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Upcoming Meetings

The July General Meeting will be on **Sunday**, **July 23rd**. Please see the announcement on page 3 for details.

Hello TCVCC Members and Friends!! Now that it is officially hot enough to fry eggs on the sidewalk, many of us are reluctant to get out and drive around in a car without AC. Maybe we should think about doing some evening cruises when the temperature has eased off a bit.



Until then, here is your latest opportunity to catch up on goings-on in the club. There are still lots of cruises and shows happening despite the hear. Included in this edition is a story by a non-club member, David Carlson. Many of you know David, as he is an active member of the Palm Beach A's club and drives his Model A all over the place. The story was published in the Model A Restorer's Club magazine and David has given me permission to share it with our members. Some of you might remember our trip to Project Lift in Palm City and seeing the Model A that the group was working on. Two of our Club members, Geoff Nichols and Richard Boyer, have been actively involved in bringing this car back to life. I hope you enjoy the story.

In other news, we have a location and date for the 2023 COOL Show! November 5th in downtown Stuart. The parking lot behind the Courthouse is the precise location and should provide ample space and lots of shade. Now that the hard part is done, we are currently recruiting volunteers for the various tasks that need to be done before and during the show. This is our annual show and it takes a lot of people to make it great.

We are having our initial volunteer meeting on Friday, July 7th at the Rayman's house in Hobe Sound at 7 PM. Please plan to be there and enjoy desert and a drink while we get this show started. There are lots of opportunities to help out regardless of your abilities. Thank you in advance for your help.

If you haven't done so recently, check out our <u>website</u> and see what's been happening with some of our club members on the Club Activities page. Scroll down to "Members on the Move" and catch up on the latest.

See you on the road! sally

Secretary's Report

Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club General Membership Meeting , June 25, 2023

The June general meeting was hosted by Linda Bollman who lead our caravan up A1A along the Ocean to Ft. Pierce to Angelina's Ristorante for lunch and our General Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by President Sally Franklin at 11:44 AM. Our guest attending was Pearl Jackson's Daughter Kerry.

Jo Ann's Secretary's report was in the newsletter.

Treasurer, Barb Joyce, was not present but it was noted by Sally that we have plenty of funds in the bank.

Ann Ridle, Membership, reported we have 96 memberships (178 people). Sally will have the newsletter out as soon as possible.



TCVCC's WebSite is being up-dated by Bob Ridle as new items of interest come to his attention. His Members On The Move page has drawn a lot of interest and he welcomes photos of members on the go. Bob also informed the members that Charlie and Sherry Ulrich have been sending many photos from their trip in Europe to the Web Site. Please check them out as they are outstanding. Denny Dahle will have Special events in the newsletter. TCVCC members have been on the move attending region shows and bringing home more trophy's.

The Club Stores are fine. Kerry Sees was not present but if you need anything from there please feel free to call Kerry.

Legislative, Jay Smith reported nothing new right now effecting our old cars but noted that Ohio has introduced legislation to prevent any local or state government agency from restricting the sale or use of motor vehicle based on the energy source used to power the vehicle, including internal combustion engines. (H.B. 201/S.R. 155).

Sunshine chairman Marie Flaherty informed the members that cards had been sent to Dave Brown who is undergoing Cancer treatments and to Gary Eichhorn who fell and hit his head and spent a night in the Hospital.

CŎOL CAR SHOW UP-DATE: Denny Dahle has stepped up to the plate as the person heading our show this year. We are very grateful for all his effort and along with Sally the show is finally organized for SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5th. The show will be held in the shaded parking lots behind the Stuart Courthouse. Registration will begin in July. Great fliers have been printed and will be available soon. Sally will have a meeting for all those interested in helping somewhere soon. Since most of us have "Been there-Done that" and some of our new members want to participate the show should come together nicely. Mark the date down and be ready to help Denny and Sally where ever they need a hand. Judges will be needed so if you have done this in the past please consider this again this year. There are many things you can help with so plan on attending Sally's meeting and raising your hand where you feel you can be of help.

No Old Business

Under New Business: Jo Ann informed the members that in regard to our donation of \$100.00 in memory of Krill Jackson the club received a very nice Thank You letter from the Treasure Coast Hospice.

Mary Ann Arnone let members know that Harbor Side in Jupiter has closed their shows for the summer, to resume in October.

The July meeting will be hosted by Jo Ann and Jay Smith. A tour of the Tuckahoe Mansion at The Riverside Park in Jensen Beach. Information is in the newsletter. RSVP accordingly.

A thank you was given to Linda Bollman for arranging the outing .

Motion was made to adjourn and passed so we did. Time, 12:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted. Jo Ann Smith Secretary

Upcoming National Events, General Meeting Notice

AACA National & Regional Events

July 16-22, 2023 ,Founders Tour, London Ontario, Canada. Click here for <u>BRO-</u> <u>CHURE</u>.

