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Coming Events:

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



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President's Letter

As I look back on 2015 I think about the good times I have had with club members. Some of those times have been visiting members in their homes, eating lunch at Shannon's on Tuesday, taking car cruises and, of course, meeting club members at our monthly club meetings.

We had our year-end club cruise December 16, 2015. It was a perfect day for a cruise. Several club members, Bob McMullen, Larry Mills, Nelson Lawhorn and Terry Firestone, a friend of many in the club, met at Bob's house to start the cruise in our cars: Bob's **1933 Chrysler**, Larry's **1965 Corvair** Nelson's **1948 Chevy** and Terry Firestone's **1940 Ford**. After many miles we were at our destination, the Grand Oaks Resort and Museum, north of The Villages in Lady Lake. After walking around and relaxing we had lunch and ended our cruise at Larry's garage. Larry gave us a great presentation on his electric car, a **1966 Corvair** that he has converted to total electric.



As this is my last newsletter and the end of my two years as President of this great club, thank you for the great ride I have had. As the new officers take over remember the dedication it takes to keep the club going and give them your support. Have a great time with your cars in 2016.

Nelson Lawhorn

Send your article submissions to:
EditorTRB@gmail.com
Deadline is the 20th of the month

Minutes of the Florida Region AACA Board Meeting – December 14, 2015

The Board of the Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on December 14, 2015. The meeting was called to order by President Nelson Lawhorn at 6:08 pm. Other Officers and Board Members present were Dick Gauchat, Don Allen, Jerry Eakins, Howard Gilkes, Tom Holt, Wayne Bostak, Matt Cannizzaro and KC Camp.

Don Allen presented the Treasurer's Report and it was filed.

The Minutes of the November 2015 Board Meeting were approved as published in 'The Running Board'.

There was a general discussion of past and future events:

- Turkey Rod Run - Thanksgiving Week-end
- Ormond Beach Car Show – Thanksgiving Week-end
- New Car Show – Thanksgiving Week-end
- Florida Region Christmas Party – December 7, 2015
- Fort Lauderdale Collector Car Auction – January 8–10, 2016
- Florida Region Club Awards Night – January 11, 2016
- Mecum Auctions, Kissimmee – January 15–24, 2016
- Oviedo Car Show – January 23, 2016
- Florida Region Pot Luck Supper – February 8, 2016
- Naples AACA Winter Meet – March 16–19, 2016

Howard reported on the slate of nominees for the Executive Board for 2016:

- President... ..Howard Gilkes
- Vice President... ..Dick Gauchat
- Secretary... ..Jerry Eakins
- Treasurer... ..Don Allen

- Board... ..Alson Atkins
- Board... ..Steve Tunney
- Board... ..KC Camp

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.

*Howard Gilkes,
Florida Region AACA Secretary*

Minutes of the Florida Region AACA General Meeting – December 14, 2015

The General Meeting of the Florida Region AACA was held at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on December 14, 2015. The meeting was called to order by President Nelson Lawhorn at 7:00 pm. Thirty-three (33) members were in attendance.

The program was a short video of the Stetson Mansion in DeLand lavishly decorated for the Christmas season. This video was followed by an extensive **1950's Oldsmobile** commercial.

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

Don Allen presented the Treasurer's Report and it was filed.

The Minutes of the November 2015 General Meeting were approved as published in 'The Running Board'.

Dena Holt gave the Sunshine Report.

Kendra Gilkes reported on the Christmas Party, Forty-six (46) members attended. She received several favorable comments and is already planning next year's Party. Many also commented on the beautiful table center-pieces donated by Dot Clark.

KC Camp reported the "most cars, people and vendors he had ever seen at the Turkey Rod Run".

Gene Roy reported 75 to 80 cars at the Ormond Car Show.

Matt Cannizzaro reported on the upcoming Oviedo Car Show.

Tom Holt reported on the upcoming Fort Lauderdale Car Auction.

