



# Owner's Manual

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**1973 Chevrolet El Camino**

**Bill & Lynn Johnson**

First produced in 1959 and 1960 the Chevrolet El Camino was GM's answer to Fords Ranchero. It was dropped in 1961 and then production resumed in 1964. The idea of a utility vehicle with a front end that looked like a passenger car coupe but with a pick up box on the rear originated in Australia in 1932. Ford Motor of Australia received a letter that year from the wife of a farmer in Victoria, Australia asking for "a vehicle to go to church in on Sunday and which can carry our pigs to market on Mondays". Ford took up the challenge and the first one was released in 1934. The coupe utility vehicles started being produced by other manufacturers in the 30's and 40's and affectionately were nicknamed "utes".

Bill and Lynn Johnsons 1973 El Camino is the AC80 version and has a 350 V8 high performance motor coupled

to an automatic transmission running through a posi rear end. Bill knew the history of the car up in Georgia and after the deaths of several owners wound up in storage in Cordele, Georgia. The present owner did not want it and Bill and Lynn became the proud owners in May of 2013. Now Bill, being the gutsy guy that he is and not afraid of a challenge had the car "looked over" after being pulled out of storage and had the car started up and driven. The tires were still serviceable so....it was driven all the way from Georgia to Venice with no problems. That's a great testimonial.

Lynn grew up in Venice and many of us "old timers" here knew her parents. They owned and operated Dukes Garden Center on the by pass for many years where Lynn also helped out. You can still see the old sign today on the by pass even though everything else is

gone. So Lynn is a "Cracker". I told her that I am approaching the 50 year mark of living here. She informed me that I would never qualify as an official "cracker" but she would consider me as a "crumb".

Bill came to Florida in 1962 and married Lynn in 1963. They both still have property and houses in Arabi, Georgia between Cordele and Ashbury.

The Johnsons found out about our club through Gary and Sue Felker, who like many of us frequented Dukes Garden Center for years before it's closing. They became members in 2011 and there Daughter Sherri and Son In Law Steve Dembinski also are members. Sort of got to be a family thing, if you know what I mean. It's really wonderful when that happens.

I'm still pondering on how long I'm going to be in the "crumb" stage.

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*(Items available at club meetings)*

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## From The President:

Sue and I returned from our family reunion trip to Charleston S.C. on Tuesday, May 13th. It was great to be with my Sister and her husband and my Brother and his wife since the six of us have not been together for twelve years. We rented a beautiful large home with five bedrooms overlooking a river. The trip was great but it is sure great to return home and have my kitten in my lap again.

I want to thank George Nubile for conducting the May General Membership Meeting in my absence. I understand he did a great job and nobody harassed him too much.

Please mark your calendars for Monday, June 14th for our General Membership Meeting at 7:00 PM. Richard DiSanto will have another interesting program to show us. We also hope to have attend, and introduce to all of our members, all of our Scholarship Winners for this year. This should be a very interesting meeting for everyone.

Please also mark your calendars for Saturday, June 14th for a "PAID" Car Show that we are doing for "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 Subdivision on the south side of

the street. Please try hard to attend this event because these paid car shows are very important to our budget and it makes our club look bad if we do not have a good turnout.

For all of you that might not know, they have started construction on the new restaurant next to Denny's Restaurant. This is not interfering with the two monthly car shows because the shows are relocated to the rear of the Denny's Restaurant. Fri. May 16th was the first show back there and all went well.

I would like to remind all of our members and especially our newer members that in July we do not have a regular General Membership Meeting at Venice Gardens. In July we will meet, as usual, at "The Bob Evans" Restaurant, located at 4312 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice Fla. ( just east of Wal-Mart ) at our regular time of 7:00 PM for ice cream or dinner as you wish. This is always a great evening that you do not want to miss out on.

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

Amanda Brown

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Douglas & Melba Watts	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Richard & Barbara Welch	6 <sup>th</sup>
Paul & Hilda Redline	6 <sup>th</sup>
Michael Radzilowski & Elizabeth Boyce	10 <sup>th</sup>
Lee & MaryEllen Snell	11 <sup>th</sup>
George & Patricia Fram	14 <sup>th</sup>
Kenneth & Becca Brown	21 <sup>st</sup>
Ralph & Wendy Richardson	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Ed & Joy McDonald	27 <sup>th</sup>
Ed & Marge Terneus	30 <sup>th</sup>

