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Upcoming Meetings

The April General Meeting will be on **Sunday**, **April 21st**. Please see the announcement on page 4 for details.

"You can never know about the days to come, But we think about them anyway...

Anticipation, anticipation is making me late, is keepin' me waitin'..." – Carly Simon (1972)



It's nearly April as I begin writing my

"President's Message" for this issue of Vintage Times and I am in a state of anticipation.

I'm anticipating the return of our '78 Thunderbird from the transmission shop. You might remember we drove our F-150 to the February and March meetings because the T-Bird's transmission couldn't decide whether it liked Drive or Neutral best. You'd be driving down the road and suddenly...no drive, just coasting along in neutral for about ½ a block and then drive would reappear...then go away again. Fluid was clean, full, with no hint of over-heating...so, off to the transmission shop for a rebuild. I'm also anticipating (dreading) the bill for this work.

I think a lot of us are anticipating the upcoming April "Cracker Tour" planned by Dave & Amy Brown. It's a great time to stretch the legs on your classic vehicle (25 yrs. or older) with a real road trip. We kind of know approximately where we're going, but have no idea what we're going to see and do. When Tourmaster Dave Brown realized Ann and I were going on a "Cracker Tour" for the first time, he grinned and got this gleam in his eye, and said something about "first timers". It may just be my imagination, but I could swear I heard a "bwahaha" as he walked away. Now I'm anticipating something akin to what sailors in the Navy experience the first time they cross the equator. More information on the "Cracker Tour" can be found on our website's Activities Page and here in Vintage Times. Members who have been before all say they have a great time!



President's Message, continued...



I'm also anticipating the club's April General Meeting. Sandee and Mike Searle are taking us to the King Tut Exhibit at the Elliot Museum. Remember the April meeting will be on Sunday, April 21st, to avoid conflicting with the Cracker Tour. Details can be found elsewhere in this issue of Vintage Times and on our website's Activities Page.

I'm no longer anticipating the arrival of our 2024 club roster, as they are here! Many were distributed at the club's March meeting. The remainder have been mailed out, so if you missed the March Meeting, your roster should be arriving in the mail soon. Many thanks to Ann Ridle and Sally Franklin for their tireless work, and also to proof readers Molly Hoffman and Andre Rayman. Despite our very best efforts, I'm sure some corrections/updates will be needed. Let Ann know and we'll get a corrections insert out to everyone.

Speaking of the March Meeting, the club's visit to the Geoffrey C. Smith Galleries in Port Salerno was a hit. Forty three members and guests found Mr. Smith to be an engaging and entertaining speaker whose love of the outdoors and the natural environment started him down the path to producing his incredible works. His skills in photography, videography, sculpture, and painting all play a role in creating his amazing bronze sculptures. If you missed it, you can find plenty of pictures of our March event by visiting the <u>TCVCC Website</u>. Thanks to Jo Ann and Jay Smith for putting together an outstanding event! Also, thanks to Bob Sees for handling the seating logistics with his truck and trailer.



Well, that's it for now. I hope to see everyone at our April 21st meeting and maybe on the Cracker Tour! In the meantime, let's keep 'em on the road!

Bob Ridle

Secretary's Report

Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club General Membership Meeting, March 23, 2024

After an amazing talk and tour of the Geoffery Smith Art Gallery in Pt. Salerno, 43 members made their way to 2 George's Dockside Grill for a Buffet lunch and our meeting.

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Ridle at 1:05 PM. Mary Ann Searle attended as Mike and Sandee Searle's guest.

Jo Ann reported that her report was in the newsletter and if everyone had read it and had no corrections she needed a motion them accept them as presented. A motion was made and seconded and passed.

Pres. Bob had gathered reports of board members not present.

He reported, from Treasurer Barb Joyce that "We Have Plenty of Money".

Membership Ann Ridle had new Rosters available, one per membership, and Bob took care of that for her. She also wanted the members to know we have 93 certified paid members now consisting of 172 people.

Sally Franklin is in Puerto Rico, but will take care of the newsletter in the near future. Jay Smith had no Legislative report at this time.

Pres. Bob reported that our Website is doing it's job and he is keeping it up-to-date.

