

The Pit Stop !!

The Pharoahs Car Club Newsletter

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Volunteers are still needed for our next Cruise-in on **January 31, 2026** and our **2026 Annual Car Show on March 7, 2026**



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

Our Mission:

Ongoing financial support to K9s for Warriors



This edition's chuckle

When the new oil change guy comes from Starbucks



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PHAROAH'S ST. JOHNS, FL

5TH SATURDAY

Cruise In at The Creek!

JANUARY 31ST 9 AM - 12 NOON

TROUT CREEK MEMORIAL PARK
6550 ST RD 13 N, ST. AUGUSTINE, FL

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT All Makes & Models Welcome

- 50/50 RAFFLE
- FOOD TRUCKS
- VENDORS

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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 and first of 2026, will be on Saturday
January 31, 2026.



Thanks for “Cruising-In”
to the
Pit Stop !!



Our Sponsors



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Happy New Year Pharoahs!

I am grateful to have been elected to continue as General in 2026. I have a great officer team that is excited to continue our rapid growth! Thank you for your support.

Since my induction in May of 2025, we have had a massive 30% increase in membership. We are thankful for each of our 115+ Pharoahs, comprising of members and spouses, and consider the club a family. I encourage you to join us today on our brand-new website, with a facelift in time for the new year!

Be sure to view <https://pharoahs-stjohns.com/> for information about upcoming events, learn about our chapter, and more! Our calendar is up to date with events from the Pharoahs and other local clubs. On the website, you can sign up as a member, sponsor, or vendor. It has never been easier to get involved!

Our **November 29th, 2025 Cruise In** was beyond expectations! Despite it being a cold Saturday after Thanksgiving, we had an Incredible 150 Cars in Attendance! Simply put, the event was a successful way to close out 2025.

On **January 31st, 2026**, we will be hosting our first **5th Saturday Cruise In at The Creek!** I invite you to join us from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Noon for a morning of cars underneath the beautiful trees at Trout Creek Memorial Park & Marina. There will be food trucks, vendors, a 50/50 raffle, and more!

Most importantly, the Pharoahs are excited to share that our **3rd Annual Car Show at The Creek** pre-registration is **NOW OPEN!**

On **March 7th, from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**, join us for another great car show at **Trout Creek Memorial Park & Marina (6550 St. Rd. 13 N, St. Augustine, FL 32092)**. We encourage you to pre-register today to make your experience Even Better!

Pre-registered vehicles will receive:

- Registration Cost Discount
- Preferred & Quick Parking
- Grab & Go Window Judging Cards

Day-of registration is from **8:00 AM until 11:00 AM** and costs \$30.

There will be music by **DJ Jay, Pet Adoptions**, 50/50 raffle, many awards, food trucks, vendors, and more!

Pre-register today at <https://pharoahs-stjohns.com/march-7th-car-show-at-the-creek-pre-registration-form/>





The General's Corner



(Continued)

In February, the Pharoahs Car Club of St. Johns FL will be celebrating our 5-year anniversary! As a founding member, I fondly remember our beginnings as a group of enthusiasts getting together in an old Earth Fare parking lot. Today, we have come far beyond expectations.

We are proud to say that we have fundraised nearly \$13,000 for our charity of choice, K9s For Warriors, in just 3 years. This year, we intend to outdo ourselves. We can only do that with your help! Join & pre-register today!

If you'd like to learn more about the Pharoahs, please email (general@pharoahs-stjohns.com) or text me (915-702-8988)

Thanks,

Sean Griswold, General, VP
Pharoahs International-St Johns Chapter



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CAR SHOW

AT THE CREEK!

PHAROAHS ST. JOHNS, FL

AT
Trout Creek Memorial Park & Marina
6550 St. Rd. 13 N, St. Augustine, FL 32097

Sat. March 7th, 2026 10 AM - 2 PM

Registration
Pre-Registration \$25
Day-Of \$30
Open 9 AM - 11 AM

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- MUSIC BY DJ JAY
- PET ADOPTIONS
- 50/50 RAFFLE
- TROPHIES
- FOOD TRUCKS
- VENDORS



2026 Schedule of Our Events

2026 PHAROAHS CAR SHOW & CRUISE IN SCHEDULE



9:00 AM - NOON, SATURDAY, JANUARY 31ST - 5TH SATURDAY CRUISE IN

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH - CAR SHOW AT THE CREEK!

