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Upcoming Meetings

The December General Meeting will be on **Sunday, December 10th**. Please see the announcement on page 4 for details.

Hello TCVCC Members and Friends!!

I didn't get a story written on the November General Meeting but I can tell you that everyone had a blast. People were driving all over town looking for clues in a Poker Run.



Once they had the clues, they could make their way to Halpatiokee Park where we had lunch and our meeting. If you want to see pictures from the meeting, click [HERE](#).

We are so lucky to be able to drive our cars year round. I feel sorry for the folks up north who have to winterize their cars and park them for months.

Speaking of being lucky, I feel very lucky to have been able to serve the Club as President for the past year and to have had such great support from the Board and the members as well. It has been an interesting experience and I urge you to consider trying to become a board member at some point in the future. It really is a lot of fun and it doesn't actually require a lot of time or effort.

My time as President is almost over and I want to extend a warm welcome to the incoming and returning Board members. I know you will all do a wonderful job keeping us active and finding us new adventures to go on.

Speaking of adventures, Dave and Amy Brown are planning the Cracker Tour for April of next year. So keep your calendar open. If you have never been on a Cracker Tour, I can tell you from experience that they are awful and involve a lot of U-turns and lost ducks. And you will have a great time! Really, they are just a blast and a chance to get to know everyone and see places in Florida that you didn't know existed. You really need to try it.

So until next year, I hope that everyone has a wonderful Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

See you on the road! *Sally*





Secretary's Report



Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club General Membership Meeting , November 19, 2023

The November general meeting was hosted by Barbara and Ed Joyce. The day started with a well planned POKER RUN and ended with the group meeting out at Halpatiokee Park for a wonderful BBQ luncheon catered by Mission BBQ.

The meeting was called to order by President Sally Franklin at 12:02.

Guests attending were Billy Bortnick, Fil and Nancy Ferrauto, Doug Pierce and Maureen and Jim Buergermeister.

Secretary's Report: Jo Ann will have it in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Barb Joyce informed the members we have sufficient funds in the bank.

Ann Ridle reported we have 104 members consisting of 191 people. We have 36 paid up memberships. She urged members to renew your 2024 memberships as soon as you can so you will be in the forthcoming Roster. If you need your Photo or a photo update in the Roster, please see Ann.

Sally will have the newsletter out as soon as possible.

Bob Ridle has the Website up to date. Click on to the COOL CAR SHOW page to view all the winners and awards.

Special Events: Denny Dahle reviewed the Car Show and thanked all who helped pull it together. He will have all other events coming up listed in the newsletter.

Legislative Report: Jay Smith reported the "Repair Act" is making progress in the U.S. House subcommittee but nothing farther at this time effecting the vintage car hobby.

Marie Flaherty has sent Sunshine Cards to Pete Bortnick who was briefly in the hospital and Charlie Ulrich who had hip surgery.

Tours: Dave and Amy Brown will be working on a Cracker Tour for sometime in April.

There was no Old Business to bring before the general membership.

New Business: This month being our Election of new officers for 2024 Jay Smith, Bob Ridle and Andre Rayman, the nominating committee, presented the following members to be voted on, President: BobRidle ; 1st Vice Pres, Denny Dahle; 2nd Vice Pres: Ann Ridle, Treasurer: Barbara Joyce, Secretary: Jo Ann Smith, Sgt/Arms: John DeLisa. Board Chairman: Sally Franklin, 1 Year Directors: Scott Bean, Lou Lambert and Sandee Searle. 2Yr. Directors : Curt Francisco, Dick Hoffman and Frank LoVerso.

Jay asked for any nominations from the floor. There being none, Linda Bollman made a motion we accept the nominations as presented. Andre Rayman seconded that and all members present approved the slate of new officers.

The up-coming Dec. meeting will be hosted by Marney McKee. All information will be in the newsletter. This will be our Christmas gathering so please RSVP to Marney so she can plan accordingly.

There being no further business before the general membership, the Joyce's were thanked for making this such a fun NOVEMBER general meeting.

Respectfully Submitted. *Jo Ann Smith Secretary*



Upcoming National Events

AACA National & Regional Events

February 8-10, 2024, 2024 AACA Annual Convention, Chantilly, Virginia. Hotel: Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles, 14750 Conference Center Drive, Chantilly, VA. Per night \$169 includes breakfast for two people.

March 17-23, 2024 2024 AACA Founders Tour (vehicles 1932-1999) Host: Louisiana Region AACA. Location: Acadiana Area, Louisiana, Chariman: Ronald Sonnier, rsonnier@cox.net.

March 21-24, 2024, 2024 Special Winter Nationals. Host: Puerto Rico Region AACA Location: Coliseo Mario Quiote Morales, Guayanbo, Puerto Rico. Chairman: Mario Guzman.

April 4-6, 2024 Southeastern Spring Nationals. Charlotte, NC

April 5, 2024 Grand Nationals. Charlotte, NC



For more listings and information, click [HERE](#) to visit the AACA website.

