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Upcoming Meetings

The January General Meeting will be on **Sunday, January 22nd**. Please see the announcement on page 4 for details.

Happy New Year To All!

My name is Sally Franklin and I would like to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to serve as President of TCVCC for the upcoming year. I want to welcome



our new members and existing members to the new year

and I hope we will see many of you at a meeting, show, or cruise sometime. Here's a recap of what happened in 2022, in case you missed anything

Looking back over the past year, I can now understand why they say "Time flies when you're having fun". We have certainly been busy with cruises, shows and meeting activities.

We started last year with a tour of Rocky and Henry Grady's garage and listened to stories about the cars in their vast collection. Then in February we had one of our famous auction meetings. This is a favorite of many of us as it allows us to clean out some unwanted items from our homes and garages. It also provides an opportunity to bring other stuff into our homes and garages!

February was also the month of the AACA Winter Nationals hosted by the Cape Canaveral Region in Melbourne. 13 Club members made it to the show and all of them took home an award. A few of us stayed for the awards banquet and collected the trophies of those that had already left. By the end of the banquet our table was covered with awards!

In March we had our Cracker Tour after a two year hiatus. Mike and Sandee Searle organized the tour to Clewiston that included 13 vintage cars and 28 adventurous folks. The tour included the Raisin' Cane farm tour which took us on a bus ride through the cane fields and manufacturing facilities of U. S. Sugar. We also had a tour of a honey company in LaBelle.

In April, Andre' and Rosemary Raymond, along with me and Larry Atkins, flew to San Juan, Puerto Rico to attend the 2022 AACA Dual Nationals. This show had been postponed for several years because of hurricanes and covid and the folks in Puerto Rico were very excited to finally host the show that included a National and a Grand National show. The club did a fantastic job of organizing the show and dinners for the large number of people that had come over from the mainland to help with judging and other aspects of the show. We were well taken care of!

While we were enjoying the hospitality in Puerto Rico, (and studying hard in the judging classes), the general meeting was being hosted by Bob and Ann Ridle. This was a presentation by the St. Lucie County Sherriff's Office K-9 and Drone Units. I'm sorry we missed it because I heard it was very exciting.

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Prez Says continued

In May, Bob and Kerry Sees organized a visit to Project Lift in Palm City. Project Lift trains at-risk students in automotive repair, welding, metal forging, carpentry, HVAC and other areas. What a wonderful and fascinating place.

In June, the club toured John Giltinan and Don Gilbert's garage and learned more about their collection of unique automobiles. We also got the opportunity to tour Barry and Linda Paraizo's garage and see their cars.

The July meeting was a tour of Jim Thomas's garage where we got to see a huge collection of classic cars and motorcycles, along with a lot of automobilia. What an amazing collection and stories to go along with them.

In August we visited Paul Grasso's garage and saw a number of cars in various stages of restoration. Some of our members have had work done by Paul and it was obvious why. The attention to detail is amazing.

September found us at the Stuart Heritage Museum for a guided tour after our lunch at Mulligans. Although I have been here several times, I'm always surprised by something in their collection.

October started out with our COOL Show at the Botanical Gardens. It was another fantastic show with incredible cars and wonderful people. The October general meeting included a guided tour to the Aquaco Fish Farm in Fort Pierce. Larry and I were at a show in Safety Harbor and missed this tour, but I heard it was fantastic.

In November we had our first Autumn Rambling Tour, organized by Mike and Sandee. We had 8 classic cars and two new cars on the tour to Lakeland. Once we arrived, we had a tour of Florida Southern College and learned that this campus is the largest single site collection of Frank Lloyd Wright architecture in the world. The next day was a tour of the murals in Lakeland and lunch downtown. That evening we dined at Publix. If you want to know more about the tour, you'll have to ask or read about it in our December newsletter. The general meeting was an Italian feast provided by club members, with the main ingredients being cooked up by Charlene Dahle.

December was full of car shows and the usual chaos surrounding the holidays. Our general meeting was in PSL at the Civic Center and was another fabulous pot-luck put on by the Joyce's. Barb supplied the main courses and members brought the rest. A collection was taken up for the Hibiscus Children's Center, with lots of toys, money and other items raised.

