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## General Meetings

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

A Board meeting has been scheduled for April 6th at Duffy's, south of Stuart.

No general meeting has been scheduled as yet.

## Easter Greetings To All TCVCC Members.

As of this writing we are having our first Board Meeting in a year April 6<sup>th</sup> at Duffy's South Restaurant. So many of our members have now gotten their covid

shots, and some of those who have not don't want them so maybe we can get back to some regular activity.

As this may go out before the board meeting, I don't have answers yet to some of the business that has to be discussed.

There was a fire at our storage building at the Palm City facility. None of our stuff was affected – except with smoke smell. So, we will be discussing what we should do regarding this situation, as we have to move. Jay and Bob Ridle are working on this.

I want to let you all know that the situation with our club renewal and memberships has been all taken care of. We are in good standing with AACA and all issues have been resolved. We might be making some changes as to how renewals will be handled come next Nov.



I have asked Charlie Ulrich to the meeting to discuss the COOL car show. We have the December date set and we will see how he wants to proceed with getting this going.

You all know the drill and he'll be looking for all kinds of help so start thinking about where you would feel most comfortable helping out. There will be more on all the above as we sort it out.

Jay and I hope you all had a wonderful Easter Weekend.

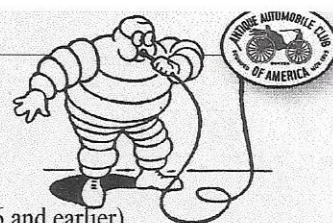
Jo Ann, President



## AACA Nationals & Tours



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**April 9-10, 2021**

Southeastern Spring Nationals

Charlotte, N.C. • Hornets Nest Region • 704-847-4215

**April 15-17, 2021**

AACA Annual Convention (**re-scheduled**)

Location to be determined • 717-534-1910

**April 19-22, 2021**

Southeastern Divisional Tour (1996 and earlier)

Central Florida • King of the Road Chapter • 352-638-0502

**May 20-25, 2021**

Founders Tour (1932-1996)

Davis, W.V. • Mountain State Classics Region • 703-869-8434

**June 2-5, 2021**

Eastern Divisional Tour (1996 and earlier)

Maryland • Eastern Shore Region • 410-742-8342

**June 17-19, 2021**

Eastern Spring Nationals

Saratoga Springs, N.Y. • Saratoga Region • 585-474-2406

**July 1-3, 2021**

Central Spring Nationals

Auburn, Indiana • 717-534-1910

**July 11-16, 2021**

Vintage Tour (1931 and earlier)

Lock Haven/Wellsboro, Pa. • 717-534-1910

**July 22-24, 2021**

Annual Grand Nationals

New Ulm, Minnesota • Minnesota Region • 320-290-4285

**August 13-14, 2021**

Western Fall Nationals

Loveland, Colorado • Poudre Valley Region 970-686-9291

**September 9-11, 2021**

Southeastern Fall Nationals

Greenville, S.C. • South Carolina Region • 864-275-2596

**September 12-17, 2021**

Revival AAA Glidden Tour® (1942 and earlier)

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**October 6-9, 2021**

Eastern Fall Nationals

Hershey, Pennsylvania • Hershey Region • 717-566-7720

**October 11-15, 2021**

Southeastern Divisional Tour (1971 and earlier)

Mt. Airy, N.C. • Savannah (Ga.) Region • 513-314-6525

**October 18-22, 2021**

Central Divisional Tour (1996 and earlier)

Broken Arrow, Okla. • Tulsa Region • 918-527-9560

**November 11-13, 2021**

Special Western Nationals

Phoenix, Arizona • Phoenix Region • 602-999-6594

**November 14-17, 2021**

Western Divisional Tour (1996 and earlier)

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**February 10-12, 2022**

AACA Annual Convention

Philadelphia • 717-534-1910

**February 24-26, 2022**

AACA Winter Nationals

Melbourne, Florida • Cape Canaveral Region • 484-769-7856

**March 10-12, 2022**

Western Spring Nationals

Las Vegas • 717-534-1910

**March 20-26, 2022**

Founders Tour (1932-1997)

