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### **Upcoming Meetings**

The March General Meeting will be on **<u>Sunday</u>**, March 27th. Please see the announcement on page 3 for details.

#### Happy March TCVCC members-

This is one of the most exciting times of the year when there seems to be a never ending list of car related things to participate in, and the weather is nice and dry making it bearable, and for me the return to daylight savings time.



The club is moving quickly in several directions simultaneously:

Barb Joyce and Sally Franklin are leading the charge on the Cool Show and are scouting places and dates for the show. Thank you for volunteering for this. I would be remiss if I didn't extend a special thanks to Charlie and Sherry Ulrich who have been the lead on the Cool Cars show for the last 3 shows (no show in 2020) They have set the bar quite high.

Barb Joyce has also grabbed the reins of the club store, and had a variety of items displayed for possible purchase at our last meeting. She has already ordered men's shirts with a highly detailed club logo, and chest pocket and they are currently on sale for \$30. They are the dry fit material, and I tested mine this last Saturday at the AACA show in Melbourne. The material makes quite a difference in the heat and humidity. I strongly suggest you get your orders in now, as she has already sold more than half of the original order. Women's shirts will be ordered next.

As mentioned the Cape Canaveral Region AACA club held the AACA winter meet at the Muscle Car Museum in Melbourne on Saturday February 26. Quite a few members attended with many of them entering cars. Look for a detailed story on that in the news-letter. And of course check out the flickr page for pictures of every car in attendance. Continued on page 2...

## Message From the President continued...

Our second general meeting is in the books, put on by Jay and Joanne Smith and was the famous auction let by long time auctioneer Dave Brown. It was in a nice a/c room and that made it even more pleasant to participate. There were the usual cast of members in attendance, but there were at least 7 new members there. That is good to see, and is one of the things that reinforces that what we are doing as a club is appealing.

The variety of items on auction varied from puzzles to old lanterns, to racing suits, to motorcycle helmet, license plates, diecast cars, tools, wetsuit, candles etc. Something for everyone in this case. In addition this raised about \$350 for the club. Good times indeed.

Next up on the fun things to do is the Indian River Chapter show at Riverside Park in Vero Beach that is put on by their local club on March 19. I know that several members have pre-registered, and I suspect a group will drive up together. If you wish to be part of the group, please contact me at <a href="mailto:arayman@aol.com">arayman@aol.com</a> and I will let you know the start place and time. This is always a nice show, and the junkman in me appreciates the swap meet.

Sandee and Mike Searle have planned out a Cracker Tour for March 25 to Clewiston. So far there have been 12 cars registered. I suspect that if you only want to do one day of the tour, and not stay overnight, that may be possible, but you should contact Sandee Searle to find out. As she has already gotten the allotment of classic cars, there is room for a few modern vehicles. This will also lead into our March Meeting in Indiantown.

On the horizon, and coming up fast- April 21-23 the AACA Dual Nationals will be held in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico. I have never been to this event, but Joe Vicini says it is quite a good one to attend. While I am probably not going to take a car, I am considering attending. I heard that the Dauer museum has chartered a transport plane to take a few cars to this event. That's much better than sea transport.

Well, that is all for now. As usual, I remind you that if you know of anyone that may be interested in seeing what the club does, then you should invite them to one of our meetings or events.

See you at the March Meeting Andre'

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# Secretary's Report

#### Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club General Membership Meeting , February 27, 2022

It is true that "one man's junk is another man's treasure!" The club proved that statement at it February General Membership meeting at the Port Salerno Civic Center where members enjoyed an auction and bag lunch.

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 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.

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.

Editor Sally Franklin reported the new address for the club website is active at <u>https://</u> <u>treasurecoast.aaca.com</u>. We are part of the AACA website which is free. Sally also requested articles and photos for future issues of the newsletter.

Vice President Marie Flaherty stated she is working on the club directory.

Club Store Committee Chair Barbara Joyce requested attendees to complete a survey on what items they would like to see in the club store.

Events Committee Chair Denny Dahle reported on event opportunities. His full report will be in the newsletter. Additionally,

Sandee Searle reported the Cracker Tour will take place March 25-27. Currently 12 cars have signed up. Contact Sandee for details.

