

# The Headliner



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## A Note from our President

Hopefully this note finds you well. We are off to a very busy start of 2025. We had a nice turn out for the Dick Arbitelle rod run on New Year's Day, followed a week and half later by a very wet rainy morning start to the Ft Pierce Historical Society show where 20 of us came to celebrate the occasion.

We are anxiously awaiting the re-scheduling of the polo match at Point West. We have always had a great time there. It was a very cold day with morning temperatures in the 30's for the River Ranch car show. Several folks stayed overnight and secured a very nice spot for the 28 cars that showed up this year. Once again, we received the club participation award and \$100 cash prize at a large show with around 475 cars in attendance, which was down considerably from last year's 625 cars. Thank you to everyone who came to the show.

We are back at Downtown Vero starting this month, with the entire road behind the stage for parking, on Friday, January 31. Please enter from the west side of 21st St and 15th Ave.

Keep an eye out for all the information coming your way from Phil and if you know a club member that needs to be added to the mailing list, please let one of us know. Have a Great February and we'll see everyone at the meeting.

Respectfully

John Stefanacci



Our Next Meeting: **February!**  
**11th** at the **Italian American Civic Association** located at 1600 25th Street, Vero Beach.

Dinner is at 5:30 pm—menu details will follow soon.

Remember, **RSVP for dinner is mandatory.** If you plan to attend for dinner, send **an Email message to Fred Kiesel** with your dinner choice.

[ofcrfred@bellsouth.net](mailto:ofcrfred@bellsouth.net)

Anyone who has not made a reservation with Fred via Email will not be served.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting that starts at 7 pm.

## Welcome Our New Members

**Ken & Michele Cook, 1972 Chevy C10 Pickup**

**Brad Kooiker & Jan Timmermann, 1940 Ford Coupe, 1934 Ford 4-door Sedan**

**Kirby & Cathy Park, 1970 Oldsmobile 442, 1930 Ford Two-door Coupe**





The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by John Stefanacci. Craig Waskow led the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. The meeting was held at the Vero Beach Italian American Civic Association. Dinner was served earlier. There were 85 members in attendance at the meeting.

**Secretary's Minutes** John asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the December meeting as published in January 2025 Headliner. Billy D'Arton made the motion to accept, and Craig Waskow seconded it; everyone voted to approve.

**Treasurer's Report** – Jeff Smith read the Treasurer's report for the month ending December 31, 2024. A motion was made by Herb Lillibridge and seconded by Bob Martin to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. All voted in the affirmative to accept.

**Health & Wellness** – Bob Brown is scheduled for open heart surgery. Our prayers are with him and his family. We were sad to hear that Mary Maule's mother passed away recently.

**Events** – There will be a Father's Day Car Show at the Vero Beach Elks Lodge. This show will be facilitated by our Indian River Region, AACA. Please step and volunteer to help. Let Bill Maule know!

Our 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique Automobile Show, March 15, 2025, is coming soon. Bil Maule explained the three sponsorship levels. He said there will be a new line of T-shirts for this show. The shirts will feature a new design.

Al DiDomizio updated everyone on the February 27<sup>th</sup> meet with the St. Lucie Flyers. They have 100 planes that are planning to meet at the St. Lucie Fairgrounds featuring a private landing strip. He also mentioned that The Okeechobee Festival is February 8<sup>th</sup>. Details will be coming.

Brian Banks said that January 30<sup>th</sup> there will be a drive and drag day at Orlando Speed World.

Bob Kaufman reported that the monthly lunch, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, will be at Casa Azul on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January. He also reminded everyone that the Vero Beach Polo Club will have its opening match of the season, and our club members are encouraged to attend.

Chuck Roberts said that the next themed show at McKee Botanical Garden is February 8<sup>th</sup>. It will feature "Red Vehicles"!

Sam Gagliano said that the Annual Wheels and Keels Show is scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup>. Many more details will be coming for this great show.

