

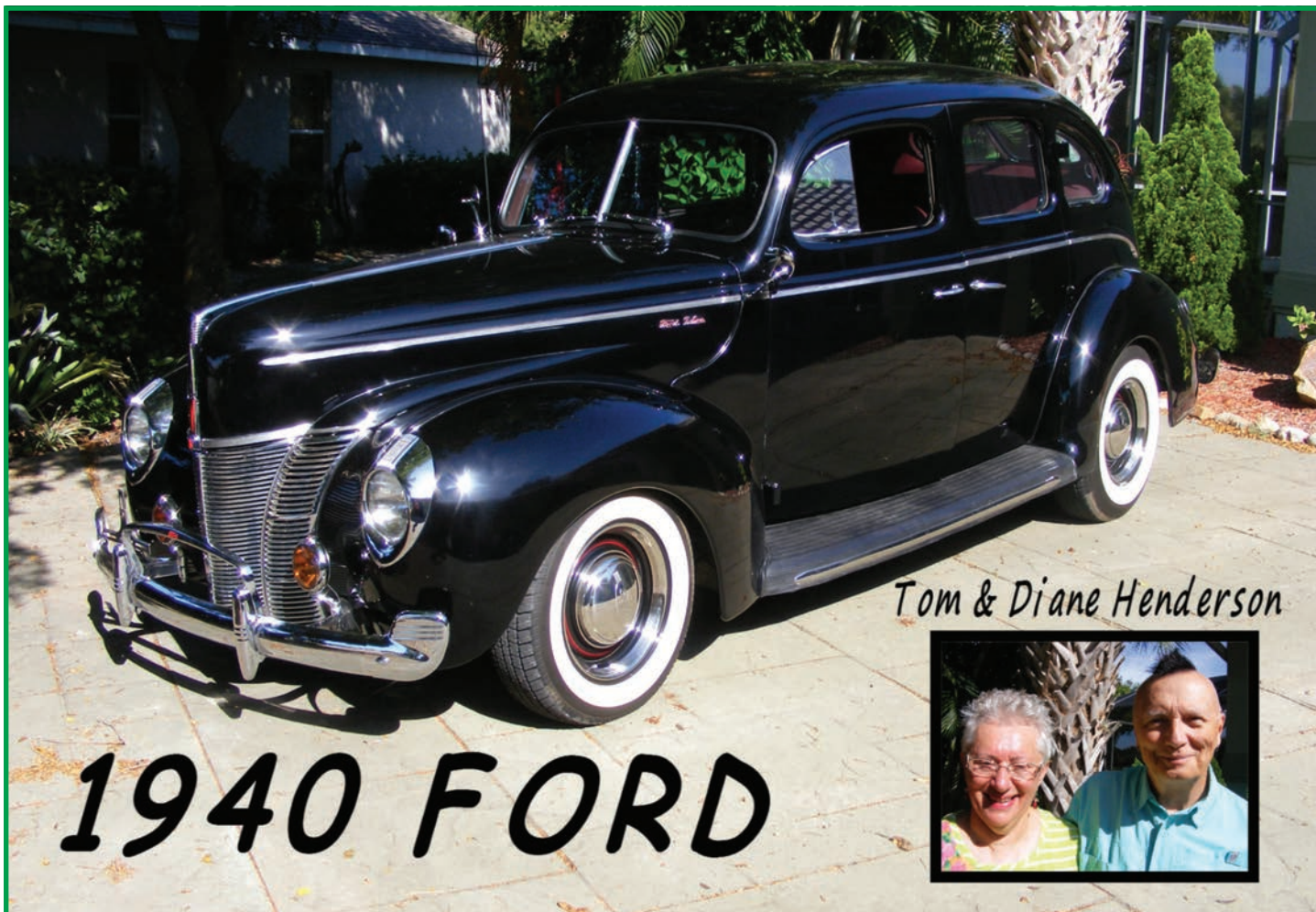


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The popularity of early Ford V-8's (circa 1932 – 1946) seems to center around the 1940 deluxe model as may be witnessed with the high demand by car collectors for that particular style. It focused on the “art deco” craze of those times.

Tom began looking for a '39 – '40 Ford or similar style car on the internet a few months back and looked, and looked, and looked. A great many of you also know the feeling. Due diligence rewarded him with the discovery of this outstanding Ford in Charlotte, North Carolina. Fully restored and creatively modified approximately eight years ago this rolling piece of art has been maintained in excellent condition and is powered by a Chevrolet 350 V8 coupled to an automatic transmission with final drive delivered through a nine inch Ford rear end. Steering and suspension is enhanced by a Mustang front end. Creature

comforts have been improved by an impressive interior of leather and kept very comfortable by air conditioning.

