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Upcoming Meetings

The May General Meeting will be on **Sunday, May 19th**. Please see the announcement on page 4 for details.

“And I was born in the back seat of a Greyhound Bus, Rollin down Highway 41 ...Lord, I was born a ramblin’ man, trying to make a livin’ and doin’ the best I can...” – Dickey Betts/ Allman Brothers Band (1973)

As I begin putting together this month's *President's Message*, Florida native and founding member of the



Allman Brothers Band, Dickey Betts, has just passed away, and the club's annual Cracker Tour is about to get underway. What's the connection? Well, it can be found in the lyrics above and the comments below.

Over the years, TCVCC's tours like the Cracker Tour, Hot August Nights, Naples Depot Tour, and others have cruised on, intersected with, crossed over, and maybe even broken down on that very "Highway 41" here in Florida. By the time you read this, the 2024 edition of the Cracker Tour will be in the rearview mirror, with a follow-up article and website pictures of this spring's adventure to follow. Without giving away the entire storyline of this year's tour, I can tell you we definitely crossed over and drove directly on portions of Dickey Betts' Highway 41. I can also tell you no vehicles broke down, but one person did. Frank LoVerso's '70 Pontiac GTO Judge required a jump start, and Amy Brown required a cholecystectomy! You will find more info on the 2024 Cracker Tour and Amy's amazing saga in the next issue of *Vintage Times*. You will also find links to all the photos of the Cracker Tour here in *Vintages Times* and on the club website's [Club Activities](#) page.

In case you're wondering, our '78 T-Bird is back from the transmission repair shop and was driven to our April Meeting event at the Elliott Museum. Total miles driven was only around 50, but it was reassuring to have it once again shifting smoothly through all three gears in Drive. By today's standards, 3 forward gears seems hardly enough. My 2016 F-150's automatic has 6 forward speeds, while my son's 2023 Ram (still a Dodge to me) has 8, with both 7th and 8th gears being overdrive ratios. The T-Bird did not go on the Cracker Tour, as it now has an AC issue. Old cars...you gotta love 'em.

(Pictures from the Cracker Tour can be found Day 1 [HERE](#) , Day 2 [HERE](#) , Day 3 [HERE](#) , Day 4 [HERE](#).)

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President's Message, continued...

If you missed the April Meeting, you missed a good one. The visiting "King Tut" exhibit at the Elliott Museum was outstanding. The exhibit had less to do with the Pyramids themselves, but was focused instead on the magnificent artifacts found inside the tombs...in this case, Tutankhamun's tomb. The docents took the time to explain the background of the exhibits to give us some context before we plunged into viewing the accurately detailed recreations. The original artifacts are no longer allowed to leave Egypt. You'll find lots of photos of the club's visit to the Elliott on our website's [Home Page](#). Thanks to Sandee and Mike Searle for arranging an outstanding April event for the club!

Did you know from January through April of this year TCVCC/AACA members participated in at least 22 car shows? And that figure doesn't include our own monthly scheduled General Meeting events. In May we're headed to the Equine Rescue Center in Palm City and in June we'll visit the Factory Lightweights Museum in Stuart for a look at Detroit muscle cars and dragsters. So, if you know of an old car enthusiast who's not a member of TCVCC and the AACA, why not invite them to come along as a guest on our next monthly activity?

Well, that's it for now. I hope to see everyone at our May 19th meeting. In the meantime, let's keep 'em on the road!

Bob Riddle

This was received from Megan Bradford at Project Lift:

Mentor Program at Project LIFT

Volunteer Mentors will:

- **Commit to 14 Weeks:** We ask that mentors commit to 14 weeks of service to ensure the continuity and effectiveness of the program.
- **Participate in Preliminary Training:** Mentors will undergo preliminary training sessions to equip them with the necessary skills and knowledge for their role. Both trainings take under two hours total to complete.
- **Attend Orientation:** Additionally, there will be an orientation session to familiarize mentors with the program structure, objectives, and expectations.
- **Engage in Weekly Sessions:** Each week, mentors will meet with their small group for approximately 1.5 hours to work on projects at Project LIFT, providing opportunities for mentor-student interactions, collaborative activities building trade skills, and meaningful discussions.

Volunteer mentors will play a crucial role in shaping the future of these young individuals and helping them realize their potential.

Get Involved

If you are interested in joining our mentorship program or have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at (772) 221-2244 or email Megan.Bradford@projectlift.org. I would be delighted to answer any questions.

Secretary's Report

Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club General Membership Meeting, April 21, 2024

The April 21, 2024, General Meeting was held at Philly Down South's The Hut following our docent-led tour of In Celebration of King Tut Exhibit in The Elliott Museum, Stuart, FL.

