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## General Meetings

The September General Meeting was cancelled so there are no minutes.

All October Meetings and Outings have been cancelled due to the current COVID-19 epidemic.

We will keep you updated as things progress.

## Attention all TCVCC members:

Happy Fall Ya All!

As we head into October we can all be thankful for some cooler weather as it comes our way.

Pumpkin Pie, Fall Leaves, better Fresh Vegetables, Ghosts and Goblins and Turkey dinners will be on everyone's agenda as the weeks of Fall enter our lives.

This virus has been tough on us here in South Florida and especially for clubs like ours and other groups who don't like to be cooped up. I am proud that TCVCC members have been so cooperative in what we, as a club, have been doing. I had no negative responses to the new agenda for membership this coming year and we are hoping things will be different as the new year approaches.

Cars Under The Canopy this month is by Sally Franklin. They have a new addition to their family and I'm sure you will love it.

I would like to have some of you tell me how you have been coping with being housebound and what you find helps you accept this situation. E-mail me at [jays@gate.net](mailto:jays@gate.net). Maybe some members would benefit from some different ideas you may share.

I work in my yard most every day (when not raining) and Jay has learned to work crossword puzzles, has his radios and computer and we are both avid readers. We also have been exploring areas of the county on afternoon drives that we haven't been to in months. Check out the Locks for instance. When they start flooding our river with all that bad water from Lake Okeechobee you will know from whence it comes.

I e-mailed AACA back and let them know that we are not going to commit to doing another AACA show any time soon. I thanked them for thinking of us and ask to be kept up to date on any new development. That's it for this month from your President. You all stay safe and stay in touch.



Jo Ann Smith, the Prez!!

## AACA Event Updates



There is an old saying about the "best laid plans..." and we had a great plan for the Hershey car show this year. We worked with all parties and had an agreement on a COVID-19 solution for our show. We ordered trophies and the Hershey Region ordered judges hats and dash plaques. We were excited to work together with the Region to make this a great show. Unfortunately, in the last few days we were given a new set of regulations to follow which would have drastically affected the quality of the event in a negative way. As much as we wanted to have the show at the traditional location and be able to show-off the outside of the new AACA headquarters, **we must cancel the traditional Eastern Division Fall Nationals car show on October 9-10.** We owe it to you to get this right and apologize to all who now must make changes to your schedules, cancel rooms, and most importantly miss being in Chocolate Town, USA. We are however committed to providing our members with a safe, enjoyable and sensible event this fall.

We have proven that in a short time and with your cooperation we can pull off a show in another location. Our 2020 Grand Nationals in Gettysburg was a huge hit and done safely with the complete cooperation of our members. As such, we are proud to announce **we will host a Special Fall Nationals on November 6-7 at the same Wyndham Hotel complex in Gettysburg, PA.** Everything is onsite -- trailer parking, host hotel along with a Marriott Courtyard next door and judging school. Gettysburg is a great place to find activities in a historic location that offers so much to see. The potential for cancelation is extremely remote. We have a well thought out and proven plan. Yes, masks and temperature taking just as we had planned for Hershey will be a requirement.

Your previous Hershey checks will be shredded, so please do not worry about them being cashed. We have included a link below for the registration card for Gettysburg. Please fill it out and send it in right away. Average weather at that time of the year is typical fall. It will be a great show!

With only three shows this year, it may be a great chance for your show car to win a national award as well. So please join us, it WILL be a great event!!

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**We thank you for your tremendous patience and understanding in this difficult time. We can't wait to celebrate our great hobby and AACA with you!**

**If you would like a registration form mailed to you, please call AACA HQ at 717-534-1910.**

Please see your current issue of the AACA Speedster for more information.

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## SUNSHINE REPORT

No cards were sent out in September.

Please pass on information to Ann Ridle:  
email: ahr3206@verizon.net phone 540-255-6181. Let me know so we can shine some Sunshine for our club members



**If you would like to see Norris Tilton's Obituary, click on this link—** <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/tcpalm/obituary.aspx?n=charles-norris-tilton&pid=196771797&fhid=10592>

### Show Announcements

**The Pine School** will host the **14th Annual 100 Years of Cars Car Show on Saturday, January 16, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** Our nationally recognized car show will feature well over 100 rare collector cars.

100 Years of Cars raises funds to support children of active or veteran military personnel to attend The Pine School through the Patriot Scholarship.

Car Show categories include: Brass and Antique, Classic Era and CCCA Classics, European Production, hot Rods & Muscle Cars, Modern Exotics and Race Cars.