9:00 AM - NOON, SATURDAY, MAY 30TH - 5TH SATURDAY CRUISE IN

9:00 AM - NOON, SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH - 5TH SATURDAY CRUISE IN

**9:00 AM - NOON, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST - 5TH SATURDAY CRUISE IN &
TRUNK OR TREAT**

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**Trout Creek
Memorial Park &
Marina**

**6550 State Road 13
N, St. Augustine,
FL 32092**



Calling All Vendors



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At Our Next Car Enthusiast Event!

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE WORK OF K9S FOR WARRIORS

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Available Dates:	Rates
November 29th - Cruise In	Cruise In's \$25 Vendor Fee
2026:	Event Hours: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Noon
January 31st - Cruise In	Set Up: 7:30 - 9:00 AM
March 7th - Annual Car Show	Annual Car Show \$40 Vendor Fee
May 30th - Cruise In	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
August 29th - Cruise In	Set Up: 8:00 - 10:00 AM
October 31st - Cruise In	

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

To RSVP: Contact Sean Griswold
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Pharoahs International-St Johns Chapter



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K9s for Warriors

K9 for Warriors Mission Statement

SAVING LIVES
AT BOTH ENDS OF THE LEASH

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 themselves, this innovative program allows the K9/Warrior team to build an unwavering bond that facilitates their collective healing and recovery.

K9s for Warriors website is: <https://k9sforwarriors.org>



Volunteerism and Teamwork

Volunteerism and teamwork are deeply interconnected, with volunteer activities serving as a catalyst for enhancing collaboration and productivity within teams. Engaging in volunteer work not only benefits the community but also provides a unique opportunity for teams to grow together. Here are some key points highlighting the relationship between volunteerism and teamwork.

- **Enhanced Communication:** Volunteering requires effective communication with fellow volunteers, the people being served, and the organization. This enhances communication skills and fosters deeper connections and empathy.

PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR UPDATED WEBPAGE FOR IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION RELATED TO THE CLUB, ENHANCED AND FREQUENT COMMUNICATION IS CRITICAL TO OUR SUCCESS.

- **Trust and Cohesion:** Working towards a common goal outside of the business setting builds trust and creates a sense of cohesion and unity among team members.

CRUISE INS AND CAR SHOWS PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR MEMBERS TO SHARE IDEAS AND CONSTRUCTIVE BANTER TO HIGHLIGHT OUR PRIMARY GOAL, SUPPORTING FINANCIALLY, THROUGH OUR VOLUNTEER EFFORTS, K9S FOR WARRIORS.

- **Leadership Development:** Purpose-driven activities expose individuals to scenarios that necessitate immediate problem-solving and leadership, naturally leading those who may not typically take the lead to step up.

OUR RECENT MEMBER MEETING AT DAVE GILLS GARAGE, THANK YOU DAVE AND SHELL FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY, NOT ONLY DID WE HAVE OUR ELECTIONS FOR 2026 OFFICERS, BUT PROVIDED AN OPEN DIALOGUE AND MANY IDEAS FOR 2026 FUNDRAISING TO ACHIVE OUR GOALS.

- **Boosted Morale:** Giving back to the community instills a sense of accomplishment and pride, enhancing team members' morale and overall well-being.

WHETHER IT IS TRYING TO IMPROVE ON OUR 50/50 DONATIONS AT OUR CRUISE INS AND CAR SHOWS OR PARTNERING WITH K9S FOR WARRIORS AT THE EVENTS OR PROMOTING OUR VENDORS AND SPONSORS WHO SUPPORT OUR GOALS, THE ENTHUSIASM DEMONSTRATED BY OUR MEMBERS IS UPLIFTING.

- **Purpose-Driven Activities:** Engaging in volunteer activities that serve a higher purpose enriches the team's sense of fulfillment and leadership, aligning efforts with a greater cause.

BY INCORPORATING VOLUNTEERISM INTO THE TEAM ACTIVITIES, ORGANIZATIONS CAN CREATE A WINNING FORMULA FOR SUCCESS, WHERE TEAMWORK, LEADERSHIP, AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT ARE NURTURED ALONGSIDE THE COMMUNITY'S NEEDS.



