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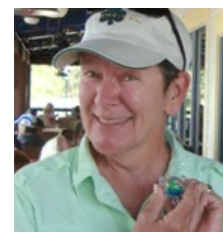
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## Upcoming Meetings

The May General Meeting will be on **Sunday, May 21 st.** Please see the announcement on page 3 for details.

Hello TCVCC Members and Friends!!

As I write this, we are preparing to depart on the Cracker Tour. If you are not joining us, you are going to miss a good time. I have no idea what we will be doing, other than driving across the state, but I'm sure our guides, David and Amy



Brown, have cooked up some interesting activities for us along the way. We'll have stories to tell when we get back, that you can be sure of. Check back next month for a thrilling Cracker Tour story.

If you missed our April General Meeting tour of the Vero Beach Museum of Art Rolling Sculpture exhibit, I can't really describe it. The automobiles displayed were so far beyond the cars of today style-wise that there is really nothing to compare them to. It's hard to believe that some of them were ever actually driven on the road. Check out the pictures (that don't really do them justice) by clicking [HERE](#).

You can also go to our [website](#) and check out the photos on our front page. While you are there, read about our other activities by going to the Club Activities page and scroll down to the area call Members on the Go.

Earlier in the month the Covid Rebel Cruisers hit the road again for a cruise to Sacred Grounds Corner Café in Fort Pierce. Click [HERE](#) to see those pictures.

Among the many shows this month was the first (hopefully annual) show at Stuart West-Cobblestone Community Center. There was a huge turnout and there were a lot of great cars there. Pictures [HERE](#).

Dick and Molly Hoffman brought home Best in Class at the Wheels and Keels show in Vero Beach.

Until next month, get out and drive!



See you on the road! *Sally*

# Secretary's Report

## Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club General Membership Meeting , April 22, 2023

The April meeting was hosted by Ann and John DeLisa with a visit to the Vero Beach Art Museum to view an awesome collection of very rare automobiles not often available to the public.

We had 41 members attending the museum after which most of the members gathered for lunch at Mr. Manatee's in Vero Beach. The meeting was called to order by President Sally Franklin at 12:52 PM.

Richard Nast joined us as a guest visiting from up North.

Jo Ann reported the Secretary's report would be in the newsletter.

Barb Joyce reported we have adequate funds in the bank.

Ann Ridle informed the members we now have 94 members and she signed up 2 new members as of 4/22.

Sally wanted anyone with any articles for the newsletter to get them to her ASAP.

Bob Ridle says the Website is going along really well. He's getting some additional photos etc. for the "Members on the Move" and hopes members are visiting the Website regularly.

Special Events chairman Denny Dahle will have events listed in the news letter. Of special interest is the Memorial Day Parade for which he has a sign-up sheet started for members interested in participating. He reported that some of our members attending the "Wheels Across The Pond" show in Jupiter came home with great trophy's.

If you need anything from the club stores call Tanya Colletta.

Marie Flaherty reported she had sent a Sunshine card to Richie Arnone who is having surgery soon.

Dave Brown gave the members information on the up-coming Cracker Tour. Dates are April 27,28,29&30<sup>th</sup>. All details have been in the newsletters. If you have not signed up and made your hotel reservations you may be out of luck. They will be leaving the Cracker Barrel in Ft. Pierce at 8AM sharp. Some may choose to join the group at the Race Track gas station in Okeechobee about an hour later. You are advised to have a CB radio to keep in touch in case one gets lost etc. plus to join in on some usual interesting chatter.

No chairman for COOL CAR SHOW yet. Sally is planning a meeting of interested members to see what can be done about this situation. Time and date forthcoming. Denny Dahl met with people from Club Med and this site for the show looks promising, if and when we get this up and running.

The May meeting will be hosted by Bob and Ann Ridle with a visit to the Auto Tech car department at IRSC. More information will be in the newsletter.

Ann and John DeLisa were thanked for hosting the days events and Sally adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted. *Jo Ann Smith Secretary*



# Upcoming National Events, General Meeting Notice

## AAAC National & Regional Events

April 30–May 3, 2023, Southeastern Divisional Tour, Oak Ridge, TN. Registration Deadline is April 14th. Click here for [BROCHURE](#).