President, Bob Ridle called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM. There were 34 members and two guests present at the meeting. Bob asked to recognize any new members or guests at which time Gary Eichhorn introduced his daughter, Lisa, visiting from CT. Leigh Ann Hoey introduced her guest, Kim Copy.

Secretary's Report – JoAnn Smith was absent, volunteering at another local museum. Bob Ridle said, using JoAnn's often-used expression, the Minutes will be in the Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report – Barb Joyce said all bills are current and paid, leaving us with a nice balance.

Membership Report – Ann Ridle reported that we have 95 paid family unit memberships totaling 174 people.

Newsletter – Sally Franklin had nothing new to report.

Website – Bob Ridle said that he will be on the Cracker Tour taking photos which he will upload to the website a couple days following the tour. Fellow member tourers should forward their photos to Bob for inclusion on the website. Be sure to check out Members on the Move online.

Special Events – In Denny Dahle's absence, Sally Franklin said to contact her in advance if you plan to participate in the Stuart Memorial Day Parade on Monday May 27th.

Cool Car Show – Sally Franklin will be scheduling the first organizational volunteers meeting sometime mid-May.

Cracker Tour – Dave Brown said the drivers' meeting will be at 7:45 AM at the Fort Pierce Cracker Barrel. If you plan to have breakfast first, please arrive early enough to finish and attend the meeting. Dave & Amy will be leading the group out at 8:00 AM *sharp!*

Store Report – Tanya Coletta was absent. No report.

Legislative Update – Jay Smith reported US Congress is contemplating legislation to ban lead wheel weights for environmental protection from lead. Some States have already enacted such legislation. Jay will keep us informed of further progress on this.

Sunshine – In Marie Flaherty's absence, Sally Franklin reported that Bob Lambert has been hospitalized for nearly 2 weeks for treatment of either a stroke or seizure. No additional information is available currently. We wish Bob a full and fast recovery.

Lamberts are planning the May BOD meeting and the General Meeting. Please note that Board members should RSVP to Bob Ridle in place of Lou Lambert for the May 7th BOD meeting.

Members should RSVP to Sally Franklin in place of Lou for the May 19th General Meeting. See General Meeting details below.

Sergeant at Arms – John DeLisa was absent. No report.

Old Business – Nothing to discuss or report. New Business - Nothing to discuss or report.

May General Meeting – The General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday May 19th, which is out of date sequence due to the Memorial Day holiday. We will be visiting the Equine Rescue & Adoption Foundation on Martin Highway in Palm City. Lunch will be at Bonefish Mac's Sports Grille on Becker Rd, Port St. Lucie. Additional details are elsewhere in the Newsletter as well as on the website. As noted above, please RSVP to Sally Franklin in place of Lou Lambert for this meeting.

The Searles were thanked for planning the April meeting at the Elliott Museum.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Sandee Searle for Jo Ann Smith

General Meeting Notice

Sunday, May 19, 2024 9:30 AM

We will meet in the parking lot behind Walgreens at 3053 SW Martin Downs Blvd (at the corner of High Meadow) at 10 AM and depart promptly at 10:30 AM for the Equine Rescue & Adoption Foundation at 6400 SW Martin Highway, Palm City. Treats for the horses are welcome but should be limited to carrots, peppermints (yes, peppermints, the round fluffy kind especially), and alfalfa cubes. Please do not bring apples.



We will leave the Equine Rescue around 1:30 PM for the drive to lunch at Bonefish Mac's, 662 SE Becher Rd in Port Saint Lucie, arriving around 2.



RSVP: Sally Franklin at sfranklin_2000@yahoo.com or 314-324-5192, no later than May 16th.

Upcoming National Events

AACA National & Regional Events

June 9-13, 2024 – Fredericksburg, Virginia – Eastern Divisional Tour – sponsored by AACA Buzzards Breath Region. Open to vehicles up through 1999.

