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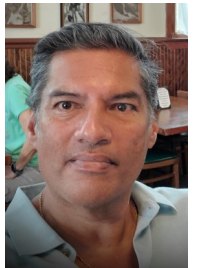
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Upcoming Meetings

The February General Meeting will be on **Sunday**, February 27th. Please see the announcement on page 3 for details.

Hello fellow TCVCC members,

January came and went like lightning. They say that the older you get, the faster time appears to move because it becomes a smaller and smaller portion of your overall life span. Sounds like crazy talk to me.



On January 23, we had our first general meeting at Rocky and Henry's garage. I received 72 RSVPS

from members and guests which was a great turn out. Again the day started cold, but once inside we were protected from the wind. Our hosts were most gracious as they served cocktails. That was quite a surprise.

Many members brought out their classic cars, and that was good to see. Rocky and Henry spoke for about an hour and a half, and it was quite interesting to hear about their collection and the race cars that he had built. A couple of Ferraris had just returned home from the Annual event in Palm Beach so we got to take a peek at them. We had our meeting, then headed over to Southern Pig and Cattle for our lunch. Steve Kohn and Barbara and Ed Joyce won the two lunches complimentary of the club.

This month's meeting is being hosted by Jay and Joann Smith on February 27th. It's an auction, and one of my favorite meeting formats because it is an opportunity to empty your house of some of your "collections" and have them auctioned off. In past years, I have won a BB gun, a hockey stick, and an industrial de-humidifier. In Florida, that comes in very handy. It promises to be a blast. I'm not sure what I am looking for, but I'm sure on that day I will remember that I needed something.

As you may have heard one of our fellow chapters in Brevard County-(Space Coast Chapter) is hosting an AACA regional show on the 26th of February. Some of us have already registered, and a group will be driving up on Friday, the 25th. I'm not sure if there is still room at the host hotel, but that is where I made my reservation. The show is being held at the Muscle Car Museum which is seldom open to the public, so even if you don't take a car to this show, it is worth the ride up to take a look at the collection. In addition, the entire facility is solar powered, which is an engineering marvel.

Hope to see you at the general meeting
Andre'

Secretary's Report

Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club General Membership Meeting , January 23, 2022

Wow, we were bowled over by the hospitality of Henry and Rocky Grady. They graciously opened their garage for an up-close rare car experience with cocktails. Thank you very much!

The club followed with lunch at the Pig and Cattle restaurant in Stuart. The meeting was called to order at 11:54 am. Guests and new members were warmly welcomed. Secretary Rosemary Rayman reported that the minutes from last month are in the newsletter. Please contact her with any questions.

Rosemary also reported that the club received a thank you note from the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens for the club's donation. Treasurer Sandee Searle stated that the club's finances are in good shape and the books are open to any member who would like to review them. Donations of \$1,000 each were made to the Port St Lucie Botanical Gardens, Indian River State College Automotive Academy and AACA. Additionally, an audit of the 2021 books will be performed in January by Barbara Joyce and Rosemary Rayman.

Editor Sally Franklin reported the new address for the club website is active at www.treasurecoast@aaca.com. Members should begin using this address as the old website will be discontinued soon. Sally also requested articles and photos for future issues of the newsletter.

Vice President Marie Flaherty stated she is working on the club directory. Also, new members can choose from one of three welcome gifts: TCVCC license plate, TCVCC license plate frame or TCVCC canvas bag. If you joined the club in 2020 or 2021 and did not receive your welcome gift, contact Club Store Committee Chair Barbara Joyce with your gift selection.

Events Committee Chair Denny Dahle reported that event opportunities are increasing. His full report will be in the newsletter.

Additionally, Sandee Searle reported that she and Mike have volunteered to host the Cracker Tour in late March. Details will be forthcoming.

Next month's general meeting will be hosted by Joann and Jay Smith. They will hold a 'white elephant' auction and members should bring their own lunch. Details will be in the newsletter.

The club members thanked Andre and Rosemary Rayman for hosting the meeting.

Rosemary Rayman, Secretary



General Meeting Announcement

The February 27th meeting is going to be an AUCTION. Yes, this month's meeting is going to be our renowned auction which we haven't had for a few years. So, drag out that item you were going to throw away and bring it to the meeting. It might be a "treasure" to someone else. Car related would be nice but, it doesn't have to be. Dave Brown has volunteered to be our auctioneer.



Keep in mind – if it doesn't find a new owner – be prepared to take it home.
Can't leave anything on the premises when we leave.

Provide your own box or picnic lunch and drink. Park in the designated spaces.
No on-street parking.

Location is the Port Salerno Civic Center, 4950 Anchor Ave, 34997. Left at the turn lane light just north of Cove Road on Dixie Hwy going south, right if going N.

Time: 11:30 A.M.

RSVP to Jo Ann & Jay Smith by the 23rd. Phone 772-287-1903 or email, jays@gate.net.





