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Right after the end of WWII most Americans had money to spend – in a big way – such as on new cars since no new ones were available until 1946. Most car manufacturers were carrying over the 1942 styles until 1946 and such was the case with Ford. The 1948 Ford models were the last of the line for the 1942 style with some trim changes before the “shoebox” design appeared in almost all the American manufacturers cars for 1949. This well built and popular car was offered at a base price of \$1440 in 1948.

Fred and Jo-Anne Sckowskas fordor (and yes that is the way Ford Motor Co. spelled four door in those days) is still mostly original with one repaint and rebuilt original flathead motor and drive train. It has the optional original clock and original “town and country” radio that seeked out the next station on the dial by a flip of the bar at the bottom of the radio or by depress-

ing the optional floor button (similar to a “hi beam” foot button for headlamps which Fred is looking for). How many of you remember those type radios back in the ‘40’s on Fords, Lincolns and Mercurys? You drove with one hand on the steering wheel, one arm around your girl (she shifted gears when you pushed in the clutch) and then you did the dance with your left foot on that floor button to dial in your favorite “tunes”. She usually sat in the middle of the front seat unless you fell from her good graces and then she sat near the passenger front door with arms crossed and staring straight ahead and that was embarrassing for the guy. It just wasn’t “kool”!

Fred was looking for a “48 Ford in 2013 on the internet and found this one in Clayton, Indiana owned by the former county sheriff there. After some communications and a flight to Indiana followed by some negotiations the ‘48 was on it’s way to Flor-

ida on a truck. With only 70,000 actual miles it has only required minor upgrading and repairs. What a great original car.

Jo-Anne moved to Clearwater from Boston in 1963 and Fred moved to Hillsboro County in 1971 from Stonington, Illinois. They met each other while attending college in Tampa and have been married (happily Fred exclaims) for 41 years. They moved to Sarasota in 1974 and then to Venice Acres on Auburn Road.

They made friends with Tom and Chris Accardi and also with Wayne and Val Cooper who brought them into our club about 3 months ago.

So there you have it and when you see Fred and Jo-Anne cruising down the road with Jo-Anne sitting in the middle of the front seat you know that everything is “kool”. If she is sitting by the passenger front door...well, maybe we don’t want to know why.

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(Items available at club meetings)

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From The President:

On Sunday, April 27th we held our annual 'Breakfast At The Beach' located at Service Park in Venice Fla. I would like to thank Reggie Foote, Wayne Cooper and Jeff Vandegrift for volunteering to be our cooks for the day. The day was beautiful and all of our members attending had a great time enjoying breakfast and the friendship with all of our good friends. If you missed this great event please try hard to attend next year.

Justin Nichols, who owns and operates 'AeroNaut' Upholstery Solutions, informed me that on Friday, May 9th at 4:00 PM they are having a Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening Celebration followed by drinks and appetizers. They are located at 779 Commerce Dr. Venice Fla. Suite #11. Call 941-615-7162 for details. 'AeroNaut' is one of our Car Show Sponsors. Stop in to see them.

Please mark your calendars for Monday, May 12th for our Monthly General Membership Meeting at 7:00 PM. Richard DiSanto will have a picture program of (2) previous Venice region Car Shows that he tried to show a couple of months ago. George Nubile will be conducting the meeting this month in my place because Sue and I will be in Charleston S.C. visiting with my brother and sister in-law and my sister and brother in-law. The three of us kids have not been together in over (13) years so this should be a great get together for us. Try to be kind to George during the meeting.

On Saturday, May 17th we have been invited again to join the Lemon Bay Region in their annual picnic to be held at the Bay Heights

Park in Englewood Fla. from 11:00 to 2:00 PM. All of the food for us will be provided by the Lemon Bay Club but they requested that all of our members attending bring a non-perishable food item as a donation. I think it is great to have a combination event like this to promote friendship with our sister car club. Please let George know a week or so before this event so he can give Lemon Bay a head count. More info. to follow.

Please also mark your calendars for Saturday, June 14th for a 'PAID' Car Show for 'The Grand Palm' Housing Development from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Grand Palm is located at 1315 Observation Blvd. off Center Rd. across from the Stoneybrook sub-division on Center Rd. Please try hard to attend this event.

This months caravan tour will be down beautiful Manasota Key Rd. and then lunch at a secret location. This tour is always greatly appreciated and a fun day. Contact Nancy Vandegrift or George Nubile for information and reservations. We will meet at the Ideal Classic cars at 9:30 AM and head down Rt. 776.

Be sure to get your reservations in for our June tour to the Great Race on Sunday, June 29th. This should be a great event including the bus ride there and back. Please contact George Nubile for information and reservations.