Gulf Shores Ala./Miss. • Deep South Region • 334-661-5017

**April 7-9, 2022**

Southeastern Spring Nationals

Charlotte, N.C. • Hornets Nest Region • 704-847-4215

**April 21-23, 2022**

Special Winter Nationals & Special Grand Nationals (**new date**)

San Juan, P.R. • Puerto Rico Region • 305-978-8037

**May 5-7, 2022**

Central Spring Nationals

Auburn, Indiana • 717-534-1910 (tentative date/location)

**May 19-21, 2022**

Annual Grand Nationals

Virginia Beach, Virginia • Tidewater Region • 618-363-6730

**May 22-25, 2022**

Eastern Divisional Tour (1997 and earlier)

Johnstown, Pa. • Flood City Region • 814-467-9842

## Region/Chapter Calendar of Events

### MARCH 2021

28 Woodstown, N.J. South Jersey Region. 50th annual swap meet/car corral.  
Salem Cnty. Fairgrounds. Chuck Gibson 609-221-5435; sjraaca.com

### MAY 2021

21-22 Jamestown, N.Y. Chautauqua Lake Region. 52nd Dunkirk automotive swap  
meet and flea market. aaca-dunkirk-flea-market.org; clraaca13@gmail.com



## SUNSHINE REPORT

No cards were sent out last month.

Please pass on information to Ann Ridle:

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



Found this little cutie at a body shop in Fort Pierce. It is a Shriner's parade car and was being restored. Yes, it is really very small. No, it was not for sale, darn it'!



**FLORIDA**  
2021 AACA  
Southeastern Divisional  
**CHAIN OF LAKES TOUR**  
HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS, FL  
April 19-22, 2021

**Event Website:** [kotraaca.org/2021tour](http://kotraaca.org/2021tour)  
For further info, email: [2021TourChair@kotraaca.org](mailto:2021TourChair@kotraaca.org)  
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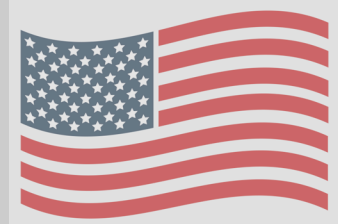
## Happenings & Classified

A group of club members and some Covid Rebel Cruisers are attending the 3rd Annual All Saints' Episcopal Church Men's Fellowship car show on April 10th. The show will also have an Art Sale and BBQ. If you are planning to show a car, please contact Steve at 772-342-6663 or Sally Franklin at 314-324-5192. Space is limited, so if you haven't already signed up, it may be too late.

We are going to gather at the Dolphin Bar Restaurant at 10 AM and depart at 10:15 so we can arrive in a group.

After postponing both the Memorial Day and Veteran's Day Parades last year due to the pandemic, the Stuart Memorial Day Parade is back on Monday, May 31, 2021.

Denny Dahle will be organizing the club's participation. Please contact Denny to sign up for the parade. Let's make this a great parade! [koda06@bellsouth.net](mailto:koda06@bellsouth.net)



For Sale by Owner – 1974 Triumph TR6 - \$21,000

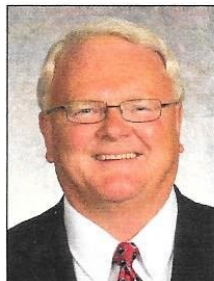
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For more information, contact Bob or Lou at 772-781-9462 and leave a message. We'll return your call ASAP.



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# What's Happening?

## Recurring Events

Lew's Crew Tuesday Night car show, Elliott Museum, every Tuesday night, weather permitting, 5-8 pm.