Barbara Joyce and Sally Franklin are co-chairing the COOL Car Show. They will be forming a committee in the coming weeks. Contact Barbara if you would like to join the committee.

Next month's general meeting will be hosted by Sandee and Mike Searle. Details will be in the newsletter.

The club members thanked Joann and Jay Smith for hosting the meeting.

To see pictures from the meeting, click <u>HERE</u>.

Respectfully submitted, Rosemary Rayman, Secretary



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# **General Meeting Announcement**

The March 27th General Meeting, hosted by Mike & Sandee Searle, will also be the end of the Cracker Tour. We will be having lunch at the Outpost Restaurant at Indianwood Country Club in Indiantown.

We will be sitting outside on their covered lanai overlooking a small lake. For your comfort, please dress appropriately for the outside temperature. Mike & Sandee are still working on having a speaker talk about the newly planned Indiantown PUD, Terra Lago, which is forecast to offer affordable housing and 100,000sf of commercial space.

The Chef is working up a fixed price to include coffee, iced tea or soda and a Chef's choice dessert. The price is not yet available, but this is a very reasonably priced restaurant. We will update you soon.

Our lunch selections are:

- Open-faced turkey, mashed potatoes, Chef's vegetable
- Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, Chef's vegetable
- Fish & chips
- Cash bar available

Members coming Sunday for the General Meeting and welcoming home the Cracker Tour-ists will be following Jay & JoAnn Smith from Stuart. Here are your details:

Date: March 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting Time & Place: 11:00 AM at Cracker Barrel, Lost River Rd (by Kanner Hwy & I-95) Departure Time: 11:15 AM

RSVP by March 23<sup>rd</sup>: to Jay & JoAnn for lunch & meeting at 772.287.1903 or jays@gate.net



## 2022 Cracker Tour

### March 25 - 27, 2022 (Friday - Sunday)

We have twelve vintage cars & 24 vintage people ready to roll on the 2022 Cracker Tour and two more cars for Friday only. We have room for a few more vehicles. We have met our goal for vintage cars, so modern cars are welcome to join in. Some members have mentioned to me that they have other plans for part of the weekend, or must work on Friday. If you are only available to join us for one day, either Friday or Saturday (with or without an overnight), call me so that I can keep track of our head count for the US Sugar Tour and other activities.

Mike & Sandee have an interesting itinerary planned for the trip which will culminate at the Outpost Restaurant at Indianwood Lakes Country Club, Indiantown for the March General Meeting. Members who are not able to join us on the Cracker Tour can follow Jay & JoAnn Smith from the Cracker Barrel by I-95, in Stuart, to the Outpost to welcome us back. (For details, see the General Meeting Notice elsewhere in this Vintage Time issue.)

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, please call the Hampton Inn Clewiston at 863.301.5403 to book your room directly if you're joining us for more than just a day trip. 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 03/8/2022.

On Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 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. US Sugar will provide lunch. Good news: this will be our only 'early to rise' morning!!

If you have never been on a Cracker Tour or Hot August Nights Tour, please give it a try. We're very laid back and casual, giving members a chance to get to know each other better. We still hope each car will bring along a CB to join in the banter among us as we roll along the byways. Call or text to reserve your place now.

See you on the Tour,

### Mike & Sandee Searle

Sign-up List:

Mike & Sandee SearleBob & Lou LambertAndre & Rosemary RaymanRon Ingles & Barbara McAlisterSally Franklin & Larry AtkinsJohn Giltinan & Don GilbertCharlie & Sherry UlrichFrank & Lynn Lo VersoEd & Barb JoyceMal & Edythe NewbornMike & Marie FlahertyLarry Ankrom & Steve KohnFriday only: Jay & JoAnn Smith and Pete & Liz Bortnick

#### 2022 AACA National Calendar & Other Events

#### 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. For more information, click <u>HERE</u>.

# **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.





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.



