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1953 Oldsmobile Fiesta Convertible



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Coming Events:

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| June 4 | First Sunday Breakfast, Denny's Restaurant, 351 East Main Street, Apopka, FL | 8:00 AM |
| June 12 | Florida Region Board Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL | 6:00 PM |
| June 12 | 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

Hello everyone,

Well here it is; June already. As we enter our rainy season our car shows/cruise ins will slow to a hit and miss events. I know we need rain but I always pray for rain free Saturdays but that doesn't always seem to work out. That seemed to be the case on May 13th when we planned to attend the Longwood monthly car cruise and we were rained out. I did enjoy some great barbecue at 4 Rivers Smokehouse with other potential attendees where we lamented about our bad luck. Oh well ... We may try this again later in the year.

We are starting June off quickly with a display at the Brookdale Nursing Home in Longwood, FL on June 1st (Thursday) starting at 12 Noon. We are invited to lunch at the facility (I am told the lunch is really great) and then there will be a car show following lunch. Note: The time frame listed in the May 8th Board Meeting minutes is incorrect. An email before the event will be issued providing further information. All are invited and I hope you can attend.

At our regular meeting on June 12th, I will survey those in attendance to see if we have interest for a group to meet at Old Town in Kissimmee, FL. They host a cruise in every Saturday night, rain or shine that now number over 1,400 straight Saturday nights. Gates open at 1 PM and the cruise through the town is at 8:30 PM. That's a long day, but we don't have to be there that long. I have a plan where we can park and be close to each other no matter what time we arrive. If we decide to do this, it be later in June.

That's about it. Hope to see you at our General Membership meeting on Monday, June 12th.

Steve Tunney

Minutes of the Florida Region AACA Board Meeting – May 8, 2017

The Board of the Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park, FL on May 8th, 2017. The meeting was called to order by President Steve Tunney at 6:07 PM. Officers and Board Members present were Nelson Lawhorn, Matt Cannizzaro, Wayne Bostak, Howard Gilkes, Dick Gauchat, and Jerry Eakins.

President Tunney presented the Treasurer's report and it was filed.

The minutes of the April 2017 Meeting Minutes were approved as printed in "*The Running Board*".

President Tunney and Dick Gauchat reported on the Secret Lake Picnic held on April 23rd. Thirty-five members and guests and eleven antique cars were there. A good time was had by all even though an emergency run to the grocery for additional hamburgers was needed. President Tunney thanked Dick Gauchat and his wife Millie for organizing the event and Mark Regnier for cooking.

President Tunney told us that tonight's program would be a video about automobile advertising from the 50's and 60's because the scheduled return of Mr. Charlie McWhorter, 97, who spoke at the February 2017 meeting has to be postponed due to illness.

President Tunney made a short report on the website update. Due to personal issues, he has been unable to make much progress

and will need to hire some professional assistance. The Board had approved money for this purpose.

Matt Cannizzaro spoke about the May 13th Longwood Cruise. Interested members can meet at the 4 Rivers Smokehouse barbecue restaurant on SR 434 just west of Interstate 4 at 3 PM for a meal and then convoy to the cruise site. Members not eating can meet in the restaurant parking lot about 3:30 PM to join the convoy. He is also working with Fred Kaufmann investigating the feasibility of a regional car show with nearby AACA regions. Matt presented what is needed to get the show planning started. Essentially, we need volunteers to fill jobs such as registration, venues, layout, etc.

Nelson Lawhorn spoke about the annual June 1st antique car display at the Brookdale Nursing Home in Longwood, FL. Antique cars will be on display from 11 AM until noon at which time car folks will be treated to a meal. Cars may leave after lunch.

President Tunney reported on the of the April 29th Heritage Classic & Antique Car Show hosted by the Volusia Region in Lake Helen, FL.

President Tunney showed us letters he had received from AACA National concerning the split between the Club and the Museum. The Museum has been told to desist from using the Club logo and that the Club would no longer support the Museum in any way.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM.

*Jerry Eakins, Secretary
Florida Region AACA*

Minutes of the Florida Region AACA General Meeting – May 8, 2017

The General Meeting of the Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park, FL on May 8, 2017. The meeting was called to order by President Steve Tunney at 7:37 PM. Thirty-five members were present.

Dick Gauchat led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the USA.

Howard Gilkes presented the Treasurer's report and it was filed.

The Minutes of the April 2017 Meetings as printed in the "*The Running Board*" were amended by Charlie Steffy to show the correct date of the Lake Helen Show.

President Tunney reported on the Secret Lake Picnic held on April 23rd. Thirty-five members and guests and eleven antique cars were there. A good time was had by all even though an emergency run to the grocery for more hamburgers was needed.

President Tunney told us Jack Scott provided tonight's meeting program in lieu of the planned program featuring the return of Mr. Charlie McWhorter, 97, who spoke at the February 2017 meeting. Mr. McWhorter has been ill but will be rescheduled when he is better.