July 6-8, 2023, Central Spring Nationals, Waterloo, IN. Registration deadline June 21. Click here for **BROCHURE**.

July 26-29, 2023, Special Eastern Spring Nationals, Hamilton, NY. Registration deadline June 28. Click here for **BROCHURE**.

August 10-12, 2023, 2023 Grand Nationals, Bettendorf, IA. Hosted by the Mississippi Valley Region.

August 16-19, 2023, Vintage Tour, Presque Isle, Maine. Registration deadline June 15. For information, contact the Tour Coordinator: Craig Green, 207-768-1033 cell, 207-762-6500 office, <u>Craig@crgins.net</u>

Sunday, July 23rd General Meeting Notice

Our July General Meeting will be guided tour of the "Mansion at Tuckahoe" located at Indian Riverside Park in Jensen Beach.

We will meet in the parking lot behind the Chevron Station at the East end of Ocean East Mall.

This is where Fresh Market is located. Chevron Station is on the right at the 1st stoplight past Monterey Road going east. Turn right into the parking lot behind the station. We will meet there to LEAVE at 9:30 AM and proceed up to Jensen Beach via Sewalls Point (Indian River Drive).



Tour will be no charge to members.

After the tour, we will drive back down Sewalls Point to Harbor Bay Plaza for brunch or early lunch at Stringer's Restaurant. Order off the menu – you pay. Menu is reasonable.



RSVP to Jay and Jo Ann by Wednesday, July 19th, as we need a head count for the restaurant. (772) 287-1903 or jays2094@att.net

See you there!

Sunshine & Happenings

SUNSHINE REPORT

Cards were sent to David Brown who is undergoing cancer treatment and to Gary Eichhorn who spent some time in the hospital after a fall. Please pass on information to Marie Flaherty: email: mariec21@earthlinknet, phone 772-631-9065. Let me know so we can shine some Sunshine for our club members.

From Gary McNutt, Producer-Director at Telecraft Production Services, Inc. and an AACA Member (#919325).

There are many videos and television shows that feature quick pans of rows of cars at car shows, guys doing burn outs, and garage capers. But at RetroCarChannel, we have interviewed over forty-seven owners of cars who relate their passions and tell the stories behind their cars. And they also describe their cars and how they obtained them. You may recognize a number of the owners: (Charles Ulrich showed a Triumph GT6 at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens Car Show.)

All these, and many others can be viewed at the link below. The RetroCarChannel has concentrated its production in South Florida and have interviewed these car owners at no cost to them. We are also seeking sponsorship to expand to many other regions. Meanwhile, please inform your members of this YouTube site and urge them to Subscribe to keep up with new videos soon to be re-

leased. We hope you enjoy watching these vintage car owners as they tell enlightening stories.

Click on the picture to watch.



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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

Tote Bag

License Plate Frames	
TCVCC License Plate	

Men's Shirts, L. XL, XXL, XXXL

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Women's Shirts, XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

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 Pictures?

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

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EVENTS FOR July 2023 (Curtesy of Jim Serra)

- I WAS RECENTLY INFORMED THAT THE SHOW AT THE TA TRUCK STOP IS ON HOLD UN-TIL THE FALL. THERE WILL NOT BE A SHOW ON 7/17 AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED
- The Tuesday night show at Lowes will not take place on July 4th. Lew and his crew wish everyone a happy and safe Independence Day and look forward to seeing everyone again on Tuesday July 11th.
- Saturday July 1st, McKees 37 will hold their monthly Cars & Coffee at 8 am, 7744 SW Jack James Drive Stuart. Free event, coffee and donuts are \$3.
- Saturday evening July 1st Informal Gathering of Car Guys (and Gals) at the Jensen Causeway is back for the summer......4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Informal Car Enthusiast meet-up in the park underneath the EAST Jensen Beach Causeway. Address is: NE Causeway Blvd., Jensen Beach, FL 34957. From the mainland, drive OVER the bridge/causeway. On the downside, make the first hard right turn and drive through the parking lot. Lots of shade and cool breezes coming across the water. Bring a chair and relax... Restrooms in West section of park. Weather permitting. Contact is Bob Crow at 772-359-4822.
- On Sunday July 2nd, there will be a choice of several Cars & Coffee events. The only free one with free coffee and 20% off the menu will be at the Googan Coffee Shop located at 1917 NW Federal Hway in Stuart. Shiftculture conducts a monthly Cars & Coffee at the St Lucie Fair-grounds. This month, it will be on 7/2 starting at 8am and the entry fee is \$10 (\$20 for VIP. The Valencia Grove "Car Hop of the Grove" will host a Cars & Coffee event 830 am at Millers Ale House on Gatlin Blvd.
- Monday July 3rd, BUFFALO WILD WINGS Located at 3299 NW Federal Hway (Corner of Jensen Beach Blvd) 5 pm to 730 pm FREE EVENT and dining discounts for cruisers - see Stacey for details
- Tuesday July 4th NO SHOW AT LOWES THIS WEEK ENJOY THE HOLIDAY
- Wednesday July 5th Dairy Queen Cruise in I spoke with Ira Fluss and as of now this event will continue through the summer months.....4:30 PM to 6:00 PM. Dairy Queen Car Enthusiast Dropin. 9019 S U.S. Hwy 1, Port St. Lucie, FL 34952. Informal gathering of car enthusiasts. 20% discount for cruisers. Contact is Ira Fluss, 772-485-7145.
- Shift Culture puts on a Thursday night show on the 2nd Thursday of the month, 6 pm to 9 pm downtown Ft Pierce. Cars/food/music and more...Entry fee is \$10/VIP parking is \$20.
- Saturday July 8th, The Elliott Museum Cars & Coffee will take place at 8 am FREE event, \$3 buys unlimited coffee/donuts (now featuring Jupiter Donuts) and ice water. Sponsored by McKees37 and the Elliott Museum. (Repeats on the 2nd Saturday of the month) INFO: Jim Serra 772-285-3320

