

The Pit Stop !!

The Pharoahs Car Club – St. Johns Florida “Quarterly” Newsletter

Edition 2 – June 10, 2024

As you all know, 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**. With our first annual car show in the books.....

Please mark your Calendars for our Second Annual Car Show

Our next *Pharoahs Car Show* will be held on **Saturday February 1, 2025**. Registration starts at 8:00 AM and the show is from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

More information to come.



This month's chuckle



On **June 15, 2024**, the 2nd *Annual Wings N' Wheels* will be held at the Northeast Florida Regional Airport (St. Augustine Airport) from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2nd-annual-wings-n-wheels/641311114851206/>



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Thanks for “Cruising-In” to the

Pit Stop !!

Pharoahs Events

Quarterly Meetings – Our monthly meetings have changed to be **Quarterly Meetings**. The meetings will be held at the **Classic Car Museum of St. Augustine** on the following dates for 2024/2025:

- July 27, 2024,
- October 26, 2024, and
- January 25, 2025

The meeting takes 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 main 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 **Trout Creek Memorial Park 6550 State Road 13, St Augustine FL**

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**

See Our Flyer Below

Monthly Events

On **Saturday June 15th**, the **St. Augustine Cruisers Cruise-In** will be held at the **Classic Car Museum of St. Augustine** from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.



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.



5th Saturday!



Cruise-In at the Creek

Trout Creek Memorial Park
6550 St Rd 13 N., St Augustine, FL

June 29, 2024 * 9 AM - 12 Noon

All Makes, Models, Trucks and Motorcycles Welcome

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More Info email: info@pharoahs-stjohns.com





The General's Corner



Hello Pharoahs,

Happy June Pharoahs! Our newsletter got off to a great start and I think everybody knows we decided to do this every quarter. Remember to reach out to our Treasurer (and treasure) Ray Pascuzzi, with any ideas you may have for the newsletter. I added the “treasure” thing because Ray, since joining the chapter, has been very active and supportive for me and the club with his accounting responsibilities for the club and this newsletter, so when you see Ray, make sure you let him know he is appreciated!

As you know now, we have finalized our “***5th Saturday Cruise-Ins***” starting ***June 29th***, then ***August 31st*** and last one for 2024 will ***November 30th***, all located at ***The Trout Creek Memorial Park & Marina located on 6550 St Rd 13 N. St Augustine.*** Special Thanks to ***Ringpower (Trout Creek Memorial Park), Floaters Sanitation, Texas Roadhouse, and StickerDicks Garage*** for their support for ***Pharoahs*** and ***K9s For Warriors!***

Our ***Next Generation*** division is up and running under the capable leadership of ***Sean Griswold!*** We established the new logo and have been talking with new members joining the St Johns chapter.

St Augustine Cruisers April 6th show was a huge success and also gave me great ideas for our next show Feb 1st, 2025. ***Pharoahs*** judges the show as a return favor for them judging our last February. The ***St Augustine Cruisers*** are great partners and look forward to a continued friendship with them.

The ***Spring Fling Community Party at Palencia*** was a success as we had 20 cars from Pharoahs at St Augustine Cruisers showing off our metal.

Last thing to mention, Pharoahs were asked to attend a memorial event of a long-time classic car guy, Jeffrey Sie on April 28th. It was a last-minute request, but Pharoah members answered the call as we were able to give this good man “***One Last Ride***” and thanks to our ***#1 burnout guy, Mr. Dave Gill,*** Jeffrey also got one last burnout as well! The family was very thankful, and we wished them happy memories.

Hope to see you all at our ***5th Saturday Cruise-In June 29th*** and as usual, will also keep email updates coming for local shows and cruise-ins.

Thanks, Dano

Dan Barrett, General
Pharoahs International-St Johns Chapter



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" to Ray Pascuzzi, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor:

This month's highlight comes from Dave Gill.

Good Memories Still Live On !!!!!

October 9th 2019....That's when I picked up my girl from Maryland, a **1969 Camaro z28** clone! A journey that started years ago when I was 15 and purchased my first car, a 1969 Camaro convertible. It is true that your first car is like your first love, the connection lives in your soul forever. We all remember our first car and the favorable memories that car provided when we were young, a little reckless and thought the good times would never stop. How many of us have said at one point in our lives, I wish I still had my first car. My dream came full circle when I was able to purchase another 1969 Camaro, a z28 clone.

How did the purchase come about?

My original intention was to build a Chevy 2 and put a wicked big block in it but that changed when my wife, Michel, had a conversation with an elementary school friend, Liz, who lived in Maryland. Michel was telling Liz that we had just built a metal building that would be my "Hotrod" shop.

That's when Liz started asking questions. Liz's husband died 10 years prior and his prized Camaro was sitting in her garage. I knew the car and had seen it several times at shows but never imagined I would own it one day. Liz wanted someone who would take care of the car. She had many offers over the years but no one fit the criteria to own it until my wife made an offer. Liz quickly accepted the offer and I was soon headed to Maryland to pick her up.

