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### **Upcoming Meetings**

The October General Meeting will be on <u>Sun-</u> <u>day, October 29th</u>. Please see the announcement on page 4 for details.

Hello TCVCC Members and Friends!!

Hard to believe it is October already. Seems like the summer heat would never ease up, but the rain we have been experiencing has at least



cooled it down a bit. Our September General Meeting was a nice cruise down to the Resurrection Muscle Cars shop in Palm Beach. What a fantastic shop they have. And the variety of cars being worked on was amazing. Read about it and check out the photos later on in this newsletter.

So, Fall is here and it is time to start getting our membership renewals in the works. Along with this newsletter you will receive a downloadable renewal form to print out and mail back to Ann Ridle. Note that your AACA renewal form is included in the latest edition of your Antique Automobile magazine and should be mailed directly to AACA, not to Ann. Or you can renew your AACA Membership on line at <u>AACA.org.</u> Renewals are due by January 1st. We are also attempting to get a head start on the Roster for next year. Your memberships, (both TCVCC and AACA) must be paid up to be included in the roster. If you want your picture in the roster and are happy with the picture from this year's roster, no need to do anything. If

in the roster and are happy with the picture from this year's roster, no need to do anything. If you wish to add or change your picture, please come to one of the next few General Meetings and have Ann Ridle take your picture.

It's time to sign up for the Annual Stuart Veteran's Day Parade. The parade will take place on Saturday, November 11th. Please sign up with Denny Dahle at koda06@bellsouth.net no later than October 30.

Only one month until our COOL show on November 5th. We are still in need of volunteers to get involved with various activities. Areas where we need help: Parking, Set up and Take Down, and Clean Up. Please contact Denny Dahle or Sally Franklin to see where you can help. There are lots of opportunities to help out regardless of your abilities. Thank you in advance for your help.

See you on the road! sally

# Secretary's Report

#### Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club General Membership Meeting , September 23, 2023

Hosted by Scott Bean the members toured down to West Palm Beach to see the great selection of cars at Resurrection Muscle Cars in West Palm Beach.

After our tour the group went to the Pirate's Well Restaurant for lunch and meeting.

The meeting was called to order by President Sally Franklin. Guests present were Molly Hoffman's sister Vicki Fox, Ed Schaeferle and Tom Marks.

The Secretary's Report will be in the newsletter.

Barb Joyce , Treasurer , informed the members "We Got Money".

Membership, Ann Ridle, says we are still at 96 members.

Sally will have the newsletter out soon.

Bob Ridle has the Web Site up to date and urged members to check it out. For Special Events Denny Dahle informed the group of several events coming up of special interest that he will have posted in the newsletter so members can decide which one is of interest to attend.

Tanya Colletta is in charge of Club Stores if you need to order shirts etc..

Jay had no Legislative Report of interest to our club.

Marie Flaherty had no Sunshine Cards sent this month.

Sargent at Arms, Bob Sees, is ready with things needed for our Car Show. Dave and Amy Brown informed the members they are going to plan a Cracker Tour for sometime in April, 2024.

Our Cool Car Show planning is going well. Show fliers are being put out around town and registrations are beginning to come in. We still need members for parking and judging so call Denny or Sally if you can help.

There was no old business to discuss.

There was no New business to discuss.

The October meeting will be hosted by Charlene and Denny Dahle. See newsletter for information and RSVP accordingly.

Scott Bean was thanked for arranging the September outing.

A motion was made to adjourn and seconded, passed, and we did.

Respectfully Submitted. Jo Ann Smith Secretary



# **Upcoming National Events**

### **AACA National & Regional Events**

October 3-6, 2023, AACA Eastern National Fall Meet, Hershey, PA. Registrtion deadline is August 15. Contact information: hersheycarreg@gmail.com, or Hershey Region AACA Office (717) 566-7720. Click here for <u>Brochure</u>.





Registration open from May 1 through August 15, 2023 (or until filled) Tour limited to 200 Registrations

Tour Hosts: Steve, Blanche, and David Gordon 229-226-2266

> Registrar and Information John Nikodym 402-746-3825 gliddentour2023@gmail.com

October 22-27, 2023 77th Revival AAA Glidden Tour, Thomasville, Georgia. Registration deadline August 15. For registration, contact John Nikodym at (402) 746-3825, gliddentour2023@gmail.com. Click here for registration form.

November 11, 2023 Ancient City Auto Club Car Show. Sponsored by Ancient City Auto Club Region AACA Location: Florida School for the Deaf and Blind, 207 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine, FL 32084 Contact: Joe Greeves, President - 904-347-4602 Website: <u>http://ancientcity.aaca.com</u>

For more listings and information, click <u>HERE</u> to visit the AACA website.

