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1972 Volkswagen Karmann Ghia Convertible***

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President's Letter

We had a great potluck, awards and new officers presentation meeting for January. This was a great way to start the new year. As the new President, I could not be more happy than to have previous officers and board members to help me during this new year.

Being a fairly new member myself, 18 months, I am honored to hold the President's position. I will do my best for the interest of the club and for all members. I have made many friends and look forward to making many more. Our monthly breakfast meeting at Bahia Shrine is not only for breakfast, but also a great way to fellowship with other members.

In our February monthly meeting I would like to get feedback from you as members on your input for this year's activities. The officers and board members are here for organizing and directing and to make sure things run smoothly. We would appreciate more input from the members on all functions of this AACA Florida Region club.

In our January newsletter, The Running Board, I was honored to have my **1948 Chevy Fleetmaster** as the featured car of the month. As stated, it was an off-frame, every nut and bolt restoration. After the Chevy was delivered to my driveway from Jacksonville, I wasted no time in taking it apart for three days, in my driveway. Yes, you guessed it, no Home Owners Association. This was done mostly by myself, except the help I needed from a neighbor and my Uncle Henry, who is a member of the club. Nineteen months later



it is ready for the old interior to be replaced by a LeBaron Bonney kit. In the interim, I am having fun driving the **1948 Fleetmaster**.

I enjoy looking at our member's cars and hearing their stories also. I have had the honor to visit and talk with several club members and listen to their great stories. I look forward to seeing more of our members cars in the coming year.

We have the AACA Southeastern Winter Meet coming up on February 20-22, 2014 The host for this event is the Treasure Coast AACA Region. Let's go and support them for all the hard work it takes to put on an event like this together. I will be there and will be attending the awards banquet also. Hope to see you there.

Nelson Lawhorn

Minutes of the Florida Region AACA Board Meeting – January 13, 2014

The Board of the Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on January 13, 2014. The meeting was called to order by President Darrel Cole at 5:53 pm. Other Officers and Board Members present were Lee Dunkin, Jerry Eakins, Dick Gauchat, Howard Gilkes, Nelson Lawhorn, Wayne Bostak, Tom Holt and Charlie Steffy. Also present were KC Camp and Dan Brennan.

Charlie Steffy gave the Treasurer's Report and it was filed.

The Minutes of the December Board Meeting were approved as published in the "The Running Board".

It was reported that the Cape Canaveral Region Car Show will be on March 1 at a new location, Wickham Park Pavilion @ BCC, just south of Wickham & Post.

Darrel agreed to check on a possible car display at the World Marriott Hotel.

Dan Brennan volunteered to be on the Audit Committee.

Howard Gilkes made a motion for the Florida Region to pay for our Editor's 2014 National Dues, Regional Dues and Christmas Party meal. The motion was approved unanimously.

Tom Holt reminded those present of the upcoming National Meet in Port St. Lucie on February 20–22, 2014.

Tom also advised the group that The Great American Race will arrive in The Villages in June 2014. More details for this special event will be forthcoming. Please keep tuned in.

Darrel asked the Board to think of events for the Club for 2014 for the February meeting.

Tom Holt suggested the Florida Region put on a Regional Car Show this year.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

*Howard Gilkes,
Secretary*

Minutes of the Florida Region AACA General Meeting – January 13, 2014

Our winter Pot Luck Supper at 6:30 pm preceded our General Meeting. This most popular event was co-chaired by Pat Dunkin and Kendra Gilkes. Forty Seven (47) members and guests were in attendance.

The General Meeting of the Florida Region AACA was held at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on January 13, 2014. The meeting was called to order by President Darrel Cole at 7:35 pm.

Dick Gauchat lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Charley Steffy gave the Treasurer's Report and it was filed.

The Minutes of the December General Meeting were approved as published in "The Running Board".

Dena Holt gave the Sunshine Report.

Topics discussed by Darrel Cole were those covered in our preceding Board Meeting and Minutes.

In addition:

The Membership was reminded of the upcoming Orange Blossom Festival & Classic Car Show in Frostproof on Saturday, February 15th. This is O'Hara Restoration's 12th year of hosting this classic car event.

