, April 23, 2017 at Secret Lake Park, 200 Ivey Road, Casselberry, FL 32707.

The PICNIC is from Noon to 3 pm. Food will be served at 12:30 pm. Group photo taken at 1:30 pm. The Picnic is **FREE** to Florida Region members, their family & friends.

RSVP to Steve Tunney 732-895-1227 to

sign up for the side dish or dessert you will be bringing.

Let us know how many are coming so we can buy enough food.

The club will provide the Burgers, Hot Dogs, Soda, Ice Tea, Lemonade & Water.

Apopka Car Show

The 16th Annual Rotarian Lowell's Classic Car Show at Kit Land Nelson Park in Apopka, FL was held on a beautiful semi-cloudy day on March 11, 2017. Over 120 cars came out on Saturday morning to show their cars and attend the Apopka Fair held next to the show field. Included in your entry fee was FREE hot coffee, cold orange juice and fresh donuts.

One of the feature cars at the show was a **1982 Delorean DMC-12** owned and shown by the original owner.



The car is all original apart from the front seats being redone. I learned from the owner that the 2.85 liter V-6 engine, 130 horsepower Delorean motor and gearbox were made by **PRV (Peugeot-Renault-Volvo)** The owner said engine parts are easy to come by. He also mentioned the car cruises very nicely at 70 miles per hour.



The **1967 Buick Riviera** features a “barrel type” speedometer



This **1959 Edsel Ranger** four door is owned by Dennis Pewsey.



This **1967 Buick Riviera**, owned by Jim and Carol Kilroy, has a 430 cubic inch, 360 horsepower V-8 engine and 3 speed automatic transmission. The interior is original. Exterior color is Green Mist Irid.



This **1966 AMC Marlin**, owned by Steve & Leslie Marbais, is #410 of 4,547 made. It features a 327 cubic inch V-8 with 270 horsepower, 3 speed automatic transmission and a luxury interior package. Exterior color is Balboa Aqua with a black vinyl top.



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COVER VEHICLE FEATURE ARTICLE

1953 Fiat 8V Supersonic by Ghia

Sotheby's RM Car Auction,
Amelia Island, FL, March 11 2017
Lot 122, Sold for \$1,375,000

the most sought-after and desirable 8Vs, as they boast the best combination of avant garde design from the Jet Age."

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1953 Fiat 8V Supersonic by Ghia

"115 bhp, 1,996 cc OHV V-8 engine, four-speed manual gearbox, four-wheel coil-spring independent suspension, and four-wheel Alfin hydraulic drum brakes. Wheelbase: 94.5 in.

Believed to be the 1954 Geneva Motor Show car
Five owners since new; former ownership for four decades
One of the very finest of only 15 8V Supersonics built

"THE BIGGEST SURPRISE OF THE YEAR"

Fiat's most legendary, significant, and storied production model, the 8V was aptly described by Road & Track in 1952 as being "the biggest surprise of the year." Although the company traces its roots to 1899 and built competition cars both massive and magnificent in the early twentieth century, after WWII the company was known largely for its mass-produced automobiles for the common man, vehicles like the tiny "Topolino" that had put a nation on wheels and become among the most popular in Europe. Therefore, it came as a shock to the automotive world when FIAT suddenly introduced a powerful sports car with an advanced overhead-valve light alloy V-8 engine, Siata-fabricated chassis, and four-wheel independent suspension, which could be and was successfully raced by privateers all over the world.

Like most sophisticated chassis of the time, the 8V lent itself handsomely to custom coachwork, which Fiat encouraged. Carrozzeria Ghia of Torino accounted for approximately 30 to 40 of the 114 8V chassis built, of which the most striking were the 15 bodied to Giovanni Savonuzzi's stunning Jet Age design, known, simply and appropriately, as the Supersonic.

The Supersonic design had originally been proposed for an Alfa Romeo racing car, which Savonuzzi gave a steeply raked, long windshield; a curved nose that formed a straight-through beltline, ending at small tailfins flaring off lights intended to resemble jet afterburners; and a low, glassy greenhouse. Similar styling on an 8V chassis was subsequently ordered by American designer Paul Farago, and 14 more copies followed, all of which had detail differences but remained largely true to Savonuzzi's original and dramatic design. They are considered



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This 1967 Dodge Charger had a 426 Hemi engine under the hood !



Sold on eBay

This 1938 Studebaker K10 Pickup Truck with a 6 cylinder and 4 speed manual transmission, sold for \$59,000 (55 bids) on February 2, 2017. Car was located in Denver Colorado. Seller states...

"... Big brother to the smaller and more common K5 Coupe Express, the K10 was Studebaker's smallest truck built on a full size truck frame. Styled by famous designer Raymond Loewy total production was less than 100 units over the three years it was built... Original numbers matching engine, truck is totally complete down to its five original hubcaps... No rust ever, truck has its original metal bed floor. "



Solivita Car Show – March 18, 2017

The 7th Annual Solivita Car show was held on March 18, 2017 on the streets of the Solivita Village Center (a smaller version of Winter Park’s Park Avenue). The Village Center has tree lined streets and is located between two small lakes.

The weather was in the mid 70’s with partly cloudy skies.

Motorcycles (2 and 3 wheel) versions were also on display. The local Solivita motorcycle club is known as the “SOB’s” –Solivita Old Bikers.

Solivita is a 55 plus community located in Poinciana, FL. It has over 7,000 homeowners.



1991 Lotus Elan M100, fiberglass body, steel backbone, 2,450 pounds, 1.6 liter turbo, 200 horsepower, 5 speed manual, Lotus’ only Front Wheel Drive vehicle they made

