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Upcoming Meetings

The May General Meeting will be on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>May 18th</u>. Please see the announcement on page 3 for details.

News from the Pres desk. Another month gone by whew! April Board meeting & General meeting were a success. I would like to thank all the TVCVCC members who at-

tended the Lennar Homes show April 26 at Veranda Preserve. Great showing of quality vehicles by 13 of the brave souls who ventured out in the heat. Thanks to all who provided the shade shelters. It was much needed. It was a 12 hour day



for us & was worn out! Beth was very pleased with the results. She provided the free entry, the free lunch for club members & 11 awards. I hear she has something planned for the future, hopefully in late fall!

Amy & Dave Brown are about to lead a number of club members on the Great All American Cracker Tour. A safe trip to those on it.

Have been busy around the house w/several projects. New top for custom made night stand. The other is fine. Took it to the St. Lucie Co. fair years ago & entered it in the crafts dept. Blue ribbon. While it was there someone put something on it & slid it across which scratched it. Last time taking anything to the fair. So decided to spray some more coats of lacquer on it after 320 sanding. It was OK for a while but later it cracked as lacquer dries from the inside out. In March I decided to refinish it. Put some stripper on it & that was taking too long so in haste it was sanded down w/the DA & 80 grit. Bad mistake, sanded thru the veneer & ruined it. So I made a new top. The tall chest was made years ago & have the triple dresser top, sides, back, bottom, dividers & full extension glides ready. All that is left is making the drawers & fronts. The top is beautiful. Pictures next month. All the domestic & exotic veneers are from my Dad who passed away 22 years ago.

New front door w/custom made cypress trim. Permit - smermit!! Do not question my ability in door installation. The Hess residence in Sailfish Point has 103 exterior doors & 72 interior doors. Was involved in every install. Plus the custom made & installed double Mahogany front door w/transom. On the interior doors all of the hinge screws on all 4 hinges / door are turned the same way. All 2304 of them!. Made some custom made Sapele Mahogany trim for the exterior of the front door on our house. Custom made cypress casing for the interior to match the custom made base board. All cypress base board & casing in the house was left over from the Hansen residence in Sailfish Point. The whole house had D & better (clear) cypress tongue & groove ceilings & baseboard & door casings. The Hansens started the Winnebago motor home Co. in Forest Lake Iowa. Great people to work for. It was where I was working on 9-11.

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More News From the Pres...

New half of the drive gate as the old one rusted out because of the joint in the frame being in the middle on the bottom. Homer Depot was not keen on selling me 1/2 of a set of gates but mentioned to them while inquiring that I have been patronizing the Jensen Beach store for 32 yrs. Was there the 1st 5 days when it opened. Almost asked for a reserved parking space.

Remember BA-GI Be Active Get Involved Going to rely on many members to participate in the COOL Show Nov 2 . Scheduled meeting in June.

Your Pres, Denny

Memorial Day Parade, May 26, 2025

If you are interested in participating in the parade, please let Denny (koda06@bellsouth.net) and Sally (sfranklin_2000@yahoo.com) know so we can put you on the list. If you are not on the list, you can not participate in the parade. Deadline is May 17th. More information with maps and details will be coming to you in the next few weeks.

They are always in need of volunteers so if you can assist, please let Joe Flanagan know. The communication email address is StuartMemorialParade@gmail.com but you can also reach him by phone: Joe Flanagan cell 772-349-1777 (no voicemail), home 772-220-1744 (voicemail)

Parade starts at 10:00 AM, Participants should arrive for positioning between 8:30 - 9:30 AM, no later than 9:30 AM.



To read more about the DUES, check out Dave Brown's story later in this edition.

To keep up with our goings-on, please check out our website by scanning this QR code. Or visit <u>Treasure Coast Region AACA – Internet Home of the Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club</u>.



Secretary's Report

Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club/AACA General Membership Meeting – April 26, 2025

Jay and Jo Ann Smith hosted our return to Indian River State College Massey Campus to tour the new, absolutely awesome, modern & greatly upgraded Automotive Class garage at the Eastman Advanced Workforce Training Center in Fort Pierce. Host, Brian Woodrow shared the school's impressive learning opportunity and career growth for their students.

