

The Pit Stop !!

The Pharoahs Car Club Newsletter

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Member Information

Volunteers are still needed
for our **2026 Cruise In on**
August 29, 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 Weekend's Events

Saturday August 22nd
from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Clay County Cruisers at
Gator's Dockside Oakleaf

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Saturday August 22nd
from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM

St Augustine Cruisers at
Classic Car Museum
Cars & Coffee

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Cruise-In Schedule for 2026 Saturday August 29th Saturday October 31st “Trunk or Treat”		Remember to support our sponsors !





The General's Corner



We are just two weeks away from the Pharoahs' next Cruise In at the Creek!!!

On August 29th, we will host our second-to-last event of the year, with only our **October 31st Trunk or Treat Cruise In** remaining. I'm sure we have all been baking in the summer heat, but Trout Creek's trees will help keep us out of the sun. I hope to see you there!



During our last Cruise In on May 30th, we presented K9s For Warriors, our charity of choice, with a \$20,000 ceremonial check! We were honored to welcome several special guests, including K9s For Warriors CEO Daniel Bean, State Representative Kim Kendall, and County Commissioner Clay Murphy.

I'm proud to share that, on June 24th, the Pharoahs Car Club of St. Johns FL took a private tour of the K9s For Warriors Headquarters and delivered our donation. When we set our goal at \$10,000 for 2026 this time last year, we thought it was a tall order. Little did we know that we'd be doubling it! We're grateful for your support and that of our matching donor.

Additionally, I am excited to share that we have surpassed 140 members. Thank you to everyone who has joined our community. Even with the club's immense growth, we have maintained an incredible family feeling. It's more than a passion for cars; it's about who we get to share them with. We are officially the largest car club in St. Johns County.

If you've considered joining us in the past, don't wait! I invite you to become a Pharoah.

Mark your calendars for our 2026 finale Cruise In at the Creek and Trunk or Treat on October 31st. We welcome you to bring your friends and family to help pass on our passion to the next generation. The event is extended from our usual time and will now run from 10 AM to 2 PM. There will be special displays of high-quality and unique classic cars, trucks, and more!





The General's Corner



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Stay tuned for more details as the event approaches.

See you on August 29th at the Creek!

For more information

Website: <https://pharoahs-stjohns.com/>

Contact: General Sean Griswold – general@pharoahs-stjohns.com

*Thanks,
Sean Griswold, General, VP Operations
Pharoahs International-St Johns Chapter*



Our Member Highlight

Member Name: Michael Leibham
Address: Palm Coast, FL
Vehicle: 1966 Chevy Truck, Built Gasser Style and named "Mistreated"

My Story

"Mistreated" has an Earl Scheib two-tone look, with flat deep purple over Chevy engine orange. It runs a small-block Chevy 327, a TH400 transmission, 4.11 gears, and a Detroit Truetrac.

I have owned Mistreated for about a year and a half. She sat on the side of U.S. Route 1 for more than two years before I finally asked about it. It had spent its life as a neglected shop truck, and I ended up trading my Harley for it. I started by getting it running decently and upgrading things like the power steering and wiring.

In June 2026, I started talking online about how, if someone could build a drag-and-drive vehicle for under \$10,000, then so could I. After that brazen statement, I decided the only way to make this big, heavy truck go fast on a budget was to build it gasser style. I spent the summer gathering period-correct parts to meet Sick Week B/Gas rules. When the event went live at the end of September, somehow, I got in. A week later it hit me: I had 120 days to build a race car, something I had never done before. I tore down and rebuilt my first rear end, then cleaned, rebuilt, and painted the frame—except under the cab—along with the front and rear suspension. I picked up a used race engine and used the five-year-old transmission that came with the truck. The truck was already Chevy engine orange, and I spray-bombed the deep purple satin over it. I originally picked the color because it matches my Purple Heart medal, so it is also a tribute.

At the beginning of January 2026, I got it going and started driving it around while working out the bugs. We had a number of small issues and leaks right up until the day we left for the event. My son was planning to copilot with me, but he is a power lineman and was called out to help during the ice storm. My 15-year-old daughter stepped in and ran copilot with me. We dealt with untested-vehicle issues all week and finally detonated the engine on day four of Sick Week.

