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Coming Events:

Cancelled for June	Florida Region board Meeting, Kress Memorial Church	Cancelled
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Deadline is the 20th of the month

President's Letter

Greetings All,

We come to you this month saying goodbye to another one of our lifetime members - Russ Dawson. Russ and Shirley have been with us since sometime in the sixties I believe. I hope that many of you were able to connect with the live feed service from the Highland Funeral Home. I want to thank all of you who were able to make the service and those who were unable - drop Shirley a note!

Unfortunately we will have to cancel June's meeting since the church has not decided to open back up yet and will not meet until May 30th to contend with that matter and under what conditions. We should most certainly be able to plan for July's meeting with plenty of time to prepare. Remember that July will be our annual auction meeting so you'll have plenty of time to gather things or make something!!!, automotive related or not - whatever wonderful treasures you want to part with!

Make sure to log onto our website for a new car of the month and view some more past club events that have been posted.

Happy Motoring!!!

Mickey Bryant



That's right little peckerheads...keep a wipin'.

Letter from the Editor

I hope the month of June brings good news and happy motoring for all us. The updated club website really helps brighten my day. In the meantime, here is something to lighten our outlook.





General Meeting –

The May meeting for the Florida Region AACCA chapter was canceled due to the coronavirus-enforced shutdown .

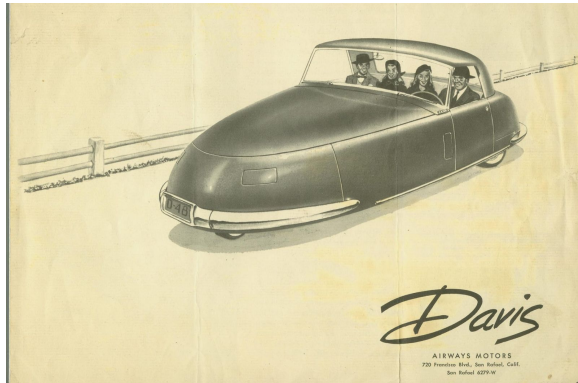
Tentative Events for 2020:

To be rescheduled	WastePro Museum in Sanford
July 13	Club Auction
August	Open
September 14	Pot Luck Supper – Kendra Gilkes, Chair.
October	Orlando Classic Cars
November	New Car Show – Darrel Cole, Chair.
December	Christmas Party – Howard Gilkes, Chair.

June Birthdays

Nelson Biffar	June 1
Lanny Boden	June 12
Barbara Cole	June 22
Millie Gauchat	June 30
Margaret Hess	June 25
George Koehn	June 19
Janet MacMillan	June 6
Steve Tunney	June 3

1948 Davis Divan, Another Post-War Promise that Failed to Deliver



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Davis_Divan
[Jay Leno drives Davis Divan](#)

The Davis Divan is a three-wheeled convertible built by the Davis Motorcar Company between 1947 and 1949. The brainchild of used-car salesman Glen Gordon "Gary" Davis, it was largely based upon "The Californian", a custom three-wheeled roadster built by future Indianapolis 500 racing car designer Frank Kurtis for Southern Californian millionaire and racer Joel Thorne. After building two prototypes in 1947, Davis embarked on an aggressive publicity and promotional campaign for the car, which included numerous magazine appearances, a lavish public unveiling at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, and a promotional trip across the United States.

At the company factory in Van Nuys, employees worked frantically to build

Divans, although the model was never put into mass production. Despite raising \$1.2 million through the sale of 350 dealerships, the Davis Motorcar Company failed to deliver cars to its prospective dealers or pay its employees promptly, and was ultimately sued by both groups. The company's assets were liquidated in order to pay back taxes, while Gary Davis himself was eventually convicted of fraud and grand theft and sentenced to two years at a "work farm" labor camp.

Only 13 Divans (including the two prototypes) were ever built, of which 12 have survived. The car featured aircraft-inspired styling details as well as disc brakes, hidden headlights, and built-in jacks.



Auction Results

Bonhams Auction Scottsdale Jan 2020



1948 NASH AMBASSADOR CUSTOM
CONVERTIBLE Sold for \$25,760



1941 BUICK ROADMASTER
CONVERTIBLE PHAETON Sold for \$
30,240

1931 PACKARD 840 DELUXE EIGHT 4
PASSENGER COUPE Sold for \$56000



1947 PACKARD CLIPPER SEDAN ,
Sold at Scottsdale 2020 Jackson-Barrett
auction for \$7,700

1949 CHEVROLET DELUXE WOODIE
STATION WAGON Sold for \$30,240