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## Upcoming Meetings

The January General Meeting will be on **Sunday**, January 23rd. Please see the announcement on page 4 for details.

**Hello fellow TCVCC members and welcome to 2022.**

Please allow me to introduce myself- Andre Rayman. If you have been a member of TCVCC for longer than 10 years, you may recollect me serving as president in 2012. Apart from that I have served on your board for many years in various positions.

In this prez says, I am going to be a little wordy, which is completely out of character for me.



First off, a little about myself. I have been married for 21 years to our club secretary Rosemary and I'm a registered land surveyor in the state of Florida. We live in Hobe Sound, with a couple of cats.

Historically speaking as it relates to the automobile, my parents typically had beaters, mostly Plymouth Valiants. Dad also had a step van for work (think SWAT), and later a pickup truck. I don't think they bought a new car till 1983- An Oldsmobile sedan.

Sometime around 1976 they bought a used Pontiac Laurentian (we were living in Freeport, Bahamas) It's the Canadian version of Catalina, and I believe powered by Chevrolet. That was my first encounter with Pontiac.

My first car was a 1967 Chevy Camaro that was painted like a Z28. After wrecking it, I purchased a 1966 GTO. While it was in terrible condition, it did run and drive, and was fast, and had its original engine. Though in 1980, that was not uncommon. I drove it for 5 years before parking it, and watching it slowly return to the earth.

In 1994 I started up a local GTO club- the Sunshine State GTO Association. Apart from holding various positions in the club, I also produced the newsletter for several years. During the 90's I owned over 100 Pontiacs. Most were junk and were scrapped after being parted out In 1997, I purchased my 1964 GTO that had recently been restored. I still drive it today. Finally in 2005 I had my first 1966 GTO restored to mostly original condition. I still own it today.

The GTO club faded out in 2016 or thereabouts, but has now risen out of the ashes with new leadership on the west coast of Florida in Naples. Like our club, they are under a parent organization. In their case- GTO Association of America.

President's Message continued on next page.

## President's Message, continued

I'm not sure what year I became a member of the Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club. I'm guessing it was around 2006 or 2007. I do remember that when I became a board member, I missed my first board meeting. Oops.. not a good start.

Now back to our regularly scheduled program. I'm excited to say that I have been handed the reins to an organization that is in excellent shape both financially and a good solid membership of around 94 families.

We do lots of fun things as a club, but I am sure that you might have some ideas of things that you may want us to do for our monthly meetings. If this is the case, please let me or one of the other board members know, and we will certainly try to get in the schedule. Speaking of schedules, everyone knows that we meet once per month as a club, but that is just the minimum. There is nothing that prevents us from doing stuff all through the month. The choices vary.

For instance in February, the Cape Canaveral region will be holding a national meet at the Muscle Car Museum in Melbourne. Some club members will enter their cars, but if you didn't want to do that, the show is worth the visit, and the museum is an added attraction. It is 100% powered by solar panels.

Another random event is the Flywheelers show that some of us will attend. I'm not too familiar with these old timey machines, but it's different, so I'm happy to take a look. Maybe these don't interest you, but like me, you like driving your car, you like to eat, and you have a sweet spot for ice cream. You might have read about the ad hoc crew of random people that make up the "Covid Rebel Cruisers". It was started in 2020 when everything came to a grinding halt and rules came tumbling down, and car shows which provided fellow enthusiasts with a social gathering came to an end. It started with just 2 or 3 cars then suddenly we were 5, and the basic concept was developed. Meet at a location, drive for about an hour on random back roads, have a delicious lunch, and return home making sure there was a stop for ice cream. We went in every direction we could go, and never went to the same place twice. The most cars we ever had was 20, and that was on one of the hottest days of the year. ( a few cars broke) Our "rolling car show" has drawn folks from as far south as Ft Lauderdale, and as far north as Merritt Island, and a surprising side benefit was that it brought in a few new club members to the TCVCC.

So this brings me full circle back to 2012 when I was last president, and the effort to extend our organization into the future by increasing membership. As mentioned, we have 94 families. That sounds quite impressive, but, there are some details that are not readily apparent. My old boss would call them newsletter members. They loved getting the newsletter, but that is the limit of their participation. I certainly understand that because we all have lives and other things that take up our time.

Another detail that is not readily apparent is that we are all getting older, and we need some "younger" members. In this case, younger being folks in their 40's 50's and 60's. It is a plight that most organizations face, but the solution is not immediate, but slow progress over time is all that we can hope for. I'm optimistic that we may be able to increase our group by 10% over the 2022 year. That is approximately 9 new members. That's less than 1 per month. Maybe you know someone who might like what we do. Feel free to bring them out to some events. Guests are always welcome, and often become members.

