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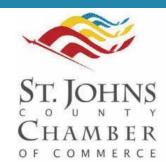
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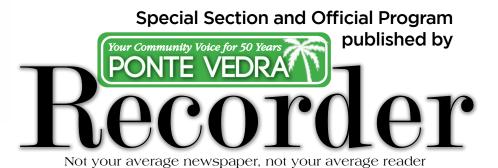
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The Auto Show, which is open and free to

spectators, will feature up to 200 classic and new collector cars all vying for the show's numerous awards.

Some of the categories presented this year will be The Best of Autobahn, the 50th Anniversary of the Z Car, the Best of Britain and the Fins of



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, NOV. 14

4-8 p.m.: Optional show car drop off and check in

SUNDAY, NOV. 15

7 a.m.-8:45 a.m.: Check in for pre-registered cars and nonjudged day-of entries

9 a.m.-3 p.m.: Show open to the public

9 a.m.: Judging begins and show field open to the public

1 p.m.: Award ceremony begins on show field

3 p.m.: "Best in Show" trophy presentation at show field stage

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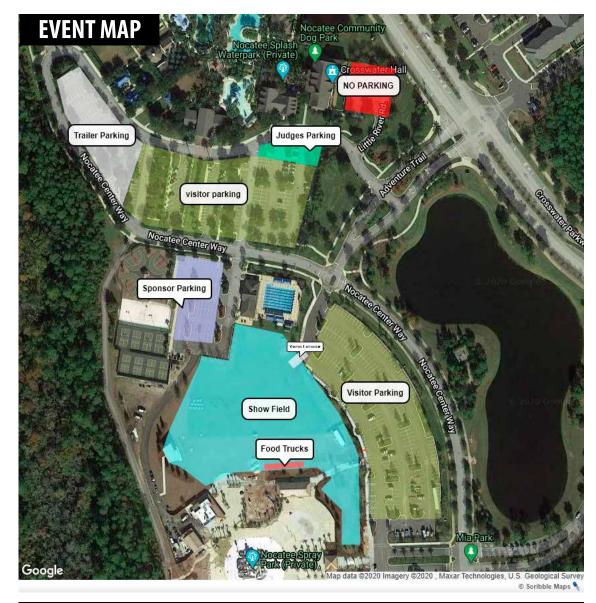
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2020 AUTO SHOW JUDGES

JAKE WEISMAN (Head Judge)

Jake's passion for cars started at birth and has progressed into a full-time career. Through his work as a regional territory manager for Hagerty Classic Cars, Jake works closely with other automotive enthusiasts to help protect and properly value their vehicles, all while promoting the cultural value of collecting. Hagerty protects more than a million vehicles, 12,000 boats and 30,000 motorcycles worth a total of \$30 billion. As a company, Hagerty attends more than 2,000 classic car events each year, with Jake managing events in the South Florida Region. A Ponte Vedra native, Jake has been attending the Ponte Vedra Auto Show for more than 15 years.

DANIEL SCANLAN

Dan Scanlan is a 30-plus-year resident of Jacksonville and a veteran journalist who has intensely covered every Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance for the Florida Times-Union and reviewed new cars for almost 30 years. The owner of a 32-year-old Alfa Romeo sedan,

he's written about, and driven, many classic cars over the years from an 1886 Benzwagen replica to a continuation 427 AC Cobra, and everything in between. He has been a judge for many area car shows, including many years with the Ponte Vedra Auto Show.

CHRIS BREWER

Chris Brewer serves as the director of communications for The Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, a worldrenowned automotive event and two-time winner of the International Historic Motoring Event of the Year award. He's a regular contributor to numerous automotive magazines and founder of Jacksonville Car Culture, an automotive lifestyle brand that runs Jacksonville's Cars & Coffee. Chris has a passion for Datsun Z cars and loves to spend his free time working on cars, boats and watches. Chris also has an extensive background in theological education and a doctorate degree from The Institute for Worship Studies.

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HANS-DIETER MANDT

Hans-Dieter Mandt was an inaugural volunteer with The Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance and is currently a board of directors member. He's a Porsche Club of America Florida Crown Region board of directors member. He has judged various concours and auto shows through the southeastern United States. He's owned various Porsches through the years and has owned significant classic Mercedes Benzes. He crewed for various Porsche racing teams, including the 2.5-litre 911, RSR 934 and turbocharged 935 models. He has been a former entrant and is a current judge for the Ponte Vedra car show the past eight years.

MARK STEIGER

"I have been a gear-head since my early teens," said Mark Steiger. "The first race I went to was in 1962 when I saw Big Daddy Don Garlits race at Masters Field in Miami, and I first went to Sebring in 1964. My first car was a 1958 VW that I got in 1966, and since then I have had over 200 cars, most of them European and most of them British. I have judged the PV show in the past and have been involved with The Amelia since it started. I currently have a 1983 Porsche 944, one owner, a 1997 BMW Z3 and a 2017 Macan S."

