

The Pit Stop !!

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

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On Saturday October 5th, FIRST COAST CAR COUNCIL held its Cruisin’ To The Creek Car Show 2024

See our article on The Pharoahs’ winners at the show.



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



The 11th hour, of the 11th day of the 11th Month...an annual federal holiday since 1938, first as Armistice Day until 1954, when it became Veterans Day, to honor all Americans who served in our military.

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.



Pictures from our last Cruise-In.



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Thanks for “Cruising-In” to the

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Pharoahs Events

Quarterly Meetings – Our monthly meetings have changed to be **Quarterly Meetings**. The next meeting will be held at the **Classic Car Museum of St. Augustine** on 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 **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**.

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

See Our Flyer For the November Cruise-In Below

Monthly Events

Our third “**5th Saturday**” Cruise-in for 2024 will be held on **Saturday November 30, 2024**.

That is Thanksgiving 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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5th Saturday!

Cruise-In at Trout Creek



Trout Creek Memorial Park

6550 St Rd 13 N, St Augustine, Florida

November 30, 2024 * 9 AM - 12 Noon

All Makes, Models, Trucks and Motorcycles Welcome

**Give a Rescue Dog & U.S. Veteran
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All Proceeds Benefit K9s For Warriors

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The General's Corner



Happy Fall Weather Pharoahs!

As you are aware, the “5th Saturday Cruise-In” for August 31st broke all previous attendance records with over 245 vehicles. This was a huge success for us at The Trout Creek Memorial Park & Marina. Again, my special thanks to Ringpower, Trout Creek Memorial Park, Floaters Sanitation, Honeywell’s Pest Control, and StickerDicks Garage for their support of the Pharoahs St Johns car club and for our K9s For Warriors!

As this is our final newsletter for 2024, I wanted to say “Thank you” to our great members for all the support this past year, and I want to also take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to all our veterans and active duty members serving in our military for their service, sacrifices, and dedication that allows us to have these events in a free world.

The Pharoahs Car Club that originated in 1948 in California has grown into a world-wide club. And we will always remember that our founders were war veterans returning home from WWII. I want to take a moment again to thank these brave men and women that serve and have served this great nation.

Remember and honor them November 11th, 2024, on Veterans Day. They are the reason we do this in a free country. And they are the reason Pharoahs St Johns dedicates our events and donations to K9s For Warriors! The article below was written by Larry Shields in 2019. To me it sums up in my mind, what these men and women have sacrificed to serve all of us, and the reason Pharoahs St Johns will always support K9s For Warriors in everything we do.

Thank you to all our Veterans and active-duty members! We truly owe you all our debt of gratitude.

What It Means to be a Veteran

Being a military veteran means you sacrificed a number of years of your life for the privilege of obeying orders from those of higher rank than you. It meant performing seemingly endless numbers of push-ups and sit-ups or hiking countless miles while wearing a too heavy rucksack. It meant drills (and/or grass drills); shooting ranges, GI parties (party favors for those were sponges, brooms and mops), and of course field trips (more times than not, in the rain or cold). It meant mind-numbing hours on guard duty or kitchen patrol. If you had managed to earn yourself extra duty; by breaking one or more of the numerous regulations, then you had up to 22 hours a day of the same mind-numbing work, followed by a ‘generous’ 2 hours of sleep. Then you did it all again the next day.

Being a U.S. military veteran also means you were willing to fight and die in service to this country. It meant being separated from friends, family and loved ones. It meant giving up control of your life to others and having to trust your well-being to them. It meant risking life and limb and potential (permanent) injury, either to complete a mission, help your buddies fighting alongside you or just in doing what you were supposed to do. It meant you took an oath to ‘Support and Defend the Constitution of the United States’... and lived up to your part of the bargain. Since there is no longer a military draft in this country, it meant you voluntarily signed up.





