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## **Upcoming Meetings**

The April General Meeting will be on **<u>Sunday</u>**, April 24th. Please see the announcement on page 3 for details.

## Spring has Sprung!

For us Floridians, that doesn't mean much except Time change and the impending doom of humid days. As I write this on April 1, I find that it has been exceptionally dry. Usually within



a week of time change, the dryness disappears

and the air becomes heavy with moisture.

Speaking of time change, it seems that in November 2023, the time changing process will come to an end. Whether we stay on Daylight Savings time or Eastern Standard time is yet to be seen.

We recently returned from the Cracker Tour, which had a nice turnout of classic cars including the Newborns from the West Coast. I won't go into any detail on that trip, as it will be covered in great detail in the newsletter.

If you have ever wanted to go on a Cracker Tour, or Hot August Nights Tour, and are a bit uncomfortable as to whether your classic will leave you stranded or not, I recommend that you join us on our random Covid Rebel cruises that usually happen on Saturdays. They have the flavor of a mini cracker tour complete with directions, CB radios, food and ice cream. Speeds are always less than 50mph and miles driven is about 100, though sometimes we get a bit ambitious and go further.

It was on one of these little jaunts that I found out that the water pump on my 1964 GTO convertible had given up the ghost and was leaking. I was able to get it home with no trouble, but if I were a couple hundred miles away, I would not be so lucky. It's also time for new tires on that car as the last set are from 2004. They look great, but I would be foolhardy to chance driving any great distance or at any speed over 45. Tires have been delivered so they will be changed out along with new rear springs to drop the rear end to its stock configuration which is a tail heavy appearance. Usually most owners prefer the current raked appearance, but not me. Continued on page 2...

# Message From the President continued...

Our March meeting was the final eating destination of the Cracker Tour and was held at the Indianwood Golf and Country Club in Indiantown. Attendance was great with 46 members and guests. It was quite a nice time and the weather permitted us to eat outdoors.

Earlier in the month several of us headed up to the Indian River Chapter's show at Riverside Park in Vero Beach. I heard that there were over 300 cars registered, but I only have pictures of 278 of them. Charlie and Sherry Ulrich took 3rd place in their class with their '71 Jaguar XKE Convertible and Gary Eichhorn brought home 1st in his class with his '95 Buick Riviera, along with a gift certificate door prize. We were very fortunate that it had rained earlier in the week, so the dust was minimal

This months meeting is going to be quite a show, and will also be covered in depth in the newsletter. It's one that you must attend because there is a good chance that Larry Ankrom will be the focus and will wear the "perp suit". That alone is worth attending.

A few of us have answered the call of travel and will be going to the AACA show in San Juan, Puerto Rico. I'm looking forward to taking a break from the day to day and of course will take as many pictures as I can to document the event.

Till next time, Andre'

First stop on Day 1. Rest stop by the lake, and yes, it was a little chilly!

Final stop on Day 3 before lunch. Rest stop by the lake, and was a lot warmer than Day 1!





For additional pictures from the Cracker Tour, click on these links: <u>Cracker Tour Day 1</u> <u>Cracker Tour Day 2</u> <u>Cracker Tour Day 3</u>

# Secretary's Report

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

The Cracker Tour participants and Club members met on Sunday at the Indianwoods Golf and Country Club in Indiantown for lunch, laughs and stories. The meeting was called to order at 12:10 pm and guests 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 requested articles and photos for future issues of the newsletter.

**Membership:** Marie Flaherty stated there are currently 96 members. **Club Store:** Barbara Joyce reported she has women's shirts available for \$25/each and men's shirts for \$30/each.

**Events:** Denny Dahle was not present but is report will be in the newsletter and on the website.

**Tours:** Sandee Searle gave a recap of the Cracker Tour and presented tokens of appreciation for participants. Larry Ankrom shared his story about the Clewiston Inn and a commercial he participated in with his car. There was a big round of applause to Mike and Sandy for a wonderful tour.

**Cool Show:** Barbara Joyce and Sally Franklin are co-chairing the COOL Car Show, the first committee meeting will be April 14. The show location may be at the Fort Pierce IRCC campus. Contact Barbara if you would like to join the committee.

**Legislation:** Jay Smith reported there is no legislative items affecting Florida. **Sunshine:** Ann Ridle reported that no Sunshines were required. Yea! **Sergeant at Arms:** Bob Sees stated there is no report.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Next month's general meeting will be hosted by Ann and Bob Ridle. Details will be in the newsletter.

