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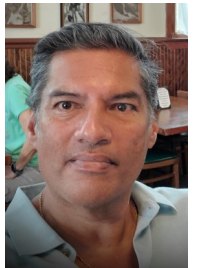
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Upcoming Meetings

The August General Meeting will be on **Sunday, August 28th**. Please see the announcement on page 5 for details.

Greetings Fellow TCVCer's!

In my last Prez Say, you might remember that my 64 GTO was suffering from a starting problem at the June Meeting. Although it seemed to charge up just fine, the next day the



battery was dead as expected. I pulled it out, and saw the sticker 08-19. It was one month short of 3 years. I took it in, and had it tested. DOA, it would not charge beyond 12 volts. \$193 later, I had the exact same battery that had cost me about \$85 in 2019. I noticed that the bolt that secures the hold down was a little rusty, so I sanded and painted. Well that lead to daily ritual of removing items, cleaning painting etc. The final touch being a new set of stock chrome valve covers as the existing ones had gotten pitted over 15 years of use. My engine compartment now looks significantly better though I have suffered a recent setback. On a very tight turn, either a fitting or hose on my power steering is shooting a mist of fluid towards the firewall. That's next to investigate.

One of my old friends from the GTO club, Rick Hector met us on a tour when we went to Dagwoods in Vero Beach, and has enlisted me for advice during the restoration of the 1966 GTO that his father purchased new from Colonial Pontiac in Miami. In 1995, he had the body removed from the chassis, and the chassis was completely restored before the funds ran dry. The body was gently placed back on the chassis where it has sat for 27 years due to a marriage, and 2 kids etc.

As his Dad is now in his 80's, and his mom has just recently passed on, Rick realized that if he was going to finish this restoration, it needed to be now. I'm glad to say that it is progressing nicely. I visited with him, and we developed a shopping list of immediate needs, and the sequencing of events, and the body was dropped off for rust repair and paint on July 25 .

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Prez Says continued

I was surprised that the body was in quite good condition (better than I remembered) and the rust repair will be minimal. The shop forecasts it will be done in 4 weeks, but for the sake of logistics, I hope it takes them twice as long. The main reason for that is that it would give him time to get the engine assembled, and the drivetrain connected so that it could be installed in the car before the front sheet metal is reinstalled. One can only hope and dream!

Speaking of hopes and dreams, I had heard that there was a Hot August Nights tour in the works, but, alas these dreams are shattered and there will not be one. However, I can think of a few people who would prefer that it was a Fall Festival tour instead of a Hot August nights. Pumpkin spice, scarecrows and a slight chill in the air and all that. There is still plenty of time if someone feels like they would to plan this for mid-October after our show.

In better news, Dave and Amy Brown are back at the helm for Cracker tour, and we look forward to a good one in 2023.

We recently had our July meeting which started out at the Stuart Post office. This is where we have had our PO Box for many years. I was surprised to see that the area where the boxes are located were open on a Sunday, and it was cool and dry. Realizing that once we got to our garage tour location that everyone would be sidetracked looking at cars, I decided to hold the meeting among the post office boxes, and enjoy the climate financed by our tax payers.

Marie Flaherty did an excellent job in planning a route to Jim Thomas' collection of cars and bikes, and we had a nice group of classics take the scenic route there. Someone mentioned that we had been there before, but although I recollect going to a garage in the area, I don't remember this collection. We had a great turnout with over 50 members and guests, and then finished it up with a nice lunch at Fresh Catch. That is a great turnout for July!

The 50-50 drawing had a surprising result with both winners being at a table for 4. What are the odds of that happening?

Just before I started writing this, I learned of the sudden passing of Mike Simonds. Mike was a former member of South East Rods and Customs, and a founding member and past president of the South East Classics club. He owned a 427 side oiler Cobra. Over the last 2 ½ years I had gotten to know Mike as some club members would meet at the Time to Eat Diner in Tequesta, and that was always a nice cruise on a Friday afternoon. As it turned out his significant other- Karen Mosler was a long-time acquaintance of mine going back to the early 80's as she had purchased a 1966 GTO new at the local dealership- Stewart Pontiac in West Palm Beach, and was a member of our local GTO club.

Till next month,
Andre'

Secretary's Report

Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club General Membership Meeting , July 24th, 2022

This month the Club was invited to Jim & Dee Thomas' garage to view his incredible collection. The one that stood out for me was his 1957 Chrysler Model-300 C Convertible. It has all the options offered that year including a record player! I never saw that one before. After the garage visit, we all enjoyed lunch at Fresh Catch.



The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am.
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 thanked those who have already submitted articles and requested the members to keep them coming.

Membership: Marie Flaherty reported that club membership is at 96.

Club Store: Bob Sees reported he is covering for Barbara Joyce and has shirts and windshield visors for sale.

Events: Denny Dahle presented his report on upcoming events. Details will be in the newsletter and on the website.