MIKE FERRAN

Mike Ferran has been repairing, modifying and restoring vehicles professionally for 44 years. He is an advanced-level Master Technician and has owned Ferran Automotive since

1990. On any given day he can service a 1959 Eldorado, a 2018 Bentley or a loyal customer's daily driver. Although he currently owns a Ferrari Challenge Stradale, a Holman-Moody assembled Superformance GT40 MK2B and a Ferrari Scuderia. He says he loves all types of vehicles

STEVEN GIAMBRA

It all started for Steven Giambra when he bought his first car in high school, a 1956 Corvette. Fifty years later, after a long search, he was able to relive the dream by purchasing another 'Vette like the one he had in high school. He collects American, American muscle and British sports cars and has been a judge for the past five years.

AJ TASKER

AJ Tasker is an attorney-at-law specializing in criminal DUI. He owns a 5.0 Mustang, the 11th Mustang that he has owned. He is a member of the First Coast Modified Mustang Club and has been judging with the Ponte Vedra Auto Show for over 5 years.

DICK MESSER

For 12 years, until June 2010, Dick Messer was executive director at the Petersen Automotive Museum, Located in Los Angeles, California, the museum is one of the world's largest and most prestigious automotive museums. Messer, a life-long car collector who is well-connected in the collector car community, was the first to hold the museum director post.

KEN PERRY

Ken Perry holds an MBA from Jacksonville University. He is employed as an IT project manager and is a member of the Porsche Club. He has been the head judge for the Festivals of Speed and a former silent auction and retail sales chair for The Amelia Island Concours. A self-described car nut, he says that, from the age of five, awesome cars got his attention. His current collection includes two Land Rovers, a Porsche and an Audi. He is grateful that his wife is also into the hobby and says it makes for a much happier life!

JIMMY BRITTS

Supporting the Navy at NAS JAX is what Jimmy Britts does when he is not "playing with cars." He is a past ARCA racecar driver, chassis builder and painter. He is the main racecar mover at The Amelia Island Concours, and he has been judging with the Ponte Vedra Auto Show for five years.

STEVE BOYLE

Steve Boyle participated in IMSA road racing series for eight years as crew chief and engine builder. He worked as a supplier of competition racing engines for NASCAR's Winston Cup and Busch Racing series, under contract to General Motors to develop the next generation competition racing engines. Also during this time period, he built and maintained numerous historic race cars. He is still very active in restoring automobiles, maintaining historic race cars and building engines in the Jacksonville area.

CASON VOGEL

Cason Vogel is the Hagerty territory manager for North and Central Florida, Southeast Georgia and the South Carolina low country He is a true car enthusiast who has been fortunate enough to turn a passion into a career. Growing up in Florida, he traveled to

nearly every major car event with friends. He found that even though he didn't have a collector car himself, he could still be engaged with the community through photography. His camera has led him to many incredible opportunities like joining the official Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance photography team in 2018. When he is not driving his new Porsche Cayman S, he loves reading, going to the gym and spending time with his wife and corai.

KAREN HAYNES

Karen Haynes is a Beaches native and has been a car enthusiast since childhood. By 16, she owned two collectible cars, a Fiat Spider convertible and a 1970 Corvette convertible. Growing up in Tampa and Jacksonville. she traveled the country regularly with her father, who collected old cars, trains (real and model) and tractors. Whether on a barn find mission for a 1950 Cadillac or to trade trains and railroad china, it was always priceless education and exciting expedition. Currently, she is a Realtor and enjoys working on houses and her 1955 Belvedere and Porsche Panamera. She is a member of Porsche Club of America, and this is her second year judging the Ponte Vedra Auto Show.

JONATHAN CHADWICK

Since he was young, Jonathan Chadwick has always been a car enthusiast and interested in anything that drives or flies. When he isn't managing his team of project analysts at Bank of America, he enjoys flying airplanes and tinkering on the cars in the garage in his spare time. As a Ponte Vedra Beach native. he has been attending the Ponte Vedra Auto Show since the beginning and looks forward to participating this year as a judge.















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Auto show torch passes to 2nd generation

Following in the footsteps of his father, Jake Weisman to serve as head judge

By Shaun Ryan

For the second consecutive year, the Ponte Vedra Auto Show's Best in Show Classic trophy will be awarded in memory of Larry Weisman. It's a way to recognize the contributions of the annual event's longtime head judge, who passed away in

Last year's show also included a special display of some of Weisman's own autos.

But perhaps the greatest tribute to the event's onetime chairman is his son's taking over as head judge this year.

While attending The Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance in March, Jake Weisman had a chance to speak with Justin and Paul Felker who, through their business Art 'n' Motion, were taking over operation of the Ponte Vedra show for 2020.

They asked him if he would be interested in serving as the head judge.

"I was honored," he said, seeing this as an opportunity to carry on his father's

Larry Weisman was a graduate of Embry Riddle Aeronautical University who went



Jake Weisman (right), pictured with his late father Larry Weisman, will be the head judge at this year's Ponte Vedra Auto Show on Nov. 15. Larry Weisman, who passed passed away at age 55 in March of 2018, was a longtime head judge of the annual event.

on to work as an aeronautical engineer before transitioning into a career in wealth management. He loved airplanes, but he loved automobiles equally – especially Corvettes, Mustangs and Camaros. In fact, his son remembers him especially as being "a big Corvette guy."

