

The Pit Stop !!

The Pharoahs Car Club Newsletter

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Member Information

Volunteers are still needed
for our **2026 Cruise In on
October 31, 2026**



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



Our Mission:

Ongoing financial support for our
Charity of Choice
K9s for Warriors

This Weekend's Events

Saturday October 24th
from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Clay County Cruisers at
Gator's Dockside Oakleaf

Saturday October 24th
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 October 31st “Trunk or Treat”		TIM HUBER INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES  Considine Law Firm Remember to support our sponsors !





The General's Corner



Our next 5th Saturday Cruise In at the Creek is sneaking up on us! It's almost **scary** how fast time is **flying**.

Alright, alright. No more Halloween puns.

You get the point: **our next event is also a Trunk or Treat!**

This year, the last 5th Saturday happened to land on Halloween, and the Pharoahs are taking full advantage of the opportunity!

I hope you will join us on **October 31st, from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**, at Trout Creek Memorial Park & Marina, for our Cruise In and Trunk or Treat.

Our Officers have been working hard to make this event one to remember.

We are happy to share that Sheriff Hardwick will be joining us as a special guest.

Dress up. Decorate the cars. Bring candy to hand out to the kiddos!

*We are asking that all outside candy be sealed upon arrival at the event.

Let's make this a great, fun, and safe event.





The General's Corner



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Our August Cruise In was an incredible success, with over 360 cars in attendance. Thank YOU for helping us break our prior record! We raised \$1,000 from our 50/50 ticket sales alone. We are proud to donate these funds to K9s For Warriors. This event was simply wonderful and set the bar high!

I am excited to share that we have surpassed 160 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. Our Trunk or Treat gives us the chance to pass our passion onto the next generation.

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

Our 2027 event schedule is now available. Please go mark your calendars for:

- January 30th – 5th Saturday Cruise In
- March 6th – Annual Car Show at the Creek
- May 29th – 5th Saturday Cruise In
- July 31st – 5th Saturday Cruise In
- October 30th – 5th Saturday Cruise In

As always, our events will be at Trout Creek Memorial Park & Marina.

Our Annual Car Show at the Creek pre-registration will be opening shortly, and an email will be sent out at that time. Stay tuned!

See you on the 31st.

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

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



Our Member Highlight

Member Name: Eric Leirvik

Location: St. Johns, Florida

Vehicle: 1969 American Motors AMX, Willow Green

My Story

I have owned my AMX for four years, but it has been my dream car since the early 1990s. I found one then, but it sold before I could buy it. Four years ago, when I found my current AMX, I bought it immediately so it would not get away again.

My AMX is powered by a 390-cubic-inch engine paired with a four-speed transmission. It also has the factory Go Pack and air conditioning. What first drew me to this special car was its unique styling and two-seat configuration. The AMX was produced in limited numbers for 1969–1970.

At the annual American Motors Owners Association convention, my AMX received second place overall in the Original Stock class among 150 cars. It has also earned several awards at local car shows. This car is a keeper.

My Projects

While keeping busy with my other passion—restoring World War II Jeeps and equipment—I found another American Motors head-turner: a **1970 AMC Rebel Machine**. It is a project, but not an extensive one.

I am currently rebuilding the front end and brake components. I recently purchased a second transmission and am also working on the interior. You will see the Machine at future Pharoah and other local car shows.

My interest in cars began in high school, in 10th-grade shop class. After school, that interest continued through my mechanical work in the Marine Corps, where I worked on A-4s, F-4s, and F/A-18s. My passion for automobiles and mechanics runs deep.

My Military Service

I served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1983 to 2000 and in the Florida National Guard from 2001 to 2019, completing 35 years of service to our country. A highlight of my military career was an assignment with the U.S. Department of State on embassy duty. In 1988, I served in Managua, Nicaragua, during the conflict between the Contras and the Sandinista government. I was later transferred to Canberra, Australia, where I served from 1989 to 1990 and earned my private pilot's license and scuba-diving certification.



