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***Ray & Annette Morrison's
1955 Packard Clipper Custom Constellation Hardtop Coupe***

Coming Events:

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| December 1 | Florida Region Sunday Breakfast, Bahia Shrine, 2300 Pembroke Drive, Orlando, FL | 9:00 AM |
| December 7 | Florida Region Christmas Dinner, Sam Snead's Oak Grill & Tavern, Orlando, FL | 6:00 PM |
| December 9 | Florida Region Board Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL | 6:00 PM |
| December 9 | Florida Region General Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL | 7:00 PM |



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Nominating Committee Slate For 2014 Executive Board

President	Nelson Lawhorn
Vice President	Dick Gauchat
Secretary	Howard Gilkes
Treasurer	Charlie Steffy
Board	Tom Holt
Board	Larry Cole
Board	Kerry (KC) Camp
Board	Dan Brennan

Wayne Bostak and Jerry Eakins will be serving their 2nd year of their term.

Respectfully submitted by
Howard Gilkes, Nominating Committee Chairman,
and Lee Dunkin and Larry Cole

Florida Region's Christmas Dinner

Hello Florida Region Members:

This year the Florida Region Christmas Party will be held at Sam Snead's Oak Grill & Tavern. 1801 Maitland Blvd, Orlando, FL 32810, phone 407-622-8800 on December 7, 2013, from 6 pm to 9 pm.

Santa will host the gift exchange for those members who want to participate. Each member that wants to participate should bring a gift costing a minimum of ten dollars. We have an excellent Santa and it should be a riot. (*Editor: Also, bring an **unwrapped** gift for the Toys for Tots (hospitalized kids). Tom Tart will collect these gifts.*)

DIRECTIONS: From the South of Orlando, go to I-4 heading EAST. EXIT at Maitland Interchange going WEST, stay in the right lane and turn right at the 2nd light at Keller Road and the RDV Sports Complex. Take the first left and a next left into Sam Snead's parking lot.

Pat & Lee Dunkin

2014 Club Dues Reminder

\$20 Regional dues (check made out to Florida Region, AACA) mailed to:
Carole Allen
153 Poe Drive
Winter Haven, FL 33884

\$35 National dues, singles or couples (check made out to AACA) mailed to:
Antique Automobile Club of America
P.O. Box 417
Hershey, PA 17033.

Thank you,
Carole Allen, Membership Chairman

Minutes of the Florida Region AACA Board Meeting – November 11, 2013

Members Present: Howard Gilkes, Bob Coolidge, Dick Gauchat, Wayne Bostak, Jerry Eakins, Nelson Lawhorn, Tom Holt, Vice President Lee Dunkin and incoming board member Kerry Camp.

The Board of the Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on November 11, 2013. Vice President Lee Dunkin called the Board Meeting to order at approximately 6:08 pm.

Pat Dunkin spoke to the board about the Christmas Party. Everything seems to be in order. Money is being collected at the general meeting tonight. The last day to reserve for the dinner is November 29th. Howard Gilkes will serve as Santa Claus and will direct the gift exchange.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Charlie Steffy. The report was filed.

The minutes of the October Board Meeting were approved as printed in the November 2013 edition of *The Running Board*.

The antique vehicles to be displayed in the New Car Show at the Orange County Convention Center should be on site by 2 pm Wednesday afternoon, November 27, 2013. The cars will enter on the west side of the building. The cars will be removed from the center at 6 pm on Sunday following Thanksgiving.

Dick Gauchat agreed to run for Vice President for the Florida Region for the year 2014. Dan Brennan agreed to run for a Board position.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Coolidge, Secretary

Minutes of The Florida Region AACA General Meeting – November 11, 2013

Florida Region members present:
Approximately 40

The Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on November 11, 2013. Vice-President Lee Dunkin called the General Meeting to order at approximately 7:00 pm. President Darrel Cole arrived shortly after the General Meeting began and presided from that point forward.

Dick Gauchat led the pledge to the flag.

Marc Beaulieu, the President of the Oviedo Optimist Club gave a short talk about the work of the Optimist Clubs & specifically about the Cops and Kids Car Show. Marc spoke about projects involving and benefiting youth. Locally his club has partnered with the Nemours Children's Hospital. The Cops and Kids Car Show will be held on January 25, 2014 at the Oviedo Mall.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Charlie Steffy. The Treasurer's report was filed.