Sponsors Needed

To increase our revenue stream for our charity commitments for 2026, we 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 for assistance in the program.

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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/>

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or Ray Pascuzzi - Treasurer
(443) 655-3887 or major@pharoahs-stjohns.com

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Our Member Highlight

This month's **Member Highlight** comes from **Michael K.** Michael's love for hot rods and classic cars started with his early interest in the National **Hot Rod Association (NHRA)** and **NASCAR** racing. Faye's love for cars followed Michael's drive for powerful cars.

The Beginning

Michael's first car was a *1979 Olds Starfire with Firenza decals*. The *Firenza* had a 305 chevy engine but his plan was to eventually put in a built 350 like some of the *Monza's* and trick it out. Before he could upgrade the engine, a lady with *70's Sedan DeVille* in a Grand Union grocery store parking lot, ran over a large median two times and pushed a Honda over the median onto the hood of his *Starfire* and pushed it out of the parking spot.

The car was never the same after that incident. The picture below came from the internet; his car was black also and looked similar to the one below.



Next Up - The Trans Am

Michael's next search was for a *Trans Am* after he moved to South Florida. Well their search was positive when they found a *Smokey and the Bandit black T/A*. When he went to look at the *Trans Am*, he found a few bullet holes in the door, needless to say, he didn't buy it.

More searching led them to a *1979 Trans Am* with a custom blue paint job. It had an Olds 403 pig motor that was customized with a cam, new intake and carburetor, headers, and shift kit.

It was a fun "*gas guzzling pig*" to drive for about a year.



Our Member Highlight (continued)

The Mustang 5.0

Michael traded the *Trans Am* for a 1984 *Ford Mustang 5.0* and at the time he had a college job at **Horsepower Sales Speed Shop's** warehouse when Crane Cams owned it. Michael got trained up at **Crane** in building engines and installing fun aftermarket stuff.

The Mustang received a new roller cam, intake, carburetor, and headers with dual exhaust. He also removed all of the emissions crap since he knew someone at the emissions testing center to pass the car.



With all the new parts he raced the Mustang at the old 1/4-mile track in *Pembroke Pines* by the *Sportatorium* and at *Moroso Motorsports Park* in West Palm Beach. He also raced behind Ft Lauderdale Airport and I-75 before it was opened in Broward County.

With all of the racing Michael ended up blowing the motor but luckily, he had an extended warranty. The service manager at the old Hollywood Ford arranged to have a new factory engine installed for a \$300 deductible (along with a case of Heineken). They installed most of my old add-on parts and some new parts, on the new engine.

After many tows Michael was kicked out of AAA for getting towed too many times in the 1980's. They later invited me to join back in the 1990's.

Raced it around until time to trade it in.

The Camaro

While the Mustang was down for the engine swap, Michael bought a 1973 Camaro with a 350 engine, with a surfer mural on the hood, at a trailer park for \$300. It was a dog at that point but before he was able to do anything with until someone offered him \$600, 100% profit – SOLD -

After meeting Faye, the next few vehicles were Ford SUV's with boosted 5.4L engines over a few decades. Family cars, you know.

Currently Michael and Faye can be seen at our Cruise-Ins in their 2024 *Ford F-150 XLT 4X4 3.5L twin turbo with 400hp, and 500 ft lbs. of torque.*



Our Member Highlight (continued)



While Michael wanted a new *Bronco* with the *Sasquatch package*, Faye thought it was too small so they took a test drive in an F150. When it was Faye's turn to drive the truck, and while they really wanted a V8, she punched the accelerator outside the dealership, the turbos kicked in and they all were holding on for dear life, even the salesman.

That is the truck they had to buy... **For now...**

Michael has set his sights on a rare, and/or older Camaro, Mustang or Cougar that can be a daily driver.



The Mechanic's Corner

Gas vs. Electric Cars: Pros and Cons of Each

Understanding the differences between these propulsion options

With EVs quickly spreading across the automotive landscape, your electric propulsion choices are no longer limited to small, efficiency-minded cars or Teslas. All-electric options now include a variety of trucks, crossovers, and SUVs, as well as sporty and luxurious models. With this expanded selection and the help of government incentives, EVs look more attractive to more buyers. But important differences remain between electrics and their internal-combustion counterparts.

