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The Running Board

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**1963 Studebaker
Gran Turismo Hawk**

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Coming Events:

Feb 3	WinterClassic Car Show, 1000 E 1st Ave, Mount Dora, FL	8AM
Feb 12	Florida Region Board Meeting, All Saints Episcopal Church in the Mary Martha Room.	6:00PM
Feb 12	Florida Region General Meeting, All Saints Episcopal Church in the Mary Martha Room.	7:00PM



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Deadline is the 20th of the month

February Birthdays

Ron Adderley	February 2
Leonard Smeenck	February 4
Larry Golub	February 5
James A. Centrella, III	February 11
Peter Foley	February 15
Darrel Cole	February 21
Joshua Cole	February 21
Vicki Sorenson	February 25

Ann Verner February 25

Andy Sorenson February 27

- Car Show Judging to have 1 club member and 2 participants recruited during registration

- Need for traffic cones

- Persons needed for registration, parking, car voting - Larry Cole

- Goodie Bags - status, need and items - etc

After that was covered, the Mecum auction and results were discussed. The number of cars not selling at the auction was noted.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Don Allen.

Then it was motioned for adjournment at 7:56, it was seconded and accepted.

Betsy Campbell served coffee, water and good goodies for all afterward.

Mickey Bryant, Vice President

Board and General Meeting –

The Florida Region AACA Club Board was held January 8 at the All Saints Episcopal Church in the Mary Martha Room.

The Board Meeting started at 6:30PM. Charlie Jones, Don Allen, Bill Morris and Larry C Cole, Larry Mills, Betsy Cambell and Mickey Bryant attended the board meeting.

The club general meeting started after the Board meeting. 13 members were present.

The meeting opened with the introduction of Graig Minegar - new member.

The club members recognized Charlie Jones for his dedication and work over the past year as club president. Charlie has worked tirelessly and with dedication to build the club membership and promote club events.

Next a discussion of the following needs for the upcoming car show was initiated.

Muscle Cars of the 1950s

<https://www.goldeagle.com/tips-tools/three-greatest-muscle-cars-of-the-1950s/>

Muscle cars are beautifully designed with incredible power. During the 1950s, the car industry placed great emphasis on speed

and performance. For this reason, these vehicles are arguably the best muscle cars of the decade.

1. 1955 CHEVY CLASSIC V8



One of the first true muscle cars was introduced by Chevrolet. The 1955 Chevy changed the brand's position in America and had a tremendous impact on future designs. This model included a 265 cubic-inch V8 motor that served Chevy for the next five decades. To boost power that impressed drivers, it was nearly 20 percent lighter than other models.

2. 1957 CHEVROLET CORVETTE



No muscle car list could be complete without a Chevy Corvette. The 1956 model stands out for its unique design. The sleek

curves and scalloped edges around the wheelbase made it aesthetically pleasing. Under the hood, the six-cylinder engine from previous years was replaced with a standard Turbo-Fire 265 V8. When combined with the three-speed transmission, it was a true powerhouse that pleased muscle car enthusiasts. That was topped by the 1957 Corvette which had Fuel Injection, the 283-h.p. engine in the Corvette line obtained a milestone in American Automotive history- one horsepower for every cubic inch.

3. 1958 PACKARD HAWK

1958 Packard Hawk set two important milestones for the brand. It was the fastest car Packard ever produced, and it was the last car Packard ever produced. The Hawk was designed by Raymond Loewy, the man famous for creating the Studebaker Starliner. This Packard contained a supercharged 289-cubic inch V8 engine with twin exhausts, which provided 275 horsepower and was fitted with a Stromberg twin-barrel carburetor. Thanks to the independent front suspension, coil springs, anti-sway arm and a Borg-Warner Flight-O-Matic transmission, the car provided a smooth and even ride.

4. 1958 PLYMOUTH FURY



The Fury was a sub-series of the Plymouth Belvedere from 1956 through 1958. It was sold only as a sandstone white two-door hardtop with gold anodized aluminum trim, in 1956 and 1957. In 1958, it was only available in buckskin beige with gold anodized aluminum trim. These Furys had special interiors, bumper wing-guards and V8 engines with twin four-barrel carburetors. The 1957 and 1958 318 cu in (5.2 L)-engine produced 290 hp (216 kW), shared with the Dodge Coronet.

The 1957 models were restyled; longer, wider, with very large vertical tail fins and a new torsion bar front suspension replacing the previous coil springs. The front suspension introduced Chrysler's Torsion-Aire Torsion bar suspension shared with all Chrysler products starting in 1957.

In 1958, the optional engine was a "big block" 350 cu in (5.7 L) called the "Golden Commando" with two four-barrel carburetors producing 305 hp (227 kW). Motor Trend tested an automatic equipped Fury with the 305-hp Golden Commando and got a 7.7-second 0-to-60 mph run. This was far faster than the Ford 352-cid at 10.2 seconds

and the Chevrolet Impala's 348-cid run of 9.1 seconds.

5. 1957 RAMBLER REBEL



It was a funny and weird-looking car but was a V8 monster. Rebel became one of the single fastest cars, during its day, on sale. It was named the second-fastest car of the year 1957. The car used a 327 cu-in V8 and a performance transmission which made it a beast muscle of that time.

6. 1957 OLDSMOBILE 88 J-2



The 88 was already plenty powerful when equipped with the range-topping 371-cubic-inch (6.1-liter) "Rocket" V8, but the 88 needed more oomph to become competitive.

So Oldsmobile created the J-2, a beefed-up version of the engine topped by a trio of

Rochester carburetors. Rated at 300 horsepower and a whopping 415-pound-feet (563 Nm) of torque, it was stuffed in an 88 driven by NASCAR ace Lee Petty. Unfortunately, Oldsmobile's dream came to an abrupt end when NASCAR outlawed multiple carburation mid-season, but the project spawned 2,000 to 2,500 road-legal models.

7. 1958 MERCURY MONTCLAIR SUPER MARAUDER



Introduced for the 1958 model year, the big-block MEL V8 was already very potent regardless of size. The smallest 383-cubic-inch (6.3-liter) "Marauder" delivered 322 horsepower, while the 410-cubic-inch (6.7-liter) version offered in Edsel models came with 345 horses on tap. Finally, the large 430-cubic-inch variant, which came standard on Lincolns, generated 375 horsepower.

The latter was almost as potent as Chrysler's segment-leading 392 V8, but Mercury, which offered a 365-horsepower variant, wasn't happy about it. Using its best engineers and help from legendary builder Bill Stroppe, Mercury created a beefed-up version with an aluminum intake manifold and a trio of two-barrel Holley carburetors.

The resulting mill churned a whopping 400 horsepower and 500 pound-feet of torque.

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

Name _____
Email _____ Phone _____
Year _____ Make _____ Model _____

Checks payable to Florida Region AACA
Mail to: Donald Allen 153 Poe Dr. Winter Haven, FL 33884
(Inquire: mrbor55@aol.com - Please include your phone # and any questions.)

To qualify for the car show, your vehicle must be 1989 and older. Participants judging.