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Upcoming Meetings

The March General Meeting will be on **Sunday**, March 26th. Please see the announcement on page 3 for details.

Hello TCVCC Members and Friends!!

February seemed like a busy month, being a few days short and all. There were a lot of shows and



cruise-ins going on, not to mention the Auction on the Ocean at the Elliott Museum. The weather was pretty near perfect most of the month and I know that I enjoyed taking

out one of the convertibles just to go for a ride with the top down. Maybe you saw me poking around town in the little orange Turtle, stopping at Publix to pick up a few groceries. And I mean a few. Not much room for groceries in that car. Or I'd take the Falcon out for a ride just because it's so dang fun to drive.

I hope that you all took advantage of the great weather and got your cars out for some exercise and fun as well. We're going to get back to the bi-weekly cruises shortly so keep your eyes and ears open for dates and places.

I missed the February general meeting because Larry and I joined club members Geoff Nichols and Lisa Friend on a car cruise with the Model A club that weekend. I'm sure we made guite a picture going down the road; a handful of Model A's being followed by a little orange Nash! Read more about our journey later on in the newsletter.

I'm looking forward to this month's general meeting. I understand the ice cream will be outstanding!

Almost forgot: Larry Ankrom tells me he has a friend looking to sell a 1949 Ford Deluxe 2 door stock car, with the original V8 engine, white wall tires, and it runs good. It has been in storage and they are accepting offers. Contact Larry at 772-287-3415.

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

See you on the road!

Secretary's Report

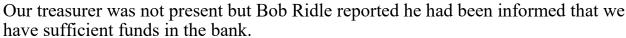
Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club General Membership Meeting, February 26, 2023

For the February general meeting, hosted by Andre and Rosemary Rayman, 50 members and guests gathered at Shawn Kiddie's Car Restoration Business in Jensen Beach. Shawn is well known for his excellent car restorations and gave our members a very informative talk about how cars are restored in his shops.

The general meeting was called to order at 9:17 AM by 1st V.P. Bob Ridle. (President Sally Franklin was out of town)

Several Guests were introduced and welcomed to TCVCC.

Jo Ann Smith, Secretary, assured the members the secretary's report would be in the newsletter.



Ann Ridle, our organized Membership Chairperson, reported we have 92 paid members. She also treated members to our new Roster that was put together by her and Sally Franklin. Members receiving these gave Ann a much deserved applause for putting together one of the best Rosters in memory. She will have these available at the next general meeting for those who need one. Ann also informed members that as we get new members during the year she will E -Mail these to the general membership to keep your Rosters up to date.

Webmaster, Bob Ridle, reports that he has been up-dating our site a couple times a week and wants any member that has information interesting for the site to get it to him. He would also like the member who has the months' general meeting information to let him know about it so he can include it on the web site each month. Someone looking at it could find it interesting and come and could be a prospective new member. So Keep Bob Informed.

Denny Dahle will put a list of events in the newsletter. He had no new information on the wall of Fame project he's working on.

For our Club Stores Tanya Colletta was thanked for volunteering to do this job. She will be taking over from Barb Joyce so if you are interested in anything the Club has for purchase give her a call.

Legislative Report: Jay reported that Sema is asking all to request our U.S. Representative to support the Repair Act in the House of Representatives in order to ensure aftermarket parts suppliers, repair shops and enthusiasts have access to the information and tools needed to produce and install parts that are needed to maintain the vehicles we all love.

A form letter is available on the SEMA Action Network (SAN) "san@info.sema.org".

Use the website for an overview and lawmaker contact and sign the letter.

Sunshine Report: Marie Flaherty reported she sent no cards this month.

Sargent At Arms Bob Sees has reported he has stuff available for car shows etc. for members to use if needed.

Tours: Since the passing of Amy Brown's Mom, Bonnie, she and David will try to devote some time in the future to plan a much anticipated Cracker Tour. Any information will be in future newsletters. Some time after Easter is being considered.

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Secretary's Report

Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club General Membership Meeting, February 26, 2023 continued...

Our President is still looking for a chairperson for the COOL Car Show. If you are interested, please call Sally. The months are going by and it is not a project that can be planned in a couple weeks.

There was no Old or New Business to bring before the General membership.

The March General Meeting will be hosted by Ron Ingles & Barbara McCallister. A trip to a Dairy Farm is in the making. See information in the newsletter and RSVP accordingly.

In closing, hosts Andre and Rosemary Rayman, were thanked for planning the days outing The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM.