**Wheels Across The Pond** is one of the premier British Classic Car and Motorcycle Shows in the state of Florida taking place on Easter Saturday each year at the beautiful Carlin Park in Jupiter. Since our first show in 2007, we have continued to grow to where now we can expect more than 300 British and European Classics every year. Wheels Across The Pond is free to spectator admission and our show raises money each year a Jupiter-based no-kill animal rescue center, the <u>Busch Wildlife Sanctuary</u>.

For more information, click <u>HERE:</u>



# Sunshine & Happenings

### **SUNSHINE REPORT**

Get Well cards were sent Brian Woodrow from IRSC following his motorcycle accident, and Sandy Clark following her 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.

Look at our NEW Men's TCVCC club shirts with "pocket"! Not only will you be one of the "Cool" guys of the club, you will feel cooler in these new shirts too.

Order your new and Cooler shirts NOW! \$30.00 Contact Barbara Joyce 772-418-0273 by text or call. Or email <u>joyce3063@aol.com</u>

Women's shirts coming soon!



### **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.

#### 2022 TCVCC OFFICERS & DIREC-TODS

PRESIDENT Andre Rayman

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT Bob Ridle SECOND VP / MEMBERSHIP Marie Flaherty

> SECRETARY Rosemary Rayman

> > TREASURER Sandee Searle

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DIRECTORS

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#### 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.

**Treasurecoast.AACA** 

#### Legislative News

As a follow-up to last month – There seems to be favorable movement in the Iowa House Transportation Committee to the bill introduced to allow for the manufacture of new year of manufacture, "YOM", license plates for vehicles 25 or more years old. There is also activity in other states regarding "YOM" plates.

More on this later. You can follow related actions n the SEMA action network site.

Jay



Club member Frank Lo Verso has a secret life as a rock star! If you need a great band for one of your functions, contact him at 561-252-3604



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#### SHOWS FOR MARCH / 2022 ONLY (From Jim Serra)

**Saturday, March 5th, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Grand Oaks Jensen Beach Car Show.** 125 NW Jensen Beach Blvd. Jensen Beach, FL 34957 FREE event - lunch provided, live music and 3 trophies. Register with Jim Serra via e mail or text <u>jamesserra@comcast.net</u> 772-285-3320 (You can caravan from Bob Mc Kee's Cars & Coffee over to this event. It's 11.5 miles, no highway driving and about 30 minutes)

**Saturday, March 5th, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Molly's House Car Show and Polo Event.** Vehicles must arrive by 11:00. Location is: Port Mayaca Polo Club, 12499 SW Connors Hwy., Okeechobee, FL 34974. Must pre-register by March 1st. Vehicle entry is FREE and includes 2 general admission tickets to polo event, sandwich, chips and a drink. Go to mollyshouse.org to register online. Select: Events/2022 Polo Classic. You may also call in your registration to Molly's House 772-223-6659. \* Optional: \$75 VIP tickets (normally \$100) also available that include access to VIP tent, Paella lunch and open bar. Event is rain or shine. No refunds. Make checks payable to Molly's House. Questions: Marney McKee, 772-223-3580.

**Friday, March 11th, 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Morningside Church Car Show.** FREE event, music, fun, fellowship, gifts and Herbie Q BBQ food truck. Open to all years, makes and models. Contact is: Jim Sunderwith 772-528-2707.

Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, AACA show at Riverside Park 3280 Riverside Park Dr, Vero Beach, FL, 32963 10 am to 4 pm. More information here: https://www.hemmings.com/events/detail?listing\_id=59648

Saturday March 26th - 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. FREE raffles for drivers! Trophies. Show info: Lew Ponzini 772-708-3790. (Lew has been getting 70 to 80 cars for this event. Enter through Luckhardt Street and US 1.)

Saturday, March 26th, Keiser University <u>Corvette</u> Show. 9400 SW Discovery Way, Port St. Lucie, FL 34987. \$35 Day of show. Registration 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Pre-Registration (\$30) by March 16th available: <u>https://forms.keiseruniversity.edu/corvette-club</u> T shirts for 1st 125 cars pre-registered. Rain or shine. Trophys, food, music, 50/50 raffle, silent auction items, door prizes and craft vendors. 188 cars participated last year. Contact is: Dr. T: 908-334-5793, <u>STrohalides@keiseruniversity.edu</u>.