# Sunshine & Happenings

### SUNSHINE REPORT

No cards were sent out in September.. 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.

### Sunday, October 29th, General Meeting Notice

**Our October General Meeting** will be the Dahle's highly anticipated home cooking picnic.

On the menu will be pulled pork (plain &with bbq sauce) , ham and potato salad.

We will have water, sweet tea, unsweet tea, and lemonade .

We will are asking members w/ names starting with last names beginning with A-F to bring your favorite side dish.

Members G-l please bring sandwich buns or rolls.

Members M-S please bring Desserts

Members T-Y please bring Appetizers

The picnic will be held at Sandhill Crane Park 2355 S.E. Scenic Park Dr, in Pt. St. Lucie, Fl. 34952.

This facility has a very large covered pavilion , 10 large picnic tables , water & elec.  $\omega$ / restrooms connected to it.

Meet at the Jensen Beach post office at 11:15 leaving at 11:45 for the short drive N. on Savanna Rd. Left on Jensen Beach Blvd . , Right on Green River Parkway , Left on Walton Rd to the location.

After we are done dining, Denny will be presenting his world famous trivia / part ID quiz w/ awards to the winners . So brush up on your music , auto, general knowledge, and history .

No alcohol allowed on the premises.

Please RSVP no later than October 24th to Denny and Charlene at 772-237-9755 or kodaO6@bellsouth.net.

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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.

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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#### LOCAL EVENTS, (curtesy of Jim Serra)

As we transition from summer to fall, there are many changes to our local car show schedule. Several events that were on hold for the summer are back so mark your calendars accordingly. I counted 41 car events in 31 days for the month of October. NOTE: on Saturday, Oct 21st, there are 5 car events to choose from between Hobe Sound and Port St Lucie. Also, the Elliott Museum weekly Wednesday Car Show starts up on Oct 4th (Details below).

#### **EVENTS FOR OCTOBER/2023 ONLÝ**

- Saturday Oct 14th, Inaugural fundraiser car show for the Jensen Beach HS JROTC - 11 am to 2 pm 851 Johnson Ave Stuart, people's choice awards 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. 50/50 raffle, music by Lew and His Crew, food by Stuart Police Dept. Sponsored in part by Manero's Restaurant. Jim 772-220-4127

- Sunday Oct 15th, Summer Crush Winery Cruzin' to Fall Car & Truck Show 1030 am to 12 noon registration - show hours are Noon to 4 pm. \$20 entry fee. Best In Show Trophy, 10 People's choice awards, Entertainment by "Riptide", Food Vendors, sponsored by Dyer Chevrolet Ft Pierce - Carlos 772-528-4227

- Saturday October 21st HOT RODS FOR HENRY 12 NOON – 4 PM Clover Park 31 Piazza Drive Port St Lucie - open to pre1975 Hot Rods - http://www.henrydanafoundation.com - Food, DJ, Photographer

- Saturday October 21st, Halloween/Charity Car Show put on by the Stuart Corvette Club and the Elliott Museum 10 am to 2 pm - Open to all makes/models - Held at the Elliott Museum 825 NE ocean Blvd Stuart - registration day of show only (\$25), DJ, 50/50 raffle, top 15 trophies - all proceeds go to the museum.

- Saturday October 21st Hobe Sound Fall Fest with a vintage car display 10 am to 4 pm Doc Myers Park 10000 se Dixie Hway Hobe sound - vendors, crafts, food trucks, petting zoo and more. Belinda Lowe 772-634-0194

- Saturday October 21st, First Congregational Church Annual Pumpkin Patch and Car Show, Noon to 4 PM, 2401 Sidonia St, Port St Lucie, Free event. Cake sale, Food, Live Music - Hosted by the No Name Car Club 772-341-6851

#### EVENTS THAT REPEAT MONTHLY

- Sunday OCTOBER 1<sup>st</sup>, 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Googan Coffee Shop Cars and Coffee. 1917 NW Federal Hwy, Stuart, Florida 34994. Bring a classic car and get a Free 12 oz coffee and 20% off of menu items. Plenty of parking. Web site: https://googancoffee.com (Repeats on the 1st Sunday of the month) Info: Jim Serra 772-285-3320

- Friday OCTOBER 6th, 5:30 to 8:30 PM. Brass Monkey Cruise-in. 7781 Lake Worth Road, Lake Worth, FL 33467. Free admission. Hosted by Donnie, Betty and Carlos. Music by DJs Donnie & Carlos. Food discount inside the restaurant for cruisers every day. Info: 561-968-9559 or Carlos 772-528-4247 (1st Friday of the month)