The Minutes of the October meeting were approved as printed in the November 2013 edition of *The Running Board*.

Sunshine Report: Dena Holt thanked the group for sending her cards and calls following her recent car accident.

Pat Dunkin spoke about the Christmas Party. Twenty people have signed up so far for the event. The party will be held on December 7th at Sam Snead's Restaurant on Maitland Boulevard, Maitland, FL. Decorations for the private dining room will be provided by the restaurant. Specific diet requirements will be accommodated so please notify Pat (407-859-5164) if there is a special need. **The Toys for Tots program** will be in force again this year. Toys should be brought to the

restaurant unwrapped. The gift exchange will be held again this year. A gift should be priced at \$10.00 minimum. The meal cost is \$40.00 for non members and \$25.00 for members. Reservations for the Christmas Party must be made by Friday, November 29th. Call Pat Dunkin with your reservation @ 407-859-5164.

The New Car Show over Thanksgiving weekend at the Orange County Convention Center was discussed. The Florida Region will receive \$1,000.00 for displaying 10 to 15 cars. The cars are to be at the west side of the Orange County Convention Center by 2 pm on Wednesday, November 27. They will be removed Sunday evening, December 1st at approximately 6 pm.

Howard Gilkes spoke about the nominating committee for the slate of officers for the year of 2014. The officer candidates are: President: Nelson Lawhorn, Vice President-Dick Gauchat, Treasurer-Charlie Steffy, Secretary-Howard Gilkes.

Dan Brennan has agreed to run for a Board of Trustee's position.

Two upcoming AACA shows were spoken about.

The first show is the 56th Birthplace of Speed Antique Car Show and Gaslight Parade hosted by the **Volusia Region AACA**. The Gaslight Parade will be held on Friday, November 29th at The Casements, corner of Granada Blvd & Riverside Drive, Ormond Beach for 1988 and older vehicles. Registration and lineup will take place at 5 pm. Registration closes at 6:45 pm. The parade begins from The Casements via Granada Blvd. to A1A, South to Harvard, right on Harvard to Riverside Drive and back to the Casements. There will be music and food before the parade. There is no charge for participation in the parade.

The antique car show will be held on Saturday, November 30th from 8 am till 3 pm. The location is Fortunato Park which is located at the Northeast corner of the Granada Blvd. Bridge. Registration opens at 8am. This show is for 1988 and older vehicles. No modified custom or hot rod vehicles

are allowed to be shown. Car show registration is \$20.00 after November 15th. Call Joan Beck @ 386-672-7762 for additional information.

The second show is the 2014 AACA National Winter Meet in Port St. Lucie, Florida. Meet dates are Thursday February 20 through Saturday, February 22, 2014. The **Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club** is the host entity for the event. The show will be held in the Port St. Lucie Civic Center. This is a 100,000 square foot facility constructed in 2008. There is no host hotel but nearby hotels include a Best Western-772-878-7600, Holiday Inn-772-337-2200, and a Hampton Inn 772-692-6922. These three hotels have agreed to a special show rate and one should mention "AACA" when making a reservation. On Friday, February 21st guided tours of the Elliott Museum will be conducted. The museum features a large collection of Model A Fords and other exquisite antique vehicles numbering approximately 70 on display. Further details are available on line at <http://www.TCVCC.com> under Fall Festival or by calling Barbara Joyce, Show Chairman @ 772-418-0273.

Matt Cannizzaro reported on a car show held in St. Augustine at the Florida School for the Blind. Matt felt it was an excellent show in spite of the rain that fell.

Dick Gauchat spoke about the Lake Mirror show in Lakeland. Dick was very enthused about the show since his **1940 Buick Special Club Coupe** won Best in Class. Tom Holt also was present at the Lake Mirror Show.

Dan Brennan received a Best in Class for his **1957 Lincoln Premiere Coupe** at the Winter Park Concours d'Elegance.

Charlie Steffy spoke about the Glidden Tour in Chattanooga, TN held this past September. Charlie also spoke about this year's Hershey meet as well as a Buick tour in the New England states.

