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**Ray & Ann Verner's
1957 Oldsmobile 88 Convertible**

Coming Events:

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| June 1 | Florida Region Sunday Breakfast, Bahia Shrine, 2300 Pembroke Drive, Orlando, FL | 9:00 AM |
| June 9 | Florida Region Board Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL | 6:00 PM |
| June 9 | Florida Region General Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL | 7:00 PM |



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President's Letter

Thanks to those that came to our May meeting and to those that came prepared for Show and Tell. Several stories were told and several items were brought that were of interest to all. Don Allen had a great story with pictures of a folding bicycle, like one he used to own. Kerry Camp had several items and told stories of his miniature car collecting. Another item that was brought was related to preserving gasoline, an additive was added to bottles to show the result of increasing gasoline life. Larry Cole brought a book that had a story related to his famous **1922 "Lucille Ball" Cadillac**. Darrel Cole told a great story with items that he had from a young age and one related indirectly with Disney. Sorry if I left anyone out as I did not take notes and am going from memory. The bottom line is every one I talked to said they felt our Show and Tell was a great success and that makes for a good meeting. Thanks to all again for your participation.

In the past we have asked the general membership for ideas for meetings, like the one we just had in May, suggested by Kerry Camp, and would like to have all involved in suggesting a particular interest that they might have. Also having a members car coming to the meeting each month is great. Last month Wayne Bostak brought his **1971 Oldsmobile Cutlass Convertible** with a fresh paint job. Car looked great Wayne! A picture of his car, taken by Darrel Cole, is on page 5 of this newsletter..

Hope a lot of car shows were attended in the last month. Several meets always during any given month. Just talking about meets that are in and around central Florida. I myself enjoyed the Lake Howell car show put on by Don and Tara of "Cruisin Orlando". Several of my favorite cars were there, Chevy of course, like a 1951 and 1963 Chevy and a nice **Pontiac GTO**. If anyone going to the Great Race in the Villages is bringing a car that is not on my list they need to let me know as soon as possible. I need to turn in both driver's name and car that they are bringing to Alan Stone, the Villages AACA president. Those bringing a car are requested to be at Lake Sumter Landing around 10 A.M, this is due to an expected large attendance creating a traffic jam. The Great Race participants are scheduled to start coming in around 3 P.M.

Our June meeting will be a very interesting one. It will be put on by James Bounds of "Fire Fight Products". He will give a great presentation of the proper types of fire extinguishers for our antique cars and homes.

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Deadline is the 20th of the month

Nelson Lawhorn

Minutes of the Florida Region AACA Board Meeting – May 12, 2014

The Board of the Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on May 12, 2014. The meeting was called to order by President Nelson Lawhorn at 6:00 pm. Other Officers and Board Members present were Jerry Eakins, Kerry Camp, Dick Gauchat, Howard Gilkes, Wayne Bostak, Tom Holt, Dan Brennan and Larry and Darrel Cole.

Darrel presented Charlie Steffy's Treasurer's Report and it was filed.

There was a general discussion on the Great American Race that will leave Ogunquit, Maine on June 21st and end up at The Villages, Florida on June 29th, Sunday, more than 100 cars, all built before 1972, traversing through 13 East Coast states, 2100 miles.

The Minutes of the April Board Meeting were approved as published in "The Running Board" after deleting the sentence, " People attending from our Club will meet for lunch at National Parts Depot (NPD)."

The Board proposed raising membership dues from \$20 to \$25 because car-display revenue is no longer adequate to support Club expenses. The proposal was tabled to welcome membership input. Increased dues would start October 1, 2014 in time for 2015 dues. Please give your thoughts (pro or con) to any Board Member.

The Board also proposed charging \$21 per year to have "The Running Board" snail-mailed to any member choosing that method of delivery. The reason for this is that more and more members are requesting that service in addition to e-mail delivery. This proposal was also tabled to get membership input.

Nelson reported that our Florida Region web site is down but will be back next week.

Darrel Cole discussed final plans for our May 17th Garage Tour to Dan Brennan's BodyWorks, Orlando Classic Cars (Dave Murray's), Lunch at Shannon's Casual Café and the Cole Classic Collection (optional).

Nelson reported June's program to be a presentation on fire extinguishers for automobiles.

