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General Meetings

The April General Meeting was cancelled so there are no minutes. All May Meetings and Outings have been cancelled due to the current COVID-19 epidemic. We will keep you updated as things progress.



Hello to all of my fellow TCVCC members. When I first accepted the position of your President for this year, little did we know what lay ahead of us. I really had not gotten my feet wet when are lives took on a new routine. I had some new ideas and things to accomplish and maybe some time in the near future we can get TCVCC up and running again.

However----for today it's not happening. Jay and I miss all of you reading this and as your President, I want you to know you are thought about many times as the days go by. Some of you are gathering and going on outings and if you feel comfortable doing this that's great. Some of us are doing things around our homes that maybe haven't had attention in a while but honestly this gets old after a while but it keeps us grounded.

I took time to call all board members this week and things seem to be ok with club business. I had a call from one member suggesting we think about how we are going to have our meetings in the future. I have taken his thoughts under consideration and we will just have to sit tight and wait this

pandemic out. Hopefully we will see a light at the end of the tunnel before the summer ends.

If any of you feel I'm being to cautious and want to do things differently, feel free to let me know how you would handle this differently for the club.

Charlie Ulrich is doing "Cars Under The Canopy" this month and I'm sure we will all enjoy his article.

Till next month, you all think positive. "The Sun Will Come Up Tomorrow!"

Till Next Time,
Your President,

Jo Ann



AACA Event Cancellations & Updates

As the situation with COVID-19 continues to change and evolve, we promise to keep you up-to-date on any additional changes to the AACA National Activities schedule.

Southeastern Spring Nationals - Hornets Nest Region - Charlotte, NC **NEW DATE: June 12-13, 2020** (original dates: April 2-4, 2020)
Deadline extended to May 15, 2020

Western Spring Nationals - Phoenix Region - Show Low, AZ
CANCELED (original dates: April 23-25, 2020)

Founders Tour - Phoenix Region - Show Low, AZ
CANCELED (original dates: April 26-May 1, 2020)

Central Spring Nationals - National AACA - Auburn, IN
CANCELED (original dates: May 7-9, 2020)

Sentimental Tour - Mountain State Classics - Potomac Highlands, WV
CANCELED (original dates: June 7-11, 2020)

Reliability Tour - National AACA - Lock Haven/Wellsboro, PA
CANCELED (original dates: July 19-24, 2020)

Eastern Divisional Tour - Eastern Shore Region and Bay Country Region - Eastern Shore of MD **NEW DATE: August 12-15** (original dates: May 13-16, 2020) Deadline extended to July 1, 2020 (

Interested in the tour? Contact Charles Emery, ccemery@verizon.net or 443-877-7750. If you are already registered for this tour or if you have been notified that you are on the waitlist, no further action is necessary.) Keep in mind that this is subject to change based on the situation.

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HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS TIPS

Instead of meeting notes this month, we offer these tips as we prepare to head into hurricane season here in Florida. Thanks to Rosemary for supplying them.

Hurricane Season Preparedness

June 1st is just around the corner, don't let the Covid-19 pandemic distract you from preparing for hurricane season. Here are a few tips and links to websites that can help get you started on your emergency preparations.



Make an Emergency Plan - Make sure everyone in your household knows and understands your hurricane plan www.ready.gov/plan. Discuss the latest Covid-19 rules www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html and how it may affect your hurricane planning.

Gather Supplies – Have enough supplies <https://www.ready.gov/kit> for your household, include medication, disinfectant supplies, cloth face coverings www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html, pet supplies www.ready.gov/pets in your go bag or car trunk.

Those with Disabilities - If you or anyone in your household is an individual with a disability www.ready.gov/disability identify if you may need additional help during an emergency.

Know your Evacuation Zone - You may have to evacuate quickly due to a hurricane. Learn your evacuation routes www.ready.gov/evacuation, practice with household, pets, and identify where you will stay.

Review Important Documents - Make sure your [insurance policies and personal documents](http://www.ready.gov/financial-preparedness) like ID are up to date. Make copies and keep them in a watertight container or zip-lock bag.

Make Plans for Your Antique Auto – Not everyone is fortunate to have enclosed covered storage for their prized antique car. Contact family or club members to see if there is storage available to keep your vehicle safe during the storm.

Respectfully submitted, Rosemary Rayman, Secretary



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What's Happening?

Events

There is not a lot going on right now, but a few events are planned. See the following pages for more information.

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.

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.

