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Howard and Kendra Gilkes'
**1966 BSA
650 Twin Lightning**

Coming Events:

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| May 3 | Florida Region Sunday Breakfast, Bahia Shrine, 2300 Pembroke Drive, Orlando, FL | 9:00 AM |
| May 11 | Florida Region Board Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL | 6:00 PM |
| May 11 | Florida Region General Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL | 7:00 PM |



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Deadline is the 20th of the month

President's Letter

At our April meeting we had a very successful club member auction. A good time was had by all and a great turnout and money maker. Thanks to all who donated items and to those that bought the items. Thanks to Darrel Cole and Lee Dunkin for taking care of running the auction.

We had our club picnic on April 12th at Secret Lake Park in Casselberry. It looked like the rain was going to play a factor but it turned out to be a very nice day for us. Good food and member association was had. We had 5 members that brought their cars, Darrel Cole with **1966 Cadillac**, Lee Dunkin with a **1956 Pontiac**, Dick Gauchat with a **1986 Chevy**, Nelson Lawhorn with a **1948 Chevy**, Gene Crawford with a **1956 Chevy**. Thanks to Dick Gauchat for being the cook for us with his helper Pat Dunkin.

May 3-6, 5 members cars will be in Sevierville, TN for the "Moonshine & Mountain Mist Tour". This is the Southeastern Divisional Tour hosted by the East Tennessee Region. Highlights will be in our June newsletter.

June 14 we will have a garage tour. We will start at Dan Brennan's garage and go to Tom Chess's garage in Deltona. Tom has a great collection of cars and motorcycles. More detailed info will be coming later. Keep the date in mind and lets have a great club cruise.

Plan to be at our next meeting, Al Atkins and his story tellers will be there to entertain us.

Nelson Lawhorn



Minutes of the Florida Region AACA Board Meeting – April 13, 2015

The Board of the Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on April 13, 2015. The meeting was called to order by President Nelson Lawhorn at 6:10 pm. Other Officers, Board Members, and General Members present were Jerry Eakins, Tom Holt, Howard Gilkes, Matt Cannizzaro, Dan Brennan, Dick Gauchat, Wayne Bostak, Darrel Cole and Steve Tunney.

Jerry Eakins presented the Treasurer's Report and it was filed.

The Minutes of the March Board Meeting were approved as published in *'The Running Board'*.

Show Chairman Steve Tunney reported on our upcoming Regional Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show at Old Town on Saturday, May 16, 2015. Our flier appears in the April issue of 'Cruise News'. Kendra volunteered to help on Registration. Howard agreed to provide the Trophies and Windshield Cards.

Howard presented Kendra's proposal that we have our Christmas Party catered at our meeting place (Kress Memorial Church) on December 7th; no extra room cost, mid-Central Florida location, lower member cost. Our General Club Meeting will still be on December 14th. The proposal was approved unanimously.

Nelson announced that our June 14th Activity will be a garage tour starting at Dan Brennan's facility and touring to Tom Chess's garage in Deltona.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

*Howard Gilkes,
Florida Region AACA Secretary*

Minutes of the Florida Region AACA General Meeting – April 13, 2015

The General Meeting of the Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on April 13, 2015. The Meeting was called to order by President Nelson Lawhorn at 7:00 pm. Forty-Five (45) members and guests were in attendance.

Dick Gauchat led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Nelson Lawhorn introduced new member Michael Zimmerman.

Jerry Eakins presented the Treasurer's Report and it was filed.

The Minutes of the March General Meeting were approved as published in *'The Running Board'*

Dena Holt gave the Sunshine Report.

Show Chairman Steve Tunney reported on our upcoming Regional Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show at Old Town on Saturday, May 16 (See Board Minutes for details).

Kendra Gilkes presented her proposal for our Christmas Party at the Kress Memorial Church on December 7, 2015 (See Board Minutes). Her proposal was enthusiastically approved by the General Membership.

Car Shows past and future were reported by Darrel Cole, Tom Holt, Gene Roy & Don Allen.

The Lake Helen (Volusia Region) car show is on April 25th.

The business part of the meeting was followed by a Club Auction.

Auctioneers Darrel Cole and Lee Duncan were applauded for the great job they did. The proceeds will be used to replenish our Treasury.

Dena managed the 50/50 raffle that was won by Wayne Bostak. Silver Dollar winners were Walt Juergensen and Jerry Eakins.

The General Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Howard Gilkes,
Florida Region AACA Secretary

Photo Caption Contest



From our club members, here's some caption suggestions for the above photo....