President Tunney reported on updating the Region's website and told us he will hire professional help to assist.

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meet at the 4 Rivers Smokehouse barbecue restaurant on SR 434 just west of Interstate 4 at 3 PM for a meal and then convoy to the cruise site. Members not eating can meet in the restaurant parking lot about 3:30 PM to join the convoy.

President Tunney and Matt Cannizzaro spoke about the Board's planning regarding a joint regional car show with nearby AACA regions or the possibility of a show sponsored by the Florida Region alone. Volunteers are needed for key slots. President Tunney also reported on the Lake Helen Show and the upcoming meet at the Brookdale Nursing Home on June 1st.

Bud Bernier and Ray Eckhart told us about the upcoming Edgewood Cruise-in on May 19th from 6 to 9 PM.

Tom Holt told us about upcoming car shows:

1. AACA events can be found in the "*Antique Automobile*".
2. Longwood Cruise-in May 13th.
3. Renninger's Cars and Guitars is the second Sunday of every month.
4. Old Town Saturday Nite Cruise every Saturday.
5. Great Southern Antique Auto Show and Rally in Cairo, GA on the second weekend in May.
6. Citrus Tower in Clermont on the 1st Saturday of each month.

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in any way.

President Tunney introduced new members Ann McCormack and Gary Notaro. Ann owns two **1963 Mercurys**. She drove her convertible tonight. Steve welcomed an old-time member, Jack Flannigan. He also told us that Russ and Shirley Dawson had just celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Bud Bernier told us the Ace Café in Downtown Orlando, FL is having a Cruise-in on May 13th.

Betty Hopkins won the 50/50 drawing while dollar winners were Wayne Bostak, Nelson Lawhorn, and Tom Rose.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

*Jerry Eakins, Secretary
Florida Region AACA*

June Birthdays

Lanny Boden	June 12
Barbara Cole	June 22
Millie Gauchat	June 30
George Koehn	June 19
Janet MacMillan	June 6
Steve Tunney	June 3
Steve Yancey	June 21

Lake Helen, FL Car Show

April 29, 2017, Volusia Region AACA's Annual Spring Car Show at Blake Park in Lake Helen, FL. Weather was partly cloudy in the high 70's.

1954 Packard Pacifica from DeLand, FL



1928 Whippet 96 Sedan owned by John and Pat Meinert, DeLand, FL



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COVER VEHICLE FEATURE ARTICLE

1953 Oldsmobile Fiesta Convertible

Mecum Car Auction
Indianapolis, Indiana
Thursday, May 18, 2017
Lot T124, Sold for \$160,000

1 of 458 produced in 1953

Frame-off nut and bolt restoration

Panoramic wraparound windshield

303/170 HP Rocket V-8 engine

GM Hydra-Matic transmission

Power steering and brakes

Power windows, seat and top

Super Deluxe AM radio, dash clock

Factory color combination of
Raven Red over Alpine White

Matching two-tone leather interior

White cloth convertible top

Stone guards and fender skirts

Bias-ply wide whitewall tires

Only 187 miles since restoration

The 1953 Olds Fiesta was priced
new at \$5,715

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1964 Studebaker Avanti owned by Linda and Alan Seliger of Port Orange, FL



1967 MGB Roadster owned by Donald McBride, DeLand, FL. Original owner, unrestored: original top, spare tire, paint and driver, Original purchase price \$2,909.



1956 Morris Minor 1000 convertible owned by Derk Pratt, New Smyrna Beach, FL

Powered by a 4 cylinder, 948 cubic centimeter (60 cubic inches), 37 horsepower, water cooled engine, 4 speed manual transmission, curb weight of 1,600 pounds, torsion bar front suspension.



1964 Rambler American 440H



Design Details – 1956 Continental Mark II

Text & photos by *Mark Regnier*



The **1956 (Lincoln) Continental Mark II** had a base price of \$9,966 with the only option being a \$595 air conditioner (A/C) system.

The side of the body lacks any stainless steel trim or molding with only a small body line crease visible running from over the front wheel to past the rear wheel opening.



The front bumper has built in rectangular turn signals (arrow # 1) which are replicated in the rear bumper as small rectangular exhaust ports under the rear turn signals (arrow # 2).



The “tire bulge” on the trunk lid is for a near vertically mounted spare tire (arrow # 3). The trunk space is wide but not very deep due to

the 25 gallon gasoline tank under the trunk floor. The A/C evaporator (arrow # 4) is mounted in the trunk with the only A/C vents exiting on the rear interior shelf.



The driver's side rear turn signal swings away to reveal the hidden gasoline filler tube.



The driver's side outside rear view mirror is mounted to the body and not to the door.



The instrument panel has four large circular faces. The far left (4 gauge) cluster houses the fuel level, water temperature, oil pressure and amperage gauge. The speedometer and odometer is to the right. To the right of that is a clock. The far right gauge is an engine tachometer reading up to 5,000 rpms.