Mike Montague volunteered to join Dan Brennan

on the Audit Committee.

Zephyrhills Autofest at Festival Park is on for February 20–23, 2014.

Mark Regnier received a round of applause for his work on “The Running Board”.

Don Allen reported membership at sixty-three (63) families so far.

Awards followed the Business Meeting. Awards were presented by Darrel Cole and Howard Gilkes to year 2013 Officers, Board Members, Editor and Chairmen.

Jerry Eakins received the Hard Luck Trophy. Don and Carole Allen received the Outstanding Service Plaque. Lee Dunkin received the President’s Plaque.

The General Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

*Howard Gilkes,
Secretary*

Many Thanks from Kendra

Thanks to Pat Dunkin for the lovely table decorations for our January Pot Luck Supper. Thanks also to Sylvia Bowman, Millie Gauchat and Annette Morrison for helping serve monthly refreshments.

If anyone wishes to bring in goodies for the monthly meetings, it will be appreciated. It doesn’t have to be cookies, any finger food will do. Please let me know at least two (2) days in advance so I won’t buy as much.

Many Thanks,

Kendra Gilkes

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FEBRUARY Birthdays

James A. Centrella, III	February 11
Bill Chamberlain	February 25
Pat Chamberlain	February 4
Darrel Cole	February 21
Jerry Eakins	February 7
Ray Eckhart	February 12
Peter Foley	February 15
Nancy Gilbreath	February 20
Howard Gilkes	February 3
Larry Golub	February 5
Henry Hopkins	February 24
Larry Limmel	February 24
Ann Verner	February 25

Welcome New Members

Steve and Debbie Kender IV are from Orlando, FL. They have a **1970 Buick Grand Sport hardtop** that they bought new. They are friends of Russ and Shirley Dawson who sponsored them.

Real World FORD

By **Alson Adkins**, Florida Region Member



This snapshot was given to me by Mr. Ernie Skinner who was in the US Navy during WW II. These unknown men were off duty sailors at the

end of the war at San Diego, California. Notice that the **1931 Ford** has a spare tire well in the fender, but, the tire and wheel is missing. I suspect that this dirty car with a hubcap missing was somebody's transportation home from the war.

B-J AUCTION RESULTS

The 43rd annual Barrett-Jackson Car Auction held January 19, 2014 in Scottsdale, Arizona had some gorgeous automobiles for auction. Here's 2 that sold.

1929 LaSalle Convertible Coupe *Sold for \$110,000, Lot #1369*



“This (2008 AACA Senior and) concours winning **LaSalle** is equipped with a V-8 power plant, 3-speed synchromesh transmission, wire wheels, dual side mount spare tires, Pilot Ray driving light, radiator stone guard, rumble seat, rear mounted trunk and golf bag door”.

1955 Mercedes-Benz 300SL Gullwing Coupe *Sold for \$2,090,000, Lot #5044*

Bought new in California. The third owner had it for 53 years until selling it 3 years ago. 72,000 original miles. Restoration finished last year. “This **300SL** is equipped with all matching numbers (engine, chassis, body, transmission, rear end and front axles) and its original 3-piece belly pans”.



COVER VEHICLE FEATURE ARTICLE

1972 Volkswagen Karmann Ghia Convertible

Owners: Bill & JoAnn Pyle
Florida Region members

1) The Pyle's purchased this car at the November Daytona Turkey Run several years ago in its present condition. The curvaceous car body was designed by *carrozzeria Ghia* in Turin, Italy and the coachwork was hand built by the renowned German firm Karmann. Almost half a million Ghia's were made over its production lifetime with only 80,837 of them built as convertibles. Karmann Ghias were made between 1955 and 1974.

2) The 4 cylinder, 1.6 liter (97 cubic inch) air cooled engine developed 60 horsepower from the factory. This engine was upgraded by the previous owner with some shiny chrome parts. The aftermarket aluminum diamond plate panels were added to "doll up" the engine compartment. The engine's battery is located behind the left side panel.

3) The interior remains stock except for an upgraded 4 speed shifter handle. The "heater" for this car is derived from ducting coming from the engine's heat shroud.