#### SHOWS THAT REPEAT MONTHLY

**Saturday, March 5th, 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM, McKees 37 Cars and Coffee.** 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. (repeats every 1st Saturday)

Sunday, <u>March 6th and March 20th</u>, 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Valencia Cay Car Club Cars & Coffee. 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 <u>all</u> cruisers, not just the club. Point of contact is Jaime Stern, 516-849-8696. **Repeats every other Sunday** 



## **Upcoming Events**

**Sunday March 6th - Angelo's Italian Restaurant Show1**55 Toney Penna Dr. Jupiter. Gate opens at noon, \$10. entry fee, live music, food discounts to participants and trophies awarded at 4:00 PM.

**Saturday, March 12th, 8:00 AM to 10:00 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. (repeats every 2nd Saturday)

**Thursday, March 17th, 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. Show contact is Holly Elliott, text 215-421-7410 or email HollyNothol@yahoo.com (repeats every 3rd Thursday) \* Please do not arrive before 5:30 PM because the church has another event going on before then.

Monday March 21st, 4:30 to 8:00 PM. T/A Truck Stop Car Show. 8909 20th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32996. Hosted by the NoName Car Club. Music, 50/50. Free discount tickets for Travel Center eateries available at DJ table. (3rd Mondays)

Saturday March 26th Harborside Show - 2 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 - <u>Pete2350@comcast.net</u> or call 772.216.9488. (repeats on the 4th Saturday of the month).

**Monday March 28th, 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Duffy's Cruise-in**, 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? <u>nonamecarclub@outlook.com</u> or Carlos 772-528-4247 (repeats every 4th Monday)

#### SHOWS THAT REPEAT WEEKLY

**EVERY TUESDAY- 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. El**liott 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. This event hit parking lot capacity last week! More info: Lew, 772-708-3790 (every Tuesday)

**EVERY WEDNESDAY- 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM. Dairy Queen Car Enthusiast "Schmooze-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. <u>30%</u> discount for cruisers. Point of contact is Ira Fluss, 772-485-7145. (every Wednesday)

Don't forget to check out the facebook page <u>"Treasure Coast Automobile Enthusiasts"</u> for the latest information on local shows. Members can post photos taken at recent car shows and can also post "For Sale" and "Wanted" items.

- The spring Daytona Turkey Rod Run is March 25th thru the 27th. More info here: <u>https://</u> www.daytonabeach.com/event/spring-turkey-run-car-show/43606/

## **Member Stories**

### **2022 AACA Winter Nationals in Melbourne**

By Andre Rayman, with Sally Franklin

Although I read my AACA Speedster magazine from cover to cover, I usually gloss over the portion that lists the National Shows, mostly because they are always in far-away places (for me) such as the Northeast, or on the rare occasion Tennessee or Georgia.

Last September, we had been returning from an overnight cruise and met with Dave Anspach who had a Master Editor award that had been awarded for Sally Franklin's newsletter efforts. When he presented her the award at our lunch stop, he also mentioned that the Cape Canaveral Region club would be hosting the 2022 Winter Nationals at the Muscle Car Museum in Melbourne.

We had gone to a show in Spring 2021 at the Museum that was an open show with over 500 cars, and it seemed like a great place for a National event. After kicking the idea around, we thought that it might be a nice show to attend, as it was a relatively easy drive, and the weather in February is quite good for outdoor car shows.

I had decided that instead of taking my 1964 GTO convertible that had gotten its first junior in 2014, that I would take my 1966 GTO that had never been entered in an AACA show before. Although it is mostly stock, it had aftermarket wheels on it for the first 10 years of its restored life. The tires on that car were 16 years old, and although the speeds on the trip would not exceed 50 mph for any length of time, I decided to bite the bullet and order new redline radials from Diamondback Radials. Once upon a time radials on cars that didn't come with them as original equipment meant a 10 point deduction by AACA judges per tire including the spare. I had a bias ply spare, and was pleased to learn from Joe Vicini that radials were now just a 2 point deduction.