The General's Corner



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Why in the hell would you or anyone volunteer for this? Was it a deep desire to serve your country? Or was it for the benefits you were promised such as furthering or continuing your education? Maybe it was learning something new, that sounded interesting to you? Or maybe (like me) you saw no better options in your life at the time. Possibly you were done with school, or dropped out; maybe you were unemployed, and the idea of free food, housing and a steady paycheck was too tempting? Probably it was all or most of these along with the promises from your recruiter which made it sound even better. Were you talked into becoming a technician, plotting safe routes or supply lines in and out for the troops? Or a pilot? Maybe you were a combat cook, figuring out how to feed your troops with dwindling supplies? Maybe you were 'just' a grunt. Or any one of the hundreds of other jobs, thinking you would be better off after your service, when you discharged.

Were you thinking the same way as you huddled down in your foxhole with your head between your knees, hearing the impact of bullets, or the explosions going off all around? When the overwhelming smells of blood, piss, smoke and yes fear almost knocked you out. Were your thoughts still on what you were going to do when you got out, or were they closer to if you got out of there alive? What were you thinking as you heard screams and prayers coming from the foxholes around you?

It doesn't matter! It doesn't matter, as long as you served and served with honor. Every military job has its risks. Whatever the reason; whatever military job you had and whether or not you served on active duty or as a reservist, whether or not you saw or were involved in any actual combat, you could have and that is what counts. As a Vietnam veteran once said, "you had your ass on the line". Again, that is what counts. You are a military veteran, you served with honor and yes you do expect certain things for it, from your government and/or the people you helped and/or served, or just from your fellow citizens. That bargain you upheld from when you took 'The Oath' to when you received your honorable discharge, came with expectations by you also. In the book "Starship Troopers" by Robert Heinlein, only military veterans had earned the right to vote. As a U.S. military veteran, you are not asking for that or any additional rights, but:

You expect to be respected. You don't need to be saluted or 'thanked for your service' all the time, but maybe it's nice to hear on Veteran's or Memorial Day.

You expect your veteran status to look good on a resume or application. Yes, you want to be hired or accepted based on your qualifications, but being a veteran should help, not hurt in that.

You expect help if and when you need it. You helped enough people during your service (your entire country and maybe other ones as well).

Not everything in life goes perfectly or according to plan. Did your plans include marriage or starting and raising a family? Use your VA home loan to buy a house? Were you going to get that college degree and then start your chosen career? Or put the skills you learned in the military to use? Did your marriage fall apart or did the career you envisioned never come to pass? Or possibly the injuries or trauma you experienced (mental or physical) catch up with you and prevent you from achieving your goals. Where did you turn for help? Friends, family or a 'grateful' government? Too many veterans either didn't have these options or the help wasn't enough and they ended up poor, hurt or for some, hungry and homeless.





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That shouldn't happen but it does! The biggest problem with not getting help is that there are so many that need help, way too many. Yes, there are a lot of generous people and organizations that try; but there are never enough of them, and/or never enough money for those that need. Yes, the Government tries to help; and there are lots of dedicated government employees who try to (believe it or not), but whether it is red tape, inefficiency or lack of funding or any of myriad other reasons, government help cannot always be counted on. Too many veterans are still on the street or hurting, any help from any people or organizations is always appreciated.

by Larry Shields

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Please remember and say a prayer for all of these men and women on Veterans Day November 11th!

Hope to see you all at our 5th Saturday Cruise-In November 30th 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**



From the Editor

As many of you know, The Pharoahs have roots with the military, but a brief reminder with Veterans Day tomorrow, is appropriate. **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.

Pharoahs International - St. Johns Chapter has eleven (11) of its forty-six (46) members as veterans, and I expect that nationally, a similar percentage of all members are veterans.

Salute To Our Veterans






First Coast Car Council

Cruisin' to the Creek Car Show 2024



Pharoahs Winners



<i>Jeremy Armad – Classic Class</i>	<i>1966 Chevrolet Chevelle</i>	
<i>David Garlington – Antique Class</i>	<i>1956 Ford Thunderbird</i>	
<i>Lester Jenkins – Antique Class</i>	<i>1957 Chevrolet Nomad</i>	
<i>Sammy Staats – Antique Class</i>	<i>61 Chevrolet Corvette</i>	
<i>Joe Kemp - Modern Class</i>	<i>2005 Chevrolet Corvette</i>	



Pharoahs Winners



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 Chris Hulsey and his "*Terrific T-Bucket*"

What is a T-Bucket and did you know there is a Facebook Page dedicated to Pharoah's T-Buckets?