Any Special events will be in the newsletter as per Denny Dahle.

Bob reported that Tanya Colletta has shirts etc. if any members need things from the Club Stores.

Marie Flaherty, Sunshine, had sent a card to Liz Bortnick who has been in the hospital. Sargent At Arms, John DeLisa, reported if he had anything to report "It would be in the Newsletter".

Pres. Bob reported that the Browns have 17 cars signed for Cracker Tour. It was also suggested that if you are going, please try and have a working CB radio for your car. It is the best way to keep in touch with the whole gang if there is a problem etc.

Cool Car Show chairmen will have the first volunteer meeting in May. No Old Business.

New Business: Andre Rayman had been to the Indian River Chapter big car show recently and our club had 17 cars there. Andre has challenged their club to match our attendance of 17 or more when we have our Cool Show. WE WILL SEE .

Upcoming Meeting: The April general meeting will be hosted by the Searles with a tour of the King Tut exhibit at the Elliot Museum. Information will be in the newsletter and on the website.

There being no further business before the general membership, a motion was made by Curt Francisco and seconded by Andre Rayman to adjourn and we did. Time 1:20PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jo Ann Smith, Secretary



General Meeting Notice

Sunday, April 21, 2024 9:30 AM

We will meet at the Jensen Beach Post Office, 2301 NE Savannah Rd, at 9:30 AM and depart promptly at 10 AM.

We will have a short drive to the Elliott Museum where we will have a tour of the King Tut exhibit.



To see a brief video about the discovery of King Tut's tomb, click <u>HERE</u>.



Lunch will follow at the Tiki Hut outside the museum with food from Philly Down South.

RSVP: Sandee Searle, 772-285-7216 or sandsearle@gmail.com by April 18th.

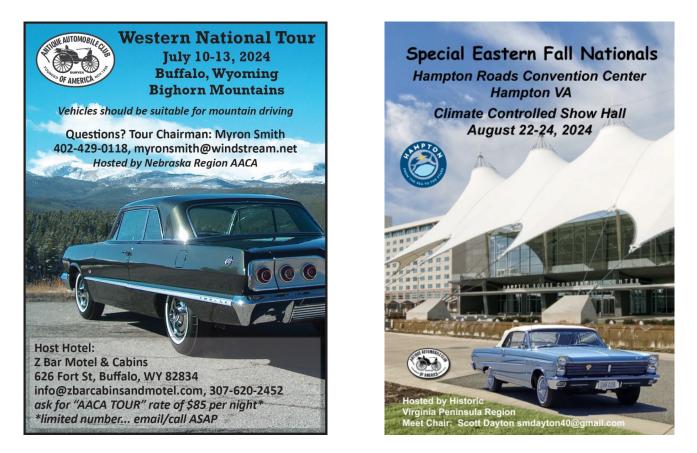
Upcoming National Events

AACA National & Regional Events

April 4-6, 2024 Charlotte, NC – Southeastern Spring Nationals and Grand National, sponsored by AACA Hornets Nest Region – Mel Carson, Chairman – 704-847-4215; <u>melcarson@charlotte-autofair.com</u>. <u>Grand National Brochure</u>, <u>SE</u> <u>Spring Nationals Brochure</u>

June 9-13, 2024 – Fredericksburg, Virginia – Eastern Divisional Tour – sponsored by AACA Buzzards Breath Region. Open to vehicles up through 1999.

June 20-22, 2024 – Saratoga, New York – Eastern Spring Nationals, sponsored by AACA Saratoga Region – Thomas Walsh, Chairman – 518-863-4987. <u>Online Registration</u> <u>Brochure</u>



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



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Sunshine & Happenings

SUNSHINE REPORT

A get well card was sent to Liz Bortnick. 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 the Membership Desk:

By now you should have received your copy of the 2024 roster, either in person or by mail. After the initial distribution at our March General Meeting, several corrections were requested and those will be taken care of. You will receive an updated electronic version of the roster once those corrections have been completed.

Ann Ridle

The club received a very nice card from the Geoffrey Smith Galleries.

Dear Jay & Jo Ann,

Thank you so much for having your event here at Geoffrey Smith Galleries. Geoffrey loves having the opportunity to discuss his work with new people and educate groups that are interested. We appreciate that you thought of us for your event, and we do hope to see you again in the future. I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! Have a great week!