Following the meeting every one adjourned to Castaways Restaurant in Jensen for Lunch.

Respectfully Submitted, Jo Ann Smith Secretary



March 26th General Meeting Notice

Join us Sunday, March 26th for a drive to Okee-chobee to tour a working dairy farm. You can check them out at www.milkingrdairy.com. Milking R Dairy is a 4th generation dairy farm that churns out some pretty awesome ice cream as well as some tasty fresh beef. So be sure to bring your coolers to take home some tasty treats.

We will meet at the Palm City Publix, 1395 SW Martin Highway, near the Post Office, at 9:15 AM for a 9:30 departure. Upon our arrival around 10:30, we will tour the facility. A \$10 per person fee is required, but in return, you will get a \$5 coupon towards an ice cream treat after lunch.

This will be a "bring your own picnic lunch" kind of day. After our tour, we will have use of their pavilion, complete with tables and chairs, to eat our lunch and have our meeting. After the meeting, I scream, you scream, we all scream for ICE CREAM!!!

Please RSVP to Ron Ingles or Barbara McCalister at lightsales@aol.com, or (772)708-5151 no later than March 23rd.

Sunshine & Happenings

SUNSHINE REPORT

Condolences were sent to Amy and David Brown on the loss of Amy's mother, Bonnie. 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

Cracker Tour Save the Date!!!

We have set dates for the 2023 Cracker Tour. Mark your calendars now for April 27th—30th. Details are not yet available so please do not start calling asking for them. As soon as the hotels and other stuff are worked out, an email will be sent to all members with the information. Can't wait to get on the road again!!!

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Club Merchandise

We have lots of stuff available for purchase from our Club Stores. Here is a list of items available at this time.

Sun Visor \$10 License Plate Frames \$0
Tote Bag \$0 TCVCC License Plate \$0
Men's Shirts, L, XL, XXL, XXXL \$30
Women's Shirts, XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL \$25

If you are interested in any of the items, please contact Tanya Colletta at (951) 741-8966 or trcolletta@yahoo.com.

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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.

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Upcoming Events

EVENTS FOR March 2023 (Curtesy of Bob Crow)

Tuesday, March 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, March 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, March 10th, 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM. 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)

Saturday, March 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, March 11th, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. St. Luke's Episcopal Church David Shearer Memorial Charity Show. 5150 SE Railway Ave.(Cove Road at A1A), Stuart, FL 34997. Gates open at 9:00 AM. Trophies sponsored by Line-X. Registration fee: \$20. Spectators free. Benefitting ELEV8HOPE Mrs. Rena's House. Food trucks, raffles, 50/50s. Music by Carlos & Friends. More information: 772-528-4247.

Sunday, March 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, March 16th, Sunlight 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Sunlight Community Church Car Cruise-in, 477 SW Cashmere Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL 34986. 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 (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. *

Saturday, March 18th, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Celebration of Cars at American Muscle Car Museum, 3500 Sarno Road, Melbourne, FL 32934. Show cars enter 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. \$25 per vehicle includes 1 admission to main showroom. Spectator showroom tickets available for \$25 each. Hosted by the Cape Canaveral Region AACA. Rain or Shine. No alcohol, smoking or vaping on AMCM campus. ALL CARS MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED BY MARCH 13TH. No day of show registration. Both online and US mail registration here: www.AntiqueAutoClubCC.com Questions? aacacapecanaveral@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

EVENTS FOR March 2023 (continued...)

Saturday, March 18th, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. 44th Annual Antique Auto Show, 3280 Riverside Park, Vero Beach, FL 32963. Registration 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Dash plaques, class judging, trophies, live DJ, car corral, food court. Food drive - bring non perishable goods to the show. Registered by March 11th: \$30. Registration at gate: \$35. Car corral \$45. Registration form and other information: http://indianriver.aaca.com Show chairman: Bill Maule 772-584-1842. Registration: Phil LoGiudice 203-507-0008. 275+ vehicles at last show.

