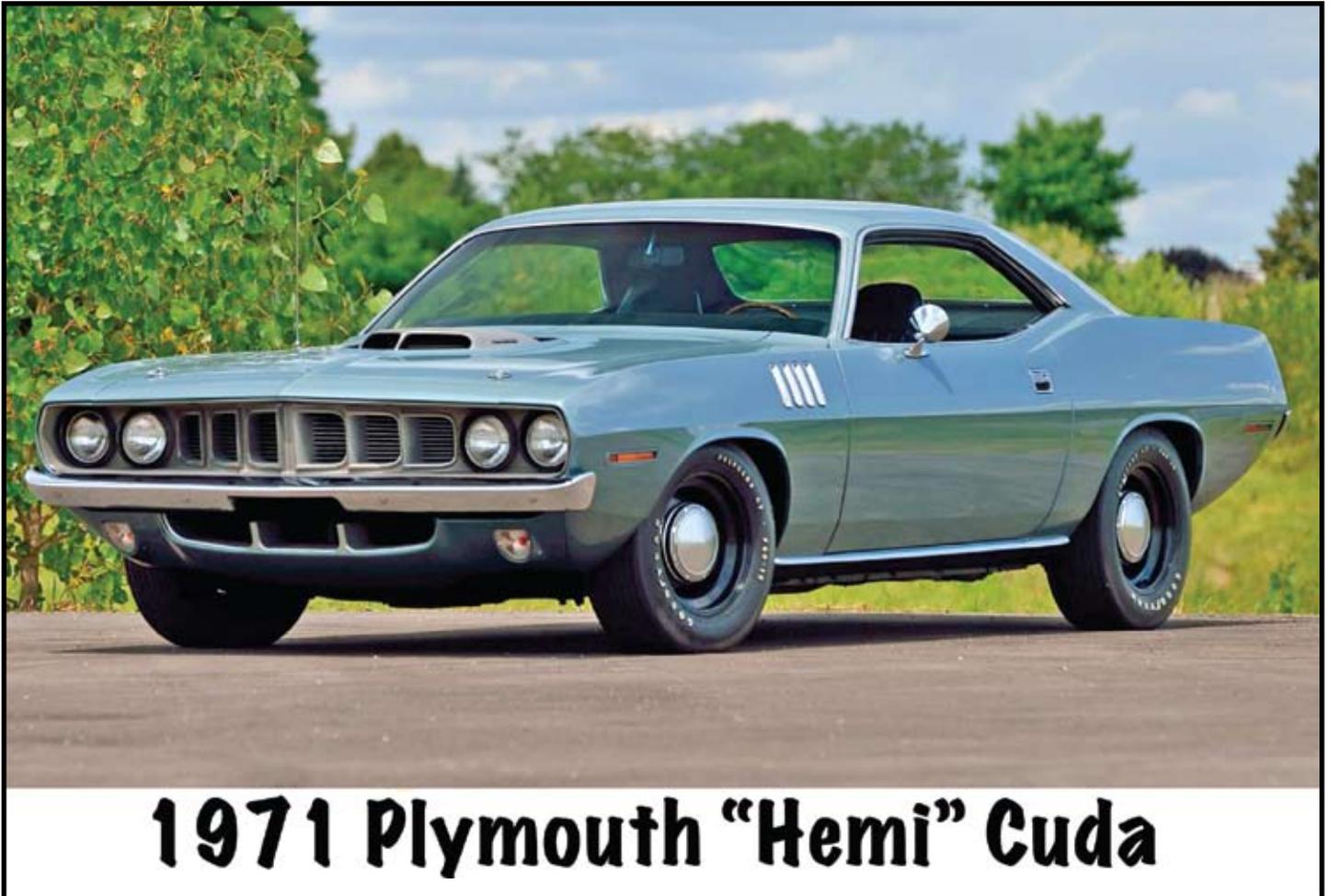


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## ***Coming Events:***

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| <b>February 7</b> | Florida Region Sunday Breakfast, Bahia Shrine, 2300 Pembroke Drive, Orlando, FL          | <b>9:00 AM</b> |
| <b>February 8</b> | Florida Region Board Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL   | <b>6:00 PM</b> |
| <b>February 8</b> | Florida Region General Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL | <b>7:00 PM</b> |



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# President's Letter

As we close up a banner 2015, I look back with great appreciation of what Nelson Lawhorn has accomplished in leading this Club. In the year past, we have had Pot Luck Suppers, Picnics in the Park and at KC Camp's property, Florida Region (Old Town) Car Show, attended Living Legends of Auto Racing meet, participated in the Mustang & Ford Roundup, Club Auction, Garage Tour, Orlando Executive Airport Tour, Rehabilitation / Retirement Centers, College Park Parade of Homes, Apopka Calvary Church of the Nazarene Car Show & Dinner, 15 cars in the New Car Show at the Orange County Convention Center (OCCC, located in Orlando, FL), Christmas Party, Grand Lake Resort & Museum and Special Awards Night. What a year !! Many thanks Nelson; job well done.