I will finish up this lengthy dissertation by mentioning the January 2022 meeting which I will be hosting. We will be visiting the car collection of Rocky and Henry Grady in Stuart, followed by lunch. There could be ice cream afterwards. More details can be found in the newsletter.

I've pretty much used up all my words for the rest of 2022...

Andre'

## Secretary's Report

### Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club General Membership Meeting , December 19, 2021

Happy Holidays! The club enjoyed a Holiday Luncheon at Michelina's Italian Restaurant in Stuart. Members donated 2 Large boxes full of Toys for Tots and it was collected by a Representative who gave a brief presentation about the program in Martin County.



The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm. Guests and new members were warmly welcomed.

The Secretary's report for November is in the newsletter.

Treasurer Bob Ridle stated that the club finances are in good shape and the books are open to any member who would like to review them. He will be working with Sandee Searle, the 2022 Treasurer, to transfer the accounts and update the bank signatures.

Articles for the Vintage Times should be sent to Sally Franklin by end of next week. If you still get the newsletter via US Post, let Sally know if you want to change to email. A paper-copy of the newsletter will cost an additional \$25/year to cover postage and printing costs.

Membership Committee Chair Cathy Means reported there are 95+ members. She will have a final count in January.

Committee Chair Jay Smith stated there are legislative issues to report at this time.

Committee Chair Ann Ridle stated the Sunshines were listed in the newsletter. Please let her know if there are any additional ones that need to be sent.

There was no New Business.

Old Business - President Anne Smith reported that the COOL Car Show was a great success and wanted to thank all the members who volunteered their time and effort to help. "TEAMWORK is what we are all about!"

Next month's general meeting will be hosted by Rosemary and Andre Rayman. Details will be in the newsletter.

Thanks to Cathy and Jeff Means for this month's meetings.

Rosemary Rayman, Secretary

## General Meeting Announcement

Please join us for the first General meeting of 2022 where we will have the opportunity to view the private car collection of long time club members Rocky and Henry Grady.

If you have difficulty standing for extended periods of time, I suggest you bring a lightweight chair.

Following our approximately 1.5 hour tour, we will cruise to Southern Pig and Cattle company for lunch and our meeting

**Date: January 23, 2022**

**Time: 11:00 am**

**Place: Rocky and Henry's garage  
4412 Commerce Way. Stuart, Florida**

Lunch after at Southern Pig and Cattle 2583 SE Federal Highway, Stuart, Florida at approximately 1pm

We will give away one or two lunches by random drawing. To be eligible for the drawing, you must drive a classic car (1997 or older) to the meeting, and participate in the garage tour.

Please RSVP prior to January 20, 2022 to [arayman@aol.com](mailto:arayman@aol.com) or call/leave message at 561.818.6212.

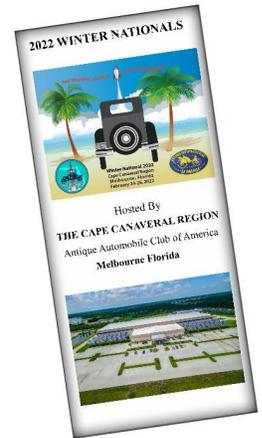


## 2022 AACA National Calendar & Other Events

### February 2022 Winter Nationals

**24-26—Cape Canaveral Region AACA, Melbourne, FL.** For more information, contact David Anspach at AACADave@yahoo.com, or Joe Pinson at Jpinson1955@gmail.com. Click on the brochure to open.

We have been asked by our parent organization, the Antique Automobile Club of America, to host their National Winter Meet on February 24-26, 2022. This effort will preclude us from hosting our annual open event, the Celebration of Cars, in 2022. Our annual Celebration of Cars with its open format will return in the spring of 2023 and we look forward to seeing you there. Drivers who have original or restored to original vehicles at least 25 years old are invited to participate in our 2022 AACA judged event and should contact us at [aacawinternational@antiqueautoclubcc.com](mailto:aacawinternational@antiqueautoclubcc.com) for details. You may qualify for one-year free AACA membership with entry. Thank you for your support. We look forward to again welcoming everyone in 2023.



*Antique Automobile Club of Cape Canaveral*

### March 19, 2022 Indian River Region AACA

Riverside Park, Vero Beach, FL. - Registration 8:00 AM—11:00 AM, Show is from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Registration form is on the last page.

