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Coming Events:

Jan 8	Florida Region Board Meeting, All Saints Episcopal Church in the Mary Martha Room.	6:00PM
Jan 8	Florida Region General Meeting, All Saints Episcopal Church in the Mary Martha Room.	7:00PM
Jan 21	Garage Tour- Warren Wubker's Collection, 6300 Dora Drive, Mount Dora, 32757	1:00PM



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Deadline is the 20th of the month

January Birthdays

Melanie Boden	January 1
Dana Sprague	January 1
Betsy Campbell	January 16
Walt Juergensen	January 21
Joyce Harris	January 27

Board and General Meeting –

The Florida Region AACA Club Board/General/Christmas Dinner was held on December 11 at the Perkins Restaurant.

The club general meeting and the Board meeting were combined before the Christmas dinner was served.

President Charlie Jones called the meeting to order while the club group . Don Allen presented the treasurer's report and the members accepted the report. The November meeting minutes were accepted as shown in the December newsletter.

Don Allen announced that Arnold Palmer Children Hospital would receive gift cards donated by the club members. The club show planning status was presented. The show flier is ready to distribute.

Also everyone was reminded that 2024 club local dues will be due on January 1st. The Florida region club dues are \$25.

The club officers for 2024 were selected and accepted. The 2023 officers will continue for the 2024 term. Also Dana Sprague was added to the Club board to replace Bob Coolidge.

The meeting was adjourned when the dinner began being served. Club members enjoyed a complimentary slice of pie since it was free pie day. The Club paid the gratitude for the members' dinners.

Glenn Harris, Secretary

Dues are due

Hi Florida Region members. It is time again to pay your Region and National dues for 2024. The Region dues are \$25 and should be paid by January 1, 2024. Make the check out to Florida Region, AACA and mail to Don Allen, 153 Poe Dr., Winter Haven, FL. 33884.

National dues are due at the same time. You must be a member of National in order to be a member of the Region. National dues are \$45. Make your check out to AACA and mail to 800 West Hershey Park Dr., Hershey, PA 17033

FL Reg Garage Tour- Warren Wubker's collection Jan 21

We have a garage tour scheduled for Sunday, January 21 at 1 PM. This is a tour of a collection that we have done twice in the past 8 years, but it is worth going again. Maybe you missed it

before and will be amazed at what you will see.

We will be going to Warren Wubker's collection at his huge home garage at 6300 Dora Drive, Mount Dora, 32757. He has a museum that holds about 20 cars and they change from time to time as he buys and sells a few each year. Most of his cars are 1955 to 1960 as these were the cars he grew up with. The display area is just as interesting as the cars as it has a long wall that is a recreation of the town he grew up in. He also has an almost full scale gas station from that town. Upstairs he has a 1950s style ice cream shop that is functional. He has a movie theater just like the 50s.

When you arrive he has a gate that will be open. There is a long driveway with a circular parking area in front of the house. He asks that you please do not drive on the grass. Those that have attended before will surely enjoy it and see things that they missed on prior visits. If you have never been there, you are in for a real treat. The cars are all restored to a high AACA level and have been shown at AACA national meets and have the award badges attached. You will not want to miss this opportunity

Muscle Cars of the 1940s

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sGVcqNeo47I>

1. Oldsmobile Rocket 88 (1949)



Displacing 303 cubic inches (4.9 liters,) it produced 135 horsepower and 263 lb-ft.

This combination of a relatively small light body and large, powerful engine (made it widely considered to be the first muscle car. The Rocket 88 vaulted Oldsmobile from a somewhat staid, conservative car to a performer that became the one to beat on the NASCAR (National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing) circuits.

2. Hudson Hornet (1951)



The Twin-H-Power carburetors model made the Hudson Hornet the fastest production

American car at the time, with a top speed of just under 100 mph. The Hudson Hornet had the lowest center of mass of all standard cars at the time, and because of it, it came with great handling. It was also built to last, tough to the boot, so much so that stock car racers, like those in NASCAR and AAA, christened the car as the Fabulous Hudson Hornet. And this is how these cars raced – all the track stars had Fabulous Hudson Hornet painted on the sides, and its drivers believed that it could outrun, outperform and out-accelerate the more powerful V8 competition.



3. Studebaker Champion (1949)



Going with the lowered and widened look was a chassis that was lower and wide, introduced in May or June of 1946 as the 1947 model. The suspension system was redesigned to be more comfortable, with

independent double wishbones at the front. At the rear, the rigid axle was mounted on longitudinal leaf springs. Under the bonnet, the in-line six was retained from before, but with the capacity increased to 2786cc, now producing 80 bhp at 4000 rpm. Mated to a three-speed manual gearbox with overdrive, and the Champion could cruise at over 80 mph.

4. DeSoto Custom (1949)



The 1949 DeSoto's had an all-new bodysheet and were marketed as "the car designed with you in mind." Styling was characterized by sheet metal panels with shorter overhangs front and rear than before and the roof structure was taller, so the cars looked smaller. The Custom models were Deluxes with upgraded trim and interior appointments for those buyers who had a little more money to spend. A 237 cubic inch inline-six is under the hood, the only engine available to buyers. The horsepower rating was 112 as the compression ratio was low at 7.0:1. A fluid drive transmission was standard on the Custom

5. Nash Ambassador 600 (1948)



The Nash 600 was a series of entry level cars introduced for the 1941 model year. The 600 was offered as a coupe, two or four door sedan, and fastback sedan, all of which featured a 172 cu inch inline six engine as a power plant. The 600 had a top speed of around 85 miles per hour and was capable of achieving up to 20 miles per gallon of fuel economy, which was respectable for the time. The '600' name comes from the car's ability to go 600 miles (970 km) on one tank of gasoline (20 gallon tank and 30 miles/gallon). At that time the only way it would do that was with overdrive and I would say just going around and around on the Indianapolis Speedway at about 40 miles per hour. As for a top speed of 85 mph, I would call that a pipe dream. It is possible that the Ambassador with a 234.8 cid engine with 112 hp and with torque of 208 might have been able to get to 85 mph.

A colorful poster for a Winter Classic Car Show. The poster features a central image of a classic car show with a green car and a red car. The text is framed in a decorative border. The text includes: "Presented by Florida Region AACA", "Winter Classic Car Show", "LIVE DJ 50/50", "DOOR PRIZES FOOD TRUCKS TROPHIES", "First Baptist Church", "Saturday February 3, 2024", "10:00am - 3:00pm", "Rain date: Saturday, February 10, 2024", "Location: 1000 E. 1st Ave. Mount Dora, FL 32757", "Registration Opens at 8:00am • Trophy's at 2:30pm", "FREE TO THE PUBLIC!", "Fun for the whole family!", "Early Registration - \$20.00 (deadline 01/10/24) • Day of Show - \$25.00", a registration form with fields for Name, Email, Phone, Year, Make, and Model, "Checks payable to Florida Region AACA", "Mail to: Donald Allen 153 Poe Dr. Winter Haven, FL 33884", "(Inquires: mrboti5@aol.com - Please include your phone # and any questions.)", and "To qualify for the car show, your vehicle must be 1999 and older. Participants judging."