If you want to read more about any of our activities or see what is coming up, please check out our website at [Home Page - Treasure Coast Region AACA](#). Go to the Newsletter page and you can view current or past newsletters.

So that was last year. What's up for this year? I heard a rumor that there will be a Cracker Tour this year, sometime in April I think. That is something we have been look forward to every year. If you've never been on a Cracker Tour, you have to experience it to believe it. Let's hope it's followed up with a Hot August Nights tour, too!

I know that the Covid Rebel Cruisers intend to continue cruising and eating their way through the state. Maybe even expand their radius to find more new places to eat. And I'm sure the new and existing Board members will have some interesting activities for us every month to keep everyone engaged and there is always food involved!

Whatever we get up to, I know it will be fun!

I'm excited to be sharing the ride with you all,

Sally

Secretary's Report

Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club General Membership Meeting , December 17, 2022

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah! The General meeting for December was a holiday celebration lunch at the Port St. Lucie Community Center. There was a delicious feast of Ham, Turkey and all the fix'ins.



The members also did a bang-up job with their donations for the Hibiscus Children's Center. Our club member Molly Hoffman is a volunteer at this organization, and she was truly thankful and overwhelmed by the membership's generosity. Finally, we enjoyed the musical talents of club member Frank LoVerso and his brother as they played guitar and we all joined in singing carols.

This will be my last meeting minutes as Jo Ann Smith will take over as Club Secretary next year. I would like to thank the board for their assistance and support this year.

President Andre Rayman called the meeting to order at 12:30pm and welcomed new members and guests.

Secretary: Rosemary Rayman reported that the minutes from last month are in the newsletter. Please contact her with any questions. Treasurer: Report is postponed to next month.

Membership: Marie Flaherty report was postponed to next month.

Club Store: Barbara Joyce has club merchandise available today. She is holding a 50% off sale for today only.

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

Tours: Amy and Dave Brown are planning an April 2023 Cracker Tour. Details to follow.

Sunshine: Ann Ridle reported that no Sunshines were sent. Dave Brown stated he received a holiday card from Keith Bruce and was informed that his wife Beth passed away in the beginning of 2022.

Next month's General Membership Meeting will be hosted by Sally Franklin and Larry Atkins. The club members thanked Barbara and Ed Joyce for hosting today's meeting



Respectfully submitted,
Rosemary Rayman, Secretary

Sunshine & Happenings

SUNSHINE REPORT

No cards were sent out in November.

Please pass on information to Marie Flaherty: email: mariec21@earthlinknet, phone 772-692-2105. Let me know so we can shine some Sunshine for our club members.

Membership Renewals Coming Up!

Renewal forms have been sent via email to all TCVCC members. You should renew your AACA membership using the form included in your monthly magazine or online.

You can also download our renewal form from our website.

If you haven't renewed your membership yet, you can do so by bringing a check to the General Meeting on the 22nd.

January 22nd General Meeting

We will meet in the parking lot on the north side of Pollo Tropical, 2200 SE Federal Highway in Stuart. From there we will head north on US 1 to 1501 SE Decker Avenue for a tour of Mike Stowe's garage. Mike has been in the car industry for years and has a large collection of unique automobiles. Being a snowbird, he keeps a few here in Stuart and always brings something interesting when he comes down in the winter.

After the tour we will head over to Jensen Beach for lunch and our meeting at the Vince Bocchino Community Center, 2369 NE Dixie Highway, 34957.

Lunch will be subs and wraps from Publix deli along with sides. Sweet and unsweet tea and water will be provided. Feel free to bring your own if you prefer something different. Lunch will be \$6 per person.

Please RSVP no later than January 19th to Sally Franklin at sfranklin_2000@yahoo.com or call or text 314-324-5192. If you decide to bring your own lunch, please let me know when you RSVP.