Please feel free to call me anytime 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

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WELCOME TO THE CLUB

Tom & Diane Henderson

Don & Wendy Horton

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Mark & Mary Petty	2 nd
Leonard & Dodie Nolen	6 th
Merle & Linda Garman	7 th
Doug & Carol Wood	10 th
George & Bunny Nubile	14 th
George & Joan Guck	23 rd
Jon & Diane Buono	16 th

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Fred Sckowska	3 rd
Carol Wood	4 th
Anthony Berta	5 th
Gail Day	9 th
Keith Hensley	9 th
Bud Briggs	10 th
Gary Felker	13 th
Bill Brown	14 th
Robert Hogan	16 th
Shari Dembinski	22 nd
Maggie Rodgers	23 rd
Diane Henderson	25 th
Jerry Paddock	26 th
Bill Johnson	29 th
Babe Lanning	29 th
Karen Swisher	30 th
Bill Trier	30 th

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HISTORICAL VEHICLE - submitted by Chuck Ford



1915 Peerless Model 48 Touring



Established in Cleveland in 1900, **The Peerless Motor Company**

began producing De Dion-Bouton "machines" under license from the French Company. At the time, Cleveland was the center of automotive production in the US. Peerless employed Barney Oldfield as a driver of its Green Dragon racecar; in early speed races Peerless proved the durability of the product and setting world speed records. Peerless was noted for its use of flat-plane crankshafts in its engine designs.

As the Peerless evolved, it, along with Packard and Pierce-Arrow, became known as the "Three-Ps of Motordom".

The company's downfall was in its quality. In the

1920s, the company was producing conservatively-styled vehicles that endured for ten or more years. They also continued to use six-cylinder engines while other luxury manufacturers were switching to eight-cylinder engines. Current Peerless owners retained their cars, which ran very well. The result was declining sales for new Peerless vehicles.

In 1931, Peerless commissioned the Murphy Body Works to design what the company envisioned as its 1933 model. Just as the car was ready to be shipped back to Cleveland, the Board of Directors pulled Peerless out of the automobile business and reoriented the company to brew beer under the Carling Black Label brand. The last production model was 1932.

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Events marked ** are important club activities that we hope you all will try hard to attend.

MAY 2014

Fri. 2nd – Denny’s Venice Car Show – 6:00 to 9:00 PM
– Lowe’s Shopping Center.

Sat. 3rd – Englewood Downtown Car Show – Dearborn
Street – 5:00 to 9:00 PM.

Sat. 3rd – ‘Hooters Car Show – Sarasota Pavilion Mall
– Stickney Pt. Rd. and US # 41 – 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

** The ‘Paid’ Italian American Car Show for May 3rd
is cancelled and moved to sometime in the fall.

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

** Mon. 12th – Club Meeting – Venice Gardens Civic
Center – 406 Shamrock Blvd. Venice Fla.- Meeting at
7:00 PM – Doors open at 6:30 PM.

Fri. 16th – Denny’s Venice Car Show – 6:00 to 9:00
PM – Lowe’s Shopping Center.

Fri. 23rd – Winks Café – 451 S. Indiana Ave.
Englewood Fla. – 5:00 to 9:00 PM

Sat. 24th – ‘Hooters’ Car Show – 4908 14th St. W.
Bradenton Fla. – On US # 41 – 6:00 to 9:00 PM

** Wed. 28th – Club Lunch – Perkins Restaurant – US
41 By-Pass & Center Rd. – 1:00 PM

** Sat. 31st – Club Tour – Manasota Key - See flier in
this issue.

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday May 6th Gary Felker’s House at 7:00 PM

JUNE 2014

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

Sat. 7th - Englewood Downtown Car Show - Dearborn
Street – 5:00 to 9:00 PM - No Reg.

Sat. 7th - ‘Hooters Car Show – Sarasota Pavilion Mall -
Stickney Pt. Rd. and US # 41 - 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

** Mon. 9th – Club Meeting – Venice Gardens Civic
Center – 406 Shamrock Blvd. Venice Fla. – Meeting at
7:00 PM – Doors open at 6:30 PM

** Sat. 14th – ‘Grand Palm’ ‘PAID’ Car Show – 10 AM
to 2:00 PM – 1315 Observation Blvd. Venice Fla. –
Across from Stoneybrook Subdivision.

Sat. 14th – ‘Ideal Classic Cars’ Car Show – 10:00 AM to
2:00 PM – 2224 Tamiami Tr. Venice Fla.

Fri. 20th - Denny’s Venice Car Show - 6:00 to 9:00 PM
– Lowe’s Shopping Center.

