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General Meetings

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

All January Meetings have been cancelled due to the current COVID-19 epidemic.

We will keep you updated as things progress.

Attention all TCVCC members:

Welcome to the New Year TCVCC members.

Are you enjoying 2021 so far? The weather has been glorious so far and we are glad to be in South Florida. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday.

Some of you have suggested we start the year off with board meetings again. So, Andre (vice Pres.) and I

had a lengthy discussion about this and the end result was this: You need seven board members in attendance to do any business per the by-laws. I called all current board members and got exactly SEVEN who said they would attend. All others declined. That's cutting it pretty close especially if one of those seven, for some reason, could not attend, no official business could be addressed. So we will not be having board meetings as of now. Andre said that some of you seem to enjoy the Tours the Rebel group has and that is a way to stay in touch with fellow TCVCC members as several members of our club go on these. He hopes to have more of these as the months go by.

If you have a car that is 25 years old but not running good enough to tour then this is the time to consider cranking it up and get it ready to enable you to participate in the fun this group has if you feel free to do so. Between Andre and Sally the outings promise to be fun with good food as the final stop.

There has been no business to attend to brought to my attention. If you have anything you want me to look into call me or e-mail Jay.

A member talked to me about the fact that some members don't have 25yr old cars but would like to go on some of these outings. Andre said maybe he would address this in some future official TCVCC outings. Stay Tuned!!

The saga of my broken leg continues and the current status is I have had to wear a Heavy Boot for going on two weeks. Supposed to come off the 14th. Such a chore but I think the end is in sight.

You all continue to stay safe, get the shots if you can, and a Happy New Year to you all.



Till Next Time,
Jo Ann, President

Letter From AACA

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15 December 2020

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Jo Ann
Dear Ms. Smith,

By almost any measure, 2020 has been a brutal year. I hope that you and your fellow members of the Treasure Coast Region are doing well and are navigating these difficult times safely. I'm writing you to let you know that I appreciate all that you and your fellow members have done this year to keep your region and our national club active and moving forward.

Best wishes to you, your family, and your fellow members of the Treasure Coast Region and their families. Here's to a considerably better year in 2021. I look forward to seeing you at a future AACA national activity. Until then be safe and stay healthy.

Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year to everyone. Please don't hesitate to contact me if there's anything I or the national club can do to assist you or the region in the coming year (or if you just want to talk about old cars).

Sincerely,

Mark McAlpine

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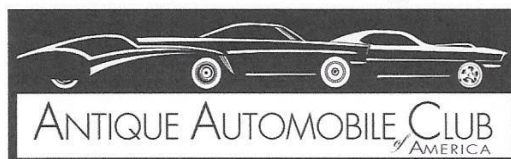
A get well card were sent out to Chuck Batey. A sympathy card was sent to the family of Ed Neel. And our Sunshine Lady, Ann Ridle is currently suffering from Shingles and will send herself a card. Please pass on information to Ann Ridle: email: ahr3206@verizon.net phone 540-255-6181. Let me know so we can shine some Sunshine for our club members.



Show Announcements

44th Annual Antique Auto Show

Indian River Region



<http://local.aaca.org/indianriver>

**Riverside Park,
Vero Beach, FL**



Saturday, March 20, 2021

Auto Show 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Auto Registration 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Closes promptly at 11:00 a.m.

(Cars in line at that time will be registered)

Featured Cars

- Antiques

Featured Events

- Dash Plaques

Happenings & Classified

Our January "No-Club Meeting" Cruise is coming up!

What: January lunch Cruise to Dino's Restaurant,
2001 Old US Highway 1, Ft. Pierce

When: Sunday, January 24, 2021

Meet: at the Elliot Museum at 10:30 am

Depart; at 11:00 am.

Please RSVP to Sally

sfranklin_2000@yahoo.com or (314)324-5192

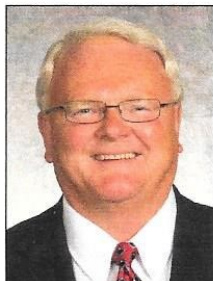
We have the back room reserved. Even if you don't want to eat, or cruise, you can drive through the Elliot parking lot and see your fellow club members.



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What's Happening?

Events

Lew's Crew Tuesday Night car show, Elliott Museum, every Tuesday night, weather permitting, 5-8 pm.

Saturday Nights "Car Gang" Gathering underneath the EAST Jensen Beach Causeway Park. NE Causeway Blvd., Jensen Beach, FL 34957. Contact is Bob Crow at 772-359-4822 **January 9th show is canceled due to expected cold weather.**

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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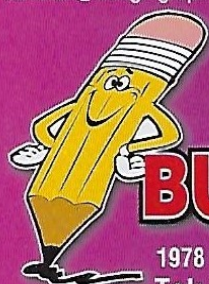
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Upcoming Events

Saturday January 9th 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM, **Elliott Museum Cars and Coffee.** 825 NE Ocean Blvd., Stuart, FL 34996. FREE event. \$3 buys unlimited coffee and donuts!

