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### **General Meetings**

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

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



#### Greetings to all TCVCC Members

Times have really changed since our last newsletter, as you are all aware. This is where we are as a club right now:

All meetings and outings are cancelled until at least May. This includes Board and General Meetings and the April Cracker Tour.

As you know, Jay and I had to cancel our March outing and the Sees have cancelled their April meeting as well. It has been decided to plan each month as it gets near. Searles have May and are on hold as of now. We will go down the months as they come and let everyone know as this evolves.

Since Jay and I are in the senior citizen group and at the higher risk, we are staying home unless absolutely necessary. Our daughter was here a while back and boy, did she read us the riot act!

So I hope all of you, senior citizen or not, will keep yourselves out of the public mainstream and help TCVCC members and other folks stay free of this virus.

As President, there is no immediate business that needs to be dealt with. The TCVCC web site is being updated and should be available soon. AACA has been sent a list of our members and their AACA numbers so all is under control. The new rosters are coming but will have to wait to be distributed until it is safe to do so. If you have any guestions on Club matters, please give me a call. I WILL BE AT HOME!

Till Next Time, Your President, Jo Ann

Jo Ann

## AACA UPDATE: Event Cancellations & National Headquarters Shutdown



AACA and its affiliates will continue to monitor issues related to the coronavirus, as well as abiding by CDC and other governmental agency recommendations. Our members are our utmost concern, and we will work diligently to keep you informed of changes to scheduled events as they arise. As such, we have two new developments that we would like to notify you of...

The AACA Western Spring Nationals and Founders Tour in April have been canceled. The Phoenix Region will process refunds as soon as possible. AACA, this region, and their volunteers put a lot of effort into this dual event and are deeply disappointed in having to make this decision. As in all our affected events this year, if there is a possibility of finding a safe and suitable new date the club and regions will explore those in the future.

In addition, we are also sad to announce that the AACA Central Spring Nationals in Auburn in May has also been canceled and will not be rescheduled. AACA always enjoys putting on this great event for our members and, along with RM Auctions, deeply regret this turn of events. Registration checks will be returned as soon as possible, and judges' reimbursement will take place shortly.

As you may or may not be aware, the National AACA staff is working under difficult circumstances at present. Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf has ordered a statewide shutdown of all non-life sustaining businesses in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19, therefore our national headquarters and library are in fact closed. The majority of the staff are doing their best to work from home, so please be patient with our response times to your calls, emails and mailed requests.

We are hopeful that our normal schedule can return beginning in June, but all of that remains to be seen. As stated, your health and that of our nation is the most important factor in all our determinations. We wish you all the best in this very trying time for all of us.

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## ROSEMARY'S MARCH MEETING NOTES MARCH 22, 2020

The March 22, 2020 general membership meeting was cancelled due to closures and social distancing orders from the Governor in response to COVID-19 virus. Information regarding the April meeting will be provided in the newsletter.

Please visit the Florida Department of Health's dedicated COVID-19 webpage for information and guidance regarding COVID-19 in Florida. For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department of Health's dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling 1-(866) 779-6121. The Call Center is available 24 hours a day. Inquiries may also be emailed to COVID-19@flhealth.gov



TCVCC will continue to keep you updated as this situation evolves. Please continue to take care of yourself and your family.

Respectfully submitted, Rosemary Rayman, Secretary

#### **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

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# What's Happening?

#### **EVENTS & SHOWS**

The show at Elliott Museum, Classics at the Beach, has been rescheduled to August 1, 2020.

The COOL show is scheduled for December 5, 2020 at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens. All other shows, events, and cruise-ins have been cancelled or postponed until further notice.

#### **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.

#### **Legislative News**

Nothing found effecting our hobby in Florida at this time.

As an interesting side note, there is a bill (H.B. 1711) pending in Pennsylvania to allow consumers to purchase retro look license plates of the 50's and 60's for their cars.

H.B. 1711 would give consumers new options on what sort of plates they

could use on their vehicles and provide classic collectors a way to obtain plates

that match the vintage of their vehicles.

Overview: These heritage license plates would be available for all passenger cars

or trucks with a gross weight of less than 14,000 lbs, motorcycles, and motor homes

for an additional \$50 fee. If enacted into law, the bill would not impact the state's

current specialty plate offerings. The bill has passed the House Transportation

Committee and awaits consideration in the House Appropriations Committee.