Saturday, March 18th "Spring Cruise-In Open Car & Truck Show with the Adult Pinewood Derby Races", 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, March 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 discount tickets for Vero Beach Travel Center food exchanges available at DJ table. (3rd Mondays)

Saturday, March 25th, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Stuart Corvette Club "Corvettes at Keiser" show. 9400 SW Discovery Way, Port St Lucie, FL 34987. Rain or shine. Pre-registrations postmarked by March 17th = \$30. Registration 18-25 March = \$35. 30 trophies for non-SCC corvettes. 15 trophies for SCC corvettes. Food vendors, craft vendors, 50/50, silent auction. A portion of the registration goes to benefit Treasure Coast Food Bank, Martin County Council on Aging Treasure Coast Hospice and Keiser University Port St Lucie student scholarships. Show contact is: Dr. T 908-334-5793 Registration form here: https://forms.keiseruniversity.edu/corvette-club

Saturday, March 25th, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. 1st Annual South Fork High School Car Show. 10000 SW Bulldog Drive, Stuart, FL 34997. \$5 admission. \$10 car registration. Hosted by the Automotive Academy. For more information: gregors@martinschools.org, 772-260-3107.

Saturday, March 25th, 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, March 25th, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Ocean Breeze Resort Car Show, 3000 NE Indian River Drive, Jensen Beach, FL 34957. Free event. Hosted by the NoName Car Club. Free coffee, donuts and hot dog lunch for drivers. Cabana cafe open for food and drinks. Music by Carlos and Friends. 772-528-4247.

Saturday, March 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="maintenant-maintenant

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Upcoming Events continued...

For more information on the Vero Beach AACA show click on the picture.



At 3280 Riverside Park Vero Beach, Florida 32963







Saturday, March 18, 2023 Auto Show starts at 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

> Auto Registration 8:00 a.m. - 11 a.m. Registration closes promptly at 11 a.m.

(cars in line at that time will be registered)

FEATURED CARS

- ANTIQUES
- CLASSIC & PRESTIGE
- COMMERCIAL
- MODIFIED SPECIAL INTEREST
- (NOT JUDGED)
- OVER 275 VEHICLES AT LAST SHOW

FEATURED EVENTS

- DASH PLAQUES
- CLASS JUDGING
- TROPHIES
- LIVE DI
- FOOD COURT



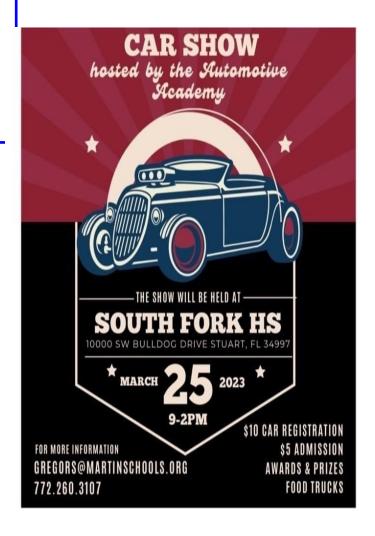
Drive out Hunger - Help Indian River Antique Automobile Club and the Vero Beach Post Office to "Drive Out Hunger". Please bring non-perishable food items to the car show on March 18th.



This promises to be a fun show and not far away. If you are going to the show, meet us at the Cracker Barrell on Lost River Road at 8 AM on March 25th. We will leave there at 8:30 for the short ride to South Fork High School.

Join us for the 44th Annual Antique Auto Show at Riverside Park in Vero Beach.

We will meet at the Elliott Museum on Saturday, March 18th at 7:00 AM and leave at 7:30 for the drive up.



TCVCC General Meeting

February 26, 2023
Hosted by Rosemary & Andre Rayman

I was fortunate to draw February for my general meeting and thus I was able to take advantage of the mild weather. Some years ago, when I had to plan a meeting, I had spoken to Shaun about bringing the crew over to an open house, but I forget why that didn't happen. In any event, I was not going to let that opportunity slip away again. I've known Shaun for about 11 or 12 years when he had worked at a friends shop and was impressed by his metal work back then, so

I knew we were in for a treat this time.

I chose an early time for the meeting so everyone would still have half the day to enjoy weekend activities. I thought this might create a small turnout, but I was completely wrong. As I added up my rsvp list, I was close to 60 people. An added worry was that I had told the restaurant that we would be about 42 people. Of course,

the last time I took a group there I had told them 25 and had over 40.

I arrived at Kiddy's classics around 8:40, and the folks started arriving just after that. We all signed the waivers, and Ann Ridle distributed 2023 rosters to those in attendance. The meeting was called to order by VP Bob Ridle, and the crowd behaved surprisingly well resulting in an efficient meeting.



Shaun then took the podium and introduced some of his staff including his ace painter, heavy mechanic, and Ambre, his wife, the business manager.

