

The Pit Stop !!

The Pharoahs Car Club – St. Johns Florida Monthly Newsletter

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On Saturday February 3, 2024, *The Pharoahs Car Club of St. Johns, Florida*, held its first Annual car show at *Adamec Harley - Davidson* in St. Augustine.

The show dubbed, *Hot Rods & Harleys*, had a great turnout with 110 registered cars and motorcycles. It was a beautiful day with comfortable temperatures.

The show raised **\$4,000** that benefitted our charity, **K9s for Warriors**. The check was presented to **K9s for Warriors** representatives at the end of the show.

There were 16 trophies awarded by independent judges from **St. Augustine Cruisers**.

A great show for a great cause. Thanks to our members for making this first annual car show a success.



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Thanks for cruising into the

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Pharoahs Events

Monthly Meetings – Starting in April, we will hold our monthly meetings at the **Classic Car Museum of St. Augustine** on the **4th Saturday** of the month.

The meeting will take place during the **Coffee and Cars Cruise-in** that is held from **8:00 AM to 10:00 AM**. Our meeting will be in the conference room area at **9:00 AM**.



Starting on June 29th we will have our “**Pharoahs Cruise-Ins**” on the **5th Saturday of the month** at the new “**Texas Roadhouse**” across the street from **Adamec Harley-Davidson** in St. Augustine.

The “**Pharoahs Cruise-In**” will be from **9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon**.

For the remainder of 2024, the **Cruise-Ins** will be August 31st and November 30th.

Monthly Events

On **Saturday April 6th, St. Augustine Cruisers** will hold their **23rd Annual Car Show** at the **Classic Car Museum of St. Augustine** from **9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**.

There will be 9 vehicle classes with 27+ trophies. Hope to see you there...



On Saturday April 13th, the **Palencia Community in St. Johns, Spring Fling Car Show and Vendor Market** from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM at their Palencia parking lot.

We are looking for 10 members to bring their classic cars to the show. Contact Dan if you can attend with your classic.



Remember the **3rd Saturday of each month**, we have the **Cruise-In at PDQ Fruit Cove SR13** from **1:00 PM to 5:00 PM**. See you there.





The General's Corner



Hello Pharoahs,

How do you like the new newsletter? Ray worked tirelessly on it and we hope to generate one every month going forward and eventually sell some add space for funds going to our ***K9s For Warriors***.

The General's Corner is new thing for me so hopefully I can show a little wisdom in future newsletters.

Lots of things progressing with the ***"Next Gen"*** project. Expecting great things and many new active members from this new addition to the chapter. I want to also mention again that **Sean Griswald** is the new ***"Director"*** of Next Gen. Sean has the challenge to take the ***"Nex Gen"*** bunch to shows that may be more supportive of imports or late models as our original group is more on the classic side. This is a work in progress so hoping Sean is successful in this new endeavor.

We have the April 6th ***St Augustine Cruisers Car Show*** coming up very soon! Please plan to attend as the SAC club have been great supporters of our ***Pharoahs Chapter*** and we need to return their good will. We also have members from our Chapter judging their show. so if you have not thought about it, get with my by the 4th of April.

April 13th we have the ***Palencia*** show that we committed to attending. We need at least 10 members to bring classics to that show which I announced last month by email. Our members with late models are not expected as this is a 50's type ***Spring Fling Party*** for the community.

Lastly, April is the re-start for our monthly meeting which will now be held every 4th Saturday at the ***St Augustine Classic Car Museum***. 4th Saturdays the museum host the Coffee and Cars cruise in sponsored by ***Bozard Ford***. The event is from 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM. **The Pharoahs** meeting will start at 9:00 AM inside the conference/party room of the museum. Again please thank ***Sidney Hobbs*** when you see him for allowing us to start hold private and quiet meetings at his business. I expect our meeting will be much shorter and easier to hear going forward, so I will see y'all at the shows!

Thanks, Dano

***Dan Barrett, General
Pharoahs International-St Johns Chapter***



The Pharoahs History

The Pharoahs Car Club is the oldest and largest car club in the world. It was established in 1948 by veterans returning from WWII and Korea. The name **“Pharoahs”** was established by those early veterans and is the original club spelling.

The movie **“American Graffiti”** spelling of **“Pharoahs”** was specifically altered to not infringe on our copyrights. The **“Faros”** was the group of high school students that desired to join the real Pharoahs back at that time, and were denied, so they formed their own **“Faros”** club that may or may not still exist today.

