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## General Meetings

The August General Meeting was cancelled so there are no minutes.

All September Meetings and Outings have been cancelled due to the current COVID-19 epidemic. We will keep you updated as things progress.

## Attention all TCVCC members:

After speaking with every board and committee member and much discussion, the following has been agreed upon for the next year (2021). As you know, November is our election of officers for the next year. However, this year has been a difficult time for our club, and I hope the decisions the board has made will keep our club unified for the upcoming year.

**Approved:** All Board members and committee members will remain the same as listed on the first page of your roster.

**Approved:** The budget will remain the same as last year.

**Approved:** The list of monthly outings for members will not change. You can find this on page two of your roster. If things change concerning the virus we will pick up where we left off or start all over.

**Approved:** We will not be charging club members dues for the next year. This item was debated back and forth with a lot of input from the board members. We have not had club activities, official club outings or other expenses that impact the budget. Treasurer Bob Ridle went over the budget, considering yearly expenses, etc. It was felt that we, as a club, could absorb the few expenses we will have at this one time. It is understood that members will be asked to pay their AACA renewal dues as they come due. Membership Director Cathie Means will be notifying members as this comes up in November.

**Other items decided:** We will not be printing up new rosters this year. Cathie will provide a list of new members that can be added to your current roster. If you do not have a 2020 roster, contact Cathie and she will see that you get one.

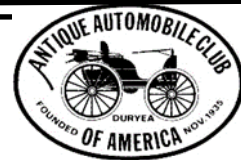
Also, with all the uncertainty right now, the **2020 Cool Car Show** has been canceled. It is unfortunate when things like this virus affect clubs that have an active membership and it results in members feeling like something is missing in their lives each month. Rest assured that this too shall pass and we will be taking journeys to great places again.

In closing, if you have any comments on the above, please email me at jays@gate.net or call us.

Thank you and stay in touch. Your President, Jo Ann.



## AACA Event Updates



**Eastern Fall Nationals -- Hershey, PA -- October 9-10**

**Hurry! Registration deadline: September 15**

The Eastern Fall Nationals in Hershey, Pennsylvania, is planned as a **car show only event** on October 10, 2020. We are very sad that the flea market and car corral for this year had to be canceled, but this was one of the concessions we had to make in order to have any show at all. The Hershey Region AACA, AACA National and Hershey Entertainment & Resorts are solidly behind this effort. We are all taking steps to ensure the show is done in a safe manner. This event is also fluid, but a plan is coming together and we believe you will be happy to have the opportunity once again to experience Hershey in the fall.

If you had previously requested Hershey registration materials be mailed to you, they have been sent out. If you would like registration materials mailed to you, please either mail in the Activity Request Card that came with your July/August issue of *Antique Automobile* magazine or call AACA Headquarters at 717-534-1910. You can also go online to create your registration form [here](#). If you have any show car registration questions, feel free to email them to Rich Spina at [hersheycarreg@gmail.com](mailto:hersheycarreg@gmail.com).

If you were signed up to be a vendor at the Hershey flea market this year, the Hershey Region has processed and sent refunds for the flea market spaces. Thank you for your patience!

The Hershey Lodge has offered us a special rate for the fall car show. This is the first time in 20 years that we have been able to get a reduced rate at the facility, and the lowest rate we have ever heard of at the Lodge! \$199 a night for AACA members. The Lodge has an extensive COVID-19 plan and rooms are being sanitized regularly. To make reservations online [click here](#). You can also call The Hershey Lodge Reservation Office at 855-729-3108 and ask for the room block (**AACA - Antique Auto - Moskowitz**).

### Other AACA News

The AACA Board of Directors has asked the Treasure Coast Region to consider hosting an AACA national show or tour sometime in 2022-2025.

This is something that we as a club should consider and discuss in depth, as it will require some serious commitment from our club members and considerable planning. Please contact a Board member if you have any thoughts or comments on this matter. We will definitely have it on the agenda for the next meeting. (whenever that might be)

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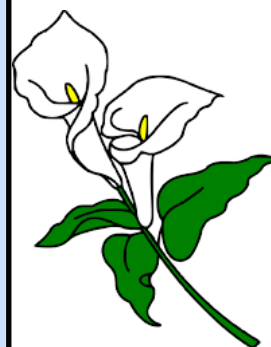
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## SUNSHINE REPORT

Cards were sent out to the Tilton family for the loss of both Joyce and Norris Tilton.