I had the car on stands while the tires were being put on the rims at the local Pep Boys, so I decided to spend some time cleaning the undercarriage. The car had been a body off restoration in 2005, but the rear main seal had leaked and oil coated the leading surfaces of the cross member. There was plenty of cleaning to do, but everything had held up quite well. Now, although the old tires looked beautiful from the outside, it's only after I pulled them off that I noticed that the sidewall was coming off in chunks on the inside. Whew... glad I decided to get those new tires. I tightened up a loose fan belt, did some engine detailing and was ready to go.

After a couple of weekends of cleaning and polishing I was ready to call it a day. I removed all not stock items such as front license plate, plate frames, etc. Then I noticed a slight bit of coolant on the ground. Not good. Not more than a few drops, but enough to get my attention. Should I pour some "Bars" stop leak in there? I opted to take it out and get it nice and hot, and that seemed to cure the problem. Needless to say, I packed a gallon of water, and the stop leak along with my bucket of cleaning supplies.

Our rally point to leave for the show was the Elliot museum. There were 5 of us total going up on Friday, while others would be coming up later in the day, or the following day. Our group comprised of myself and Rosemary, Larry and Sally in their 1957 T bird, Ron and Barb in their 1968 Firebird convertible, Charlie and Sherry with their Buick stashed in a trailer, and Scott Bean with his AMX.

Off we went on a casual drive along the beach. I quickly realized that my radiator was doing as it should and temperatures stayed around 190. We pulled into our designated lunch spot, but were dismayed to see very few parking spaces available, but there were two together where Larry and I parked, and the others found nearby spaces. Charlie with the trailer had to go a little ways down to park.

## Member Stories, continued...

The restaurant was accommodating and we were able to sit together. Midway through the meal Sally went to the cars and returned back to report that our two cars were under a power line and the local birds had used them for a toilet. "Covered in crap" she said. I thought she was exaggerating, but quickly learned that it was quite true. Oh well. Onwards to the host hotel we went. While Rosemary went to check in, Scott found a shady spot and I pulled in next to him. Sally and Larry joined us shortly.



I took the luggage etc upstairs and came back down to do some cleaning. Remember that gallon of water? I poured a third into my bucket and proceeded to give my car a cowboy bath. When the water got black from dirt, I emptied the bucket and started over. There were bird deposits everywhere. In the back seat, on the cowl, in the door jambs, on all upper surfaces. After 3 or 4 buckets worth of dirty water, I was done. Scott, Sally and Larrry were also cleaning their cars and in the end we were all satisfied with our efforts and moved the cars from under the shade tree to prevent a reoccurrence. Although we had gotten our room right away, the others had not, so we hung around the lobby for a while and set dinner for 5:30. We met at the bar at 5:00 and learned that the restaurant was not open, but they would still serve food at the bar. That worked out nicely, but suddenly the area was overrun by a private fundraiser of approximately 125 people. Their event had some tasty looking appetizers, but without an identifying lanyard, there was no treats for the AACA folks. We walked around the grounds and checked out some of the cars that would be in the show the next day, then turned in early as breakfast would be at 6:15, then off to the show at 7:00.

As we were only staying one night, we had to load everything up in the car. It was covered with dew, and I thought that would be helpful for me when I gave it another wipe down at the show. Three cars headed to the show field which was less than 4 miles from the hotel, and registration was quick. I was given number 157, or so I thought.. It was actually 151, and finally found my spot and pulled in. Thank goodness, I didn't have to fight with my manual steering. We unloaded and I proceeded to get the car in order, place my fire extinguisher by the wheel etc. The car looked as good as I could have hoped for, but I knew that there were many items that were not stock, so my expectations were not high that I could get a first junior, but maybe sneak in for a second junior.

About 11:30, the judges officially came by, though I'm sure that they had been by before making notes. My red fender liners were in question, but I had factory documentation to show they were available, so the lead judge was okay about that. I have a 1.25" sway bar on the front as opposed to the factory 15/16" and I was asked for documentation on that, but that was personal preference so I'm sure I got clipped a point or two. Judging was over in no time, and I realized that the site was now packed with spectators.

