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**Tom Tart's 1936 Buick Special – Victoria Coupe**

## *Coming Events:*

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| July 1  | Florida Region Board Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL  | 6:00 PM |
| July 1  | Florida Region General Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL  | 7:00 PM |
| July 7  | Florida Region Sunday Breakfast, Bahia Shrine, 2300 Pembroke Drive, Orlando, FL   | 9:00 AM |
| July 12 | "Collector Car Appreciation Day" – see <a href="http://www.semasan.com/CCAD">www.semasan.com/CCAD</a> for local car show events |         |



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# 1966 Volvo Nears 3 Million Road Miles



Irv Gordon's 1966 Volvo P1800S is within 3,000 miles of the three million mile mark. The retired school teacher from Long Island plans on reaching his goal in Alaska sometime in September 2013.

“ His story is famous: 24-year-old Irv bought a brand-new 1800S on Friday, June 30, 1966 – it cost \$4,150, an entire year's salary, he recalls – and by the following Monday, he'd put 1,500 miles on the odometer. This middle school science teacher's 125-mile round-trip commute, plus his love of road-tripping adventure, meant that he'd racked up 500,000 miles by the late 1970s, and in 1987, cracked 1,000,000. Irv retired from teaching in 1996 and started driving in earnest; he and the car were honored in The Guinness Book of World Records in 1998 at 1,690,000 million miles, and he reached 2,000,000 miles in 2002. He's been driving ever since. “

Volvo Cars has a website dedicated to Irv's Volvo...  
<http://volvocars.3millionreasons.com/welcome>

**BY THE NUMBERS:**

Here's what Irv Gordon's Volvo 1800S has consumed in nearly 3 million miles of driving:

- 107,400 gallons of gasoline
- 3,316 quarts of motor oil
- 829 oil filters
- 464 spark plugs
- 156 tires
- 116 points, rotors and distributor caps
- 29 sets of brake pads/shoes
- 29 fan belts
- 4 sets of shock absorbers
- 3 water pumps
- 3 generators
- 2 starter motors



**SOURCE:** Hemmings article written by Mark J. McCourt  
<http://blog.hemmings.com/index.php/2013/06/27/celebrate-3-million-miles-with-irv-gordons-volvo-1800s/>  
[http://www.hemmings.com/hsx/stories/2011/11/01/hmn\\_feature1.html](http://www.hemmings.com/hsx/stories/2011/11/01/hmn_feature1.html)

## ***Minutes of the Florida Region AACA Board Meeting – June 10, 2013***

Members Present: Howard Gilkes, Bob Coolidge, Dick Gauchat, Tom Holt, Lee Duncan, Wayne Bostak, Nelson Lawhorn, and President Darrel Cole.

The Board of the Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on June 10, 2013. Darrel Cole called the board meeting to order at approximately 6:23 pm.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Darrel Cole in the absence of Charlie Steffy. The report was filed.

The minutes of the May Board Meeting were approved as printed in the June 2013 edition of *The Running Board*.

Darrel spoke about the June event of attending the Tampa Bay Car Museum. Darrel is also trying to schedule a visit to see the car collection of Tom DuPont which is close to the Tampa Bay Car Museum.

Howard spoke about who should have access to the Running Board that is not a Florida Region member. Also, whether the telephone numbers of the board members should continue to be listed in the Running Board. It was decided to automatically send the Running Board only to Florida Region members. Telephone numbers will continue to be published unless a person requests to have his number deleted.

The Florida Region Christmas Party will be held at Sam Snead's restaurant in their private dining room which will seat 60 people. The meal cost will range between \$26 and \$34.00. The event will be held on December 7, 2013. Sam Snead's is located at 1801 W. Maitland Blvd, Orlando, 32810. This is between I-4 and Forest City Road.

The facility is situated on the north side of Maitland Boulevard. .

The Board Meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:53 pm.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Bob Coolidge, Secretary*

## ***Minutes of the Florida Region AACA General Meeting – June 10, 2013***

Florida Region members present:  
Approximately 30.

The Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on June 10, 2013. President Darrel Cole called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 pm.

Dick Gauchat led the pledge to the flag.

The program was a DVD hosted by Dennis Gage as he visited several different 1960's car collections.

Darrel Cole presented the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Charlie Steffy. The Treasurer's report was filed.

The Minutes of the May meeting were approved as printed in the June 2013 edition of *The Running Board*.

Sunshine Report: Dena Holt reported that Nellie Adkins has been moved to a rehab facility. Cards were sent to Marlyn McMullen and Dot Clark. All seem to be improved.