The club members thanked Mike and Sandee Searle for hosting today's meeting. Adjourned: 12:40 pm

To see pictures from the meeting, click on this link: March 2022 General Meeting:

Respectfully submitted, Rosemary Rayman, Secretary



# **General Meeting Announcement**

## April 24<sup>th</sup> TCVCC General Meeting...Dogs & Drones!



The Saint Lucie County Sherriff's Office will have two of their tactical units, K-9 and Drone, joining us for a demonstration of their capabilities. With dogs on the ground and drones in the air, today's sophisticated police work is constantly evolving to protect and serve. Their demonstration will take place on the grounds of All Villages Presbyterian Church in St. Lucie West, with Q & A to follow.

**TIME LINE:** Meet at the Jensen Beach Post Office, 2301 NE Savannah Rd., at 10AM. Our caravan will depart promptly at 10:30AM for AVPC, 1550 SW Heatherwood Blvd. (corner of California & Heatherwood Blvds.) Directions will be distributed before departure. We should arrive at the church between 11 and 11:15AM. Demonstration should start around 11:30AM.

**LOGISTICS:** Park in the church's asphalt lot. The adjacent grassy/gravel area is reserved for the demonstration. Bring lawn chairs to sit in (a must), and sunscreen or umbrella, because this is Florida, after all. There are restroom facilities in the church. In case of rain, the event will be moved inside the church.

**MEETING:** Afterwards, we'll journey a short distance to Duffy's Sports Grill, 1608 NW Courtyard Circle, for our meeting and lunch. They have a private meeting room for our use. We should arrive 1:15 to 1:30PM.

IMPORTANT: We need a headcount for Duffy's, so RSVP to Bob and Ann Ridle <u>by April 21<sup>st</sup></u> to: <u>bridle1010@yahoo.com</u> or call 540-255-6500 and leave a message.



## **Nearby Events**

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</u> <u>Sanctuary</u>.

For more information, click HERE:



## Wheels & Keels of Vero Beach 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique & Exotic Car & Boat Show

April 23, 2, 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Moorings Yacht & Country Club 100 Harbour Drive, Vero Beach, Florida

Concours-Style Show with Classic Cars and Boats Proceeds Benefit Local Charities

Cars and trailered boats displayed on 1<sup>st</sup> hole of Pete Dye Signature Golf Course. Yachts moored at dock overlooking beautiful Indian River Lagoon. Judged show with awards for class winners.

Details and registration information at www.wkvero.com

Contact Club Members: Gavin Ruotolo at 772-559-9758 or Sam Gagliano at 978-273-9175

# Sunshine & Happenings

### **SUNSHINE REPORT**

Great news! No cards were sent out in March. 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.

We now have both men's and women's club shirts available!

Men's shirts with pocket available in sizes M, L, XL, XXL \$30.00

Woman's shirts with a "V" neck available in sizes XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL \$25.00. (Please note that the women's shirts seems to run a size smaller)

Contact Barbara Joyce to reserve your shirt today! Joyce3063@aol.com or text 772-418-0273

Men's and Women's shirts modeled by Barb and Ed.

COVID REBEL CRUISE TO ANGELINA'S ITALIAN RESTAU-RANT IN FT PIERCE, SATURDAY APRIL 9, 2022 MEET AT ELLIOT MUSEUM FOR CARS N COFFEE. (OPTIONAL) DEPARTURE AT 10:30 AM WE WILL DRIVE ALONG THE OCEAN TO ANGELINA'S AT 1126 COL-ONNADES DRIVE, FT PIERCE ICE CREAM AFTERWARDS PROBABLY CREAM REPUBLIC NEXT DOOR.

### **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-TORS

PRESIDENT Andre Rayman

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT Bob Ridle SECOND VP / MEMBERSHIP Marie Flaherty

> SECRETARY Rosemary Rayman

> > TREASURER Sandee Searle

SGT. AT ARMS Bob Sees

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD Jo Ann Smith

#### DIRECTORS

Linda Bollman (1 yr.) Sally Franklin (1 yr.) Barb Joyce (1 yr.) John Delisa (2 yrs.) Ron Ingles (2 yrs.) Marney McKee (2 yrs.)

#### VINTAGE TIMES

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## 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.

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

### **COOL** Show Update

Due to the construction at the PSL Botanical Gardens, we will be unable to use the fields for our car show. The other option at the Gardens is to use the parking lot, but it is too small to accommodate the number of cars we generally have and we would have to leave the drive lane open for access to the handicapped parking.

