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Upcoming Meetings

The January General Meeting will be on Sunday, January 25th. Please see the announcement on page 4 for details.

Hello Fellow members-

Happy New Year and welcome to 2026. I will skip the formalities regarding new years resolutions that will have fizzled out by the time you read this. Old habits die hard. A wise man once told me that change only happens when the pain of change is less than the pain of staying the same.



Think about that for second.

For those of you that are new to the club, please allow me to introduce myself. My wife Rosemary and I have been married 25 years and live in Hobe Sound. As best as I can remember, I've been involved with the club in various capacities since 2009 or earlier and served as president in 2012 and 2022. Using that data as a prediction, it seems like I would not be back as president till 2032?

My choice of cars are Pontiacs from the '60s and while I do own the typical big V8 muscle car type-GTO, I've recently broadened my horizons with a 1962 Tempest convertible with the 4 cylinder and cable drive to the rear mounted transmission (think Corvair) and a 1998 Trans-Am convertible with the brand X LT1 Chevy 350, and most recently another Pontiac oddity- a 1967 Lemans convertible with the Overhead Cam6. In this case it's the high performance 6 with a 4 barrel carb producing a whopping 215 horsepower. I had a Lemans 4 door back in the 90s that I commuted with 35 miles one way on I95. It had a weak 165 hp 1 barrel ohc engine.

As a club you have elected a strong and diverse board who will each choose a month to plan a monthly meeting. Despite having done many different things in the area, it never ceases to amaze me when someone comes up with something completely new. In case you have some ideas, please send them to me as we are always incorporating what the members want.

Apart from our regularly scheduled general meetings, we will randomly do other antique car related things. Often these come up at the last minute and the information is not in the monthly newsletter, but sent via mass email. These include random car shows, cruises etc. We recently did our typical New Years cruise which featured 14 classics and 5 newer cars. It was our 7th or eighth one.

As I looked through last year's roster, I realized that there are many names that I cannot put a face to. I hope that changes this year and you make it to few meetings instead of letting the rest of us hog all the fun for ourselves. *Andre*

Secretary's Report

Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club/AACA General Membership Meeting – December 13, 2025

Hosts for the December meeting were Barb & Ed Joyce. Meeting was held at the Langford Park's Vince Bocchino Community Center and featured the memorable Christmas Pot Luck dinner. Christmas music was provided by Barb Christoff before & following the meeting. TCVCC collected can goods & non-perishable food items to donate to the House of Hope.

General Meeting: President Denny Dahle called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm. Guests were: Barb & Glen Cristoff.

Secretary's Report: Ann Ridle asked if there were any corrections to the November General Meeting's Minutes. None offered, motion to approve was passed.

Treasurer: Barb Joyce reported the end of year treasury funds are at about the same level as every year. Barb also reported on our charitable donations for the year.

Membership: Sandee Searle reported 105 memberships representing 187 persons. 2026 Dues are due. TCVCC requires paid membership with AACA.

Newsletter: Editor Sally Franklin absent. No report.

Website: Webmaster Bob Ridle stated the website was "up to date" and beginning to take on a Christmassy look for the season. He also reminded members that the due date for 2026 Membership in TCVCC and AACA is the end of this month. Forms & links to renew both local & national can be found on the website's Membership Page.

Special Events: President Dahle reminder members about various events coming up. Details and schedule can be found in the calendar pages of the club's Website and in the *Vintage Times* Newsletter.

Committees Reports:

Club Store: Rosemary Rayman absent. No report.

Legislative: Per Jay Smith, "nothing new to report."

Sunshine Report: Rosemary Rayman absent. No report.

Tour Update: Dave Brown reported details for the spring Cracker Tour will be coming when available.