When his professional success provided him the wherewithal to purchase a Mercedes AMG GT S, it instilled in him a

It was from Larry Weisman that son Jake learned to love cars at an early age.

"I'd always have a Hot Wheel in my hand," the latter recalled. "My dream was to grow up and pursue a career in the automotive industry.'

Larry Weisman took his son to car shows throughout his childhood, sharing an appreciation for classic American automobiles. In fact, Jake Weisman attended the Ponte Vedra show with his father for more than 15 years.

After he graduated from college, Jake Weisman went on to work for a major tire manufacturer and later Hagerty Classic Cars, one of the world's largest collectorcar insurance companies. There, he works closely with other automobile enthusiasts to help protect and properly value their

In this role, he's had opportunities to see some of the world's most extraordinary automobiles.

But he never forgot the Ponte Vedra Auto Show, where he joined his dad on the judge's panel, the same panel he will lead

He said he's excited and thankful to be involved in the 2020 show.

"I think it's going to be really well-received and appreciated," he said. "We need fun things like this to look forward to."

As a Millennial, Jake Weisman has a special interest in exotic and sports cars from the '80s and '90s, as well as collectible Japanese domestic market cars. But he maintains an appreciation for the automobiles he first saw with his father.

"I am a Corvette guy, as well," he admits. "It's instilled in my DNA from my



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Art'n Motion takes over operation of auto show

By Shaun Ryan

Since the start of the Ponte Vedra Auto Show in 2003, the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce has been in the driver's seat. This year, responsibility for the event is being passed on to a St. Augustine business known for its commitment to classic and collectible automobiles.

Art 'n Motion of St. Augustine will operate the show with some help from the

"It had actually been something I had been wanting to get into, so it was a perfect fit," said Justin Felker, who co-owns the business with his father, Paul Felker.

The show is presented in part by the St. Johns County Tourist Development Council.

One of the first decisions the new operators had to make was rescheduling the event from its original date — Sept. 27 — to Nov. 15.

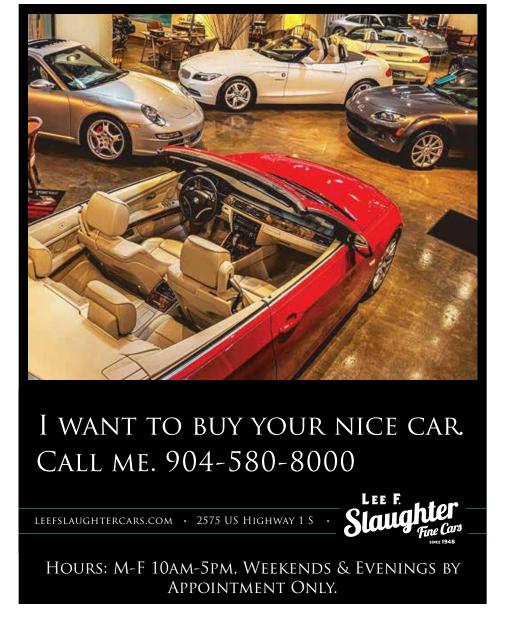
"Being in November, the weather will be nicer," Justin Felker said. "That was one of the complaints in the past, how hot it was."

In addition, the date change — which will be permanent — steers the show away from the heart of hurricane season.

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Art'n Motion co-owner Justin Felker stands next to a 1929 Ford Model A delivery truck at the business in St. Augustine. Art'n Motion is taking over operation of the Ponte Vedra Auto Show this year.





Art'n Motion

In fact, Northeast Florida statistically sees its lowest rainfall of the year in November. The average high temperature is about 75 degrees, about 10 degrees lower than in September.

Plans for the transition to a new operator began in February. This being the first year for Art 'n Motion, the show will be similar to years past. There will be a few changes, however.

The car corral, initiated last year, was originally a place where owners could display vehicles for sale. This year, it will be for display of cars brought in on the day of the show; these will not be eligible for judging.

Vehicles to be judged must have signed up in advance; the number of judged vehicles has been capped at 200.

Vehicles for the car corral will be accepted between 7 and 8:45 a.m. while space allows.

In another change, there will be no golf cart award this year, though Felker said a special golf cart show might be part of future events.

Art 'n Motion is already looking ahead to future shows.

"Starting next year, it's going to be a two-day event," said Felker. "We're going to try to do some other activities, not just a car show. Things that the community can embrace, though nothing's

set in stone."

Looking at the cars and trucks already signed up, Felker called it "good quality

The range of vehicles expected to appear in the show runs from a 1907 Cadillac currently housed at Art 'n Motion to a brand new Nissan Z-car.

"The majority of stuff, I would say, is '50s, '60s, '70s," Felker said. "That's the era that's popular. That's what people grew up with."

