

2009 Winter Meet In Wonderful Florida Weather

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The antique car season in Florida seems to be never ending because of the many really nice days during the winter. For the 2009 AACA Winter Meet in Lakeland, FL, the Saturday car show on February 28th experienced one of those days – bright sunshine with balmy temperatures in the 80s, and low humidity.

This year’s Winter Meet had over 300 cars registered. There were several Chesapeake Region members attending the meet and part-time Florida residents Julie and Ron Siegrist had two cars entered. In Class 26 B, Ron’s 1948 Chevrolet convertible won its First Junior award; and in Class 26 D, Ron’s 1952 Oldsmobile convertible won a Second Junior award.

Both of these cars were bought as new cars by Ron. They were used as daily drivers until they were retired and later restored. The ’48 was bought in 1947, a short time after WWII when civilian automotive production finally got geared up. The pent-up demand for new cars by the public after four years of no war time car production created a severe shortage and a lot of maneuvering. At the time there was a two



From the left: Ed Allen, Bob Amos, Mary Allen, Ron Siegrist, Anne Kenney, and Tom Kenney enjoying the Florida sunshine.

year waiting period to get delivery after you put your order in with a dealer and paid a down payment. Through favorable circumstances Ron was able to get the car after only a one-year wait.

Club members at the Winter Meet were: Mary & Ed Allen, Bob Amos, Susan & Terry Bond, Mary Jane & Lou Fritz, Anne & Tom Kenney, and Julie & Ron Siegrist.



Ron Siegrist’s 1948 Chevrolet convertible – First Junior in Class 26B; and Ron’s 1952 Oldsmobile convertible – Second Junior in Class 26D

Mark your calendar for the Chesapeake Region Overnight Tour on June 5th, 6th, & 7th to central Pennsylvania; ending at Swigart’s Museum (the first antique vehicle museum). Complete details will appear in the May Chesapeake Bulletin.