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1959 Buick Electra 225 Four Door Hardtop

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Coming Events:

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| May 7 | First Sunday Breakfast, Denny's Restaurant, 351 East Main Street, Apopka, FL | 8:00 AM |
| May 8 | Florida Region Board Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL | 6:00 PM |
| May 8 | Florida Region General Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL | 7:00 PM |



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Deadline is the 20th of the month

Road Tour – April 5, 2017

It was a nice cool morning spent traveling the back roads of Orange County in antique cars. After breakfast in Apopka we stopped at the massive Apopka Sports Complex. Next we headed to Trimble Park located on the Mount Dora chain of lakes. Next, we stopped in to view Larry Cole's car collection in Mount Dora, FL. We ended the tour with a great lunch in Mount Dora.



Minutes of the Florida Region AACA Board Meeting – April 10, 2017

The Board of the Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on April 10th, 2017. The meeting was called to order by President Steve Tunney at 6:05 PM. Officers and Board Members present were Nelson Lawhorn, Matt Cannizzaro, Wayne Bostak, Don Allen, Darrel Cole, Howard Gilkes, Fred Kaufman, Jack Scott, and Jerry Eakins.

Jerry Eakins made a motion that Fred Kaufman fill the Board position vacated by Kerry Camp. Nelson Lawhorn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Don Allen presented the treasurer's report and it was filed.

The minutes of the March Meeting Minutes were approved as printed in "*The Running Board*".

Howard Gilkes told the Board that he and President Tunney had audited the Region's financial records at the February meeting and all were in order. Jerry Eakins made a motion, seconded by Howard Gilkes, that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

President Tunney spoke about the upcoming picnic at Secret Lake Park on April 23rd. The picnic will commence at 1PM. Details will be emailed to club members.

May's meeting program will be a return of Mr. Charlie McWhorter, 97, who spoke at our February 2017 meeting.

Nelson Lawhorn told the Board about the April 5th tour of the Northwest Recreation Complex near Apopka, Trimble Park and Larry Cole's car collection. Nine people and seven cars participated.

Matt Cannizzaro spoke about the May 13th Longwood Cruise. Interested members can meet at the 4 Rivers Barbecue restaurant on SR 434 just west of Interstate 4 at 3 PM for a meal and then convoy to the cruise site. Members not eating can meet in the restaurant parking lot about 3:30 PM to join the convoy.

President Tunney told us that Tom Holt will begin telling members about upcoming shows at the General meeting.

Jack Scott reminded us of the May 27th Heritage Classic & Antique Car Show hosted by the Volusia Region in Lake Helen and the Great Southern Antique Auto Show and Rally in Cairo, GA on the second weekend in May.

President Tunney told us Bob Mozingo is a new member.

He also told us that the October picnic at Kerry Camps home had been cancelled.

Fred Kaufman began a discussion of ways to increase membership participation with more activities and increasing membership. He and Matt Cannizzaro agreed to form a committee to contact nearby Regions to explore a joint car show. Matt told the Board that we need to be handing out membership applications at car shows and cruise-ins we attend. President Tunney will print application copies for members.

Nelson Lawhorn spoke about the annual June 1st antique car display at the Brookdale Nursing Home. Antique cars will be on display from 11 AM until noon at which time car folks will be treated to a meal. Cars may leave after lunch. The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM.

*Jerry Eakins, Secretary
Florida Region AACA*

Minutes of the Florida Region AACA General Meeting – April 10, 2017

The General Meeting of the Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on April 10th, 2017. The meeting was called to order by President Steve Tunney at 7:34 PM. Thirty members were present. Mickey Bryant led the Pledge of Allegiance. Treasurer Don Allen presented the treasurer's report and it was filed.

The minutes of the March 2017 Meeting Minutes were approved as printed in the "*The Running Board*".

President Tunney told the Board that he and Howard Gilkes had audited the Region's financial records at the February meeting and all were in order. He also told us that Fred Kaufman had filled the open position on the Board.

President reminded members that Dick Gauchat has scheduled a Picnic at Secret Lake Park for April 23rd from 1 PM until 4 PM. Volunteers setting up the site will arrive at noon.

May's meeting program will be a return of Mr. Charlie McWhorter, 97, who spoke at the February 2017 meeting.

President Tunney will report on updating the Region's website at May's meeting.

Nelson Lawhorn told the membership about the April 3rd tour of the Northwest Recreation Complex near Apopka, Trimble Park, and Larry Cole's car collection. Nine people and

seven cars participated.

Matt Cannizzaro spoke about the May 13th Longwood Cruise. Interested members can meet at the 4 Rivers Barbecue restaurant on SR 434 just west of Interstate 4 at 3 PM for a meal and then convoy to the cruise site. Members not eating can meet in the restaurant parking lot about 3:30 PM to join the convoy. Matt also told us Charlie Steffy has provided more magazine stickers and they were available tonight.

Tom Holt told us about upcoming car shows:

1. AACA events can be found in the "Antique Automobile".
2. Sumter Swap Meet, Car Corral and Car Show is the first Sunday of every month except July and August.
3. Renninger's Cars and Guitars is the second Sunday of every month.
4. Old Town Saturday Nite Cruise every Saturday.
5. Winter Garden Cruise N Car show is held quarterly in Downtown Winter Garden on the third Saturday in January, April, June, and September from 4 to 8 pm.
6. The Villages Cruise-in at the Spanish Springs town Square every 3rd Saturday 3:30 – 7:30.
7. Eustis Cruise-In is the 4th Saturday of every month.
8. May 27th Heritage Classic & Antique Car Show hosted by the Volusia Region in Lake Helen.
9. Great Southern Antique Auto Show and Rally in Cairo, GA on the second weekend in May. Tom really enjoys this event.
10. Sanford Riverwalk cruise-in on last Saturday of each month.