### **Vehicles for Sale or Purchased: No Report**

**50/50 Drawing** –There was a 50/50 raffle this month, half of which was won by Deb Stone. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Submitted by,

Phil LoGiudice - Secretary/Editor

## A 46th Annual Show Announcement by Bill Maule



It's Coming up quickly! Our 46th annual Car Show is coming together! Most of our \$500 "Full Throttle" sponsors are on track once again, but I do have some spots we need to fill. The \$250 "supercharger" Level and the \$100 "Hot Rod" level sponsorships are our main opportunities now.

We need your help with sponsorship and the Silent Auction. This show is pretty much our only fundraiser and main source of income for our local charities and the funds needed to operate the yearly club expenses as well as the Christmas party & worker appreciation Dinner, please Call me with any questions or if you need help with sponsors. We are also looking for goodie bag items.

This is great advertising for our local businesses, almost everybody you spend money with is a potential donor. As for help on the day of the show and the Friday before I will be passing out a signup sheet at the next two meetings.

Thankfully we have Chuck Roberts coming back once again to set up the show parking field on Friday morning and direct cars and golf carts on Saturday. Steve Van Antwerp has arranged for Piper to donate the golf carts again and Fred Kiesel and Geoff Newcombe will transport them. Fred Kiesel has got some Fine Food Vendors lined up!

We Need Parkers!! Getting the show cars from the golf carts and in the proper space is a BIG Job and very important. It requires at least one and is better with two people for each of the 18 classes and is about a 3-hour deal. If you can handle 1 1/2 hours, we can split some shifts. Bring a chair. Friday morning set-up goes quickly - usually till about noon. Chuck will take all available parkers around to lay out the field and show you your Saturday morning spot. If you can't make it, we'll figure it out on Saturday am. I have maps, and we need HELP!! It takes a lot of people to run this smoothly.

**Bill Maule 772-584-1842**

### Dan Kunz—And his one of a kind concept Car

Dan Kunz, who is a member of our region, has a concept car that is one of one! He has been in the process of a full restoration of his 1970 Jeep Bolide XJ002. Total restorations are never easy, but Dan's car has presented some unique challenges. After applying for acceptance from the AACA, he finally got an acceptance letter from them that they have accepted the Jeep for a special class that they initiated. Below is his summary of the acceptance letter from the AACA.

"The AACA National Judging Committee has initiated a program for certified Designated Limited Production, Prototype, and Experimental Vehicles in Class 35 A/B. Upon receipt of the committee's approval of your 1970 Jeep Bolide XJ002 into Class 35A, the vehicle has been added to AACA records, Car Number 39726. Your 1970 Jeep Bolide XJ002 is the 9th prototype, 35th unique vehicle, and 99th overall vehicle to be accepted to Class 35A. It is the only one known to the AACA."

It took a year and 136 pages of documentation to get this. Now all I have to do is finish the damn restoration! I hope to get back into the events in January. Use this link to get to a special web site: [www.jeepbolidexj002.com](http://www.jeepbolidexj002.com). This is a great site and there is a lot of interesting articles.

Dan Kunz

## Our club visits Vero Beach High School

Photos by Sue DiDomizio



Our club was invited to visit the Automotive students at VB High School.



It was a great opportunity to discuss the skills of our members & show them their cars and trucks.



### The message below was published on the Vero Beach High School's Facebook Page—January 17th.



**SDIRC Superintendent of Schools David K. Moore, EdD.**

January 17 at 7:18 AM · 🌐

We are incredibly grateful to the Antique Automobile Club of America - Indian River Region for visiting the Vero Beach High School automotive class with an amazing variety of cars! Our students had a unique, hands-on opportunity to explore and learn from these incredible vehicles, bringing their classroom knowledge to life.

A special thank you for your generous donation of embroidered shirts for our Sebastian River High School and Vero Beach High School seniors in the automotive class. Your kindness and support make a lasting impact!

Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs like these are vital, equipping students with real-world skills, fostering creativity, and opening doors to exciting careers. Partnerships like this enrich the learning experience and inspire the next generation of automotive professionals.



# 100th Anniversary of the St. Lucie Historical Society

## Featuring our Member Vehicles





## New Year's Day Annual Memorial Dick Arbitelle Rod Run



Dick was born on March 28th, 1952 in Norwalk, Ohio to Paul and Octavia Arbitelle.