A special focus this year will be on the 50th anniversary of the Z-car. In addition, Ford GT models will be high-

Felker has had an interest in automobiles since childhood. He has worked with a local racing team and today buys and sells classic and collector cars.

Art 'n Motion is part dealership, part museum, part art gallery — Felker calls classic automobiles "an art you can interact with." The public is welcome to visit and view these vehicles close up.

The business is housed in an early 1900s, industrial-style building at 283 San Marco Ave. Weddings, parties and other events are held at the site by House of Assembly Events, a business owned by Felker's sister, Erin Felker-Murphy.

The 18th annual Ponte Vedra Auto Show will be held at the Nocatee Event Field, 245 Nocatee Center Way. Admission and parking are free for spectators.

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Nocatee wins national recognition and Best of the Best awards

By Shaun Ryan

The Ponte Vedra Auto Show returns this year to Nocatee, one of the top 10 bestselling master-planned communities in

Nocatee continues to garner accolades as it welcomes new amenities, businesses, and neighborhoods to its nearly 25-square-mile area. In the past year, residents and industry professionals alike have touted the community for what it offers.

In September, Newsweek magazine named Nocatee the best place to live in the state of Florida.

At the beginning of this year, RCLCO Real Estate Advisors released its "Top-Selling Master-Planned Communities of the Decade" report ranking Nocatee as the fourth best-selling master-planned community over the last 10 years.

Since 2013, Nocatee has solidified its ranking in the nation's top 10 masterplanned communities. Much of this success is due to the continued development of the shops, restaurants, and amenities around the area. New businesses that have opened this year include Burn Boot Camp, CareSpot Urgent Care, Panera Bread, Greenwise Market, Clean Juice, Really Good Beer Stop, Ben & Jerry's, Sherwin Williams, Tanks Sushi Bistro, and lululemon.

Those coming soon include Baptist HealthPlace and YMCA, First Watch, Flagler Health Village, Suntrust Bank and Makk Fashions. A CVS Pharmacy with a drive-thru is expected to open in Nocatee Town Center in early 2022.

In October, The Ponte Vedra Recorder released the list of winners for its 2020 Best of the Best of Ponte Vedra contest, and Nocatee claimed victory in two categories, receiving the most votes from readers and community members.

Nocatee won for "Best Community to Live In" and "Best Place for Kids to Have Fun."

The latter specifically cited the five-acre, award-winning Nocatee Splash Water Park. Among the park's highlights are Rip Tide Slide Tower, the tallest water slide tower in Northeast Florida. There's also a 377-footlong zip-line, shallow access pool, interactive playground, recreational pool, lazy river, water obstacle course and more.

Construction is now underway on new amenities as part of the community's "Enhancing the Lifestyle" initiative. It will bring big changes to Nocatee's Splash Water Park, Spray Water Park and more. These enhancements will include two new racing slides as well as a family swimming pool at Spray Water Park, and an adult-exclusive serenity pool at Splash Water Park.



Nocatee's Splash Water Park and Spray Water Park are favorites among residents.



Opportunities to enjoy a quiet treat abound at Nocatee.





ABOVE: For the adventurous, there is a 377-foot zipline at Nocatee's Splash Water Park.

LEFT: Nocatee has 41 neighborhoods comprised primarily of single-family homes.



Nocatee is a family-friendly community with ample opportunities to enjoy the outdoors.



Relaxing poolside at Nocatee, residents can escape the cares of the world at large.

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Of course, a community wouldn't be significant without homes. Nocatee has 41 neighborhoods, comprised primarily of single-family homes for sale, ranging in price from the \$200's to \$2 million-plus.

In recognizing Nocatee as the best place to live in Florida, Newsweek highlighted the community's "carefully designed neighborhoods featuring everything from parks and recreation to shopping, restaurants and more."

The coastal community's location puts it "at the doorstep of golf courses, beaches and the airports of Jackson-ville," reports Newsweek.

One of the newest additions to the community is Baptist Health's comprehensive health campus, which includes primary care, specialty care and wellness programming. The campus is located west of Nocatee Town Center and the Lakeside neighborhood facing Nocatee Parkway. The two-story, 83,000-squarefoot building is accessible via walking paths and golf cart paths.

Featured at the campus is a YMCA, with full workout facilities, a covered outdoor greenspace, family-oriented programming and child care.

With the addition of Anthem Ridge at Crosswater and the announcement of its first and only Intracoastal neighborhood, River Landing at Twenty Mile, Nocatee continues to grow and expand its homestyle offerings. People looking to reside in Nocatee will find a full range of options from low-maintenance town-homes to luxurious custom homes.

In the Del Webb Nocatee community, construction has begun on a \$13 million amenity center. Expected to open in late summer, the center will be highlighted by The Canopy Club, a 22,000-square-foot clubhouse. There will be a tavern and grille, ballroom, resort-style pool, lap pool and pickleball, tennis and bocce ball courts.

Also in the works is "the link," a 22,500-square-foot "Building of the Future," that will showcase the latest technological advancements in building design and operations and will be one of the best places to work from all aspects: technology, comfort, health, activities and more.