She was beautiful but needed a ton of work from sitting so long and not being stored properly. It took about a year to truly dial her in but once done, she was wicked. With a 406 SBC with 11:1 compression, M21 4-speed and a 12-bolt rear end with 4:11 gears. While she wouldn't run over 80 mph, she hit 80 really quick.

Well after all the years my desire to own a 1969 Camaro pace car came to fruition.

The day I brought the Camaro home from Maryland, a friend of mine made an offer to buy it but I declined. He told me to please give him first dibs if I were ever to sell it.



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

Recently I called him to say I was thinking of selling the Camaro and if he was still interested in buying it. He instantly bought the car for his two-year-old daughter. He's going to properly store it until the day comes first her to get it.

Now I will find the right car to start building my way into a pace car. The plan is to have a 572 with a five-speed.

I won't miss the girl because I will see her whenever I want. As a matter of fact I will be the one doing maintenance and helping with storage.

In the meantime my uncle and I have a '57 Chevy to keep us occupied. Please enjoy the pictures.

**Dave Gill,
The Pharoahs**



Picking up the Girl



Work-in-Progress



Complete



The St. Augustine Cruisers Car Show Photos

On Saturday April 6, 2024, **The Pharoahs** judged the **St. Augustine Cruisers Car Show** at the **Classic Car Museum of St. Augustine**. A lot of great looking cars outside on display and many more beautiful cars inside the museum. If you have not visited the Classic Car Museum of St. Augustine, put the stop and bring the kids, they will love the museum.

The website for the museum is www.ccmstaug.com and the St Augustine Cruisers website is staugustinecruisers.com



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The Top 10 Best Engines According to OnAllCylinders

<https://www.onallcylinders.com/category/the-buzz/car-culture-entertainment/top-10-engines>

I thought I would start some conversation on the topic of what are the top-ten engines of all-time in the U.S. I am sure there are as many opinions as there are engines for this poll.

OnAllCylinders conducted a survey of readers in January of 2014 and refreshed the survey in January of 2024. The full set of articles for the list and each engine that support their survey is available at the URL listed above. It is a good read and again depending on your preference raises good points on each of their selections.

According to OnAllCylinders, the Top Ten engines of all times are as follows:

- #1 – Small block Chevy Generation 1 350 CI
- #2 – Chrysler 426 Hemi
- #3 – General Motors LS1
- #4 – Ford 300 Inline 6
- #5 – Chevy 427
- #6 – Chrysler 225 Slant Six
- #7 – Cummins Inline 6 Turbo Diesel
- #8 – Chevy 454
- #9 – Ford 351 Windsor
- #10 – Ford 427 SOHC

Honorable Mention:

- Ford Flathead V-8
- Ford Boss 429
- Chevy 327
- Pontiac V-8 Tri-Power
- Ford 302
- Chrysler 440
- Buick 3.8L Turbo



The Mechanic's Corner (continued)

I am sure that **OnAllCylinders** list created some interesting feedback from its readers but like all **“Best”** lists, comes some heartburn.

Take some time and read their analysis but before I go, you know what they say about **“opinions”**. I have my own **“un-scientific survey”** (pure opinion) on the top engine for each of the three major automotive manufacturers as follows: (in alphabetical order)

- Chevrolet 409
- Chrysler 426 Hemi
- Ford 427 SOHC

Honorable mention:

- Chrysler Slant 6
- Ford Flathead V-8

Now for my top three:

- **#3 – Ford 427 SOHC**
You must recognize an engine that was banned by **NASCAR** before it ever made it to the track
- **#2 – Chrysler 426 Hemi**
In 1964, the 426 Hemi powered the #1,2 and 3 cars on its debut at **NASCAR**, which is dominance, and hey it's a **HEMI**
- **#1 - Chevrolet 409**
While the 409 was a retooled 348 truck engine, you cannot argue the fact that it is the only engine ever made where a song was written and is totally recognizable by the three numbers **“409”**, kind of like Cher as a singer. The *Beach Boys* knew cars in 1962.

Thanks for your time reading and really, look at the articles at:

<https://www.onallcylinders.com/category/the-buzz/car-culture-entertainment/top-10-engines>

In closing, throughout my high school auto mechanic classes, one of my teachers, *Mr. Schenk*, always said the most durable engine ever made was the Chrysler slant six engine matched with a 3-speed manual transmission.



The Next Generation

If you have any questions about Next Gen, reach out to our **Director, Sean Griswold**.



Sean Griswold

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We are a family-friendly car club that welcomes anyone to apply with an interest in Classic & Late Model, Imports, Muscle, Sports, Custom Cars and Trucks. Interested in joining the Pharoahs of St Johns? You can use our QR Code to access. →



Or go to our webpage: <https://pharoahs-stjohns.com/join-us/>



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 “**Pharaohs**” 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 “Pharaohs”... we, as Pharoahs, 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.



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