Appreciation also goes out to Mark Regnier for his service to our Club in his designing and publishing of "The Running Board". The first week of each month, he publishes an award winning newsletter. If you get a chance, please send him an article that is old car related that he can share with our Club; such as the "Model A" poem submitted by Al Adkins and published in our January, 2016 issue. Thanks Mark.

And many thanks goes out to Darrel Cole for his hard work on the annual New Car Show display of our antique cars at the OCCC each Thanksgiving. This is our largest earned revenue source and offers our Club a flexible budget. Thanks Darrel.

Thanks to Jan Lawhorn for taking on the job of Refreshment Chairman. And to Mary Rose for bringing in her delicious home-baked desserts each month.

And last but not least, appreciation goes out to Don and Carole Allen for many services to our Club. They both work as Co-Membership Chairmen. Don also is the go-to person for Florida Region Club related group emails. And when Jerry Eakins was dealing with health related problems, he volunteered to be Club Treasurer. These are some of the ways he contributes to the Club and why he was honored with the President's Award. Thanks Don and congratulations on the well deserved award.

**P.S.** My personal appreciation goes to my dear wife Kendra who is supporting me on my ninth ( 9th) year as President of

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**Deadline is the 20th of the month**

the Florida Region AACA. She was Refreshment Chairman for too many years to count and has already agreed to be our Pot Luck and Christmas Party Chairman for 2016.  
Thank You ever so !!

### **Howard Gilkes**

## **Minutes of the Florida Region AACA Board Meeting – January 11, 2016**

The Board of the Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on January 11, 2016. The meeting was called to order by President Howard Gilkes at 6:00 pm. Other Officers and Board Members present were Matt Cannizzaro, Don Allen, Al Atkins, Nelson Lawhorn, Darrel Cole, Steve Tunney and Wayne Bostak.

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

The Minutes of the December 2015 Board Meeting were approved as published in "*The Running Board*".

There was a planning session for events (tentative schedule) for 2016:

**February 13-15**, Living Legends of Auto Racing Meet - Port Orange, Display of cars Monday, **Feb. 15**, Contact Bob Coolidge / Steve Tunney

**March 8**, Pot Luck Supper, Contact Kendra Gilkes

**April** Secret Lake Park Picnic

**May** Elliott Museum in Stuart, FL, Darrel Cole

**June** Visit Darrel's new garage

**July** Visit a Rehab / Retirement Center

**August**, Visit Larry Cole's Mt. Dora Antique Car Warehouse

**September 13**, Pot Luck Supper, Kendra Gilkes

**October** K.C. Camp Picnic  
Hershey, PA Show

**November** College Park Parade of Homes  
New Car Show–OCCC

**December** Christmas Party

Steve Tunney volunteered to coordinate the Events Calendar.

Nelson Lawhorn volunteered to chair monthly programs.

Howard Gilkes volunteered to be Acting Secretary during any of Jerry Eakins' absences.

Matt Cannizzaro made a motion for him to lead a committee to come up with ideas to market the Club to potential new members. The motion passed unanimously.

Howard made a motion (for Kendra) that the February Pot Luck Supper be changed to March due to the proximity of our Christmas Party. The motion passed unanimously.

Howard and Don Allen agreed to meet at 5:30 pm before our February Meeting to perform our annual audit. All members are invited.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

*Howard Gilkes*  
*Acting Florida Region AACA Secretary*

## **Minutes of the Florida Region AACA General Meeting – January 11, 2016**

The General Meeting of the Florida Region AACA was held at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on January 11, 2016. The meeting was called to order by President Howard Gilkes at 7:00 pm. Thirty-three (33) members were in attendance.

Lee Dunkin 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 December 2015 General Meeting were approved as published in "The Running Board".

Dena Holt gave the Sunshine Report.

The two (2) motions made and approved in our Board Meeting, and Minutes, were also approved by the General Membership.

Matt Cannizzaro invited the membership to participate in the Mustang & any Ford powered make Round Up on February 27, 2016 in Historic Downtown Longwood.

Larry Cole announced a car show on February 6th at Spruce Creek Shopping Center on US-441, a half mile north of "The Villages".

Tom Holt reported that Winter Garden Car Shows are back. Check with Tom for dates.

