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Coming Events:

November 9	Allegro Assisted Living Center 10 cars request / Wayne Bostak	
November 11	Florida Region board Meeting, Kress Memorial Church	6:00 PM
November 11	Florida Region General Meeting, Kress Memorial Church	7:00 PM
November 28-December 1	Daytona Turkey Run, Daytona International Speedway	8:00AM



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Deadline is the 20th of the month

## President's Letter

Greetings All,

We are getting ready to move into the holiday seasons, which for some of us is usually a busy time. First though we have the drive-in at the Allegro Retirement Center on Saturday the 9th. Please contact Wayne Bostak if you can participate - I believe they would like us to have between 10 and 15 cars and I am sure some extras would be of help to Wayne in case some-one cannot make it. Next will be the regular meeting on the 11th, Thanks-giving on the 28th, and the Turkey Run at Daytona that same weekend for those that partake. So let's keep those cars shined up - do alot of safe driving and keep in mind all we have to be thankful for!

Oh and keep getting the word out about us and bring in any extra magazines for distribution.

Best Regards,

Mickey Bryant

## Letter from the Editor

Sights from the Stroll in Maple Hill  
Cemetery Huntsville courtesy of Nell Owen

Erskine burial site





## **Minutes of the Florida Region AACA Board & General Meeting – October 14, 2019**

The Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on October 14, 2019. President Mickey Bryant called the Board Meeting to order at 6:08 pm; General Meeting at 7:00 pm. Officers and Board Members present were Jack Scott, Larry Cole, Darrel Cole, Bill Morris, Bob Coolidge, and Howard Gilkes. General Meeting had twenty (20) members in attendance.

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

The Minutes of the Sept. Meetings were approved as printed in "The Running Board". Howard Gilkes presented Don Allen's Treasurer's Report for September, 2019. The General Meeting program was guest speaker Russ Muller, Photographer, who gave a report on "The Power Tour".

Darrel Cole reported there were nineteen (19) antique cars in the "New Car Show". Kendra Gilkes gave the Sunshine Report. Mickey reported that the Allegro car display be changed from Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> to Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>. Mickey also reported that the Florida Region/Mt. Dora Annual Car Show is cancelled.

Mickey encouraged all members to think about possible new venues. Bill Morris reported on the Hershey Show. He linked up with Nelson Lawhorn in Tennessee and they Motor Homed to the show. The weather was good as was the show.

### Upcoming 2019 Events:

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Assisted Living Center 10 cars request /  
Wayne Bostak

December 9  
Officers and Board election for any office  
open for election

December 12  
Christmas Party/Golden Corral 6:30  
pm/Howard Gilkes, Chair

January 13  
Awards and Installation of new Executive  
Board

The 50/50 Winner was Jack Scott. Silver Dollar winners were Toby Guttman, Dick Gauchat and Betsy Campbell.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm; General Meeting at 7:52 pm.



Howard Gilkes, Florida Region AACA  
Secretary

P.S. Any members interested in  
volunteering for the Executive Board,  
please contact Howard.

### **Dues for 2020**

The deadline for paying your 2020 dues is  
December 31, 2019. We are accepting  
them now, so why not mail it and have it  
done. The region dues are \$25 per year  
plus an extra \$21 if you want your  
newsletter mailed. Make your check out to  
Florida Region, AACA and mail it to Don  
Allen, 153 Poe Dr., Winter Haven, FL 33884

Also, your national dues are due at the  
same time and they are \$40 per year.  
Please make those checks to Antique  
Automobile Club of America and mail to  
501 West Governor Rd., Hershey, PA 17033.

### **Welcome New Members**

Ronald Fritz  
5103 Falmouth Dr., Orlando, FL 32812,  
phone 321-440- 6586

Phyllis Forgit  
7704 Skyview Dr., Orlando, FL 32809  
phone 407-859-4826  
She has a 1979 Pontiac Gran Prix coupe.

Marvin and Toby Guttman.  
427 Lanarkshire PL, Apopka, FL 32712.  
They have a 1963 Impala convertible

### **November Birthdays**

Philip Dodds	November 10
Carol Firestone	November 24
Terry Firestone	November 21
Glenn Harris	November 9
Matthew Johnson	November 25
Paul Levine	November 4
Marilyn McMullen	November 4
Annette Morrison	November 18



### **Russel Erskine Hotel Huntsville Alabama**

The Russel Erskine Hotel is an apartment  
building and former hotel in Huntsville,  
Alabama. It was named after Albert Russel  
Erskine. It was added to the National  
Register of Historic Places in 1980.

The building itself was not a product of a  
large corporate investment or single

enterprising individual looking to turn a profit, but instead the work of several local Huntsville businessmen coming together to enrich their community. When a group of Huntsville businessmen ran into financial problems in constructing the hotel in Huntsville, Erskine provided the means to finish the project. However, one stipulation was that the name of the hotel be changed to the Russell Erskine. The hotel, when opened, was the finest in north Alabama and it has remained a prominent feature of the Huntsville skyline.

Albert Russel Erskine was born in Huntsville, AL Jan. 24, 1871. He lived in Huntsville until he was 27 and while there he lived at 527 Franklin Street in what is now known as the Twickenham Historic District. He was educated in the public and private schools of Alabama and left school at the age of 15 to begin work as an office boy for \$15 per month in a Huntsville railroad office. He later became chief bookkeeper in that office for \$65 per month, then he moved to St. Louis to become chief clerk for the American Cotton Company. As president of the Studebaker Corporation from 1915 to 1933, he literally guided the Studebaker company from the 'horse and buggy' days into the position of a major player in modern auto production. After exhaustive investigation both abroad and in this country, followed by the building of 15 experimental chassis and bodies and countless road tests at Studebaker's million dollar proving ground, a remarkable new-type car evolved by Studebaker

engineers. Because Mr. Erskine was primarily responsible for the development of this evolutionary new car, the board of directors of the Studebaker Corporation unanimously decreed that it should be named the 'Erskine Six'.



He is buried in the Erskine Mausoleum in Maple Hill Cemetery in Huntsville. He donated the stone entranceway in 1916 in memory of his mother and donated the Erskine Addition to Maple Hill Cemetery.

Nell Owen

North Alabama AACA Chapter