May 17–20, 2023, Eastern Spring Nationals, Gettysburg, PA. Registration deadline is May 1. Click here for [BROCHURE](#). Click here to [REGISTER ONLINE](#).

June 24–28, 2023, Eastern Divisional Tour, Denver, PA. Registrations opens April 24 and closes May 24. Click here for [BROCHURE](#).

July 16–22, 2023 ,Founders Tour, London Ontario, Canada. Click here for [BRO-CHURE](#).

## Sunday, May 21st General Meeting Notice

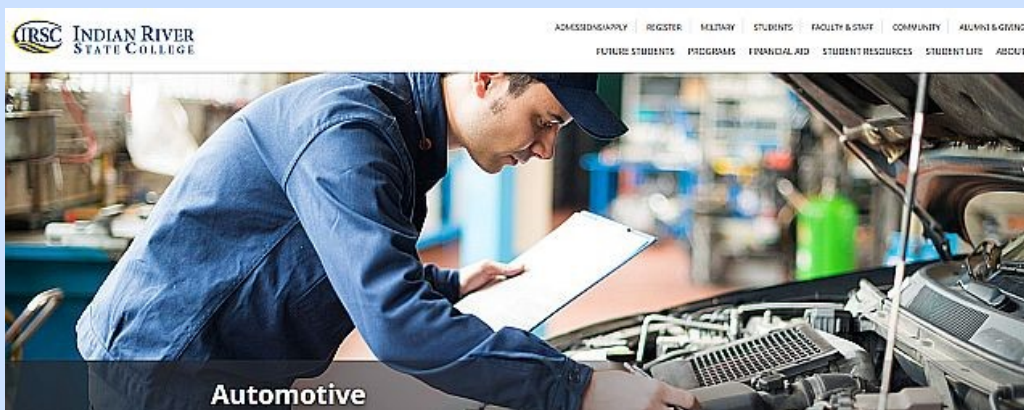
**Because of the Memorial Day Weekend, we're having our May meeting on the 3rd Sunday of the month.** Hosted by [Bob & Ann Ridle](#)

We are going on a tour of Indian River State College's [Auto Tech Dept](#). Brian Woodrow will take us through the facilities and courses used at [IRSC](#) to train students to handle the repair and maintenance of cars and trucks.

We'll meet at 9 AM in the parking lot of the Wells Fargo Bank on the corner of Rt. 1 & Walton Rd. in Port St. Lucie. *Park only in the spaces on the north and west sides of the bank's lot and away from the bank's ATM lane!* We'll be departing promptly at 9:15 AM for our journey to Fort Pierce. Dinner afterward will be in the Party Room at the [Golden Corral Buffet & Grill](#) at 5091 Okeechobee Rd. in Fort Pierce.

**NOTE** – Your RSVP is needed by May 19th.

Please RSVP to Bob & Ann Ridle at [bridle1010@yahoo.com](mailto:bridle1010@yahoo.com) or text/call/leave a message at 540-255-6500 by May 19th!



# Sunshine & Happenings

## SUNSHINE REPORT

A card was sent to Richie Arnone for his surgery.

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.

## CARS FOR SALE!

Larry Ankrom tells me he has a friend looking to sell a 1949 Ford Deluxe 2 door stock car, with the original V8 engine, white wall tires, and it runs good. It has been in storage and they are accepting offers. Contact Larry at 772-287-3415.

Bob and Lou Lambert are selling their 1974 Triumph TR 6 and Vinnie Cashin is helping with the sale. This is a 1974 Triumph TR 6, maroon exterior with an excellent black top and interior and new tires. It has been garaged kept. The car was completely rebuilt approximately 10 years ago. The odometer reads 90,000 Kilometers, or 56,000 miles. This car has been shown extensively and has won many awards. The car is running well and in excellent condition.

Asking \$22,000 or best offer. To see the car or if you have any questions, please contact Vinnie at 203-627-5057, or email at ctpilot1647@gmail.com.

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## Club Merchandise

We have lots of stuff available for purchase from our Club Stores. Here is a list of items available at this time.

