

The Pit Stop !!

The Pharoahs Car Club – St. Johns Florida

Newsletter

Edition 7 – May 7, 2025



Volunteers are still needed for our next Cruise-in on **May 31, 2025**



Check out our *Buy, Sell or Swap* Section at the end of the newsletter !



Our Mission:

Ongoing financial support to K9 for Warriors



This edition's chuckle



One for Dan...



Car Show Season runs year around in Florida, so you are always busy

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.



A few pictures from our March 29, 2025 Cruise In



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PHAROAH'S
5th Saturday!
Cruise-In at Trout Creek
Trout Creek Memorial Park
6550 St Rd 13 N, St Augustine, Florida
May 31, 2025 * 9 AM - 12 Noon
All Makes, Models, Trucks and Motorcycles Welcome

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

50/50 Raffle
Food Truck
Vendors

K9S
PROUD SUPPORTER
All Proceeds Benefit K9s For Warriors

Culver's
TWO LOCATIONS!
US 1 South & HWY 16 N.

FLOATERS
PORTABLE SANITATION

TROUT CREEK
MEMORIAL PARK
& Marina

Pharoahs Events



“Pharoahs Cruise-Ins” are 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 next Cruise-In for **2025**, will be on **Saturday May 31, 2025**.



Many thanks to our club photographer (and many other talents), **Sean Griswold**, for the great pictures that he takes at our car shows and Cruise-Ins.

If you like the pictures, you can buy them for a great memory of your classic car at our Cruise-Ins or Car Shows.



Thanks for “Cruising-In” to the

Pit Stop

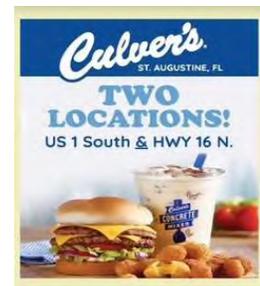


This Month's Events

For the month of May, in addition to our Cruise In, the following events:

- **May 17th**: SAC Cruise in at St Augustine Classic Car Museum 5:00 to 7:00PM
- **May 17th**: PDQ Fruit Cove Cruise In from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Our Sponsors for our Cruise-In's



Remember to support our sponsors !



The General's Corner



Hello Pharoahs!

I am honored to have the opportunity to write out the General's Corner for this newsletter. As many of you have heard, Dano is stepping down from his position as General effective May 1, 2025.

I'd like to thank him on the behalf of the Pharoahs of St. Johns. Dan's impact on this club has been huge. He started our 5th Saturday Cruise Ins, which we are now known for in the local car scene, at the beautiful Trout Creek Marina. Under his leadership, the membership has grown dramatically. Dan has a unique ability to connect with people while maintaining professionalism and his role as a leader. For example, he personally reached out to me 2 years ago in the hopes of getting me involved in his conquest as the new General. I'm truly grateful for the breakfast and conversation we had that day, as it made me see how far he was going to take the club and that I wanted to be more involved. As a member going back to February of 2021 and the Nextdoor App "Classic Car Enthusiasts" group with Eric Stephenson, I felt a strong connection to the club.

Since then, I have worked as Photographer and Social Media Coordinator until being promoted to Lieutenant and Director of Next Generation. We've grown the post-1977 and foreign section of the club immensely since the opening of Next Generation. I've published thousands of photos and made hundreds of social media posts for the club. Dan allowed me to orchestrate our New Year Appreciation Dinner, where the 45 attendees had a great time and opportunity to conversate with other members. Many of you have asked for more events similar to it and I am already looking into doing so! I believe it is vital to our club to continue building that "family" feel while we expand in size. For the original members, I'm sure we all remember our get-togethers in the old Earth Fare parking lot. Truth is that we aren't 15, but over 50 members strong! I know that many of us, including Dan and I, would like to have a more consistent and sizeable attendance from club members, and I believe that it would be possible if a Cruise In was more than just seeing cars, but your close friends too.

