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#### **Upcoming Meetings**

The February General Meeting will be on **Sun**day, February 26th. Please see the announcement on page 3 for details.

Hello TCVCC Members and Friends!!

The new year has gotten off to an unusual start, with at least 8 club members needing some sunshine for various reasons.



Let's hope the rest of the year goes by a little more smoothly and everyone can return to join us for more exciting activities.

If you missed our January General Meeting, be sure to read about it later on in this newsletter. January was a busy month for shows as well, with many club members traveling to shows outside our local area. One of those shows was the 2023 AACA Winter Nationals in Miami. Read more about that show under Members Stories. Pictures

Another big show was the Quiet Waters YATC Cool Wheels Car show in Deerfield Beach. Over 1000 cars attended. Several members went down and Vinnie Cashin brought home a Top Coolest Car trophy. Click here to see Pictures from this show.

The Covid Rebel Cruisers started off the New Year with our annual New Year's Day cruise. At least 14 classic cars joined in to cruise to Fort Pierce for lunch at Manatee Island. The weather was perfect and we had a great cruise. Click here to see pictures.

With so many shows and cruises happening this time of year, it is hard to decide which ones to attend. If you are planning to go to a show, let us know. There are probably other members that will be attending and caravanning is a fun way to get where your are going.

Be sure to check out the local events listed later in the newsletter and on our website. New shows are added almost weekly it seems, so it helps to check back often on the website. Facebook is a good place to look as well, since it gets updated almost everyday.

Our membership continues to grow, with several new members added in January. I'd like to welcome Rick Hector and Roy and Cristi Hernandez to the club and hope to see them at the February meeting.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining the club, please invite them to one of our General Meetings. Everyone is welcome and it's a great way to get a taste of what our club is about. Don't forget that it is not necessary to own a classic car to be in the club. All that's needed is a love of classics and a desire to meet and enjoy being with people with the same interests. Oh, and you must like to eat.

Remember, it's all about the journey! And lunch. And don't' forget ice cream!

See you on the road! sally

# Secretary's Report

#### Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club General Membership Meeting, January 22, 2023

The January general meeting was hosted by Sally Franklin and Larry Atkins. Prior to our luncheon meeting members gathered to enjoy the beautiful antique car collection at Mike Stowe's and Jim Serra's garages.

Our meeting was held at the Vince Bocchino Community Center in Jensen.

The meeting was called to order by President Sally Franklin

Guests attending were Sally's daughter Jennifer Kemp, Tanya and Raul's daughter Samantha and Mike Stowe.

Jo Ann Smith, Secretary, assured the members the Secretary's Report would be in the Newsletter.

Treasurer: Barb Joyce reported the club has sufficient funds in the bank.

Ann Ridle, our new Membership Chairperson, has been doing a great job rounding up all needed information for the clubs' new Roster. Taking all members photos to put by their names in the Roster was a new idea of Ann's

If you did not get your photo taken call and let her know. This will be a great

new look for the Roster when It comes out. Ann also reported that we now have 88 renewal memberships going into 2023 and thanked everyone for making this happen.

Sally, being President and the Newsletter person, asked anyone who may have articles for the newsletter to get them to her as soon as you can.

Special Events: Denny Dahle let everyone know of numerous car events in our area that will be coming up in the near future. These will be in the newsletter. Some of our members often attend antique car shows and Denny reported many of them come home with trophy's. The club has not gotten paid for the show we put on at the Addington Assisted Living in Stuart.

He is hoping to settle this shortly.

Club Stores: Update: Tanya Coletta happily volunteered to take over the club stores.

Bob Ridle is our new Webmaster and says it's up to date. He will be adding new information as it becomes available. He urged all to check it out.

Legislative: Jay Smith reported nothing presently effecting us but mentioned some interesting bills being instituted in other states. Such as, Internal Combustion engine vehicles being outlawed and only Electric vehicles allowed it the future. Notably, Virginia has advanced a bill to REPEAL an internal combustion engine ban, New Hampshire introduced a bill to ADOPT an internal combustion engine ban. Colorado is proposing a bill NOT to follow California in a ban on Internal Combustion Engines. Interesting! Coming our way? Let's hope not.

