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General Meetings

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

All November 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:

Thanksgiving Greetings to you all.

This year is slowly coming to an end and what a year it has been. Does everybody have their FALL decorations out? I heard the fall leaves were great in the mountains this year. Here, with

the cooler weather coming, maybe all of us will get in the holiday spirit even if we don't have real fall leaves and pumpkins.

This is usually the time TCVCC has our yearly election and dinner to celebrate a new year. I want to thank everyone on the board and general membership for allowing a smooth roll-over of the current officers and club committee members. We are dedicated to keeping the club running and keeping everyone up to date with anything related to our membership.

AACA renewals are due and You will be getting these in the mail from Cathie shortly. If you have already sent yours in to national be sure to indicate that to Cathie when you receive yours. Remember, there are no Club dues this year.

The Virus is still going strong across our state and I wish I could say we would be able to have meetings again soon, but as of now that doesn't look possible. So hang in there, stay safe, and we'll see what the months ahead bring.

Our membership is strong (three new members recently) and can survive as a club till things get better.

I hope you all have a blessed Thanksgiving .

Till next time,
Jo Ann, President



AACA Event Updates



The 85th AACA Annual Convention will take place February 11-13, 2021, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. With everything that has been going on, this event will obviously have to be different than in previous years. Convention will still include educational seminars, trade show vendors, a special automobile display, youth activities, multiple-level judging schools, the First Lady's Breakfast, Region Presidents' Dinner, the AACA Library's very popular Pinewood Derby and the awards gala. All of these activities will have to be conducted in accordance with COVID-19 health guidelines, including the wearing of masks and social distancing.

Many members have told us that the AACA Annual Convention is one of the highlights of their year, and we expect the 2021 event to deliver on all cylinders as well. For a more in-depth preview of the 2021 event, make sure to check out the article in the November/December issue of *Antique Automobile* magazine. Registration materials and seminar information will be available soon. We hope you will consider joining us for this very special event!

Renew Your AACA Membership

Retaining our existing members is equally as important as recruiting new members. With many of our regions not being able to hold regular meetings, tours, shows and regularly scheduled events, we can't forget how important each and every person's membership is.

YOU are AACA! Without YOU, the membership, AACA does not exist. It is your loyalty over the years that has enabled our club to become the premier automobile club in the world. It is YOU, our members, that have made it possible to build the premier automotive library we have.

As we proudly move into our new headquarters and library, please keep in mind the main purpose is to better serve YOU, our most important asset, our members.

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

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SUNSHINE REPORT

A get well card was sent out to Roma Eichhorn.
A sympathy card was sent to the Kohn family on the death of Edmond, a former member of the Club.
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.



Show Announcements

There are a lot of shows coming in the next few months. Since the cancellation of our 2020 COOL show has left us with an open weekend, consider signing up for the Keiser University Wheels & Motors show on December 5th. See the list of upcoming events on pages 6 & 7.



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LINK FOR CAR SHOW ENTRY

<https://forms.keiseruniversity.edu/wheels-motors-2020>

LINK FOR SPONSORS

<https://forms.keiseruniversity.edu/psl-car-show-sponsor>

Happenings & Classified

A November Non-Meeting is in the works. Details will be sent by email once finalized.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone soon. In the meantime, checkout what the Covid Rebel Cruisers are up to.

The Covid Rebel Cruisers will be setting out on the "Hole-in-One" cruise on November 14th to PopStroke in Port St. Lucie for a little fun and 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 Elliott Museum at 10 AM and depart at 10:30. We stick to the back roads as much as possible and stay off the interstates.

Bring your CB radio for entertainment along the way.

For Sale - 1981 Fiat 124 Spider

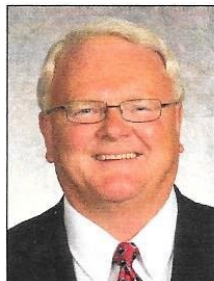
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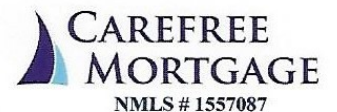


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What's Happening?