The activity for June will be a visit to the Tampa Bay Car Museum. Also a visit to the car collection of Tom DuPont is being planned as part of the same visit. The date for the event is Saturday, June 22nd. The time is likely to be 10 am till approximately 2 pm.

Larry Cole spoke about his recent purchase of a **1963 Chevrolet Convertible**.

Pat Duncan spoke about having the Christmas Party at Sam Snead's restaurant located at 1801 W. Maitland Boulevard, Orlando. The location is between I-4 and Forest City Road on the north side of Maitland Boulevard. There is a private dining room that seats 60 people. The event would be held on December 7th. The meal cost will range between \$28.00 and \$34.00 per person.

50/50: \$28.50 to give away. Tom Holt was the winner. Other winners included Pat Duncan, Patty Ullrich, and Betty Hopkins.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:55 pm.

*Respectfully Submitted*  
*Bob Coolidge, Secretary*

Henry Petronis	July 3
Mark Regnier	July 28
Bob Stallings	July 25
Charlie Steffy	July 8
Joanne Swain	July 23

## *The famous* **ORMOND GARAGE**

By **Howard Gilkes**, Florida Region Historian



The Ormond Garage was a staging point for the very first race in this area. The first sanctioned meet here in Ormond Beach, Florida, March 26-28, 1903, featured time trials and races for a field including Alexander Winton's "Bullet", Ransom E. Olds' "Pirate" and Oscar Hedstrom's Indian motorcycle. The racers broke U.S. and world records and Ormond Beach became a favorite venue for motor sports and automobile testing. Ormond became the 'Birthplace Of Speed.' When few roads in America were paved, this hard beach became the race-course of choice.

So you can see that the Ormond Garage was of great historical significance. To the grief of many self-appointed historians, such as myself, this beautiful "gasoline alley" was destroyed by fire on January 7, 1976. Over the years, many visitors and locals wondered

## **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

Betty Bostak	July 9
Dan Brennan	July 6
Tim Bucher	July 29
Lorraine Coolidge	July 5
Marge Eckhart	July 14
Larry Gilbreath	July 22
Arils Goff	July 14
Judith Hoffman	July 30
Tom Holt	July 8
Robert O'Hara	July 27
Barbara Parsons	July 18

where the Ormond Garage was. In 2009, The Motor Racing Heritage Association asked the city for permission to build a small replica of the Ormond Garage in the Birthplace Of Speed Park. This park is located at the Granada Boulevard beach approach. It already was the home of several marble markers that commemorate the history of early racing on Ormond Beach.

With financial support from the Chapman Root family and many others, the replica Garage is finally essentially complete. It will be the home of the two (2) monument cars, the Winton Bullet and the Olds Pirate. These car monuments were commissioned by the City of Ormond during the 2003 Centennial in Ormond, the celebration of the 100-year anniversary of the first race in the area. The new garage will also serve as a tribute to the original garage that was destroyed by fire.

Can you imagine going 136.4 MPH on a V-8 powered motorcycle? Glenn Hammond Curtiss did it on January 24, 1907 on Ormond Beach. He was considered the “Fastest Man On Earth” until 1911.

Kendra and I were hanging-out at New Smyrna Beach when we got word that the new Ormond Garage was to be dedicated at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 28. Even though the Garage wasn't quite finished, the dedication had to take place because this date was the 110-year anniversary of the race between Winton and Olds. As you might expect, a large group of city officials, historians, the Motor Racing Heritage Association president, donors, Howard and Kendra and many fans of local history attended.

After several speeches, acknowledgements, commissions, stories and general historical rhetoric, Kendra and Howard headed back to New Smyrna Beach with a stop at our favorite Silver Diner in Daytona Beach for a late lunch. The last minute decision to attend this historic event was a good one. The Birthplace

of Speed Park, with it's several racing monuments, was worth the visit. And now it has one more.



*Editor's Note: Ormond Beach, Florida is located about 20 minutes north of Daytona Beach, FL on Highway A1A.*

# COVER VEHICLE FEATURE ARTICLE

## 1936 Buick Special Victoria Coupe

**Owner:** Thomas Tart, Florida Region member

1) This Buick has been owned by one family since new. Tom's mother, Lib Tart, gifted him this car when Tom was in high school. In 1936 this car cost \$845 new. Tom said you could buy two '36 Fords or two '36 Chevys for the price of this one '36 Buick. The interior features a "banjo" steering wheel, 2 sunvisors, a deluxe heater and a 3 speed transmission. The car has under 45,000 original miles. This car was driven to the White House when FDR was in office. Tom drives this car in local parades. U.S. Senator Bill Nelson often rides in this car in parades.