This is Tom and Diane's very first adventure into the collector car hobby. Previous years found them motorcycling around the country on a very nice Harley. Now with a three car garage home in Venice Palms they have the perfect stable for the Ford.

The Henderson's moved to Venice Palms in 2002 from Saginaw, Michigan and live just down the street from our club photographer Richard Disanto and his wife Joan. (We now have so many families in our club, it seems like no matter where you live you will have another member for a neighbor or nearby). Dr. Tom and Diane are both retired teachers having lived a good portion of their lives in Indiana. They also love pets. Their two cats are adorable and their half dozen “full size”

honest to gosh real bears (you heard me right “real full size bears”)...in their living room really quickly grab your attention! The story goes that when living in Saginaw, Michigan Tom had to be away for a few days one time and Diane found that the half dozen bears had broken into her kitchen looking for honey. Remaining completely calm and collected, Diane grabbed her Daisy BB gun and shot them all dead with only six BB's...one for each bear Wow! What a marksman!

Our recent new members joined our club during this past February after receiving a copy of one of our newsletters and are very enthusiastic about all of our activities.

A final note...as you see in the heading at the top...the old Ford has a name...”Bessie” ...in memory of Tom's Grandmothers old late 30's Chevrolet that she called by the same name.

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From The President:

We'll believe it or not our Annual Venice Region AACA Collector Car Show is only a few weeks away. All of our plans for the show are coming together, show fliers are out, trophies, sponsor plaques and dash plaques are here. Final show layout and vendors spots are being finished at this time. Many of you have volunteered to work the show either as a judge or in many other aspects of operating the show and I thank you all for your efforts. If the weather holds out I believe we will have a record show.

Last year we tried something new at our car show. We had a rummage sale located in the middle of the show field, put together by Babe and Dave Lanning. It was such a great success that Babe and Dave Lanning have agreed to do it again for this year's car show. If you have anything, not necessarily car related, to donate for the sale, please bring it to the September General Membership Meeting or bring it to the show itself. All donations are greatly appreciated.

I know that we have many members up north during the summer season and everyone that is still here is very busy but we have experienced a unusual problem in the past five months that our attendance at our General Membership Meetings has really dropped off. We have not had a quorum at a meeting since last March and that creates a real problem in that we can not conduct a vote on any business. As we start the fall season, please try hard to attend our meetings so we can conduct business and make our club prosper. I thank you for your support. George Nubile, Nancy

Vandegrift and Bev Arnold have put together another great Club Tour for this month, one that we have never tried before. This tour will be a Poker Run thru five check points to pick up a card at each point and the car with the best hand will win \$25.00, Second Place \$15.00 and Third Place \$10.00. We will then proceed to the Left Coast Restaurant for lunch. I believe that this tour will be greatly enjoyed by all.

Rod Dimon will be the Chairman of the Nominating Committee for next year's Officers and Directors. If you wish to volunteer or nominate a member to fill a position please contact Rod or one of his committee. For the benefit of our new members, nominations will be read at the October General Membership Meeting and reread at the November Meeting with an election at that November Meeting.

There are several positions that need to be filled for our club. We need someone, or could be a couple of members, to take over next year's Car Show Registration from John and Sharon Thomas who will give the new person or persons all of the information and help that you will need. We also need someone to take over the job of Membership Secretary from Julie Petree and someone to sell the Club Shirts and Etc. at our monthly meetings. Please consider filling one of these jobs.

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

Phyllis Lucca

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Steve & Shari Dembinski	1 st
Gerald & Pauline Paulhus	1 st
Rick & Donna Miller	5 th
James & Julie Petree	5 th
Gerald & Cecilia Mallgraf	15 th
Thomas & Chris Accardi	7 th
John & Dale Richter	11 th
Ted & Ginger Sanborn	11 th
Lee & Carole Goolden	14 th

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Barbara Leitner	1 st
Richard Welch	4 th
Betty Rowe	6 th
Susan Walkup	7 th
Bill Rodgers	11 th
Cindy McCarthy	18 th
Mary Ann Rhoades	19 th
Lisa Dimon	20 th
Joseph Farrelly	20 th
George Lucyk	20 th
Sue Anders	22 nd
Dodie Nolan	22 nd
Ginger Sanborn	22 nd
Joan Brown	24 th
Larry Fees	24 th
Gerald Weber	25 th
Alpheus Weidner	28 th
Rick Miller	29 th
Julie Petree	29 th