Events

Elliott Museum Cars & Coffee: Saturday, November 14th, 8 –10 am.

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

Sunday, November 8th, Summer Crush Winery Veterans Weekend Car Show, 4200 Johnston Rd., Fort Pierce, FL 34951. Show time Noon to 4 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.

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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?

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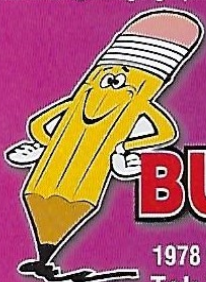
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Upcoming Events

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**)

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, November 14th, Meet at 10:00 AM, Depart 10:30. Covid Rebel Cruisers "Hole-in-One" cruise. Starts at Elliott Museum. After a scenic drive we will stop at PopStroke in Port St. Lucie for a little mini-golf and lunch. Ice cream is available there as well! Contact Sally or Andre for more info.

The Second Thursday of the month show at highway 55 is b-a-a-a-c-k! 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. Cruisers get 20% off on food. (2nd Thursday of the month).

Saturday, November 7th, 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Downtown Abacoa Cruise-in. Registration opens at 3 PM. 1200 Town Center Drive, Jupiter, FL 33458. Use I-95, exit 83 (Donald Ross Rd.). Vehicles must be 1999 or older. Car registration is \$10. Hosted by South East Rods & Customs. Great restaurants. Lots of spectators. Contact is Donnie: 561-644-5058. (1st Saturdays)

Sunday, November 8th, Summer Crush Winery Veterans Weekend Car Show, 4200 Johnston Rd., Fort Pierce, FL 34951. Show time Noon to 4 PM. Car registration 10:30 AM to Noon only. Car registration \$20.00. Live music by the Beatles Guys. 4 foot best in show trophy plus 10 peoples choice awards. Food vendors. No coolers, outside food or drinks please. Hosted by the No-name Car Club 772-528-4247

Monday, November 16th, 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM, Travel Centers of America Truck Stop Classic Car Cruise-in, 8909 20th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32996. Use I-95 exit 147, then east on state road 60. Hosted by the No Name Car Club. Free entry, oldies music, 50/50. 3 restaurants, travel center and gas available. Carlos has coupons for 10% off at all restaurants. All years, makes and models welcome. Bikes too. Anticipate about 80 vehicles. Show info: Carlos, 772-528-4247. (3rd Mondays)

Thursday, November 19th, 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](tel:215-421-7410) or e-mail Hollynothol@yahoo.com. Social distancing and masks where appropriate according to CDC please. (3rd Thursdays) *** Please do not arrive before 5:30 PM because the church has another event going on before then. ***

More Upcoming Events

Friday, November 20th, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. First Annual Antique Car Show and Health Fair. Lake Forest Park Senior Living. 2909 S. 25th Street, Fort Pierce, FL 34981. Oldies music, fun & barbecue. Free lunch for cruisers. **LIMITED to 35 CARS**. RSVP via email to: Chris Ladue, dir_sales.lakeforest@tarantino.com or Sol Virgin at mic.lakeforestpart@tarantino.com. www.lakeforestseneiorliving.com

Saturday, November 21st, 10 AM to 1 PM. Elks Lodge Car and Motorcycle Show. 2290 SE Lennard Road, Port St. Lucie, FL 34952. \$10 entry fee includes lunch. PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Call Pete Jordan 772-285-0123.

Saturday, December 5th (rain date 12/6), 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM, "Wheels and Motors 2020" Keiser University car show. 9400 SW Discovery Way, Port St. Lucie, FL 34987. Open car, truck and motorcycle show. \$25 pre-registration. \$30 day of show. Awards and trophies. Proceeds donated to student scholarships on PSL campus. Music, food trucks. Register online: <https://forms.keiseruniversity.edu/wheels-motors-2020> Pre-registration closes 12/4. Event coordinator: Dr. Siobhan Marie Trohalides, 772-398-9990, 908-334-5793 (cell).

