



Vintage Times



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Upcoming Meetings

The February General Meeting will be on **Sunday, February 25th**. Please see the announcement on page 4 for details.

"Here comes the sun...Here comes the sun, little darlin', and I say it's all right." – George Harrison



As I begin writing this month's President's Message, it strikes me that at this time of year, as antique car owners, we are fortunate to live in Florida. Some of our old car brethren up

north are waking up to a blanket of snow and bitter cold temperatures. It's one of the reasons that many of them put their classic cars away for the winter. Like bears hibernating, these vehicles and their owners will not hit the road again 'till spring.

Meanwhile, our club members and invited guests from the Model A Club and the Rebel Cruisers just enjoyed a January outing that took us on a leisurely drive up S. Hutchinson Island via A1A on our way to Vero Beach and the American Icon Brewery. A total of 81 participants for our January get-together! It was noisy, sometimes chaotic, but totally fun...thanks to everyone for turning out and making our January meeting a record breaker! And now as they used to say on the radio, "The hits just keep on coming", because Curt Francisco has us lined up for the Busch Wildlife Sanctuary in Jupiter on Sunday, February 25th! Details can be found elsewhere in the *Vintage Times* and on the club's website. I've been a member of 4 Regions during my time with the AACA, and the Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club is flat out the most active.



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President's Message, continued...

Speaking of activities, the dates for this year's monthly General Meetings have been selected by the Board. You'll find the entire 2024 meeting schedule posted on the Club Activities page on our website at <https://treasurecoast.aaca.com/activities/> and here in *Vintage Times*. Also, this year's Cracker Tour will be sometime in April. We will let you know when the exact dates are announced. This is a four day "road trip" on Florida's back roads in our old cars (at least 25 yrs.) to who knows where to see who knows what! More information will be coming.

As you may have heard, our club is being honored with a Master Webmaster Award by the AACA for our website, so Ann and I are preparing for a road trip northward (brrr!) for the AACA's Annual Convention. This year it's being held in Chantilly, VA, just outside DC. Prior to the pandemic, the convention made its home in Philadelphia year after year. Not so anymore, as the convention has visited Williamsburg, VA (2021 & 2023), Gettysburg, PA (2022), and now Chantilly. I believe next year it may be headed to the Charlotte, NC area. Who knows, maybe we can get them to bring the annual convention to Florida sometime. Seems like a no brainer to me. Who wouldn't want to come to Florida in February!

I was reading the other day that the Studebaker National Museum is taking on the task of restoring the '51 Studebaker Commander used in *The Muppet Movie* in 1979. The "Bulletnose", driven by both Fozzie Bear and Kermit the Frog, will receive a ground up restoration. This story got me to wondering how many of our TCVCC members have a car that was used in a movie. I know of at least one, but are there any more? Let me or Sally Franklin know, as this could make for an interesting future article.

I hope to see everyone at our February 25th meeting...and let's keep 'em on the road!

Bob Riddle

From the Editor:

In case you missed the January General Meeting, we had at least 23 Classic cars, including several Model A's from the A Club. We also had over 80 people for lunch. Amazing turnout. Thanks to Bob and Ann for putting this together. Oh, and a few of us stopped for ice cream on the way home. To see all the pictures from the Meeting, click [HERE](#).



Secretary's Report

Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club General Membership Meeting, January 28, 2024

The general meeting was hosted by President Bob Ridle and wife Ann. The meeting was held at the American Icon Brewery in Vero. There was a record attendance of 81 members including some from the Model A club. Due to the noise level in the loft area where we ate and met, the minutes will be as accurate as possible, I hope.

The meeting was called to order at 12:14 PM. by President Bob Ridle. Guests and first time members attending were introduced. The secretary's report will be in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: It was noted that the books had been audited by Ann Ridle and Sally Franklin and found to be in excellent order according to Standard Accounting Practices.

Membership Report: Ann Ridle reported we have 107 members representing 195 people. She still has 21 members who have not renewed and, if you are one of these, she would like you to do so in the near future to assure you a place in the up-coming 2024 Roster.

Sally Franklin will have our newsletter out soon.

Our Website Master, who is also our President, has won a "Master Webmaster Of The Year Award" from AACA of America in Hershey, Pa. He and Ann will be going to Virginia to receive this award and will proudly share it with us upon their return. TCVCC remains proud of our President and congratulations go out to Bob.

Denny Dahle will have Special Events in the newsletter.

Tanya Collette informed any member wanting T-Shirts etc. get in touch with her. She also mentioned that if you think the Club Stores should stock things that are not available now please relay this to her.(see Roster for phone).