Sun Visor \$10	License Plate Frames	\$0
Tote Bag \$0	TCVCC License Plate	\$0
Men's Shirts, L, XL, XXL, XXXL		\$30
Women's Shirts, XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL		\$25

If you are interested in any of the items, please contact Tanya Colletta at (951) 741-8966 or trcolletta@yahoo.com.

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Here is the link that has pictures going back to 2003 (so far), and will be expanding in the future.

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# Upcoming Events

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## EVENTS FOR May 2023 (Courtesy of Jim Serra)

Sunday May 21st, join se classics again for another breakfast cruise-in 9:00-11:00 at the Jupiter Moose lodge 185 e. Indiantown rd Jupiter. (located behind Duffy's east) All years, makes & models welcome. No registration fee, just show up, have great food and meet more car people and see their awesome rides. Enjoy shady parking in an open uncrowded parking area. Maryann: maarnone@aol.com

Saturday May 27th Peters Hardware (formerly Ace Hardware) car show, US 1 and Johnson Ave Stuart. (More details to follow)

Sunday May 28th Hot Rods for Heroes show at Summer Crush Winery 4200 Johnston Rd Fort Pierce 34951 (More details to follow) Carlos 772-528-4247

Monday May 29th Annual Memorial Day Parade in downtown Stuart. Experience the feel of a hometown parade and show off your favorite ride at this annual parade. All cars need to be pre-registered for this free event and need to be in the formation area no later than 9:15 am. Register by phone 772-220-4127 or visit the website "info@stuartparades.com". This is a short parade so you can come out early, meet with fellow car enthusiasts, participate in this event and still have time for a family barbecue.

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## EVENTS THAT REPEAT MONTHLY

Friday May 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 Friday of the month)

Saturday, May 6th, 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM. McKees 37 HQ Cars and Coffee, 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. Sponsored by McKees37. Show info: Nick Rutter 772-828-0866 (Repeats on the 1st Saturday of the month)

Sunday May 7th, 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Googan Coffee Shop Cars and Coffee. 1917 NW Federal Hwy, Stuart, Florida 34994. Bring a classic car and get a Free 12 oz coffee and 20% off of menu items. Plenty of parking. Web site: <https://googancoffee.com> (Repeats on the 1st Sunday of the month) Info: Jim Serra 772-285-3320

Saturday May 13th, Elliott Museum Cars and Coffee 8 am to 10 am FREE event, \$3 buys unlimited coffee/donuts (now featuring Jupiter Donuts) and ice water. Sponsored by McKees37 and the Elliott Museum. (Repeats on the 2nd Saturday of the month) INFO: Jim Serra 772-285-3320

Sundays May 14th and May 28th, 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. Contact is Jaime Stern, 516-849-8696 (2nd & 4th Sundays)

Monday, May 15th, 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 Monday of the month) Info: Carlos 772-528-4247

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Thursday May 18th 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, 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 or email nonamecarclub@outlook.com (3rd Thursdays October through May) NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 5:30 PM, SECOND NOTE: THIS WILL BE THE LAST SHOW UNTIL THE FALL AND WILL INCLUDE A FOOD DRIVE WHICH WAS RAINED OUT LAST MONTH

Sunday May 21st, The Palm Beach outlets Cars & Coffee (1751 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL 33401.)

## EVENTS THAT REPEAT WEEKLY

Every Monday (starting May 8th) buffalo wild wings located at 3299 NW Federal hwy (corner of Jensen Bch Blvd behind Bank of America) 5 pm to 7:30 pm. The restaurant will offer buy one/get one burgers and complimentary chips/salsa to cruisers.

EVERY TUESDAY 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Lowes Tuesday Night Car Show by Lew's Crew. 3620 SE Federal Hwy, Stuart, FL 34997. \$3 to display a vehicle (exact change please to expedite entry to the show). Please don't arrive earlier than 4:30 PM so as not to interfere with Lowes customer parking. Spectators are free. Oldies music. More info: Lew, 772-708-3790 (Repeats every Tuesday).