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HISTORICAL VEHICLE

- Submitted by Chuck Ford



1958 Cadillac Eldorado Brougham

The 1957-58 **Cadillac Eldorado Brougham** was a hand built, limited production car derived from the Park Avenue and Orleans show cars of 1953-54. It featured the first appearance of quad headlights and totally unique trim. The exterior ornamentation included wide, ribbed lower rear quarter beauty panels extending along the rocker sills and rectangularly sculptured side body "cove" highlighted with five horizontal windsplits on the rear doors. Tail styling treatments followed the Eldorado pattern. This four-door hardtop with rear-hinged rear doors was an ultra-luxury car that cost an astonishing \$13,074 - twice the price of any other Eldorado and more than the Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud.

It featured a stainless steel roof, air suspension, the first automatic two-position "memory" power seats, a dual four-barrel carburetor, low profile tires with thin white-walls, automatic trunk opener, Cruise Control, high pressure cooling system,

polarized sun visors, electric antenna, automatic-release parking brake, electric door locks, dual heating system, silver magnetized glove box, drink tumblers, cigarette and tissue dispensers, lipstick and cologne, ladies compact with powder puff, mirror and matching leather notebook, comb and mirror, Arpège atomizer with Lanvin perfume, automatic starter with restart function, Autronic Eye, drum-type electric clock, power windows, forged aluminum wheels and air conditioning. Buyers of Broughams had a choice of 44 full leather interior and trim combinations and could select such items as Mouton, Karakul or lambskin carpeting. An all-transistor signal-seeking car radio, first available for the Eldorado Brougham, was standard equipment and used 13 transistors in its circuitry. Only 704 Eldorado Broughams were sold.

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

SEPTEMBER 2014

Fri. 5th – Denny’s Venice Car Show – 6:00 to 9:00 PM
– Lowe’s Shopping Center.

Sat. 6th – Englewood Downtown Car Show –
Dearborn Street – 5:00 to 9:00 PM.

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

** Mon. 8th – Club Meeting – Venice Gardens Civic
Center – 406 Shamrock Blvd. – Venice Fla. – Meeting
at 7:00 PM – Doors open at 6:30 PM

Sat. 13th – ‘Ideal Classic Cars’ Car Show – 9:00 to
1:00 PM – 2224 Tamiami Trail, Venice Fla.

Fri. 19th – Denny’s Venice Car Show – 6:00 to 9:00 PM
– Lowe’s Shopping Center.

** Sat. 20th – Club Tour – First Annual Venice AACA
Poker Run and Lunch at Left Coast Restaurant. Please
see Flier for Details.

** Wed. 24th – Club Lunch – Perkins Restaurant –
US # 41 By-Pass and Center Rd. – 1:00 PM

Fri. 26th – Winks Café – 451 S. Indiana Ave.
Englewood Fla. – 5:00 to 9:00 PM

Sat. 27th – ‘Hooters’ Car Show – 4908 14th St. W.
Bradenton Fla. – On US # 41 – 6:00 to 9:00 PM

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday September 2nd Gary Felker’s House at 7:00 PM

OCTOBER 2014

Fri. 3rd – Denny’s Venice Car Show – 6:00 to 9:00 PM
– Lowe’s Shopping Center

Sat. 4th - Englewood Downtown Car Show -
Dearborn Street – 5:00 to 9:00 PM - No Reg.

Sat. 4th - ‘Hooters Car Show – Sarasota Pavilion Mall
- Stickney Pt. Rd. and US # 41 - 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

Sun. 5th – 27th Annual Venice AACA Collector Car
Show – Centennial Park, Venice Fla.

Sat. 11th – ‘Ideal Classic Cars’ Car Show – 10:00 AM
to 2:00 PM – 2224 Tamiami Trail, Venice Fla.

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

Fri. 17th - Denny’s Venice Car Show - 6:00 to 9:00 PM
– Lowe’s Shopping Center.