Please pass on information to Ann Ridle:  
email: ahr3206@verizon.net phone 540-255-6181. Let me know so we can shine some Sunshine



### Joyce and Norris Tilton Tributes

#### Norris Tilton In Retrospect

Norris Tilton was one of the kindest, most generous and thoughtful individuals most of us in TCVCC have ever known. As a Real Estate Attorney in Martin County since the earliest days, he was the "go to" lawyer for most residents back then; notably trusted by all.

As a member of TCVCC for decades, he was always willing to lend a helping hand, whether for show sponsorships, meeting facilities (remember the chili cook-off?), legal advice and general participation. He and loving wife Joyce could have been considered our community's benevolent Great Uncle and Aunt for their loyalty to each other and community causes. Always smiling; always willing to contribute.

I must pass on one incident that stands out in my memory as characterizing Norris's good nature. It was on a Cracker Tour many years ago when Carol and I were leading the group on a busy suburban highway. Norris and Joyce were second in line behind us in their '31 Model A pickup as we approached a busy intersection. When leading a tour, we like to keep everyone together, so when an upcoming traffic signal turned to yellow, I braked rather abruptly so everyone would stay together. As we pulled to a stop, a vintage black vehicle pulled up along side us on the right. There was Norris smiling his infectious grin as he commented, "Ya always have to look for a way out when ya got mechanical brakes!"

Norris and Joyce will both be missed in the universe they inhabited. But they will surely be welcomed in the galaxy they have joined. Norris and Joyce have surely gone home in peace.

--Mike Mucci

We are nearing an end of an era, with the passing of Norris Tilton, and his wife Joyce. They were long time TCVCC members and very active in the club. Norris and Joyce were almost always at our General Meetings and on our numerous antique car tours, as well as our various car displays and shows, and supported the club in many other ways. Norris stepped forward when asked, and served on the Board of Directors several times. It's difficult to count the many times Norris and Joyce hosted us at their garages in Jensen Beach for various meetings and events. We will miss them both.

—Dave Brown







## Events and Happenings

As the Covid 19 pandemic continues to disrupt lives and worse, there is no official September General meeting.

However, the Covid Rebel Cruisers will be setting out on the "Parrothead" cruise on September 12th to Parrot Island in Okeechobee for lunch.

All are welcome as long as you are driving a car that is 25 years or older. It is, after all, an old car cruise.

We will meet at the Highway 55 Burgers in Palm City at 10 AM and depart at 10:30. We stick to the back roads as much as possible and stay off the interstates.

Lunch in Okeechobee and then, somewhere along the way home, Ice Cream!

Bring your CB radio for entertainment along the way.

The Tuesday Night car show is back! New place, new time.

The show is moving to the Elliott Museum, starting on September 15th. The museum will be open from 5 pm to 8 pm and there will be a food truck on site. The customary \$3 fee will be charged, with a portion of the proceeds donated to the museum.

Please remember to follow CDC guidelines pertaining to social distancing, wearing a mask, etc.



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# What's Happening?

## Events

Elliott Museum Cars & Coffee: Saturday, September 12th, 8 – 10 am.

No Name Car Club "Southern Things for Little Wings" charity show, Saturday, Sept.

19th, St. Lucie Fairgrounds, 10 am – 3 pm.

Stuart Tuesday Night car show, Elliott Museum, starting Sept. 15th, 5-8 pm.

## Strictly Classified

Got something to sell or announce?

Put it in a Vintage Times Classified ad  
Classified ads 50 words max.

Members: No charge

Non Members \$20 per issue

Submit copy in an email message or a Word attachment to sfranklin\_2000@yahoo.com.

## Like Old Club Pictures?

Here is the link that has pictures going back to 2003 (so far), and will be expanding in the future.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/135383894@N05/albums/with/72157661067140746>

Save this link on your computer and you can pull up pictures from years gone by, anytime you want.

## NEW PROJECTS

Do you have a new (antique ) car you have recently purchased? Or would you like to share with the club the progress on a restoration project?