Jay Smith had no legislative Report at this time.

Marie Flaherty, Sunshine, sent a card to Mike Searle who recently underwent some serious Foot surgery. Recovery is going so good for Mike he was in attendance at this meeting.

John DeLisa reported that our Storage Unit had been cleaned out and is now in good shape.

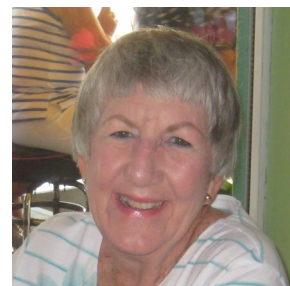
Dave and Amy Brown are announcing the dates for our up-coming Cracker Tour. Mark your calendar NOW FOR APRIL 25,26,27and 28. You must adhere to the 25 yr. old vehicle rule to participate. If you are a new member, try to sign up so you can join in the fun these tours provide. Just ask any long-time member and they will assure you the tour is not to be missed if possible.

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

Under New Business it was noted that Sally Franklin and Denny Dahle will be the 2024 COOL Car Show chairpersons. Dates are Nov. 3rd or Nov. 10th. There being no further business before the general membership, a motion was made by Bob Sees to adjourn seconded by Sandee Searle, passed and we did at 12:30 PM.

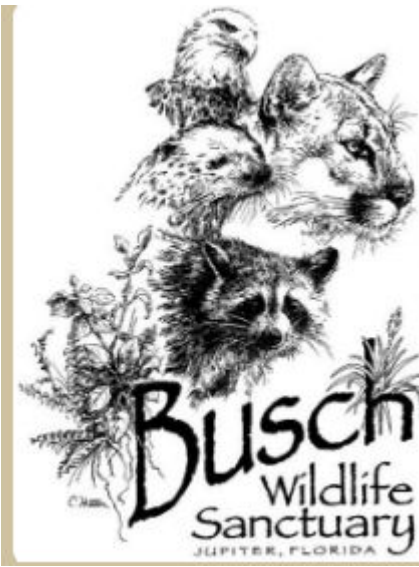
Respectfully Submitted,

Jo Ann Smith, Secretary



General Meeting Notice

February 25th – Sunday Meeting – Hosted by Curt and Terri Francisco. This month we are headed South to the Busch Wildlife Sanctuary. We'll gather at 9:15 AM at the Cracker Barrell on Lost River Road, departing promptly at 9:30 AM.



The Busch Wildlife Sanctuary is a non-profit organization with over 40 years of dedication to the protection and conservation of Florida's wildlife and natural resources. To accomplish this goal the Sanctuary has a two fold mission of wildlife rehabilitation and environmental education.



After a tour of the Sanctuary, we will depart at 11:30 for our lunch destination, the Park Avenue Grill in Jupiter. 6775 West Indiantown Road.



We will need your RSVP by Friday, February 23rd so we can give them a head-count. You can RSVP to curtfrancisco@gmail.com, or text/call 561-222-0166.

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.

Sunshine & Happenings

SUNSHINE REPORT

Cards were sent to Mike Searle, Geoff Nichols, Pat Musto, and Pete Bortnick. A card was also sent to Lisa Friend on the loss of her mother.. 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.

STILL HAVE A SHOT AT GETTING YOUR 2024 TCVCC ROSTER DELIVERED TO YOU AT THE FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING? ...WELL, MAYBE

In order to make that happen, two things need to occur.

1. **Your TCVCC & AACA 2024 dues MUST be paid.** If you haven't paid up yet, you are not too late, if you act now! (KEEP IN MIND AACA records CAN take +/-3 WEEKS to update their info that is sent to me for our membership qualification & verification.) Yes, we verify that. If not paid yet, please pay pronto online at aaca.com ...don't delay. AACA form also attached to AACA's monthly magazine. **NEW MEMBERS** joining in November & December, 2023, that \$25 to join paid your 2024 TCVCC dues. Double check that you have sent AACA your Complimentary PINK New Member Information sheet for their free 2024 dues.