Additionally, we have chosen the great organization **K9s For Warriors** as our charity. Due to our connection with K9s, we have an opportunity to promote our community service as a benefit of membership. I am committed to growing the partnership as General. I will be completely overhauling the website for improved usability and appeal to potential sponsors. While I can't dive into all of my thoughts and plans now, my agenda will be clear and published so that we can all work to a common goal.





The General's Corner



(Continued)

All in all, I'd like to thank each and every one of you for your trust and support of me. I am beyond honored to take over as General of the Pharoahs of St. Johns. The opportunity seems to have come at a perfect time, as I leave many of my responsibilities and leadership positions behind and move onto Jacksonville University for Aviation Management and Flight Operations, I'll be in St. Johns and with much more time to dedicate to the club. This is not a responsibility I take on lightly.

See you at the shows!

If you have questions, please feel free to email me (general@pharoahs-stjohns.com) or text me ((915) 702 8988).

Thanks,

**Sean Griswold, General
Pharoahs - St Johns Chapter**



Upcoming Events

May 31st: 5th Saturday Cruise in at the Creek

August 30th: 5th Saturday Cruise in at the Creek

November 8th: CCC Back to the Fifties Car Show at Moose Haven

November 27-30: Fall Turkey Run in Daytona

November 29th: 5th Saturday Cruise in at the Creek

*** SAC Monthly Cruise-In**

St Augustine Cruisers have their monthly cruise-in every 3rd Saturday, from 5pm to 7pm (4pm to 6pm during the dark months) January thru November at the [Classic Car Museum of St Augustine](#)
4730 US#1 South, St Augustine, 32086.

*** CARS & COFFEE**

4th Saturday of every month 8am-10am at the Classic Car Museum. It is open to the public and all car clubs.

Ray Pascuzzi, Editor
Pharoahs - St Johns Chapter



From the Editor



On Thursday April 24, 2025, I had the privilege of accompanying Dan to deliver the \$7,000 check to K9 for Warriors. If you have not been to their Global Headquarters in Ponte Vedra Beach, it is worth a visit.

K9s for Warriors Mission

Determined to end Veteran suicide, K9s For Warriors provides highly trained Service Dogs to military Veterans suffering from PTSD, traumatic brain injury and/or military sexual trauma. With the majority of dogs being rescues, this innovative program allows the K9/Warrior team to build an unwavering bond that facilitates their collective healing and recovery.

A Battle Worth Fighting

Roughly 20 Veterans die by suicide every day, and over 1,000 dogs are euthanized. K9s For Warriors exists because of a fierce dedication to saving the lives of both Veterans and rescue dogs. This program is backed by scientific research and empowers Veterans who fought for our freedom to live a life of independence. Graduates of the program are able to live a life of renewed purpose and independence, that they previously did not think was possible. Many have reunited with their families, gone back to school, restored their relationships with family, and significantly reduced their medications.

Nation's Largest Rescue to Service Program

Before it was widely accepted, ***K9s for Warriors*** believed in the power of Service Dogs to treat Veteran's service-connected traumas. Independent research, along with our own, validates the effectiveness of a K9 companion in preventing Veteran suicide.



From the Editor *(continued)*

Our proven program allows us to save the lives of rescue dogs in conjunction with saving Veterans' lives. To date, our team has rescued more than 2,000 dogs. Giving these four-legged heroes a second chance and new purpose.

Where Our Dogs Come From

At K9s For Warriors, a majority of the dogs we procure are **rescue dogs**. We believe in second chances and **saving lives at both ends of the leash**.

Our procurement team tirelessly searches for suitable Service Dog candidates at shelters across the country, primarily in the Southeast and Southwest regions. In 2024 alone, our team members traveled over 66,000 miles to rescue dogs – that's roughly **2.6 times** around the Earth.

We also accept dog and puppy donations as well as collaborate with select purpose-bred and rescue providers to continue providing high quality Service Dogs to our Warriors battling invisible wounds of war.

A special thanks to all of our generous members who through car show registration fees, 50/50 participation at our shows and Cruise-Ins, direct donations and hard work at the get togethers over the past year, we were able to donate **\$7,000 to K9s for Warriors**.