4) The carpeted front compartment has the gasoline tank and storage area. The hose coming off the spare tire was used from the factory to power the windshield washers.

5) Bill and JoAnn enjoy taking their "cute" orange convertible out on sunny days. The clutch pedal is easy to operate. Since the car is so light and low, the car really "scoots" and feels really nimble. Wind noise is not too bad with the convertible top down.



Sold On eBay

By Mark Regnier, Editor, *The Running Board*

This 1936 DeSoto Airflow S2 Sedan sold on eBay for \$15,600. Only 4,790 Airflows were made in 1936. It is powered by a 241 cubic inch (3.9 liter) inline flathead 6 cylinder engine making 100 HP @ 3,400 rpms. Claimed to be the first American built unibody.

SOURCE: http://www.ebay.com/itm/1936-DeSoto-Airflow-S2-Sedan-/321304156360?nma=true&si=72XCbf2NtbKkCTPW09c1uW5SRbk%253D&orig_cvip=true&rt=nc&trksid=p2047675.12557



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Antique Inventory Sheet for December 2013

1923 Ford Model T Touring	16,500
1927 Studebaker Victoria Coupe	18,500
1932 Rolls Royce	35,000
1940 Mercury CUSTOM Hotrod	79,995
1952 Ford Tractor with accessories/implements	1,800
1952 Chevy 2-Door Sedan Business DLX coupe	28,995
1952 MGTD	17,900
1953 MGTD RED	21,500
1954 Plymouth Savoy Hot Rod Nice	12,500
1957 Chevy Bel-Air Hardtop, 2-dr, Yellow, updated!	37,500
1957 Chevy Bel-Air	12,500
1960 Lincoln Continental 2 dr. Convertible, Mark V	79,000
1965 Chevrolet Corvair Red	7,500
1964 International C-1100 1/2 Ton Pickup	6,000
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
1974 MGB-RED	6,150
1984 Olds Brougham	3,500
1988 Jaguar XJS Convertible	19,900
1990 Corvette	8,995
1996 BMW Motorcycle 850 R	2,995
1997 Chevy Camaro	3,495
1997 Chevy Camaro Z28	9,995
2013 Military Model Enfield Motorcycle 500cc	6,395

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1988 Dodge Daytona 995

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HOW MANY CAN YOU NAME? By Lee Dunkin

This photograph was taken at the last car show in Colonial Plaza. It was a joint venture between the AACA and Sunshine State Classic Chevy Club just before the mall went under. As a token friendship and goodwill these members volunteered to show their cars for the weekend mall show. It was done to show appreciation to the mall for having and paying us prior to this show

This is a fun test and the person that can name the most people in the photo will win a gift card. You'll have the month February to work on it. Bring your answers to our March 10th meeting where the prize will be awarded. Lots of luck.

Coming Up a Little Further Down the Road:

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February 2014 Car Events

- February 2** **Manatee County AACA Classic Car Show**, Hosted by the Vintage Wheels Manatee County AACA, and held at 10th Avenue and 7th Street, the show is open to vehicles 20 years and older. Pre-registration is \$10, day of show is \$15. Contact: Donna at 941-748-2767.
- February 15** **O'Hara Restorations Annual Car Show**, 10 South Scenic Highway, Frostproof, FL , 9:00 am to ??, Music, Food, Vendors, Carnival Rides , Contact: Issac, 863-635-9008.
- February 15** **Mustang and Ford Roundup**, Waterford Lakes Town Center, 413 North Alafaya Trail, Orlando, FL, open to Mustangs and Ford-powered vehicles. 7:30 am to 4 pm, Registration fee is \$25. Contact: Tom, 407-738-5476
- Feb. 20-23** **Zephyrhills Winter Autofest** held at Festival Park, 2738 Gall Boulevard, there's an auto auction, swap meet, car corral, free parking. Visit <http://www.carlisleevents.com/carlisle-events/zephyrhills-winter/default.aspx>
- Feb. 20- 22** **AACA Southeastern National Winter Meet**, Presented by the Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club, held at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center, 8 am to 3 pm, Contact: Don Gilbert, 772-283-0131