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**Steve and Virginia Yancey's
1940 Ford Deluxe Opera Coupe**

Coming Events:

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| March 2 | Florida Region Sunday Breakfast, Bahia Shrine, 2300 Pembroke Drive, Orlando, FL | 9:00 AM |
| March 10 | Florida Region Board Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL | 6:00 PM |
| March 10 | Florida Region General Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL | 7:00 PM |
| March 16 | Florida Region Picnic, Secret Lake Park, Casselberry FL + Garage Tour, Winter Springs, FL | Noon – ? |



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President's Letter

Welcome to all car lovers of this great hobby. We had a great turnout for our February meeting and hope everyone enjoyed the DVD on orphan cars. Thanks to all who participated on various topics during the meeting.

As of this writing I am looking forward to the Port St. Lucie AACA National Southeastern Winter Meet. I understand many members of our club will be there and several with their cars. Hope to see all that come to the meet. I am sure there will be many stories told at our March meeting.

At our February Board Meeting, a plan was made to have a club function every month. This will give everyone a chance to enjoy a club activity other than the monthly meeting and monthly breakfast at Bahia Shrine. I am looking forward to our club's March picnic and later down the road a club picnic at Kerry and Gerry Camp's home in Oviedo.

I would like to have an article in each newsletter about a member's antique car history, first car or a car restoration and even another hobby. Can also be a topic of one's choosing. I am sure there are many great stories out there. So, do not be surprised if you get a call from me.

I will start by giving you a short history of my Amateur Radio hobby, known also as ham radio. No one knows how "ham" became attached to our hobby, except we ham it up, so to speak. I was first licensed in 1966 with the novice call WN4FSV, this being a beginner's introduction to the hobby. Later I achieved the highest license available known as the "Extra class" and given the call sign of AB4SA. This gave me the full allowable use of all modes, analog and digital allowed by the FCC. Hams have a national organization known as the American Amateur Radio League or AARL. I belong to the local Seminole ham club known as LMARS or "Lake Monroe Amateur Radio Society". 73's, this is how a ham would sign off.

Nelson Lawhorn

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Minutes of the Florida Region AACA Board Meeting – February 10, 2014

The Board of the Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on Feb. 10, 2014. The meeting was called to order by President Nelson Longhorn at 6:00pm. Other Officers and Board Members present were Jerry Eakins, Kerry Camp, Dick Gauchat, Howard Gilkes, Wayne Bostak, Tom Holt, Charlie Steffy, Dan Brennan, Darrel Cole and Larry Cole.

Charlie Steffy gave the Treasurer's Report and it was filed.

The Minutes of the January Board Meeting were approved as published in 'The Running Board'.

Darrel said he would check on a possible car display at the World Marriott Hotel.

Nelson volunteered to work with Mickey Bryant on updating our web site and transitioning it from Heather Trinh. This should be done sometime in April. The cost for the web site is \$15/year.

Howard Gilkes made a motion to change our Winter Pot Luck Supper from January to February to provide more time in January for our Awards and Installation of Officers Ceremony. It will also more evenly space it from our September Pot Luck Supper. The motion passed unanimously.

A tentative 2014 Calendar of Events was developed as follows:

March 16, Noon to 4:00 pm – Picnic at Secret Lake Park – Dick Gauchat

Visit Dick and Millie's garage after picnic

April 26, Saturday – Volusia Region Car Show, Lake Helen

May - Progressive Garage Tour

June 29 – Great Race (Maine to Florida) Vintage Car Rally, arrival at The Villages, details to follow

July – Mystery Tour

August, Overnighter – Ft. Lauderdale Packards Museum – Darrel Cole

September – Old Town / Florida Region Car Show

October – Picnic / Pot luck at KC Camp's property – KC Camp

November – New Car Show – Darrel Cole

December – Christmas Party – ?

Larry Cole suggested and listed a variety of programs for our General Meetings.... Auction, Music, Tom Tart (Florida History).