General Meeting. <u>Denny Dahle</u> called the meeting to order at 11:10 am. <u>Secretary's Report:</u> Ann Ridle asked if any corrections needed to the previous

General Meeting Minutes; motion made by Jo Ann Smith, seconded by Bob Ridle to accept the minutes as written.

<u>Treasurer</u>: Barb Joyce said, "We are doing fine." She shared the donations the club made during this past month.

<u>Membership</u>: Sandee Searle let us know we have 99 paid 2025 memberships representing 176 people. Sandee will verify that each of TCVCC members are also AACA members once the report is received from AACA.

Newsletter: No report.

<u>Website</u>: Bob Ridle explained, "If anyone tries to access treasurecoast.aaca.com website and gets a "502 Gateway Error," no worries. The Host Server is updating their system .. check back when our Website is operating smoothly.

Special Events: President Denny Dahle pointed out a number of upcoming events. Details are listed as found on the club website and in the newsletter.

Committees:

Club Store: no update at this time.

Legislative: Jay Smith reported no activity related to Old Cars this past month.

<u>Sunshine Report</u>: In Rosemary Rayman's absence, the club expresses sympathies to Tanya Coletta and her family for the passing of Tanya's mother.

<u>Sargent at Arms</u>: No update on Storage Facility, but further ideas can be explored at the next Board Meeting. John DeLisa shared information about AACA's inquiring about club activities Oct, Nov & Dec.

<u>Cracker Tour:</u> Organizers Dave & Amy Brown and those attending are ready to take off to enjoy this year's Cracker Tour May 1-4. Good times, safe travels, no break downs and a happy return to each.

Cool Car Show: Possible committee meeting in June.

Old Business & New Business: None

There being no further business, Lynn Larsen motioned adjournment, Frank LoVerso seconded, and we did at 11:25 am. The group excitedly toured the college's new facility followed by enjoying a meal at Manatee Island Bar and Grill.

Respectfully Submitted, Ann Ridle, Secretary

General Meeting Notice

TCVCC May General Meeting Sunday May 18, 2025

This month, a visit to the <u>Hobe Sound Nature Center</u> is planned. We will meet in the parking lot of VFW Post 10132, 6101 SE Dixie Hwy, Hobe Sound, at 10:15AM, with our caravan leaving promptly at 10:30AM heading south on A1A to US 1. We will tour the <u>Hobe Sound Nature Center</u>, 13640 SE Federal Hwy, (US 1), Hobe Sound starting around 11AM. The is no admission charge.





The Hobe Sound Nature Center is a private non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring and educating everyone about South Florida's unique, critical habitats and wildlife. They work in cooperation with the Nathaniel P. Reed Hobe Sound Wildlife Refuge to foster meaningful connections between people and nature.

Our tour will also include introductions to the resident "animal ambassadors" who now call the center home!

Our May General Meeting & lunch will follow at 12:15PM in the meeting room of <u>The Lighthouse Diner</u>, 1510 US 1, in Jupiter. We'll order from the menu.



Your RSVP is important! The deadline is Wednesday, May 14th. RSVP to Mary Ann Arnone via text at 516-835-1146 or e-mail her at <a href="mailto:mailto

Upcoming National Events

AACA National & Regional Events

- MAY 1-3 Western Spring Nationals/Grand Nationals—Tucson, AZ
 - 4 NJ Region AACA Spring Meet 72nd Annual Collectible Car Show, Morristown, NJ
 - Shenandoah Region AACA's 65th Annual Apple Blossom Car Show/Swap Meet, Winchester, VA
 - 10 Chesapeake Region's Annual Four-Alarm Collector Car Show
- JUNE 1 2025 AACA Vintage Tour Southern/Eastern Pennsylvania
 - 7 <u>Historic Fredericksburg Region AACA 68th Annual Antique Auto mobile Meet and Tour</u>
 - 14 AACA Gettysburg Region 50th Anniversary
 - 19 AACA Eastern Spring Nationals Beckley, WV
- JULY 2-5 AACA Central Spring Nationals Auburn, IN
 - 24-26 AACA Grand Nationals—Dayton, OH

