

# The Pit Stop !!

The Pharoahs Car Club – St. Johns Florida

“Quarterly” Newsletter

Edition 3 – August 18, 2024

Cruisin’ To The Creek  
2024 – FIRST COAST  
CAR COUNCIL SHOW

PRE-REGISTRATION IS  
OPEN FOR THE SHOW

Come support First  
Coast Car Council



The second annual  
**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 edition’s chuckle .....



Our second “5<sup>th</sup> Saturday”  
Cruise-in for 2024 will be  
held on **Saturday August  
31, 2024.**

That is Labor Day Weekend,  
so bring your visiting family  
and friends with you for a  
great day to admire those  
beautiful cars at the Cruise-  
In from **9:00 AM – 12:00  
Noon.**

**Trout Creek Memorial Park  
6550 State Road 13, St  
Augustine FL**

Our Sponsors for  
the Cruise-In



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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 next two meetings will be held at the **Classic Car Museum of St. Augustine** on the following dates for 2024/2025:

- 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**.



Our “**Pharoahs Cruise-Ins**” on the **5<sup>th</sup> 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**.

The third Cruise-In for 2024, will be on Saturday **November 30, 2024, Thanksgiving weekend**.

**See Our Flyer For the August Cruise-In Below**

## Monthly Events

Remember the **3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



Pictures from our last Cruise-In





# 5th Saturday!



## Cruise-In at the Creek



**Trout Creek Memorial Park & Marina**  
**6550 St Rd 13 N, St Augustine, Florida**

**August 31, 2024 \* 9 AM - 12 Noon**

*All Makes, Models, Trucks and Motorcycles Welcome*

**Give a Rescue Dog & U.S. Veteran**  
**A NEW LEASH ON LIFE**



All Proceeds Benefit K9s For Warriors

More Info email: [info@pharoahs-stjohns.com](mailto:info@pharoahs-stjohns.com)

**50/50 Raffle**

**Food Truck**

**Vendors**





## *The General's Corner*



***Hello Pharoahs,***

Happy August Pharoahs! Trust you will enjoy the August edition of "The Pit Stop" newsletter. Please remember to reach out to our Treasurer/Editor Ray Pascuzzi, with any ideas you may have for the newsletter.

As you are now aware, our "5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Cruise-Ins" June 29<sup>th</sup> was a huge success if I must say so myself! 144 Cars & Trucks came to The Trout Creek Memorial Park & Marina. And again, my special Thanks to Ringpower, Trout Creek Memorial Park, Floaters Sanitation, and StickerDicks Garage for their support of the Pharoahs St Johns car club and for our K9s For Warriors!

We had 21 Pharoah members in attendance as well as many car clubs that showed up to support us at the June show and it was nice to walk around and meet our fellow car enthusiasts. I made it a point to visit each club myself and would welcome all our members to do the same on August 31<sup>st</sup>.

For those of you that made it to the June cruise-in, you can thank Dave Gill for finding us a new sponsor: Honeywell's Pest Control. They are going to spray the grounds at Trout Creek for this upcoming August show so guessing most of those pesky gnats will not be around so much. ***Thank You Dave and Thank You Honeywell's!***

At our last quarterly meeting, I welcomed 7 new members that were in attendance! Great to see new faces and hoping next meeting I will see some of the old faces as well.

We are starting to work on a new project early next year. It's venture will be our club sponsoring a "Scavenger Hunt" and I have asked a few of our members (that have some experience in this kind of thing) to take the lead and work out the hundreds of details that will be required in order to get this done, but... it's a lot of fun and with the funds raised, all going to our K9s For Warriors. More on this in coming weeks, and if anyone that I haven't asked, would like to help, please... Contact me because we can use all the help we can get.

Happy that July heat has come and gone, and now August is much of the same, but keep your chin up! Cooler months are coming our way!

Hope to see you all at our 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Cruise-In August 31<sup>st</sup> 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 Brent Swanson, and Brent, a job well done.

### **Five years of blood, sweat and tears....**

Like a lot of restoration stories, my adventure started when I bought the car in 1993 from a friend who I met through work when I first moved to Jacksonville. He bought the car in 1974 from a local Ford dealer when it was traded in for a new Mustang II.

Throughout the years he street raced it, beat it like a rented mule, repainted it a couple times and parked it out by his shed in the mid-1980s.