2) The straight 8 engine displaces 233 cubic inches and has 93 horsepower at 3,200 rpms with 183 ft-lbs. of torque at 1,900 rpms. The engine has no oil filter. The engine idles smooth like a sewing machine.

3) The car is painted "Cardinal Maroon". 1936 was the first year where the rear trunk was part of the body and the last year where the steel body had a wooden frame interior.

4) For 1936 only, Buick featured this "waterfall grill" and a very rare "modern Indianhead hood ornament".

5) Tom has reproduction radial tires with "gangster whitewalls". This car features steel "artillery" wheels with hand painted striping. He gets 16 miles per gallon on the highway with a top speed of 60 mph. Weighing 3,305 pounds with a 118 inch wheelbase, the car rides very smoothly on the road.



# Mecum Auction Car Auction Sale

## 1947 Lincoln Convertible

Sold for \$48,000, Lot W308 (May 15, 2013)

V-12 engine, 292 cubic inches, 130 HP  
125 inch wheelbase  
1 of only 738 convertibles made in 1947  
1 of 10 known to remain

Source: [http://www.mecum.com/auctions/lot\\_detail.cfm?CFGRIDKEY=SC0513-152998](http://www.mecum.com/auctions/lot_detail.cfm?CFGRIDKEY=SC0513-152998)



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### Antique Inventory Sheet for January 2013

**New Arrivals daily-Just drove in...A beautiful Auburn...**

1923 Ford Model T Touring	16,500
1924 Custom Sailboat	8,000
1927 Studebaker Victoria Coupe	18,500
1934 Mercedes K500 Heritage Replica	29,900
<b>1939 Buick Century</b>	<b>15,900</b>
<b>1947 Chevy Pickup 3100 Model Viper Red</b>	
<b>Gorgeous! Hotrod!</b>	<b>32,500</b>
1950 Farmall Tractor	3,500
1951 Mercury Custom, Red Hotrod!	15,000
1952 Ford Tractor with accessories/implements	3,495 OBO
<b>1954 Plymouth Savoy Hot Rod-Nice!</b>	<b>12,500</b>
<b>1953 MGTD RED</b>	<b>22,500</b>
1957 Chevy Bel-Air Hardtop, 2-dr Yellow updated!	37,500
1957 Chevy Bel-Air Hardtop, Red	49,995
1960 Lincoln Continental 2 dr. Convertible, Mark V	89,500
1961 Crofton, Utility Vehicle	17,500
1962 Harley Davidson MC 125cc	Make an offer!
1965 Ford Mustang, Blue	23,900
1966 Ford Mustang	24,500
1966 Chrysler Convertible 300	19,500
<b>1968 Pontiac Firebird Veduro Green Convertible</b>	<b>24,000</b>
<b>1969 Mercedes 280 SL Black</b>	<b>37,500</b>
<b>1969 Ford Mustang Fastback-Mach 1 Red</b>	<b>27,450</b>
<b>1970 Jaguar XKE Willow Green Roadster</b>	<b>39,999</b>
1972 VW Frame with Bradley Body Ready to drive!	4,495
1972 Chevy Pickup, yellow	9,995
1972 Buick Centurion Convertible	12,500
1980 Lincoln Mark VI, Green 2-dr.	4,200
1981 Mercedes Benz White 2 Tops 380 SL	7,000
1989 Bentley Turbo only 10,000 miles	34,900
2006 Ford Mustang GT Yellow Immaculate piece!	22,500
2011 Royal Enfield MC G-5 Bk. Deluxe NEW !!	6,095
<b>Project Cars Trucks</b>	
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### ***Coming Up a Little Further Down the Road:***

- August 4** Florida Region Sunday Breakfast, Bahia Shrine, 2300 Pembroke Drive, Orlando, FL **9:00 AM**
- August 12** Florida Region Board Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL **6:00 PM**
- August 12** Florida Region General Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL **7:00 PM**

### ***August 2013 Car Events***

- August 6–11 Hot August Night**, Reno Nevada, open to 1972 and older American cars, pickup size trucks, emergency vehicles and European classics only. Over 6,000 registered car participants.  
<http://hotaugustnights.net>
- August 8–10 Georgia Mountain Moonshine Cruiz-In**, Hiawassee, GA, classics, street rods, swap meet, 60 mile cruise, parade and more. <http://www.gammoonshinecruizin.com/home.html>
- August 17 Woodward Dream Cruise**, Bloomfield TWSP, Michigan, 9 am to 9 pm, “the world’s largest one-day celebration of classic car culture that attracts over 1 million visitors and more than 40,000 vehicles”.  
<http://www.woodwarddreamcruise.com>

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