Gene Roy reported on the AACA National Show in Cleveland, TN. Gene showed his certificate

awarded by AACA for his 250th Judging Credit. A lot of rain was reported at Hershey and the Cleveland shows. Congratulations to Gene for his dedication to the antique vehicle hobby.

Carole Allen reminded all present that 2014 dues are due for both the Florida Region as well as AACA National. In addition to paying 2014 dues, please notify Carole of any changes that should be made to one's listing in the Member Roster.

Earl Beauchamp reported that he had purchased a **1953 Oldsmobile Super 88** today from Bob McMullen.

Darrel Cole reported on the Winter Park/Windermere Concours d'Elegance weekend of events this past weekend.

Earl Beauchamp reported on a trip this summer when the ball on his hitch came loose. This is a warning to all who tow to make sure that the hitch ball is on as tight as possible.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Millie Gauchat. The silver dollar winners were Shirley Dawson, Dan Brennan and Dan Brennan (twice).

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:27 pm.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Coolidge*

DECEMBER Birthdays

Larry Cole	December 21
Barbara Golub	December 23
Sandra O'Hara	December 12
Jack Swain	December 16

Bonhams Car Auction Result

1907 Schacht Model K Runabout, Lot #525
October 7, 2013, Sold for \$14,850 including premium

“Rare highwheels with ‘wheel’ steering control, Horizontally opposed side-valve 2-cylinder engine, 12bhp, Schebler brass sidedraft carburetor, Friction-drive transmission, Transmission brake, Solid front and rear axles with full-length semi-elliptical leaf springs

Schacht was a Cincinnati builder of horse-drawn carriages and wagons before turning to automobile production early in the 20th century. A high-wheel gas-powered buggy Schacht marketed as the “Auto-Runabout” was offered as early as 1904 and as late as 1910. After 1910, Schacht produced rather conventional automobiles until 1913, and then concentrated on trucks, which they would build at their Ohio factory well into the 1930s.

Unlike some other high-wheel vehicles, the Schacht had a steering wheel (instead of a tiller) and its engine was water-cooled... as attested to by its prominent brass radiator. Marketed as the “invincible car,” the Schacht enjoyed considerable popularity during few years that high-wheelers were in demand.

The Schacht and other high-wheel self-propelled buggies encouraged the transition from the horse-drawn utilitarian vehicle to the automobile. They were popular with farmers, who appreciated their high stance, which helped them navigate the typically deeply rutted rural roads of the period.”

Source: <http://www.bonhams.com/auctions/21223/lot/525/>



COVER VEHICLE FEATURE ARTICLE

1955 Packard Clipper Constellation 2 Door

Owners: Ray and Annette Morrison
Florida Region members

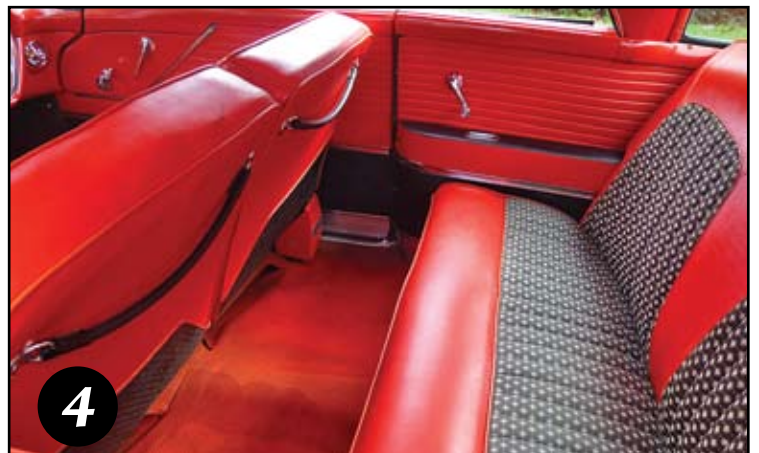
1) The Morrison's acquired this car over 20 years ago in a warehouse in Pennsylvania. They are the car's second owner. The car has 20,990 original miles. This model Packard was produced by the Studebaker-Packard Corporation only in model years 1955 and 1956. About 6,672 Custom Constellations were made in 1955. This car proudly wears an AACA's HPOF (Historical Preservation of Original Features) grille emblem.