Sargent at Arms: John DeLisa said the storage unit is "pretty cool" and he is ready for the passing of the duties to Curt Francisco in 2026.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Barb Joyce thanked those who helped plan & execute today's special December meeting with special appreciation & thanks to those who came early to do the set up. (Observation: Larry Atkins was there to help even though Sally was absent.)
2. Russ Caterinicchio was recognized & given the club's "Over & Above Award" for his outstanding efforts with the 2025 COOL Show, by Club President Denny Dahle.
3. 1st VP Andre Rayman presented 2025 President Denny Dahle a most unique "customized" gift plaque from the club for his leadership this past year.
4. President Denny Dahle recognized & gifted each of the 2025 Board Members with a 2026 Monthly Calendar featuring a vehicle of each Board Member by month.

Next General Meeting: January 2026 - Hosted by Andre & Rosemary Rayman. Exact details TBA!

Thank You to Hosts: Barb & Ed Joyce for putting together the club's Christmas Pot Luck Dinner event.

Adjournment time: 1:19 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Ann Ridle, Secretary



General Meeting Notice

TCVCC January General Meeting



Our January meeting will take us the newly constructed Project Lift site in Hobe Sound

Date: Sunday January 25, 2026 time 9:45am

Address: 12050 SE Lantana Ave. Hobe Sound, FL 33455

This is just off Bridge Road west of US Highway 1.

We will meet there and be given a tour starting at 10:00 am of approximately 1 hour by Vic Miller.

I'd suggest bringing your car show chair if you don't like standing as they do not have a class room like the facility in Palm City.

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Programming is offered at no cost for young men and women ages 14-24 at their Palm City, Fort Pierce and Belle Glade locations. Transportation is provided for anyone in Martin, St. Lucie, or Western Palm Beach County.

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After that we will cruise down to Tequesta to enjoy lunch at the Lighthouse restaurant where we have the back room reserved for us.

If you drive a classic car, there will be an opportunity to win a prize during the lunch at the restaurant.



RSVP to Andre at arayman@aol.com or text 561-818-6212

Upcoming National Events

AACA National & Regional Events

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

2026 AACA Annual Convention – Don't wait! Register TODAY!

The 2026 AACA Annual Convention will be held February 5-7 in Chantilly, VA, at the Westfields Marriott. **As stated in the opening article above, convention is a combination of education, business, entertainment and celebration.** There are seminars and judging schools, the General Membership Meeting, a trade show, special excursions, fun evening activities, and the big National Awards Banquet. We encourage all AACA members near and far to seriously consider joining us for this event.

[Click here for the Convention brochure](#)

[Click here to register online for the Convention](#)

If you would like registration materials mailed to you, please [email Sue Eitnier](#) with your name and member number.

Registration Reminders:

- **EVERYONE** registering to attend any convention activities **MUST** pay the \$50 registration fee per person.
- Your **2026 AACA membership dues must be paid** prior to registering for convention.

The registration deadline for convention is January 15, 2026.



Upcoming National Events

AACA National & Regional Events

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals
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Host Hotel: Courtyard by Marriott San Juan Miramar 801 Ponce de Leon Avenue, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00907 Call 787-721-7400 or email Stephanie.Nora@courtyard.com to make your reservation. MCA Rate: \$189 + taxes

We NEED mainland AACA Judges for this show!!
Please visit AACA.org to register today.

A poster for the 2026 AACA Eastern Spring Nationals. The top half features a black and white illustration of a vintage car driving past a large, rustic wooden barn and a snow-covered evergreen tree. The words "SAVE THE DAY" are written in a large, slanted, white font across the top. The main title "2026 AACA Eastern Spring Nationals" is in large, bold, white serif letters. Below it, "May 28-30 • Indiana, PA" is in a smaller, bold, white serif font. In the center, the question "Questions?" is in a large, bold, white serif font. Below that, "Nationals Chair: Paul Colligan" and the phone number "724-599-8711" are in white, followed by an email address "sv26spring@gmail.com". At the bottom left is the AACA logo featuring a classic sedan silhouette and the text "ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA". At the bottom right is a circular logo for "SHANNON VALLEY REGION OF AACA" with a stylized "SV" in the center.