** Wed. 25th – Club Lunch – Perkins Restaurant – US #
41 By-Pass & Center Rd. – 1:00 PM

Fri. 27th – Winks Café – 451 S. Indiana Ave.
Englewood Fla. – 5:00 to 9:00 PM

Sat. 28th – ‘Hooters’ Car Show – 4908 14th St. W.
Bradenton on US # 41 – 6:00 to 9:00 PM

** Sat. 29th – Club Tour – ‘Great Race’ – More Info.
to Come.

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Tuesday June 3rd 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.***

REGION NEWS & INFORMATION

Venice Region AACA General Car Club Membership Meeting Minutes - April 14th, 2014

Respectively submitted by Julie Petree, Secretary

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Gary Felker. There were 42 members present.
- 2) The club pledged allegiance to the flag.
- 3) George Nubile and Nancy Vandergrift spoke about the upcoming club tour to "Old Myakka City". Nancy announced a lunch will be available for \$6.00.
- 4) Visitors Tim Smolarick and Tim Sanborn introduced themselves.
- 5) The secretaries report was read. The minutes were approved by Sue Felker and seconded by Lois Sinclair.
- 6) The treasurers report was read.
- 7) A "Feature Vehicle Plaque" was presented to Larry and Nancy Fees.
- 8) Tim Smolarick from the Gondolier Sun newspaper was presented with a "Sponsorship
- 9) Appreciation Plaque". Gary announced the club has received around \$400.00 in donations from the newspaper.
- 10) It was announced the club membership directories are here to be picked up.
- 11) The upcoming club activities were announced.
- 12) Gary asked for volunteers to help with the "Breakfast at the Beach" event. He also said the paid "Italian American" car show will be rescheduled for the fall.
- 13) Gary Felker, George Nubile and John Thomas spoke about getting volunteers to help with the sponsorship sales for the club car show.
- 14) George Nubile spoke about "the Great Race" tour coming up. The fees must be paid by May 15th. Checks are to be made out to Venice AACA. If our club does not have enough participants the Lemon Bay AACA will be contacted to join us.
- 15) Bill Trier thanked Red Hynch, Jeff Vandergrift, Keith Lewis and Rod Diamond for helping him with the Ideal Classic car show.
- 16) The 50/50 raffle was won by Fred Jenness. He received \$52.00.
- 17) Chuck Ford presented a short film for the program.
- 18) The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

DO YOU HAVE A CHANGE IN YOUR PHONE NUMBER, ADDRESS, OR HAVE YOU BOUGHT OR SOLD A COLLECTOR VEHICLE(S)??

WE ARE CONSTANTLY UPDATING OUR RECORDS FOR THE CLUB MEMBERSHIP ROSTER AND CLUB COLLECTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS. IF YOU HAVE ANY UPDATES OR NEW INFO, PLEASE CALL BEV ARNOLD AT (941) 483-3204.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING

THE ROYAL COACHMAN RESORT CAR SHOW

—Submitted by Richard DiSanto
Photos by Kevin Lynch

These pictures were taken by our own Kevin Lynch at The Royal Coachman Resort Car Show, which was held this year on March 15 at 1070 Laurel Road in Nokomis.

Some of the notable cars at the show ranged from a 1954 Kaiser Darrin to a 1914 Model T Ford to a 1973 Lotus Europa. Displayed were Collector cars , Hot Rods, Fire trucks, Sedans, Coupes, Roadsters and Sports Cars.





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MOTOR NEWS & HAGERTY INS. REPRESENT IT. THE RACE WILL COVER
APPROXIMATELY 2,300 MILES AND 18 CITIES ON THE EAST COAST. THE
TIME TRIALS FOR THE ENTRANTS WILL BEGIN WHEN THEY LEAVE
MAINE AND CHECK IN AT THE INDIVIDUAL CITIES ALONG THE ROUTE
UNTIL THEY CROSS THE FINISH LINE BETWEEN 1:00 -6:00 PM ON THE
29TH OF JUNE ON THE TOWN SQUARE IN THE VILLAGES.

THE VILLAGES AACA IS HOST FOR THE EVENT.

TOUR COST: \$33 p/person (includes tip for driver). Limited space is available.

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TRIP IS 5/15/14. Non-Payments of reservations will constitute your reservation
being offered to waiting list...

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TRAVELING ABOUT TWO AND A HALF HOURS ARRIVING AROUND
11:00 AM AT THE VILLAGES..

OUR RETURN WILL BE 6:00PM ARRIVING IN VENICE AT 9:00PM..
COFFEE, JUICE, WATER, SODA AND TREATS WILL BE AVAILABLE
UPON DEPARTURE & RETURN.

(This is an event that should not be missed). For Additional info
Contact: George Nubile: 941-240-2428 or Bev Arnold: 941-483-3204
Nancy Vandergrift: 941-408-1963..

THE MANASOTA KEY CLUB TOUR

Once again back by popular demand is our ever popular Tour of Manasota Key. On May 31th at 9:30 am we will begin our tour by meeting at Ideal Classic Cars in Venice. From there we will be leaving Ideal Classic Cars, heading south on Rt-41 to Rt-776 south and continuing to Manasota Beach Road where we will begin cruising the key with it's overhanging cypress trees covered with moss over our road and explore some of the stately mansions along the way where some famous and infamous people make their home . . . This tour will conclude at Englewood Beach Rotary at which point we will endeavor to travel to a Mystery Restaurant for a Tour Luncheon. We know all will love it, so reserve your spot and enjoy the RIDE

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