Our Member Highlight (continued)

I have included pictures of my **AMX** and my **Rebel Machine**.

The AMX



Our Member Highlight (continued)



Our Member Highlight (continued)

The Rebel Machine



Editor Note:

We can't wait to see the Machine at future Pharoah events.

2026 Schedule of Our Events



5TH SATURDAY

Cruise In at The Creek! & TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 31ST

10 AM - 2 PM

TROUT CREEK MEMORIAL PARK

6550 ST RD 13 N, ST. AUGUSTINE, FL



ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT

All Makes & Models Welcome

- 50 / 50 RAFFLE

- FOOD TRUCK

- VENDORS

- FREE EVENT



Contact Sean Griswold: general@pharoahs-stjohns.com

<https://pharoahs-stjohns.com/join-us/>

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Calling All Vendors





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
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Pharoahs Car Club St. Johns, Inc. Chapter



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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>





The Mechanic's Corner (and More)



The Birth of the Pony Car

The **pony car era** began in the United States with the introduction of the **1964½ Ford Mustang** in April 1964. The Mustang created an entirely new market segment by combining sporty styling, a long hood and short rear deck, affordable pricing, and a wide range of performance options. It was an immediate success, selling over 400,000 units in its first year and inspiring nearly every major American automaker to create a competitor.

The term "**pony car**" was later derived from the Mustang's horse logo. Unlike larger and more expensive muscle cars, pony cars were generally compact or midsize vehicles designed to appeal to younger buyers who wanted sporty looks and performance at a reasonable cost.

Major Pony Cars of the 1960s

Ford Mustang (1964½-1969)

The original pony car and the benchmark for the class. Available with engines ranging from economical six-cylinders to high-performance V8s such as the 289 and later 428 Cobra Jet.

Plymouth Barracuda (1964-1969)

Introduced just weeks before the Mustang, the Barracuda is sometimes considered an early member of the segment. However, it did not define the market the way the Mustang did. Built on the compact Plymouth Valiant platform.

Chevrolet Camaro (1967-1969)

General Motors' direct response to the Mustang. Available in many performance versions, including the SS, Z/28, and big-block models.

Pontiac Firebird (1967-1969)

A close relative of the Camaro but with unique styling and Pontiac engines. It quickly became one of the leading pony cars.

Mercury Cougar (1967-1969)

An upscale Mustang cousin aimed at buyers wanting more luxury and refinement while retaining sporty performance.

AMC Javelin (1968-1969)

American Motors Corporation's entry into the pony car market. It offered distinctive styling and competitive V8 performance.

Dodge Challenger (1970 Model Year)

Although introduced at the end of the 1960s development period (for the 1970 model year), the Challenger was Chrysler's larger and more luxurious pony car and is often included when discussing the classic pony-car era.



The Mechanic's Corner and More (continued)

Pony Cars vs. Muscle Cars

While the categories often overlap, the distinction is important:

Pony Car	Muscle Car
Compact or midsize sporty car	Intermediate-sized performance car
Focus on style and affordability	Focus on maximum straight-line performance
Available with six-cylinder or V8 engines	Usually large-displacement V8s
Example: Mustang, Camaro	Example: Pontiac GTO, Chevelle SS

Some vehicles, such as high-performance Mustangs and Camaros, could be considered both pony cars and muscle cars depending on their engine and equipment.

Summary

The **1964½ Ford Mustang** is universally recognized as the car that launched the pony car movement in America. The principal 1960s pony cars were:

- Ford Mustang
- Plymouth Barracuda
- Chevrolet Camaro
- Pontiac Firebird
- Mercury Cougar
- AMC Javelin
- Dodge Challenger (introduced for 1970 but developed during the late 1960s)

These cars defined an important chapter of American automotive history and helped create a performance-oriented market segment that continues today with modern versions of the Mustang, Camaro, and Challenger.

Which is your favorite Pony car?



Buy, Sell or Swap #1

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 #2

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