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

*Howard Gilkes,
Secretary*

Minutes of the Florida Region AACA General Meeting – February 10, 2014

The General Meeting of the Florida Region AACA was held at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on February 10, 2014. The meeting was called to order by President Nelson Lawhorn at 7:00pm. Thirty-nine (39) members and guests were in attendance.

Dick Gauchat lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Charlie Steffy gave the Treasurer's Report and it was filed.

The Minutes of the January General Meeting were approved as published in 'The Running Board'.

Dena Holt gave the Sunshine Report.

Topics discussed by Nelson Lawhorn were those covered in our preceding Board Meeting and Minutes.

In addition,

Matt Cannizzaro presented a list of possible programs for the upcoming meetings:

1. Hobby Night
2. Die Cast and Model car display
3. Story Teller
4. Take it out of the garage night / swap meet, display
5. Photo Night ... of you and your cars through the years
6. Bring car to meeting night (highlight one member per month)
7. Restoration Speaker

Don Allen reminded the Club of the Orange Blossom Region AACA car show on March 15 in Haines City, FL.

50/50 winner was Jerry Eakins, Silver Dollar winners were Tom Holt, Matt Cannizzaro and Bill Morris.

The General Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Following our General Meeting, Dan Brennan, Mike Montague and Charley Steffy performed our annual audit of the Florida Region books. Everything was found to be in good order.

*Howard Gilkes,
Secretary*

Welcome New Members

Bryan & Denise Jackson from Davenport, FL

They have a **1956 Pontiac Catalina**, four door hard top.

MARCH Birthdays

Dot Clark	March 31
Russell Dawson	March 24
Cecil Goff	March 1
Dena Holt	March 10
Jim Lane	March 18
Jack Mahaffey	March 22
David Main	March 28
Lon Miller	March 4
Shirley Stallings	March 28

Florida Region Picnic and Garage Tour

The **Florida Region's SPRING PICNIC** will be held Sunday, **March 16, 2014** at Secret Lake Park, 200 Ivey Road, Casselberry, FL 32707.

The PICNIC is from Noon to 4 pm. Food will be served at 12:30 pm. The Picnic is **FREE** to Florida Region members, their family & friends. **RSVP** to Dick Gauchat, 407-695-4412 to sign up for side dish/dessert. Let us know how many are coming so we can buy enough food.

The club will provide the Burgers, Hot Dogs, Soda, Ice Tea, Lemonade & Water.

GAUCHAT'S GARAGE TOUR – AFTER PICNIC

Dick and Millie's home is 4.8 miles (14 minutes) from Secret Lake Park; leave park and go to 17-92, then turn right (north) toward Sanford. The second traffic light past SR 434 is Shepard Road (on the right by 7-11). Go right on Shepard Road to the stop sign at Sheoah Blvd. Turn right, and then turn left at the first street (Galloway Drive; Continue to the third street on the left (Galloway Court). Our house is the second house on the right. 737 Galloway Court.

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2014 Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance



By **Mark Regnier**, Editor, *The Running Board*

An amazing collection of vehicles were on display at the 8th annual Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance held on February 23, 2014 on a golf course in Boca Raton, FL. The weather was clear with a high in the mid 80's. Vehicles on display ranged from brass era cars, concept cars, classic cars, motorcycles and modern luxury cars.

Mercedes-Benz was the featured marque at this show. Owners showed some museum quality vehicles including this functional **1886 Mercedes-Benz Motor Wagon** reproduction, considered to be the first patented gasoline powered automobile in the world.



On the other side of the technology spectrum was this one-off **1928 Rolls Royce Torpedo** powered by a 27 liter V-12 Meteor aircraft engine (1,647 cubic inches)! It made 650 horsepower with open exhaust pipes. The body is teakwood planks over an ashwood frame.



Next to the **Torpedo** was a **1963 Chevrolet Corvette Roadster/Shark Coupe** owned by Harley J. Earl, the Vice President of Design for General Motors from 1928 to 1958. The car was a gift from General Motors to him.