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)

Thursday, January 14th - 6:00 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 Thursdays)

Saturday, January 16th - THE "100 YEARS OF CARS" SHOW is scheduled for Saturday January 16th, 2021 from 10 am to 3 pm at the Pine School located at 12350 S.E. Federal Highway Hobe Sound, FL 33455. Please be advised that the entire show will be held outside. There will be extra tables and chairs for outside dining (burgers & hot dogs being cooked by Sheriff Snyder's Grill Team once again). Categories this year: Jeeps through 2005(new), Brass & Antique through 1925, Classic Era 1926-1948, European Production 1949-1995, American Classics 1949-1995, Modern Exotics 1996-present, Hot Rods Muscle. Registration is \$35.00 Click here to register [100 Years of Cars](#) Questions? Rocky Grady at rocky001@aol.com

February 14th - Valentines Day 1-4 pm Village Club & Preserve (Martin Downs Country Club) Car Expo 2261 SW Raquet Club Drive Palm City \$5 donation/food available. Contact Ken at anchorkraft@yahoo.com or 516-429-6174

Sunday, February 28th, 9 AM to 4 PM, Cars and Coffee Palm Beach has a **NEW temporary location!** Palm Beach International Raceway, 17047 Beeline Hwy. Jupiter, FL 33478. \$10 to display a car. \$5 for spectators. Now features drag racing! (\$25 for racer tech cards) Free coffee from Blackout Coffee Co. Food trucks, vendors, custom vehicles, exotics, classics & more. Thousands of vehicles of all makes and models.

Club Happenings

A Last Minute Call for A Christmas Parade!

The week before Christmas I received a call from our friends at the Stuart Police Department, asking us if we would be interested in participating in the first annual Dashing Through Downtown event planned for December 22nd. They would like a car or two to park along Flagler Avenue in the park, and decorate for Christmas. I contacted Geoff Nichols and we decided we would use his Model A and basically turn it into a static float. The whole idea of the event was for participants to be parked and decorated while the public actually drove by. A reverse parade! (Actually, for old cars, it's a great idea. Don't have to worry about them overheating!)

A few days later I was asked if we could bring more cars. With only a few days to prepare, we managed to round up 6 cars in total and begged, borrowed and stole more decorations. We arrived at our designated spots at 3:30 pm on the 22nd and started decorating. After two hours, we decided we were done and went to get something to eat at the Boat House Restaurant. The parade was set to start at 6:30 and we didn't want to be late turning on the lights.



The elves hard at work, decorating the sleighs!



Club Happenings

A Reverse Christmas Parade!

By the time we got back to our cars, Flagler Avenue and the park had turned into a Christmas wonderland! There were floats and displays from the Feed Store to the end of the road. Santa was perched in his chair by the fire and a tunnel of lights led people around the Flagler Center and into the parade. There were even snow machines making the cars driving through look like they had been driving through the snow!



The parade was non-stop for two hours and everyone had a fantastic time! We hope they do it again next year and we can plan ahead to have even more cars there.

To see more pictures, go to [Christmas parade \(static\) Dec. 22, 2020 | Flickr](#)

Members Stories

Covid Rebel Cruise to New England Eatery, Melbourne Beach By Andre Rayman

After 9 months of cruises, and having hit various points in Martin St Lucie, Indian River, Palm Beach, Okeechobee and Highlands County, we decided to stretch our legs a bit further north and venture to Brevard County

Some research of eateries that would cater to our needs, and in a location that made for a pleasant cruise were researched, and the New England Eatery on A1A in Melbourne Beach was decided up for our last cruise of 2020. As they were having a toy drive, we all brought a long an unwrapped present.

We gathered in Sewell's Point which is one of several of our north bound starting points. Departure time was set a little earlier at 10am due to the distance to be travelled. If you have followed these adventures, you know that we are extremely punctual with our departure times. On this occasion we actually left a few minutes late as Brouse Ross and his 1967 Lemans drove down from Satellite Beach to participate, and the trip took a bit longer than he expected.



In addition, Mark Foley, who had sold his 1964 GTO convertible, attended in his late model Cadillac convertible. Would you believe it wouldn't start due to a dead battery, but Mike Searle gave him a jump start and he was good to go. That was our only mishap though Brouse drove both ways with a faulty alternator.



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Off we went, with only 2 of us having our CB radios, and up Indian River Drive. As always it was a pleasurable drive with interesting scenery. The Lamberts debuted their McLaren for its first road trip, so this was a win-win for them. A long drive in the company of friends, but also a destination that would yield them food from their Northeast home.



The ride went without incident and as we crossed the Sebastian Inlet, we knew that we were getting close. Arriving at the restaurant we were pleased to see Harry Mannos in his Nash Metropolitan, and shortly after Doug and Nida Lesho and their friends in Doug's 1969 GTO.



We dropped our toys in the collection box and headed to the back room. In all there were 22 of us, and the food was excellent. I think I heard Lucille Lambert say the steamers were better than the ones she had during the summer?



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After lunch we parted ways with the folks from Merritt Island heading north as we headed back down A1A and to the entrance of the Jungle Trail on Orchid Island. I had heard of this, and had seen a sign for it on one of our other cruises. However it is a dirt road so I gave fair warning that anyone who was not comfortable driving on dirt should meet us at the ice cream stop. There were no dissenters and we all made our way slowly down the trail at about 5-10 miles per hour.



The trail runs along the back of homes in many areas and separates them from their intracoastal access. We encountered a few other cars coming from the other direction that pulled over and let us slip by, and also joggers, walkers, bicyclists and some wildlife. The trail crossed 510 (Wabasso Road) where we had seen the sign, and continued south finally terminating on Old Winter Beach Road which took us back to A1A. It was the first time on the trail for all of us, and we enjoyed it immensely.

Our final stop for the day was Cream Republic on Seaway Drive. This gem is hidden away in small plaza off Colonade Drive and is easy to miss. As a matter of fact we were some of the first customers there back in May on one of our earlier cruises. They have their own recipes and some of them have alcohol so you must be of age to order them. My favorite is Rum Raisin. We all enjoyed our cold treats and the remnants of the group headed south and home-ward.



We hope you will join us for a cruise on Jan 24, 2021

