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# *The Running Board*

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## 1930 Cadillac Series 452 V-16 Coupe



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### ***Coming Events:***

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| <b>Sept. 3</b>  | First Sunday Breakfast, Denny's Restaurant, 351 East Main Street, Apopka, FL  | <b>8:00 AM</b> |
| <b>Sept. 11</b> | Florida Region Board Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL                              | <b>5:30 PM</b> |
| <b>Sept. 11</b> | Florida Region <b>Pot Luck Dinner and</b> General Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL | <b>6:30 PM</b> |



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# Dash Design

The 1958 Mercury Montclair Turnpike Cruiser has a distinctive dash design, most notably the push-button shifter on the left hand side for the “Multi-Drive Merc-O-Matic” automatic transmission.



To start the car, turn the ignition switch to “on”, then hit the second button from the bottom left, it says “Neutral Start”. Once the car is running, press the wide top button that says “Drive”. Reverse is the red button on the bottom right. The far left bottom button is for the “Brake Release”. The third button from the bottom left is “Hill Control” for engine braking on steep grades.



To the right of the instrument cluster is a padded dash. Right above the radio is the glove box. The round gauge between the glove box and the dash is a factory option, a Driver’s Power Seat Position Memory dial.

**Minutes of the Florida Region AACA  
Board Meeting – August 14, 2017**

The Board of the Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park, FL on August 14, 2017. The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Nelson Lawhorn at 6:00 PM.

Officers and Board Members present were Jack Scott, Wayne Bostak, Howard Gilkes, Don Allen, Dick Gauchat, Fred Kaufmann, Darrel Cole and Jerry Eakins.

Don Allen gave the Treasurer's Report.

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

Vice-President Lawhorn gave a report sent to him by President Steve Tunney. Most of the report gave details of our upcoming 2018 car show:

It is scheduled on Saturday, March 3rd, 2018 at the Ace Café from 10 AM until 2:30 PM. Awards will be made at 2 PM.

Don Musica of Cruisin Orlando will be the DJ for a fee of \$400.00.

The Ace Café has room for 170 cars.

President Tunney has leads for possible sponsors that may raise \$800.00. Awards would go to the top 20 cars and 2 People's Choices.

A full page "*Cruise News*" black and white

ad will cost \$230.00. President Tunney suggests that one month would be sufficient. The "Florida Car Shows" website charges \$100.00 for an online ad.

President Tunney would like to design a flyer for the show. Fred Kaufmann will assist.

President Tunney has a rubber stamp to add the Region's information to handouts.

The River City Church in DeBary, FL has contacted President Tunney requesting 20 classic cars for its Harvest Festival on October 28, 2017.

President Tunney reported our website has issues and does not fit the AACA webpage in its present form.

There was considerable Board discussion about the expenses and other details related to our 2018 car show.

Darrel Cole reported the annual New Car Showcase can use 15–20 of our cars this year. This is our only fundraiser in 2017 so members need to volunteer their cars and time. The Show is held Thanksgiving week.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

*Jerry Eakins, Secretary  
Florida Region AACA*

**Minutes of the Florida Region AACA  
General Meeting – August 14, 2017**

The General Meeting of the Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in

Winter Park, FL on August 14, 2017.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Nelson Lawhorn at 7:02 PM. Thirty-two members were present. Dick Gauchat led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Don Allen gave the Treasurer's Report.

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

The program was a video of the Auburn, Cord, Duesenberg Museum in Auburn, IN.

Vice-President Lawhorn also spoke about the recent road trip that he and his wife, Jan, took in their motorhome. They visited eight car museums during the trip.

Darrel Cole told members about the annual New Car Showcase at the Orange County Convention Center on Thanksgiving week. Darrel needs 20 cars from the membership and additional help manning our table and watching the cars. This is our only fundraiser in 2017 and we need to support Darrel and the club. Vice-President Lawhorn volunteered Steve Yancey to make and fill a work schedule for the show.

Larry Cole told us the "Lake Dora Classic" car show has moved to the First Baptist Church of Mount Dora and will be November 4, 2017 from 10 AM until 4 PM. Visit [www.mountdoraclassiccarfestival.com](http://www.mountdoraclassiccarfestival.com) for all the details.

Charlie Steffy told us he had labels for the

club's membership drive using past copies of *"Antique Automobile"*.

Vice-President Lawhorn told us The River City Church in DeBary, FL has contacted President Tunney requesting 20 classic cars for its Harvest Festival on October 28th.

Jack Scott told us there is a Summer Train Expo at Savannah Center in The Villages on August 19th and 20th.