One of the things I do at a car show is to try and take a picture of every car in attendance, but with this many spectators, it is challenging. Off I went, going up and down the rows. I was pleased to see many TCVCC club members in attendance with their cars. Apart from the 5 in our drive up group, there were Bill and Pat Musto, Barb and Ed Joyce, Gary Eichorn, David Webb, David and Amy Brown, Denny and Charlene Dahle, Sandy and Dennis Neuman, and Guy Devens. In addition other members attended as spectators. After chatting my way through the crowd, I thought I would grab a late lunch, but was disappointed as the sausage and pepper vendor had sold out, and the other vendors had very long lines. I sulkily ate some cashews and drank some fresh lemonade to hold me till dinner. The show wrapped up at 3 pm and we headed south for home, while the others returned to the host hotel to clean up for the awards banquet.



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The ride home was uneventful along US highway 1 and I stopped to re-fuel between Wabasso and Vero Beach. By calculations, I got 11 miles per gallon. We made it home just around 6 pm. It turns out that the club did quite well at the awards banquet.



Sally's Report:

The club really did do well at the banquet. In attendance were Charlie, Sherry, Larry, me, Scott, Ron, Barbara, Sandy and Dennis. The others had headed home with instructions for us to pick up any award they may have received.

Charlie, Sherry, Larry, me, and Scott sat at one of the tables with our friend Harry Mannos (some of you know him

from some of our Covid Rebel Cruises and our COOL show, he has a Metropolitan) And two other couples we met that day. You always make new friends at these shows, which is part of the fun. The others sat at other tables. It was quite a large banquet, don't know how many were there, but several hundred I'm sure.

They had the usual introductions and speeches then instructed us on how to get your awards by going to the correct side of the room and the correct table. Then they started announcing the awards. It went very quickly, and you really had to pay attention. When they called out the first TCVCC member, we quickly realized that we would be very busy collecting the awards so we did a tag team effort. It was quite fun and by the time we got done, we had twelve awards sitting on our table. 10 that we picked up, plus Harry got his 1<sup>st</sup> Junior for Baby, and one of the other couples also got their 1<sup>st</sup> Junior. The other couple hadn't brought a car but they did win the table centerpiece which was a huge pineapple wearing sunglasses and Hawaiian leis. We had to get the luggage cart to carry all the awards to Charlie's truck to carry back to Stuart. Good thing he had the truck!

After partying for a few more hours, we called it a night so we could get an early start in the morning, to get back in time for the general meeting and auction. Larry and me, and Scott set off in the morning and decided to take the beach road home because it's much less stressful than US 1. Right up until we crossed the bridge over Sebastian Inet and came to a roadblock. Seems there had just been a bad accident and they had no idea how long the road would be closed. We made the decision to turn around and go all the way back to Melbourne to cross over to US 1. Found out later that A1A was closed for nearly 3 hours. No information on the people injured in the wreck, so hope they are ok. Almost an hour lost, but we still made it to the auction shortly after it started.



## Member Stories, continued...



Here is the list of members that attended the show and got awards. Congratulations to all! It takes a lot of time and effort to get a car ready for any show, but the AACA shows are particularly time consuming.

Larry Atkins and Sally Franklin 1957 T Bird- First Junior Charlie and Sherry Ulrich 1964 Buick Riviera- First Junior David and Amy Brown 1974 Pontiac Grand Am- First Junior Dennis and Sandy Neuman 1970 Ford Mustang- First Junior Guy Devens 1960 Chevy Impala – First Junior Andre and Rosemary Rayman 1966 GTO- First Junior Ron Ingles and Barb McAllister- 1968 Pontiac Firebird- Second Junior David Webb- 1966 Pontiac Lemans conv-Second Junior Scott Bean- 1970 AMC AMX- Second Junior Bill and Pat Musto – Historic Preservation of Original Features Barb and Ed Joyce – Repeat Historic Preservation of Original Features Denny and Charlene Dahl - First Driver Participation Award Gary Eichorn - Historic Preservation of Original Features

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