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



Sunshine & Happenings

SUNSHINE REPORT

A sympathy card was sent to Tanya Colleta's family on the passing of her mother. A sympathy card was also sent to Scott MacGillivray on the passing of his step father. A sympathy note was placed on the obituary website for Bill Spurling, a longtime member who recently passed away. A sympathy card was sent to the Searle's for the loss of their Greyhound. Please pass on information to Rosemary Rayman: email: rrayman03@gmail.com, phone 561-371-5498.

Thanks to Warren Aplin for providing this update:



ANOTHER BRITISH INVASION!

Join in with the

GOLD COAST BRITISH SPORTS CAR CLUB

Saturday, May 24th, 10am - 2pm Brunch / Lunch

at the **IRISH BRIGADE**

All Vintage/Classic & Unique Cars

are Welcome

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621 Lake Ave., Lake Worth, Fl 33460

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Upcoming Local Events

LOCAL EVENTS (Courtesy of Jim Serra)

EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2025 ONLY

- Sunday May 18th, Cars/Coffee/Brunch, 9 am to noon 2660 SE Federal Hway Stuart, 20% dining discount and a 50/50, best in show award at 11:45. Carlos 772-528-4247
- Saturday May 24th Car Show to benefit Local Veterans, 3 pm to 6 pm, Mid Florida Event Center, 9221 se Event Center Place, Port St Lucie, entry fee \$10, rain or shine event, awards, 50/50, hosted by Lew and His Crew 772-708-3790
- Sunday May 25th, Noon to 4 pm, Hot Rodding for Heroes Memorial Day Car Show at Summer Crush Winery 4200 Johnston Rd Ft Pierce, Gates open 1030 am, Best in Show and 10 Peoples Choice awards, live entertainment, food available for purchase. Carlos 772-528-4247

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE IN STUART MONDAY MAY 26TH

Registration is now open to display your car in this parade. Here are 2 phone numbers and an e mail contact.....stuartmemorialparade@gmail.com or 772-349-1777 or 772-220-1744. Vehicles should be in place no later than 930 am as the parade steps off at 10 am.

EVENTS THAT REPEAT MONTHLY

- Sat 5/3, McKees 37 monthly Cars & Coffee 8 am 7744 Jack James Dr Stuart. FREE event and \$4 buys coffee/donuts. Tech session by Nick Rutter as well as product discounts. (Repeats 1st Saturday of the month). Rain or Shine event.
- SUN 5/4, CARS & COFFEE 8 am at Happy Sips, 1361 SW Gatlin Blvd, Christian 818-744-4737, \$8 buys an Iced Coffee/Donut Combo(REPEATS MONTHLY on the 1st Sunday)
- Sun 5/4, Recovery Room 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. Hosted by Riverland Car Club.
- Sat 5/10, Monthly Cars & Coffee at The Elliott Museum 8 am 825 NE Ocean Blvd Stuart. Free event \$4 buys coffee/donuts/ice water now featuring Jupiter Donuts. Sponsored by McKees 37. (Repeats on the 2nd Saturday of the month). THIS IS NOW A RAIN OR SHINE EVENT (in case of inclement weather, feel free to come down with your daily driver and we will move the refreshments inside).
- Sun 5/11 and Sun 5/25, Valencia Cay Cars & Coffee 662 se Becker Rd, 8 am. Free event Dunkin Donuts and Publix are in the plaza. (2nd and 4th Sunday of the month).
- Mon 5/19, 5 PM 8PM T/A Truck Stop Car & Truck Show I-95 & State RD 60 (repeats on the 3rd Monday of the month) Carlos 772-528-4247
- Friday 5/30 Shift Culture Cars & Stars 500 NW California Blvd, Port St Lucie. 7 PM, \$10 entry...(772) 742-9587
- Sunday May 30th Last Sunday of the month Cars & Coffee 8 am to 10 am 2456 SE Westmoreland Blvd Port St Lucie