Bo Hopkins, the actor portraying the leader of the Faros in the American Graffiti movie, later monopolized on the name and the notoriety created by the movie by creating a club using the movie spelling of the name. While we cannot confirm the requirements or activities of either the “Faros” or the “Phar**ao**hs”... we, as Ph**ar**o**ah**s, are the original club based in Modesto, California, are overseen by eastern president **JoJo Johnson** who purchased all rights and materials of the club for the East Coast operations and has built it up to what it is today.

JoJo Johnson is the Pharoahs President for East Coast USA and may be reached at 251-367-6666.

Many of our members are world famous themselves, such as Gene Winfield, a well-known American automotive customizer and fabricator who was also a founding member of the club, and its First Vice President.

Worldwide we currently have approximately 20,000 members.

“Pharoahs-St Johns Chapter,” is located here in North Florida, and was established in 2021.

Dan Barrett is our current leader and General of the club. Dan continues the proud Pharoahs tradition to make the chapter more active in our community by continuing to add new qualified members and helping with local charities as well as members attending car shows and monthly club meetings.

For further details or information regarding our local chapter, you may contact Dan at general@pharoahs-stjohns.com.



This Month's "Hot Rod" Highlight

Each month we would like to highlight one of our member's "Hot Rod" or story about how they developed their passion for cars. You can submit your story with a few pictures and you can focus on a completed project, a project in process or a story of what made you a **"HOT RODDER"**.

So please submit your "Highlight"

Ray Pascuzzi, Treasurer:

To kick off the "Highlight" page to stimulate future entries, I will start with my own story that made me a "Hot Rod" enthusiast.

It was the summer of 1967, I was 11 years old and my brother just bought a 1958 blue Chevy Corvette, he took me for a ride and the Corvette bug bit me that day.

Later when I was in high school, I elected Vo-Tech as my course of study from tenth grade through twelve grade, it is all I wanted to do when I graduated from high school, auto mechanic. After I got my license, I bought a 1962 Chevy Impala, my first car, and I loved that car. Well when I graduated from high school, jobs were scarce in the early 70s so I thought I would join the US Air Force to gain experience in the automotive field so I could continue my career as a mechanic.

Well, nobody told me to make sure I had a guaranteed job when I signed my papers with the recruiter so after boot camp, the Air Force told me that they needed "A/C and Refrigeration" mechanics so my auto mechanic career took a back seat. During my first two year in the Air Force, in addition to working for the Air Force as a A/C mechanic, I had part-time jobs at a Firestone store doing brake jobs and front-end alignments on the weekends and at a Shell gas station doing oil changes and driving a tow truck on week nights. Anything to continue my drive to being a mechanic and to purchase my first sports car, a 1975 Chevy Camaro.

In my third year of service, I met my current wife and we got married (48 years ago). After my Air Force career ended, I had planned to return home and join my older brother at a garage he purchased while I was in the Air Force.

My wife had other plans and convinced me that I could have a higher paying career if I had a college degree (and she was right). I took advantage of the GI Bill and earned a bachelor's degree and master's degree in accounting and finance. While my career took a fast and upward trajectory, the passion for cars never ended.

Fast forward 20 years, last child off to college and I could afford to purchase my Corvette, an Artic White 2000 Corvette that I still own 24 years later.



This Month's "Hot Rod" Highlight (continued)

While I love my 2000 Corvette, my passion resides with a vintage muscle car so since I retired recently and have time to look for a new project, I have my eyes set on one of three cars in no particular order:

1. 1955 Chevy,
2. 1962 Chevy Impala, or
3. 1963-1967 C-2 Convertible

I will see what comes about in the future, but hopefully in the next year, one of these will be my new project (baby).



**My 1975 Camaro at
my Buddy's wedding**



My 2000 Corvette



The Cruise-In Photo Gallery

March 16, 2024 PDQ "Cruise-In"



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The Mechanic's Corner



What Does It Cost to Restore My Classic Car?

If you're reading this, we're guessing you've got some car restoration work to do.

Maybe you've just purchased a classic ride that's seen some better days. Or you've inherited Dad's old (but *slightly* neglected) vintage auto. Perhaps you've unearthed a barn find that's waited for you for years, or maybe you're planning to take a rolling chassis and build it up from scratch. Any way you look at it, classic car restoration is a daunting process if you're not a professional.