## Featured Cars

- Antiques
- Classic & Prestige
- Foreign
- Commercial
- Modified
- Special Interest (Not Judged)
- Over 320 Cars at Last Show

## Featured Events

- Dash Plaques
- Class Judging
- Trophies
- Entertainment
- Car Corral
- Food Court
- Flea Market

Masks and Social Distancing may be required.



## *Drive Out Hunger*



*Help the Indian River Antique Automobile Club and the Vero Beach Post Office to "Drive Out Hunger".*

*Please bring non-perishable food items to the car show on March 19th.*

# Sunshine & Happenings

## SUNSHINE REPORT

A Get Well was sent to David Brown following surgery.

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.

The Covid Rebel Cruisers are looking forward to more cruises to great places and lots of good food and ice cream! If you would like to be included in the email list for our cruises, please contact Andre Rayman to sign up.

We typically cruise on a Saturday somewhere for lunch, driving our old cars as much as possible. Occasionally, because of bad weather or distance, we are ok with newer vehicles joining us.

We have been to a lot of interesting places and enjoyed some great food, (mostly) and just had a lot of fun. We like to drive and like to go someplace different each cruise.

We stay off the major highways and try to avoid congested areas during season. If you have any suggestions on destinations within a 30-60 plus minute drive, let us know. We have driven as far as around Lake Okeechobee, and as close as downtown Stuart.

We have done a few overnight trips and may do some again this year. Join the email group and stay informed. This is not an "Official" club activity and includes anyone who wants to drive their old car for fun.

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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?

Please email pictures and a short story to [sfranklin\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:sfranklin_2000@yahoo.com) to have it included in a future issue of the Vintage Times.

## Sponsors & Classified Ads

### 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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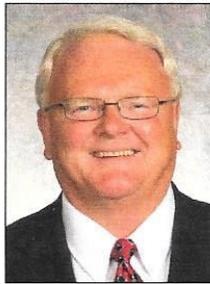
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# Upcoming Events

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## EVENTS FOR JANUARY/2022 ONLY

- **TRIP TO MECUM AUCTIONS JANUARY 6th to the 16th/2022**, The Valencia Cay Car Club is putting together a trip to Kissimmee for the Mecum January Auction advance tickets are \$20 per person until January 5th. I have attached below the upcoming dates for the Mecum Auctions and would like to meet at the clubhouse to discuss logistics of going together as a group. Contact is Jamie Stern 516-849-8696

- **Sunday January 9th, VETTES IN THE VINEYARD** -All Corvette Show. Summer Crush Winery, 4200 Johnston Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34951. Show time Noon to 4:00 PM. Awards at 3 PM. Gates open 10:30 AM to Noon. Registration is \$20.00. Live entertainment. Sponsored by Dyer! Chevrolet, Fort Pierce. 4 ft. best of show NoName Car Club trophy plus top 10 People's Choice Awards. Wine, beer, drinks and food available for purchase. No coolers, outside food or drinks please. Contact is Carlos, 772-528-4247

- **Saturday January 15th, Pine School Show** - 12350 SE Federal Highway, Hobe Sound, FL 33455. 8:00 AM early arrival ok. Cars must be in place by 9:45 AM. \$35 early registration. \$40 day of show (if space is available). Funds used for a scholarship. Food and drinks available for purchase. Phone is: 772-675-7005. Email: [carshow@thepineschool.org](mailto:carshow@thepineschool.org) Registration link: <https://host.nxt.blackbaud.com/donor-form/?svcid=renxt&formId=75cb5259-25f5-4342-b456-91470752e97d&envid=p-drxAGpwwW00JHO8MAumxEQ&zone=usa>

- **Saturday January 22nd, Tradition Classic Car Show** - 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Gates open at 1:30 PM. 10708 SW Tradition Square, Port St. Lucie, FL 34987. Open to all years, makes and models of cool and classic cars & trucks. More information to follow

- **Saturday January 29th, The Village Club & Preserve Vintage Car Expo**, 11 am to 2 pm. 2261 SW Racquet Club Drive, Palm City, FL 34990. (Martin Downs Villages & Crane Creek) \$5 donation entrance fee. Food and drink available for purchase. Craft show. Contact Ken Kraft at [anchorkraft@yahoo.com](mailto:anchorkraft@yahoo.com) or 516-429-6174 if you want to display your car.