We made it to Orlando when the driveshaft broke. Between the hotel issues, the detonated engine, and the broken driveshaft, I called it done. We limped home from Orlando for more than five hours at 25–30 mph. A couple of days later, I saw that early Gasser entry was being offered for Sick 66. I asked my wife, went out and assessed the damage, applied, and three days after dropping out of Sick Week 26, I was entered in Sick 66. The event is in Missouri, where my son lives, and since he could not go in February, he is going to copilot with me in September. I have spent the last five months acquiring parts to upgrade the fuel system, rebuild the engine, and fix weak links.



Our Member Highlight *(continued)*

About Me

My daily driver is a 2004 BMW X3 six-speed, and I also have a fifth-generation Camaro SS/RS convertible for cruising.

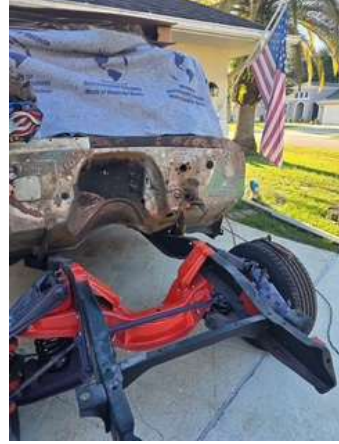
I was born into my love for cars and as long as I can remember, my dad, his friends, and our family have been into cars and drag racing.

My dream car is an early 1960s Pontiac Grand Prix.

I served in the U.S. Army from 2000 to 2004 and graduated at the top of my class as a light-wheel mechanic. I started with a mechanized infantry unit, then transferred to and deployed to Iraq with EOD. While in Iraq, my vehicle was struck by an IED, and I received a Purple Heart after taking fragments to my face.



Our Member Highlight (continued)



2026 Schedule of Our Events

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ST. JOHNS, FL

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Next Generation

VENDOR SPOTS AVAILABLE
At Our Next Car Enthusiast Event!
ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE WORK OF K9S FOR WARRIORS

Available Dates:
2026*
March 7th - Annual Car Show
May 30th - Cruise In
August 29th - Cruise In
October 31st - Cruise In

Rates
Cruise In's \$25 Vendor Fee
Event Hours: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Noon
Set Up: 7:30 - 9:00 AM

Annual Car Show \$40 Vendor Fee
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Set Up: 8:00 - 10:00 AM

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

To RSVP: Contact Sean Griswold
(915) 702 8988 or general@pharoahs-stjohns.com

Pharoahs Car Club St. Johns, Inc. Chapter



Our Charities



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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>





What Makes the American Motors AMX Special?

The **AMX** stands out as one of the most distinctive muscle cars of its era. Built by a smaller independent automaker, it combined strong V8 performance, unusual two-seat packaging, and a bold underdog identity that set it apart from its Detroit rivals.

What Set the AMX Apart

1. A True Two-Seat Muscle Car

The original **1968–1970 AMX** was unusual because it had **only two seats**. Most American performance cars of the era—Mustangs, Camaros, Barracudas, Chargers—had at least a small rear seat. The AMX was shorter, more compact, and felt more like a personal performance car than a traditional pony car.

2. Serious Performance from an Independent Automaker

AMC was much smaller than GM, Ford, and Chrysler, so the AMX felt like an underdog's answer to the big Detroit muscle machines. It offered serious V8 power, including:

- **290 V8**
- **343 V8**
- **390 V8**

The **390-powered AMX** especially earned respect for strong straight-line speed and solid performance.

3. Compact Proportions and Aggressive Styling

Because it was based on the Javelin platform but shortened, the AMX had a **stubby, muscular look** that made it visually distinctive. It looked compact, tough, and purposeful—different from the longer, more common muscle coupes of the day.

4. A Strong Racing and Performance Image

AMC used the AMX to build credibility in performance and motorsports. It appeared in **drag racing**, **road racing**, and promotional performance programs. That gave the car a reputation beyond just styling.

The Mechanic's Corner and More (continued)

5. Relative Rarity

Because AMC produced far fewer cars than the “Big Three”, the AMX is much less common today. That rarity makes it especially appealing to collectors who want something distinctive rather than the usual Mustang or Camaro.

6. AMC at Its Boldest

The AMX showed that AMC was willing to take risks and build something exciting, not just economical transportation. That spirit is a big part of why enthusiasts admire it today.