Growing up as a child, his father owned dealer-ships, so it was no surprise that Dick would grow to have a love and appreciation of vehicles which led to his opening his own car restoration business.

Dick's skill with vehicles, his bright wit and infectious, warm personality enabled him to grow his customer base, with many becoming dear friends.

After being diagnosed with cancer in 2013, Dick was invited as a guest on a local radio talk show, American Car Classics. Dick was such a hit he was asked to participate in many more shows that he totally enjoyed and was ever so grateful.



# Upcoming Events



**Feb 9 – Summer Crush Winery – All GM Show**

**Feb 16 – Sebastian Elks Show** – 11 am to 3 pm - Preregister \$20, day-of-show \$25. Trophies, Raffles, free T-shirt, food and music.

**Feb 22– First Presbyterian Church of Sebastian** will present their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Antique Car, Truck and Bike Show. Pre-Registration \$15 – Day-of-show \$20. Registration 9am to 11 am. Awards, dash plaques and more.

**Mar 8 – Grace United Methodist** – Car & Truck Show at 65 Needle Blvd. Merritt Island. 9 am to 2 pm – Rain date March 15<sup>th</sup>. \$20 registration. Gift to first 50 entries.

**Mar 9 – Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club** presenting the Victory Car Show at 301 SE Stypmann Blvd, Stuart (behind the courthouse). Dash Plaques 1<sup>st</sup> 75 entries and 20 trophies will be awarded.

## AACA NATIONALS AND TOURS

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### 2025

February 6-8, 2025

**Annual Convention**

Charlotte, North Carolina • National Headquarters • 717-534-1910

April 3-5, 2025

**Southeastern Spring Nationals**

Charlotte, North Carolina • Hornets Nest Region • 704-847-4215

May 1-3, 2025

**Western Spring Nationals/ Grand Nationals**

Tucson, Arizona • Tucson Region • 520-904-7325

June 1-7, 2025

**Vintage Tour (Pre-1932)**

Pennsylvania • Buzzard's Breath Touring Region • 407-261-9318

June 19-21, 2025

**Eastern Spring Nationals**

West Virginia • Whitewater Region • 304-673-6273

July 2-5, 2025

**Central Spring Nationals**

Auburn, Indiana • Crossroads of Am. Region • 260-925-4710

July 24-26, 2025

**Grand Nationals / Zenith**

Dayton, Ohio • National Headquarters • 717-534-1910

August 12-15, 2025

**Eastern Divisional Tour**

Northern Maine • Maine Region • 207-768-1033

September 18-20, 2025

**Southeastern Fall Nationals**

Corydon, Indiana • Kyana Region • 615-430-8027

September 7-12

**Revival AAA Glidden Tour® (Pre-1943)**

Owensboro, Kentucky • VMCCA Hosted • mistergreatrace@gmail.com

October 7-10, 2025

**Eastern Fall Nationals**

Hershey, Pennsylvania • Hershey Region • 717-566-7720

October 18-22, 2025

**Central Divisional Tour**

San Antonio to Gonzales, Texas • Texas DFW Region • 214-498-0531

October 23-25, 2025

**Central Fall Nationals**

Galveston, Texas • Gulf Coast Region • 832-693-4008



**Antique Automobile Club of America**  
**Southeastern Spring Nationals**  
**April 5, 2025 at Charlotte AutoFair**  
 Hosted by Hornets Nest Region, AACA  
 Meet Email: [hornetsnestregionaaca@windstream.net](mailto:hornetsnestregionaaca@windstream.net)