Upcoming Local Events

LOCAL EVENTS (Courtesy of Jim Serra)

EVENTS THAT REPEAT WEEKLY

Tuesdays, Weekly Tuesday Night Car Show at Lowes, 5 pm - 7:30 pm, 3620 SE Federal Hwy, Stuart, FL 34997. Free for spectators - repeats weekly Lew 772-708-3790 (Please have exact change or small bills to expedite entry to the show)

Wednesdays, Weekly cruise in at Dairy Queen, 9019 US Hway 1 Port St Lucie at 3:00 pm FREE event and a dining discount for cruisers. Butch White 772-618-3794.

Thursday nights - WEEKLY EVENT - Lowes Jensen Beach, 4100 NW Federal Hway. 4:30 pm to 7 pm. \$3 to show a car, spectators FREE. Lew 772-708-3790. Please have small bills or exact change PLEASE.

Friday nights, Cruise in at Culvers in Jensen Beach 4 pm, located at 4151 NW Federal Hway Jensen Beach 34957. 954-650-4356 (Brian), dining discounts.

LOOKING FORWARD

- Saturday June 14th, Alto Assisted Living Car Show/luncheon 1301 SE Palm Beach Rd Stuart, 11 am to 1 pm. FREE but must register as only 10 spots are available and lunch will be provided. Call or text. Jim 772-285-3320
- Sunday June 15th, Fathers Day Car Show at The Grace Place on Salerno Rd in Stuart More details to follow



The Resurrection of the DUES My 1970 Pontiac Bonneville Convertible

By Dave Brown





I bought my 1970 Pontiac Bonneville convertible in 1979. I was selling a 1979 Chevy Van that I had purchased when the 79's first came out. When the seller saw my 1962 Pontiac Grand Prix in the driveway, he asked if I liked old Pontiacs. It was then he offered the Bonneville as partial trade and the rest is history. I used the Bonneville as my daily driver for a number of years. I improved it, a little here and a little there. In the late 80's I did a basic restoration including a garage repaint. Later in the 80's, I had a shop in PSL do a basic engine rebuild. But results were far from great. It knocked and rattled, but I still continued to drive it. Eventually I got tired of the knocking and pulled and rebuilt the engine myself and did a proper rebuild with all the normal machine work. And low and behold, I found the source of the knocking. The IDIOT installed three of the main bearings upside down! The oil hole was in the bearing cap, blocking oil to the crankshaft! And to think the engine ran over 10,000 miles with only splash to the crank, but needing only machined down 10 thousandths. After my rebuild, the big 455 purred like a kitten but roared like a lion when needed!





DUES, continued

By Dave Brown

Amy and I had been going to Hershey for several years starting in 1991 and got the wild idea to drive the Dues and enter it in the show. That way, we got perfect parking for show day. We drove and entered five straight years, and it was good enough to receive 2nd Junior awards each year. For my money, to drive 1100 miles on radial tires meant we had a pretty decent car. By now, you are wondering "why the Dues"? When Amy's mother first saw the car, she was amazed at its length and called it the "Duesenberg". It was thereafter always referred to as the Dues.

During the 90s and later I began buying as many NOS parts as I could find. Back then, NOS was available from many sources, and I stockpiled. In 2003, I decided to begin a real restoration.









DUES, continued By Dave Brown

But it has taken a ridiculous amount of time to complete. I got pretty deep into the car, rebuilding all the suspension parts, the brakes and rebuilding the engine again. I had several surgeries and cancer treatments and recoveries which delayed things. And like many, sometimes I just got frustrated and lost interest. But slowly but surely, things progressed, and we were very close to having the Dues ready for the 2024 Cracker Tour. I was busy driving it around to break-in the engine days before the Cracker Tour, and then disaster struck! First the horn wires melted all the way back to the horn relay and then the engine refused to run. Additionally, I was dealing with after effects of the radiation treatments and my bone marrow was not producing enough blood cells resulting in me being continually exhausted. So, the Dues sat pretty much idle for the next 10 months.