Tom Holt reported on the Cairo, Georgia car show and the Volusia Region meet with 230 cars in attendance.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

*Howard Gilkes
Florida Region AACA Secretary*

Minutes of the Florida Region AACA General Meeting – May 12, 2014

The General Meeting of the Florida Region AACA was held at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park on May 12, 2014. The meeting was called to order by President Nelson Lawhorn at 7:00 pm. Thirty Five (35) members and guests were in attendance.

Dick Gauchat lead The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

It was 'Show and Tell' night. Those participating included Howard, Jerry, Don, Nelson, K.C. (Kerry), Dick, Lee, Peter, Larry and Darrel.

Darrel Cole presented Charlie Steffy's Treasurer's Report and it was filed.

The Minutes of the April General Meeting were approved as published in "The Running Board" with one exception as detailed in the Board Meeting Minutes.

Topics discussed by Nelson Lawhorn were those covered in our preceding Board Meeting and Minutes except the proposals to increase dues

and charge for snail-mail delivery of 'The Running Board'. These will be discussed in June.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Dick Gauchat. Silver dollar winners were Kendra Gilkes, Peter Foley and Dena Holt.

The General Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Howard Gilkes
Florida Region AACA Secretary

JUNE Birthdays

Alson Adkins	June 13
Lanny Boden	June 12
Kerry Camp	June 27
Barbara Cole	June 22
Millie Gauchat	June 30
George Koehn	June 19
Diane Montague	June 21
Steve Tunney	June 3
Steve Yancey	June 21

1957 Olds Dash



FL Region Garage Tour May 17, 2014

Words & Photos by Darrel Cole



Dan Brennan with his **1956 Ford Pickup** cab. The restoration project begins.



Looking across Brennan's Bodyworks warehouse to their high tech paint booth.



Visiting our 2nd garage stop at Orlando Classic Cars in Taft (just south of Orlando).



Dan Brennan's good friend drove his **1948 Dodge Power Wagon** with trailer on the garage tour.



Socializing at Orlando Classic Cars. Stay tuned at the next car meeting to see if anyone bought a classic car.

Also, after lunch about 10 of us decided to visit Larry & Darrel Cole car collection. The day was a great success, with fabulous cars, tasty food, and a lot of fun!! Hope to see more members sign up for the next garage tour. I would like to thank everyone who came out to celebrate the car hobby.

1971 Olds Repainted



Florida Region member, Wayne Bostak drove his newly repainted **1971 Oldsmobile Cutlass convertible** to the May 12, 2014 club meeting. Car color is GM's factory Palm Green Metallic.

The Armed Forces History Museum

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

The Armed Forces History Museum is located in Largo, Florida. They have a varied collection of historical military vehicles in their 35,000 square foot interior display area.



M3 Scout Vehicle with Machine Gun, WWII era



1942 Harley Davidson WLA motorcycle on display in their D-Day exhibit area.



Ride in their **1943 "Greyhound" M8 Reconnaissance Vehicle**, 6 wheel drive, light armored vehicle.

Website: <http://armedforcesmuseum.com>
Phone: (727) 539-8371

COVER VEHICLE FEATURE ARTICLE

1957 Oldsmobile Golden Rocket Series 88 Convertible

Owners: Ray and Ann Verner
Florida Region members

1) The Verner's bought this car in 1995 out of California and drove it back to Florida with "zero problems". A frame off restoration was completed in 2001. As part of the restoration, the frame was painted gold, like the engine valve covers, in honor of GM's 50th anniversary. This Olds got its AACA Senior badge in 2005 and most recently a Preservation Award in 2008. The vanity Florida license plate features the Space Shuttle as a nod to this "Golden Rocket". The car colors are Oldsmobile's Alcan White and Festival Red.

2) 1957 marked the last year that Harley Earl designed cars at General Motors. The Verner's have added two safety features since receiving their Preservation Award. A set of 215/75-15 radial tires replaced the stock 14 inch bias ply tires because the front end also received power disc brakes which required 15 wheels. The 15 inch wheels have been modified to accept the stock 14 inch hub caps. These upgrades were performed by John Adams from Apopka, FL.

3) The interior features comfortable vinyl seats. The 3 speed automatic transmission is shifted on the column. This convertible weighs 4,232 pounds on a 122.5 inch wheelbase. The original 1957 base price for this car was \$2,895. According to *Automotive Information Clearinghouse*, La Mesa California, there are only 41 of these convertibles registered in the United States (4 in Florida) out of the 6,423 convertibles made in 1957.