**April 3 - 5, 2025**

**AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals Information Region Office**  
 704-841-1990  
 Mon-Thur 9-3



**Hornets Nest Region**  
 Antique Automobile Club of America  
 9307-H Monroe Road  
 Charlotte, NC 28270

Vehicle Registrations Will Be Handled With the Customary AACA Process

## REGION / CHAPTER EVENTS

### MARCH 2025

2 Leesport, Pa. Ontelaunee Region. Swap meet/car corral

Lester Marwiller 610-823-4656; LeesportSwapMeet@ontelauneeaca.com

8-9 Louisville, Ky. KYANA Region. 58th Giant indoor swap meet/car corral

Maureen Yannatta 502-619-2917; kyanaswapmeet@gmail.com

21-22 Westminster, Md. Sugarloaf Mtn. Region. 55th Sugarloaf Mountain

Region Parts Meet. Jack Gallagher 301-674-5431; SMrAaca.com

22 Melbourne, Florida. Cape Canaveral Region. Annual Celebration of Cars

Walt Kostrzewa 321-543-1207; AntiqueAutoClubCC.com

23 Woodstown, N.J. South Jersey Region. 53rd Swap meet/car corral

Chuck Gibson 609-221-5435; Ed Fuller 856-297-4025; sjraaca.com

### JUNE 2025

9-15 Reno, Nevada. Snappers Brass/Gass Touring. The Harrah Homecoming

Jeff Mahl jeffmah@aol.com

Send calendar listings to: [StelvioGT@yahoo.com](mailto:StelvioGT@yahoo.com) AND [PBuckley@aaca.org](mailto:PBuckley@aaca.org)

Limited to AACA and its region/chapter events.

Always verify information before making plans to attend any show.

Events marked with an asterisk (\*) indicate a national AACA activity.

Contact information is noted on the national calendar, page 14.



Did you know?

Antique Automobile magazine is available to view Online.  
[aaca.org/Publications/antique-automobile-magazine.html](http://aaca.org/Publications/antique-automobile-magazine.html)

## Local Cruises:

**2nd and 4th Saturdays** Breakfast at **CJ Cannon's** at 8 am.  
 Hosted by the Indian River Region AACA.

**3rd Monday**—T/A Truckstop starts October 21st. 5pm to 8pm.

**1st Tuesday** - Vero Vintage Volkswagens monthly meeting 5 pm to 8pm. Walking Tree Brewery – A food truck will be available.

**3rd Wednesday** IR-RAACA Lunch Cruise. Destination will be announced. Contact Bob Kaufman with questions.

**2nd & 4th Wednesday** Dinner Cruise to Five Guys Sebastian.

**2nd Thursday** – Shift Culture presents a cruise at Ft. Pierce. Take US1 to Avenue C and left to the end at Indian River.

**Weekly on Saturday Night:** Cruise to McDonalds in Vero Beach on US1 and Oslo Road. Gather at 5:30pm. Contact Billy D'Arton for details.

**Weekly Saturday Morning at Beeb's Coffee Roastery, Sebastian. Just drop by!**

**3rd Saturday monthly - Dunkin' Donuts Beachside.** 1220 N. A1A, Indialantic, Fl 8am to 12 noon. Questions, call Bill at 321-725-3648

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# Antiques for Sale

Mike Gotwalt is selling his 1954 Corvette Roadster. It recently completed a frame off restoration.

[michael.a.gotwalt@gmail.com](mailto:michael.a.gotwalt@gmail.com). Phone 717-856-0252

1954 Corvette Roadster, E54S003458.  
Same owner since 1967.  
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All original, except where noted.  
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NCRS restorer.

Price: \$95,000 negotiable  
[Michael.a.gotwalt@gmail.com](mailto:Michael.a.gotwalt@gmail.com)



**Fred Kiesel** is selling his **1939 Mercury Sedan**. This is an original car. Contact Fred at:  
[ofcfred@bellsouth.net](mailto:ofcfred@bellsouth.net) or 772-770-6339



**Large car storage bag (used sparingly) for luxury car,**  
Drive in, medium gray, full zip up with locks. Originally  
\$400. Asking \$200. Phil Canal 772.492.9866.

Picture is just an example and smaller.



**Bob Martin** has a car hauler for sale. He is asking \$2,500. Contact Bob at 772-766-1589.

This month's edition of Antique Automobile Magazine has a picture on page 43, third picture down, of the above car. It is now located at the American Muscle Car Museum.



This was submitted by Eileen Mogensen.

Her favorite car in the American Muscle Car Museum.

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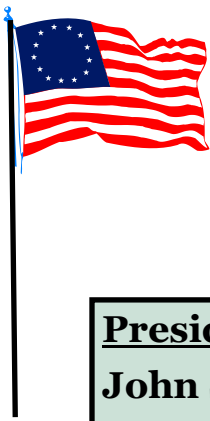
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