

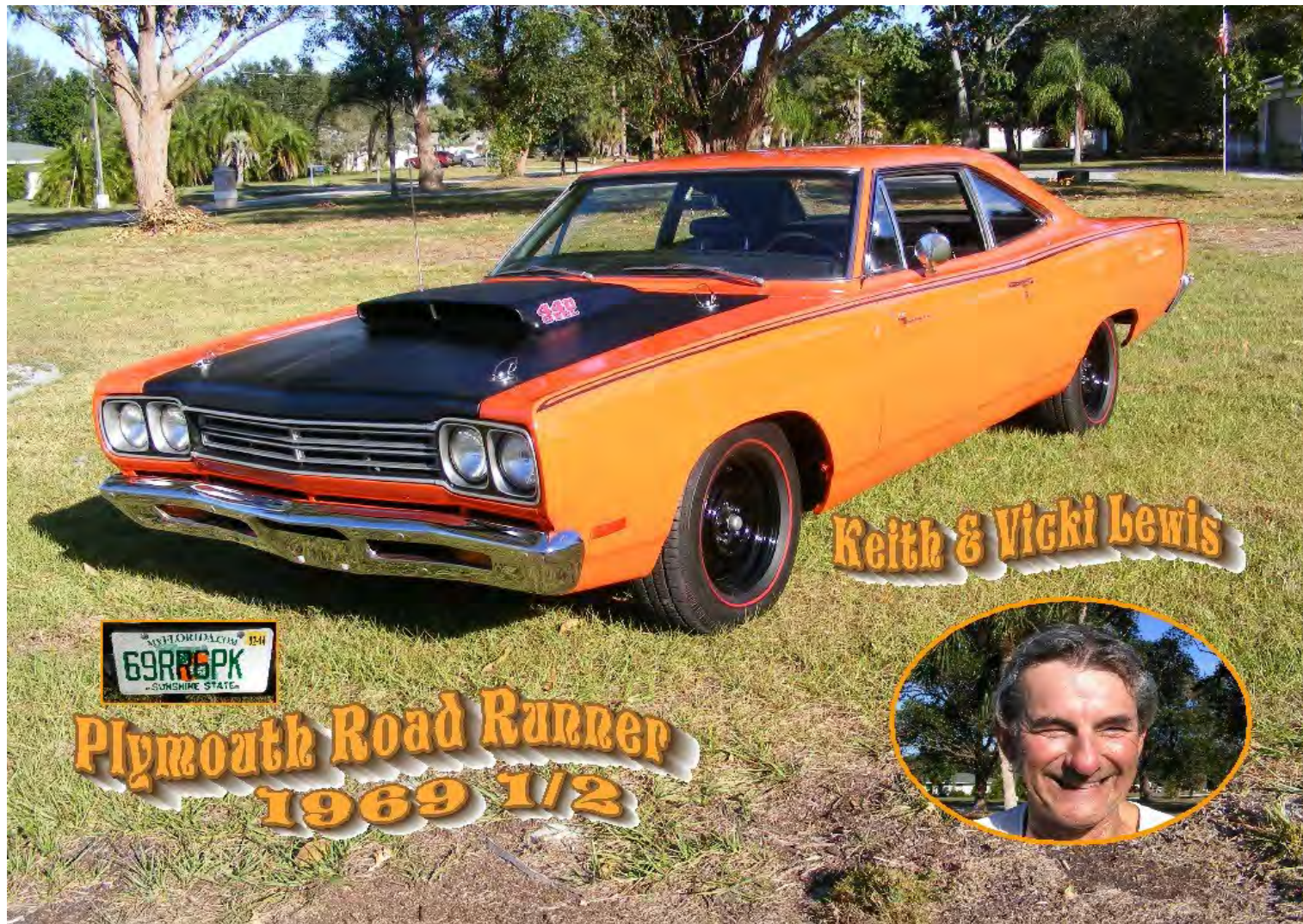


# Owner's Manual

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There are loads of wonderful "muscle cars" of all makes, years and models out there and they make up a great part of our collector car hobby as we know it today. Among the "multitude" are some very special "classics". You are looking at one of them on the front page of our January newsletter. Some have been "cobbled" together as clones of the real Mc Coy but limited numbers are the real thing. Again you are looking at one of them here.