Because of these issues, the show committee is looking at different locations and dates. We have pretty much nailed down the date to October 8th, so mark your calendar for that weekend. We will keep you informed on the location and other details as they are available.

As usual, we are looking for volunteers and if you are interested in a certain area to help out, let us know.



1978 SW Bayshore Blvd. • Port St. Lucie, FL 34984 Tel: 772-879-0048 • Fax: 772-879-6762 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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# **Upcoming Events**

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

- Friday & Saturday, April 7-8. Street Outlaws comes to Palm Beach International Raceway. 17047 Beeline Hwy. Jupiter, FL 33478.https://www.racepbir.com/component/k2/item/1291-join-us-as-street-outlaws-comes-to-pbir-april-8-9-2022

- April 7th through April 9th Barrett Jackson Auction Palm Beach - more info here:https://www.barrettjackson.com/Events/Event/Home/PalmBeach-2022/1ed67546-ec4e-4675-9a62-542b5157b20e

- Sunday, April 10th. Mustang & All Ford Car & Truck 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 in Show Mustang trophy. 4 ft Best in Show Ford Motor Company trophy. 10 People's Choice Awards. Live entertainment. Fine wine, beer, drinks and food available for purchase. No coolers, outside food or drinks please. Sponsored by Sunrise Ford. Contact is Carlos, 772-528-4247, nonamecarclub@outlook.com.

- Thursday, April 14th, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The Saints Pub Cruise-in, 2601 SE Morningside Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL 34952. All years, makes and models welcome. Hosted by the Noname Car Club. Music by Carlos & Friends. More info: <a href="mailto:nonamecarclub@outlook.com">nonamecarclub@outlook.com</a> or 772-528-4247

- SATURDAY APRIL 16TH DEL WEBB CAR SHOW IN TRADITION 12568 SW GINGERLINE DRIVE PORT ST LUCIE -11 AM TO 2 PM, Open to all years/makes/models - Free Event - 6 trophies will be presented, Food Truck will be on site. More info: Carlos 772-528-4247 - <u>NOTE CORRECTED ADDRESS</u>

- SATURDAY APRIL 16TH 9 am WHEELS ACROSS THE POND - Carlin Park in Jupiter. Here is a link to the event http://www.wheelsacrossthepond.com/register-today/

- SATURDAY APRIL 23RD "THE LAST LAP" AT PALM BEACH INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY......https:// www.racepbir.com/tickets-events/calendar-of-events/eventdetail/17482/-/pro-hydro-clean-last-lap-at-pbir

- SATURDAY APRIL 23RD WHEELS AND KEELS OF VERO BEACH - CAR AND BOAT SHOW 10 AM TO 230 PM, Moorings Yacht & Country Club 100 Harbour Drive Vero Beach. Registration info here: <u>www.wkvero.com</u> Contacts are Gavin 772-559-9758 or Sam at 978-273-9175 - Proceeds benefit local charities

- SATURDAY APRIL 30TH A SPECIAL SALUTE TO VETERANS AT THE B&A FLEA MARKET - More details to follow.

#### 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)

# **Upcoming Events**

#### SHOWS THAT REPEAT MONTHLY

- Sunday, April 3rd and April 17th, 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. For more info: Jamie Stern, 516-849-8696. **Repeats every other Sunday** 

- Sunday, April 3rd, 8:00 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. Thousands of cars... Restrooms open all morning in food court. Mall shopping opens at 11 am.

- Sunday April 3rd - Angelo's Italian Restaurant Show155 Toney Penna Dr. Jupiter. Gate opens at noon, \$10. entry fee, live music, food discounts to participants and trophies awarded at 4:00 PM. (*This event will be on hold after April 3rd until the fall*)

- Saturday, April 9th, 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)

- Monday, April 11th, 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Valencia Car Club Evening Gathering in Tradition. Open to <u>all cruisers</u>, not just the club. Approximate location: 10604 Village Parkway, Port St. Lucie, FL 34987. To obtain enough space this event is located in a parking lot near the McDonald's and a Mattress store. So look around if you don't immediately see classic cars. Contact is Jaime Stern, 516-849-8696.

- Monday April 18th, 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)

- Thursday, April 21st, 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.

- Saturday April 23rd 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).