Saturday Nights "Car Gang" Gathering underneath the EAST Jensen Beach Causeway Park. NE Causeway Blvd., Jensen Beach, FL 34957. Contact is Bob Crow at 772-359-4822

## 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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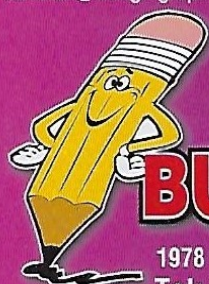
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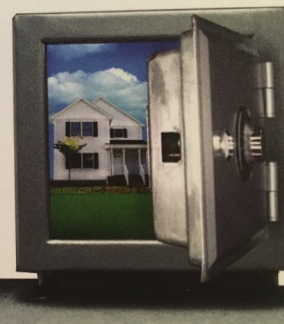
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**Saturday, April 10th**, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. First Church Fort Pierce Cool Cars for a Cause Car Show, 515 Avenue A, Fort Pierce, FL 34950. Entry Fee: Donate as many canned goods as you can. Free lunch to all cruisers. 50/50 charity raffle. Awards at 11:00 AM. NoName Car Club 4 ft best of show trophy & 10 people's choice. Rockin' Oldies by Carlos & Friends. More info: Carlos, 772-528-4247.

**Saturday, April 10th**, 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM. 3rd Annual All Saints Episcopal Church Mens Fellowship Car Show, Art Sale and BBQ. 2303 NE Seaview Drive, Jensen Beach, FL 34957. Free BBQ lunch to all classic car owners and wife or guest. Additional guests \$10. Children under 12 free. Enjoy music and take a tour of the oldest church in Martin County on the registry of landmarks. If you are planning to bring a car to the show please RSVP Steve at 772-342-6663 or [Steve56belair@yahoo.com](mailto:Steve56belair@yahoo.com).

**Sunday April 18th**, 10 AM to 3 PM. Horses & Horsepower Benefit Car Show, ERAF Community Center, 6450 SW Martin Hwy, Palm City, FL All cars & trucks welcome. \$20 registration fee. All entries eligible for trophies. Free for specatators. Donations welcome. Proceeds benefit the rescue horses of Equine Rescue and Adoption Foundation (ERAF). [www.eraf.org](http://www.eraf.org) for more information. Food truck & music. Family friendly. Barn tours. Meet the rescue horses. 50/50 & raffles. Hosted by the NoName Car Club. More info: 772-528-4247.

**Sunday April 18th**, Super Car Week will be held on Flagler Ave, West Palm Beach.

**Monday, April 19th**, 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM, Travel Centers of America Truck Stop Classic Car Cruise-in, 8909 20th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32996. Use I-95 exit 147, then east on state road 60. Hosted by the No Name Car Club. Free entry, oldies music, 50/50. 3 restaurants, travel center and gas available. Carlos has coupons for 10% off at all restaurants. All years, makes and models welcome. Bikes too. Show info: Carlos, 772-528-4248. **(repeats every 3rd Monday)**

**Saturday, April 24th**, Stuart Corvette Club All Corvette Cruise-in at Keiser University. 9400 SW Discovery Way, Port St. Lucie, FL 34987. Rain or shine. Pre-registration (\$30) due April 16th. 45 trophies. Too much to list here. For details and schedule, go here: <http://www.stuartcorvetteclub.com/> Scroll down to April and Click on 22nd River Cruise In. Contact is "Dr. T" Trohalides at 908-334-5793.

**Saturday, April 24th**. Summer Crush Winery "All Chevy/GMC Car & Truck show. 4200 Johnston Rd., Fort Pierce, FL 34951. Show time Noon to 4 PM. Car registration 10:00 AM to Noon. Car registration \$20.00 (partial proceeds benefit local charities). Vehicles will be judged in 30 categories from the 1920s to the 2000s. Plus 4 foot best in show trophy. Food and drinks available on site. No coolers, outside food or drinks please. Hosted by the No-name Car Club 772-528-4247.