T-Bucket definition: A genuine T-bucket has the two-seater body of a Model T roadster (with or without the turtle deck or small pickup box), this "bucket"-shaped body shell giving the cars their name. A Model T-style [radiator](#) is usually fitted, and even these can sometimes be barely up to the task of cooling the large engines fitted. Windshields, when fitted, are vertical glass like the original Model T.

Today, T-buckets remain common. They generally feature an enormous engine for the size and weight of the car, generally a [V8](#), along with tough drivetrains to handle the power and large rear tires to apply that power to the road. The front wheels are often much narrower than the rear wheels and are often [motorcycle](#) wheels.



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

The Beginning



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

The Middle



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

The End

(Almost, more to come)



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The Mechanic's Corner (continued)

What is a Muscle Car ?

According to **wonderopolis.org** and **topspeed.com**, a muscle car is actually a term used to describe a wide variety of powerful, high-performance vehicles. While some people have definite opinions about what qualifies as a muscle car and what doesn't, the term usually applies to two-door, rear-wheel-drive, "small" to midsize cars with large, powerful eight-valve (V8) engines. Muscle cars became popular with young drivers in the mid-1960s. Not only were they sleek, attractive, and powerful, they were also affordable and able to be driven for everyday street use, as well as formal and informal drag racing.

Compared to modern cars, which tend to have smaller four-valve (V4) or six-valve (V6) engines that use less fuel and are better for the environment, muscle cars tend to be smaller cars with big, oversized engines.

The earliest muscle cars were not particularly fuel-efficient or environmentally friendly. Of course, fuel was cheaper in the 1960s, and science had not yet revealed many of the environmental impacts of vehicles at that time.

Many muscle car enthusiasts believe the 1949 Oldsmobile Rocket 88 was the first true muscle car. It boasted America's first overhead valve V8 in a relatively light body, giving it a lot of power and speed.



In many ways, the 1964 Pontiac GTO was regarded as one of the pioneer muscle cars during the golden age of the 60s and 70s only because of the simple premise behind the car's build. The idea was to find the largest engine and put it on the lightest body that could be found. The brainchild of Russell Gee, Bill Collins, and John DeLorean, the GTO was born because of a decision to emphasize a car's street performance after General Motors, at that time, issued a ban on factory-sponsored racing.



The Mechanic's Corner (continued)

1964 Pontiac GTO

A Street Racing Statement By GM



1964 Pontiac GTO 389 Specs

Engine	6.4-liter V-8
Transmission	3-speed automatic/ 3 and 4-speed manual
Drivetrain	RWD
Power	348 hp
Torque	428 lb.-ft
0-60 MPH	5.7 seconds
1/4 Mile	14.3 @99 MPH

Incidentally, the Pontiac GTO was the idea of John DeLorean, who took the name from the Ferrari 250 GTO, one of the most iconic race cars in history, with the "GTO" standing as an Italian abbreviation for Gran Turismo Omologato. Through much controversy surrounding the name of the car and the general apprehension about how it would do at the box office, the GTO surprised many people by becoming one of the most legendary muscle cars of all time.



The Mechanic's Corner *(continued)*

1967 Shelby Cobra 427 Super Snake

Bites In Any Direction



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Despite its streamlined, sports-car looks, the 1967 Shelby Cobra 427 Super Snake had the pulse of American muscle coursing through its veins. Judging by the limited number of cars built for this particular model, it shouldn't be surprising that the most powerful Shelby to ever be built still carries the title of one of the rarest American muscle cars in history.

Carroll Shelby always wanted the fastest and meanest car on the road. He set about doing it by introducing the Shelby Cobra 427 Super Snake in 1967. Limited to only two units – yep! Two! - the Cobra 427 Super Snake was essentially a race car modified for use on the street and still holds acclaim as the most awesome of all the Cobras ever to be built.