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Thomas Accardi	1 <sup>st</sup>
Red Appleby	1 <sup>st</sup>
Ed McDonald	7 <sup>th</sup>
Jim Mayne	8 <sup>th</sup>
Susan Benak	10 <sup>th</sup>
Hilda Redline	13 <sup>th</sup>
Jo-Ann Sckowska	13 <sup>th</sup>
Karen Page	14 <sup>th</sup>
Leonard Nolan	14 <sup>th</sup>
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Diane Buono	16 <sup>th</sup>
Kelley Berta	17 <sup>th</sup>
Donna Miller	20 <sup>th</sup>
John Sullivan	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Ginny Koss	26 <sup>th</sup>
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James Petree	29 <sup>th</sup>
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George Burger	30 <sup>th</sup>

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## HISTORICAL VEHICLE - submitted by Chuck Ford



### 1919 Pierce-Arrow Model 31 Touring



In 1872, George N. Pierce bought out his partners in Heinz, Pierce and Munschauer, a Buffalo, NY manufacturer of household goods, and changed the name to the **George N. Pierce Company**. In 1901 the company built its first single-cylinder, two-speed, no-reverse Motorette. In 1903, it produced a two-cylinder car, the Arrow.

In 1904, Pierce decided to concentrate on making a larger, more luxurious car for the upscale market, the Great Arrow. George Pierce sold all rights in the company in 1907, and in 1908 the company was renamed **The Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Company**. In 1914 Pierce-Arrow adopted its most enduring styling hallmark when its headlights were moved from a traditional

placement on either side of the radiator into flared housings molded into the front fenders of the car.

In 1928, the Studebaker Corporation, gained control of the Buffalo firm. The association was to last for five years, with moderate benefits to both companies' engineering departments, which continued to function as separate entities. Pierce-Arrow also gained a dealer network, as the cars were sold through Studebaker dealerships.

However, in 1933 the company was sold off as part or Studebaker's recovery from receivership. Pierce-Arrow then continued as an independent manufacturer until a dwindling cash flow forced the company to declared insolvency in 1938 and close its doors.

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

## 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.

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 – 10:00  
AM to 2:00 PM – 1315 Observation Blvd. Venice Fla. –  
Across from Stoneybrook Subdivision. Please try hard to  
attend this event.

Sat. 14th – ‘Ideal Classic Cars’ Car Show – 10:00 AM to  
2:00 PM – 2224 Tamiami Trail, 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 Fla. – On US # 41 – 6:00 to 9:00 PM

\*\* Sat. 29th – Club Tour – ‘Great Race’ See flier in  
newsletter for details.

### BOARD MEETING

*Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> Gary Felker’s House at 7:00 PM*

## JULY 2014

Fri. 4th – Denny’s Venice Car Show – 6:00 to  
9:00 PM – Lowe’s Shopping Center

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

Sat. 5th - ‘Hooters Car Show – Sarasota Pavilion  
Mall - Stickney Pt. Rd. and US # 41 - 6:00 to 9:00  
PM.

\*\* Sat. 12th – National Collector Car Day – Club  
Tour to ‘Muscle Car City’ and to ‘The Pottery  
Express’ and Bamboo Farm. See flier in the  
newsletter for further details.

Sat. 12th – ‘Ideal Classic Cars’ Car Show – 10:00  
AM to 2:00 PM – 2224 Tamiami Trail, Venice Fla.

\*\* Mon. 14th – No Regular Club Meeting – We  
will all meet at ‘Bob Evans’ Restaurant located at  
4312 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice Fla. (Just East of  
Wal-Mart) for our Annual Ice Cream or Whatever  
Social Meeting  
at 7:00 PM.

Fri. 18th - Denny’s Venice Car Show - 6:00 to  
9:00 PM – Lowe’s Shopping Center.

\*\* Wed. 23rd – Club Lunch – Perkins Restaurant –  
US # 41 By-Pass & Center Rd. – 1:00 PM

Fri. 25th – Winks Café – 451 S. Indiana Ave.  
Englewood Fla. – 5:00 to 9:00 PM

Sat. 26th – ‘Hooters’ Car Show – 4908 14th St.  
W. Bradenton on US # 41 – 6:00 to 9:00 PM

### BOARD MEETING

*Tuesday July 8<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.***

## REGION NEWS & INFORMATION



Fellow Club Members: I would like to inform you of the passing of Tom Adams . He Had been battling lung cancer. Please join me the officers and directors by extending our condolences to his wife Jean and his family & friends.. Tom will surely be missed. Should you wish to personally extend your sentiments to his wife Jean you can find their contact info in your membership directory.