Howard presented the slate of nominees for the Executive Board. There were no additional nominations from the membership. There was a unanimous vote for the slate as printed in the Board Minutes.

Dena Holt managed the 50/50 raffle which was won by Nelson Lawhorn. Green Dollar winners were Betty Hopkins, Marilyn Roy and Peter Foley.

The General Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

*Howard Gilkes
Florida Region AACA Secretary*

January Birthdays

Peter Barr	January 31
Melanie Boden	January 1
Gerry Camp	January 21
Lou Coppola	January 18
Joyce Harris	January 27
Walt Juergensen	January 21
Marianne Main	January 12
James Prior	January 11
Linda Tunney	January 28
Marilyn Roy	January 29

A "Model A" Poem

Florida Region member Al Adkins writes...

" One of the gentlemen at the Sandcastle Storytellers recites poetry. Attached find one of his poems that he recites about an old hot rod. I know we are not necessarily into hot rods, but I thought this might be fun."

THE HOT ROD MODEL "A"

Outside the city on an asphalt straight
The moon was bright, the hour was late.
A roadhouse stood aglimmer with lights
Where teenagers went on Saturday nights.

Outside in the lot where the irons were parked
Where the asphalt sang and the knobies barked
Stood a painted array of full race Mercs
Most of them chopped and given the works.

But back in the shadows an old 'A Bone' sat
Beat up like an old felt hat
A total wreck compared to the rest
But the 'A Bone' well it was one of Henry's best.



For who would have known that under the hood
Where the little four holer had always stood
Was a red hot Caddy, bored and blown
Perched in the heart of the old 'A Bone'.

Inside of the club the crowd was wild

The lights were dim, the smoke was mild
They rocked and rolled to the juke box beat
They shook their legs and they stomped their feet.

Back in the corner with legs out sprawled
In a Texan's voice one cowboy drawled
'I cannot dance at any rate
But I can clean you out on an asphalt straight.'

At this the whole darn gang went wild
Listen to that crazy Texan child
The crowd moved out and none looked bored
The motors caught, and the straight pipes roared.

They hit the road with howling wheels
The rubber flew like onion peels
They rapped off into the night
To hear the sounds that were pure delight.

The last to leave the small cafe'
Was the kid called Tex and his Model 'A'
Behind the wheel his grin grew wide
Here was his hope, his joy, his pride.

The starter whined, the Caddy purred
Above it's roar his laugh was heard
'For there ain't a one that walk away
From a red hot Caddy in a Model 'A'.

The rest of the rods were way ahead
They kept in line as on they sped
Their glossy paint, their chromed up mills
Shot down the valleys and up the hills.

The last in line was a 'channeled' coupe
The block was shot, too old to soup
He kept it floored, twas all in vain
For the 'A Bone' passed on the inside lane.

So went the rest in the rank of speed
At the edge of town he passed the lead
Fourteen 'Mercs' had fallen prey
To a crazy kid in a model 'A'.

Author is anonymous.

2015 Christmas Party



The catered dinner menu was a big hit.



Dot Clark donated the table centerpieces.



The Chinese gift exchange is underway.



A sack full of toys were donated to needy kids.

COVER VEHICLE FEATURE ARTICLE

1953 EMW 327 Cabriolet

Bonhams Auction

December 10, 2015

Herndon, RAF Museum, United Kingdom

Lot 331

Sold for US\$ 126,825 including premium

57 bhp, 1,971 cc (120 cubic inches)

Overhead Valve inline 6-cylinder engine

Classic **BMW** design of the pre-war era

One of 505 built between 1949 – 1955

Left-hand drive

4-speed manual transmission

“Until the 1950’s, **BMW** automobiles were produced not in Munich, but at the factory in Eisenach, which is located in what was then Eastern Germany. Because of the factory’s location, it fell under Soviet control, and production of prewar **BMW** cars resumed after the war with no corporate connection to **BMW** in Munich. When the Soviets transferred the ownership of the company to the government of East Germany in 1952, **BMW** initiated legal proceedings, resulting in the renaming of the Eisenach company to **EMW (Eisenach Motor Works)**”.