2. **Get your picture updated or taken.** If you are happy with your current picture, no need to do anything. If you have a picture that you would like to use, please send it to Ann Ridle at ahr3206@verizon.net

Thank you for your cooperation.
Ann Ridle

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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)

EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY ONLY

Saturday Feb 2nd Annual car show at Stuart West 11 am to 2 pm - 1310 sw Laredo St Palm City. Free event but MUST REGISTER to access the gated community, food available for purchase, live music. (You can caravan from McKees Cars & Coffee over to this event). More info: stuartwestcobblestone@gmail.com

Sunday Feb 4th, The annual Village Club & Preserve Vintage Car Expo will take place on Sunday Feb 4th (it was rained out on Jan 28th), NOTE NEW TIME - Noon to 3 pm, 2261 sw Racquet Club Way, Palm City. \$5 entry fee, Bring your own refreshments. Please register with Ken Kraft so you can access the gated community: 516-429-6174 or anchorkraft@yahoo.com

Saturday Feb 10th, 11 am to 2 pm Peters Hardware (formerly Ace Hardware) 975 SE Federal Hwy (at Johnson Ave). FREE event (You can caravan from the monthly Cars & Coffee at the Elliott Museum over to this show).

Sunday February 11th, Annual Kane Center Car Show 11 am to 2 pm 900 SE Salerno Rd Stuart. NOTE: The Show is Sold Out but feel free to attend as a spectator. Live music/Awards/members of the Boys & Girls Club of Martin County will "Man" the BBQ grills.

Saturday February 24th, Savannah Club Classic Car and Motorcycle show 10 am to 2 pm, 3150 Crabapple Drive, Port St Lucie (enter via US 1 & Savannah Club Drive) - FREE entry, 50/50, raffle prizes, trophies, food/refreshments available. Rain Date: Sunday Feb 25th - more info: Bob 814-450-5980

SHOWS THAT REPEAT MONTHLY

Friday Feb 2nd, 5:30 to 8:30 PM. Brass Monkey Cruise-in. 7781 Lake Wort 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 Feb 3rd, McKees 37 monthly Cars & Coffee 8 am 7744 Jack James Dr Stuart. FREE event and \$3 buys coffee/donuts. Tech session by Nick Rutter as well as product discounts. (Repeats 1st Saturday of the month)

Sunday Feb 4th, Gogan 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 - FREE Coffee (Repeats on the first Sunday of the month).

Upcoming Events, continued...

Local Events continued

Sunday Feb 4th, Cars and Coffee Palm Beach - gates open at 7 am - 1751 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd, West Palm Beach Fl 33401 \$15 to display a vehicle.

Sunday Feb 4th, Recovery Sports Grill Cruise In. Repeats on the first Sunday of the month 4 to 8 pm, 10350 sw Don R Led Duke Dr Port St Lucie. 772-345-8490

Thursday Feb 8th, Street Dreams Monthly show by Shift Culture Downtown Fort Pierce 130 N 2nd St, Fort Pierce, FL 34950 6pm - 9 pm \$10 entry fee. Repeats on the 2nd Thursday of the month. More info: shiftculture.ticketleap.com

Sunday, Feb 25th, Last Sunday of the month Shift Culture Cars & Coffee at the Indian River State College Pruitt Campus 500 NW California Blvd, Port St Lucie 34986. 8 am to noon. \$10 entry fee. Also includes a swap meet.

EVENTS THAT REPEAT WEEKLY

Tuesdays Weekly Tuesday Night Car Show at Lowes, 4 pm - 7 pm, 3620 SE Federal Hwy, Stuart, FL 34997. Please have exact change (\$3) to expedite entry to the show. Free for spectators - repeats weekly Lew 772-708-3790 (Lew has also set up a Facebook page called Lew's Crew Car Show - check it out).

Wednesdays Pick One ---Weekly Car Show at the Elliott Museum 825 NE Ocean Blvd at 4 pm \$5 to show a car (fee waived Museum members), spectators FREE - 10% dining discount for cruisers

OR

Wednesdays, Weekly cruise in at Dairy Queen 9019 US Hwy 1 Port St Lucie at 4:30 pm FREE event and a dining discount for cruisers. Ira Fluss 772-485-7145.

Fridays Weekly cruise in at Sonic 3177 NW Federal Hwy Jensen Beach at 4:30 pm - Free Sundae with your purchase. Mike Gelter 772-485-0162

Saturdays, Weekly Cars & Coffee every Saturday 10 am to 2 pm at Saint Lucie Lanes 6759 US-1, Port St Lucie, FL 34952 \$5 includes coffee/donuts and a trophy).
www.carsandcoffeesll.com.

Saturdays, Weekly Cruise in at Aunt G's Rotisserie Restaurant 3053 SW Martin Downs Blvd, Palm City 4 to 7 pm. 15% discount for cruisers. (Every Saturday weather permitting)

Upcoming Events, continued...