Keith and Vicki Lewis' 1969 1/2 Plymouth Road Runner is an authentic numbers matching car original from the factory. It is documented as an M-code A-12 2 door hardtop. Lurking down in the engine room is a 440 V8 topped off with 6

pack carburetion. Coupled to the engine is an 833 Dana 4 speed manual transmission. Wow. What a play toy!! You can tell it is coming down the road by the intimidating sound from the dual exhaust.

Keith found the Road Runner for sale on the internet in Denver, Colorado in 2009. He shipped it home to Miami and spent 2 years on a detailed restoration bringing it up to the beautiful show and go car it is today.

Keith has lived in Florida for 45 years originally coming from New York State.

Vicki is native Floridian. They have a home on Casey Key and in Miami.

They have been members of the National AACA for over 5 years previously belonging to the Miami Region before finding out about us during a visit to Lances Pumpkin Run Show at the Hampton Inn several years ago. They are now happy members of our Venice Region.

We have so many members with awesome "muscle cars" in our club. Think maybe we could sometime rent out the tracks at DeSoto Speedway some day and have all our club car guys and gals bring their muscle cars up there and the rest of us could have lots of entertainment watching them all go at it having a great time "mixing it up" together. Our club is always "on" for trying something new to do.



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## From The President:



Sue and I would like to start this letter by wishing all of our members and friends a very Happy and Safe New Year. I am sure that all of you, as I am, are looking forward to all of the upcoming events and car shows in the New Year. Our Car Club has really grown in the past years and I sincerely hope that the trend continues in the coming year. The popularity of our club is really due to the fact that many of our members pitch in to help out and are active with the clubs activities which makes it fun for everybody.

Please remember to pay your Local and National dues soon if you have not already done so. We have to file a Membership Roster with the AACA National by February 1<sup>st</sup> 2014. Anyone not paid by that date will be dropped by the National Membership Roster and will be removed from our roster; we do not want to loose any of our members. Please remember that our local dues have changed from \$20.00 to \$ 30.00.

On Monday, January, 13<sup>th</sup> we will be starting the New Year off with the first General Membership Meeting at 7:00 PM. We will finish installing the New Officers that could not attend our Christmas Party in December. We will also be having a program presented by John Bailey on the 1999 Glidden Car Tour. I hope everybody can attend this meeting and get the New Year off to a great start.

Chuck Ford had taken over the job of Web Master from Donna Noller starting with the New Year. We need someone to step up and volunteer to take over John's past position of providing the programs at each of our monthly General Membership Meetings. John will be happy to help get you started doing this job and show you how to operate the video equipment. This is really not a hard job to do nor does it require a lot of time but it is very important so we don't just have a boring business meeting each month. Please

someone help out.

As Bill Trier has discussed at previous meetings, he is stepping down from doing many different jobs with the club and we need some members to pitch in and take over these jobs. Please contact Bill and he will explain the different jobs and he will help you get started. We desperately need more volunteers to help out with club activities for the coming year.

Since Randy at Venice Print Co. is doing our newsletter from now on, if you have anything that you would wish to put in the newsletter please e-mail it to me rather than send it directly to Randy and I will forward it to him. Randy will not print anything that is sent directly to him for liability reasons.

As we did last year in February, we will again hold our auction at this years February Meeting. The items to be auctioned off do not necessarily have to be car related, anything reasonable can be auctioned off. Last year we raised several hundred dollars for our general fund and I hope that we can surpass that this year. Please start lining up items now to bring.

Please also mark your calendars for Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 2014 for our 'Paid' Car Show for the 'Rotary Art Fest' from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Venice Airport Fair Grounds. This is always a great show and a lot of fun for all of our members attending. We have done this show for the last several years with great success so please try hard to attend and make it a success again.

Please feel free to call me any time if you have any ideas on how we can make our club better or more enjoyable. We need everyone's help to make our club prosper in the future.