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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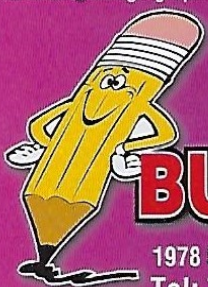
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Events and Happenings

SAVE THE COOL DATE

Unless things get really, really bad, the annual Cars of Our Lives show will be held as scheduled.

Saturday, December 5

If you have been a volunteer in past shows or shown a car or just observed the festivities, count on doing it again this year! Stay healthy. Stay positive. We will make the 40th annual COOL show as fun as it ever was!

And this from our friends
at IRR AACA

2020 CRUISE FOR SENIORS

**Saturday, May 9th
9:30am**



A classic car "DRIVE-BY" cruise through senior assisted living facilities in Vero Beach and Sebastian!

- * No registration fee or sign-up required.**
- * Meet-up and staging at the Roseland Checkers parking lot on US-1 at 9:30am**
- * Exit at 10am and head south on US1 to Pelican Landing assisted living @ front round-about.**
- * Continue south on US1 to other senior care facilities, heading east at 53rd St, then south on Indian River Blvd.**
- * Heading West on Rt. 60 to other senior care facilities.**
- * Cruise culminates after The Brennity at TA Truck Stop.**

PLEASE DO NOT EXIT YOUR VEHICLE AT ANY TIME AT ANY OF THESE LOCATIONS
Please observe social distance protocol at the staging area and at the truck stop finishing point.

For more information please contact Keith MacDonald at (772) 643-6999

Cars Under the Canopy

LIFE'S LESSON

By Charlie Ulrich

So, there I was, 1963, right out of high school and not exactly distinguishing myself as a scholar at the Junior College in my home town of Corpus Christi, Texas. My best friend, Donn, who was also mired in obscurity, comes to me and says, "We need a project and I have found it!" The project turns out to be a 1934 Chevy five window coupe, or what was left of said vehicle. Of course we thought it was beautiful and could be made into a head turning rocket ship street rod with very little effort, skill, money or time.

So, as you might have guessed we proceeded with the project using more of our time, money and particularly skill than we possessed. Our parents were amazingly tolerant with all this even though our grades were tanking and we oversprayed yellow paint all over Donn's mom's new washer/dryer. Despite all this we carried on, consuming every minute of every day and all our money, but we just knew that when finished this thing would be a real Chick Magnet and make a monetary killing at the Saturday night races.



It took about a year and a half, but we finally made the thing street legal with a Chevy 283, two fours, huge headers, 4:11 rear end, La Salle close ratio 3 speed and oh yeah, seats and a radio. For some reason, we had the foresight to install a complete roll cage and 5 point seat belts. Topped it all off with the aforementioned Sunburst yellow paint job. It really was a beautiful machine, at least in our eyes.

Cars Under the Canopy

LIFE'S LESSON...

We introduced it to the Saturday night drive inn circuit in downtown Corpus Christi, which could have been Anytown, USA in those days. We actually gained a modicum of fame as one of the fastest cars on the local circuit, and even turned the heads of a few girls! Speaking of girls, Corpus Christi is the home of a very large Naval Air Station. "What do Air Stations have to do with girls?" you might ask. Well, all of us local boys were totally convinced that all those sailors were coming in and stealing all our women, so we had a constant battle to keep our girls "down on the farm". In particular, each summer the Navy ROTC Midshipmen who were juniors from all the good colleges of the country, would come in for about six weeks and REALLY slay "our" girls.

So, as things happen, we are tomcatting around town one evening and are constantly harassed by four Midshipmen in a beat up Volkswagen. Everywhere we went, there they were—GRR. After a frustrating night of this we decide to head home at about 2 AM when they appear in front of us weaving around the road. I see a little space to get around them. I hammer the throttle. They start to turn into me and I lose what little control I possessed and we go off the road upside down and slide into a house whose front porch falls on us when we come to rest. Of course the Middies are long gone. I call my Dad, and the conversation goes, "Dad, I wrecked the hot rod." "Are you alright?" "Yes" "That's good. Is the hot rod totaled?" "Yes" "That's good. Now you can get on with your life"

And so I did. Managed to continue with college, and (you guessed it) became an ROTC Midshipman. Who knew?



JUST CATCHING UP...

Greetings from the mountains of North Carolina!