Sunshine & More

SUNSHINE REPORT

Get well cards were sent to Frank Lo Verso and Ed Joyce. Please pass on information to Rosemary Rayman: email: rrayman03@gmail.com, phone 561-371-5498.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Our 2026 membership count is 23 family-memberships consisting of 43 members. Where are all my precious members?? I'm waiting for 83 renewals (146 peeps). **TCVCC and AACA renewals for 2026 were due by January 1st.** Your current **AACA membership is required** for you to be included in our region's Chapter roster.

TCVCC 2026 Renewal Forms, as well as a link to AACA's renewal forms, are available on our website at: <https://treasurecoast.aaca.com>. If you have not renewed both memberships, please add that quick task to the top of your 'To Do' List. Mail your TCVCC 2026 Membership Renewal form with your TCVCC dues of \$30 to our Treasurer:

Barb Joyce
5513 Pinetree Dr
Fort Pierce, FL 34982

If there are NO changes for our roster, you can simply print your name(s), write "Same as last year," then send the form and TCVCC dues to Barb Joyce.

2026 AACA Membership Renewal Information:

The renewal notice for 2026 dues was included in the September/October and November/December mailing packages of *Antique Automobile*.

Renewing online is quick and easy! Just log in with your membership number and pin number, review the information currently listed on your membership record and make changes if necessary. Review your information one more time and click on Credit Card. Payment options include Visa, MasterCard or Discover. **Your payment will automatically update your membership record.**

Our December Holiday meeting is now a fond memory thanks to hosts, Barb & Ed Joyce. Turn your attention to 2026 and make a resolution to attend as many General Meetings as you can and get to know our newest members, Salvatore & Joanne Corrao, with their 69 Corvette Convertible. There are four other new member-families, Brian & Nancy Burdett, Mark & Mary Hinkofer, Don & Angela Malloy, and Ron Penska. Have you met them yet? Let's make them feel welcome!

Let's hit the road...

Sandee Searle

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Upcoming Local Events

LOCAL EVENTS (Courtesy of Jim Serra)

EVENTS FOR JAN 2026 ONLY

- Sun Jan 4, Angelo's Italian Restaurant noon to 4 pm, Free Event, 15% dining discount for cruisers, 155 Toney Penna Dr Jupiter, hosted by Lew and His Crew 772-708-3790
- Sat Jan 10th, The No Name Car Club will host a car show at Summer Crush Winery, show hours noon to 3pm, awards at 3 pm, 4200 Johnston Rd Ft Pierce. Carlos 772-528-4247
- Sat Jan 10th Port St Lucie Elks Show \$20 entry fee (\$15 if pre registered by Jan 2nd) 2290 se Lennard Rd, Registration opens 8 am, show starts 10 am, awards at 1 pm, Pete 772-285-0123
- Sat Jan 17th, Angelo's Italian Restaurant Stuart Cove Center 5801 se Federal Hwy Stuart (at Cove Rd), noon to 4 pm, free event, 15% dining discount for cruisers, Hosted by Lew and His Crew 772-708-3790
- Sat Jan 24th Lew and His Crew at Islamorada Brewery 11 am to 3 pm judging at 230 pm. Full bar, food truck, 3200 St Lucie Blvd Ft Pierce \$10 entry fee includes a free beer Lew 772-708-3790