General Meeting Notice

TCVCC DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING



FELIZ NAVIDAD

**TACO BAR/DRINKS INCLUDED - \$5 PER PERSON
A-M PLEASE BRING A SIDE
N-Z PLEASE BRING A DESSERT**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 12PM-2PM

Port Salerno Civic Center
4940 SE Anchor Ave, Stuart, FL

RSVP by Dec 5 - Marney McKee marneymckee@gmail.com

Sunshine & Happenings

SUNSHINE REPORT

No cards were sent out in November.. Please pass on information to Marie Flaherty: email: mariec21@earthlinknet, phone 772-631-9065. Let me know so we can shine some Sunshine for our club members.

It's official! Elections went off without a hitch and we are looking forward to another fantastic year at TCVCC. Please congratulate and welcome your new and returning Board Members.

President: Bob Ridle
1st Vice President: Denny Dahle
2nd Vice President: Ann Ridle
Treasurer: Barbara Joyce
Secretary: Jo Ann Smith
Sergeant at Arms: John DeLisa
Board Chair: Sally Franklin

1 Year Directors:
Scott Bean
Lou Lambert
Sande Searle

2 Year Directors:
Curt Francisco
Dick Hoffman
Frank LoVerso

We look forward to another year of fun and exciting adventures.



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Bob Ridle
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Ann Ridle

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Scott Bean (2 yrs.)
Denny Dahle (2 yrs.)
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Ron Ingles (1 yr.)
Marney McKee (1 yr.)

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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.



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NEW CARS OR PRO- JECTS

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.

Upcoming Events

LOCAL EVENTS, (Courtesy of Jim Serra and No Name Car Club)

Weekly Repeat Shows

Mondays - BUFFALO WILD WINGS Located at 3299 NW Federal Hwy (Corner of Jensen Beach Blvd) 5 pm to 7:30 pm FREE EVENT and dining discounts for cruisers.
Tuesdays at Lowe's 3620 SE Federal Hwy, Stuart, FL 34997. 5:30PM to 8:30 PM Oldies music. \$3 to display a car. Spectators FREE Lew, 772-260-6509.
Wednesdays - Elliott Museum weekly car show 4pm to 7 pm, \$5 to display a car (Museum members are FREE) and spectators are free. Jack 415-302-1885

Wednesdays, 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.

Fridays, 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)

Saturdays, Cars & Coffee every Saturday - NOTE NEW TIME from 10 am to 2 pm at Saint Lucie Lanes 6759 US-1, Port St Lucie, FL 34952 (This is a new event and it looks like the entry fee has been reduced from \$10 to \$5 and will include coffee/donuts and a trophy). www.carsandcoffeesll.com

Saturdays, Informal Gathering of Car Guys (and Gals) at the Jensen Causeway is back for the summer.....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. Contact is Bob Crow at 772-359-4822.

Monthly Shows

Friday 12/1 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 12/2, McKees Cars & Coffee 7744 Jack James drive Stuart 8 am to 10 am. Free event and \$3 buys coffee and a donut. Tech session and product discounts. (Repeats on the 1st Saturday of the month). NOTE: This is The Annual Toy Drive

Upcoming Events, continued...

Monthly Shows continued

Sunday 12/3, Googan Coffee Shop Cruise In 8 am to 1030 am 1917 NE Federal Hwy Stuart (just north of LA Fitness). Free event put on by a local family owned business - NOTE: FREE Coffee but the 20% menu discount is discontinued as it was causing problems with the computerized ordering system. (Repeats on the first Sunday of the month).

Sunday December 3rd, 8 am, The Palm Beach outlets Cars & Coffee (1751 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. West Palm Beach, FL 33401.) Annual Toy Drive to benefit the Childrens Healing Institute www.carsandcoffeepb.com

Sunday 12/10 and 12/24, Valencia Cay Cars & Coffee (address for your phone/gps is 662 se Becker Rd Port St Lucie - 8 am to 1030 am Free event, Dunkin Donuts and Publix are nearby (Repeats on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month)

Saturday 12/9 - Elliott Museum Cars & Coffee 8 am 825 NE Ocean Blvd Stuart. Free event - \$3 buys coffee/donuts/ice water - now featuring Jupiter Donuts. Sponsored by McKees 37. (Repeats on the 2nd Saturday of the month).

Monday 12/18 - Monthly car show at the TA Truck Stop Car Show - 8909 20th St Vero Beach 5 PM to 8 PM. 10% off for cruisers. For more info, call Carlos 772-528-4247

December Shows

Sunday, December 10th, St Lucie Sheriff PAL 5th Annual Jumpstart Car Show/Toy Drive at the St Lucie County Fairgrounds 15601 Midway Rd Fort Pierce. \$20 entry fee, registration from 9 am to noon. Bring an unwrapped toy for a child in need. Bill Minogue - 772-342-3980, billminogue1@aol.com.