SOURCE: <https://www.bonhams.com/auctions/22705/lot/331/>



Sold on eBay

This **1959 Austin Gipsy** (Note: not Gypsy) 4X4 (with 16,873 miles) with its 4 cylinder engine and standard transmission in the bed, located in California sold for \$3,850 on December 7, 2015 (16 bids).

The **Austin Gipsy** was made from 1958 to 1968 in the United Kingdom and was a competitor to **Land Rover**. It was powered by a 2.2 liter (134 cubic inches) 55 horsepower gasoline engine and rode on a 90 or 111 inch wheelbase. Only 21,208 **Gipsys** were sold.

Seller's description says...

"Frame has no rust and never hit...Complete Project. Very straight and solid. Three owner, stored indoors for 25 plus years. .. Engine and trans are strapped in the bed. ..Has original upholstery and all original glass. Top bows are complete and a vinyl top is there for a pattern."



1911 Metallurgique Speedster

The **Metallurgique** were made in Belgium between 1898 and 1927. It was powered by a 4 cylinder engine rated at 14 horsepower. Wheelbase is 106 inches & weighs 2,464 pounds. It's one of the earliest known boat tail speedsters.



1970 – 1975 Citroën SM: Franco-Italian Gran Turismo

Made by the French car company **Citroën**.

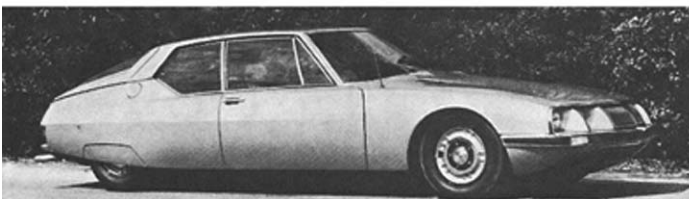
Model name SM stood for Sports **Maserati**.

Powered by an all aluminum Italian **Maserati** V-6 (90-degree, 2.7 or 3.0 Liter engine) with double overhead camshafts and 3 Weber carburetors.

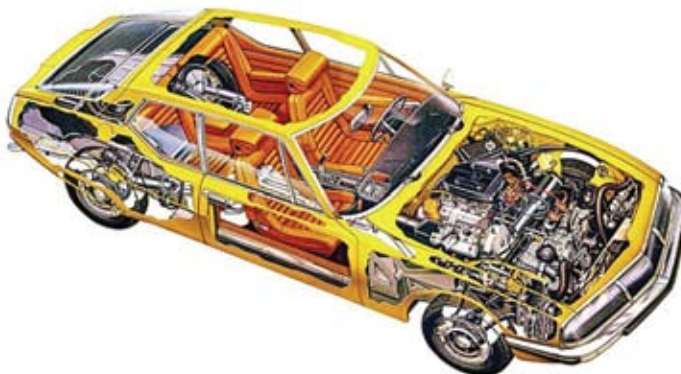
High performance, highly sophisticated front wheel drive, 3 door hatchback Grand Touring Coupe capable of a claimed 140 mph.

Single hydraulic system worked the suspension, steering and brakes (uses special hydraulic fluid).

Uses **Citroën's** hydro-pneumatic (oleopneumatic) self-leveling suspension.



Four wheel disc brakes. Front brakes were located inboard in the engine compartment!



Citroën offered the car with a 5-speed manual, or a 3-speed Borg Warner automatic transmission.

Citroën built around 13,000 SMs during the model's 1970-1975 run, of which only 2,037 were exported to the United States.



In 1968, **Citroën** bought **Maserati** with the intention of combining **Maserati's** high performance engine technology with **Citroën** sophisticated hydraulic suspension.

In 1974, **Peugeot** purchased **Citroën** under bankruptcy and quit building the SM model in 1975, which sold only 115 units that year.