Putting liquid kryptonite in the radiator should really speed up my mail delivery time !
Wayne Bostak

O.K. Sweetheart. It's you and me.
Howard Gilkes

A little TLC and you'll be as good as new.
Howard Gilkes

Neither rain, nor sleet, nor hail.....
Howard Gilkes

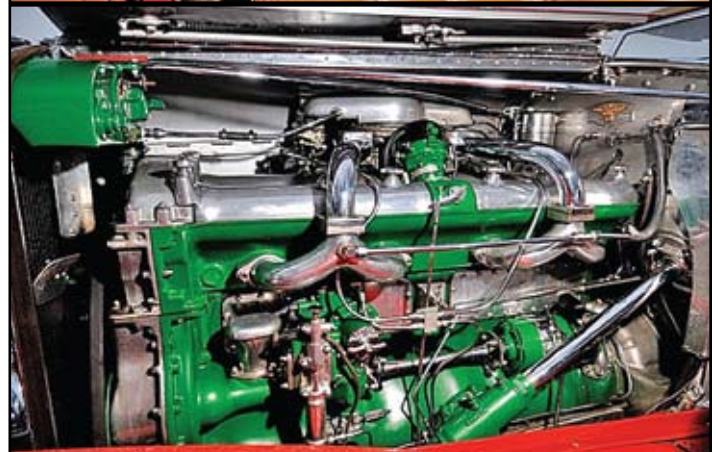
Hmmm, the engine oil goes in here, right?
Anonymous

Car Auction Result

Mecum Auction, April 11, 2015, Houston, TX
1932 Duesenberg Model J Phaeton
Lot S92.1, Sold for \$500,000

"Dual Cowl Phaeton coachwork built in the style of LaGrande, Factory fitted with a Rollston limousine body on a long wheelbase chassis, SJ centrifugal supercharger, 420 CI 32 valve DOHC straight 8 engine (320 horsepower), 3 speed transmission"

Photos and Text from mecum.com



April 12, 2015 Florida Region Picnic Photos

Photos by Nelson Lawhorn, Florida Region President



COVER VEHICLE FEATURE ARTICLE

1966 BSA 650 Twin Lightning

Owners: Howard and Kendra Gilkes, Florida Region members

Article by **Howard Gilkes**, Photos by **Kendra Gilkes**

BSA Birmingham Small Arms
(Racers referred to them as **Balls, Steel, Attitude**)

After closing the deal by telephone the night before, Howard and Kendra Gilkes drove down to Okeechobee, FL rented a U-Haul trailer, arranged for trailer lights wiring, transferred title, spent the night and hauled the **1966, 650 Twin BSA Lightning** motorcycle back to Orlando. That was on 11/27/01, fifty (50) years after Howard last rode his 500cc **BSA Single**. In 1951 Howard was riding his BSA in Daytona Beach when a taxi cab ran a stop sign and slammed into his right leg and motorcycle. Eventually both his leg and motorcycle would be put back together, but an olive green **1938 Chrysler Royal** would start his next fifty (50) years of four-wheel transportation.



In 2004, fifty (50) BSAs were invited to race on the Daytona International Speedway to commemorate BSAs winning the first five places in the 1954 200 Mile National Motorcycle Championship. The commemorative race was sanctioned by the American Historic Racing Motorcycle Association (AHRMA). It included 3 laps around the entire track including the dog leg. Howard and the late John Bowman arranged to be in that fifty; one of the most exciting things I've ever done. I didn't win the race; but I also didn't die trying.

In 1903, the first BSA motorcycle was made using a belt-driven 233cc Minerva engine producing 3.5 horsepower mounted on a strengthened and sprung bicycle frame.

During the 1973 production year, Birmingham Small Arms Company Limited went out of business.

Statistics for the 650 Twin Lightning:

Manufacturer	BSA
Carburetion	Twin Amal 932
Wheel Base	55 inches
Top Speed	105 mph
Dry Weight	354 pounds
Seat Height	33" inches
Power Output	38 BHP at 5,600 rpm
Speedometer	Maximum 125 mph
Tachometer	Maximum 10,000 rpm
Brakes	Cable drum, front and rear
Tyres	3.25 x 19"



Sold on eBay

This 1952 Hudson Wasp Sedan with a 262 cubic inch straight Six and Automatic Transmission, located in Indiana sold for \$6,999 (36 bids) on March 31, 2015. From the Seller's description...

"The 1952 Hudson Wasp Sedan featured in this auction lived its life as a car in central Kansas. It was purchased from the original owner's estate there by a Hudson club member in the 70's. He drove the car a lot and did many improvements to the car. ... It is equipped with its original matching number 262 engine and Single Range Hydramatic. It also has Two Tone paint, Radio, Heater, Directional signals and the desirable Dana 44 3.07 ratio rear axle."