Why Enthusiasts Still Love the AMX

People tend to love the AMX because it combines:

- **muscle car performance**
- **unusual styling**
- **relative rarity**
- **underdog appeal**
- **a real sense of individuality**

In the end, the AMX remains special because it delivered authentic muscle car performance in a package that felt more personal, more daring, and less conventional than its competitors. Its rarity, character, and unmistakable identity continue to make it memorable among classic American performance cars.



Buy, Sell or Swap # 1

For Sale

2025 Timpit 720 Car Hauler

E Z Load Deck Hydraulic Controlled

GVWR 7,000 lbs. Payload Capacity 5,020 lbs.

Deck Length 19' 6" Deck Width 82.5"

Loading Angle 4°

Includes winch

MSRP \$15,881.46

ASKING \$8,000.00 OBO



Call Jeff @ 904 874 3473 or
email jefft875@reagan.com



Buy, Sell or Swap #2

★ **FOR SALE: 1969 Dodge Dart – Big-Block Mopar Street Machine** ★

“MOPAR OR NO CAR”



If you're looking for a trailer queen, keep scrolling.

If you're looking for a real big-block street machine that sounds nasty, looks mean, and delivers the kind of old-school muscle that made Mopars legendary, this Charger Red (R4) 1969 Dodge Dart is the one.

Built to be driven. Built to be enjoyed. Built to remind people why Mopars rule the streets.



Buy, Sell or Swap #2 (continued)

★ **BIG-BLOCK POWER**

Under the hood is a fresh 1976 400 (tel:1976%20400) B-Block Mopar built to put a smile on your face every time you hit the throttle.

- ✓ Fresh hot-tanked 400 block
- ✓ New bearings & soft plugs
- ✓ 915 heads with hardened seats
- ✓ OEM valves & timing chain
- ✓ Mopar Purple Shaft cam
- ✓ Melling oil pump
- ✓ Clevite bearings & Perfect Circle rings
- ✓ 750 Holley Brawler 4-barrel carburetor
- ✓ Electric fuel pump feeding an 18-gallon fuel cell
- ✓ Flowmaster exhaust

This thing doesn't just idle—it announces its arrival.

★ **DRIVETRAIN**

- ✓ Built 727 Automatic
- ✓ Console shift
- ✓ B&M Holeshoot 3000 Stall Converter
- ✓ 8¾-inch rear with 489 case
- ✓ 4.10 Sure Grip gears
- ✓ Mini-tubbed rear

Starts easily, runs strong, shifts properly, and is driven regularly. It pulls hard and cruises exactly like a big-block Dart should.



Buy, Sell or Swap #2 (continued)

★ STANCE

Nothing says old-school Mopar like polished Cragars.

- ✓ 14x4 Cragars up front
- ✓ 14x10 Cragars out back
- ✓ Mickey Thompson Indy tires PLUS...
- ✓ Two additional 15x10 Cragars with BFGoodrich Radial T/A tires

This Dart has the perfect muscle car stance.

★ BRAKES & SUSPENSION

- ✓ 1974 Dart front suspension
- ✓ Front disc brakes
- ✓ AutoGauge tach

Simple. Reliable. Fun.

★ BONUS PARTS INCLUDED

Because every Mopar guy knows...you can never have enough parts.

- ✓ Direct Connection valve covers
- ✓ OEM 3.91 Sure Grip center section
- ✓ Hi-Rise intake
- ✓ Driver & passenger doors with glass
- ✓ OEM hood with 440 emblems
- ✓ Various extra Mopar parts



Buy, Sell or Swap #2 (continued)

★ THE HONEST STUFF

No surprises.

- ✓ Small paint bubble on the passenger rocker (unchanged for 15 years)
- ✓ 4-inch seam tear in the driver's seat
- ✓ Minor rear transmission seal leak

★ WHY THIS DART?

- ✓ This isn't another cookie-cutter muscle car.
- ✓ It's loud.
- ✓ It pulls hard.
- ✓ It's intimidating.

People walk across parking lots to check it out, and every cruise night someone asks what's under the hood.

If you've always wanted a real big-block A-body without spending years building one, here's your chance.

Price: \$39,500 OR OBO

Clean Title in Hand • No Trades • Serious Inquiries Only

Message me for additional photos, a cold-start video, or to arrange a time to see it before someone else parks this big-block Dart in their garage

If interested, please contact Dan Barrett at dwbarrett57@att.net



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 (Henchon) 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 #5

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 #5 (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 #5 *(continued)*