June 20-22, 2024 – Saratoga, New York – Eastern Spring Nationals, sponsored by AACA Saratoga Region – Thomas Walsh, Chairman – 518-863-4987. [Online Registration Brochure](#)

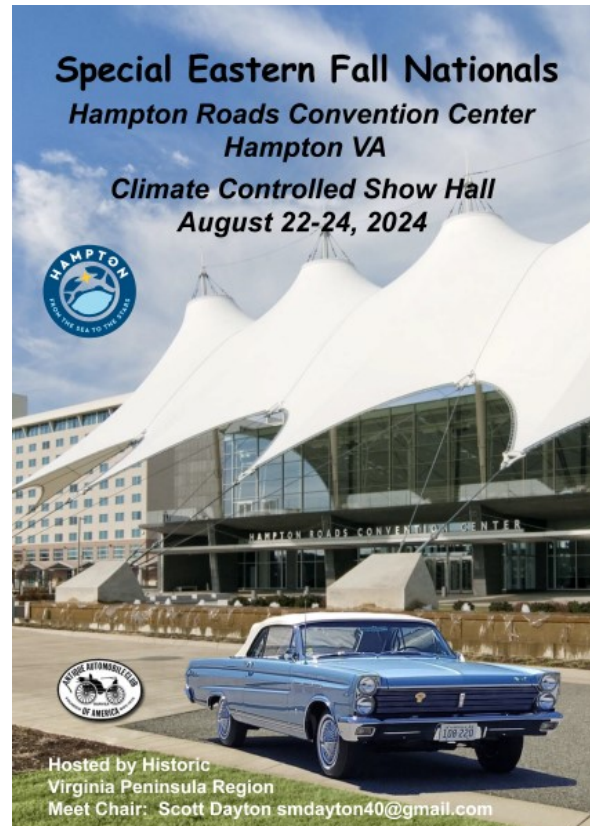


Western National Tour
July 10-13, 2024
Buffalo, Wyoming
Bighorn Mountains

Vehicles should be suitable for mountain driving

Questions? Tour Chairman: Myron Smith
402-429-0118, myronsmith@windstream.net
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Meet Chair: Scott Dayton smdayton40@gmail.com

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



Sunshine & Happenings

SUNSHINE REPORT

Get well cards were sent to Bob Lambert, Marie Flaherty and Amy Brown. 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.

From the Membership Desk:

Welcome to new members Dan and George Ann Braden, who joined our club while on their very first Cracker Tour. Or should I say, despite being on their very first Cracker Tour. :-)

Also, welcome to returning member Boo Lowery, who also joined us on the Cracker Tour.

Ann Ridle

Stuart Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 27th

If you are interested in driving your classic vehicle in the Stuart Memorial Day Parade in downtown Stuart, please RSVP to Sally Franklin at sfranklin_2000@yahoo.com or 314-324-5192, or Denny Dahle at koda06@belsouth.net, no later than May 20th.

The parade starts at 10, but line up starts at 9 and we must be in place by 9:15.

If you are not registered, you will not be allowed in the parade.



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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 THE MONTH OF MAY 2024 ONLY

As we head into May, there are some special car events for May/2024. There are also 2 new weekly events (one in Tradition and one in Stuart) as follows:

Starting Thursday May 2nd and repeating every Thursday, a cruise in at PDQ restaurant located at 2331 SW Federal Hwy in Stuart (east side just south of Monterey Rd) at 5 pm. Management will offer 3 free chicken tenders with any purchase for cruisers. More info here via e mail....pdq434@eatpdq.com. Store phone is 772-293-9792.

The second event will take place every Monday starting Monday May 6th, 5 PM at the PDQ restaurant located in Tradition at 10630 SW Tradition Pkwy Port St Lucie. Management will offer 3 free chicken tenders with any purchase for cruisers. More info here via e mail....pdq434@eatpdq.com Store Phone is 772-577-5364.

NOTE: Corvette Night at the Elliott Museum Weds May 1st - No entry fee for Corvette owners (more info below).

- Saturday/Sunday May 4th & 5th, car show/swap meet at the Indian River County Fairgrounds. Details here: <https://flcarswapmeets.com> or by phone at 954-205-7813.

- Sunday May 19th Car Show at The Bridge Rd Speed Club, 11550 SE Federal Hwy Hobe Sound, 10 am to 2 pm, Classics, Exotics, Customs. Proceeds benefit Martin County Boys/Girls Clubs, hosted by "Taste" casual dining....772-291-3765

Here are some events for the Memorial Day weekend:

"Rolling Thunder" will hold a 3 day event at the St Lucie Civic Center starting with a Gold Star Family dinner (6:30 pm) and candlelight vigil (8:30 pm) on Friday May 24th. On Saturday May 25th, there will be a car/motorcycle show with live music and food trucks. Festivities will wrap up on Sunday May 26th with an escorted motorcycle "Ride For Freedom" from the Civic Center to Treasure Coast Harley Davidson in Stuart where an after ride celebration will be held. I can e mail a flyer if interested or you can e mail the event coordinator, Mindy at mindybo@bellsouth.net for more info (she can also be reached via phone at 561-844-9888).