- Saturday, October 7th, 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM. McKees 37 HQ Cars and Coffee, 7744 Jack James Drive, Stuart, FL 34997. Free admission. Car Care Tech Tips and, product demonstrations by Nick Rutter. Music, tent sales, discounts and factory tours. Coffee, donuts and pastries available for \$3. Sponsored by McKees37. Show info: Nick Rutter 772-828-0866 (Repeats on the 1st Saturday of the month)

#### EVENTS THAT REPEAT MONTHLY

Saturday October 14th Elliott Museum Cars and Coffee 8 am to 10 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 (You can caravan over to the ROTC fundraiser in Stuart after this event - details below).
MONDAY OCT. 16, 2023 5 PM – 8PM TRUCK STOP CAR & TRUCK SHOW I-95 & STATE RD 60 T/A TRUCKSTOP (repeats on the 3rd Monday of the month) Carlos 772-528-4247

- Sundays October 8th and October 22nd , 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, open to all years/makes models. FREE event. Contact is Jaime Stern, 516-849-8696 (2nd & 4th Sundays)

- Sunday, October 15th, 8 am, The Palm Beach outlets Čars & Coffee (1751 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33401.) TRUNK or TREAT Halloween Spooktacular at Cars & Coffee Palm Beach. Details are at www.cars&coffeepalmbeach.com

- Saturday October 28th Harbourside Trunk or Treat Event. Roll in 2:00. \$10. Entry. Open to all years, makes and models. Participants are encouraged to decorate their rides & bring treats. Trophies presented at 5:00. 129 Soundings Ave Jupiter, Fl 33477

#### EVENTS THAT REPEAT WEEKLY

- Mondays - 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

- Tuesdays at Lowe's 3620 SE Federal Hwy, Stuart, FL 34997. 5:30PM to 8:30 PM Oldies music. \$3 to display a car. Spectators FREE Lew, 772-260-6509.

- Wednesdays - Elliott Museum weekly car show 4pm to 7 pm, \$5 to display a car (Museum members are FREE) and spectators are free. Jack 415-302-1885

- Wednesdays, 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM. Dairy Queen Car Enthusiast Drop-in. 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.

- Fridays, 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM. Sonic Drive-In Car Enthusiast drop-in. 3177 NW Federal Hwy, Jensen Beach, FL 34957. Informal gathering of car enthusaists. Free sundae with your purchase. Contact is Mike Gelter, 772-485-0162 (Meets every Friday weather permitting)

- Saturdays, 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.

# **Upcoming Events**



### Inaugural Car Show Fundraiser Jensen Beach H.S. Air Force JROTC

Where: 851 SE Johnson Ave Stuart FL 34994 When: Oct. 14, 2023, 11am – 2pm DONATION \$10.00 per car Prizes 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, Peoples Choice 50/50 Raffle Music By Lew and his Crew Food by Stuart P.D. Prizes by Manero's Restaurant Sponsored by <u>WWW.Stuartparades.com</u> 772.220.4127 WWW.TREASURECOASTCARSANDCOFFEE.COM

### September General Meeting

September 23, 2023 Photos curtesy of Andre Rayman, Jay Smith and others

For the September General Meeting, the group met up at the Cracker Barrel for the back roads drive to West Palm Beach.

The drive to Resurrection Muscle Cars was very nice, with the weather and the traffic being almost perfect. Many of us drove our old cars so it was nice to get them out to stretch their legs.





Once there, the staff took

good care of us and showed us all the projects they are working on, taking the time to explain what was happening to each car.

After the tour, the group headed to the Pirate's Well for lunch.

Everyone headed out except for one car that decided it was done for the day. Dick and Molly Hoffman's Lincoln Continental would not start. The guys at the shop were kind

enough to help try to get it started and diagnose the problem. In the end, Dick and Molly decided to leave the car there for repair and Larry and I took them in our Falcon to the restaurant for lunch.





We had a good lunch and meeting and then everyone headed home. It was a fantastic day for a drive.

For more pictures from the meeting, please click <u>HERE</u>.

If you didn't make this meeting, please plan to attend the October meeting. Details on page 3.

### Denny Dahle's 1952 F-1 Pickup

By Michael S. Palmer

Denny Dahle paid \$50 in 1968 to buy Grandpa's 1952 F-1 and has owned it for 55 years. Along the way, he spent four and a half years turning it into a better-than-new, museumquality, award winner.

Most enthusiasts lose touch with their first truck or car. Not Denny Dahle. He bought his Vermillion red 1952 F-1 in 1968 and has owned it for 55 years. Today, the F-1 is a museumquality show truck worthy of magazine covers (and blog posts). But 71 years ago, it was just a work truck.