**Saturday, April 24th**, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. South East Classics Harbourside Show, 129 Soundings Ave, Jupiter, FL 33477. Gates open at noon. \$10 entry fee. Trophies, including Participants & Spectators Choice will be awarded at 4:00. Now open to ALL makes & models. Contact is Pete Needre - [Pete2350@comcast.net](mailto:Pete2350@comcast.net) or call 772.216.9488. **(4th Saturdays)**



## Happenings

### The Covid Rebel Cruisers Head To Melbourne

Club members and Cruisers gathered at the Harbour Bay Plaza on the morning of March 26th for the drive to Melbourne. We were heading to the Cape Canaveral Region AACA "Celebration of Cars" show on the 27th.

We started out with 10 cars. Unfortunately, one of them decided it didn't want to make the trip and would not start in the parking lot. The McLaren had a dead battery. After jump starting it a couple of times, it was determined that the alternator was not working. AAA was called and Bob and Lou settled in to wait for a ride home.



The rest of the cruisers were waiting at the Dolphin Bar parking lot for an update. Upon learning of the McLaren's condition, they headed on north. We had a lunch date and we were hungry!

Lunch was at Charlie & Jake's BBQ in Melbourne. After that, we headed to the hotel to clean up the cars, hang out by the pool, and make a plan for dinner. A couple of more cars and people joined us by then (including David and Janet, who just drove over to spend time with the group and see the show). Bob

and Lou eventually showed up driving the Miata.

With such a large group, we decide to split up and several groups headed out to various restaurants. Our group went to Hemmingway's Tavern, which is decorated with memorabilia from his life and the Keys. We were joined there by Harry Mannos in his Metropolitan, a cruiser from Melbourne who had joined us on a previous cruise.





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## Happenings

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### Melbourne Cruise continued...

The next morning we lined up to head to the show. We were joined by several other cars, some club members and some local cruisers, and off we went. I think we had 14 cars or more. Anyway, the line to get into the show was impressive! This show was pre-registration only and they had over 500 cars registered. All things considered, it went pretty smoothly.



The special class for this show was Ragtops & Roadsters. So our group had to split up, but most of us managed to stay in the same areas. Which was good, because there were so many cars and tons of people walking around.

The museum where the event was held is private and only opened on special occasions like this car show. A lot of people took the opportunity to see this amazing collection of cars, both inside and

outside the museum. On the next page are some pictures from the event. If you want to see more, check out Andre's collection of photos at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/135383894@N05/albums/with/72157661067140746>



# Happenings

## Picture\$ from Melbourne show



Inside the museum.

Who doesn't have a hot pink shoe car?!



Or a Porsche tractor?



Andre, driving his right hand drive GTO.

Dave, Amy & Bonnie



Denny & Char

Charlie & Sherry





## Members Stories

### A “New” Old Car By Bob Ridle

For the first time since 2002 Ann and I have added a car, and more surprisingly perhaps, it’s not another typical-of-us independent makes from the 1950’s. It’s a Ford!

What would cause such a wild deviation in our nature that we would not be searching for a Kaiser to sit alongside our Studebaker and Hudson? It has everything to do with Florida’s weather. It’s HOT down here! As much as we love driving our 50’s orphans, they do not have, nor did they offer air conditioning. And we quickly found out, especially during the summer months, “Hot” could be brutal for us. Now, in case you are wondering, yes, we did briefly consider adding an aftermarket under-the-dash type system, but we didn’t want to impact the “collector-car value” of our cars.

So, to make a long story short, we are now the owners of a nicely optioned, including an operating factory AC, 1978 Thunderbird, with just over 19K (documented) on the odometer. (No, that’s not 119K or 219K.) It came from an estate buyer/seller in Ohio. It has already ventured out on two of the Covid Rebel Cruisers Saturday runs. In case you’re wondering, yes, it still feels strange to me to realize cars from the 70’s and 80’s are antiques now by AACA standards! Our Bird is 43 model years old, and, I believe a true HPOF class vehicle.



BTW – This 7<sup>th</sup> generation body style of Thunderbird is known as a “Basket-Handle Bird”, because of the roof design. I was surprised to find out, that in its 3-year production run, from 1977 through 1979, over 955,000 were sold...making it the best-selling Thunderbird of all time.

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