EVERY TUESDAY 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Elliott Museum Tuesday Night Car Show. 825 NE Ocean Blvd., Stuart, FL 34996. Free for museum members or \$5 to display a vehicle. Spectators are free. Live music. 50/50. Philly Down South food available for purchase at the Tiki Hut. NOW OPEN TO MOTORCYCLES TOO

EVERY WEDNESDAY, 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM. Dairy Queen Car Enthusiast Drop-in. 9019 S U.S. Hwy 1, Port St. Lucie, FL 34952. Informal gathering of car enthusiasts. 20% discount for cruisers. Contact is Ira Fluss, 772-485-7145.

EVERY FRIDAY, 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM. Sonic Drive-In Car Enthusiast drop-in. 3177 NW Federal Hwy, Jensen Beach, FL 34957. Informal gathering of car enthusiasts. . Free sundae with your purchase. Contact is Mike Gelter, 772-485-0162 (Meets every Friday weather permitting)

Don't forget to check out the Treasure Coast Automobile Enthusiasts Facebook page which now has over 470 members



# Member Stories

## TCVCC General Meeting

April 22, 2023

Hosted by John and Ann DeLisa

Club members met up at the Wells Fargo Bank in Port St. Lucie for the drive up to the Vero Beach Museum of Art. A large number of members drove their classics, which was nice to see. After a nice drive up Indian River Blvd and the beach road, we arrived at the museum and started our tour. We had 3 docents so we were separated into groups to make it more enjoyable.

The exhibit we had come to see was [Rolling Sculpture: Streamlined Art Deco Automobiles and Motorcycles](#). Beginning in the 1930s, the confluence of aircraft design, the sleek shapes of fast railroad locomotives, advanced highways like the German Autobahns, the Italian Autostradas, and the Pennsylvania Turnpike, along with epoch-changing global events like the 1939 New York City World's Fair, encouraged automotive designers and engineers to style truly streamlined cars.

The first car in the exhibit was a 1925/1934 Rolls-Royce Phantom Aerodynamic Coupe from the Petersen Automotive Museum. The reason for the dual year designation is that it began as a 1925 Rolls-Royce Phantom I, but in 1984, it received a unique body built by Jonekheere of Belgium. To me, the most unique feature was the round door. Hard to see in the picture.





## Member Stories

### TCVCC General Meeting, continued...

Another incredible vehicle was the 1937 Lincoln-Zephyr Coupe. This car was designed by John Tjaarda, a designer at Briggs Manufacturing Company. This car, with its low silhouette, tapered, teardrop shaped fuselage, and skirted rear wings was the most successful American streamlined car in the 1930's.



Then there was this quirky little bug. This is a 1936 Stout Scarab. Henry Ford purchased Stout Engineering in 1924 and Stout's aircraft design evolved into the Ford Tri-Motor aircraft. Stout then designed this vehicle with its rear-mounted flat-head Ford V-8 and 3 speed manual transmission. A custom transfer case and a six-row chain powered the rear wheels. You'll notice all 4 wheels are at the corners of the vehicle. You could say this was the forerunner of the minivan.

I'll leave you with one more very special vehicle. This is a 1937 Delahaye 135MS. This is a one-off roadster produced for especially for the 1937 Paris Auto Salon.

Link to [Vero News Article](#)

Link to the Curator, Ken Gross [Video](#)

If you want to see more pictures from the general meeting, click [HERE](#).



# Member Stories

By Hal Wilson

My fascination with the 4-door (fordor) Thunderbird began when I was 16 living in Miami and going with my dad to look for a new family car for my mom. At that time, she was driving a 63 Chevy Impala SS which was a hardtop coupe. I still can't figure out why they ever bought a 2-door car with three boys clamoring in and out of the backseat all the time. Incidentally, I vividly remember getting my fingers slammed in the door lots of times. Ouch! So my dad finally decides it's time for a 4-door car with 3 fast growing teenage sons.

I remember walking into the ford showroom with him and there in the center of the floor sat a brand new Thunderbird 4-door Landau. It was painted Diamond Blue with a dark blue full vinyl top. (For that year, Diamond Blue was exclusive to the Thunderbird and the Continental.) That car was entirely new for that year and I had never seen anything like it before. I was taken at first sight. The rearward hinged (suicide) doors were the coolest thing I'd ever seen. I pleaded with dad to buy that car but he didn't. He was a hard bargainer and knowing him he probably walked out of the showroom being \$100 apart in the deal. Anyway, dad ended up buying a Buick Electra 225. Bummer. I never forgot that car and spent many many years visualizing owning one someday.