- Sunday April 24th Cars & Coffee at Hobe Sound Social and Coffee 8 am to 11 am - <u>https://</u> www.hobesoundsocial.com/. (Repeats on the last Sunday of the month)

- Monday April 25th, 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)

# Member Stories

### 2022 TCVCC Cracker Tour—Rearview Mirror

By Sandee & Mike Searle

After a two-year hiatus, we were able to complete another Cracker Tour. Mike & Sandee were grateful that 27 members and 1 guest felt comfortable enough to come along for all or part of the trip in their 13 vintage cars. Longest distance award went to Steve Kohn for bringing his car all the way from Vermont, an '80s Mercedes' - just like the Maren Morris song!

After a crack of dawn departure on Friday, we toured the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce Museum and boarded a nice, air-conditioned bus for the Raisin' Cane

farm tour presented by U.S. Sugar. Ralph, our entertaining and informative tour guide, explained about sugar farmers' Best Management Practices (BMP) of the 450,000 farmed acres (245,000 acres belonging to U.S. Sugar) in the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) through their stewardship of soil, water, and chemical (fertilizer & phosphorous minimization) management that exceed government standards and promote Everglades Restoration.



U.S. Sugar operates the largest private agriculture railroad in the U.S. which transports crops from the fields to the refinery, keeping many trucks off our roadways. U.S Sugar, a vertically integrated company, grows, harvests, and produces, annually, 800,000+ tons of refined cane sugar; and 15 vegetables and fruits, including 90 million gallons of Florida OJ, and 50% of the FL corn crop. We saw firsthand the harvesting of planted cane fields, warehousing of mountains of raw sugar at the mill, and growing fields of corn.

We were treated to lunch at Sonny's Barbeque and received a tote bag filled with parting gifts of a ball cap, 2# bag of organic raw cane sugar, measuring spoon, tractor cookie cutter, Raisin' Cane Tour literature, and of course a sugar cookie.

Saturday, we had a quick tour of the Clewiston Inn where we admired J. Clinton Shepherd's 1940's canvas mural of the Florida Everglades which covers the entire four walls of the Everglades Lounge, and heard ghost tales of former resident,



Anita Conklin, still calling the front desk from room 255, 28 years after her passing. Larry Ankrom regaled us at the General meeting with a related tale when he and his 1920s Model T starred with Fred MacMurray in an American Airlines commercial, filmed at the Clewiston Inn and in surrounding cornfields.

## Member Stories, continued...

### **Cracker Tour—Rearview Mirror, continued...**

We drove to nearby LaBelle to Harold P. Curtis Honey Company for a talk about honeybees and the production of various kinds of honey, followed by a tasting. Several of our members made some honey and honey-related product purchases. Did you know that neither sugar nor honey has an expiration date? Off we went to the Log Cabin for lunch and Belle's Ice Cream Shop for dessert.





Our thanks to Jay & JoAnn Smith for leading 20+ members from Palm City to The Outpost Restaurant at Indianwood Golf Club in Indiantown for the General meeting and to welcome the Tour-ists home. We shared stories and awards: for hard luck to Ed Joyce for his spent alternator and Charlie Ulrich for a blown starter fuse; to assistant mechanics Don Gilbert and Larry Atkins (although many others either watched or lent a helping hand ). We welcomed 'New-bees' Scott Bean, Frank Loverso & Lynn Larsen. We want to express our heartfelt thanks to our 2022 Tour-ists for the 'Greyhound Glitter' and your personalization!

If you didn't go on this year's Cracker Tour, you missed a chance to see

some unique aspects of Florida and to mingle on a personal level with your fellow members. Plan to go on the next tour. Speaking of which, we need a volunteer to plan the 2022 Hot August Nights Tour. Will it be you? Contact President André Rayman to kick around any ideas.



For additional pictures from the Cracker Tour, click on these links: <u>Cracker Tour Day 1</u> <u>Cracker Tour Day 2</u> Cracker Tour Day 3

Thanks for touring -Mike & Sandee Searle

## **Member Stories**

## **Indian River Region AACA Show**

By Sally Franklin

As Andre' said earlier, many of us attended the car show held at the beautiful Riverside Park in Vero Beach on March 19th. A few of us caravanned up from Stuart, while others met us there. It was a nice drive, although it was a bit early in the morning for me. The weather was perfect and the turnout for this show was huge! They had so many cars that they had to recruit several of us to help with the judging, and we were glad to help out. I met several new people and got to learn about some of the cars I was helping to judge.

As far as I can tell, we had 10 TCVCC members with their cars at the show. Here are a few pictures of some of their cars. To see more pictures from the show, click on this link: <u>Indian River AACA chapter show 2022 | Flickr</u>