Our club's former President, Darrel Cole, won a Best in Class award for "American Classic" and a Sponsor's Trophy for his burgundy **1929 Packard 640 Phaeton**.



This **1948 Playboy Coupe** was a "barn find". It is one of 97 made and one of 12 functional cars left in the world.



COVER VEHICLE FEATURE ARTICLE

1940 Ford Deluxe Opera Coupe

Owners: Steve & Virginia Yancey
Florida Region members

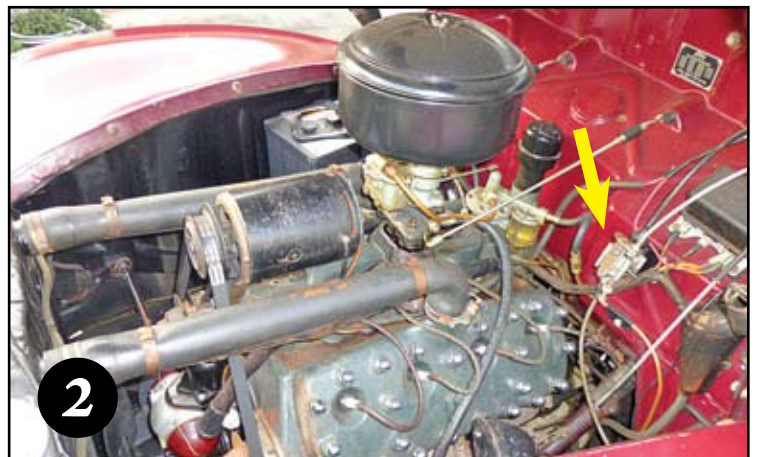
1) The Yancey's acquired this car in 1991 from Paula and Larry Cotton of Dallas, Texas who completed a frame off restoration and were the car's second owners. This car is an "Opera Coupe" because there are two folding seats behind the split front bench seat. This car has a Columbia 2 speed rearend which lowers the engine rpms at highway speeds. The car wears upgraded 6.0 x 16 radial tires on stock steel wheels with a chrome hubcap and beauty rings.

2) The 221 cubic inch (3.6 liter) flat head V-8 engine develops 85 horsepower @ 3,800 rpms with 157 ft. lbs. of torque @ 2,200 rpms. It still retains its stock 6 volt electrical system. The Columbia 2 speed overdrive cable mechanism is seen to the left of the brake master cylinder.

3) This car's two factory accessories are an AM radio and a working clock in the glove box door. The Columbia overdrive actuator switch is located to the left of the steering wheel under the push button starter switch. The 3 speed manual transmission is column shifted.

4) The spacious trunk has a small storage area for tools and a jack. The Garnet Maroon enamel paint on this car is thought to be all original except for a repainted trunk lid. There were 20,183 Deluxe coupes made in 1940.

5) The Yanceys enjoy driving this car around town. It has been driven in several local parades. At a weight of 2,940 pounds on a 112 inch wheelbase this car accelerates easily and drives smoothly on the road.



Sold at Auction

By **Mark Regnier**, Editor, *The Running Board*

This **1950 Crosley Hot Shot Convertible** (Lot 638) sold at the January 2014 Barrett-Jackson Auction in Scottsdale, Arizona for \$26,400. (4 Cylinder, 3 Speed Manual). "Powel Crosley Jr. of Cincinnati, OH built radios and refrigerators. In 1939 he built his first car and sold it for \$250. 1950 was the first year for the **Hot Shot** 44 cid engine with 26.5hp. 1952 was the last year of production of Crosley automobiles. This **1950 Hot Shot** is the most equipped **Hot Shot** many in the Crosley National Club have ever seen. Radio, heater, ashtrays, top, doors and lots of chrome".

