



Music City
BUICK CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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IT'S ALWAYS SPRING IN FLORIDA!

It started in the 1930's, when sunny Fort Lauderdale (just north of Miami) began hosting intercollegiate swim competitions during Easter break. In an attempt to built up their economy during the Depression, the city of Fort Lauderdale built a large community pool. The purpose was to attract Ivy League schools from the North to Florida for their competitions. The students loved the area so much, that during the '30s, '40s, and '50s the tourist traffic grew.

In 1960 the movie 'Where The Boys Are' filmed in Fort Lauderdale. An annual turn-out of students during spring break grew from 7,000 to 30,000 in one year.

Fort Lauderdale Historical Society curator Chris Barfield writes, " The beach was just choked with students."

The actual historic origins of spring break actually lies with the Greeks. The ancients celebrated a spring festival called Anthestreria.



During the 1940s, wealthy Ivy Leaguers who traditionally partied in the Caribbean were scared off by rumours of German submarine activity. Many of them headed to Florida instead.



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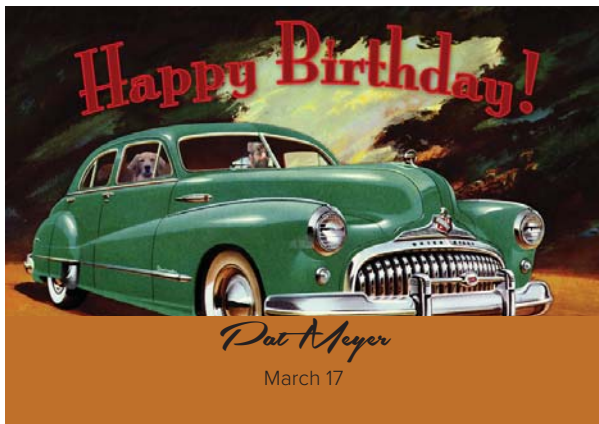
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MOTORING AROUND : What We've Been Up To This Month



“Everything in life is somewhere else, and you get there in a car.”

-E.B. White



THIS MONTH'S MEETING:

McNamara's Irish Pub

2740 Old Lebanon Road
Nashville, TN 37214
on
March 20, 2016

From 40 take exit 216C Donelson Pike. Go about 1.5 miles until Donelson Pike dead ends into Lebanon Road. Turn left onto Lebanon Road. There are two turn left lanes. Take the center turn lane as you will immediately veer right off Lebanon Road onto Old Lebanon Road. McNamara's is the large white house to your right behind the old Two Rivers Ford dealership location.

From 24 take the Harding Place exit. About 2 miles from the exit, Harding Place makes a sharp left hand turn and in about half a mile crosses Murfreesboro Road and becomes Donelson Pike.

If you need further directions call Paul at 615-394-6332

JAN 17
Bob & Elaine Fritz

FEB 21
Paul & Barbara White

MAR 20
Paul Picelli

APR 17
Bob & Ellen Bell

MAY 15
Larry & Elaine Arrowood

JUN 26
William Dodson

JUL
NO MEETING

AUG 21
Jill Lester

SEP 17
Woodside Picnic

OCT 13-16
Music City Regional Meet

NOV
NO MEETING

DEC 4
Ron & Maria Franks



LET'S HIT THE ROAD!

“Some of the elements of the Spring Break tradition also go way back in the customs of American college students. Traveling to the coast or to the site of a mineral spring as a restorative cure for the rigours of academic life was common among the well-to-do set of American college students since the 19th century (if not earlier).

Finally, while the custom ebbed and flowed with the times, by the 20th century college was firmly ensconced next to military service as a primary opportunity for the initiation into inebriation among the 18-22 year-old generation. Thus the major components of today's Spring Break actually have

their antecedents in long-standing collegiate behaviours.” (from www.springbreak.com)

One may concur that the history of spring break, as we know it, aptly coincides with the rise of automobiles and the introduction of cross-country roads in the United States. U.S. Route 66 was completely paved by the end of the 1930s, and by the 1950s Americans were rapidly becoming automobile owners. As a trusted mode of transportation, Americans were travelling greater distances in less time, making spring break travel more commonplace.



2016 SE Regional Meet

Hosted by the Music City Buick Club

OCTOBER 13-15, 2016

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURS OCTOBER 13

1pm **Tour of Nissan**
(Maximum Group Size of 55)

FRI OCTOBER 14

11am-2pm **Tour of Willis Johnson's Private Auto
Collection + Lunch at "The Diner"**

SAT OCTOBER 15

9:45am-11:15am **Tour at Carnton Plantation in Historic
Franklin, TN**
Cost: \$12/person

More details are currently underway, including lodging information. Please mark these dates on your calendar, since as the hosts of this event we will need club members to volunteer!

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Larry Arrowood

William Dodson

Carol Hughes

Jill Lester

Greg Marshall

Paul Picelli


Bob Woodside

Post...

Motor Authority online reports that Prince Philip's 1954 Lagonda 3 Litre Drophead Coupe will be auctioned off in the UK next month. It's estimated value is between \$497,000 and \$640,000.

"There's been a bit of frenzy in the market for Pontiac Firebird Trans Ams connected to the 1977 classic Smokey and the Bandit," reports MA. One of the original movie promo cars just sold at auction for \$550,000.

Janis Joplin's Porsche brought in \$1.8 Million recently at auction. She purchased the 1964 Porsche 356 C Cabriolet and her roadie, Dave Richards, covered the car in artwork that reflected her personality.



In a galaxy far, far away
there lived a rusted out Buick
Reatta. He was a lonely,
forgotten car waiting for just
the right...