The innovation hub will operate as an accelerator and incubator. "The link" is set to open next summer in Nocatee Town Center.

In reference to the recognition by Newsweek, Rick Ray, president and CEO of The PARC Group, Nocatee's master developer, said, "Our vision for Nocatee was to create a community that was unmatched in Northeast Florida. We're honored to see Nocatee ranked as the best place to live in Florida and to see it consistently recognized at the national level."





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Flagler Health+ Village at Nocatee is scheduled to open Dec. 8.

Flagler Health to unveil new Nocatee facility in December

By Holly Tishfield

As Nocatee continues to grow and change with each passing season, so does its idea of health care.

Opening Dec. 8, Flagler Health is proud to unveil its new Flagler Health+ Village at Nocatee, which features comprehensive clinical care the latest advancements in community health care.

"We developed this unique concept by working with a health advisory council that we formed in Nocatee two years ago," said Gina Mangus, vice president of Strategy and Business Development at Flagler Health+. "We have really been listening

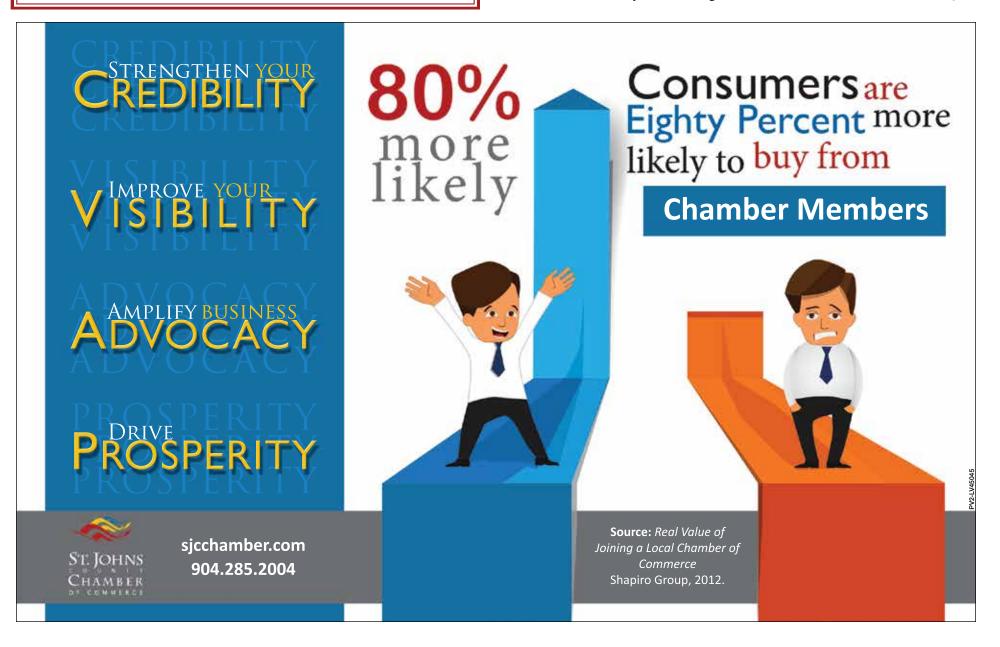
and collaborating with what they think the Nocatee community needs to further enhance their health and well-being."

The Village will be a one-stop shop where residents and community members can find all the services they need to maintain a healthy lifestyle and total wellness.

Services such as primary care, orthopedics, heart and vascular care and lab/ imaging results are just a few of the many health care options offered at The Village, but physical health is not the only specialty Flagler Health+ offers.

"Our health village incorporates tradi-

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Flagler Health+ Village at Nocatee will feature the latest advancements in health care.

Flagler Health

tional clinical care as well as some new approaches to improving people's wellbeing," Mangus said. "In addition to clinical services we have a community engagement space."

The community engagement space will host a variation of classes like health coaching, art lessons and support groups that residents are encouraged to join.

In addition to the engagement space, The Village is home to a sprawling 1-acre park that includes a splash pad and playground for children, as well as swinging benches, inhabitable art and a nature path.

Residents can also grab a cup of coffee at The Kookaburra coffee shop, a St. Augustine-based coffee brand located on The Village property, before they head into any appointments or classes.

Flagler Health+ has partnered with the St. Augustine Amphitheater to open a performance pavilion in The Village, where they plan to bring community-focused programming to the stage. Local schools will be able to utilize the new stage for performances and competitions.

"Our vision is to advance physical, social, and economic health for the community as a whole," Mangus said. "We are excited to bring a new concept of healthcare and wellness to the Nocatee area."

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Auto Show celebrates 50th anniversary of Z Car

Nissan's practical sports cars have been engaging drivers in the U.S. since 1970

By Paris Moulden

Cars have a way of bringing people together, whether it's just to admire their sleek beauty, be blown away by their power and speed or to bond over brand loyalty, automobiles hold a particular allure.

And Nissan's Z Car series is a special breed of its own, said Chris Brewer, director of communications for The Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance and judge at this year's Ponte Vedra Auto Show, where the 50th anniversary of the model-year Z Car will be celebrated.