2022 Cracker Tour
March 25 – 27, 2022 (Friday – Sunday)

After a 2-year Covid19-induced hiatus, Mike & Sandee Searle are picking up the baton to plan a Cracker Tour for this Spring. Many venues, activities, and sites are closed for business, some permanently; however, we're planning a few choice activities that will still make this a fun trip. Plus, being together to share camaraderie, stories, and laughter is what makes the tour memorable.

Our tour will concentrate on south central Florida. We will be staying in one hotel for both nights; unpack once – yay! This year's Cracker Tour is scheduled during tourist season, so the hotel group price is a bit higher than in previous years. A hot breakfast is included each morning and parking is free.

Some of the planned activities have a maximum capacity imposed by Covid-19 safety guidelines. Therefore, we must limit the tour participation to 36 people (approximately 18 vehicles). The first baker's dozen (13) vehicles to be registered with us will be vintage cars. The remaining vehicles to be registered can be either vintage or modern vehicles. To register for the tour, members should call or text the following information to Mike at 772.486.3331 or to Sandee at 772.285.7216.

Here is what you need to tell us:

- Member names (total number riding in your vehicle)
- Whether you will be driving a vintage car or a modern car
- Your cell phone number and email address for us to stay in touch

Once you register with us and are within our group size, please call the Hampton Inn Clewiston at 863.301.5403 to book your room directly. This hotel is 1.5 years new! Our Group Name is TCVCC. Our group rate for a Standard Queen room is \$171.00 plus 10% tax. Our Booking Cut-off Date is 02/25/2022. If you make your reservation after the Cut-off Date, you will pay the prevailing Best Available rate subject to room availability.

On Friday, March 25th, we will be meeting at Cracker Barrel on Lost River Rd (off Kanner Hwy by I-95) at 6:30 am and leaving promptly at 6:45 am so that we arrive in time for our 9:00 am tour of US Sugar's operations. Lunch will be provided by US Sugar.

Throughout the Cracker Tour, we communicate by CB radios. It's a blast chattering back & forth about things we see along the way, bathroom stops, detours, things we wish we were seeing along the way, you get the picture. If you don't have a CB radio, please consider investing about \$50 - \$90 in a good radio & antenna so you don't miss out. If you've never been on one of the Cracker Tours or Hot August Nights Tours, please consider joining us. It is a great way for members to get to know each other better. Call or text to reserve your place now.

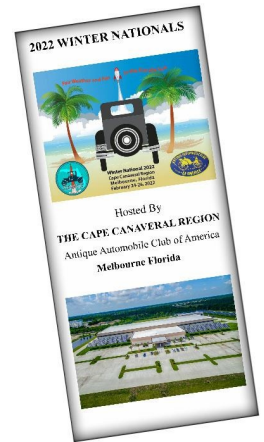
See you on the Tour,
Mike & Sandee Searle

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 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

No cards were sent out in January.

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.

Barb Joyce, in charge of Stores, says new club shirts will be available at the February General Meeting. Shirts will be \$30 each and there will be a selection of sizes available.

January 28, 2022

To the 2022 Board Members of the TCVCC.

An audit was performed on January 27, 2022 on the 2021 checking account.

We found that the check register, deposit entries, bank statements and receipts for the year of 2021 was balanced and in good standing order.

Bob Ridle did an excellent job as Treasurer for the TCVCC funds.

Sincerely,



Rosemary Rayman



Barbara Joyce

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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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.

Visit our new website by clicking on the link below. Be sure to save the site to your favorites so you can get there easily.

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Legislative News

This not really having any effect on us in Florida but, could have a “trickle-down” result later. State of Iowa House Transp. Committee has introduced a bill allowing for the production of “YOM”, year of manufacture, license plates for owners of antique vehicles 25 or more years old. These plates would replicate plates of the original “YOM”. Initial cost of the plate would be \$50.00 and following years would be \$10.00 annually plus the annual registration fee. Not bad for a new “original” plate for your antique vehicle. SEMA is supporting this bill. You can view this and other Legislative action on the SEMA action network site.

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Upcoming Events

EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY ONLY

Saturday February 5th, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. McKees 37 OPEN HOUSE. 7744 Jack James Drive, Stuart, FL 34997. Car show with trophies. Live Music by Forrest King Brandt Band. Factory tours. Tent sale. Q&A with Wayne Carini. Philly Down South Food Truck. Product demos by Nick Rutter. Email: info@mckees37.com. Web: McKees37.com. Phone: 844-852-5300.

- **Saturday February 12th, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Grand Oaks Car Show. 3550 SW Corporate Parkway, Palm City, FL 34990.** FREE event with lunch provided Grand Oaks Assisted Living Facility. Music by Dennis Fano. 3 trophies. Please register with Jim Serra for this show jameserra@comcast.net 772-285-3320

- **Sunday February 13th, You Auto Be My Valentine show. Summer Crush Winery, 4200 Johnston Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34951.** Show time Noon to 4:00 PM. Gates open 10:30 AM to Noon. Awards at 3 PM. Registration is \$20.00. 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.