Please be aware that the School will take every precaution necessary to ensure the safety of everyone participating in and attending the Car Show. While we are hopeful that we will be able to hold the Car Show in its traditional manner, please understand we may need to modify the event due to the unpredictability of future circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and state and local health guidelines and directives.

Finally, another way you can support our Veterans is by participating in one of two Honor Flight Drive By events coming up on October 24, 2020. These are for WWII, Korean and Vietnam War veterans who were scheduled for Honor Flights in 2020 as a way to honor them for their service. For more information, see flyer on next page.

Thank you for your support of The Pine School and the Patriot Scholarship!

Sincerely, [John Boyer](#), Director of Development

**Boca Raton**—In light of COVID-19, the annual **2021 Boca Raton Concours d' Elegance** presented by Mercedes-Benz and AutoNation at the Boca Raton Resort & Club has been rescheduled for February 25-27, 2022 with the Marque of the Year, Pre-War Chrysler & Imperial Coach Built.

"We look forward to our continued support of a spectacular three-day Boca Raton Concours d' Elegance weekend in 2022," says Rita Case, CEO of The Rick Case Automotive Group. Founded and directed by the Rick Case Family and The Rick Case Automotive Group as volunteers who have annually continued their leadership and hands-on involvement over the last 14 years is all to benefit the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County and the more than 12,000 at-risk youth it serves. To date, the event has raised more than \$11 million for the charity.

**JOIN US  
OCTOBER 24, 2020  
HONOR★FLIGHT  
FLYBY/DRIVEBY  
VETERAN TRIBUTE**



**WHAT:** Come help salute Honor Flight veterans in a dual air and car parade in two locations!

**FOR WHO:** WWII, Korean & Vietnam War veterans who were scheduled for Honor Flights in 2020 (canceled due to Covid), as well as for all veterans on the Honor Flight waiting list.

**WHY:** To honor these veterans for their service and to let them know they are not forgotten.

**HOW:** Please participate via land or air!

**VEHICLE DRIVEBY:** Drive your car/truck in the parade at the location most convenient for you below. Decorate your car with flags, signs of thanks, etc. Follow directions below for staging times.

**AERIAL FLYBY:** If you are a pilot with an airplane and would like to participate in the flyby, please contact Eric Stein for all flight instructions at 772.446.2291 by October 18th.

**EVENT LOGISTICS:** Veterans will be pre-organized and stationary in their cars on these properties. After the flyby salute, the driveby participants will parade by the veteran lineup for their salute!

**NORTH LOCATION:**

Christ Fellowship Church  
10250 SW Village Parkway in Port St. Lucie

Car parade participants please arrive at 10:00AM

Staging area: Enter at address above.

You will be instructed on the parade path.

Air Flyover begins: 10:45AM

Car Parade begins: 11:15AM



**SOUTH LOCATION:**

Christ Fellowship Church at Boynton Beach Mall  
801 N. Congress Avenue in Boynton Beach  
Entrance off Old Boynton Road

Car parade participants should arrive at 10:30AM

Staging area: Enter at above address, and turn left.

You will be instructed on the parade path.

Air Flyover begins: 11:15AM

Car Parade begins: 11:45AM



**QUESTIONS? INFO@HONORFLIGHTSEFL.ORG 1.855.FLYAVET(359.2838)**

**WWW.HONORFLIGHTSEFL.ORG**

Please abide by current Covid precautionary measures.



## Happenings & Classified

As the Covid 19 pandemic continues to disrupt lives and worse, there is no official October General meeting.

The Covid Rebel Cruisers will be setting out on the "Goldeneye" cruise on October 3rd to Black Gold Steakhouse in Belle Glade for lunch.

All are welcome as long as you are driving a car that is 25 years or older. It is, after all, an old car cruise.

We will meet at the Cracker Barrel on Lost River Road at 10 AM and depart at 10:30. We stick to the back roads as much as possible and stay off the interstates.

Lunch in Belle Glade and then, somewhere along the way home, Ice Cream!

Bring your CB radio for entertainment along the way.

### For Sale - 1981 Fiat 124 Spider

One of our club members needs room for a new project. This car is really sweet! New top, tires, and battery etc. 2000 engine runs well.

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# What's Happening?

## Events

A special episode of Motortrend TV 's Lokar Car Show will be aired on Oct. 10, 2020 @9am. Featuring an interview with our own Denny Dahle. Tune in and watch it!

Elliott Museum Cars & Coffee: Saturday, October 10th, 8 –10 am.

Stuart Tuesday Night car show, Elliott Museum, every Tuesday night, weather permitting, 5-8 pm.