Wed. 22nd – Club Lunch – Perkins Restaurant – US
41 By-Pass & Center Rd. – 1:00 PM

Fri. 24th – Winks Café – 451 S. Indiana Ave.
Englewood Fla. – 5:00 to 9:00 PM

Sat. 25th – ‘Hooters’ Car Show – 4908 14th St. W.
Bradenton on US # 41 – 6:00 to 9:00 PM

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday October 7th 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 - August 8, 2014

Respectively submitted by Julie Petree, Secretary

1. The meeting was called to order at 7 :05 p.m. by President Gary Felker. 38 members and 3 visitors attended.
2. The club pledged allegiance to the flag. The officers introduced themselves to the membership.
3. The sign up sheets for the upcoming tours were passed to the members.
4. New member Phyllis Lucca was introduced. Visitors Betty Brown, Katy Burke and Taz Waller were also Introduced
5. The secretary's report was read. A motion from Tom Accardi was made to approve the minutes. It was seconded by. Nancy Vandergrift.
6. The treasurers report was read.
7. Gary announced he had appointed Rod Dimon to chair the nominating committee for next years officers.
8. Members were asked to contact him if you wish to volunteer or nominate someone for a position.
9. Feature Vehicle Plaques were presented to Bill and Lynn Johnson, Jim Clark and Bryan Talley.
10. George Nubile, Bev Arnold and Nancy Vandergrift spoke on the upcoming tours.
11. Thank you cards from Nancy and Jeff Vandergrift, Jordan Cunningham and Barbara Welch were read.
12. The registrations for the club car show were handed out.
13. Dave Lanning asked for volunteers to help him and Babe with the garage sale that will be going on during the car show. Anyone donating items should bring them to the September meeting. They do not have to be car related items.
14. John Thomas announced the club had purchased 3 more tents for club activities.
15. Bunny Nubile asked about where the car show money goes and asked if more funds could be available for club activities . A discussion was then opened with comments from Lois Sinclair, Bryan Talley, Bill Johnson, and John Thomas. John Buono explained it goes against the club by-laws to take money for the clubs personal use. Gary Felker then explained how the club money is handled. George Nubile also spoke on this.
16. The upcoming car club activities were announced.
17. Gary asked for volunteers to take over the jobs of club membership and next years car show registration. He also spoke on this years show. The show shirts, trophies ,fliers and dash plaques are all coming along fine. All the requirements with the city are up to date, but not complete. He asked for volunteers to help with the numerous jobs that still need to be filled.
18. A program on the club trip to view The Great Race was shown. George Nubile and Red Hynch narrated.
19. Reggie Foote won \$47.50 in the 50/50 raffle. He donated the winnings to the club scholarship fund.
20. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 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!

NATIONAL COLLECTOR CAR DAY AT THE MUSCLE CAR MUSEUM

- Submitted by George Nubile
- Photos by Richard DiSanto

We began our tour by meeting at Walgreens Pharmacy in North Port on Rte. 41 So. At 9:00 am and embarked at 9:30 am to the Muscle Car City in Punta Gorda. There were fifteen of us club members who decided to celebrate the second anniversary of this event since congress voted for this day ... After about a 23 mile drive we exited our vehicles and entered the museum.. Once you walk through the doors you realize the enormity of the place . A fifties styled diner to the left of the entrance and a marvelous auto memorabilia store with parts department and speed shop...

Once you walk through the double doors you are witness to some 200+ cars, which all are GM ... You look to your immediate right and notice corvettes one of each year make and model including the 1967 year which there are a dozen of, one each of color and engine options that were available that year in both coupe and convertible. Upon looking to your left you look at the only remaining 1914 Chevrolet that was the FIRST car to be assembly line produced by GM (really Amazing).. As you wander deeper into the gallery you discover some military, commercial and professional vehicles ...

The O-o-o ing and a -h-hing continues as you see the collection of Oldsmobile 4-4-2 and then the Pontiac GTO's . Once by that , it is the collection of 1950's and 60's of Chevrolets, then the Camaro's , Malibu's & SS-396 , Chevy pick-ups ?? Talk about overkill you actually get eyeball fatigue as you can not process how big this collection is.... Then you meet an employee and he tells you that this is only half of the collection the other half is stored waiting to be re-circulated back into the museum

as they rotate the display periodically.. Upon exiting the museum floor you enter the sales consignment area where you can view some that are for sale.