Kind Regards,

The Geoffrey C. Smith Gallery Team

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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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NEW CARS OR PRO-JECTS

Do you have a new (antique) car you have recently purchased? Or would you like toshare with the club the progress on a restoration project? Please email pictures and a short story to sfranklin_2000@yahoo.com to have it included in a future issue of the Vintage

Times.

LOCAL EVENTS (Courtesy of Jim Serra and No Name Car Club)

EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL/2024 ONLY

Saturday April 6th, Caravan over to this one after the McKees37 Cars & Coffee - Grand Oaks Assisted living Car Show 125 NW Jensen Beach Blvd, Jensen Beach, FL 34957 11 am to 2 pm. Free Event and complimentary lunch to cruisers but must register via call/text at 772-285-3320 - Capped at 30 cars.

Sunday April 7th, Car Show at City Diner 2660 se Federal Hway Stuart, 9 am to noon, Free Event hosted by the No Name Car Club,. Carlos 772-528-4247

Saturday April 13th, 3 events in one day. You can start your day at the monthly Cars & Coffee at the Elliott Museum then caravan over to either A) The annual Grand Oaks Palm City Car show 3550 Corporate Pkey Palm City - Please register via phone/text at 772-285-3320 (capped at 60 cars), a free event with complimentary lunch. OR B) Head over to the All Saints Church Annual Car Show, 2303 NE Seaview Drive, Jensen Beach, FL 34957 772-334-0610 For more info.

Sunday April 14th, B&A Flea Market show hosted by Lew and His Crew. Enter via US 1 and Luckhardt St. 10 am to 1 pm FREE event but you MUST REGISTER to secure a spot. FREE hot dog lunch for car owners/raffles/prizes. 772-288-4915

Saturday, April 20th, Sheridan Assisted living facility Car Show, 5785 SE Pinehurst Trail, Hobe Sound, FL 33455, FREE event with complimentary lunch but must register via phone/text at 772-285-3320 as spots are limited.

Sunday April 21st Summer Crush Winery all Fords Car Show, 4100 Johnston Rd Fort Pierce, \$20 entry fee, noon to 4 pm, gates open at 1030 am. Best in Show and 10 Peoples Choice awards, live entertainment, hosted by the no name car club, sponsored by McKees37, Contact is Carlos 772-528-4247

Saturday April 27th, Dave Shearer Memorial Car Show, 10 am to 2 pm. \$25 entry fee to help fund St Luke's Church Backpacks for kids program - 5150 SE Railway Ave (near Cove Rd and A1A) Register at gate only. Music by Carlos and friends - 772-528-4247

EVENTS THAT REPEAT MONTHLY

Friday April 5th 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 April 6th, McKees 37 monthly Cars & Coffee 8 am 7744 Jack James Dr Stuart. FREE event and \$3 buys coffee/donuts. Tech session by Nick Rutter as well as product discounts. (Repeats 1st Saturday of the month).

Sunday April 7th, Recovery Sports Grill Cruise In. Repeats on the first Sunday of the month 4 to 8 pm, 10350 sw Don R Led Duke Dr Port St Lucie. 772-345-8490 Sunday April 14th & April 28th Valencia Cay Cars & Coffee 662 se Becker Rd, 8 am. Free event - Dunkin Donuts and Publix are nearby (2nd and 4th Sunday of the month).

Thursday April 11th, Street Dreams Monthly show by Shift Culture Downtown Fort Pierce 130 N 2nd St, Fort Pierce, FL 34950 6pm - 9 pm \$10 entry fee. Repeats on the 2nd Thursday of the month. More info: shiftculture.ticketleap dotcom

Monday April 15th, 3rd Monday of the month car show at T/A Truck Stop, 8909 20th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32996. Hosted by the No Name Car Club. Free entry, oldies music, 50/50. Dining Discounts Carlos, 772-528-4248.