Brewer, 47, said nostalgia is a big factor when it comes to his love for the Z Car, which was originally known as the Datsun 240Z when it in launched October of 1969 at the New York Auto Show.

"These are the cars are cars that I really wanted when I was a kid," said Brewer, 47. "I preferred the Japanese imports when I was younger. That was something that really excited me."

That first generation of the Z Car — 240Z, 260Z and 280Z — ran from 1970 to 1978. Through those years, minor modifications were made, often to meet new government requirements, but the look remained similar.

In 1979, the second generation of Z Car — the 280ZX — came along, followed by the third generation of Z Cars, the Z31 300ZX in 1984 and the Z32 300ZX in 1988 1990. Nissan stopped building the Z32 in 1996 but returned with the 350Z for the 2003 model year. The 370Z was introduced in 2008 and is still made and sold at dealerships today.

Brewer said the appeal of the Z Car was in its durability — and affordability.

"It's The original Z was done really well," Brewer said. "When launched, it was a brand new sports car that could to compete with the likes of the Porsche 911 and Chevrolet Corvette. But it had a much lower price point, so folks who wanted something sporty that offered strong performance and could drive one home from the dealer for a lot less money."

However, the early model Z Cars have seen their market skyrocket, lately.

"The Z following is pretty faithful, pretty loyal and as of late, the early 240Z Cars have started to see quite a jump in value, with some going for more than \$100,000," Brewer said. "That's a significant jump from what they were valued at even five years ago."

The Z Car is still a good deal for the most part, especially compared to other sports cars on the market, Brewer said.

"These cars are accessible," he said. "They were very accessible financially, too, for a number of years, and there are still many of them on the market at an affordable cost. For those looking to get

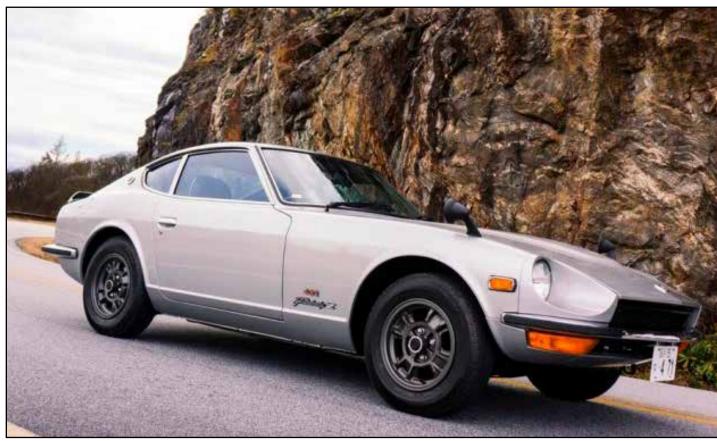


Photo provided by Justin Felker

Justin Felker, co-owner of Art'N Motion, will have his 1970 Datsun 240Z 432 on display at this year's Ponte Vedra Auto Show. The 432 is a rare model and will be a treat to be able to see in person, says Chris Brewer, one of this year's event judges.

into the hobby, the Nissan Z Car is a great

Not only do they boast the sleek design and power of many other sports cars, with a more affordable price, the early Z Cars are also not a mechanical nightmare, which is a huge bonus to Brewer.

"At best, I'm a hack mechanic, but there's not much I can't fix on my 1971 Datsun 240Z," Brewer said of the now-restored car he bought 10 years ago for \$300.

He also has been able to share his passion for the Z Car with his 17-year-old daughter Abbi, who owns a 2004 Nissan 350Z.

"It's a lot of fun for us to work on them together," Brewer said. "There's just something about it that has been really significant for our relationship as a father and daughter to have those cars as something we can talk about."

"She takes a lot of pride in her car," he said. "It's part of who she is."

Bonding over vehicles is the core component of auto shows, as people from all over share in a mutual appreciation for the automobile, both old and new.

"I think automobiles unite you," Brewer said. "That's why the Ponte Vedra Auto Show is also such a great event, because people from all walks of life come together for a common purpose."

Brewer said events like the Auto Show, which is held outdoors, are even more important now as a way for people to be able to connect, safely.

"It's a way to spend some time together in a time when it's hard to find opportunities available to do that," he said.





Brewer has loved the Nissan Z Cars since childhood, and is particularly fond of the 1971 Datsun 240Z he currently owns.



Photo provided by Chris Brewer

Visitors check out different models of Nissan Z Cars during this year's annual ZCON event in September in Nashville, Tennessee. The event celebrated the 50th anniversary of the original 1970 Datsun 240Z and included a virtual unveiling of the Nissan Z Proto, which will be the latest in the line of Z Cars for Nissan. The 50th anniversary of the 1970 Datsun 240Z will also be celebrated at the Ponte Vedra Auto Show on Nov. 15 at Nocatee Event Field.

When it comes to judging the Z Car Class at Sunday's Auto Show, Brewer said he'll be looking for originality, early models that almost look like a time capsule they're so well-preserved and models that have been meticulously restored.