We left the museum @ 11:00 am and began our trip to Laishley Crab House for lunch. At least we thought that was where we were heading. We made a traffic light stop and made the corner when I heard my wife Bunny say ; the rear door opened and my bag slid out, as I look in rear view mirror cars are swerving to miss her bag finally a truck with trailer blocks Rt-41 north . He gets out and returns her handbag to her.. All is well , Right !! Not quite as we get about a mile down the road a Charlotte County Sheriff 's Car is following us . All of a sudden The flashing lights

go on and we get pulled over and the wagon train of cars follows, in to Where else Walgreens Pharmacy (Dey - ja -voo or what ??) .. The officer said , he could not find my plate number in the data bank ? So after some fumbling Bev Arnold found my registration . I handed it to him , within a minute he got his reply . We were not operating a stolen car ring Whew !! He then said I never saw a Horseless Carriage Plate ? So, I explained it to him and he was grateful ! When has that ever happened !! Well, with that behind us we made our way to lunch and all had a laugh as well as some very stimulating conversation which continued for many weeks later. We all had sumptuous lunch and were wondering what kind of excitement we could do to upstage this and all agreed. We will have to work on it!!!!!!

HAPPY MOTORING!



We would like to thank all those who participated and attended The Great Race. We had thirty – seven people sign up and on tour day thirty – two managed to make it.. A surprise but we are certain because of the historical value of this race and it being the first time in the thirty year history of ever coming to Florida.....

Some club members went up the day before the race to scout out the area so that when other members arrived on Sunday they could help with the lay of the land and highlight the area's that would be of interest to them...

On Sunday AM Red & Mona Hynch and George & Bunny Nubile greeted the bus at the Waterfront Hotel at Lakeside Landing and guided our members to the Welcoming Area of the pre car show before all the activities got started where they all received a goody bag. After that it was shuttle service By Red & George in golf carts so that the other members could get their carts. Then it was off to lunch at Cody's Roadhouse Grille or Johnny Rockets or Too jay's New York Style Deli. After lunch we moved to Center Square at Lakeside Landing where the finish line was getting set-up. The official time for the contenders to arrive was suppose to be 1:00 PM but was postponed until 2:00 so that the TV crew could arrive to broadcast live the event. The 2:00 time became 3:00 before they arrived to broadcast....

Most of cars finally made it and the thirty or so that did not, arrived on car haulers... When you consider that 100 cars were registered it seems like good odds. There were twenty different classes to compete in with a \$150 K purse and a \$50K payout to the first place winner. There were several first's for this race: 1 – Barry & Irene Jason won for the third consecutive year in a row driving a 1966 Red Ford Mustang a feat that has never ever been repeated before in race history 2 – The first all girl team to compete in the race and finish in their class Tabetha Hammer & Samantha Bonter in there 64 ½ Mustang convertible from Travis City , Mi. ,Secured \$5K for their efforts.. 3 – Humphrey Wheeler of NASCAR fame & President of Charlotte Motor Speedway appeared with his 1953 Hudson Hornet which is an exact replica of DOC HUDSON the first car to win at Daytona and the movie "CARS"..

It was a very HOT day and most were tired at days end but the excitement and entertainment made it ALL worthwhile. Members had a wonderful time and are looking forward to another adventure. Perhaps Mecum Auction in January at Kissimmee??

THE 32ND ANNUAL "GREAT RACE"

– Submitted by Richard DiSanto

Many of our Venice AACA members traveled to "The Villages" to see the finish of the 32nd annual, world famous, "GREAT RACE" event. The entry fees for this event range from \$5000 for private to \$6500 for corporate entries. The starting line for the race was Ogunquit, Maine. Entries left the 2300 mile competitive controlled speed endurance road rally on June 21st and nine days latter arrived at the finish line in "The Villages", south of Ocala, FL. This Rally for Vintage Cars, 1972 model year or older, is limited to 100 autos. The purse is \$150,000 and the winner receives \$50,000. The event was purchased by Corky Coker, owner of Coker Tire Company and is sponsored by Hemming's Motor News and Hagerty Insurance. 18 cities on the East Coast will act as check points along the way. Each car is assigned a Driver and Navigator. They must drive at or below the posted speed at all times. GPS and Computers are not permitted and Odometers are taped over.



FEATURED VEHICLE PLAQUE PRESENTATION & CASEY KEY TOUR – Submitted by Richard DiSanto

On Monday, July 11th, Bill Trier presented Featured Vehicle Plaques to Bill and Lynn Johnson for their 1973 El Camino, Jim Clark for his 1965 Cobra and Bryan Talley for his 1960 Corvette. The Venice AACA would like to thank the recipients for their contributions.



On Saturday, August 16th, the Venice Regional AACA toured Casey Key and had lunch at the Casey Key Fish House. A great time was had by all, thank you to those who made this event a success!



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