Sunday, December 6th, 8:00 AM to about 4 PM (estimated). Festival Marketplace Car Show, 2900 West Sample Road, Pompano Beach, FL 33073. Registration starts at 8:00 AM and ends at noon. \$30 pre-registration by December 3rd at 4 PM. \$35 day of show. Extra goodies and food discounts for first 200 pre-registered cars. Trophies. Several hundred cars anticipated. Live entertainment, food, shopping (250 shops). Free donuts, coffee, bagels, muffins for all. Contact is Doreen Hesse, 954-979-4555, doreen.hesse@shopfestival.com for pre-registration information.

Saturday, December 12th, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The Humane Society of St. Lucie County presents their benefit car show. Car registration 9:00 AM to Noon. Sponsored by Dyers Chevrolet and the No Name Car Club. \$20.00 registration fee goes to the Humane Society and enters you into a drawing for a **2020 Chevy Equinox that will be AWARDED THAT VERY SAME DAY!** 4 foot best in show trophy and 20 peoples choice awards. Info: 772-528-4347 (Carlos).

Saturday, January 16th, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The 50/50 Driver's Charity Raffle Car Show at the St Lucie County Fair Grounds. 15601 Midway Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34945. Registration open 8:30 to 11:00 AM. Award presentation at 1:00 PM. Entry fee of \$20 of which \$10 goes into a raffle pot for drivers only (using their registration ticket number). The more registrations, the more cash up for grabs. Other half is donated to the Southern Things for Little Wings charity. Three cash prizes. There will also be a 50/50 open to the public (10 tickets for \$5). 4 foot best of show trophy. Over 50 arts and crafts vendors. Also, currently looking for sponsors - call 772-528-4347 (Carlos)

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.

Cars Under the Canopy

By Barbara and Ed Joyce 1928 Graham Brothers Canopy Express Truck

Ed has been playing with old cars since his days in high school. A little over seventeen years ago, a unique opportunity came along that Ed didn't want to pass up.

While still living in Pittsburgh, PA at the time, Ed met John Biery Jr. and James Biery, owners of a complete, but non-running 1928 Graham Brothers Canopy Express truck, who had a special request.

Originally purchased by their grandfather as a maintenance vehicle for the Ridgelawn Cemetery in Mount Troy, Pennsylvania, the Graham held a special place in their hearts, as their father, John Biery Sr., had attempted to restore it in the Seventies. While their father's effort literally left the Graham in pieces, the younger Bierys had resisted many advances by enthusiasts who wanted to turn the charming little truck into a street rod.



That talk led to a visit to see the Graham and an offer from the brothers to sell it--an offer that included the caveat that they wanted to see the truck restored to original.

Now, Ed was intrigued by the idea, but smart enough to know that he needed Barb to sign on first. When Ed came home and told Barb about the truck, Barb replied, "No, we're not going to restore any more vehicles". Once Ed described it to Barb and said, 'Come on, let's go look at it.' Barb went with him

and said, 'Under one condition, you can't restore another vehicle, but that doesn't mean I can't restore one.'

Barb was as involved as Ed in the restoration. It was a husband-and-wife project.

Fortunately for Ed and Barb, Ed's experience in construction and carpentry served them well. Before the restoration could begin, but after they had hauled three truckloads of parts and spares home with the Graham, we started taking parts off the frame.



Cars Under the Canopy

1928 Graham, continued...

Though the small parts could be cleaned up in our blasting cabinet, Ed sent the larger frame pieces out to be sandblasted. For the body components, the duo sanded them down to the bare metal, due to a possibility that sandblasting might warp or otherwise damage the relatively thin sheet metal panels.