Brewer will be judging alongside new head judge Jake Weisman, who he said asked him to participate in this year's show. Brewer was a close friend of longtime Ponte Vedra Auto Show judge Larry Weisman, who passed away in March of 2019, and is also a close friend of Jake's, which made joining the judging panel an easy decision.

"I'm there because I love the family and I love what the show represents," Brewer said.

He's also excited for visitors to the show to be able to see the Z Car display, which will boast a 1970 Datsun 240Z 432 owned by Art 'N Motion co-owner Justin Felker.

"His is one of the finest on the planet," Brewer said. "It's a would be a crown jewel in any car show, but as part of a

50th anniversary Z Car show, to have that 432 represented is pretty special."

With only about 420 of that particular model being made, the opportunity to see one in person doesn't come along that

"It's worth getting up and going to see if you're looking for something special," Brewer said.

But regardless of what model car a person loves, it's the attachment to others the love of cars offers that is so special to Brewer, and the idea that something created to give us independence can be such a big factor in our identity and how we connect.

"To think that something that's so autonomous can bring us together in a community is really neat," he said. "That's a big part of why I love the automobile."

The Ponte Vedra Auto Show is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 15, at Nocatee Event Field. It will be a great opportunity to see one-of-a-kind cars and connect with fellow automobile aficionados.

And maybe an opportunity to experience the joy Brewer does when he takes out his scrappy 1971 240Z.

"When I'm behind the wheel, I'm usually grinning from ear-to-ear," he said.





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John Kaiser's 1967 Ford Fairlane is perched on a drive-up transporter, Kaiser hopes to be able to display his classic race car, once driven by Fred Lorenzen at the Daytona 500, in Sunday's Auto Show.

John Kaiser hopes to deliver his Fred Lorenzen 1967 Ford Fairlane to Ponte Vedra Auto Show

By Don Coble

John Kaiser keeps one of his mostprized possessions, an original 1967 Ford Fairlane driven by Fred Lorenzen at the Daytona 500, in a climate-control storage unit, far away from the sun's peroxiding rays and safely protected from normal wear and tear.

But like a dedicated grandparent, he visits it often.

There is a lot to marvel over with the

antique racer. The blue-and-white race car still has the same sheet metal and paint used by legendary car builder and longtime racing contractor Holman-Moody. And it's parked on the same car carrier used by the racer stock car fans knew as "The Golden Boy."

"It's absolutely the most original 1967 Ford Fairlane in existence," the St. Augustine resident said. "I have photos of them building the car. I'm really lucky to have

Lorenzen owned the No. 28 "LaFayette Ford" car until Lee Holman claimed it back. Kaiser then bought the racer in 2012. It has a replacement 427 V-8 engine, but the original seat, parachute safety harness and dashboard are original.

When it's not tucked away in storage, Kaiser shows it off at classic car shows. It comes still perched atop the drive-up transporter.

Like other hot rod enthusiasts, Kaiser hopes to bring his Ford Fairlane to the

Ponte Vedra Auto Show on Sunday, Nov. 15, at the Nocatee Event Field.

Kaiser recently had surgery on his neck and back, so he's not sure if he will be able to attend. Regardless, more than 200 cars will be featured in 25 different categories, including the 50th anniversary of the Nissan Z and a large gathering of priceless Ford GTs.

Best In Show takes home \$500 and a special trophy.

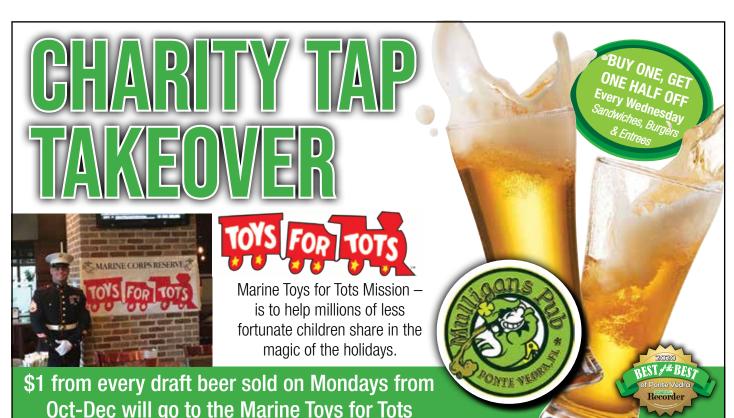
Last year's car show was moved back a week to Sept. 22 due to the possibility of adverse conditions created by a possible tropic cyclone system in the area. The three Best in Show winners were: Erik Olsen's 1970 Porsche 914-6; 30th Anniversary of the Land Rover Discovery by Elena Perry; and, Nancy Marquis' 1979 Mini Cooper Austin Cooper.

Kaiser has other impressive muscle and antique collectibles, including an original "era-correct" 1932 Ford Highboy 428 Cobra Jet. He also has a 1963 Ford Falcon and another 1967 Ford Fairlane Code-R. The R codes were used as the fifth letter in the car's vehicle identification number to designate a high-performance car.

He calls his Fairlanes a perfect set of bookend collectibles.