Nelson Lawhorn spoke about the annual June 1st antique car display at the Brookdale Nursing Home. Antique cars will be on display from 11 AM until noon at which time car folks will be treated to a meal. Cars may leave after lunch.

Tom Holt began a discussion about the club not having a car show. Several members voiced opinions and President Tunney told members that Matt Cannizzaro and Fred Kaufman were forming a committee to look at ideas. Tom also told us that Jim Centrella's father had passed away.

President Tunney introduced new member Terry Firestone.

Tom Holt won the 50/50 drawing while dollar winners were Charlie Steffy, Patty Ullrich and Steve Tunney.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

*Jerry Eakins, Secretary
Florida Region AACA*

May Birthdays

Mike Adams May 26

Don Allen May 4

Keith Craft May 23

Clayton Elliot May 9

Bud Gross May 17

Becky Koehn May 24

Larry Mills May 7

Ray Morrison May 16

Tina Prior May 17

Welcome New Club Members

Thomas & Nancy Greve
Mt. Dora, FL

They have a **1953 Corvette**
1965 Pontiac GTO 2 door Hardtop
1955 Chevy Bel Air 2 door Hardtop
1955 Chevy Bel Air Convertible

David Berndt & Karen Parker
Mt. Dora, FL

They have a **1988 Rolls Royce Corniche drophead**

Keith Craft
Mt. Dora, FL

He has a **1970 Buick Riviera coupe**

Bobby & Charlene Mazingo
Apopka, FL

They have a **1954 Bentley R-type 4 door**
1979 Fiat Spider 124 roadster

Thanks go out to Larry Cole for signing up the new club members.

COVER VEHICLE FEATURE ARTICLE

1959 Buick Electra 225

Owner: Jack Scott, Florida Region Member

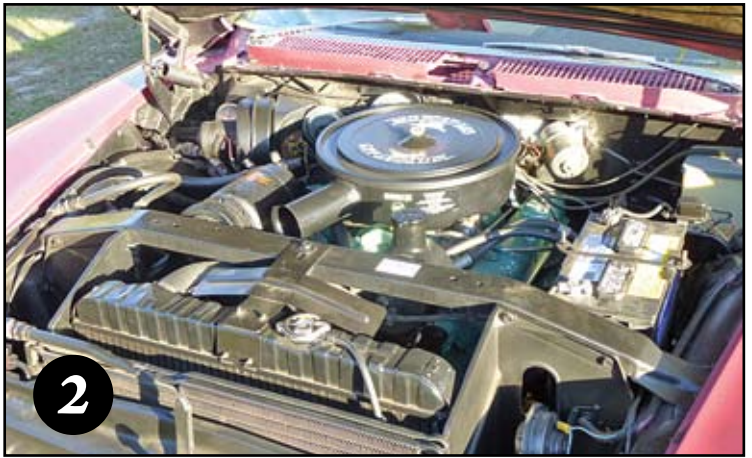
1) Jack bought this car in 2008 from Palm Springs, CA. He is the 3rd owner. With 72,000 miles, the car is as it came in 1959. The model name “225” comes from the length of the vehicle in inches. The **1959 Buick** had the widest rear fins ever made. This was the last car designed by Harley Earl before he retired. The factory original exterior color is Lido Lavender.

2) The 401 cubic inch (6.6 liter) “Wildcat” V-8 with a 4-barrel Carter carburetor developed 325 horsepower at 4,400 rpms and torque of 445 at 2,800 rpms.

3) This Buick has the 2 speed “Twin Turbine” automatic transmission that has variable-pitch torque converter stator vanes. You cannot feel the car shift. The speedometer has an orange bar that moves across horizontally to indicate the speed.

4) The original factory installed Air Conditioning compressor is rebuilt. 10,491 of this model **1959 Buick 4 door hartops** were made and only a portion of those came with factory installed air conditioning.

5) The car rides on 225/75R15 aftermarket radial tires. The 4 wheel coil spring suspension and 126 inch wheelbase makes the car ride great. Outward visibility, due to the thin pillars, is fantastic.



27th Saturday Nite Cruise Anniversary

This year, Old Town in Kissimmee, FL held its Saturday Nite Anniversary Cruise on April 8, 2017 instead of in the hot summer time. Almost 400 cars attended the cruise. The renovation at Old Town starts with the new entrance which looks like a pair of giant jukeboxes. Parking lot lighting and the restrooms are also improved.



1958 Edsel Pacer 2 Door Hardtop with 361 Cubic Inch V-8, 303 Horsepower with Teletouch 3 speed automatic, 6,139 built.



1963 Chevrolet Corvair Rampside Pickup, Model 95. 2,000 produced in 1963, flat 6 engine, rear engine air cooled, 95 HP, 4 speed manual transmission. Unitized body and frame construction. A popular usage for this vehicle was appliance deliveries.



A REO pickup truck



A 1948 Ford Truck, Cab Over Engine



1956 Mercury Montclair 2 Door Hardtop, 312 cubic inch V-8 engine with 235 horsepower. Color is Persimmon and White
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Club Picnic

The April 23, 2017 Florida Region club picnic in Casselberry, FL was held under nice weather. Several members brought out their classic cars to the event for others to enjoy. Thanks go out to Dick & Millie Gauchat for organizing the event.