Sunshine Report: Marie Flaherty, our new sunshine person, reported that get well cards were sent to the following members: Amy Brown's Mother Bonnie, Dave Brown, Larry Atkins, Roma Eichhorn, John DeLisa, Chuck Batey, Pearl Jackson, Terri Francisco, Guy Devens and Sue Hylton. If you know any member needing sunshine call Marie.

President, Sally is also looking for a member to chair our annual COOL CAR SHOW.

A new location will most likely have to be found. Any one interested please contact Sally.

The February General Meeting will be hosted by Rosemary and Andre Rayman.

Information will be in the Newsletter.

There being no further business before the general membership the meeting was adjourned.

Singing HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our President Sally made for a happy afternoon.

Respectfully submitted, Secretary Jo Ann Smith

# Sunshine & Happenings

#### SUNSHINE REPORT

Get well cards were sent to Amy Brown's Mother Bonnie, Dave Brown, Larry Atkins, Roma Eichhorn, John DeLisa, Chuck Batey, Pearl Jackson, Terri Francisco, Guy Devens, Sue Hylton and Andre Rayman. Condolences were sent to Bob Crow on the loss of his brother.

Please pass on information to Marie Flaherty: email: mariec21@earthlinknet, phone 772-692-2105. Let me know so we can shine some Sunshine for our club members.

Check out our website by clicking on the link below.

Treasurecoast.AACA

February 26th General Meeting



We will meet at Kiddy's Classics, 3422 NE Candice Ave, Jensen Beach, 34957, at 9 am to start our tour of this fantastic restoration shop. We'll begin with our club meeting then proceed on the tour, where we'll get to see some works in progress and learn about some of the processes involved in restoration of our classics.

After the tour, we will cruise to Castaways Gastropub, 911 NE Jensen Beach Blud, 94957, for lunch.

Please RSVP to Andre Rayman by text at 561-818-6212 or email at arayman@aol.com, by Thursday, February 23rd.



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# Sponsors & Classified Ads

# Like Old Club Pic-tures?

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.



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#### **Upcoming Events**

#### **EVENTS FOR February 2023 (Curtesy of Bob Crow)**

Sunday, February 5th, 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Googan's Coffee Shop Cars and Coffee. 1917 NE Federal Hwy, Stuart, FL 34994.(just north of LA Fitness). One free Coffee and 20% off of menu items. (1st Sundays)

Tuesday, February 7th, 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Elliott Museum Tuesday Night Car Show by Lew's Crew. 825 NE Ocean Blvd., Stuart, FL 34996. \$3 to display a vehicle (portion of proceeds donated to the museum). Spectators are free. Oldies music. 50/50. Philly Down South food available for purchase. Elliott Museum, McKee's 37 products and the True Oldies Channel are sponsors. More info: Lew, 772-708-3790 (every Tuesday)

Wednesday, February 8th, 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM. Dairy Queen Car Enthusiast Drop-in. 9019 S U.S. Hwy 1, Port St. Lucie, FL 34952. Not a formal show. Meet up with some of the car gang, have some chow and hangout. 20% discount for cruisers. Point of contact is Ira Fluss, 772-485-7145. (every Wednesday)

Friday, February 10th, 4:30 PM until? Sonic Drive-In Car Enthusiast drop-in. 3177 NW Federal Hwy, Jensen Beach, FL 34957. Nothing formal. Just a good time. Meets weather permitting. Free sundae with your purchase. Contact is Mike Gelter, 772-485-0162 (every Friday) Friday, February 10th, 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Morningside Church Car Show (red carpet edition) 2180 SE Morningside Blvd., Port St Lucie, FL 34952. Free show. Music, food, fun, pictures! Information: Pastor Jim 772-528-2707.

Saturday, February 11th, 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Cars & Coffee @ Elliott Museum. 825 NE Ocean Blvd., Stuart, FL 34996. Free event. \$2 buys you unlimited coffee and danish. Sponsored by McKees 37 and the Elliott Museum. (2nd Saturdays)

Saturday, February 11th & Sunday, February 12th, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Palm Beach Car Swap Meet & Car Show, South Florida Fairgrounds, 9061 Southern Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33411. 500 vendor spaces. FLCARSWAPMEETS.COM. Info: 954-205-7813.

