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# *The Running Board*

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## *Coming Events:*

- July 2** First Sunday Breakfast, Denny's Restaurant, 351 East Main Street, Apopka, FL 8:00 AM
- July 10** Florida Region Board Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL 6:00 PM
- July 10** Florida Region General Meeting, Kress Memorial Church, 746 Formosa Ave., Winter Park, FL 7:00 PM



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# President's Letter

Hi everyone,

Last month, in our Board meeting, we had a spirited discussion regarding whether or not the Florida Region should hold a car show. Board member Matt Cannizzaro presented a comprehensive report on his efforts to find a partner for us to host a show and to see if there was interest within our own Region to do the work necessary to do this. When asked for a volunteer to be show chairman, no one volunteered. We decided to hold a special meeting to determine interest from the general membership to see if we had support for a 'car' function as a car club or were we simply a social club. I have had second thoughts about that and there will be no special meeting. As to whether we are a car club or a social club, I think we are both. As a social club, we have nailed it. I am always amazed how we all pull together at the end of meetings and put way chairs, do a general clean up and linger after the meeting just to talk. We are a car club too and if we are to attract new members, we have to be 'out there' and 'visible'. So we will have a car show. I am the Chairman and Tom Holt has offered to be a senior advisor to me for the show. Matt and I have had preliminary discussions with Tara Bush and Don Musica of Cruisin Orlando and with their connections at the ACE Café in Downtown Orlando, we can host there free of charge. We will aim to do this in January/February 2018 and we will invite all cars and all people. Having newer cars there will provide us with an opportunity to market our club and to add to our treasury and those cars are clean. I will discuss dates with Tara and Don by the time you read this.

We will need to set up committees to manage all aspects of the show and I will need your help here. As our presentation this month, I will discuss this in more

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**Deadline is the 20th of the month**

detail. To make this a successful event, we need to pull together as a group and make this happen. I am sure Tara and Don will bring good ideas to the table so we need to be ready to act on theirs and our own thoughts. Participation by our club members individually or better yet with a car is essential. See you July 12th. Get excited!

June was a good month for us. We had an event at the Brookdale Assisted Living facility and Larry Cole arranged a trip to the NPD Museum in Ocala. Wow, what a collection and a guided tour by Rick Schmidt himself of NPD for at least 1 ½ hours. Thanks to Nelson, Larry and Rick.

Thanks,  
**Steve Tunney**

### ***Minutes of the Florida Region AACA Board Meeting – June 12, 2017***

The Board met at the Kress Memorial Church in Winter Park, Florida on June 12, 2017. Present were Nelson Lawhorn, Matt Cannizzaro, Wayne Bostak, Howard Gilkes, Dick Gauchat, Steve Tunney, Jack Scott, Don Allen, Fred Kaufmann and Jerry Eakins.

President Steve Tunney called the Board Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Don Allen presented the Treasurer's Report and it was filed.

The May Board Meeting Minutes were approved as published in June 2017 "The

*Running Board*".

Steve reported that our web site is presently being upgraded. It should be done by next month.

Nelson Lawhorn reported a good turn-out for our visit to the Brookdale Nursing Home in Longwood, FL on June 1st.

Steve reported that our participation in the May 13th Longwood Cruise was rained out.

Steve is planning a Saturday Night Old Towne Cruise-In for our Club sometime soon.

Matt Cannizzaro presented his report on " Things To Consider In Deciding To Organize A Car Show ".

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

*Howard Gilkes, Acting Secretary  
Florida Region AACA*

### ***Minutes of the Florida Region AACA General Meeting – June 12, 2017***

The General Meeting of the Florida Region AACA met at the Kress Memorial Church In Winter Park, FL on June 12, 2017. The meeting was called to order by President Steve Tunney at 7:05 pm. Thirty-Two (32) members and guests were present.

For the program, Matt Cannizzaro gave us some of his interesting and humorous experiences in appraising cars.

Dick Gauchat led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the USA.

Don Allen presented the Treasurer's Report and it was filed.

The Minutes of the May 2017 General Meeting were approved as published in the June 2017 "The Running Board".

Discussion items from our Board Meeting were shared with our General Membership.

Tom Holt told us of upcoming car shows, National, Regional and Independents.

Larry Cole arranged for a Florida Region Museum Tour to the National Parts Depot Car Collection ( NPD Museum ) in Ocala, Wednesday, June 14th.

AACA National 2001 President Doug Drake was introduced. He gave us an update on the split between the Club and the AACA Museum.

Doug Drake won the 50/50 drawing while Dollar winners were Bob Coolidge and Wayne Bostak.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

*Howard Gilkes, Acting Secretary  
Florida Region AACA*

## **July Birthdays**

Betty Bostak July 9

Dan Brennan July 6

Lorraine Coolidge July 5

Marge Eckhart July 14

Larry Gilbreath July 22

Tom Holt July 8

Mark Regnier July 28

Charlie Steffy July 8

Joanne Swain July 23

Virginia Yancey July 2

## **1956 Continental Correction**

Don Allen, Florida Region member, writes a correction regarding last month's Page 8 article on the 1956 Continental. He states...