## 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.

## Strictly Classified

Got something to sell or announce?  
Put it in a Vintage Times Classified ad  
Classified ads 50 words max.

Members: No charge

Non Members \$20 per issue

Submit copy in an email message or a Word attachment to sfranklin\_2000@yahoo.com.

## NEW PROJECTS

Do you have a new (antique ) car you have recently purchased? Or would you like to share 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.

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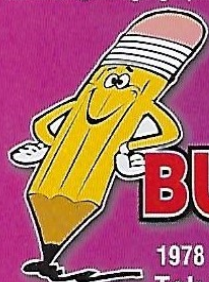
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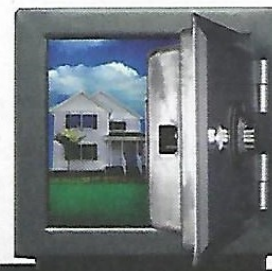
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# Upcoming Events

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**Tuesday nights** 5 PM to 8 PM. Elliott Museum Tuesday Night Car Show by Lew's Crew. 825 NE Ocean Blvd., Stuart, FL 34996. \$3 to display a car (portion of proceeds donated to the museum). Oldies Music. 50/50. Hot Diggity Dog Food truck. McKee's 37 & True Oldies Channel are sponsors. More info: Lew, 772-708-3790 (**repeats every Tuesday**)

Thursday, October 1st, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Hurricane Grill & Wings cruise-in. 1319 St. Lucie West Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL 34986. All years, makes and models welcome. 50/50 raffle. Presented by the No Name Car Club. Trivia and Music by Carlos & Friends. Info: 772-528-4247 or email [nonamecarclub@outlook.com](mailto:nonamecarclub@outlook.com). (**Repeats 1st Thursday of the month**)

**Saturday Nights** "Car Gang" Gathering underneath the EAST Jensen Beach Causeway Park. NE Causeway Blvd., Jensen Beach, FL 34957. Drive over the bridge, then make the first right turn into the parking lot. Lots of shade and a cool breeze coming in off the water makes you forget that you're living in Florida during the summer... Great spot to bring a chair & cooler with a sandwich (my preference is some fried chicken). Restrooms in West section of park. Contact is Bob Crow at 772-359-4822. (**repeats every Saturday**)

**Saturday, October 3rd**, Meet at 10:00 AM, Depart 10:30. Covid Rebel Cruisers "Goldeneye" cruise. Starts at Cracker Barrel, 7641 SW Lost River Road, Stuart, FL 34997. Route goes to Black Gold steakhouse & BBQ in Belle Glade, Florida. Ice cream stop afterwards. For more info, contact Andre Rayman, 561-818-6212

**Saturday, October 3rd & Sunday, October 4th**, 8:00 AM to 3 PM. 2020 Treasure Coast Car Swap Meet & Car Show. Indian River Fairgrounds, 7955 58th Avenue, Vero Beach, FL 32967. Admission \$7, children free. Trophies and cash prizes.

Web site for more info: [https://southflcarswapmeets.com/?mc\\_cid=fa98b1920e&mc\\_eid=06df4d66a5](https://southflcarswapmeets.com/?mc_cid=fa98b1920e&mc_eid=06df4d66a5)

**The Second Thursday of the month** show at highway 55 is b-a-a-a-c-k! Thursday, October 8th, 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM, Hwy 55 Cruise-in. 3027 SW Martin Downs Blvd., Palm City, FL 34990. Presented by the NoName Car Club. Trivia and Music by Carlos & Friends. Info: 772-528-4247 or email [nonamecarclub@outlook.com](mailto:nonamecarclub@outlook.com). Cruisers get 20% off on food. (2nd Thursday of the month).

**Thursday, October 15th**, 6 PM to 8 PM, Sunlight Community Church Car Cruise-in, 477 SW Cashmere Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL 34986. Free event. Music by Moose. 50/50, Hot Diggity food truck with "White Castles" & much more. Door prizes. "Sunlight Choice" award. Supported by the Mens Group of Sunlight Community Church. Contact: Holly Elliott text 215-421-7410 or e-mail [Hollynothol@yahoo.com](mailto:Hollynothol@yahoo.com). (repeats every 3rd Thursday) **\*\*No arrivals before 5:30 PLEASE**

**Mark your Calendars** - **MOTORTREND TV OCTOBER 10 AT 8 AM AND OCTOBER 11 AT 9 AM** McKee's 37 Open House Special

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## **More Upcoming Events**

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Oct 4 – Kuntry Kick Car & Truck Show – At Indian River Masonic Lodge No. 90. 19 N. Washington Ave, Titusville, FL 32976. Registration 9am to 1pm \$20. Judged Show.