-**Sunday January 30th, All Chrysler/MOPAR Car & Truck Show**. Summer Crush Winery, 4200 Johnston Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34951. Show time Noon to 4:00 PM. Awards at 3 PM. Gates open 10:30 AM to Noon. Registration is \$20.00. Live entertainment. 4 ft. best of show NoName Car Club trophy plus top 10 People's Choice Awards. Wine, beer, drinks and food available for purchase. No coolers, outside food or drinks please. Contact is Carlos, 772-528-4247, [nonamecarclub@outlook.com](mailto:nonamecarclub@outlook.com).



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# Upcoming Events

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## THE FOLLOWING EVENTS REPEAT MONTHLY:

**SATURDAY JANUARY 1ST, McKees Cars & Coffee 8 am to 10 am**, 7744 Jack James Drive, Stuart, FL 34997. Free admission. Tech tips and, product demonstrations by Nick Rutter. Music, tent sales, discounts and factory tours. Coffee, donuts and pastries. (1st Saturday of the month)

**SUNDAY January 2nd, Angelo's Italian Restaurant**, 155 Toney Penna Dr Jupiter. Roll in starts at noon, trophies awarded at 4 pm, \$10 entry, food discounts, live music. Hosted by Southeast Classics..... <https://southeastclassics.org/>. ( 1st Sunday of the month)

**Thursday January 6th, Howling Rooster Pub & Grub Cruise-in. 6 pm to 8 pm** 1319 St. Lucie West Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL 34986. Hosted by the NoName Car Club. Free admission. Staff choice award. 50/50s, trivia. Music by Carlos & friends. 20% discount to cruisers. (1st Thursdays)

**Friday January 7th, Brass Monkey 5:30 to 8:30 PM.** 7781 Lake Worth Road, Lake Worth, FL 33467. Free admission. Hosted by Donnie, Betty and Carlos. Music by DJs Donnie & Carlos. Food discount inside the restaurant for cruisers every day (!) Info: 561-968-9559 or Carlos 772-528-4247 ( 1st Friday of the month)

**Saturday January 8th, 8:00 AM to 10 AM. Cars and Coffee at Elliott Museum.** 825 NE Ocean Blvd. Stuart, FL 34996. Free event. \$3 buys unlimited coffee and danish. Bob McKee is the event sponsor. (2nd Saturdays)

**Sunday January 9th, 8:00 AM to Noon. Palm Beach Outlets Cars and Coffee.** Use I-95, exit 71 and head east to the mall entrance. Address for your GPS is: 1751 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33401. \$10 to display a vehicle. Gates open at 7 AM. Spectators are free. Restrooms open all morning in food court. Mall shopping opens at 11 am.

**Sunday January 9th and January 23rd, Valencia Cay Car Club Cars & Coffee, 9 AM, 662 SE Becker Road, Port St. Lucie, FL 34984.** Informal car enthusiast gathering located in the parking lot between Dunkin Donuts and Bonefish Mac Grill. Welcoming all cruisers, not just the club. Point of contact is Jaime Stern, 516-849-8696.(repeats every other Sunday)

**Thursday January 13th, Hwy 55 Cruise-in. 3027 SW Martin Hwy. Palm City, FL 34990.** 5 pm to 7 pm - Open to all years, makes and models. Cruisers get 20% discount on food. Door prizes, 50/50, raffles and trivia. Music by Carlos & Friends. (2nd Thursdays)

**Monday January 17th, T/A Truck Stop** 8909 20th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32996. TOY DRIVE night. Hosted by the NoName Car Club. Music, 50/50. Discount tickets for Travel Center eateries available for free at DJ table. (3rd Mondays)

**Thursday January 20th, Sunlight Community Church** 6:00 PM to 7:30 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. Show contact is Holly Elliott, text 215-421-7410 or email [HollyNothol@yahoo.com](mailto:HollyNothol@yahoo.com) ...Please do not arrive before 5:30 PM. (repeats every 3rd Thursday)

# Upcoming Events

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## THE FOLLOWING EVENTS REPEAT MONTHLY:

**Saturday January 22nd, Harborside Show - 1 PM Roll In Time**, 129 Soundings Ave, Jupiter, FL 33477. \$10 entry fee. Gate closes at 4:00 PM. Trophies, including Participants & Spectators Choice. Now open to ALL years, makes & models. Nice restaurants. Contact is Pete Needre - [Pete2350@comcast.net](mailto:Pete2350@comcast.net) or call 772.216.9488. (repeats on the 4th Saturday of the month)