" This car has after market a/c. I am not aware of seeing one that had a/c added, but here is the difference. First, the factory units had air intakes on the top of each rear quarter, just under the "C" panel. The air outlets into the car were not on the package tray, they were in the headliner. One in each corner of the roof. And finally, the unit in the trunk was totally different. It was covered with a carpeted panel."

## **Car Auction Results**

### **Mecum Car Auction**

Portland, Oregon

June 16, 2017

[www.mecum.com](http://www.mecum.com)



Lot F52

**1955 Buick Century Estate Wagon**

Sold for \$21,000

Rare **Century Estate Wagon**,

only 4,243 produced

Under 5,000 miles on recently rebuilt

322 CI Buick V-8 Fireball engine and

automatic transmission

Correct 4-barrel carburetor and factory

air cleaner

Rare 1/3-2/3 rear folding seat option

Power steering

Original AM radio

Power antenna



Lot F201

**1937 Chrysler C17 Airflow**

Sold for \$17,500

323.5 CI straight 8 engine

3-speed transmission with overdrive

1 of 4,600 made in 1937

One of the first cars with all steel

construction

First production car developed using a wind tunnel



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# COVER FEATURE ARTICLE

## *NPD Car Collection Tour*



### Florida Region AACA June 2017 Activity

Florida Region Museum Tour  
National Parts Depot Museum  
Ocala, FL

Wednesday, June 14, 2017, 10 AM

A group of about 32 club members and friends had an almost two hour personal tour of the impressive NPD collection by Rick Schmidt (far left in photo below).



The collection has 207 vehicles along with an impressive collection of Kodak cameras and accessories. The vehicles in the museum range in age from the early 1900's to a brand new **2017 Ford Shelby GT350**.

A placard at the entrance to the car collection states...

“The NPD car and truck collection contains a wide-variety of mostly American-made vehicles spanning 1903 to present-day. Most of the collection has been acquired within the past 25 years by NPD owners Jim and Rick Schmidt (father and son).

Roughly 75% of the collection is comprised of low-mile, un-restored “survivor” vehicles. This means original paint, original interiors, and in many cases even original TIRES. The balance of the collection is cars that have been restored to better-than-new standards.

The NPD collection helps us communicate to our customers that we’re not just a parts business, we are also active hobbyists and enthusiasts. Our experiences with the restoration and upkeep of the large variety of vehicles in our care helps us relate to the struggles and concerns our customers have. We don’t just sell parts, we participate in the hobby alongside our customers, and we hope our collection is evidence of that. We also have many cars in our collection is evidence of that. We also have many cars in our collection that act as benchmarks and test-beds for NPD products. “





**1966 Ford Mustang Shelby GT350**, 289 cubic inch V-8 engine, automatic transmission with 19,500 original miles .



**1960 Buick Electra 225 4 Door Hardtop**, restored, painted Midnight Blue Metallic.



**1910 Schmidt Model C Truck**, chain drive, two cylinder engine. Manufactured in Crossing, Illinois, the Schmidt Brothers Co. produced half, three-quarter, and one-ton trucks. Public deliveries started in 1911



with the half-ton **Model F** and the two-ton **Model C**, which sold for a whopping \$1,375.



The three **1956 Continentals**, in the above photo, were all owned by Ford family members. The black car on the far right was the featured car on the 2013 Pebble Beach Concours D'elegance poster.



**1956 Cadillac Coupe Deville**, unrestored, factory quality survivor.



**1924 Lincoln Model L Type 135 Limousine by Brunn.** From the placard... "This stately Lincoln was discovered in rural Colorado 13 years ago... A comprehensive 5 1/2 year restoration followed. Amazingly, it has known ownership history from new with Rick and Elaine its fifth owners. It is painted Medium Brewster Green and black, with French Gray pinstriping..."



# Car Auction Results

RM Sotheby's Car Auction  
June 24, 2017  
Santa Monica, California

Lot 129  
**1951 Mercury Sport Coupe**  
Sold for \$26,400

Merc-O-Matic transmission  
Beautiful two-tone combination with many  
OEM period accessories  
High-quality restoration by Larry Evenson  
Twin Mercury spotlights, accessory sun  
visor, and continental kit



Lot 115  
**1973 BMW 3.0 CS**  
Sold for \$30,800

Two-owner California car  
Engine rebuilt and bored by previous  
ownership  
Consignor has owned the car since 1988;  
regularly serviced at GNW Motors  
Front seats were redone a few years ago; back  
seats retain original leather  
Includes original factory tool kit



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