If I read this correctly, it doesn't matter what year your vehicle is. You could put a 1950's tag on your brand new 2020 Tesla.

It will be interesting to see where this goes and, if other states follow suit.

#### **CAR SHOWS & CRUISE-INS**

Any one wishing to be notified of upcoming weekly, monthly & special car shows & cruiseins please send your email address to koda-06@bellsouth.net & you will be put on the email list. Thanks, Denny Dahle, Special Events Co-



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# Sunshine and Roses

Sympathy to: Mrs Linda Bollman on the death of her husband, Roger.

New email address for Ann Ridle: email: ahr3206@verizon.net phone 540-255-6181. Let me know so we can shine some Sunshine for our club members

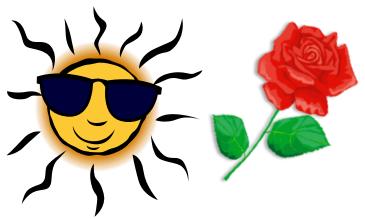
Roger Bollman will be missed by a lot of people. He touched many lives and loved to share his knowledge and experience. Below is a bit of Roger's life story.

Roger was a long-time member of TCVCC. He joined, along with his wife, Linda, in 1990. He used to drive the car to work every day and a friend invited him to a meeting of TCVCC and then he became a member. He also joined the AACA and became a judge and has over 50 judging credits. He was the chief judge of quite a few of TCVCC's yearly shows.

Roger enjoyed talking to many club members about their particular cars and had a lot of knowledge of older, pre-World War II, cars.

Among the many cars he previously owned were a Model T, two Jaguars, (a roadster and convertible), and a 1952 baby blue Cadillac convertible.

Roger drove his Mercedes back and forth across the country while moving to and from Hawaii. He purchased that car in 1965 while living in Hawaii because he had been riding a motorcycle and Linda said no more motorcycles when she saw him have to drop the bike while being run off the road by a car. He was also a private pilot and enjoyed hot air ballooning while living in New Mexico.



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#### THE ULTIMATE CLASSIC...EMMA THE 1954 EMW 327/3

Did I actually see Emma glace at me for one more time as she was loaded in the carrier? Was she scared or excited? Did she understand the tears in my eyes were tears of joy knowing what a wonderful experience she would have? My little Fraulein is off for a 10 month adventure to the BMW CCA Foundation in S.C. Here she will meet her cousins (no siblings since she is the only Coupe known to exist in the States.)

She has left behind her boy-toy, Max, the 1964 Porsche 356 SC Coupe. Visitors to our warehouse in Stuart, FL. hear the story of Emma joining the family in 2008 quickly followed by the purchase of Max. Got lucky finding him. He is pretty perfect,

too. The two of them always park side by side. Emma is the Princess of the warehouse. Self-proclaimed on day one, none of the British or Italians seemed to object.

Emma has been a star locally and nationally, having appeared in multiple publications and playing at her local car Museum on Hutchinson Island, The Elliott Museum. She shined at Lake Mirror Classic, Hilton Head Concours, Amelia Island Concours, and Vintage Weekend at Ocean Reef Club to name a few.

Don't get me wrong, I know she's an inanimate object, or maybe not? Is it possible for a car to have a soul? Does it have to be spiritless? Can a car touch a human so deeply that a bound can be felt? It happened on



day one. The first time headlights met eyes. I have owed and loved dozens of cars over the years, but Emma was different. The mystery of her heritage, the red and white roundel, the expert craftsmanship, her pre-war stance, her air of sophistication....it was breathtaking. I knew I would owe her by the end of the weekend.

Farwell my Princess. Yes, I was crying when you left Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> for a 2020 Exhibit...GENESIS: BMW From the Beginning. But it's your turn to shine and have fun posing for photographs. It's a once in a lifetime opportunity to help tell an important part of History. You can do it, Emma. Me? Not to worry. I should stop crying soon. Right.

Rachelle (Rocky) Grady

## SINCE THIS YEAR'S CRACKER TOUR HAS BEEN CANCELLED, WE THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE A LOOK BACK AT THE TOUR FROM 2011.







#### **2011 CRACKER TOUR**