Special Request

For the Newsletter's *The Mechanic's Corner* section, I am looking for topics that our members would benefit or enjoy, so if you have a topic that you would like to submit, please send it to raypascuzzi@yahoo.com and I will provide a write-up on your topic.

It could be a simple - what are other members are doing to protect their car from damage while it is being stored or being worked on in your garage or a local mechanic who does a good job on repairs needed for your baby.

Ray Pascuzzi, Major
Pharoahs International-St Johns Chapter



Our Charities



www.k9sforwarriors.org



★★★ *Special Request* ★★★

To increase our revenue stream to meet the needs of our charity commitments, we recently introduced a **Sponsorship Program** in April 2025. To reach as many potential sponsors as possible, we are asking our members to seek out businesses or individuals who have like-minded interests in supporting **K9 for Warriors**.

Please find attached the details surrounding the program and should you have any questions, please reach out to Sean or Dan for assistance in the program.

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ST. JOHNS, FL

Become a Sponsor Today!

The Pharoahs Car Club of St. Johns, Florida is a 501c3 Non Profit Organization bringing car enthusiasts together for our charity of choice, K9s For Warriors. By sponsoring us, your business allows our club to host fundraising events for this cause. Assist us in our goal to help a U.S VETERAN & RESCUE DOG get a "NEW LEASH ON LIFE" while restoring the greatest cars back to the road. All sponsorships are 100% tax deductible donations.

<https://pharoahs-stjohns.com/sponsors/>
Contact Dan Barrett - Club General (904) 930-1746 or dano@pharoahs-stjohns.com or Sean Griswold - Director of Next Generation (915) 702-8988 or lieutenant@pharoahs-stjohns.com

Gold - Minimum Donation of \$350
- Includes Calendar Year of Prominant Listing on ALL Promotional Material & Website Sponsor Page, Announcements @ ALL Events, Merchandise Gift Basket, Free Booth Space @ Annual Show, & Official Certificate of Appreciation

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Our Sponsors and Supporters



Our Member Highlight

This month's **Member Highlight** comes from **Steve Burton** who submitted the following article to **Meyers Manx** magazine, a California Buggy enthusiasts magazine in June. Pictures are included at the end of the article. **Enjoy !!**

My Buggy Life

At 78 years old there's been a lot of gasoline down the throats of the carburetors of my many automotive treasures. Some of them were just run of the mill company cars or utilitarian pickup trucks. But others included my 1977 Corvette Sting Ray which, although brand new, was far from a good car. In fact the build quality, not to mention the horsepower, was way below expectations. My very first car, a Renault Dauphine, that I shared with my older brother Fred, was my first profound disappointment in my world of transportation. This "fine" French four wheeled piece of manure frequently had engine failure and that critical component was replaced by my brother and I several times. Ironically, the best early car which I owned was a 1958 Edsel Pacer with a 361 ci V8. I purchased it from a Ford dealer on Cape Cod during my first summer job. I replaced tires, battery, exhaust, and brakes during its journey to 150,000 miles while transporting me to and from college. It was a very reliable car despite its later reputation to the contrary.

But, because this is a buggy magazine, let's talk about my dune buggies and VW variants over the years. When I was transferred with my job from the Northeast to Florida, in 1979, I quickly learned that there were beaches on which you could drive. That same year I found a full pan red metal flake dune buggy. It was a "Tuff Tub" clone with a full back seat for the kids. It was in pretty good shape with a healthy 1600 dual port engine. I installed some new BFG Radial T/A's on polished aluminum Appliance "mags". Some new upholstery brightened its look. A new roll bar enhanced safety as it spent half its time doing SCCA Autocross while its other life was at the beach with the kids or parading the prom queens at the local high school football games. Without a windage tray in the engine, auto crossing soon took out the engine starving it for oil. While I was disappointed, it was an opportunity to upgrade the engine. And I did! We created an 1835 with upgraded engine components, lightened flywheel, twin 40 mm Webers and trick exhaust. It barked and flew like a rocket. That full pan buggy went on to win B Modified class in N Florida SCCA multiple years. I bought a Formula Vee to continue to autocross. I installed a stock 1600 into the buggy and moved the "built 1835" to the Formula Vee. Dreams of more success in autocross were dashed as I realized I'd grown in size and I found it hard to control because of the small cockpit. Bruised arms and elbows were a frequent result.