"I'm the only guy who has one of each," he said.

Hopefully, he will be able to give us a glimpse of one of them and the car that sat in a museum for 40 years before Kaiser bought it. Although he keeps it under wraps most of the time, he pulls into a vintage muscle car show to show it off.



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Douglas Greer's 1950 Plymouth Special Deluxe won the Best in Show Classic in Honor of Larry Weisman award at the Ponte Vedra Auto Show on

2019 Auto Show draws record crowd

1950 Plymouth won Best in Show Classic in Honor of Larry Weisman at last year's event

On Sunday, Sept. 22, 2019, The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, hosted the 17th annual Ponte Vedra Auto Show at the Nocatee Event Field.

The cars were perfectly aligned allowing spectators to take an up-close, personal look. The field was overflowing with incredible, one-of-a-kind vehicles from the 1934 Ford two-door sedan, the 1957 Grumman Delivery Kurbside and the 1932 Ford 3W Coupe Street Rod.

The PV Auto Show welcomed a staggering 250 entries of collectable and classic car participants with more than 4,000 car lovers, enthusiasts and vendors in attendance. Notable awards included The Best in Show Classic, sponsored by Wells Fargo Advisors, awarded to Douglas Greer for his 1950 Plymouth Special Deluxe and the Best in Show 61st Anniversary of the Mini, sponsored by Vystar Credit Union, awarded to Nancy Marquis for her 1979 Mini Cooper Austin Cooper. The Porsche Jacksonville "For the Spirit of It!" award went to Bert Harris, sponsored by Porsche Jacksonville.



Crowds take in the array of classic and new model cars at last year's Ponte Vedra Auto Show in Nocatee.



Tanea Jenkins won the "Spirit of Nocatee" Golf Cart Award at last year's event.



Bert Harris' 1974 Porsche Carrera took home the "For the Spirit of It" award.



Steven Kutkowsky won the Fields Auto "Pursuit of Perfection" award with his

2019 AUTO SHOW WINNERS

"Spirit of Nocatee" Golf Cart:

Tanea Jenkins, 2014 Golf Cart – Club Car Precedent

Most Original: Jimbo Workman, 1957 Grumman Delivery Kurbside

Florida Crown Region Classic Porsche: Vincent Vuong, 1957 Porsche 356

Florida Crown Region Best

Contemporary Porsche: Eric Griffith, 2016 Porsche Boxster Spyder

Best Vintage: Sam Defranco, 1947 Cadillac 62 series convertible

Best Classic: Eric & Loni Gibson, 1965 International Scout 80

Best Classic Euro: Alex and Penny Levy, 1966 Triumph 4A

Most Outstanding Pony Car:

Chris Zima, 1969 Ford Mustang

Best Contemporary Pony Car:

Mark Massey, 2000 Ford Mustang Cobra R

Most Outstanding Muscle Car:

Patrick Murphy, 1967 Pontiac GTO **Best Contemporary Muscle Car:**

Fernando Quintana,

2018 Dodge Hellcat Charger

Most Outstanding Corvette:

Michael Lucas, 1967 Chevrolet Corvette

Best Contemporary Corvette:

Suzanne Norton,

2018 Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport

Best of Britain: Terry Sopher, 1968 Triumph TR250

Euro Excellence Award: Jeff Fehrenkamp,

1967 Volkswagen Beetle

Best Pro Tour Retro Rod: Bruce Ross, 1932 Ford 3W coupe Street Rod

Spirit of Racing: Joe Petty,

1962 Lotus Super 7

Judges Choice: Tracy Valsi, 1970 Chrysler 300 Hurst Edition

Best of Autobahn: Conrad Swindell, 1963 Mercedes Benz 220 SEb Convertible

Best Preserved Interior: Jim Reynolds,

1986 Jeep Wagoneer

Best Restored Exterior: Mark Kmetz,

1941 Willys Coupe

Asia Excellence Award: Jay Mutina,

1972 Datsun 240z

Fast and Furious Award:

Fernando Duffoo, 1970 Dodge Challenger

Hagerty "People's Choice Award": Tyler Orzechowski 1913 Ford Model T Touring

"Spirit of Amelia": Will Hilsky, 1939 Cadillac 60 Special

Best Exotic: Andrew Cannestra, 2020 McLaren 600LT spider

Best Off Road: Will Montoya,

1970 Ford Bronco

Porsche Jacksonville "For the Spirit of it!": Bert Harris, 1974 Porsche Carrera

"Best in Show" 30th Anniversary of the Land Rover Discovery: Elena Perry,

2001 Land Rover Discover

"Best in Show" Porsche 914 50th Anniversary: Erik Olsen, 1970 Porsche 914-6

"Best in Show" 60th Anniversary of the

MINI: Nancy Marquis,

1979 Mini Cooper Austin Cooper

Fields Auto Group "Pursuit of Perfection":

Steven Katkowsky,

1954 Cadillac Series 62 Convertible

Best in Show Classic in Honor of Larry

Weisman: Douglas Greer, 1950 Plymouth Special Deluxe



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