2) The 352 cubic inch (5.8 liter) V-8 engine with a four barrel Rochester downdraft carburetor puts out 245 horsepower at 4,600 rpms and 355 ft. lbs. torque at 2,600 rpms. The car's original base price (without options) in 1955 was \$3,076.

3) The handsome metal dash features large readable engine gauges and an ample glove box in the center under the radio. The three speed "Twin Ultramatic" automatic transmission is column shifted.

4) The luxurious back seat has a plenty of legroom. "Rope Rails" are located on the back of the front seats to assist the back seat passengers to enter/exit the vehicle.

5) This automobile has an overall length of 215 inches and a weight of around 3,568 pounds on a 122 inch wheelbase. The 1955 model features torsion bar suspension (Torsion Level Ride). The car drives on reproduction 7.60 x 15 bias ply tires. Note that the front hood emblem says "Clipper" and not "Packard".



"Tucker 48" Seen on the Street

By Mark Regnier, Editor, *The Running Board*

On August 14, 2013, Wayne Bostak and I were in Monterey, California to attend the many Pebble Beach Concours car activities. While eating breakfast outside, I heard a very distinctive motor engine sound coming around the corner. We both saw this gold **1948 Tucker** drive by, thirty feet from us. This is one of the 47 **Tuckers** known to exist! The car disappeared around the next corner. Intrigued, we decided to see if we could find the car for a closer look. We explored a nearby 4 story parking garage and found the same gold **Tucker** parked in a regular parking spot. The car's owner wasn't around. The hood was still warm from being driven. The car body was all metal (not a fiberglass replica car). The interior, chrome and paint looked period correct and old. We saw the car's 166 bhp six cylinder (former helicopter) engine under the rear bumper. After some research, I found there's a gold **Tucker** #1002 in private hands in California. FYI, in August 2010, a navy blue **Tucker** #1048 sold at the RM Auctions for \$1,127,500.



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Antique Inventory Sheet for October 2013

1923 Ford Model T Touring	16,500
1927 Studebaker Victoria Coupe	18,500
1932 Rolls Royce	35,000
1935 Auburn Boat-tailed Speedster	58,950
1940 Mercury CUSTOM Hotrod	79,995
1952 Ford Tractor with accessories/implements	1,800
1952 MGTD	17,900
1953 MGTD RED	22,500
1954 Plymouth Savoy Hot Rod Nice	12,500
1957 Chevy Bel-Air Hardtop, 2-dr Yellow updated!	37,500
1957 Chevy Bel-Air Hardtop, Red	49,950
1960 Lincoln Continental 2 dr. Convertible, Mark V	89,500
1965 Chevrolet Corvair Red	8,500
1962 Harley Davidson MC 125cc	Make an offer!
1966 Chrysler Convertible 300	18,000
1967 Chevy Camaro Silver	26,000
1969 Chevy El Camino	15,900
1974 Chevy Corvette Stingray Blue	21,995
1983 MGTD Replica	9,999
1984 Olds Brougham	3,995
1987 Porsche 924S	6,500
1988 Jaguar XJS Convertible	19,900
1990 Corvette	9,995
1997 Chevy Camaro	6,500
2013 Military Model Enfield Motorcycle 500cc	6,595

Project Cars/Trucks

1988 Dodge Daytona	995
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Coming Up a Little Further Down the Road:

- January 5** Florida Region Sunday Breakfast, Bahia Shrine, 2300 Pembroke Drive, Orlando, FL **9:00 AM**
- January 13** Florida Region Board Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL **6:00 PM**
- January 13** Florida Region General Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL **7:00 PM**

December 2013 Car Events

- December 15** **South Florida Jaguar Club Concours d'Elegance**, Delray Beach, FL, 11 am to 5 pm, held at the Old School Square Pavilion Field, the show is open to Jaguars and classic British cars. This is a judged show, and the registration fee is \$65. Contact email: sfjc@sfjc.org
- December 29** **Country Holiday Classic Car Show & Party**, Geneva, FL, **FREE**, 3 pm –7 pm at Horsepower Ranch in Geneva. Celebrate the holidays Florida style with beautiful Santa's helpers and a bonfire. Food and beverages will be available for purchase, plus a full bar. Bring your marshmallows and roasting sticks. Bring the kids for the pony rides, bounce houses and more.. Contact: Tara, 407-617-4201

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