**- Monday January 24th, Car Show at Duffys's** 630 pm to 830 pm, 3001 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd. Port St. Lucie, FL 34953. 10% discount to all cruisers. Music. 50/50s. Hosted by NoName Car Club. Free Duffy's Reward Club membership card. Questions? [nonamecarclub@outlook.com](mailto:nonamecarclub@outlook.com) or Carlos 772-528-4247 (repeats on 4th Monday)

## EVENTS THAT REPEAT WEEKLY

**- EVERY TUESDAY at The Elliott Museum** 4:00 PM to 7:00 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). Spectators are free. Oldies Music. 50/50. Elliott Museum, McKee's 37 and the True Oldies Channel are sponsors. More info: Lew, 772-708-3790

**- EVERY WEDNESDAY 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM. Dairy Queen Car Enthusiast Drop-in**, 9019 S U.S. Hwy 1, Port St. Lucie, FL 34952. Not a formal show. Meet up with some of the car gang, have some chow and hangout. Had 30+ cars last week. 30% food discount for cruisers. Point of contact is Ira Fluss, 772-485-7145.

**- Monday January 24th, Car Show at Duffys's** 630 pm to 830 pm, 3001 SW Port St. Lucie Blvd. Port St. Lucie, FL 34953. 10% discount to all cruisers. Music. 50/50s. Hosted by NoName Car Club. Free Duffy's Reward Club membership card. Questions? [nonamecarclub@outlook.com](mailto:nonamecarclub@outlook.com) or Carlos 772-528-4247 (repeats on 4th Monday)

## Member Stories

### Battery cutoff switch

By Bob Crow

(Bob is a new club member and hopefully a frequent contributor to our newsletter) I highly recommend adding a battery cutoff switch to your car. There are several reasons to do this:

1. In factory shop manuals, about the first thing that they tell you to do when servicing almost anything is to remove the negative battery terminal for safety reasons. It's SO much easier and faster to be able to open up the contacts of a battery switch than retrieve tools to remove terminals.
2. Automotive wire insulation has been manufactured in two basic types: cloth and plastic. Many of us own cars with 20, 30, 40 and 50+ year old wiring... Cloth/cotton insulation is very susceptible to fraying, breaking down and creating a short. Depending on age and especially exposure to high temperatures (think: battery cables near hot exhaust pipes), even modern plastic insulation can get hard, brittle and start flaking off.

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## Member Stories

### Battery cutoff switch, continued

By Bob Crow

3. Classic car electrical systems are frequently modified as a car passes through various owners. It's common to add gauges, electric cooling fans, air conditioning systems, upgraded radios, electric fuel pumps, lights, etc. that a car didn't have originally. The quality of workmanship varies widely. I solder and shrink wrap connections whenever possible. I avoid using crimped connections and "scotch locks" if at all possible. If not crimped sufficiently, the end of the wire can pop off and short to something.

4. The high ambient heat of Florida is hard on car batteries - makes them self-discharge faster than in northern climates. Various small electrical loads when parked (engine computers, body computers, clocks and radios) further hasten discharge when a car is sitting. If the state of charge falls too low - the chemicals in the battery combine irreversibly. That kills battery cells. I have several "special" cars. So if I don't plan to use a car for more than a month, I pull the battery switch open to insure that there are no loads drawing my battery down. If a car is going to sit for 6 months, I charge up the battery to full, then pull my battery knife switch open. A bonus: The open switch makes it impossible to have an automotive electrical fire in my garage...

5. At a car show, it would be really embarrassing to watch your car burn to the ground because you didn't have the tools - or time - to remove a battery terminal. If an electrical short occurs for any reason, you can quickly open a battery switch - no matter where you are.

Top and side terminal battery cutoff switch versions are available. I like to use the "knife" type switches as opposed to the "knob" type. A quick glance at a knife switch tells me right away if a battery is connected or not. Low cost battery cutoff switches can be found at WalMart and on Amazon. My experience with the local "fast food" auto parts stores (O'Reilly, Auto Zone, Advance, NAPA ) is that their switches generally cost more.

Last, it's also good to carry a fire extinguisher. Some formally judged shows require them. Cheap dry chemical types can do the job. But I prefer using the Halon Substitutes because they leave no engine compartment residue when used. They cost a lot, but hopefully you'll only need to buy one... For fire extinguishers of all types, [summitracing.com](http://summitracing.com) or [jags.com](http://jags.com) can give you a ballpark price.



## Pictures From Our General Meeting

The Club met at Michelina's Italian Restaurant for our December Meeting and Christmas Party. Here are a few pictures to get you started. To see more pictures of the meeting, click [HERE](#).