Saturday April 27th South East Classics Harborside Show 4th Saturday of the month car show 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, 129 Soundings Ave, Jupiter, FL 33477. \$10 entry fee. Roll in at 1:00 PM. Trophies, including Participants & Spectators Choice. Open to all years, makes and models. Contact is Pete Needre Pete2350@comcast.net or call 772.216.9488. **EVENTS THAT REPEAT WEEKLY**

Tuesday Night Car Show at Lowes, 5 pm - 7:30 pm, 3620 SE Federal Hwy, Stuart, FL 34997. Please have exact change (\$3) to expedite entry to the show. Free for spectators - repeats weekly Lew 772-708-3790 (Lew has also set up a Facebook page called Lew's Crew Car Show - check it out).

Wednesdays Car Show at the Elliott Museum 825 NE Ocean Blvd at 4 pm \$5 to show a car (fee waived Museum members), spectators FREE - 10% dining discount for cruisers

Wednesdays cruise in at Dairy Queen 9019 US Hway 1 Port St Lucie at 4:30 pm FREE event and a dining discount for cruisers. Butch White 772-618-3794.

Fridays cruise in at Sonic 3177 NW Federal Hway Jensen Beach at 430 pm - Free Sundae with your purchase. Mike Gelter 772-485-0162

Information Please!

The following is an excerpt from the AACA Publication, "Rummage Box".

It's time to visit the AACA Website—aaca.org By Vicki Bolton - VP Judging Administration

When was the last time you went to the AACA website? It is a great tool for members and prospective members! The website is now full of helpful information and links. Members can quickly find many useful things including printable applications for members as well as one for military applications under membership.

Members can now join and renew online simply by selecting the Join/Renew Today Button. The area for Regions is where you can find information about the closest region or chapter. The webmaster and editors can also find logos here for their websites and articles. There is a link to the various forms that a region may need from time to time.

The Publications drop down displays the list of publications that can be viewed. You will find the AACA Policy & Procedures Manual and the AACA Bylaws in this list. You are talking to a prospective member and don't have your magazine with you? No problem, just open the website on your phone and open the magazine from Publications. Or maybe you have a question about judging? You can review the judging guidelines in Publications. You will also find a very concise vehicle classification document.

Two very important publications in this section are the Speedster and the Rummage Box. If you are not getting the Speedster in your email, you should update your email with Headquarters. The speedster is a great way to stay in touch and get the very latest news. The Rummage Box is full of articles that the newsletter editors love to use in their newsletters.

Choose Events to see the National Show and Tour Calendar. You can also see the local event calendar. You were not able to go to the Annual Convention? Did you know that you can see the National Award winners including the Master Editor and Master Webmaster awards? Just go to Events and select the National Awards, then click the first paragraph and it will take you to the presentation of all the National Awards. Maybe you want to see who won in the last Nationals, just select Nationals Results and you can see the winners for the last 10 years!

Contact is also a great repository of information. Here you can look up your current directors and just click on their name to send them an email. Committee Assignments are listed here as well. You can review the committees so that you will know who to contact if you have a question about one of these committee areas.

Please take some time to get to know your website. It is full of interesting tidbits and helpful information!

MEMBER STORIES

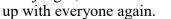
2024 AACA Special Winter Nationals, Puerto Rico By Sally Franklin

On Thursday, March 21, four of us left before sunrise to go to the Fort Lauderdale airport to board our flight to San Juan, Puerto Rico. Vinnie Cashin, Sarah Palletto, Larry Atkins, and I were excited to be headed out on an adventure. Upon arrival, we checked in to our hotel and staggered off to find some lunch, after which we all decided a nap was in order.

That evening, the folks from the Puerto Rico Region chapter arranged a coach to take all of us mainlanders (I'm not sure how many, but we filled the coach), to a very nice restaurant for a meet and greet dinner. As we expected, everything was top notch. After dinner, the coach returned us to the hotel so we could rest up for the next day.



Friday was a day of training for all of us judges, and a chance to catch





After the training and round table

discussion, the bus returned us to the hotel so we could rest up for another great night out, courtesy of the PR club. This time, we went to Downtown Cupey, a unique place in Puerto Rico for families and friends to share and have a good time with good music, lots of laughter and good food. It's basically an outdoor food court, with different venues serving food and drink. We had a great time just walking around looking at everything.