Larry Cole announced a car show at the Lakeside Inn in Mount Dora on Mother's Day, May 9th.

Gene Roy reported on a 2nd Saturday Cruise-In in Downtown Longwood, 4-8:00 pm.

Dena Holt managed the 50/50 raffle which was won by Nelson Lawhorn (again). Green Dollar winners were Matt Cannizzaro, Steve Tunney and Pat Dunkin.

Don Allen requested past-due dues be paid for both National and Regional.

Don Allen initiated a moment of silent prayer for Laurel Limmel and Dick Gauchat

Awards were presented to the "worker-bees" of the Club. Congratulations to Don Allen for winning the President's Award plaque for his many volunteer contributions to the Club and President.

The General Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

*Howard Gilkes*

*Acting Florida Region AACA Secretary*

## ***February Birthdays***

James A. Centrella, III	February 11
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

## ***January 2016 Car Cruise***

By **Nelson Lawhorn**, Florida Region Member

Our January 20, 2016 car cruise started at Denny's in Apopka at 9 am. We had breakfast and a good time associating. Meeting for the cruise were several of our members: Charlie Steffy, Bob McMullen, Steve Yancey, Nelson Lawhorn, Larry Mills, Jerry Eakins, Bill Morris and guests Terry Firestone and Charlie Neel.

After breakfast we cruised some back roads and around Mount Dora and went up Hwy 19 to a car meet in Eustis. Then our cruise went north on 19 through the Ocala National Forest to Hwy 40 and on to Barberville. While others parted and went different ways a couple of us stayed and went

through the Pioneer Settlement Village and then on to have a late lunch at the Blackwater Pub on the St. Johns river. A great time was had by all on this 150 mile cruise. Plan to join us for our next cruise and enjoy getting together with our old cars.



## AACA Annual Meeting



### 80th AACA Annual Meeting February 11-13, 2016 Philadelphia, PA

Meeting Registration Deadline: February 3

Download Registration form at  
[http://www.aaca.org/images/meet\\_brochures/2016\\_Annual\\_Meeting\\_Registration.pdf](http://www.aaca.org/images/meet_brochures/2016_Annual_Meeting_Registration.pdf)

Some planned event highlights...

**First Lady's Breakfast** – Hosted by Carol Barlup, this year's theme is America and the entertainment will be provided by Emery Turner, an AACA member of the Glidden Band. (open to all members)

**The Appraisers** – Find out everything that goes into creating, producing and starring in a television show! Enjoy a panel discussion, as well as a question & answer session, with the stars and producer of this new AACA-endorsed TV show.

**Over 40 Educational Seminars!** Topics include: metal finishing, value trends, estate planning, collector car transportation secrets, the classic cars of Cuba, social media marketing, stain removal techniques, restoration stories, pre-World War II upholstery, Crosleys, Loewy Coupes, HPOF, model cars, modern woodworking technology and more!

**National Awards Banquet** – A chance to celebrate and honor our members' achievements in grand style - over 67 car-related awards, 21 service awards and 48 master editor and webmaster awards will be presented this year!

**Annual Trade Show** – 40 specialty vendors, hand-picked just for AACA members will be participating this year including: Eastern Etching, Snapping Turtle Tiedowns, Restoration Specialties, American AutoWire, International Automobile Appraisers Assoc., R & D Finishing, Woodgrain Specialties, Auto Appraisal Group and more!



# COVER VEHICLE FEATURE ARTICLE

## 1971 Plymouth "Hemi" Cuda

### Mecum Automobile Auction

January 22, 2016 (Friday)

Kissimmee, Florida

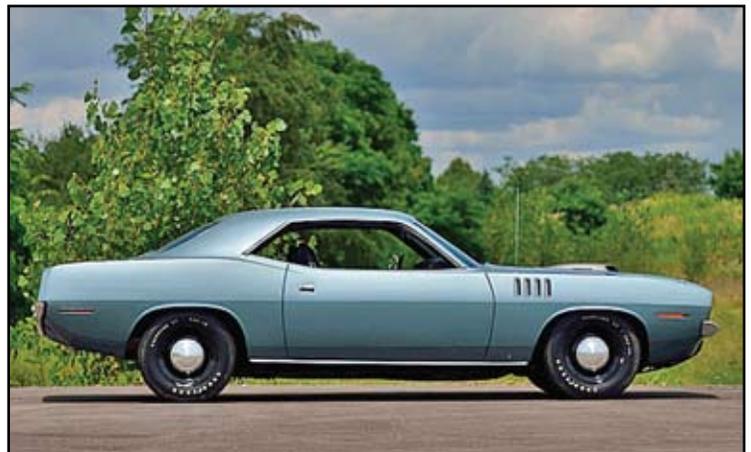
Lot F100, Sold for **US \$950,000**

426 cubic inches ( 7.0 Liters ), 425 Horsepower  
Original Engine, Black Leather Interior  
Original 4 Speed with Hurst Pistol Grip Shifter  
Unrestored, 58,990 miles