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Upcoming Events

EVENTS FOR January 2023 (Curtesy of Bob Crow)

1. Sunday, January 1st, 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Googan's Coffee Shop Cars and Coffee. 1917 NE Federal Hwy, Stuart, FL 34994.(just north of LA Fitness). One free Coffee and 20% off of menu items. (1st Sundays)
2. Tuesday, January 3rd, 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Elliott Museum Tuesday Night Car Show by Lew's Crew. 825 NE Ocean Blvd., Stuart, FL 34996. \$3 to display a vehicle (portion of proceeds donated to the museum). Spectators are free. Oldies music. 50/50. Philly Down South food available for purchase. Elliott Museum, McKee's 37 products and the True Oldies Channel are sponsors. More info: Lew, 772-708-3790 (every Tuesday)
3. Wednesday, January 4th, 4:30 PM to 6:00 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. Point of contact is Ira Fluss, 772-485-7145. (every Wednesday)
4. Wednesday, January 4th through Sunday, January 15th. Mecum Car Auction. Osceola Heritage Park, 1875 Spur Lane, Kissimmee, FL 34744. Over 4000 (!) cars consigned. All info here: <https://www.mecum.com/auctions/kissimmee-2023/lots/featured/>
5. Friday, January 6th, 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. Free sundae with your purchase. Contact is Mike Gelter, 772-485-0162 (every Friday)
6. Friday, January 6th, 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)
7. Saturday, January 7th, 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. **McKees 37 HQ** Cars and Coffee - featuring **special guest Wayne Carini**. 7744 Jack James Drive, Stuart, FL 34997. Free admission. Car Care Tech Tips and, product demonstrations by Nick Rutter. Music, tent sales, discounts and factory tours. Coffee, donuts and pastries available for \$3. (**Special date**, normally 1st Saturdays)
8. Sunday, January 8th, 8:00 AM to Noon. Palm Beach Outlets Cars and Coffee. The BIG one. Use I-95, exit 71 and head east to the mall entrance. Address for your GPS/Phone is: 1751 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33401. \$10 to display a vehicle. Gates open at 7:00 AM. Spectators are free. Expect over 1000 cars... Restrooms open all morning in food court. Mall shopping opens at 11:00 AM.
9. Sunday, January 8th, 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Valencia Car Club Cars and Coffee. Approximate address for your GPS/Phone is 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 (2nd & 4th Sundays)
10. Saturday, January 14th, 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Cars & Coffee @ Elliott Museum. 825 NE Ocean Blvd., Stuart, FL 34996. Free event. \$2 buys you unlimited coffee and danish. Sponsored by McKees 37 and the Elliott Museum. (2nd Saturdays)
11. Saturday, January 14th, 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! Lots of good vendors. Music by Lew's Crew. Show info: 772-708-3790.
12. Saturday, January 14th, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Registration is now open for the 16th Annual "100 Years of Cars" Car Show at The Pine School. Entry Fee is \$40 per vehicle. \$10 for spectators. Your registration supports The Pine School's Patriot Scholarship Fund, a full-tuition, renewable scholarship awarded to a qualified high school student who is directly related to an active or veteran member of the US Armed Forces. Registration forms are available online at <https://www.thepineschool.org/support/100-years-of-cars.cfm>

Upcoming Events continued...

13. Sunday, January 15th, 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Vettes in the Vines. Summer Crush Winery, 4200 Johnston Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34951. Gates open at 10:30 AM. Registration 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM. \$20 registration (exact change please). Best in Show award. 10 People's Choice awards. Awards at 3:00 PM. Live music. Food vendors. No coolers or outside food please. Hosted by the NoName Car Club. Sponsored by Dyer! Chevrolet Fort Pierce. Contact for information: Carlos, 772-528-4247.
14. Monday, January 16th, 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. T/A Truck Stop Car Show. 8909 20th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32996. (I-95 exit 147/Route 60) Hosted by the NoName Car Club. Music by Carlos & Friends. 50/50. Free discount tickets for Vero Beach Travel Center food exchanges available at DJ table. (3rd Mondays)
15. Thursday, January 19th, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Sunlight Community Church Car Cruise-in, 477 SW Cashmere Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL 34986. Open to all cool cars and trucks. Hosted by Holly and Moose. Music by Carlos and Friends. 50/50, door prizes & food truck. Sponsored by Auto Zone and Sunrise Ford. Sunlight Choice Award and Auto Zone Gift Award. Show contact is Holly Elliott, text 215-421-7410 or email HollyNothol@yahoo.com or Carlos 772-528-4247, email nonamecarclub@outlook.com (3rd Thursdays October through May) * Please do not arrive before 5:30 PM because parents are picking up their children from the church's after school program. *
16. Sunday, January 22nd, 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Valencia Car Car Club Cars and Coffee. Approximate address for your GPS/Phone is 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 (2nd & 4th Sundays)

For more information on the Vero Beach AACA show click on the picture.