Everything, from the doors forward, other than the floor, is all metal. The doors have no wood in them. Then, from where the door latches and back, it is all wood frame. The sheet metal is clad around the wood with little nails holding on. Ed carefully removed the small nails holding those pieces of metal to the wood before cleaning up the steel parts and then tackling the wood components, many of which had to be replicated.



Working in red oak, Ed was able to acquire in needed sizes from a millwork in Pittsburgh. Ed began fabricating the needed frame pieces. Since the truck had largely been stored indoors over the years, its sheet metal, frame and wood were mostly rot-free. For repetitive pieces, such as the many long, narrow strips that make up the roof, Ed had a millwork make the pieces, because they had the appropriate woodworking equipment to get the job done quickly and accurately.

For the pieces Ed made at his home shop, the process was simple, even if the results were not immediate. Ed cut the wood big and kept shaving and planing and sanding--whatever process you are using--to keep narrowing it down slightly.

During the process of removing the old, faded and dusty black paint, we discovered that the original color was Graham Brothers' standard dark blue. We decided to repaint it in Spanish Blue, a color from PPG's color chart that closely matched the original.



Cars Under the Canopy

1928 Graham, continued...

Continuing with PPG products, Ed used a single-stage urethane paint from the Concept 2000 family of finishes. Most of the paint work was done in our garage in Pittsburgh, with low dust conditions. The final pieces that were finished in Florida were sprayed outdoors "among the trees." Ed makes this observation: "We're certainly not high-tech, big-time automotive restorers. This is definitely an amateur garage."

We sent out the engine to Godwin-Singer in St. Petersburg. Specialists in rebabbiting old engines, Godwin-Singer rebuilt the Fast Four in just a few weeks as we were preparing the truck for its first trip to Hershey. At Hershey we hoped to share the completed project with the senior Biery, who had dreamed of completing the project himself.



Not only did we complete the project on our own, but mid-stream, we moved from Pennsylvania to Florida. Setting up house in a new state, working full time and just getting everything in order took some time, but Barb took it upon herself to jumpstart the operation. We were down in Florida for six months and the truck just sat in our garage. Barb wanted the truck done, so she pulled out a fender and started putting some Icing on and started sanding and Ed said, 'What are you doing?' and I said, 'We're starting on the truck again.'



A lot of people call it a huckster truck. That style of truck was used for farming people to sell their vegetables door to door and they were called hucksters.

For amateurs, our Graham has won many AACA national awards including Senior Grand National Award, several awards at Lake Mirror Concours and Best in Show at the Elliott Museum in 2014 plus many more.

Members Stories

Covid Rebel Cruiser's "Flea Market" Cruise

The Cruisers decided to try something a little different at the beginning of November. We went to a car show!

After a slightly damp start to the morning, we left Highway 55 Burgers in Palm City and headed to Okeechobee to meet up with the No Name Car Club and others at the Big O Flea Market Car Show.



The drive out along 714 was beautiful as usual and I saw a huge flock of pink birds in a pond along the road. Being partial to flamingos, I say they were flamingos. Ron Ingles thinks they were roseate spoonbills. Either way, they were beautiful and quite a sight.

We picked up a few cruisers along the way and entered the Flea Market with at least 12 cars in our group. A few others joined us there and there were already a lot of cars in place.



Members Stories

Covid Rebel Cruiser's "Flea Market" Cruise

It was an interesting selection of cars, many of them I had never seen before. I mean, there was every thing from a Vega station wagon and a Pinto station wagon to a Lincoln Zephyr and a Fiat.



After a few hours of roaming the flea market and looking at cars, we headed out for lunch at Lightsey's, just down the road. The food was good and the company was awesome, as usual.

After lunch we headed home and ran right into the rain. It wasn't too bad, but along 714 we came across the Zephyr on the side of the road. The wipers were not working and they needed someone to follow because they could barely see the road. They followed us in slowly until the rain stopped and they could hop on I95 for the short ride home to Port Saint Lucie. All in all, a pretty good day.