Saturday started early, with the bus picking us up at 7 AM to take us to the show field. After the Judges Breakfast, we broke up into smaller classes, or wandered out onto the field to look at the cars. Judging started at 10,

with teams of 4 or 5 judges each judging different classes. Our team judged 24 cars and finished up around 1 PM. It was a beautiful day with a nice breeze, but kind of warm on the asphalt. We were glad to go sit in the shade to finish our paperwork. The bus was leaving at 3:30 for the hotel, but some of us decided to escape early and called an Uber so we could rest up for the awards banquet.

The bus deposited us at the Awards banquet at 7 and the party started. With two pigs on the spit, there was plenty of food to go around. After dinner, Elvis took the floor and entertained us with music and dancing, even started a conga line!. Then it was time for the awards to be handed out. It is so much fun to watch the faces of the folks who win, especially the first timers, of whom there were many. The club there has added about 50 new members this year. After the awards, it was back to the hotel.

On Sunday, we did some sightseeing around Old San Juan. It is beautiful with the old architecture and the squares where there always seems to be musicians playing. Then off to the airport for the trip home.

If you want to see pictures of our adventure, please click **HERE**.



MEMBER STORIES

The Pioneer: First Woman to Build a Factory Five 427 Roadster

Posted on March 8, 2024 by Nicole Smith in What's New



The Factory Five community features some incredible women. From those building Factory Fives, to those driving, racing, working in the industry, supporting family builds, and much more, we express our gratitude. Happy International Women's Day from Factory Five Racing!

Meet one incredible woman and Factory Five customer, Cindy K. who defied expectations by becoming the first woman to build a Factory Five 427 Roadster. It's no surprise that she still owns and loves her Factory Five!

Starting off as a welder in Pennsylvania, she soared to new heights when she earned her pilot's license at age 20, and later added her mechanic's license to work on planes. Cindy always loved cars, but her love for this iconic car began at a car show in Hershey, PA and fueled her determination to build one herself.

The road to Cindy's Roadster build was filled with bumps. She encountered the loss of her husband and dad along the way. In true Factory Five 'Built Not Bought' nature, Cindy used her talents to build something beautiful after her losses.

While she transitioned and grew her career from welding to investigating major airplane accidents in Virginia, (including a few famous ones) she embarked on her Factory Five 427 Road-ster project in 1997-1998.

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Cindy's Story, continued....

Her donor car was a 1990 red Mustang. With friends' help, she loaded the 800lb frame into her one-car garage. Her beautiful Roadster was built during sleepless nights —even going so far as to call in sick from work to finish the build.

Her garage became her haven to build her dream car. To save space to build, she kept the roadster body shell hanging from rafters. Clearly undeterred by challenges, Cindy repainted the car green after the 1st paint job didn't go as planned. She also added a Birdseye Maple dash veneer, (which she made her own mold for) and meticulously worked away on the wiring.

Her 427 Roadster, crafted from a '90 Mustang donor, boasts an original 302 engine, (that she disassembled to a short block, revamping it to achieve a closer resemblance to a 350), coilover shocks, and a trunk-located battery. A collector of diverse vehicles, she's active in car clubs and has showcased her build at renowned car shows, earning accolades everywhere she goes.

Widowed for two decades, she found solace in the Hash House Harriers group of adventurers while in Virginia, and met her current husband in Great Falls at one of the group functions! Not surprisingly, they both love cars. Today, they are building a barn in Florida for their car collection!

This extraordinary woman, juggled a career investigating aviation accidents and personal losses, and persevered through every obstacle. Her Factory Five 427 Roadster not only reflects her passion for cars, but stands as a testament to resilience, the 'Built Not Bought' mindset, breaking barriers, and the pursuit of dreams.

Specifications:

- Ford 302 EFI 300 HP
- Independent suspension
- Dual roll bars
- Drop trunk with lighting
- Gas-n polished stainless steel side pipes
- Behind the seats cubby with lighting
- Fabricated radio housing under the dash with touchscreen stereo, two speakers mounted in front and two speakers mounted behind the seats
- Installed foot box cooling ducts with inline marine bilge blowers
- Heated leather seats
- Accent lighting under hood
- Paint is TCP Sapphire Blue MetallicPower steering