EVENTS THAT REPEAT MONTHLY

- Sat, Jan 3rd, Cars & Coffee on the first Saturday of the month that used to take place at McKees on Jack James Drive will be 851 Johnson Ave in Stuart and will be held using a different format. It will be called a monthly informal cruise in and will resemble the cars & coffee held on Becker Rd in that participants will be responsible for bringing their own coffee and other refreshments and we will not have a trailer with music, 50/50, etc. Event times will remain the same (8 am to 1030 am). Wawa and McDonalds are a short walk from the location and Max's Bagels, Publix and Dunkin Donuts are within a mile for those wanting to purchase "coffee/and" nearby.
- Sun Jan 4th , Recovery Room Sports Grill Cruise- In. Repeats on the first Sunday of the month 4 to 8 pm, cars should be in place by 330 pm, 10350 sw Don R Led Duke Dr Port St Lucie. 772-345-8490. Hosted by Riverland Car Club.
- Sat Jan 10th 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 Jan 11 and Sun Jan 25th, 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).
- Sun Jan 18th, 3rd Sunday of the month at Carmela's Coffee Shop, 10308 sw Discovery Way Port St Lucie (in the heart of Tradition) 8 am to 10 am 772-800-5711.
- Mon Jan 19th, 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
- Sunday Jan 25th, Monthly Cars & Coffee at City Diner 2660 se Federal Hwy Stuart, 772-291-2794, 9 am to noon, music, awards, Dining Discounts, Gift cards and more. Repeats the last Sunday of the month. Carlos 772-528-4247

EVENTS THAT REPEAT WEEKLY

- Tuesdays, Weekly Car Show at Lowes, 5 pm - 7:30 pm, 3620 SE Federal Hwy, Stuart, FL 34997. Free for spectators - repeats weekly, hosted by Lew and His Crew, 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 Hwy 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 Hwy. 4:30 pm to 7 pm. \$3 to show a car, spectators FREE. Hosted by Lew & His Crew...Lew 772-708-3790. Please have small bills or exact change.
- Friday nights, Cruise in at Culvers in Jensen Beach 4 pm, located at 4151 NW Federal Hwy Jensen Beach 34957. 954-650-4356 (Brian), dining discounts.

Do you remember Fisher Body Company or its namesake Craftsman's Guild?

Anyone who has owned a GM car (except Corvettes) will recognize the distinctive “Body by Fisher” emblem on the door sill plates.

*From Mike Mucci, TCVCC member
Cedar Mountain, NC*

Fisher Body Co. was established in the late 1800s building horse-drawn carriages and later went on to build automobile bodies, primarily for General Motors. GM fully acquired Fisher in 1926 and proudly displayed the Fisher carriage logo on their cars into the mid eighties, when Fisher was no longer a separate division.

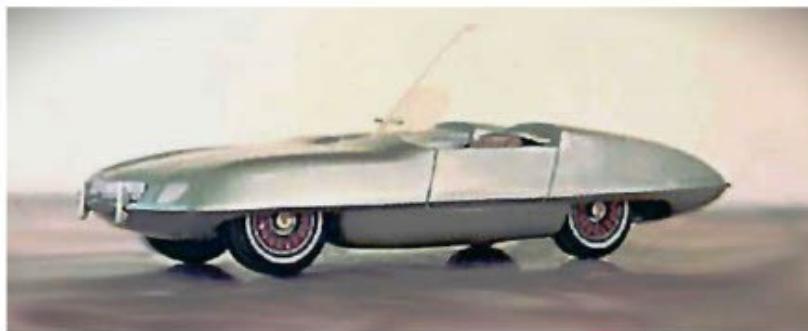
However, back in 1930, the Fisher Body division formed the Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild to encourage youthful aspirants to design and build scale model carriages. Then in 1937, the competition switched to 1/12 scale model cars, garnering thousands of entries from across the country.

Having been one of those kids who spent spare time in homeroom and elsewhere drawing cars and dreaming of one day designing them, I naturally was drawn to the competition brought to my attention by my 11th grade algebra teacher, Mr. Yost, who worked for GM before retiring to teaching.

That brings us to 1958, when I entered the competition with a rather pedestrian looking hard-top coupe pictured here, followed by a far-out looking futuremobile in the adjacent photo.