Thanks,  
Gary Felker  
[Gfelker10@verizon.net](mailto:Gfelker10@verizon.net)

## WELCOME TO THE CLUB

### JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Brando & Joanne Pistorius	15 <sup>th</sup>
John & Betty Rowe	15 <sup>th</sup>
Bernie & Marylou Airone	18 <sup>th</sup>
Keith & Carol Hensley	23 <sup>rd</sup>
James & Linda Stinebacker	29 <sup>th</sup>

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Fran Jenness	4 <sup>th</sup>
Ronald Cournoyer	5 <sup>th</sup>
Rod Dimon	9 <sup>th</sup>
Toni Tubbs	15 <sup>th</sup>
Anne Lynch	18 <sup>th</sup>
Lynda Thomas	18 <sup>th</sup>
Pete Chapman	20 <sup>th</sup>
Victor Turner	25 <sup>th</sup>
Sue Felker	26 <sup>th</sup>
John Thomas	27 <sup>th</sup>
R.J. Thomas	27 <sup>th</sup>
Kenneth Siefert	28 <sup>th</sup>
Clark Abel	28 <sup>th</sup>
Chuck Ford	30 <sup>th</sup>

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## HISTORICAL VEHICLE - submitted by Chuck Ford



### 1912 Stearns Knight Tonneau



Frank B. Stearns produced his first production model in 1898. It was a gasoline-fuel buggy-style automobile with a one-cylinder engine (horizontal under the floor), tiller steering, wire wheels, planetary transmission, and chain drive. In the same year, the F. B. Stearns Company was organized with his partners, brothers Raymond M. and Ralph L. Owen.

As early as 1901, he introduced a steering wheel instead of the tiller, and advanced to a gasoline runabout with a 4083cc (101ci) one-cylinder engine under the seat bench, and single chain drive. Until then, about 50 cars had been built. In 1904 he began producing large 4-cylinder vehicles

which offered both luxury and speed. Over the years the cars were continually improved and completed successfully in many performance and endurance contests.

Soon, however, Stearns turned away from performance. In 1911, the firm began installing Knight sleeve valve engines, marketed under the Stearns-Knight brand name. By 1914, they had a 5.1liter four and a 6.8 liter six, electric lighting, and electric starter. This was followed by a V8, one of the first companies to offer one, in 1917.

Frank B. Stearns retired in 1919 and sold his automotive company to John N. Willys in 1925; Willys operated Stearns-Knight as a non-integrated affiliate of WillysOverland until 1929 when the F.B. Stearns Company was liquidated.

## REGION NEWS & INFORMATION

Please welcome our new Owner's Manual Editor - Randy Kendrick Jr.

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Hello All! We would like to take a moment to thank you for the opportunity to work on the Venice Region AACCA newsletter every month. We are extraordinarily grateful to be part of this experience. Following an editor as good as Paul Noller, who has won several awards for his outstanding work with this newsletter, will be hard work. We strive to uphold his legacy. My wife Lori & I own and operate Venice Print Center which we established in 1998. We are located in the "Ark" Plaza in south Venice at corner of Baffin rd. & US 41. We have an amazing "Team" here at our shop who ALL have many years of experience in the printing field. We have been fortunate to have printed this newsletter for many years now, and would love to be involved for years to come. We were originally introduced to the Club by Gary & Sue Felker (Wonderful couple by the way! We see them in our office every week, usually more than once!) and we have come to know many of you along the way. Thank you again for this opportunity to serve you, we will NOT disappoint you! Randy Kendrick— Editor

**Region Business Cards:** Updated Venice Region AACCA business cards are available. Please pick some up at club meetings and distribute as you see fit. Promote our club at civic and neighborhood events or whenever you see someone with a classic or collectible vehicle. In fact, anytime anyone talks to you about your collector vehicle, give them a card! People like to be invited to join organizations they have an interest in. Don't forget to let them know most of our events include food!!!

**Attn Snowbirds:** If you are a "Snowbird", call Lois Sinclair to let her know when to stop the call notifications and when to resume. The same for address changes. Please make sure to notify Gary Felker about any required address changes.

Lois: (941) 408-9217 Gary: (941) 493-3780

**Notice:** Club Member, Jimmy Mayne has volunteered to put together a "Collector Car Service and Parts Matrix" for the Region. This matrix will list service and parts providers that have been recommended by other club members. Initially, we are looking for recommendations for automotive related businesses, but if this is a success we could always add some non automotive related businesses. Talk to Jimmy about that!