Sunday, February 12th, 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Valencia Car Car Club Cars and Coffee. Approximate address for your GPS/Phone is 662 SE Becker Road, Port St Lucie, FL 34984. Informal car enthusiast gathering located in the parking lot between Dunkin Donuts and Bonefish Mac Grill. Welcoming all cruisers, not just the club. Point of contact is Jaime Stern, 516-849-8696 (2nd & 4th Sundays)

Thursday, February 16th, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Sunlight Community Church Car Cruise-in, 477 SW Cashmere Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL 34986. No entry fee, but: Food Drive Night. Bring non-perishables. Open to all cool cars and trucks. Music by Carlos and Friends. 50/50, door prizes & food truck. Sponsored by Auto Zone and Sunrise Ford. Sunlight Choice Award and Auto Zone Gift Award. Hosted by Holly Elliott, text 215-421-7410, HollyNothol@yahoo.com or Carlos 772-528-4247, email nonamecarclub@outlook.com Sponsored by Auto Zone and Sunrise Ford. Auto Zone gift award. (3rd Thursdays October through May) \* Please do not arrive before 5:30 PM because parents are picking up their children from the church's after school program. \*

Friday-Sunday, February 17th-19th. "Auction on the Ocean at the Elliott Museum", 825 NE Ocean Blvd., Stuart, FL 34996. This is an auction of collector cars, exotics and "Tuner Cars". Full details can be found here..........https://www.spellmansignatureauctions.com

#### **Upcoming Events**

#### **EVENTS FOR February 2023 (continued...)**

Saturday, February 18th, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. B&A Flea Market Car Show. 2885 US-1 Stuart, FL 34994. This is a <u>FREE</u> event but call (772) 288-4915 to reserve a spot. Free Hot Dog Combo Lunch for drivers! Lots of good vendors. Music by Lew's Crew. Show info: 772-708-3790.

Saturday, February 18th, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Rust Market Classic & Custom Car Show, 748 Park Ave., Lake Park, FL 33403. Vintage goods, craft vendors, food, drinks, flea market, live music and much more. \$15 pre-registered. \$20 day of show. Top 10 and Best of Show trophies. Contact Captain Scott to pre-register at 561-352-0207.

Saturday, February 18th, "Winter Mopar Nationals Cruise-In" plus "British Invitational Cruise-In", Summer Crush Winery, 4200 Johnston Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34951. Gates open at 10:30 AM to noon for registration. Show time noon to 4:00 PM. \$20 registration (exact change please). Best in Show award. 10 People's Choice awards. Awards at 3:00 PM. Entertainment by the "Bobby Owen Band". Food vendors. No coolers or outside food please. Hosted by the NoName Car Club. Sponsored by McKees37. Contact for information: Carlos, 772-528-4247.

Monday, February 20th, 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. T/A Truck Stop Car Show. 8909 20th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32996. (I-95 exit 147/Route 60) Hosted by the NoName Car Club. Music by Carlos & Friends. 50/50. Free 10% discount tickets for Vero Beach Travel Center food exchanges available at DJ table. (3rd Mondays)

Saturday, February 25th, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. 17th Annual Classsic Car Show at the Savannah Club. 3150 Crabapple Drive, Port St Lucie, FL 34952. Free event. Trophies, 50/50, raffle. Food available for purchase. Motorcycles welcome. Information: Bob, 814-450-5980.

Saturday, February 25th, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. South East Classics Harborside Show, 129 Soundings Ave., Jupiter, FL 33477. Roll in at 1:00 PM. \$10 entry fee. Trophies (Participants and Spectators choice). Open to all years, makes and models. Nice restaurants. Contact is MaryAnn at: <a href="mailto:maarnone@aol.com">maarnone@aol.com</a> (4th Saturdays)

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Sunday, February 26th, 10:00 Am to 2:30 PM. 8th Annual Inlet Grove High School Car Show, 600 West 28th Street, Riviera Beach, FL 33404. Over 30 trophies and awards. More than 90 vehicles in last year's show. Music, food & fun. Prizes, giveaways. \$20 day of show. \$15 pre-registered. Pre-registration here: <a href="https://www.inletgrovehs.com/car-show/">https://www.inletgrovehs.com/car-show/</a> Info: <a href="mailto:scott.McDermott@pbcharterschools.org">Scott.McDermott@pbcharterschools.org</a>, 561-352-0207 cell.