Also scheduled for Sunday May 26th is "Hot Rodding for Heroes" at the Summer Crush Winery 4200 Johnston Rd Fort Pierce. \$20 entry fee, registration open 10:30 am to noon, open to all years/makes/models. Sponsored by McKees37 (product demonstrations), tribute to Elvis with David Morin. Hosted by the No Name Car Club - Carlos 772-528-4247.

Monday May 27th will be the annual Memorial Day Parade in downtown Stuart. It's a FREE event and you get to show off your ride in Stuart's hometown parade.....Go to info at stuartparades.com or call 772-220-4127 to register.

Upcoming Events, continued...

EVENTS THAT REPEAT MONTHLY

- Friday May 3rd 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 4th, 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 May 5th, 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 May 9th, 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
- Saturday May 11th Monthly Cars & Coffee at The Elliott Museum 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).
- Sundays May 12th & May 26th Valencia Cay Cars & Coffee 662 se Becker Rd, 8 am. Free event - Dunkin Donuts and Publix are nearby (2nd and 4th Sunday of the month).
- Monday May 20th, 3rd Monday of the month car show at T/A Truck Stop, 8909 20th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32996. Hosted by the No Name Car Club. Free entry, oldies music, 50/50. Dining Discounts Carlos, 772-528-4248.
- Saturday May 25th South East Classics Harborside Show 4th Saturday of the month car show 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM , 129 Soundings Ave, Jupiter, FL 33477. \$10 entry fee. Roll in at 2:00 PM. Trophies, including Participants & Spectators Choice. Open to all years, makes and models. Contact is Pete Needre Petete2350@comcast.net or call 772.216.9488.
- Sunday, May 26th, 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. info@shiftculture.com.

EVENTS THAT REPEAT WEEKLY

- Mondays starting Monday May 6th, 5 PM at the PDQ restaurant located in Tradition at 10630 SW Tradition Pkwy Port St Lucie. Management will offer 3 free chicken tenders with any purchase for cruisers. More info here via e mail...pdq434@eatpdq.com - Store Phone is 772-577-5364.
- Tuesdays Weekly Tuesday Night Car Show at Lowes, 5 pm - 7:30 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 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. Special for this week (5/1)-FREE entry for Corvette drivers and 2 FREE oil changes will be raffled off for Corvette owners.
- 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. Butch White 772-618-3794.
- Thursday May 2nd and repeating every Thursday a cruise in at PDQ restaurant located at 2331 SW Federal Hwy in Stuart (east side just south of Monterey Rd) at 5 pm. Management will offer 3 free chicken tenders with any purchase for cruisers. More info here via e mail...pdq434@eatpdq.com. Store phone is 772-293-9792.
- 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)

MEMBER STORIES

King Tut in Review By Sandee Searle

The April General Meeting was an enlightening visit to see In Celebration of King Tut, an exhibit of amazing replicas of the Egyptian relics at The Elliott Museum. Our docent-led tour provided interesting facts about British archaeologist and Egyptologist Howard Carter's 1922 archaeological discovery of the young King's hidden tomb and elaborate gold and gem-encrusted Egyptian artifacts that are permanently on display in Egypt's museums.



King Tutankhamun became Pharaoh in 1332 BC at the tender age of eight following the death of his father, King Akhenaten. He was the Boy King, ruling for only 10 years until his untimely death, most likely from complications of infection from a knee injury and malaria.

Three fascinating artifacts were the nesting anthropoid coffins, the golden chariot, and the Rosetta Stone. King Tut's mummified body was laid to rest in a solid gold coffin fashioned in his image which nested inside two more gold-plated and gem adorned wood coffins, also carved in his image. Think of them as life-sized Russian Matryoshka dolls, only extremely heavy.



MEMBER STORIES

King Tut in Review, continued...

One of Tut's favorite pastimes was racing chariots. The gilded chariot on display was a ceremonial chariot adorned with painted figures including a protective eye on either side.



The Rosetta Stone which should belong to Egypt has been at The British Museum for over two centuries. On this 2'x3.25' black granite stone is a Ptolemaic decree from 196 BC inscribed in ancient Greek, Egyptian, and hieroglyphics. This stone was instrumental in deciphering hieroglyphics. What amazed me was how straight and even the lines and characters were, as if they had been lasered into the stone over two millennia ago. If you missed our meeting, the Exhibit will be at The Elliott until May 31st. Seeing these antiquities is well worth your time.

After our tour we enjoyed a tasty lunch outside The Elliott at the Philly Down South Tiki Hut. Thanks to the 27 members and two guests who joined us.

If you want to see pictures of our adventure, please click [HERE](#).