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1927 Studebaker Victoria Coupe	18,500
1940 Mercury CUSTOM Hotrod	69,995
1951 MGTD	16,900
1952 Chevy 2-Door Sedan Business DLX coupe	27,000
1963 Ford Thunderbird	Call for pricing!
1964 ½ Ford Mustang	Make an Offer!
1969 Lincoln Mark III	4,250
1970 Javelin	6,200
1978 Volkswagon Beetle	10,995
1982 Chevy Corvette Collector's Edition	13,500
1984 Buick Grand National	16,900
1984 Chevy Corvette Coupe	12,900
1987 Ford Mustang GT	4,200
1988 Jaguar XJS Convertible	16,500
1993 Chevy Corvette Coupe	7,900
1994 Lincoln Town Car	3,500
1999 Dodge 3500 Dually	6,000
2004 Suzuki Burgman	3,300
2006 S&S Custom MC	6,000
2008 Saturn Sky 2-Seat Roadster	19,900
2008 Roketa 250 MC	1,149

Project Cars/Trucks

1988 Dodge Daytona	595
1967 Chevy Bel Air	3,500

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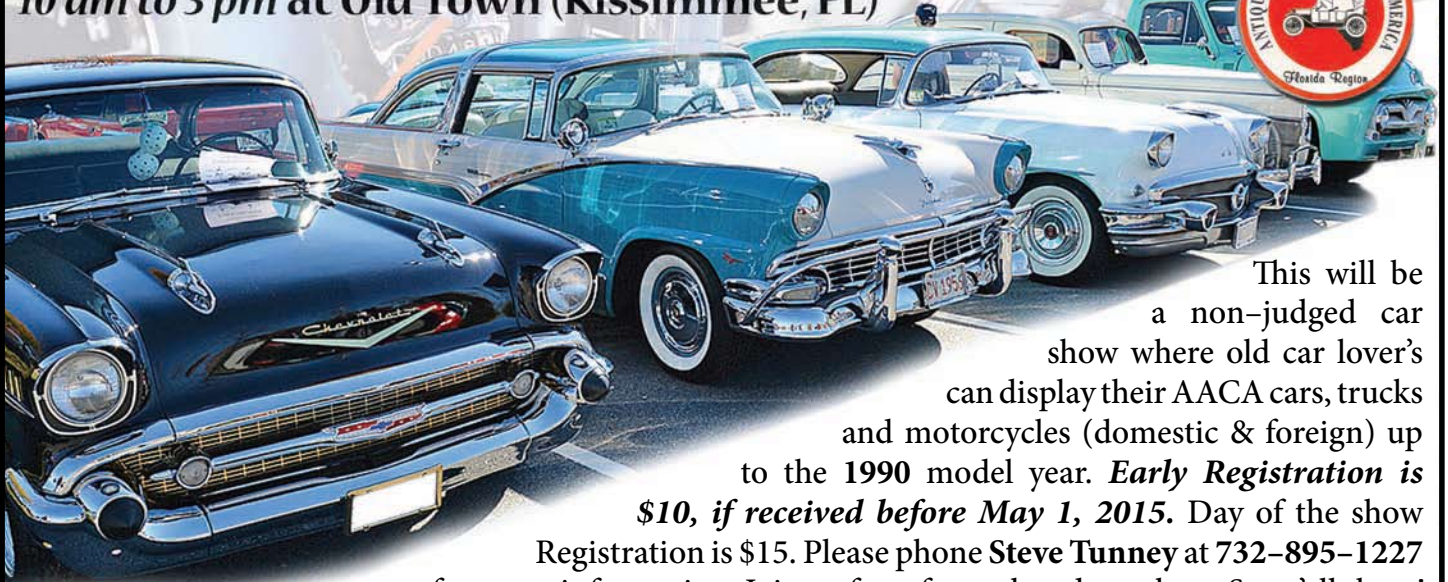
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AACA CAR SHOW

May 16, 2015 Rain or Shine

10 am to 3 pm at Old Town (Kissimmee, FL)

presented by



This will be a non-judged car show where old car lover's can display their AACA cars, trucks and motorcycles (domestic & foreign) up to the 1990 model year. **Early Registration is \$10, if received before May 1, 2015.** Day of the show Registration is \$15. Please phone **Steve Tunney** at 732-895-1227 for more information. Join us for a fun, relaxed car show. See y'all there!

Download the Registration Form at aacaFloridaRegion.com

Our **June 14, 2015** (Sunday) Florida Region Activity will be a garage tour starting at Dan Brennan's facility in Winter Park, FL and touring to Tom Chess' garage in Deltona, FL.

Please plan to attend with your classic car or drive your modern car. Surprises await!

More information will be in our June 2015 newsletter.