***May the Grace of God shine upon Tom !***

George Nubile - Venice AACA



### **Venice Region AACA General Car Club Membership Meeting Minutes - May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

*Respectively submitted by Julie Petree, Secretary*

- 1) The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-President George Nubile in absence of President Gary Felker. There were 35 members present. One guest, Norman Ursted attended the meeting.
- 2) The club pledged allegiance to the flag.
- 3) The Board Members were asked to introduce themselves.
- 4) A moment of silence was observed in memory of Tom Adams who had died the previous week.
- 5) Nancy Vandegrift discussed the upcoming monthly tour on May 31 down Manasota Key and to the Gulf View Grill for lunch.
- 6) Bev Arnold spoke about the June Tour to the Villages to watch the conclusion of the Great Race. The deadline for reservations is May 15.
- 7) The Secretary's report from April was read by Nancy Vandegrift in absence of Julie Petree. The minutes were approved as read by a motion made by Tom Accardi which was seconded by John Thomas.
- 8) John Thomas read the Treasurer's report as of April 30th.
- 9) Our membership stands at 115 families.
- 10) Bill Trier spoke of the Lemon Bay car club's picnic on Saturday, May 17.
- 11) Bev Arnold reminded us of the 2nd annual Car Show at the Senior Friendship Center on Saturday, May 17.
- 12) George Nubile presented a Feature Car plaque to Fred & Jo Anne Sckowska for their 1948 Ford Super Deluxe.
- 13) We didn't have a quorum of members at the meeting to vote on any motions.
- 14) We were reminded of the monthly club activities as listed in the newsletter.
- 15) Club members were asked to attend a PAID show at the Grand Palm subdivision on June 14 from 10am-2pm. Grand Palm is located off Center Road across from the Stoneybrook subdivision.
- 16) George Nubile made a request for the members' help getting sponsors for the October Car Show. Bill Trier spoke on how to make the "sales pitch".
- 17) Richard DiSanto, our club photographer, has requested help in getting pictures for those club activities he is not able to attend. He will take care of sorting the pictures and getting them to the printer's.
- 18) Tom Accardi asked how many scholarships we were going to give this year. John Thomas told him 7 and Lois Sinclair announced that the students have already been vetted and would be attending a meeting in the near future to receive them.
- 19) There was no more new or old business to be discussed.
- 20) Richard Di Santo presented a program of pictures from the picnic at the Lannings and the Kaiser-Devereaux show in January.
- 21) Jeff Vandegrift won the 50/50 raffle and received \$40.00.
- 22) There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

**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**

## NATIONAL ANTIQUE & CLASSIC CAR APPRECIATION DAY

**JULY 12, 2014**

As most of you are aware the above date has been set aside by the AACA as a day of recognition for the antique and classic automobile. We are encouraged to get out and drive our cars in support of this day and let the community know about the hobby.

Our scheduled tour for this day will begin at 9:00 am by meeting @ Walgreen's Pharmacy in North Port at the corner of US-41 So. and Talon Bay Drive. We will then proceed south on US-41 to Punta Gorda and the Muscle Car City Museum for a short break, or a longer one depending on the group. From there we will embark south on US-41 to Burnt Store Road where we will head south yet again, about 10 minutes to Zemel Road. At this point we will turn left and about a mile or so, we will turn in to the "Pottery Express" and bamboo farm. It is an eclectic place with pots from all over the world and artisan's galleries containing some unique gifts and handmade items (making this a day for everyone!). Afterward, we will proceed back to downtown Punta Gorda to the ever popular "Laishley Crab House" for lunch.

So, ladies and gentlemen start your engines and get ready for a day of fun and merriment!! Call now!

*Your tour committee:*

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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..



**Old Myakka City and the Crowley Museum Tour - April 26, 2014**



**Venice Regional Car Club Annual "Breakfast at the Beach" - April 27, 2014**





## **The Venice Friendship Center Car Show**

### **Congratulations to our winning members:**

Keith & Vicki Lewis - Best of Show / Plymouth Roadrunner  
 Wayne & Val Cooper - Oldest Vehicles- 1914 Model T w/trailer and  
 1929 mdl 40 Buick  
 Ken & Ethyl Siefert - Best Sports Car - 1954 Corvette  
 George & Bunny Nubile - Best Antique - 1940 Plymouth Woodie Wagon



The Lemon Bay branch of the AACA recently held their annual picnic. We would like to say thank you to our members who attended this event to show their support :

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 John & Sharron Thomas  
 Cliff & Judy Smith  
 Ken & Janet Obeshaw**

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