"Final-year Hemi Cudas, then just four years old, were never commonplace. The increased surcharges for insurance had severely hurt the marketplace by that model year. This would be the Hemi Cuda's swan song, retiring in its second and final year as unchanged as the engine itself; both disappeared into history as the model year wound down. Most often, people who braved the financial environment to buy a new Hemi Cuda in 1971 did not realize how important that purchase was at the time. We hazard that none of them even vaguely contemplated what eventual rarity and subsequent value these cars would have today. They simply wanted to own the most notorious high-compression package still available from Detroit."

#### Photos & Text from:

<https://www.mecum.com/lot-detail/FL0116-229801/10260/1971-Plymouth-Hemi-Cuda/4-Speed/>



# Sold on eBay

This 1942 DeSoto Custom Club Coupe (with 8,975 miles), a straight 6 cylinder engine (236 cubic inches) and 3 speed standard transmission located in California sold for \$9,300 on Jan. 26, 2016 (23 bids).

Seller's description says...

*"This 1942 DeSoto Custom S10 Club Coupe is a piece of history, was built in Canada during the first year of World War II! The body is in great shape other than a few rust spots on the driver's side rear fender. There is also a 5 by 5 inch hole in the passenger's side floor panel, a small hole in the drivers side (see photos) and trunk. The body is totally solid without rust and is in great shape with little to no dents. This car has been in inside storage for over Twenty years and is completely dry. This is a rare and great original survivor car that must be restored! ... Both Front and Rear Bumpers have been re-chromed..."*



# 1946 Crosley "COBRA" Engine

"Not only is Crosley a unique car, it also utilizes a unique engine.

If you look closely you will see the upper portion of the engine is made of four cylinders and a simple metal box. Unlike a conventional engine block, which is cast in a mold, this engine was fabricated using sheet metal.

Called the "COBRA", it stands for "Copper Brazed". This is the material and method by which the engine block was fabricated. A complete engine weighs a minute 59 pounds."

*Above text is from a placard at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum in Auburn, Indiana*



# 1934 SS1 2½-Litre Sports Saloon

Bonhams Auction, December 10, 2015  
Herndon, RAF Museum, United Kingdom  
Lot 338, Sold for US\$ 114,520 inc. premium

“Forerunner of the marque ‘Jaguar’ from SS Cars Ltd of Coventry, the SS1 predated yet epitomised the later advertising slogan, ‘Grace, Space, Pace.’ ‘SS’ originally stood for the Swallow Sidecar & Coachbuilding Company, which had been founded in Blackpool, England by William Walmsley in 1922. The company branched out into motor manufacture in 1926, its first major success being an attractive sports saloon on the Austin Seven chassis. The design was the work of Walmsley’s business partner, William Lyons, whose future Jaguar creations would confirm his reputation as one of the British motor industry’s most gifted stylists. Relocation to Coventry followed and the Swallow range expanded to include models on Morris Cowley, Wolseley Hornet and Standard Sixteen chassis.

Marque status arrived in October 1931 with the launch of the SS1, a close-coupled coupé. Based on that of the Standard Ensign 16hp, the SS1’s low, under-slung chassis was designed by Lyons and supplied exclusively to Swallow by John Black’s Standard Motor Company, which also provided the 2.1/2.6-litre six-cylinder sidevalve engine and four-speed gearbox. Lyons’ design for the body was startling: the SS1’s excessively long bonnet, tiny passenger compartment and helmet-type front wings suggesting that it represented the ultimate in high performance. In so doing, the SS1 went some way towards establishing the pattern for future Jaguars, combining sporting good looks with a better-than-average specification and all at a bargain price. Indeed, so successful was Lyons’ new venture that production of Swallow-bodied cars ceased altogether in 1933 and SS Cars Limited was formed, initially as a subsidiary of the Swallow sidecar-building business.

The SS1 body style was revised for 1933 and the engines up-rated with alloy cylinder heads and improved manifolding, advances that raised the top speed to 75mph. For 1934 the SS1 gained a new wide-track chassis and slightly enlarged Standard engines of 2,143cc and 2,663cc, while the body - now available in four different configurations - underwent yet another restyle. In this, its final form, the SS1 remained in production until 1936, by which time 2,503 examples of this ultimate version had been made.”

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<https://www.bonhams.com/auctions/22705/lot/338/>