There are as many things to consider as there are parts to your car. How much restoration does my car need? What can I do myself? What will I spend on parts and labor? Is it possible to increase a car's value with a good restoration?

All great questions! Here's how to start calculating what your restoration might cost.

The First Thing to Know About Car Restoration:

Let's just get this out of the way: No major restoration is cheap or easy. We're not going to promise you that this project will be inexpensive and quick - even the best-planned projects incur additional unexpected costs and take time to complete. But with some planning, it's possible to eliminate a number of surprises early.

First, you need to decide what level of restoration you're looking for. Is this going to be a pristine show vehicle, or are you just looking to get this street legal for some fun cruising? Does this need a frame-off full body workup, or can you get away with some basic body work and an interior update? Are there issues with the electrical system? The brakes? The transmission?

If you don't have a running list of things your car needs, start one now. And even though you might love the idea of wrenching on your car DIY-style, if you need more than the basics done, we recommend leaving it to the professionals. Luckily for you, we've created [the Hagerty Expert Repair Network](#) to help guide you to a shop that we recommend for classic vehicles.

Parts and Labor (Not Necessarily In that Order):

If you're taking this to the pros (which, again, we do recommend), you should prepare yourself for hours of labor costs. Every part of a car's restoration takes hours - often hundreds of hours - of manual labor. While the hourly rate for auto mechanics varies from state to state and shop to shop, the average hourly labor charge is upwards of \$70 per hour and goes higher for very specialized services.

Labor costs increase with the number of things on your restoration to-do list, and as you get deeper into the repair, you might find things you didn't expect - once the body comes off, you might discover that the frame needs straightening or repair. Once the engine comes out you might find new issues inside the block. When the interior comes out, you might find more rust than expected. Be prepared for these.



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The upside is that paying a professional to do this right the first-time beats trying to do it yourself, making things worse and then paying someone to fix your mistakes and get it done right. If you're intent on doing some of the work yourself, it's much easier to take it down than build it up - so disassembly of the vehicle and the grunt work of grinding off a paint job is likely going to be the best you can do to save on that hourly rate.

Parts for a classic car can vary wildly depending on the vehicle you're restoring. If you're rebuilding an engine that's widely available or a very popular body style with lots of aftermarket options, you might be able to get away with spending less than a finely tuned supercar or a rare import.

One of the best ways to save money on a restoration is by finding the right places to buy parts. If you're okay with used parts, get to know your local salvage yards, look for parts cars that might have what you need, and consult online forums and local car clubs for recommendations.

If you're doing your restoration one step at a time, don't buy more parts than you need - just buy the parts for the part you're working on now. You might find you don't need that extra flange or strut down the line. You also run the risk of setting making a big parts purchase now and forgetting about it later. Ever buy something twice and realize you don't need the second one later? Don't do that with a rare radiator or suspension kit.

Above all, have patience: This will take weeks and months, not days. If you can break the restoration down into small jobs, it'll be easier to digest the amount of parts and labor you'll need to get it done.

Once I've Restored My Car, Can it Increase in Value?

The short answer is: Yes, it *can*, but it probably *won't*.

After a major renovation, unless you have an extremely rare, high-value car (or something owned by someone famous) it's highly unlikely that you will recoup the costs of the overall restoration. This makes it all the more important that you're restoring the car for your enjoyment, not to pad your investment portfolio down the line.

Look at the top price for your car once it's perfectly restored, and you'll probably find that just the paint job or the engine rebuild is more than the overall value. Remember that there are lots of things that have value that aren't just monetary: the satisfaction of seeing a classic car brought back to life and knowing that you're keeping a piece of history alive for years to come, for example. Can't put a price tag on that.

That said, if you really want to target a vehicle in the hopes of finding something that might return a few bucks, our [Hagerty Collectors Indices](#) will show you what types of cars are currently trending up or down in terms of value.

** This article appeared on the Hagerty website and can be found at the following location:

<https://www.hagerty.com/resources/car-restoration/how-much-does-it-cost-to-restore-a-classic-car>



The Next Generation

As mentioned by Dan in *The General's Corner*, we will be adding "**The Next Generation**" venture to grow our membership. **Sean Griswold** has accepted the role as **Director** and will lead **The Next Generation** initiative. Join me in congratulating Sean in his new role.



Sean Griswold

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