Oct 24 – Veteran Cemetery Restorations Car Show 9am to 2pm. At Space Coast Harley, 1140 Sportsman Lane, Palm Bay, FL. Pre-Registration \$20, Day of show \$25. Limited to first 400 cars.

Nov 7 – 5th Annual Car, Bike & Truck Show at First Presbyterian Church of Vero Beach, 520 Royal Palm Blvd. 10am to 3pm. Pre-register for \$15 or \$20 day of show. Awards for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. Dash Plaques for first 50 entries. Food and beverages available.

Nov 7 – The Raceway Car & Truck Show. 10am to 2pm, Registration 9am to 1pm \$20. Judged Show.

Nov 21 – Malabar Fall Fest Car Show Presented by Dolphin Auto. From 9am to 12pm. Located at the Malabar Community Park East of the fire department on Malabar Road. You can pre-register by calling 321-984-8322.

For more information on any of the events, contact the organizer or Denny Dahle.

**This is a special update from Phil LoGiudice at the IRR AACA regarding the 5th Annual Car, Truck and Motorcycle show presented by the First Presbyterian Church in Vero Beach. Glenn Conn and myself have planned this show and we're very excited about it. This year we will be offering custom made T-Shirts to commemorate the event. Last year all three awards were won by IRR AACA Members!**

**We are anticipating some serious competition from the other clubs this year! The attached flyer has all the necessary details and hopefully you'll get your applications in soon. There will be dash plaques for the first fifty cars, awards and food. See flyer next page.**



# First Presbyterian Church of Vero Beach 5th Annual Car, Truck, & Motorcycle Show



Saturday, November 7  
10:00AM to 3:00PM

*In the parking lot outside of the  
Center for Christian Life and the Gietz Music Suite.*

Awards for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place.  
Dash plaques for first 50 cars.

All proceeds from registrations will go to the  
FPC Men's Fellowship Charity Fund.

L'il Sweeties Treats will be on-site with hot dogs, popcorn,  
drinks (non-alcoholic), and other goodies to enjoy!

Do you have a vehicle that you'd love to show off? Use the form below to register.  
**It's only \$15 to pre-register, or \$20 on-site at the show from 9am-11am.**  
Forms must be received no later than Friday, November 6th for pre-registration.

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## 5th Annual Car, Truck, & Motorcycle Show

Registration Form:  
(please print)

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Car/Bike/Truck (year, make, model) \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

*Make check payable to First Presbyterian Church*  
Mail to: First Presbyterian Church, Attn: Glenn Conn,  
520 Royal Palm Boulevard, Vero Beach, FL 32960

## Cars Under the Canopy

**By Sally Franklin & Larry Atkins**  
**1956 Nash Metropolitan Convertible**

Hey Ya'll! Thought I'd share this story about one of our projects that we have been working on during the spring and summer. It's a long story because, frankly, I don't have much else to put in the newsletter!

As some of you might know, Larry and I took our Falcon to the AACA Show down in Miami at the end of February. Well, we had borrowed a trailer from Bob Elzin and took the falcon down in that. Now, we're not really into trailering cars to shows, but it was kinda nice to get there and not have to spend hours cleaning the car and detailing it. Not to mention driving a 50+ year old car all the way to Miami and back, worrying about flying rocks and shredded tires.

Anyway, when we got home, we were talking with Bob about trailers and he said he knew where one was that was pretty good and we could probably pick it up for a good price. So, early in March, we met Bob at a garage that, come to find out, is owned by another club member, Pete Bortnick. As we were walking to a storage area behind the shops, we walked by the open door of Pete's garage and there sat this cute little car. I looked at it and said, "that's so cute!", and the man working on it (whom I later learned was Pete's ex-son-in-law, Lee) piped up and said "it's for sale".

Well, I told Larry and Bob to go on to look at the trailer and I would catch up. I started talking with Lee and he filled me in on the story of the little car and I kept asking questions and taking pictures. Lee started the car up, and she ran like a top. By then, Larry and Bob had returned from looking at the trailer and said I should go look at it. I did, but my mind was stuck on the little car and didn't see any potential for the trailer. Besides, the little car would fit in the garage. Where would we store the trailer?



So, Larry looked the car over and had Lee start it up again. As before, she ran great. So, I told Lee I would have to do some research and I would get back with him. After a week of looking up information and talking about it, we decided it would be a fun project and could be done fairly economically. (Famous last words!)