Enjoying the simplicity of VW's, for a short time I had a Chenoweth rail dune buggy. It was street legal with a windshield and was lots of fun in the dunes and old phosphate mines. A year later, a neighbor made me a generous offer for the rail. Building a new home near the St John's River, I sold the buggy as we moved on to boating on the weekends. Our dune bashing was relegated to the Honda Odysseys we had from the 70's. These were the precursors to the current side by side.



Our Member Highlight (continued)

I guess as you age and many of the fun times are behind you, many of those great memories bring some tears as they come to mind. My wife, Diane, died unexpectedly in May of 2021. My loving companion and mother of my two beautiful daughters were gone. After 37 years of wonderful married life, raising kids, traveling, going to the beach, cruising to the Caribbean, trips to Hawaii, I'm afraid I was a little lost. Diane, an RN, was the rock and center of the family. She was beautiful and loved her nursing work. She also loved clothes, shoes, hair, nails, and fashion in general. So much so, she took a part time job working for Coach, the leather and handbag company. Over the years, her purse collection approached a big number..... 155! A few months after Diane's passing my youngest daughter, Whitney, who had also worked for Coach during her college days, orchestrated a self-directed estate sale at our community's amenity center. It was an incredible success as our friends, neighbors, business associates, and acquaintances availed themselves of great deals on shoes, clothes, coats, and many, many purses. We took in thousands of dollars. We had some emotional moments as we watched as her purses moved on to bring enjoyment to her friends and neighbors.

In January of '22 I told my daughter who now lived with me in St Augustine, that I wanted another dune buggy. Soon I found a short wheel based red metal flake Berrian Buggy Manx clone built by Acme. It was only a couple of years old, factory built, with huge Mickey Thompsons on chrome Cragars. The 1600 dual port had 44 Webers, remote oil filter, serpentine belt, MSD ignition and coil, and chrome fan housing and cylinder covers.

This buggy has been the greatest mood booster and life changer as I've joined the local chapter of the Pharoahs car club, joined the Manx Club after meeting the members at Sidney Hobb's Classic Car Museum of St Augustine and attend car shows and cruise ins almost every weekend. The buggy has won 9 trophies and, in the process, I've met many like-minded new friends.

This new buggy has given new meaning and new direction in my life while allowing those wonderful family buggy and beach memories to rise up and put a smile on my face and a warm place in my heart. While I cherish those long-ago memories, the new buggy is helping me create new memories with new friends and new places. It's a prescription I highly recommend.

Doesn't every buggy need a catchy name? We decided to name it the "Pursuader" in memory of my wife and her penchant for purses.

Now to dab a few tears!



Our Member Highlight *(continued)*

First buggy in Daytona Bike Week



Current Buggy at Car Show



Current Buggy at Car Show



Honda Odyssey



The girls in the buggy

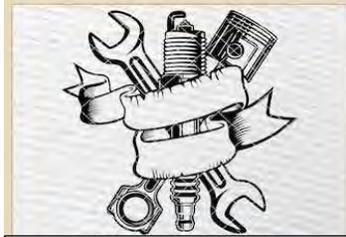


Whitney working on the formula Vee



The Mechanic's Corner

Tools of a Car Enthusiast



Pharoahs International
St. Johns

What tools and equipment are in a car enthusiast's work area, what a question....



The following is an article written by Jack Steel from thepreparedninja.com



The Mechanic's Corner (continued)

Equipment Every Car Enthusiast Needs in Their Garage

Car aficionados are always fueled by passion, curiosity, and a desire to know what makes things tick. Every vehicle enthusiast needs a well-equipped toolbox and garage if they want to be able to maintain their cars in sublime condition and keep them running for a long time. Here is a guide for the tools and equipment every car enthusiast needs in their garage and toolbox.