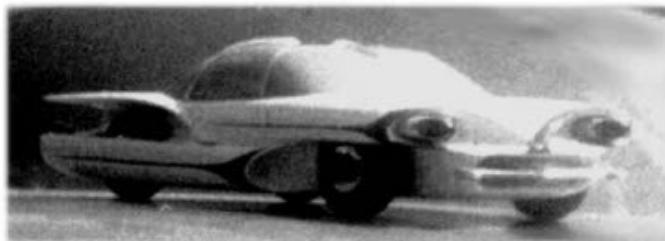
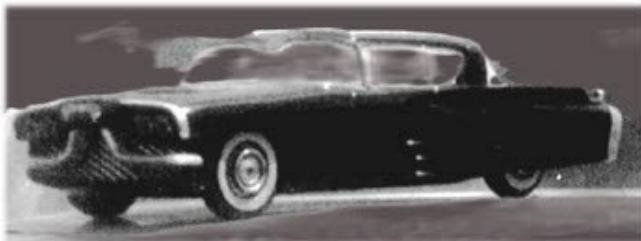
A familiar door-sill emblem for anyone who owned a GM car back in the 1930s, '40s, '50s '60s '70s or early 1980s.



In 1960, I went sporty with clean, minimalist styling featured above, which won for me a state award (in Florida) and a small sum of cash.

But by this time it occurred to me that car designers had to live in Detroit or some other place in the God-forsaken north. That was not for me. So I enrolled at the University of Florida, where I found my way into the school of advertising and marketing as my career with some elements of architecture and graphic design along the way.

If you or anyone you know participated in the Guild, please get in touch with me at: mm@cedarmountainlodge.com. It would be fun to share experiences. —Mike



Member Stories

Our December General Meeting

The TCVCC December Christmas Meeting was held at the Vince Bocchino Center. Everyone enjoyed the food and company. It was nice to see so many vintage cars in the parking lot.

To see all the images from the December Meeting click [HERE](#).



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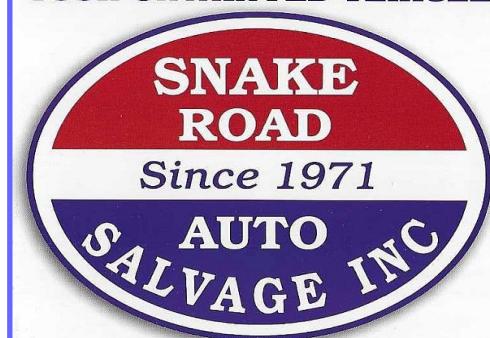
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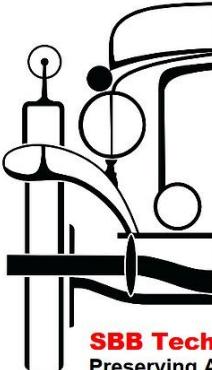
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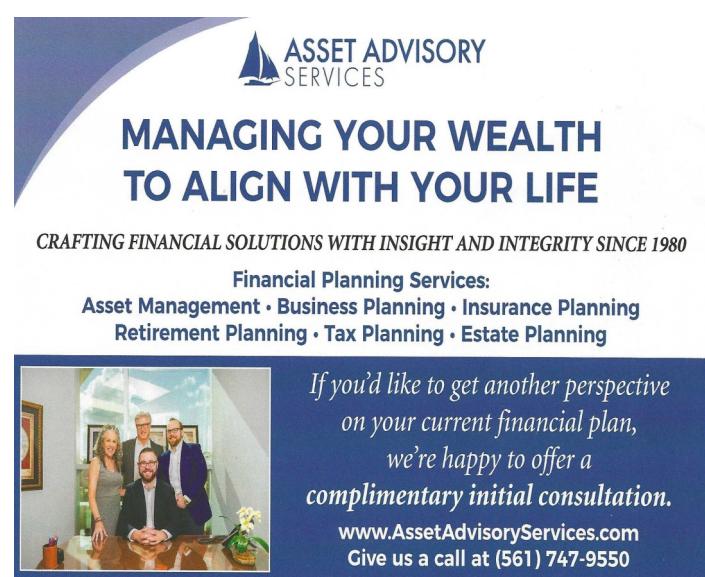


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