Advantages of an Electric Vehicle

EVs have a battery that feeds at least one electric motor that sends torque to the wheels. Like the gas tank on an internal-combustion car, the battery pack limits how far an EV can travel in one go. Available range varies as much as the sizes and shapes these cars come in, from 160 miles in a **Nissan Leaf Plus** to 410 miles with the **Lucid Air Grand Touring**, the current leader in our 75-mph highway range test.

("Gas vs. Electric Cars: Pros and Cons of Each | ANRPC - 2023")

How and where you use an electric car determines the kind of range you'll need, but regardless, range anxiety can sometimes be a thing because you'll need to recharge at some point. For a lot of folks, charging at home overnight is sufficient, but those who travel long distances with some frequency may still prefer the flexibility of something with an engine, be it a straight internal-combustion machine or a hybrid or plug-in hybrid.

("Gas vs. Electric Cars: Pros and Cons of Each | ANRPC - 2023")

"An EV can allow you to break your dependence on petroleum to power your car, but this depends on the source of the electricity you feed it." ("Gas vs. Electric Cars: Pros and Cons of Each") If sustainability is important to you, check with your power utility on the mix of fuel sources they use to produce electricity; there are those who go so far as installing solar panels to provide their own artisanal roof-to-charger energy.

Marc Urbano | Car and Driver



The Mechanic's Corner *(continued)*

There are practical advantages to EVs too. The instant torque of electric motors makes even the cheapest EVs feel sprightly, and their operation is silent and vibration-free. Nearly all operate using direct drive, which means they don't have a geared transmission that can fail. There are no oil changes, and the strong regenerative braking system means the traditional brakes may never need service in a typical ownership period. Keep the tires aired up, rotate them on schedule, swap in a new cabin air filter every so often, and keep an eye on the washer fluid and wiper blades, and that's about it.

Advantages of a Gas-Fueled Car

"The majority of new cars and trucks sold still have an internal-combustion engine, fueled by either gasoline or diesel." ("Gas vs. Electric Cars: Pros and Cons of Each") That engine combusts dino juice and translates lots of tiny explosions into rotational forces that are passed to a transmission and then on to the wheels to make the car move. Archaic, maybe, but it's tried and true, and automakers continue to make this process more efficient.

These vehicles can generally travel farther than EVs and don't have the same limited refueling infrastructure. There are simply a lot more gas stations than there are charging points—if you can't find a gas station, chances are you won't find a place to plug in nearby either.

Gas cars also refuel more quickly than even the fastest-charging EVs, reducing downtime and overall trip length on longer journeys. Fixing a gas car tends to be less expensive as well, despite the greater number of moving parts, because an EV's battery pack makes up a large part of its cost and, again, we've been dealing with internal-combustion vehicles for much longer. That said, new-EV high-voltage battery packs are covered for at least 8 years or 100,000 miles, with some makers stretching that to 10 years and more miles. The issue of replacement cost mainly applies to older out-of-warranty EVs.

("Gas vs. Electric Cars: Pros and Cons of Each | ANRPC - 2023")



The Mechanic's Corner (continued)

Deciding between Gas and Electric

As discussed, range and the ease of refueling away from home is the main differentiator between gas-fed cars and EVs. Because of this, making the transition to all-electric motoring can be intimidating, but with a little preparation and planning it's definitely doable for many buyers. If you live in a two-car household, one way to help ease into EVs is to replace just one gas vehicle for now, allowing you to keep the gas-powered one for long trips and use the electric car around town.

As battery and charging technologies improve over time, this limitation will become less and less important.

("Gas vs. Electric Cars: Pros and Cons of Each | ANRPC - 2023")

Editor Note

This article was **not** intended to side with one option or another.

It was intended to provide positives and negatives of both EV and gas propelled vehicles.