Contact Jimmy by phone at 941-312-5134 or by email at: [jimmymayne@earthlink.net](mailto:jimmymayne@earthlink.net)

This is a project that requires club participation. If you don't contact Jimmy to give him recommendations for those businesses that have done quality work for you, the entire club will miss an opportunity for good service!



## ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

—Submitted by Gary Felker

Events marked \*\* are important club activities that we hope you all will try hard to attend. Please take the time to look at our information table at the General Membership Meetings for all up coming area car shows that are not listed in this activities list.

### JANUARY 2014

**\*\* Wed. 1st – Happy New Year to all of our members and friends.**

Fri. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Denny's Venice Car Show – 6:00 to 9:00 PM – Lowe's Shopping Center

Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> – Englewood Downtown Car Show – Dearborn Street – 5:00 to 9:00 PM.

Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> – 'Hooters Car Show – Sarasota Pavilion Mall – Stickney Pt. Rd. and US # 41 – 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> – Joey D's Car Show – 4304 14th St. W. Bradenton Fla. – Corner of Cortez Rd. – 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> – 'Ideal Classic Cars' Car Show – 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM – 2224 Tamiami Tr. Venice Fla.

**\*\* Mon. 13<sup>th</sup> – Club Meeting – Venice Gardens Civic Center – 406 Shamrock Blvd. Venice Fla.- Meeting at 7:00 PM – Doors open at 6:30 PM**

Fri. 17<sup>th</sup> – Denny's Venice Car Show – 6:00 to 9:00 PM – Lowe's Shopping Center.

**\*\* Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> – 'Rotary' Art Fest Car Show – 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM – Venice Airport Fair Grounds – This is a 'Paid' Car Show so please try hard to attend.**

**\*\* Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Club Lunch – Perkins Restaurant – US # 41 By-Pass & Center Rd. – 1:00 PM**

Fri. 24<sup>th</sup> – Winks Cafe – 451 S. Indiana Ave. Englewood Fla. – 5:00 to 9:00 PM

Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> – 'Hooters' Car Show – 4908 14th St. W. Bradenton Fla. – On US # 41 – 5:00 to 9:00 PM

Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> – Jan. Club Tour - Devereau Kaiser Car Show – Lakewood Ranch – See flier for details and directions.

#### BOARD MEETING

*Tuesday Jan 7<sup>th</sup> Gary Felker's House at 7:00 PM*

### FEBRUARY 2014

Sat. 1st - Englewood Downtown Car Show - Dearborn Street – 5:00 to 9:00 PM - No Reg.

Sat. 1st - 'Hooters Car Show – Sarasota Pavilion Mall - Stickney Pt. Rd. and US # 41 - 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

Fri. 7th – Denny's Venice Car Show – 6:00 to 9:00 PM – Lowe's Shopping Center

Sat. 8th – Club Tour – Dave & Babe Lanning's Picnic – See Flier for more details.

Sat. 8th – 'Ideal Classic Cars' Car Show – 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM – 2224 Tamiami Tr. Venice Fla.

Sat. 8th – Joey D's Car Show – 4304 14th St. West Bradenton Fla. Corner of Cortez Rd. – 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

**\*\* Mon. 10th – Club Meeting – Venice Gardens Civic Center – 406 Shamrock Blvd. Venice Fla. – Meeting at 7:00 PM – Doors open at 6:30 PM.**

**\*\* Sun 16th – Car Club Annual 'Cruisin' at The Gazebo' Car Show – Downtown Venice Centennial Park – 1:30 to 3:30 PM.**

Fri. 21st - Denny's Venice Car Show - 5:00 to 9:00 PM – Lowe's Shopping Center.

Sat. 22nd – 'Hooters' Car Show – 4908 14th St. W. Bradenton on US # 41 – 6:00 to 9:00 PM

**\*\* Wed. 26th – Club Lunch – Perkins Restaurant – US # 41 By-Pass & Center Rd. – 1:00 PM**

Fri. 28th – Winks Cafe – 451 S. Indiana Ave, Englewood Fla. – 5:00 to 9:00 PM

#### BOARD MEETING

*Tuesday Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Gary Felker's House at 7:00 PM*

***Please take the time to look at our 'Car Show Flier' information table at the General Membership Meeting for all up coming area car shows that are not listed in this activities list.***





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