Yes, even though our little county in western NC, Transylvania, has only 34,000 people; 8 covid cases and no fatalities, we are shut down. So our pastimes include yard work, cooking, checking the mail for windfall stimulus payments (yuh, sure!) and taking our Boxer Heidi for rides around our property on the Gator (Go Gator!). We did acquire a 1940 Allis-Chalmers tractor project, pictured with our Grassy Creek Bait 'n Bull fish shack, which has been closed down for the duration (something about it's "too much like a wet market") so the canoe is grounded. Our road trips consist of taking the old F-150 to the recycling center every few weeks to dump garbage...a bit of a "Cracker Tour" in itself. Well that's the report from the mountains of western North Carolina. Ya'll stay safe, now, y'heah? Mike, Carol & Heidi Mucci.



NOW THIS IS A PROJECT!

The Saga of the Fiat

I bought a 1981 Fiat 124 Spider. This car was made for five years and then discontinued until 2015 when production was continued. It is a very interesting Italian car and although it had been taken care of it needed a lot of work to make it a driver. When the Virus bug came along it seemed a good time to do it all at once. It has a four cylinder engine with fuel injection, which it seems was supplied by Ferrari as an experiment. Of course, it is wired as a European car...which means a lot of wires. Wherever there is a wire for any purpose it runs from the fuse box to the application along with a ground. In our wiring system a rear light needs 3 wires: ground, tail, & turn. In the Italian wiring system this requires 8 wires.

I removed all the old wiring bought a general kit (Chevy, nothing made for old Fiat) and started to wire the car. I did need new gauges all the old ones were tired, I have most of the wiring finished at this time.

I will be adding air conditioning but will get a little help from a great mechanic here in Okeechobee. I also need a starter, and other odds and ends

I included some photos. One with my only helper, Mary Kay (see her smiling) and others of the engine and under the dash. What a mess.

Hopefully you will all see the results in Hot August Nights...with a little luck!

Larry Nicholson
Okeechobee FL



AND THE PROJECT GOES ON!

The Saga of the Fiat... a few more pictures



MEMBER STORIES CONTINUED

April 4, 2020. Rebel “Covid19” cruise to Port Mayaca

Our first cruise was fun, so we thought we would try another one. Fat Boyz subs is a favorite watering hole for me and they make a fine Hoagie-Sub-Grinder- Po Boy- sammich. Whatever the vernacular you choose to call a big sandwich filled with meats.

The group rallied at Fat Boyz at 10:30 am and took turns going into the shop to place our orders and maintained the rules of social distancing. As these tours are grass root, and loosely organized, and with no RSVP, it is unpredictable as to who will attend and who will not. I usually send out about 20 texts, and most go unanswered.

At 11:00, six classics loaded up, and led by Kevin and Phyllis Mills driving old Blue (1964 GTO conv), we headed south on US 1 to Cove Road and then west on 76 to Port Mayaca. The temperatures were great and the ride was uneventful. We found a nice shady spot under the bridge for our lunch spot that Phyllis was familiar with.

There were several other groups, and one fellow with a motorcycle that had a flat tire. It turned out that once he took his helmet off, I recognized him as Steve Pullon. He and his dad were one of the first 10 members of the Sunshine State GTO club that we started back in 1994. His dad and another rider had ridden off, not realizing that Steve was not with them. They returned shortly thereafter, and called a tow truck to come get the bike as none of us had a fix-a-flat.



The group is about as relaxed as you can get.

Pontiac, Ford & Chevy present



MEMBER STORIES CONTINUED

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Larry explains why Ford is superior
Old blue looking shiny

As lunch progressed, we were rolled up on by one of Martin County's finest. Hey folks, we got a complaint that you guys were congregating here. I'm not going to ask you to leave, but go ahead and finish your lunch and then please move on. He had to do his job, and that was about as nice a way as it could be done. He did stop and talk to the other groups, and we assume they were told the same thing.



Marnie and Rachel opted for some sunshine while the rest of us stayed in the shade.

Mike and Sandee Searle and Brandon Barbour relax in the shade and enjoy their lunch

We wrapped up lunch and headed back to Stuart via the Martin Grade. Again, we were denied an ice-cream stop and dispersed to our homes. It was a nice outing, and for those who had been cooped up all week, it was an excellent change of pace from the inside of a house.



This week's participants- Scott MacGillvray, Larry Atkins and Sally Franklin. Kevin and Phyllis Mills, Mike and Sandee Searle, Andre Rayman, Brandon Barbour, Rachelle Barbour, and Marney McKee

Stay tuned for our next adventure, and if you wish to join us.
Text me or call 561-818-6212 for the next event.
It will be on a Saturday. Who knows where the road will take us?