4) The 371 Cubic Inch (6.1 liter) flathead V-8 engine develops 277 horsepower at 4,400 rpms and torque of 400 at 2,800 rpms using a factory four barrel Rochester carburetor. The electrical system is 12 volt. The modern power disc brake booster and master cylinder blends in. A highlight of their ownership of this Olds was in 1996 being the Grand Marshall lead car in a Disney parade with Bob Hope and his wife Dolores in the back seat.



Sold on eBay

By Mark Regnier, Editor, *The Running Board*

This 1928 Alfa Romeo 6C 1500 Cabriolet sold on May 24, 2014 on eBay for \$175,100 (62 bids), It has a 1500 cc, straight 6 cylinder engine with manual transmission, right hand drive and knock off wire wheels. "First model of the legendary 6C Alfa Romeo".



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Antique Inventory Sheet for May 2014

1922 Ford Model T	9,995
1928 Ford Model A	17,500
1927 Ford Model T Speedster – Boat Tail	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	19,900
1957 Chevy Bel–Air Hardtop, 2–dr Yellow	35,000
1964½ Ford Mustang	Make An Offer!
1974 MGB	5,950
1984 Buick Grand National	16,900
1987 Ford Mustang GT	4,995
1988 Jaguar XJS Convertible	16,500
1992 Dodge HD Sportser 1200CC MC	42,000 or Best Offer!
1993 Cadillac Allante	13,995
1994 Lincoln Town Car	4,200 or Best Offer!
1997 Chevy Camaro Z28	7,995
1998 Honda Aero 1100cc MC 26,500 miles very clean	4,995
2006 S&S Custom MC	5,500
2008 Saturn Sky 2–Seat Roadster	21,000

Project Cars/Trucks

1988 Dodge Daytona	595
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Two Vintage Amphibious Military Vehicles

By Mark Regnier, Editor, *The Running Board*



"These amphibious vehicles were widely used during the Vietnam War when about 500 of the 968 made were destroyed. Despite its aluminum construction, the LARC-V weighs 19,000 pounds. It is powered by a 300-horsepower Cummins diesel V8 engine and reaches speeds of 35 miles per hour on land, and about 10 miles per hour in water. About 300 remain. The U.S. military has about 200 in inventory, and the rest are owned by civilians."
LARC-V stands for **L**ighter, **A**mphibious **R**esupply, **C**argo, **5** ton.



The **General Motors Corporation DUKW** (also known as "DUCK") was used to transport supplies from ship to shore during WWII. Around 2,000 **DUKW's** were used in Operation Overlord (D-Day) activities.

Some specs: 270 cubic inch (4.4 liter) GMC straight 6 cylinder engine, 94 horsepower, weight of 7.5 tons, Length of 31 feet, top water speed of 6.4 mph, top road speed of 50 mph, cargo capacity of 5 tons, 6 wheel drive.

"The DUKW was the first vehicle to allow the driver to vary the tire pressure from inside the cab, ...The tires could be fully inflated for hard surfaces such as roads and less inflated for softer surfaces, especially beach sand. This added to great versatility as an amphibious vehicle. This feature is now standard on many military vehicles."

SOURCES: <http://www.onallcylinders.com/2014/05/17/armed-forces-day-10-favorite-military-vehicles/>
<http://www.ewarbirds.org/dukw.html> <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DUKW>

Coming Up a Little Further Down the Road:

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| July 6 | Florida Region Sunday Breakfast, Bahia Shrine, 2300 Pembroke Drive, Orlando, FL | 9:00 AM |
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June 2014 Car Events

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| June 7 | Old Town 24th Anniversary Car Cruise , 5770 West Irlo Bronson Memorial Parkway, the first 300 registered receive a commemorative license plate. There's also prizes, giveaways, shops and restaurants, and more. Registration opens at 9 am, parade is at 8:30 pm. Contact Scott at (407) 396-4888 |
| June 14-15 | Disney's Car Masters Weekend , Downtown Disney, 9:30 am – 6:00 pm, car show, Disney Character Meet 'n' Greet, automotive celebrities, FREE for spectators . |
| June 27-28 | Cruisin' Across Florida , a combination Reliability Run / cruise in / rolling car show from Daytona Beach to Crystal River. It's seeing the sun rise and set on the water in the same day! It's about 150 miles. Contact: Barry at (561) 756-6593. |

Photos for the Armed Forces History Museum article are from PBS's Motor Week television show
<http://armedforcesmuseum.com/afhm-on-motor-week/>