44th Annual Antique Auto Show

<http://indianriver.aaca.com>

**At 3280 Riverside Park
Vero Beach, Florida
32963**




Saturday, March 18, 2023
Auto Show starts at 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.
Auto Registration 8:00 a.m. – 11 a.m.
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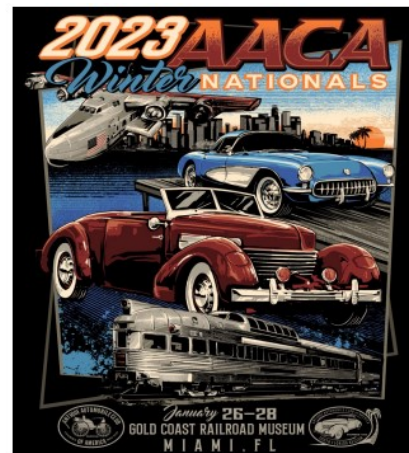
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perishable food items to the car show on March 18th.



For more information on the AACA Winter Nationals, click on the picture.



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Nationals**

January 26-28, 2023

Hosted by the
AACA South Florida Region

Gold Coast Railroad Museum
12450 SW 152nd Street
Miami, FL 33177

Member Stories

TCVCC General Meeting

December 17th, 2022

Hosted by Barbara and Ed Joyce

The December General Meeting was held at the Port St. Lucie Community Center and was attended by 72 people. That is quite a large group and included a number of guests/potential new members.

The club supplied the main courses of ham and turkey (prepared by Barb Joyce), along with bread and drinks, while the side dishes and desserts were supplied by the other club members.

Along with a fantastic meal, there was entertainment supplied by member Frank Lo Verso and his brother playing Christmas carols for us to sing along with.

Member Molly Hoffman organized a collection for the Hibiscus Children's Center where she volunteers. Items collected included toys, clothing, personal hygiene items and gift cards. Below are thank you notes from Molly and the Hibiscus Children's Center. To see pictures from the meeting taken by Andre', click [HERE](#).

Dear Andre and Members:

Thank you, TCVCC members, for your very generous donations of toys, games, dolls, trucks, clothes, personal hygiene products, gift cards and cash to Hibiscus Children's Center to help the children residents enjoy a fun and happy Christmas. In addition to the actual gifts the children receive, they also receive the gift of knowing that others do care about them and are helping to make their lives a happy one.

Thank you also for giving me the opportunity to share my charity with you. This club is a very giving, caring and welcoming group of people. My husband Dick and I sincerely thank you all.

Most sincerely,



Molly Hoffman

Dear Mr. Rayman & the
Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club

Thank you so much for collecting
trucks, games, art supplies, dolls,
clothes, tooth paste & brushes, sun lotion
shampoo & gift cards! We appreciate
you! If you would like a tour
please give me a call or email!

Happy Holidays Hibiscus Children's Ctr.

Member Stories

BRING A TRAILER

by Charlie Ulrich

About three years ago I bought this poor old 1962 Porsche 356 Karmann “notchback” with the idea we would build it into what is called an “Outlaw”, which is Porsche lingo for a Restomod. 356 Outlaws are all the rage these days and good ones bring big money. Anyway, life got in the way of the project (if you know what I mean) and we never got around to doing anything with it. How do you go about selling a hulk of a car, even if it is a Porsche? Bring A Trailer of course! If you are not familiar with Bringatrailer.com and you are a car nut, you should look into it. It was formed about ten years ago for the express purpose of marketing old cars with promise, like mine—hence the name. However, it has gained so much popularity that they now auction about 100 cars a day, many of them over the top Ferrari’s, Lambo’s, and such. But they haven’t lost their roots and they accepted (you have to be approved) my car and it went on the auction block.