Here's a look back at the journey Denny and his first truck have taken...

In 1952, **Alfred Dahle** needed a work truck for his northern Wisconsin sawmill. So he went to a Ford dealership and paid \$1,459 for this 1952 F-1 half-ton pickup. The base price that year was \$1,361, to which Alfred added the upgraded Magic Air heater for \$62.40. (Wisconsin winters are no joke.) And, since he wanted something strong enough for towing around the property, he also paid \$35.60 for the 8RT truck engine option,



which is the iconic 239 cubic-inch flathead V8. Good for 110 American horsepower. The paint code for Vermillion Red was N.

Alfred's F-1 spent over a decade in constant use on the 10-acre property, towing machinery, transporting gear and employees, and making deliveries through hot summers, frozen winters, and everything in between. Garage queen, it was not.

Right around 1960, if our math is correct, Alfred's grandson Denny, started working at the family business alongside his father and grandparents, who also lived on the property. At



that time, Denny was a mighty 8-year-old who spent his childhood growing up around machines. Learning how they worked. How to fix them. How to maintain them. Along the way, the ole '52 became the first vehicle Denny ever drove.

One day, as he tells the tale, Denny was walking through the yard and saw the F-1 sitting there, tired and unused. So he asked his Grandpa if he could have it. To which Alfred Dahle said, "no." But he offered to sell it to Denny for \$50. This was 1968, and Denny was 16. He didn't realize it at

the time, but later understood Grandpa Alfred was teaching Denny an important lesson, "If you pay for something, you take care of it." Care for the F-1, Denny certainly did. But its rough life as a full-time work truck and first truck for a teenager had taken a toll.

### Denny's F-1, continued...

Denny finished restoring his F-1 in 2017. The process took a staggering four and a half years. "Every nut, bolt, washer, and clip's been sandblasted, primed, and painted. Everything. Rebuilt the front suspension, the rear end, the brakes, springs, everything." Denny, with all of his machine shop experience from his sawmill days, did almost all of the work. This included reupholstering the bench seat after

three shops turned him down. (He says it wasn't too hard — sunshine and a good set of hog-ring pliers really helped.) He even makes his own rare Ford parts that have been discontinued for decades, selling them around the world.

In fact, the only things he didn't do were the engine block's machinework and the Vermillion Red paint job, which Denny wanted to have factory-like paint with orange peel and all.

The results? Denny's 1952 F-1 is *nearly* perfect, according to the **Antique Automobile Club of America** (AACA). Denny says it scored a 390 out of 400 possi-



ble points. The detail work is nothing short of extraordinary. Correct NOS (new old stock) glass headlight lenses, correct screws, a factory-optional fire extinguisher, NOS keys, a locking gas cap, you name it. The F-1 now even sports the underhood light, which was a \$1 option in 1952. (Denny paid about \$130.)

With everything just as it should be, what could possibly be "wrong" with this F-1? Well, he had the wrong sparkplugs, for starters. But ended up swapping in the correct set.



So problem fixed there.

But there was one other feature Denny was proud to leave incorrect. Apparently, the bed boards are supposed to be painted body color or black, but Denny elected to keep them a natural wood finish because, "those boards, just like this truck, came from my Grandpa's sawmill. My dad and I milled them together in 1970 in the milling portion of the mill." Denny told the AACA judges that he was a third-generation mill worker and to ding him the 10 points, he didn't care.

Denny also bored the 239ci flathead V8 up to 241ci, but don't tell the AACA. (Wink.)

The result, which cost roughly \$35,000, is a museum-

quality show truck that has won over 65 awards, runs great, and remains a Dahle family heirloom. A truck that, for its seven decades on this planet, has only known two owners. Grandfather and grandson.

Well done, Denny. Well done.

To see more on Denny's truck, click <u>HERE.</u>

### **Market On Main Car Show**

By Sally Franklin, photos curtesy of Andre Rayman

On Sunday, September 24th, the No Name Car Club, in conjunction with Stuartmainstreet.org, Market on Main, held a small show at Flagler Park in downtown Stuart. Several club members were there, enjoying the riverside location. It was a nice day with only a light shower to dampen the activites.



Andre Rayman was there with one of his GTO's.

I had the Nash Metropolitan there and was joined by our friend Harry and his Nash from Melbourne.





Raul and Tanya Colletta brought their VW Beetle along with some friends.

Larry Atkins had the Thunderbird out for a cruise.





Denny and Charlene Dahle were there with the F-1.

Show entries were limited to 25 cars, but many more showed up to line the street outside the park.

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