The Next Generation

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



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



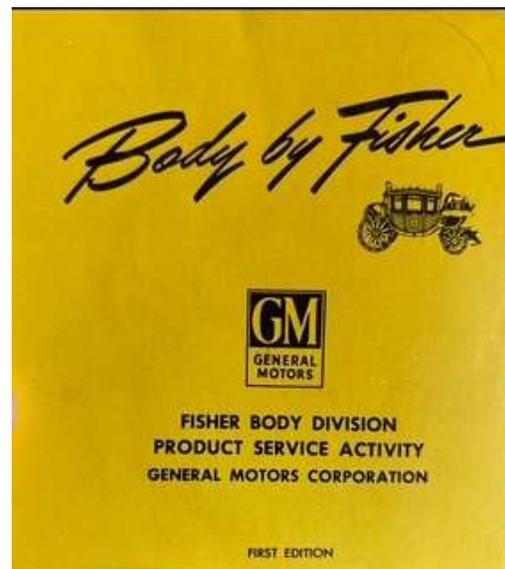
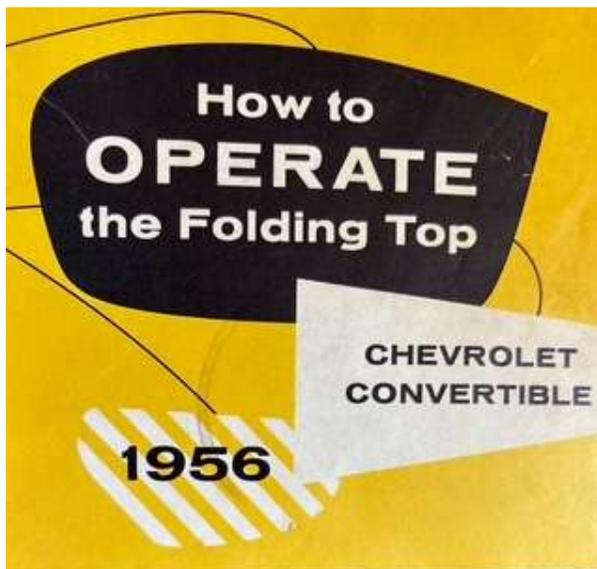
Buy, Sell or Swap # 1

For Sale

A hands-on Product Service Activity Manual from Fisher Body Division of General Motors, covering a 1956 Chevrolet convertible top. The manual is in pristine condition.

A great addition to a car enthusiasts library or “Man Cave” or “She Shed”.

Sale price: \$45



If you are interested, contact Steve Burton at 904-955-1121 for more information.



Buy, Sell or Swap #2

Mopar Parts For Sale

- Direct Connection Valve Covers for Mopar Big Block: \$80.00
- OEM 3.91 Gears... Sure Grip cone style Posi-traction setup, 8 ¾ Shim Type - 489 case: \$1,000.00
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If interested, please contact Dan Barrett at dano@pharoahs-stjohns.com

Both pickup and local delivery only, **no shipping.**



Buy, Sell or Swap #3

For Sale

Diamond Plate 5x8 Aluminum Trailer

- True show piece,
- New lights,
- New tires,
- Aluminum wheels with spare,
- Three ramps,
- Diamond plate fenders,
- Tongue jack,
- Stainless steel tiedowns,
- Torsion (Henchel) 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.



Buy, Sell or Swap #4

For Sale



A 1963 Oldsmobile Ninety-Eight Convertible. It is a true rarity, being one of 1,427 ever made. In 1963, this was the Top-of-the-Line Oldsmobile full-size C Body luxury car. This is a perfect candidate for a weekend cruiser or restoration!

Details:

- All original paint, interior, and top
- Chrome in great shape
- Interior in great shape
- Needs new convertible top
- Power windows, top, all work!
- Straight body with No rust
- Power steering and brakes Powerplant:
- 394 CI Skyrocket V8 (~330 horsepower)
- 3 Speed Roto-Hydramatic Automatic Transmission
- Will need rings (weak compression on cylinder 2)
- Interior: - Leather seats - Perfect condition dash & glass



Buy, Sell or Swap #4 *(continued)*

Recent Repairs:

- Replaced muffler
- New fuel pump, lines, & filters
- Rebuilt carburetor
- Cleaned fuel tank
- New battery
- New tires
- Coolant flush
- New wiring harness & circuit breaker

Comes with original parade cover, a dozen hubcaps, windshield wiper motor, and assorted extra parts.

Only \$16,000 or trade

For more details, contact Sean Griswold at venturewithsean@yahoo.com or (915) 702-8980.



Buy, Sell or Swap #4 (continued)