From the minute that Shaun began speaking, I could see that the members were captivated by his passion for all things metal. I learned a lot about metal restoration (the base of any restoration), and the time and effort required to

replicate some of the curves and contours of body lines while using light to determine the subtle changes in shape.

TCVCC General Meeting, continued...

Next we got to look over various pieces of metal that had been attacked by rust and removed to be used for templates to fashion replacement pieces. This is extremely important for cars that are low production or very rare where there is no reproduction pieces, and nothing can be found in a junkyard or someone's collection. Shaun did reinforce the fact that it's always best to start with a nice dry car from California. This was what I did when I restored my 1966 GTO back in 2005. It was one of the smarter things that I have done.



Shaun showed the group some of the extensive work that they had done to the underbody of an Avanti. I was on my knee scooter (reliving 2014), and went next door chatted with his ace painter. I'd met her a couple times before when she helped out with the Cool Show. Since then she has developed a paint suit that is a better fit for women painters, and

formed a social media group called "Women behind the Gun". She gave me a short talk on color matching using the computer, and their only choice of paint and refinishing products- BASF. I saw some of the finished work, and it was amazing. Of course, with any high-end product, there are always seminars and training associated with the systems that she regularly attends. I scouted the rest of the area eyeballing a couple GTOs that were in for minor fine tuning, and completely rust free Karmann Ghia body that was ready to be part of a restoration. Up in the rafters I think I saw a 1000 hp engine that had been mentioned for a resto mod truck. It was a great experience and I think all our members learned a little bit more about restoration, especially metal restoration.

Since we promised the restaurant that we would be there for opening at 11, a few of us scouted ahead, and got there just as the doors were opening. The club filled the place up much to the chagrin of a couple of locals who showed up and had to wait outside. Dylan Brooker, the manager took the floor and explained the concept of a



gastro pub, and that everyone would be fed table by table, and the food would be fresh and hot, but even the last tables would not take that long to be fed. The efficiency of this restaurant and its staff is a thing of beauty, and we enjoyed our meals and headed home.

To see more pictures from the general meeting, click <u>HERE</u>.

Frank's Story

By Frank LoVerso

As a collector, I always preferred original, unrestored vehicles. They represent my youth, and how I remember them as I grew up. My favorite cars growing up were the Tri-Five Chevy's, the '55 to '57 Bel Aires.

Many people in my neighborhood bought one of these cars. My father also bough a '57 because it was rated the number one choice of the Big Three in Consumer's Report.

Lately, I have come to realize that they are not practical to drive on a regular basis in their original form. Nowadays, original cars are upgraded with moder drivetrains and the addition of options like power assisted disc brakes and Air Conditioning.

In order to better enjoy my cruise weekends, I decided to buy a car which represents the best of both worlds. My choice was a 1955 Chevy Bel Aire 2 door hardtop. It is fully restored with only 943 miles on the restoration. It faithfully keeps it's stock appearance, even down to the original two tone color scheme of Neptune Green and Shoreline Beige, but it is loaded with modern upgrades to increase it's comfort and drivability. It's the perfect car for me at this point in my life.



Frank enjoying his '55 on the Cracker Tour..

Andre trying to steal Frank's '55.



Member Stories

Cruising with the Model A's

By Sally Franklin

So, a little more about our trip with the Model A's. We left on a Friday morning and headed out to meet the rest of the group in Okeechobee. From there we headed to Lake Wales, stopping along the way at a place called Ridge Live Steamers, where there are hundreds of train enthusiasts with huge model trains that you can ride on! It was amazing and I highly recommend a visit.



From there we went to Bok Tower and enjoyed the gardens and a tour of the mansion.

After enjoying happy hour and pizza at the hotel that night, we got an early start on Saturday to head



to Flywheel Park, where we were meeting other folks and hoping to participate in the Antique Car Parade. As it turned out, we didn't make it into the parade in time, but got to park our cars in Wild Willy's

Used up Car lot. We spent the day roaming around the vast flea market/swap meet area and enjoying all the antique machines. Oh, and don't forget the corn dogs and ice cream!



After a long day in the hot sun, we headed back to the hotel to freshen up for dinner. We had an excellent dinner at a local steakhouse and headed to bed.

The next day the group stopped at Sebring International Raceway and enjoyed the vin-

tage racing. We missed that part because we wanted to get the Turtle home before it got so hot. She was running a little hot under the hood for some reason. All in all, it was a excellent weekend with great folks.