Please email pictures and a short story to sfranklin\_2000@yahoo.com to have it included in a future issue of the Vintage Times.



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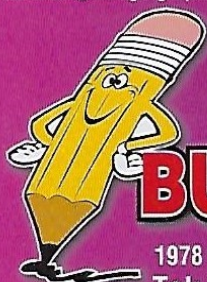
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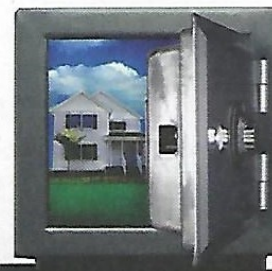
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## Upcoming Events

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**Sep 19-20** - Palm Beach Automotive/Car Swap and Car Show. South Florida Fairgrounds, 9067 Southern Blvd, West Palm Beach, FL 33411. Enter Gate 8. Car Corral featuring cars for sale. Go to [www.southflcarswapmeets.com](http://www.southflcarswapmeets.com) and signup. Early birds sign-up - Save with coupon code "save50" and Save. 952-205-7813

**Sep 19** - The No Name Car Club presents A Charity Car Show supporting Southern Things for Little Wings. At the ST Lucie County Fairgrounds. Gates open at 9 am. \$20 Registration. Four foot Best in Show Trophy and Top 10 awards. Show is from 10 am to 3 pm. Food trucks and Music.

**Sep 26** - American Car Classics presents a Senior Cruise-in to the Isles of Vero Beach Senior living facility. This will be a show with parking for our cars. There will be food, music, and awards. There are 300 residents at the Isles who were unable to see the cruise in May. There is no registration fee! Registration starts at 9am until 11:30 am.

**Nov 7** - 5th Annual Car, Bike & Truck Show at First Presbyterian Church of Vero Beach, 520 Royal Palm Blvd. 10am to 3pm. Pre-register for \$15 or \$20 day of show. Awards for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. Dash Plaques for first 50 entries. Food and beverages available.

### Cruises:

**Sept 5th** - 5:30 PM to 8 PM. Saturday Night Gathering of "Car Guys" underneath the EAST Jensen Beach Causeway Park. NE Causeway Blvd., Jensen Beach, FL 34957. Drive over the bridge, then make the first right turn into the parking lot. Contact is Bob Crow at 772-359-8909.

**Viera Car Cruise** In Start: July 25, 2020 3:00 pm Venue: Uno Pizzeria & Grill Address: 8260 N. Wickham Road, Melbourne, Florida Registration Fee: \$5 Every month on the fourth Saturday.

The monthly **Cars & Coffee** at the Elliott Museum will be on Saturday, September 12th, 8 am to 1030 am. In an effort to reduce/prevent the risk of spreading disease, we will distribute donuts using tongs, ask that you bring your own coffee container and please wear a mask when not practicing social distancing.

The **Stuart Tuesday Night** show will be starting up on September 15th at the Elliott Museum, 5pm—8pm. \$3 entry with partial proceeds going to the museum. Food truck on site.

If you're looking for something to do, check out <https://flacarshows.com/> and <http://www.cruisenewsonline.com/>

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## Cars Under the Canopy

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### By John and Ann Delisa 1966 Ford Mustang Convertible

About 20 years ago I was becoming very interested in classic vehicles. I guess it was a way to bring me back to my youth.

In October of 2001, Ann and I went to the AACA National Meet in Hershey, only about 2 hours from our house. There in the car corral I discovered this Mustang. I looked it over best I could and thought it to be pretty decent. I bought it on the spot.

She's a 1966 Mustang convertible in signal flare red. She needed a little work, mechanically and cosmetically, but I needed a project.



In 1966, Ford produced 56,409 Mustang convertibles and only 1,466 were painted signal flare red. I was surprised to learn that because I thought signal flare red would be very popular, but it may have been because they had two other red shades also available.

I immediately performed a valve job on her and little by little tackled some of the cosmetic defects and many other mechanical issues. In November of 2003, a member of my Pennsylvania car club, a car body expert, repainted her for me in the original color.

Most of the major projects with her were now complete and she was a joy to drive and show off.

She still burned a little oil and smoked a bit so eventually in October of 2007, I replaced the engine block. I must confess that since then I've only put about 4000 miles on her.