45th Annual Antique Automobile Show



<http://indianriver.aaca.com>

At 3280 Riverside Park
Vero Beach, Florida
32963



Saturday, March 16, 2024

Auto Show starts at 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Auto Registration 8:00 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Registration closes promptly at 11 a.m.

(cars in line at that time will be registered)

Rain or Shine Show

This show is free to spectators and always brings in the crowds. There are over 250 cars in many classes to enjoy, along with a car corral, live DJ, food court, raffles and 50/50 drawing. Classes are judged and trophies awarded at the end of the show.

Drive Out Hunger: Help Indian River Antique Automobile Club and United Against Poverty to “Drive Out Hunger”. Please bring non-perishable food items to the show on March 16.

Wheels Across The Pond is an annual car and motorcycle show that features exclusively British and European makes and models and takes place at the beautiful Carlin Park in Jupiter, Florida. Cars start arriving at 7:30am and continue the registration process until 10:30am. The show starts at 11:00am. Our 16th annual show will take place at Carlin Park in Jupiter on Saturday March 30th 2024. Pre-registration is now open. Click on the picture to register online.



Register your vehicle for the 16th Annual Wheels Across The Pond. Taking place at the beautiful Carlin park in Jupiter Florida.

Join us Saturday March 30th, 2024 as car enthusiasts come together to show their passion for British and European vehicle/motorcycle.

Remember registration will close 2 weeks before the event! We will take "day of" registration but you WILL NOT be in an assigned class. Your vehicle will be in one section of the field for DISPLAY ONLY!

ANNOUNCEMENT!

CRACKER TOUR 2024

The Cracker Tour is ready to roll again in April. The exact dates will be announced soon. We do not yet have the details nailed down, so this is only a notice of the general time so you can plan, if you are brave enough to join us.

Some newer members are asking, “just what is the Cracker Tour?” The Cracker Tour is a tour for antique cars, defined by AACA as any vehicle 25 years old or older. Newer cars are not allowed on the tour. That means your vehicle must be 1999 or older. We will travel the back roads as much as possible and avoid high speed roads as much as possible. We try to discover “old Florida” as much as it may still exist.

In addition, this is an opportunity to really get to know other members on the tour. To participate on the tour, you agree to sit with different people at each and every meal stop. If you plan to sit ONLY with one specific couple, then the tour is not for you. The tour is a lot more fun when we get to spread ourselves around and get to know each other.

To register for the tour, please email to brown7373@bellsouth.net or 772-464-2966. Additional details as well as hotel information will be provided at a later date when it becomes available.



MEMBER STORIES

Historic Green Gables

By Barbara and Ed Joyce

While viewing posts about upcoming car shows in our area a post appeared from Ray Greenwood who is a local old car enthusiast that has an old Dodge similar to Larry Ankrom's 1918 Dodge Touring. The post displayed a flyer for a car show at an historic home location in Melbourne Florida January 21, 2024. After reviewing the flyer and visiting the website: Greengables.org I found that this is the 3rd annual show and a lot of older (20's, 30's, 40's etc. vehicles) were displayed the 2 previous years. The \$20.00 entry fee included a docent tour of the historic home that was built in 1896.

The home was built by William and Nora Wells as a vacation home and they eventually retired in the home. At the time they built the home it included 130 acres of land with it (imagine what that would be worth now) but now is only 1 1/3 acres. It had a few additions along the years to enlarge the living area. During the 128 years it has been there the descendants lost interest and it fell into disrepair. It was scheduled to be torn down until a group of people formed a non-profit corporation in 2010 to preserve historical locations in Melbourne and their focus was the Green Gables home. The corporation was able to raise enough funds to purchase the home in 2023. The tour was interesting and both Barb and I agreed that the home needs a lot of work but it seems that they have the enthusiasm to repair it.

The car show is one of many fund raisers they hold to finance the restoration work.



The Melbourne Model A club had front row parking up next to the house. We were parked at the entrance to the yard from the street in a nice spot. A lot of interesting cars attended including an Oldsmobile Tornado, 2 Nash Metropolitans, a 1948 Cadillac Limousine, a Corvair, a Rambler, etc. Live music played most of the show and there were a lot of spectators from the area. Despite the cool temperatures it was a nice show with the historic backdrop of a 128 year old home.

MEMBER STORIES

New Year's Day Cruise

On New Year's Day, 26 classic cars gathered at Harbor Bay Plaza in Sewall's Point for a short cruise to the Key West Diner. It was quite a sight seeing all of them cruising down Indian River Drive and through Rio. As usual, we overwhelmed the Diner but they took great care of us and got our orders and food out in record time. The weather was perfect and it was a great day to hang out with friends.



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