Don't forget to post your car show photos on the Treasure Coast Automobile Enthusiasts Facebook page where they can be viewed by over 490 local car enthusiasts.

EVENTS FOR July 2023 (courtesy of No Name Car Club)

Friday July 7, 2023 5pm – 8pm Brass monkey cruise-in at Lake Worth, FL. Voted the number one cruise-in Palm Beach County. First Friday of the month for 14 years.

Sunday July 16, 2023 - Summer Crush Vineyard & Winery, Ft. Pierce, FL. Gates open for registration. 10.30 am - 12 noon \$20.00 entry fee (exact change) Show time noon – 3.30 pm Awards at 3pm



Saturday July 29, 2023 - Vinnie's Tribute Cruise to the Caladium Festival in Lake Placid. FL Free Cuban roast pork dinner .



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Member Stories

June General Meeting

June 25, 2023 Photos curtesy of Andre Rayman

For the June General Meeting, the group met up at the Post Office in Jensen Beach. It was great to see so many driving their classics. Fortunately we started out early and it wasn't too hot.





We cruised over to the beach and drove up to Fort Pierce to have lunch at Angelina's.

We took over the entire restaurant and enjoyed a delicious meal after our meeting.





Afterwards, some members headed next door to one of our favorite ice cream shops and had desert.

If you want to see more pictures from the meeting, click

<u>HERE</u>.

Member Stories

Car Show at The Pointe

July 3, 2023 Photos curtesy of Andre Rayman

Although it was not an official Club outing, nor was it the 4th of July, many Club members headed out to The Pointe Senior Living facility for a small car show. It was a warm day but the residents were out in force enjoying the beautiful cars and chatting with the car owners. Lots of great memories and stories were shared as usual.



If you want to see more pictures from the show, click <u>HERE</u>.





Member Stories



Transporting the donated car.

JOUTH PARTICIPATION, community service, and preserving a piece of history became the mission of the Palm Beach A's in January 2022. It started when a former club president received an email from a couple in Miami who had a 1930 Fordor to donate. It had sat outside in the Florida weather for years and was "rough."

Discussion within the club centered on the issues of not having a garage, not being sure if members could tackle the project, and the potential expense. We decided it was too much for us ... but then we heard about Project Lift in Palm City.

PROJECT LIFT works with at-risk teens, delivering an innovative approach to mental health using a platform of vocational training. Therapists and substance abuse experts work with them, addressing such issues as depression, anxiety, addiction, trauma, abuse, and anger management. Morning and afternoon programs are followed with a





family-style meal where youth sit with staff and mentors.

Some of the skills they offer include welding, auto repair, carpentry, general construction, and metal forging.

Besides the counseling and vocational programs, all



Once removed, the engine was checked by a machine shop.

youth get instruction in career readiness, and 88 percent or more graduates find a job. Further, as a result of their participation in the vocational and mental health programs, 97 percent of Project Lift graduates are drugand alcohol-free.

Club secretary Dave Carlson contacted Project Lift to see if there would be interest in preserving the Model A if our club provided guidance and support. A meeting was held between several key club members, Fhane Jones who owns Stuart Model A Parts & Service, and staff from Project Lift. After outlining the scope and potential expense of the work, a new partnership was formed!

ON MARCH 2, 2022, three members of the club went to Miami, picked up the A, and delivered it to Project Lift.

Member Stories continued...

ONE CLUB MEMBER'S EXPERIENCE • "WORKING WITH THE KIDS at Project Lift has been interesting and enjoyable," says Alan Hirt of the Palm Beach A's.