Jack Swain won the 50/50 drawing and Ray Morrison, Dick Gauchat and Bob Coolidge won coins.

Kendra Gilkes told us next month, September 11th, is the Potluck Dinner. Time is 6:30 PM. As usual the club will furnish the meat and drinks, so bring your best veggie casserole, salad, or dessert.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

*Jerry Eakins, Secretary  
Florida Region AACA*

## ***September Birthdays***

Carole Allen                      September 8

Wayne Bostak                      September 12

Sally Cole                      September 5

Lee Dunkin                      September 3

Jan Eakins                      September 8

Billie Jo Elliot                      September 28

Toni Foley September 25

Julie Lane September 29

Bob McMullen September 29

William Morris September 29



## *Hanging Motorcycle*

While shopping at Disney Springs in Lake Buena Vista, FL (formerly known as Downtown Disney) on July 28, 2017, I saw this old **Triumph** motorcycle hanging from the ceiling in a clothing store.



## *Car Window Sticker*



*Pot Luck Dinner at Next General Meeting!*

## **Pot Luck Dinner Meeting Night**

**September 11, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.**

at the Kress Memorial Church,  
746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL

**The Club furnishes the Meat & Drinks**



**Bring a Dish to Share  
Bring a Healthy Appetite**

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# COVER VEHICLE FEATURE ARTICLE

## 1930 Cadillac Series 452 V-16 Coupe

Mecum Car Auction  
Monterey, California  
August 19, 2017  
Lot S104, Sold for \$180,000

Professional body-off restoration  
Fleetwood body style 4376-S  
Rumble Seat V-16 Coupe  
148-inch wheelbase  
452 Cubic Inch V-16 engine  
Synchromesh 3-speed transmission  
7-degree V-Type swing-out windshield  
Pilot Ray driving lights  
Dual side mounts with covers and mirrors  
Luggage rack and trunk  
Goddess radiator mascot  
Le Baron hood with curved, raised molding  
Straight horizontal sills  
Burgundy and Vermillion Red paint  
Red leather interior  
Waltham dash clock  
Roll-down rear window  
Golf club door  
19-inch red-painted wire wheels  
Chrome V-16 center caps  
Bias-ply 7.50-19 wide whitewall tires  
1 of 98 V-16 Cadillacs produced in this body style

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# WW2 Airplane with an Automobile Connection



By **Mark Regnier**, Editor

On August 11, 2017, Bill Morris and I attended an open house held at American Aero Services (AAS) at the New Smyrna Beach (Florida) Regional Airport. AAS restores Aircrafts (War Birds), Military Vehicles, Armor, Missiles and Rockets.

There is a connection between a World War 2 (WW2) aircraft on site and an American car maker which I will reveal at the end of this article.

The military vehicles inside the hangar included a **Jeep** with a vertical pole on the front bumper. Bill said this was to cut down any hidden horizontal wire the enemy put up to injure the **Jeep** occupants.



There was a gray U.S. Navy vehicle, marked "New Smyrna N.A.S." that had a 6 foot long airplane bomb, on a rail system, ready to be loaded onto an airplane.



There was a U.S. Air Force full track vehicle used for moving airplanes.



The war planes on site included a Curtiss **P-40 "Warhawk"** fighter aircraft (single seat, single engine) with "ARMY" markings.



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# WW2 Airplane with an Automobile Connection

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Outside, near the runway, was a **Douglas C-47** military transport plane. The civilian version of this plane is the **DC-3**.



Right next to this plane was a WW2 **Boeing B-17G "Flying Fortress"** that was flown here from a Washington state aircraft museum the previous week.



## B-17 Aircraft Specifications

Wingspan	103 feet, 9 inches
Length	74 feet, 9 inches
Height	19 feet, 1 inch
Empty Weight	36,135 pounds
Max. Weight	72,000 pounds
Powerplants	Four 1,200 hp engines
Armament	Thirteen M2 .50 Caliber Browning Machine Guns

Crew	10
Max Speed	250 Mph
Service Ceiling	35,000 feet
Range	2,400 miles

I climbed inside the aircraft to look around. The floor is made of wood. The plane is not pressurized meaning that at 35,000 feet it gets very cold inside the plane, as in 40 degrees below zero. All the flight controls are mechanical or electrical. Only the brakes and flaps are operated hydraulically.



Our tour guide stated the operational cost to fly this airplane is \$2,000 an hour. The 4 engines consume a total of 200 gallons of 100 octane fuel per hour. The two engines on the starboard side were made by Wright. The two engines on the port side were made by **Studebaker**, the car company.