SOURCE: <http://www.barrett-jackson.com/application/onlinesubmission/lotdetails.aspx?ln=638&aid=525>



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1923 Ford Model T Touring	16,500
1927 Studebaker Victoria Coupe	18,500
1932 Rolls Royce	35,000
1940 Mercury CUSTOM Hotrod	79,995
1952 Ford Tractor with accessories/implements	1,800
1952 Chevy 2-Door Sedan Business DLX coupe	28,995
1952 MGTD	17,900
1953 MGTD RED	21,500
1954 Plymouth Savoy Hot Rod Nice	12,500
1957 Chevy Bel-Air Hardtop, 2-dr, Yellow, updated!	37,500
1957 Chevy Bel-Air	12,500
1960 Lincoln Continental 2 dr. Convertible, Mark V	79,000
1965 Chevrolet Corvair Red	7,500
1964 International C-1100 1/2 Ton Pickup	6,000
1966 Chrysler Convertible 300	18,000
1967 Chevy Camaro Silver	26,000
1969 Chevy El Camino	15,900
1974 Chevy Corvette Stingray Blue	21,995
1974 MGB-RED	6,150
1984 Olds Brougham	3,500
1988 Jaguar XJS Convertible	19,900
1990 Corvette	8,995
1996 BMW Motorcycle 850 R	2,995
1997 Chevy Camaro	3,495
1997 Chevy Camaro Z28	9,995
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2014 AACA Winter National Meet Report

Port St. Lucie, FL February 22, 2014

By **Don Allen**, Florida Region Member

The Florida Region had a good representation at the meet and they all got the award they were seeking.

Kerry Camp	1932 Chevrolet 5 window coupe	DPC certification
Gene Roy	1952 Kaiser Club coupe	Repeat preservation
Tom Holt	1950 Oldsmobile 88 coupe	Repeat preservation
Charlie Steffy	1973 Pontiac convertible	Repeat DPC
Bob McMullen	1933 Chrysler sedan	Senior
Russ Dawson	1968 Buick Skylark convertible	Repeat preservation
Judy Beauchamp	1971 Buick Riviera	Repeat preservation
Don Allen	1955 Chevrolet hardtop	Repeat preservation

Several other Florida Region members were seen that did not bring a car to show. Most of the cars were on grass except a few of the judged cars and the HPOF and DPC cars which were on a paved parking lot. The venue was beautiful and ideal for a car show. They had 262 cars registered and after you deduct the no shows, I would guess they probably had about 250. Friday evening about 8 PM, a very heavy rain with lots of wind came through. This made the grass show field very wet and messy. It is possible that some of the cars were not taken out of their trailers, but I do not know this to be a fact. During judging we had three showers that stopped judging for a few minutes each time, but the rest of the time the weather was wonderful.

Coming Up a Little Further Down the Road:

- April 6** Florida Region Sunday Breakfast, Bahia Shrine, 2300 Pembroke Drive, Orlando, FL **9:00 AM**
- April 14** Florida Region Board Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL **6:00 PM**
- April 14** Florida Region General Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL **7:00 PM**

March 2014 Car Events

- March 8** **Rotary Club Of Apopka Car Show**, Kit Land Nelson Park, Apopka, FL 8:30 am to 3 pm, amusement rides, midway, food, beverage vendors and more. Day of show registration is \$10. Contact: Lowell, 407-886-5844
- March 15** **Orange Blossom Region AACA Car Show**, Lake Eva Park, Haines City, FL, 9 am to 3 pm, door prizes every half hour beginning at 9:30AM, Car classes° 1900 to 1989, Contact: Don Allen, 863-604-3148
- Mar. 28-30** **Spring Daytona Turkey Run**, Daytona Beach, FLm show, a car corral, swap meet, arts and fashion area, food court and more. Visit: http://turkeyrun.com/Turkey_Run_Home.html
- March 29** **Serenades Memory Care Car Show**, Winter Garden, FL, 10 am to 2 pm, There will be no Trophies There will be no door prizes, There will be no 50-50. There will be a lot of old memories and fellowship. Residents and guests will enjoy looking at the cars of their day, helping them reminisce and enjoy their lives today. Contact: Jim Kilroy 407-341-2034