Adequate garage space with good lighting

If you see cars as a hobby you will enjoy for the rest of your life, consider investing in homes with adequate garage space with excellent lighting. A smaller garage may provide enough space to park your car, but it may not give enough room for you to work. Experts [advise that single-car garages](#) must have a minimum space of 10 feet, while a two-car garage should be at least 20 feet wide and extend up to 24 feet. A two-car garage gives car enthusiasts more space to work and grow. Good lighting is a must, as well. Invest in good lighting by installing fluorescent light fixtures on the ceiling; garage light fixtures with wide reflectors or diffusers are a good place to start.

An excellent workbench

A workbench is necessary for those who love tinkering with parts. You can opt to build your own to save on costs, but you can also purchase one in stores.

Should you decide to design your own, you can use a pair of sawhorses to support a plank of medium density fiberboard or a solid-core door. There are also a lot of [design ideas online](#) that you can copy—many of them use simple materials such as a 2 by 2 and a 4 by 4. Ready-made kits are also available in handyman supplier stores; you need to put them together. But if you're keener on saving time rather than money, pre-built modular workbenches are also provided for by different manufacturers, and many of them allow customization to fit your specific needs and requirements.

A durable two-post car lift and mechanic creeper

A [reliable two-post car lift](#) is not just for auto repair shop owners; car enthusiasts and lay mechanics would also benefit from owning one. For one, spending an entire day working under a vehicle can cause persistent shoulder pain and terrible neck strain. For another, lying flat on your back for a period while twisting and straining to get to the different parts of your car and to reach for tools can also cause muscle aches and body pain. It's not the most ergonomic way to work on your vehicle. Two-post automotive lifting equipment greatly simplifies your work in the garage, and it's a worthy investment if you're going to work on cars for a very long time. It's also a much safer option than pits, stands, and single posts. A mechanic creeper is also a worthy investment as many of them are designed in a way to protect your back from strain, and they're more likely to last longer than when you build one for yourself.



The Mechanic's Corner *(continued)*

Quality mechanic tools

Doing all your car repairs will save you a lot of money in the long run, and having the skills and the knowledge to do it yourself is important. But knowledge and theory are rendered useless without the right tools. Here are the tools you need in your arsenal for a simple but comprehensive toolbox:

- Socket set
- Pliers and wire cutters in various shapes and sizes
- Torque wrench
- Wrench set
- Screwdrivers
- Dead blow mallet
- Work LED light
- Latex gloves
- Zip ties
- Multimeter
- Impact wrench
- Cleaners and lubricants
- Drip pan
- Desiccant
- Electrical tape and duct tape

Once you have all these tools at your disposal, keep your car's factory service manual handy. You will need it to do common tasks like adjusting a carburetor or changing the brake pads.

Enough storage

If you're going to have the best tools, they need to be housed in the best possible place. This is where a garage with more space comes in—it will provide space for more storage, aside from your cars. A pegboard is one of the most affordable options because it allows you to display your tools and provide you easy access. Invest in a good toolbox, as well, to house the tools you won't be using more regularly.

A Hobby and An Investment

Being able to do simple car repairs will not only be fun; it can also help save you a boatload of money in the long run. So don't hesitate to let out your inner grease monkey and see just how much joy—and cash—it can provide you.



The Next Generation

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



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Buy, Sell or Swap #1

Mopar Parts For Sale

- Direct Connection Valve Covers for Mopar Big Block: \$80.00
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Buy, Sell or Swap #2

For Sale

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- True show piece,
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- Aluminum wheels with spare,
- Three ramps,
- Diamond plate fenders,
- Tongue jack,
- Stainless steel tiedowns,
- Torsion (Henchen) axle, (no springs), and
- Bearing Buddies

Perfect condition, \$4,900.

Includes storage box(polished Diamond plate) and its set up with wheel chocks for two-wheel motorcycle or three-wheel motorcycle.

Contact Steve Burton at 904-955-1121 for more information.