We went for a test drive in it and I decided that Larry should drive, because the transmission was really difficult to shift and very iffy. It's three-on-the-tree and, since Larry has much more experience with those and needed to double clutch and play with the shifter to find any gear, I was content to ride along. That was scary enough, because there was really only one brake that was working. But it worked really well!



## Cars Under the Canopy

### 1956 Nash Metropolitan Convertible, continued...

We worked a deal with the owner of the car and brought her home the second week in March and the adventure began. The first order of business was to get the brakes working properly. That required a little more research, because the car had parts from a newer model mixed in with original parts and that needed to be sorted out. We became very friendly with the Metropolitan Parts people. They were very helpful and shared information readily, and had most all the parts we would need to make the little car as good, or better, than new.



Eventually, the brakes were working pretty good. Next up, the transmission and shifter. This required a lot of tinkering and testing, but Larry persisted and finally got it to where you could be fairly certain that you were in the correct gear when you let the clutch out. I understand that this was a common ailment of these cars. Or should we call it a feature?

Somewhere in there, I decided she needed a bath. The convertible top, while it appeared to be fairly new, was covered with mold and the vinyl windows had gone yellow and brittle. I tried everything in the house, garage, and even bought some stuff from the

boat store, but I couldn't clear up the windows or stop the cracking. But the top itself cleaned up pretty good, even though the weather stripping was pretty rotten. That could wait until later.

While Larry was working on the shifting issue and we traced down some electrical gremlins named Lucas, we also started looking at the cosmetics of the car. Obviously, the black paint job did not do the car justice, and had apparently been poorly applied, since the original coral red color showed through in many places. Most of the bright work needed polishing or replated, and some pieces just needed replaced.



We pulled out the interior and the carpet, because the car had that real musty smell old cars get when they sit too long. After scraping out decades of dust and dirt, I cleaned and replaced what couldn't be cleaned and things were starting to look up.

After a few test drives, it was obvious the car was in need of suspension work. She had a distinct lean to the right and made very bad noises when going over bumps in the road. So, more parts to order.



## Cars Under the Canopy

### 1956 Nash Metropolitan Convertible, continued...

While waiting on those parts, we heard about a Metropolitan that was sitting in a scrap yard. We went out to look and found a few parts that could help us out with our car. Armed with tools and Gatorade, we proceeded to pull what parts we could get off the car. It took a couple of trips, but we didn't leave much behind.



After a lot more work, we finally had the car running and driving fairly well. We decided it was time to think about the bodywork. We stripped the car of anything that could come off, loaded her up on a borrowed trailer, and hauled her to the body shop.



Can you tell which parts are from the donor car? Anyway, it took a while for us to come up with just the right color for her. We wanted to go as close to original as possible but with a little more pizzazz.



We went up and checked on progress pretty often and made a few design changes along the way. It was really fun to watch her go from a little shabby looking turtle to a whole new car.



## Cars Under the Canopy

### 1956 Nash Metropolitan Convertible, continued...



After a lot of work, they finally got the first coat of color on and I was so excited! We decided to add the Wimbledon White stripe at the bottom to break up the color a bit. It's not stock, but we like it. It took a few more weeks of work and then we got to bring her home so we could continue with the adventure.

Time to put all those pieces and parts back on. I'm glad Larry is such a stickler for detail and labeled everything! Then we tackled

the convertible top.

You know when it comes with instructions that start with "This replacement should not be attempted by non-professionals", you may be in for some fun.

We decided to give it a go anyway. I mean really, how hard can it be? (more famous last words) More parts and even some new tools to buy. Well, it took a while but we finally got it installed and it turned out pretty good. After replacing all the weather stripping and cleaning her up, it doesn't even leak, much.



After that, it was on to tackling a slight overheating issue. After replacing hoses, a thermostat, and water pump, Larry found the engine block to be full of crud and needed flushing. He worked on it for several days before getting the drain in the block cleared out and flushing the block. What a difference that made! There are still a few things to take care of as they come along, but now she is drivable and we have taken her out a few times. So much fun watching people react to her! Hope to get to drive her to one of our club meetings soon.





## Members Stories

### Covid Rebel Cruiser's "Parrotthead" Cruise

After cancelling the previous week due to weather, the "Parrotthead" cruise headed out on September 19th. Leaving from Palm City, we cruised out to Okeechobee on scenic route 714 and arrived a Parrott Island Grill for lunch.



I think we had 10 cars cruise out and then we met Larry and Mary Kay Nicholson at the restaurant. The food was great and the cars and people were fantastic as always. If you're looking for something to do, contact Andre at [arayman@aol.com](mailto:arayman@aol.com).