The process goes like this: You apply for acceptance by sending them \$99, with many detailed photos (I sent 189), and a brief biography of the car. If they accept you, they then clean up your photos, re-write your words and give you a date when it may go online (usually about a month). They keep it on auction for exactly ten days, in which bidders and others make all kinds of comments. These online comments are the entertainment factor. Many old car nuts spend their days watching BAT, just like kids with TikTok or Instagram! My Porsche will be sold on December 1, so it will probably be gone when this goes to Vintage Times press, but if you aren’t already a BAT aficionado, give it a try! On the home page search “Porsche 356 project” to see what happened to mine.

UPDATE:

Well, Klaus (the name of my old Porsche 356) is gone to its new home. The Bring A Trailer experience is unusual indeed! After a long, two month period in which BAT vetted me and my car to the max, it went up for online auction for about a week. Throughout that week, the bids didn’t exceed about \$7,000, although the snarky comments abounded! You might have thought I was trying to sell a brand new 911! About an hour before the bidding was to close, things started to happen. Bids rolled in, with the buying bid at \$21,000. The car is truly worth more than that, but I am satisfied.



It turns out that the new owner is Rod Emory, of emorymotorsports.com, who is the uber guru of making super Outlaw Porsche’s out of derelicts like mine. They sell for upwards of \$500,000. Rod is a truly nice guy who has found a niche and capitalized on it big time. He said he would keep me posted on the progress of my car, but I’m not going to lose sleep over it. Now on to the next project!

Member Stories

DISCOVERY VILLAGE CAR SHOW DECEMBER 10, 2022

by Andre' Rayman

This show had originally been scheduled for the Veterans Day weekend, but had been postponed due to bad weather. I had planned to organize a covid rebel cruise, but this seemed like a great opportunity for us to get together. The show was free (optional donation to honor flight) It was very close to home, Lunch was free, the hours were short, Carlos of the No Name club was the DJ, and to top it all off, there would be a Mac n Cheese cookoff which meant we got to sample and vote.

The day was absolutely beautiful, with about 10 of us meeting at the Walgreens at Cove Road and US Highway 1 to caravan to the show. We were just getting ready to leave, when a customer mentioned that there was "some kind of classic car" broken down in the turn lane on US 1, and maybe it was one of our people. A few of us headed over there and saw John Delisa and his Corvair convertible stalled in the turn lane.

Several attempts by him to start it yielded nothing, so when the light turned green, we pushed him through the intersection and into the adjoining Circle K store. Unfortunately I have no pictures of this incident. John opted to skip the show and was able to make it home with only one stalling incident. This reminded me of my life with my 1966 GTO in the early 80s that suffered vapor lock. I think this may be his affliction. An inline electric fuel pump solved that, but 40 years later, I'm still scarred, and the auto shut off of my modern cars gives me stomach pain. On this particular make of European auto, it used to be that once you turned this function off, it stayed off. Now it only stays off until you shut down, so the new habit I've had to develop is press button to start, then press outer ring to disconnect auto shutoff.

As we arrived at the show, the parking lot was half full, but there were plenty of spaces available for us to group together. Carlos handed out registrations and we all got settled in. It was warm, but bearable, and we flocked for the shade of open hoods, trunks, or Ron Ingles umbrella. The day went by quickly and soon it was time to sample the mac n cheese. There were 4 choices. Being particular to Rosemary's mac n cheese, I found them to be mostly bland though one was noticeably better than the others. Free hot dogs, drinks and soft serve ice cream followed that up.

Next was a round of picture taking by cars, and then I hung out with Bob Goebbels who may well have gotten the long distance award as he had driven from Boynton Beach.

As the clock struck 1, I decided it was time for me to go, and I headed home to tackle my Christmas lighting. I was excited to receive a text from Sally Franklin that the club had managed to win 3 of the 5

Awards:

Cindy Keegan – Top 5

Scott Bean- Top 5

Ed Joyce – Best of Show

I believe that Ed's car was the oldest in attendance, and extra props to him for driving that car 35 miles to the show (car tops out at 40 mph). I think that makes his win even more impressive as opposed to trailering it there.

To see pictures from the show, click [HERE](#).