Tours: Dave and Amy Brown reported that they are planning to host the Cracker Tour in April next year. Details to follow.

Cool Show: Sally Franklin reported that a committee meeting will be scheduled soon.

Legislation: Jay Smith reported there was nothing related to Florida.

Sunshine: No Sunshines needed.

Sergeant at Arms: No report.

Old & New Business: None

Next month's general meeting will be hosted by Marney McKee. Details will be in the newsletter.

The club members thanked Marie and Mike Flaherty for hosting today's meeting.

Adjourned: 11:25 am

Respectfully submitted, Rosemary Rayman

AACA Events

August 5 - August 7

Das Awkscht Fescht – Macungie, PA

Macungie Memorial Park – three-day car show, flea market, car corral, crafts and live entertainment in the bandshell. Car show participants receive a dash plaque and participation award. Contact Susan Manwiller – 610-823-5033; smanwi1321@aol.com; www.awkscht.com

August 6 @ 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

31st Annual Zooland Antique Car Show – Asheboro, NC

Host: AACA Zooland Region Location: Bicentennial Park, Asheboro, NC Contact: Sam Routh, Jr, President: ZoolandAACA@gmail.com Registration 8 am - 10:30 am, Event: 8 am - 3 pm. First 150 cars will be judged - Best of show awards Website: zoolandaaca.org

August 11 - August 13

Central Fall Nationals – East Moline, IL

Sponsor: Mississippi Valley Region Location: East Moline, Illinois Brochure

August 13

General Green Chapter AACA 46th Annual Car Show

Location: Piedmont Triad Farmer's Market, Greensboro, NC (I-40 Exit 208, Sandy Ridge Road)
Contact: Rod Moore, 336-337-1165 Register online: carshowpro.com

September 10—September 16

Sentimental Tour – Gettysburg, PA

Sponsor: Buzzards Breath Region Location: Gettysburg, PA AACA National Tour for automobiles 1928-1958.

September 17

46th Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet

Host: Bull Run Region Location: Manassas Museum, 9101 Prince William St., Manassas, VA 20110
Antique car show and flea market in the heart of historic Manassas, within 2 blocks of farmer's market, International Food Festival, unique Old Town shops. Model-T Ford assembly demonstrations. 50 awards. Door prizes, silent auction. Free spectator admission and garage parking

For more information, visit the AACA website at [Upcoming Events › AACA National Calendar › – Antique Automobile Club of America](#)



Sunshine & Happenings

SUNSHINE REPORT

Get well cards were sent to Linda Bollman & Sandee Searle for their recent surgery's. A sympathy card was sent to Mike & Sandee Searle for the loss of their beloved dog, Ozzie.

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.

August General Club Meeting

We will meet in the east end of the parking lot by Fresh Market, 2300 SE Ocean Blvd, (behind the Chevron station) at 10:30 AM. We will conduct the meeting at 10:45 then head out at 11 AM for a nice cruise to our destination, Paul Grasso's garage, 3231 SE Slater Steet, Stuart.

Lunch following the tour will be at Mr. Jalapeno Mexican Restaurant (near Stuart Bowl), 1602 SE Federal Highway, Stuart.

COOL SHOW UPDATES

As always, we are looking for volunteers to help out before and during the show. If you are interested, please contact Andre' Rayman, Barb Joyce, or Sally Franklin. We are in need of Judges, Parking Directors, and other duties.

Also, if someone has a golf cart they could bring for use at the show, that would be much appreciated.

Registration forms, Sponsor forms, and Flyers are available and will be handed out at our meetings and events around the area. If you would like a bunch to hand out, contact Sally or Andre.

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?

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Upcoming Events

SHOWS FOR August 2022 (From Bob Crow)

Unless otherwise noted, all years, makes and models are welcome and spectators are free. Phone numbers are provided that you can call or text to verify if an event is taking place or not. Don't forget to add mosquito repellent to your detail kit!

- a. The **Weekly Wednesday Dairy Queen Drop-in** in PSL is now off for the Summer. It may return in October.
- b. The **August McKees37 Cars and Coffee at their HQ in Stuart** is **on hiatus**. It will return on September 3rd.

 Tuesday, August 2nd, 4:30 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. Elliott Museum, McKee's 37 and the True Oldies Channel are sponsors. More info: Lew, 772-708-3790 (every Tuesday)

Thursday, August 4th, 7:30 PM until ? Cars and Pizza Drop-in at Fratelli's pizzeria, 2987 SW Port St Lucie Blvd., Port St Lucie 34953. Cars, trucks and bikes. Parking in front and more in back. 2 slices & drink for \$5.99.