Tuesday, December 12th, 5 to 8 PM Charlie's Neighborhood Bar & Grill Car & Truck Show, 400 SE Parrot Circle, Stuart. Trophies, music, corn hole, yard pong. Register at ilovecharlies@gmail.com.



Member Stories

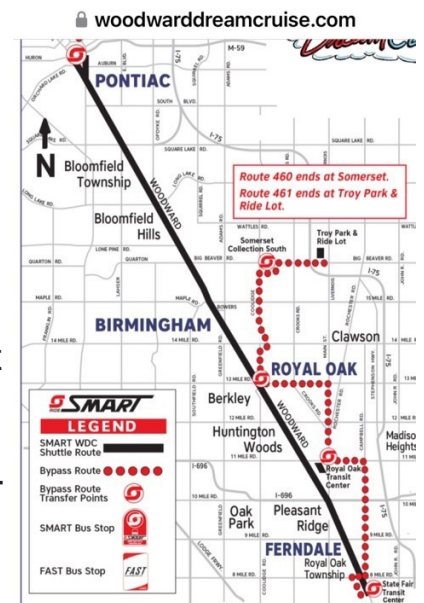
Our Woodward Dream Cruise 2023

By Barbara McCalister & Ron Ingles

We started our drive with a cruise to Hitsville USA, the recording studio started by a 29 year old Barry Gordy. impressive beginnings for such a young man. Smoky Robinson decided to visit 3 days later....timing is everything!!!



We followed with a cruise up Woodward Avenue to visit Southern Motors. We may have seen every video on the website (southernmotors.com) of every car that's graced their showroom floor in the past three years. Dreaming of our next purchase. Met the owner and a lot of great staff who wanted to know where we had "purchased" a seat to watch the cruise. Ruh Roh...next stop was down the 16 mile long stretch of Woodward Avenue to scope out our spot for the next morning. There were miles and miles of police tape, tents, chairs, motor homes and cars along both sides of the Avenue. We decided on the beautiful little town of Birmingham that had a large parking garage a block from Woodward with streets roped off for a car show in the morning.



We then found a local brewery where we dined outside under the trees with a large propane heater to warm my backside in the crisp evening air. What a refreshing change from the oppressive heat we've had in Florida this summer.

Member Stories

Woodward, continued...

The next morning, we were out the door and parked in the garage by 7:30 am. It felt somewhat quiet compared to other big cruises we've done. Things quickly ramped up as we made our way to the 2nd floor of Duggan's Irish Pub (a must see according to Ollie Copley). We got festive by having a couple of beers with some tater tots at 10 AM...made us feel young again...knowing full well we would most likely be in bed by 9 pm that night.



The next table consisted of a dad and his 7-8 year old son that was perched on his knees in his seat, bouncing up and down to catch sight of the squeals and smells of burning rubber from the street below. His excitement was infectious to everyone around him, including the two older gentlemen in his party.

Then we hoofed it back to Birmingham to check out the numerous AMX cars that would give Scott Bean and his 1st Junior winner a run for his money.

Woodward Avenue is a Dream for sure. Four lanes on each side with a wide and beautifully manicured median. As we hoofed it back to Birmingham, we could feel the energy of Sam Gianino around us as we again heard the roar of the engines, the squeals of the tires and the smells of the burning rubber. We had first become excited about going to Woodward Dream cruise after hearing the stories from Sam and Linda. Their vivid tales put such a sparkle and big smiles to our faces. Ten hours and 9.2 walked miles later, we still had not seen it all. But time to call it a night.



The next day at the Detroit Institute of Art, we ran into a docent that was eager to hear what we thought of our experience. He himself had been to every cruise from the beginning in 1995. We had to say that while it was fun and impressive, we felt that there could have been more older cars, rather than the numerous later model Chargers, Challengers and Mustangs. He felt the same way. It just wasn't the same anymore....but yet, is anything?

Member Stories

A letter From Linda Bollman

I'm Movin on . . .

I joined TCVCC with my husband, Roger, in 1990 with our 1962 Mercedes Benz 190 SL after moving to Jupiter in 1988. That car was purchased in Hawaii when we lived there. Roger was working for MIT at the time and we spent a number of years living there. After Massachusetts and Hawaii we moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, still with MIT.



We enjoyed many years with this club participating many times with all the tours especially after Roger retired. He served many years as the Chief Judge for the car shows and was always eager to help anyone with a car problem, especially with a wiring problem.

I served many years on the Board and became president in 2003 and 2004. I also was Co-chairman with Pete Bortnick of the 2005 car show.

We both enjoyed the many friends we made over the years. But now it is time for me to move on. I am moving to Dallas, Texas to be near my daughter. As the years have crept up on me and my two children have wanted me to be near one of them so I chose Dallas. Can't wait for those 100+ degree days of summer. I'll sure miss the beach!



Editor's Note: Linda and Roger were so welcoming and helpful when Larry and I joined the club. It was a pleasure knowing Roger and still a pleasure knowing Linda. She will be missed and I wish her great happiness in her new adventure.

Thank you, Linda, for your friendship and all your guidance over the last few years.