I was always a GM guy and never really a fan of the big mustangs but was looking for a project car to make into a daily driver, so we made a deal and I bought the Mach I.

The car was originally Grabber yellow from the factory and one of my favorite movies from back in the days was "**Gone in 60 Seconds**". The original Eleanor.

I dragged the car home and got it running. The engine was weak on a couple of cylinders; the paint job was sketchy and the body showing some rust. So I pulled the motor out for a quick rebuild and a little rust repair, *famous last words*.

### ***And that's where I fell off the slippery slope with a full blown restoration....***

It took five years of nights and weekends but I can say, every nut, bolt, and part were restored or replaced on that car in my garage. And probably the DNA of blood, sweat, and tears from inside the engine block to the foam in the seat cushions to prove it.

Enjoy the pictures from the beginning to end and a few spots in between....

**Brent Swanson,  
The Pharoahs**





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

## The Beginning



## The Middle



## The End



## *Our Charities*



[www.k9sforwarriors.org](http://www.k9sforwarriors.org)



# Our Sponsors and Supporters







# The Mechanic's Corner



We all love cars since we all spend our free time enjoying that special car or cars we own or have owned.

When did your love for cars start?

Was it your father's car or grandfather's truck?

Was it your older brother's or sister's car?

Was it the car you first sat behind the wheel?

Was it an older kid's car in the neighborhood?

Was it all of the above?

## Or was it in a movie?

My favorite movie cars starred in the 1967 movie...."Hot Rods to Hell"... (I have the DVD) that's where my love for C-1 Corvettes, especially the 1958 to 1960, started. The 1958 Corvette and the iconic 1956 Chevy were the real stars in that movie...

Let's take a look at some of the most iconic cars in film history...

## 20 Most Iconic Cars in Film History

By [Madi Al Madi](#)

Lusting over a sleek car that you've seen on the big screen? Who hasn't? No matter what your flavour of flick is, cars have been the recipe for success in many movies. And we're not talking about some scrub indie film that's plotline involved the protagonist driving their mum's clapped out Corolla. Nah mate, we're talking about the honchos of car film history. Think *Transformers*. Think *Fast and Furious*. Think *James Bond*.

Anyhoo, like all of Hollywood's hot rods, they were once thought to be run-of-the-mill. But after being featured in a sensational movie, they were catapulted to fame and fan-fixation and have had gearheads shell out big bucks to bring 'em home. On this list, you'll find the most iconic vehicles to grace the silver screen and even bump into some quaint and quirky ones. Here are the most iconic cars in film history.

**For the entire article, follow the URL listed below and enjoy the read.**

<https://manofmany.com/rides/cars/most-iconic-cars-in-film-history>

Here are the 20 top stars, according to at least one man (the author)

1. James Bond's 1964 Aston Martin DB5
2. The Batmobile/ The Tumbler
3. DeLorean DMC-12 Time Machine, *Back to the Future*
4. 1968 Ford Mustang Fastback, *Bullitt*
5. 1970 Dodge Charger, *The Fast and the Furious*
6. 1961 Ferrari 250 GT SWB California Spyder, *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*
7. 1969 Mustang Boss 429, *John Wick*



## *The Mechanic's Corner* (continued)

8. 1976 Lotus Esprit Series I, The Spy Who Loved Me
9. 1966 Ford Thunderbird, Thelma & Louise
10. 1969 Dodge Charger, General Lee, The Dukes of Hazzard
11. Ectomobile, 1959 Cadillac Miller-Meteor, Ghostbusters 1 and 2
12. 1973 Ford Falcon XB GT Pursuit Special, Mad Max
13. 1963 Volkswagen Beetle, Herbie
14. 1967 Shelby GT500, Eleanor, Gone in 60 Seconds
15. 1971 Volkswagen T2 Microbus, Little Miss Sunshine
16. 2008 Audi R8, Iron Man
17. 1967 Austin Mini Cooper S 1275, The Italian Job
18. 2007 Chevrolet Camaro Replica, Transformers
19. Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (1968)
20. 1977 Pontiac Trans Am, Smokey and the Bandit

I think we all can come up with our top 20 movie cars since that is what life is all about, having an opinion that others may not share.

### **#1 and #2 – Both ends of the spectrum for sure**



# The Next Generation

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



**Sean Griswold**

*Director - Next Generation*

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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](mailto:general@pharoahs-stjohns.com).





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**NO OPPORTUNITIES THIS MONTH**