- **Saturday, February 19th, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. B&A Flea Market Car Show. 2885 US-1 Stuart, FL 34994.** This is a FREE event but **call (772) 288-4915** to reserve a spot. Free Hot Dog Combo Lunch for drivers! as well as raffle items Show info: Lew's Crew 772-708-3790

- **Saturday Feb 26, The Savannah Classic Car Show is back, 10 am - 2 pm. 3150 Crabapple Drive, Port St Lucie. FREE EVENT, food, refreshments, music, 50/50 raffle, trophies. Open to classic cars and bikes. Rain date is Feb 27th. Contact is Bob 814-450-5980**

SHOWS THAT REPEAT MONTHLY

Thursday, February 3rd, 6:00 to 8:00 PM, Howling Rooster Pub & Grub Cruise-in. 1319 St. Lucie West Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL 34986. Arrive 6:00 PM. Hosted by the NoName Car Club. Free admission. Staff choice award. 50/50s, trivia. Music by Carlos & friends. 20% discount to cruisers. (1st Thursdays)

- **Saturday February 5th, 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. \$3 buys Coffee, donuts and pastries, etc. (1st Saturday of the month) **NOTE: There will be an open house on this date following the Cars & Coffee with special guest Wayne Carini.**

- **Sundays February 6th and February 20th, 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)**

- **Sunday February 6th at Angelo's Italian Restaurant 155 Toney Penna Dr. Jupiter.** Gate opens at noon, \$10. entry fee, live music, food discounts to participants and trophies awarded at 4:00.

Upcoming Events

Thursday February 10th, 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)

Thursday February 12th, 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) **NOTE: A caravan is planned after this event to Grand Oaks in Palm City for an 11 am show**

Sunday February 13th, 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. FYI, Jim

Thursday February 17th, 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 ...Please do not arrive before 5:30 PM. (repeats every 3rd Thursday)

Monday February 21st, T/A Truck Stop 8909 20th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32996. Hosted by the NoName Car Club. Music, 50/50. Discount tickets for Travel Center eateries available for free at DJ table. (3rd Mondays)

Saturday February 26th, 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 or call 772.216.9488. (repeats on the 4th Saturday of the month)

Saturday February 28th, 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 or Carlos 772-528-4247 (repeats on 4th Monday)

SHOW THAT REPEAT WEEKLY

MONDAYS - 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Valencia Car Club Evening Gathering in Tradition. Open to all cruisers. Approximate location: 10604 Village Parkway, Port St. Lucie, FL 34987. This event is located in open parking space near the McDonald's and a Mattress store. Point of contact is Jaime Stern, 516-849-8696. (This event repeats every Monday EXCEPT the 4th Monday of the month so as not to conflict with the Duffy's Cruise In)

TUESDAYS - 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. Philly Down South food truck. Elliott Museum, McKee's 37 and the True Oldies Channel are sponsors. More info: Lew, 772-708-3790 (every Tuesday)

Member Stories

Flywheel Park Adventure

By Andre Rayman

As mentioned last month, a few of us bundled up and drove to the middle of the state to Flywheel Park. We opted to take our regular cars instead of classics which made the ride faster and easier as we blazed up the turnpike to Highway 60. The day started out quite chilly, but by the time we arrived, it was warm.

We paid entrance and worked our way to the golf cart corral where we got our golf carts. That was definitely the right move as we covered a lot of ground going up and down the aisles. There was “stuff” of all kinds, and despite my eagle eyes, I was only able to spot an air cleaner for a 1964 Grand Prix, which I of course purchased because my wife would be disappointed if I didn’t return with more un-needed parts.



I also had a chance to stock up on some beef jerky, and boiled peanuts and my cart mate Tom Southard enjoyed some traditional caramel corn. Finally it was lunch. I took it easy with a corn dog. (one of the best I have had). We continued around the park looking at the various “hit and miss” engines, spending some time at the old sawmill, but the big blade had hit a piece a metal on a previous run, and had become too damaged to operate safely, so that came to an end.

A woman had a small herd of Alpaca, so I got to learn about them. Frankly they are about as standoffish as a house cat. Apparently the wool has some redeeming value, but since her loom from Peru was broken, she had a stock pile of 10 years worth of loom to process. I also learned from her that a donkey is an excellent guard animal against the likes of coyotes, bobcats, and other creatures that might wish to have an Alpaca treat. Who knew right? The poor donkey never got a shout out in the bible for being a guard animal. Such disrespect.

Finally it was time for the tractor parade. That was quite a treat with a few participants dressing in period correct outfits. After that Tom and I headed for home via Okeechobee City which of course meant that we must make a stop at Mables Place. If you have never gone there, I suggest you give it a try. Since we weren’t too hungry, we got a shrimp basket for the road, which got us to dinner.

In case you don’t recognize him, that is club member JR Frey in both the antique car parade and the tractor pa-



To see more pictures from our adventure, click [HERE](#).

Pictures From Our General Meeting

The Club met at Rocky and Henry Grady's garage for our January meeting. Here are a few pictures to get you started. To see more pictures of the meeting, click [HERE](#).