1967 Shelby Cobra 427 Super Snake Specs

Engine 7.0-liter twin-supercharged V-8

Transmission 4-speed manual

Drivetrain RWD

Power 800 hp

Torque N/A

0-60 MPH 3.6 seconds



The Mechanic's Corner (continued)

Not only was it powered by the Cobra's top-of-the-line 427 cubic inch V-8 Shelby engine, but to give it some extra juice, Shelby added a pair of Paxton superchargers to the mix, effectively doubling the output of the 427 Cobra to a mind-boggling 800 horsepower. An American muscle car from the '60s that produces 800 horsepower. That's all you need to know about the 1966 Shelby Cobra 427 Super Snake.

1968 Dodge Charger R/T

Not Just Built For "Dom"



The 1968 Dodge Charger R/T is one of those muscle cars that has definitely withstood the test of time. How else do people explain the car's popularity these days, more than 40 years after the car first made waves in the late 60s? As Vin Diesel's character in ***Fast and the Furious*** would say, the answer is pretty simple: the '68 Charger R/T was, and still is a true muscle car.

It's the type of muscle car that imposes an image of fear and star quality wrapped in one awesome package. With an unmistakable design that features the now famous hidden headlight grille, the overall curvy body, the refined tail, and the prevalent use of chrome on the car, the '68 Charger R/T was in a class of its own back then.



The Mechanic's Corner (continued)

1968 Dodge Charger R/T 426 Hemi Specs

Engine	7.0-liter V-8
Transmission	3-speed automatic/ 4-speed manual
Drivetrain	RWD
Power	425 hp (claimed)
Torque	490 lb.-ft
0-60 MPH	4.9 seconds
1/4 Mile	13.5 @102 MPH

Beyond the impressive aesthetics and timeless design, the Charger R/T also boasted a powertrain featuring a 440 cubic inch four-barrel Magnum V-8 engine that produced 375 horsepower with an engine option in the form of the 426 Hemi engine that came with 425 horsepower. While other muscle cars at the time came out with a more dynamic profile or powerful engine, nothing could compete with the Charger R/T regarding the whole package.

No matter what your image of what a Muscle Car is, I am sure your choice is on the list. For the entire article and more information on muscle cars, please follow the URL listed below.

<https://www.wonderopolis.org/wonder/what-is-a-muscle-car>

Next month we will look at Pony Cars versus Muscle Cars



The Next Generation

If you have any questions about Next Gen, reach out to our **Director, 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/>



Buy, Sell or Swap # 1

1971 El Camino

For sale \$27,900.00 obo

Text 904-483-7307 - Dave

- Pretty nice ride
- Mini tubbed
- 532 big block nice lumpy cam
- Turbo 350 trans

Recently upgraded the following:

- Exhaust
- Gas tank
- Radiator
- Alternator
- Digital Dash
- Dash
- Door panels
- All gaskets on both doors
- Radio

Available immediately and the car is on a lift so thorough underneath inspection is easy.



Buy, Sell or Swap #1 (continued)

1971 El Camino



Buy, Sell or Swap # 2

1986 Pontiac Fiero SE 2M6

For sale \$ 8,000

Text 915-702-8988 – Sean Griswold

- Low Mileage Survivor Car - 57,000 Miles (Will increase as I drive it)
- Sold brand new from Bonelli Pontiac on May 1st, 1986 and registered in Uniontown, Ohio
- 2.8 L V6
- Automatic Transmission
- Medium Gray Interior - Pallex Cloth Trim
- Factory Air Conditioning

Recent services:

- Oil Changed @ 56,919 Miles
- Headlight System has been completely overhauled: new headlight motors, relays, etc.
- Passenger Window Motor has been Replaced
- Comes with brand new brake pads in box

Other features:

- Pop Out Sunroof - stores in frunk, no leaks whatsoever
- Power windows
- Great daily driver or light restoration
- Just needs paint and some other minor repairs.



Buy, Sell or Swap #2 *(continued)*

1986 Pontiac Fiero SE 2M6

