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Coming Events:

April 11	Florida Region board Meeting, Kress Memorial Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 746 Formosa Ave, Winter Park, FL	5:30PM
April 11	Florida Region General Meeting and Potluck Dinner, Kress Memorial Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 746 Formosa Ave, Winter Park, FL	6:30PM



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Deadline is the 20th of the month

### Potluck Dinner



### RSVP with Don Allen

We are going to have a potluck dinner at the next general meeting, April 11th. It will be at 6:30 PM following the 5:30 board meeting. We will have a short business meeting after the dinner.

The club is going to provide the meat, drinks, and table set ups. You are to bring a dish to share. **PLEASE RSVP to Don Allen**

**863-604-3148 that you are coming and what dish you will bring.** The head count is very important so we will know how much meat to buy. We are hoping for a good attendance as this is the first pot luck we have had in two years due to the COVID shut down. Come and see your friends that you probably have not seen in a long time.

Don Allen

### **Board and General Meeting –**

Board Meeting of Florida Region

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 PM because we were late due to traffic. Don had written a check to himself which he wanted the club to approve before cashing it. It was for \$34.97. \$20 of it was a cash gift he gave to the lady that does the printing of our newsletter for us. When we get the letter, it is too big due to pictures and has to be compressed. We get the newsletter from Glenn, send it to her, she compresses it and sends it back to us so we can send it out to the members. The other \$14.97 was to buy a pack of 25 sheets of Avery labels so I could print more labels to put on magazines to get out. I was going to give them out at the car show. I had them at the meeting for members to take to give out. Charlie Jones made a motion to

approve the check, Larry Mills seconded it and it passed unanimously

We discussed the fact that we had to cancel the car show due to bad weather. It was decided that we would not try to have another car show before fall, due to the hot weather. Between now and then we will decide whether we have enough members interested enough to even have another car show.

We discussed refunding the registration fees paid to us. Don Allen will return the checks not yet deposited and will send our checks to the ones that have been deposited. A letter will go with the checks sent out. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50PM.

General Meeting of Florida Region

The meeting was called to order by President Charlie Jones at 7:15 PM. Don Allen gave the treasurer's report and it will be filed. Then the club discussed the car show that had to be canceled due to bad weather and if we should consider having one in October or November after the weather is cooler.

Matt Cannazzaro gave a report on the car show in Oviedo next Saturday. It is a fundraiser to earn money to send selected

veterans to Washington DC for a very impressive ceremony.

Betsy Campbell talked about a show at the Seminole Town Center at the corner of route 46 and I-4. It is April 16.

The Volusia County AACA car show was talked about and our people should support car shows put on by other Regions.

The pot luck dinner was discussed. It will be on our next meeting night, April, 11. The board meeting will be moved ahead by a half hour to 5:30 and the dinner will be at 6:30. It will be followed by a short business meeting. The club will provide the meat, drinks, and table set ups. Members are to bring a dish to share. PLEASE contact Don Allen to confirm you are coming and what you will bring. We hope for a large attendance as we have not had a dinner for 2 years due to Covid.

The 50 - 50 drawing produced \$25 and Betsy Campbell won it. Then we drew tickets for two silver dollars. Betsy won one of those also and Don Allen won the other.

The meeting was adjourned at about 7:45. It was followed by a video shown by Charlie Jones. It was a collection of car ads that were on TV in 1955, 56, and 57. It lasted about 30 minutes. After this we enjoyed

refreshments provided by our new hostess, Betsy Campbell.

Minutes by Don Allen, Acting Secretary

### **April Birthdays**

Linda Bryant	April 1
Bob Rader	April 6
Perry Lynn Rader	April 6
Jan Lawhorn	April 23
Thomas Tart	April 26

### **TRIBUTE CAR by Bob Coolidge**



Bob Coolidge has recently completed a 1951 Studebaker Commander two door V8 sedan, a replica of the car that raced in 1951-52-53. The original car is shown in the black and white photo, just before a race at the Michigan Fairgrounds speedway in Detroit. It was a 250 mile race on a one mile dirt track. The driver, George Seeger, lived in Whittier, California and flat towed the car to Detroit and back. It was the only '51 Studebaker two door sedan that was raced at that time as all the rest were Starlite Coupes. Besides being raced on the West Coast, it was also raced at Detroit, Toledo, Ohio, Darlington, SC, and Macon, GA. At Darlington it completed the race having gone 371 laps of the 400 lap race and finished 20th out of 82 starters.



Bob has talked to the owner's son about the car. He remembered the car, but not the color. For that reason Bob chose bright red as you see in the pictures. Being a tribute car means it is not the original car, but a car of the same year, make and model and built to look just like the original. Bob has been

enjoying this car, taking it to car shows and cruise-ins.



It has to be trailered as it is not street legal. The picture of the car on the sand was at this year's annual parade of old race cars on Daytona Beach, put on by the Living Legends of Auto Racing. Daytona Beach was used for races and speed trials from the early 1900s. The Daytona 500 that is run by NASCAR at Daytona International Speedway started in 1959. Prior to that, they raced on the beach in a 160 mile race that went north on the beach and south on the narrow two lane A1A with very tight sand turns at each end. The predecessor to the Daytona 500 was a 160 mile race that was run on Sunday and called the Grand National Race. On Saturday they had a 160 mile convertible race and on Friday they



had a 127 mile Modified-Sportsman race.



Written by Don Allen with information from Bob Coolidge.

## Florida Region Shines at AACA Winter National meet in Melbourne



Melanie Boden's 1984 Avanti II



Dena Hold's 1950 Oldsmobile 88 convertible



Ron Nebgen's 1957 Chevrolet Nomad

The AACA Winter National meet in Melbourne, FL on 2-26-2022 was held at the Muscle Car Museum. They had 223 vehicles registered and we had 6 of our members who had cars in the show.

1. Charlie Steffe, 1984 Buick Riviera, Driver Participation Award
2. Melanie Boden, 1989 Avanti II Conv, Repeat Preservation
3. Dena Holt, 1950 Oldsmobile 88 Conv, Repeat Preservation
4. Peter Foley, 1968 Ford Gran Torino GT Conv, Senior
5. David Berndt, 1996 Rolls Royce Silver Spur, 1st Junior
6. Ron Nebgen, 1957 Chevrolet Nomad, 1st Junior

Other FL Reg members who attended the car show: Wayne Bostak, Matt Cannizzaro, Tom & Mary Rose, Bill Morris, Don & Carole Allen, Bob McMullen, Ray & Annette Morrison

Several things that were unusual there were 4 Crosley's, 3 were Hotshots and all of those were red. The fourth was a pick-up truck which I had never seen before. Another unusual thing was that there was only one 2 wheeled vehicle, a Cushman Eagle. Another was a beautiful 1903 Cadillac owned by AACA Immediate Past President Jim Elliott.

Don and Carole Allen

### The Amelia 2022 Award Winners



1903 Franklin A — The Tampa Bay Automobile Museum Award



1933 Stutz DV- 32 Victoria Convertible  
— The Chairman's Choice Award



1929 DuPont Model G — Best in Class  
Waterhouse



1931 Chrysler Imperial (Hank Hallowell  
III) —The Chopard Watch Award



1904 Knox Tuxedo — Hagerty Drivers  
Foundation National Automotive  
Heritage Award