Sunday, February 26th, "All GM Car and Truck Show!", Summer Crush Winery, 4200 Johnston Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34951. Gates open at 10:30 AM to Noon for registration. Show time noon to 4:00 PM. \$20 registration (exact change please). Best in Show award. 10 People's Choice awards. Awards at 3:00 PM. Entertainment by the "Real Deal Band". Food vendors. No coolers or outside food please. Hosted by the NoName Car Club. Sponsored by Dyer! Chevrolet, Fort Pierce. Contact for information: Carlos, 772-528-4247.

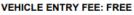
## **Upcoming Events continued...**

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#### Car Show Saturday, March 4, 2022

Official Registration Application



(Does not include VIP Ticket)

DISCOUNTED VIP TICKET: \$100 ea. (Reg. \$125 ea.)
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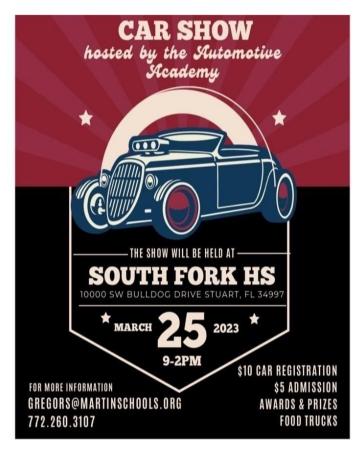
PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 1, 2023

The Annual Molly's House Polo Classic Car Show is a chance to help a good cause and watch a great Polo Match. Please click on the picture to download the registration form or click on this link to register online.

Online Registration

Marney McKee is asking for volunteers to help with parking at the show. Please contact her at Marney.mckee@ray mondjames.com if you would like to





#### **Member Stories**

## **TCVCC General Meeting**

January 22, 2023 Hosted by Sally Franklin & Larry Atkins

The January General Meeting stated with a tour of Mike Stowe's garage filled with wonderful unique cars. Mike was delighted to be able to share his cars and stories with everyone. While we were there, Jim Serra opened his garages and invited us to take a tour of his beautiful cars. We had a huge turnout of classic cars for this meeting so it looked like we were having a car show in the parking lot!

After the tours, we headed out to the Boccino Center in Jensen Beach for a lunch of subs and wraps with sides. We had a great turnout with over 40 people and a few guests. After lunch we had our meeting and everyone tried to make me cry by singing "Happy Birthday" to me. That was unexpected and truly touching. Thanks to all the folks who helped setup and tear down the meeting space. We couldn't have done it without you!

Here are a few pictures from the meeting. To see lots more, click **HERE**.





## **Member Stories**

#### **2023 AACA WINTER NATIONALS**

by Sally Franklin & Larry Atkins

The Southeastern Winter Nationals were in Miami on January 26th through the 28th. Hosted by the South Florida Region and held at the Gold Coast Railroad Museum, it was 3 days of fun and outstanding automobiles. Thursday night kicked off with a Caribbean themed party with a buffet, music and entertainment.

On Friday morning we loaded up on a bus for a ride to our first of three tours. Our Backyard Museum is just what the name says. Joel and Pam Jancko literally built the museum in their backyard, starting with a few acres and expanding over time. There are a number of buildings on the property including a general store, a barn that contains a Texico service station, a fire station, a bicycle shop, a steam engine, a cinema, some cars and planes, and a fantastic music room. Inside the music room are dozens of musical automaton type machines, from fancy music boxes to Orchestrions.

Located in a separate room is a massive pipe organ. Not only does it look incredible, but it is completely operational and we were treated to a fantastic concert that showcased what the instrument could do. After our four hour tour, we headed back to the hotel to get some lunch and headed out to our judging classes and to get familiar with the show grounds.