She definitely is my pride and joy of the twelve classics I've owned over the years.





## Members Stories Update

### Ferrari F-12 Berlinetta Roadster Lives On

Mike Mucci, North Carolina

A few months ago I reported on a derelict yellow Ferrari I acquired at a yard sale; a quarter-scale plastic kiddy car that became a quarantine pas-time. Well, here it is in all its glory, thanks to a quart of paint stripper, half a gallon of lacquer thinner two aftermarket parts suppliers, eight rattle cans of red black and silver paint and umpteen hours of tedious cleaning, painting and detailing way more itty bitty plastic parts than I anticipated.

The first photo is a reminder of what I started with; next is the rear panel in the stripping process; then the various parts set out ready to re-assemble; finally the finished product.



It looks just like the currently available electric powered versions, but no electric power. Soon it will adorn my man-cave/garage suspended from the rafters above small-scale display vehicles.



I will admit, it was a lot of fun, and certainly less costly than rejuvenating the real thing!

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## ITEMS OF INTEREST

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### Tallahassee Automobile Museum

President Jo Ann Smith received a letter from the Tallahassee Automobile Museum a short time ago (see below), inviting visitors to come enjoy their collections of cars, boats, boat motors, fishing gear, pedal cars, cash registers, and many other collections. It sounds like a fun place and maybe one day we can head there on one of our tours. But if you are in that area, please be sure to check it out. Their website is <https://tacm.com/>



Do you need a break from all the isolation due to the pandemic? Are you looking for a great day-trip outing for your car club where you can still be safe and social distance? The Tallahassee Automobile Museum would be a great place to visit! Check us out at [www.TACM.COM](http://www.TACM.COM).

Our 100,000 sf. museum houses 167 automobiles and more than 200 collections of things that are *not* cars! The majority of our automobiles are American-made; but we also have great foreign representations of Mercedes, Volkswagen Beetles, Carmen Ghia, Rolls Royce, and an Amphicar. We have classic cars, muscle cars, concept cars and trucks which range in manufacturing from 1892 - 2018.

Our eclectic *collections* include antique boats and motors, children's pedal cars, Case knives, die-cast toys, dolls of every kind (including an extensive Barbie collection), firearms, law enforcement badges, brass cash registers and fans, golf clubs and balls, baseball cards, photos and sports memorabilia, Native American artifacts, pocket watches, and (according to Steinway) the finest private collection of Steinway grand pianos in the world and much, much more!

We're open 7 days per week and easily accessed off of Interstate 10 or the scenic U.S. 90. To schedule a tour is as easy as making a phone call! We have great admission discounts for groups of 10 or more. Just call and schedule a date or respond to this email for more information.



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### TCVCC Website

We would like to remind all of our members about our redesigned TCVCC website. This valuable new resource allows us to be more connected with our members than ever before and also allows us to quickly get news and other information to our members.

For years we have attempted to keep in contact with our members via our monthly newsletter. Since the newsletter is a monthly publication much of the information that is contained in it is sometimes dated, which restricts the type of information that we can publish.

We understand that some of our members may not be comfortable with using computers, but we've gone to great lengths to make the website as user friendly as possible and we believe that once you take the first step of visiting the site you'll find it easy to navigate. If you would like assistance, please contact a Board member and we'll find someone to lend a hand.

We currently post copies of our newsletter on the website and the best part about that is that if you've missed an issue you can go back and read issues dating back to the website redesign.

The website also provides you with the ability to post a "For Sale" ad for any automotive related items as well as offer cars for sale. If you're looking for a car you can post an ad in our classified section indicating your interest in finding the next great automotive love in your life.

The website also has a "Featured Member & Car" section where we try to identify a member and the member's car on a monthly basis. We're constantly looking for members that would like to share their car and the car's story with others. The best part about being a "Featured Member" is a no cost photoshoot for your car where a professional photographer will create a collection of magazine quality pictures of your car. If you have interest in being featured, you can contact us through the website. We'll get your photoshoot scheduled almost as soon as you express interest.

We also anticipate that in the not too distant future you'll be able to join the club and pay your dues online. There's lots to see on do on the website so please visit when you have a few minutes.

The website address is: <https://tcvcc.com/>

Be sure to check out this month's featured member article about Andre Rayman and his GTO.