Friday, August 5th, 4:30 PM until ?. Sonic Drive-In Car Enthusiast Drop-in. 3177 NW Federal Hwy. Jensen Beach, FL 34957. Nothing formal. Just a good time. Meets weather permitting of course. Free sundae with your purchase. Contact is Mike Gelter, 772-485-0162 (every Friday)

Friday, August 5th, 5:30 to 8:30 PM. Brass Monkey Cruise-in. 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 Fridays)

Saturday, August 6th, 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Informal Car Enthusiast meet-up in the park underneath the EAST Jensen Beach Causeway. Address is: NE Causeway Blvd., Jensen Beach, FL 34957. From the mainland, drive OVER the bridge/causeway. On the downside make the first hard right turn and drive through the parking lot. Lots of shade and cool breezes coming across the water. Bring a chair and relax... Restrooms in West section of park. **Weather permitting of course**. Contact is Bob Crow at 772-359-4822.

Sunday, August 7th, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Holy Grounds Cafe Country Night Classic Car Show. First United Methodist Church of Port St. Lucie. 260 NW Prima Vista Blvd., Port St Lucie, FL 34983. Bring your cars at 3 PM. BBQ and desserts in the parking lot. Shade tents will be provided. Bring your chairs. Free admission. Live music, games. Tri-County line dancers performing and teaching inside.

Saturday, August 13th, 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. (2nd Saturdays)

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 14th, 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 cruisers, not just the club.

Saturday, August 20th, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM **DATE CHANGE THIS MONTH ONLY**
 South East Classics Harbourside Show, 129 Soundings Ave, Jupiter, FL 33477. \$10 entry fee. Roll in at 1:00 PM. Trophies, including Participants & Spectators Choice. Open to all years, makes and models. Nice restaurants. Contact is Pete Needre - or call 772.216.9488. (4th Saturdays)
 Pete2350@comcast.net

Sunday, August 28th, 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 cruisers, not just the club. Point of contact is Jamie Stern, 516-849-8696. (2nd & 4th Sundays)

 Don't forget to check out Jim Serra's "**Treasure Coast Automobile Enthusiasts**" Facebook page to get the latest on local shows. Members can post photos taken at recent car shows as well as advertise "For Sale" or "Wanted" cars & car parts. 281+ members to date!

All the best, BC3 (Bob Crow III)

EVENTS THAT REPEAT WEEKLY

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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. 20% discount for cruisers. Very popular event. Point of contact is Ira Fluss, 772-485-7145. (every Wednesday)

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Member Stories

THE NAPLES DEPOT TOUR

by Dave Brown

Last month I wrote a little about the history of the Cracker Tour and the origin of the “**Fickle Finger of Fate**” hard luck award, given to the Cracker Tourer with the most bad luck on the tour. After Amy and I participated on several Cracker Tours, we noted that most people wanted more touring.

In 1994, the Cracker Tour spent Friday night at the Fairways Resort in Naples. Our club and the Naples club exchanged newsletters, and when the Naples club saw that we would be visiting their city, they made arrangements to host a Friday night supper for us. In our motel parking lot, they arrived in numerous antique cars and with their large, beautiful stainless steel club trailer equipped with refrigeration and cooking grills. We were treated to hamburgers, hot dogs and fried chicken complete with potato salad, baked beans and drinks. We all sat around getting to know each other a little better and talked about old cars and our Cracker Tour.

As a result, Amy and I thought it might be fun to organize a tour to Naples for their annual car show in March. Our first tour was in 1996. The first couple years of the Naples Depot Tour, participation was only 5 to 8 cars, but it continued to grow each year. Some may ask, “why is it called The Naples Depot Tour”? The answer is simple. The Naples-Marco Region holds their annual show at the Old Train Depot and Museum in downtown Naples. As a result of our tour to their show, the Naples club began touring to our show too. It kind of became a competition of which club could bring the most cars to each others show. As I recall, at one point we had the record with 15 or 16 of our antique cars touring and participating in their show. They also brought a good number of cars to our show each year and they also participated in our Friday night event and also our Sunday morning brunch. Numerous years their members opened their private garages in an industrial park and provided hors d'oeuvres and drinks as well as a lot of good fellowship. We enjoyed viewing and learning about some very beautiful and rare cars.



2004



2008

The Naples Depot Tour continued through 2014, but unfortunately it has lately fallen by the wayside. There are still smaller caravans of our members that attend the show, but no formal tour.

Member Stories

July 24th General Meeting

By Ssly Franklin

Our club has been privileged to visit some of the local collector garages/showrooms in the last several months. If you have not made it to our General Meetings lately, you are missing out on seeing some incredible automotive history and beauty.

In July, Marie and Mike Flaherty arranged a tour of Jim and Dee Thomas' showroom. From the moment I walked in I was astonished by the variety of the automobile collection and the quantity of motorcycles. Not to mention all the automobilia hanging on the walls and sitting around.



Jim and Dee were very happy to tell the stories of their beauties and share their escapades on some of their cross country tours. Here are a few pictures to get your curiosity up.

This doesn't even begin to show the collection of beautiful motorcycles!

To see more pictures of the General Meeting, click [Here](#)