Later Friday evening, we headed to the Wings Over Miami Air Museum where we had a tour of the facility where they restore, display and fly the planes. It was quite a collection, with everything from a strange little flying machine with cloth wings and a wicker seat to an F-14D Tomcat.

After leaving the Air Museum, we headed to the Railroad museum and Military Museum on the show grounds. There we had a tour of the Presidential train car, the Ferdinand Magellan, which was custom built to carry the President of the United

States. It was placed in service for President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and although it hasn't been used since President Reagan, it could be placed

back in service if needed.

The Miami Dade Military Museum and Memorial is located on the grounds of the WWII Naval Air Station Richmond, which was the southernmost blimp base in the country. On display are artifacts from South Florida veterans who participated in many theaters of operation from WWII to the present day.



#### **Member Stories**

# 2023 AACA WINTER NATIONALS, CONTINUED

The Show field was packed on Saturday morning with over 170 cars, ranging from a 1906 Stevens-Duryea R to a 1998 Chevrolet Camaro. As the entrants finished up the final details on their vehicles, the judges had breakfast and some continuing judges education training. After the training, it was time for the judges to go to work. The teams of judges had a lot of cars to check out and judging was completed around 2:30.

The show ended at 3 PM and folks headed home or back to their hotels to get ready for the big award banquet later that evening at the show grounds. Judges and Admin finished tallying up the scores and putting together the awards list for the after-banquet presentations, then headed home to get ready as well.

The banquet started with some speeches and presentations of special awards for the local host club, then it was time for some entertainment and food. Afterwards the awards were handed out. Several of our club members were there and received awards:



Frank LoVerso—1st Junior, 1970 Pontiac GTO Judge





Sandra Newman— Repeat Preservation, 1972 Ford Mustang Sprint







Gary Eichhorn—Original HPOF, 1995 Buick Riviera, no picture available.

Click on these links to visit the Backyard Museum website, Wings Over Miami website.

Gold Coast Railroad Museum website. Miami Military Museum website.

#### **Member Stories—A Look Back**

#### Chip Green: The Consummate Promoter

Comments by Mike Mucci

As I thought about writing a few comments about Chip (Wharton) Green for Vintage Times, I realized I had to dig back more than 50 years—when I was a newbie in the ad agency business and Chip was a go-getter in the radio business at WFTL in Ft. Lauderdale.

It was natural that we would cross paths.

So, when Chip learned that I had recently acquired a derelict 1949 Plymouth convertible, he immediately convinced me I had to join the Ft. Lauderdale Region AACA. The gig was on. I don't remember whether Chip was president of the Region at the time (roughly late '60s), but he certainly was the prime motivator of club activities and membership.

Under his guidance, the club held major annual shows in War Memorial Park in Ft. Lauderdale and later at the Pompano Park Horse Race Track. Several were regional AACA events. And there were tours. Poker runs. Scavenger hunts. He also promoted the club as a promotional attraction for real estate developers, grand openings, mall shows, and wherever an antique car show would draw an audience. It was good wholesome fund-raising for the club and a great tie-in to Chip's radio commercial time sales efforts.

Back in those days—and I believe continuing to this day—the Ft. Lauderdale Region held monthly evening meetings in a civic club hall—usually with a guest speaker. It was a winning format at the time. But times changed.

Sometime in the late '70s Chip moved to Stuart where he met and married his second wife, Maggie, who joined in his car hobby exuberance. Chip—still working in radio sales—joined with other hobbyists like Rick Carroll, Judd Deakins and others to form the Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club. Chip was the founding president of the fledgling group and quickly brought others into the fold, including yours truly, who also moved to Stuart and became the second president. That was in 1980. Our mantra at the time was "we want to have fun." So, our meeting format became what it is today: Food, Fun and Touring.

It took less than three years to gain enough members and credibility to petition AACA for a club Charter—which was granted.

The rest—as they say—is history that is documented in a very accurate article under REGION HISTORY in the TCVCC website: treasurecoast.aaca.club.

#### **Member Stories—A Look Back**

#### Remembering Chip Green



For one of TCVCC's early activities, Chip, who ironically seldom had a reliable touring car, commandeered a hot rod Olds "Speedo" for a club outing—believed to be owned by club member, Boo Lowery.





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