When I got to the age where I could contemplate finding one and buying it I searched Hemmings website daily for seems like years before low-and-behold an ad appears for a 67 Landau in the same color combination I remembered. The car was then located in New Jersey and had been owned by the same family since new. The car was bought new by the Service Manager at a Ford dealership in Ft. Myers Florida and the car remained there until the couple passed at which time their daughter took the car home with her to New Jersey where it was used infrequently for special occasions. Having a daughter entering dental school they decided to part with the family treasure and they listed it in Hemmings Motor News. I found the car (it was meant for me) so I contacted the sellers. I arraigned for a vehicle inspection and the report came back that the car was very rust and other than nuddents the car was in rior was in very nice minimal wear. I flew to (great folks) and parted with the car reit home to Jensen remained in touch with and they are delighted that I planned to restore their family heirloom to its original glory.



sound with no body merous dings and great shape. The intercondition and showed NJ and met the sellers bought the car. They luctantly and I shipped Beach. I have rethe sellers ever since

## Member Stories continued...

I bought it in December 2018 and after I got the car back to Florida my plan was to locate a shop that could fix the broken stuff on the car, repair the dings and dents and then maybe repaint the car. I had zero experience with older cars. My cars are all new and I never keep them longer than a few years so I had no idea where to begin. I started asking around and ended up contacting Paul Grasso who owns Grasso's Garage in Pt. Salerno which is about 6 miles from my house.



He runs a smaller shop maybe working on less than ten cars at a time. He came to my house and looked at the Thunderbird and said he would be delighted to work on the car - eventually. His shop was full at the time so I waited until April 2019 before Paul gave me the okay to bring the car to the shop.

So on April 3, 2019 I dropped the car off at his shop and spent quite a while talking to him about the significance of the car to me and how I envisioned it to look and operate when it was finished.

I gave him a very lengthy list of things I wanted done.

At this stage, I never contemplated nor considered a complete frame-off restoration. It wasn't discussed. Paul evaluated the condition of the car thoroughly and eventually called me and asked if I had ever thought about doing a frame-off restoration. He was concerned that if he fixed everything I had on the list (which was going to be costly) I



would end up unhappy with the resulting car. He asked me to consider doing it right. I thought about it and decided to go for it and told him to proceed. Make the car new again. I had no idea what I was getting into! It ended up being multi-year project and cost me way more than I ever imagined I would spend on the car.



## Member Stories continued...

Once the disassembly of the car began we discovered the car had repaired damage to the left rear quarter of the car. The fact that the car was originally owned by the dealer service manager may explain why the car was carefully repaired the way it was. This created the first challenge. Restore the quarter panel or try to find a suitable replacement? We decided to search for a replacement and we were fortunate to locate a one in California and we had it shipped to Florida.



Restored the quarter panel or try to find a suitable replacement? We decided to search for a replacement and we were fortunate to locate a one in California and we had it shipped to Florida. Ford produced the 4-door model from 67-71. However, the 67 model was unique in many ways.

This ended up creating more than a few problems because many interior trim parts were not interchangeable with the 68-71 cars. Some parts were simply not available and had to be fabricated from scratch. The next challenge was the

factory air conditioner. Once it was disassembled we discovered most of the fan assembly, evaporator housing and the adjacent firewall was completely rusted away. We ended up having to fabricate most of the firewall assembly and motor housing from scratch. The factory A/C would never have operated properly had we not restored the entire car.



As everyone who has ever done this before knows, restoration is a long process. And I mean really long. There were many challenges and problems. We overcame almost every obstacle except one. Door and window weatherstripping for the 4-door Thunderbirds is not available. Anywhere. And that ended up being my one and only disappointment with the project. After replacing and/restoring virtually every part on the car we were faced with no suitable solution for the weatherstripping problem. And as everyone knows, functional weatherstripping is essential.

Fortunately Paul kept the original weatherstripping and with a lot of TLC we were able to reuse most of it. Unfortunately we had to use alternative weatherstripping in many places which is a poor substitute for the original. After so many trials and tribulations the car was finally delivered to me on August 24, 2022. I'm excited beyond words.