DUES, continued By Dave Brown

While sitting around a campfire a few weeks back, Sally Franklin, Don Gilbert and Barb Joyce were discussing the Dues, and wondering if they would ever see it again. Sally and Don decided to spearhead getting the Dues back on the road. They picked a date, February 7th to have Larry Atkins, Ed Joyce, Don Gilbert and John Giltinan come over and help me fix the Dues. By the end of the day, we had the horns rewired and a new horn relay installed. Then we got the engine restarted and once again purring like a kitten. And just in case you thought this was all my work, thanks to Amy too! Amy was hooked from the start as I picked her up on our 1st date in the Dues in 1983. When she got in the car the song "Amy" by Pure Prairie League was playing! Although she maintains I planned the song it was just coincidence and the rest is history!









Lennar Homes- at Veranda Preserve- April 27,2025

At some point in time when we were promoting the Spring to Victory Car Show, a fellow named Ray, from Lennar Homes got a hold of one of the flyers and called me to see if we were willing to hold a show at the Veranda Preserve subdivision off Becker Road.

After speaking to him at length, he seemed serious, so I handed off to Special Events coordinator and 2025 President Denny Dahle.

The date and time were set and Lennar set up a pre-registration web page where we could register. The beauty of the registration being that the cost was zero, Lennar was covering lunch for TCVCC and giving us \$15/car. A great deal had been struck by Denny, and now all we had to do was fill the parking lot with cars. The parking lot held about 50 spaces, but as the time slot was 12-4, it was a bit tentative.

Denny was kind enough to bring 2 tents for shelter and get there early for the 12 pm start. I got there around 11am, and there were probably 10 cars already there. For reasons unknown to me, the day was dry and about 82 degrees which is a small miracle for this late in April.

We had 12 cars from the TCVCC and it was nice quiet day. The pool was open for all, but there were no takers from our group. The clubhouse had ice cold a/c, lemonade and snacks, and there were about 6 or 7 Lennar reps working they show.

I learned that the community is 55 and over. There are townhomes and single family units. The single family units are as large as 3300 square feet. HOA is \$275/month and the CDD bond is \$2000/month for 30 years. If you are not familiar with a CDD, it's a method for a developer to borrow money for infrastructure, however the repayment is passed onto the residents. It is above and beyond the cost of the home. If you are buying in a new subdivision, the sellers often forget this tidbit of information.

The day went by fairly quickly, and the final count was 42 cars in attendance. The folks from Lennar who were not very familiar with car shows were pleased with the outcome. I can't say if it led to any sales, but if it did not, it was not from lack of their effort.

Two TCVCC members were winners of the Top 10- Larry Atkins- 1966 Fairlane, and Cristy Hernandez 1957 Buick Super.

Two other notable top 10 winners were past members- Tom and Sue Hylton 1964 Ford Falcon convertible, and Anna Burkley with her street rod.

Veranda Preserve, continued...



Christi Hernandez 1957 Buick



Larry Atkins 1966 Ford Fairlane

Best of show went to 1968 RS Camaro resto-mod with a blower sticking out of the hood. I would have picked that one as it was super clean and presented well.

The show time was 12-4, but my official show time was 11-2:12 which is pretty good for me.

If you missed this show, you missed a sweet deal, and an opportunity to help out your club. Who knows, maybe they will do another show in the fall.

See more pictures at: Lennar's Veranda Preserve Car show April 27,2025 | Flickr



1968 Camaro RS

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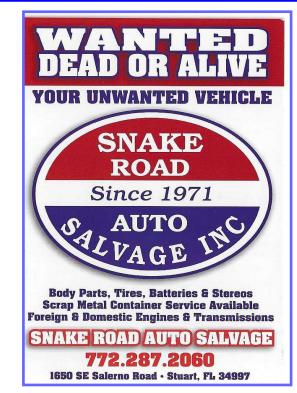














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