"I was a bit of a skeptic when I first saw the 'car' they were going to restore. Frankly, I would not have touched it. But as one of the Project Lift staff said, 'It is not about the money or the time that it takes; it is about the kids and the experience that they will get.' He was right.

"For me, the hardest part has been forcing myself to step back and not do the work. It would certainly go faster if the volunteers were doing more of it. But I keep reminding myself that the kids do it; we only provide guidance.

"The challenge is that so many of the kids have literally never held a tool. If you tell them to tighten a bolt, they ask which direction to turn it. If you tell them "clockwise," they become puzzled because clocks are digital; they do



Alan Hirt guides a Project Lift student in working on a Model A wheel.

not turn. If you tell them to use a ratchet wrench they are lost; they do not know what that particular wrench, or any wrench, is called.

"Yet they are willing and they learn, and many of them keep coming back. It usually takes two to three times longer to do things than if we were to do them ourselves, but learning by doing is best!

"Not all of the kids that rotate through the project enjoy it. I tell them this is normal: everyone doesn't like working on cars — antique or otherwise. And this is all part of learning.

"One of the best aspects of Project Lift is that they have a number of departments that the kids can try — and usually they discover something they enjoy. And we do have kids who enjoy the working on the Model A project.

"One of the kids, after his first day of working on the Model A, came back the next morning. He had spent all night reading about Model A's on the internet. He has the bug! We hooked one. And he is not the only one."

The first order of business was to get some temporary tires so we could move it. Next came two canopies so we could stay out of the sun and put parts in the empty one.

"Rough condition" was an understatement. Much of the body had disintegrated into piles of rust. The engine was frozen, but we did have the purchase bill of sale from 1930, and the engine number matched the one on that original invoice!

WE HELD OUR BREATH as the engine was sent to a machine shop in Vero Beach for evaluation. The engine could be rebuilt, so that was authorized immediately.

As parts were dismantled, the club met with staff and decided to maximize the experience for the youth by using their wood shop to build a Station Wagon or Huckster body. Station wagon information was rare, but Wagon



Preparing to return the rebuilt engine.

Works of Indiana provided us with a DVD and plans for building a Huckster body.

The cowl and gas tank were salvageable, as were the fenders, frame, and drive train. The frame and its components were cleaned, treated with OSPHO, and painted black. The rest of the metal was blasted using a water method and primed. Many parts were brought to Stuart Model



A for degreasing, OSPHO treatment, and priming. New brake drums and tires were ordered.

AFIER THE CAR was completely taken apart, we moved the frame inside to a stall inside the Project Lift garage for cleaning, preparation, and priming. Students had fun painting and mounting new tubes and tires.

At Stuart Model A, additional leaves were added to the springs, and the braking system was rebuilt with such steps as repairing the backing plates, turning new drums, and fabricating new brake shoes.

In March the rebuilt original engine came back! Parts

Member Stories continued...

PROJECT LIFT'S PERSPECTIVE • "OUR AUTO REPAIR STUDENTS are enjoying this opportunity of a lifetime to restore a Model A, while gaining valuable skills to add to their skilled trades toolbox and improve employability," says Chris Krueger, Media and Marketing Specialist for Project Lift.

"Leann, our of our students, says, 'I really enjoyed my time on the Model A with my instructor, Stephen. He has been fun and informative. One of my favorite parts of the Model A is taking the old car apart and restoring it to its original beauty. The Model A is going to be a show piece.'"

Krueger reports their staff has enjoyed partnering with Palm Beach A's members on this project. "It has been such a blessing," says August Lightfoot, Director of Operations, "to work on this Model A with the Palm Beach A's. Through their guidance and mentorship, we have been able to introduce our young men and women to this iconic piece of American history. We have planted seeds that we hope will blossom into a lifelong love of cars and, hopefully, careers in the automotive industry."



Demonstrating use of OSPHO.

of the front end were connected, so we now had a rolling chassis!

The next phase will be to start the metal work and prepare for building a Huckster body. The goal will be to put a few seats in the back to make a parade vehicle for Project Lift.





OUR TYPICAL WEER consists of providing two club members from a pool of 10 on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings for guidance and assistance. Some weeks we do work additional mornings.

On a typical day we will have between one to four youth as well as a Project Lift staff member, learning about Model A's.

I am no longer a skeptic. This car will be a survivor. And at the end of the day we hope we have some new Model A enthusiasts.

THE PALM BEACH A'S are proud to be a part of this life-enhancing program for youth

while preserving a Model A. Θ

David and Patricia Carlson bought their 1930 Town Sedan in 1998 while living in Massachusetts and belonging to a club in Sudbury. In 2004 they relocated to Port St. Lucie, Florida, where they can drive the car all year. David is a past president and now serves as secretary of the Palm Beach A's.

