



# Vintage Times



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## Upcoming Meetings

The June General Meeting will be on **Thursday, June 27th**. Please see the announcement on page 4 for details.

*“Oh, big ol’ jet airliner, Don’t carry me too far away, Oh big ol’ jet airliner, ‘Cause it’s here that I’ve got to stay” – Steve Miller Band (1977)*

The month of June brings our Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club/ AACA to the halfway point in 2024. So far our monthly events have taken us to the American Icon



Brewery (with that MAMMOTH engine) in Vero Beach, the Busch Wildlife Sanctuary in Jupiter, the Geoffrey C. Smith Galleries in Port Salerno, the Elliott Museum’s King Tut Exhibit in Stuart, the Equine Rescue Center in Palm City, we’ll soon visit The Factory Lightweights Muscle Car Museum...and oh yes, we enjoyed the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Cracker Tour! And it’s that Cracker Tour that I’d like to revisit in this month’s *President’s Message*.

There was plenty to do and see on this year’s tour, but one of the highlights of the journey for me was a gentleman I met in the lobby of the Hampton Inn where the club was staying. His name was Jack Peterson, and he first approached me Saturday morning while we were enjoying the hotel’s complimentary breakfast before departing for that day’s adventure. Having noticed the club’s vehicles, he wondered if we were there for an old car show in the area that he might attend. I explained our group wasn’t there for a show, but was instead travelling in our old cars on a 4 day tour of the area, before heading back across the state to the Treasure Coast, but he was certainly welcome to view our vehicles and ask any questions. When we returned to the hotel that evening Jack was once again admiring our old cars, and then he shared a picture from 1977 of the most unique new car delivery I had ever seen.

As it turns out, Jack was a member of the United States Air Force Academy Class of 1978, and in the spring of 1977 he had completed his Junior year (along with nearly 1,000 other cadets) and could now have a car at their Colorado Springs campus.

## President's Message, continued...

The photo was taken in the spring of 1977 when the Pontiac Motor Division was delivering approximately 110 new '77 Pontiacs that had been pre-ordered by members of Jack's class in anticipation of completing their third year. When the academic year came to a close, the cadets took off in mass to pick up their new cars in Michigan. It turns out, not every "Jet Jockey" had to have a Corvette, as about 11% of Jack's class preferred Pontiacs. Of course,



Pontiac had plenty of muscle to offer. A quick perusal of Jack's picture shows the most popular model ordered was the Firebird, but there was also a smattering of Lemans, Grand Prix and other Pontiac models in the photo as well...all lined up in a formation to resemble a big ol' jet plane. In case you're wondering, Jack picked up a brown Firebird Trans Am that day. Due to high altitude regulations in Colorado there were no 4-speeds in that line-up, only automatics!

I'm sure a better quality photo of this delivery may be in the General Motors archives, but I did appreciate Jack sharing the image and the story behind it. You never know what you might see or who you might meet on a TCVCC Cracker Tour!

Well, that's it for now. I hope to see everyone at our Thursday, June 27th meeting...yes, I said Thursday. Check this issue of *Vintage Times*, or our website's [Club Activities](#) tab, for more information. In the meantime, let's keep 'em on the road!

*Bob Riddle*

# Secretary's Report

## Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club General Membership Meeting, May 19, 2024

The event was held at Equine Rescue & Adoption Center at 6400 SW Martin Highway in Palm City followed by the Meal & General Meeting at Bonefish Mac's Sports Grille on Becker Rd , PSL.

President, Bob Ridle called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. There were 31 members attending.

Secretary's Report – JoAnn Smith was absent, volunteer Ann Ridle using JoAnn's often-used expression, "the Minutes will be in the Newsletter."

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

Membership Report – Ann Ridle reported 97 paid memberships representing 176 people.

Newsletter – Sally Franklin continues keeping us updated "in the Newsletter." (thank you Sally)

Website – Bob Ridle – updated daily (almost) .. check it out.

Special Events: Denny Dahle: Stuart Memorial Day Parade on Monday May 27th. Keep up to the date with all the scheduled events .. list can be founded on the TCVCC.AACA.com Web Site & in the Newsletter.

Club Store Report – Tanya Colletta absent. Legislative Report: Jay Smith absent.

Sunshine Report: Marie Flaherty: Cards sent to Nancy Ferrauto, Pearl Jackson, Bob Lambert (in Rehab), Bill Clark (would enjoy visitors).

Sargent at Arms Report – No change.

Tour Update ... Dave Brown, "The Cracker Tour that turned into the Gallbladder Tour." Amy came home the following Monday minus an organ. Brown's report will be submitted soon. It was a fun, fun trip for most of us all the time.

Cool Show Update: Franklin/Dahle, Sally Franklin will be scheduling the first organizational volunteers meeting sometime soon.

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

Thank you to Today's Host: Bob Ridle & Sally Franklin stepping in for Bob & Lucille Lambert.

June Upcoming Meeting – Denny & Charlene Dahle .. You don't want to miss a rarely -open-to-the-public: Performance Vehicles' Collection.. THURSDAY June 27<sup>th</sup>. Meet at 9:30AM at the Cracker Barrel on Lost River Rd.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Ann Ridle for Jo Ann Smith

# General Meeting Notice

**Thursday, June 27, 2024 9:30 AM**

**Please note that this meeting will be on a Thursday, not our usual Sunday.** It is being hosted by [Denny & Charlene Dahle](#). We will have a tour of the Factory Lightweights Museum in Stuart featuring some of the most iconic factory drag cars of all time and Concours Detroit Muscle Cars. Because this facility is only open weekdays, our June Meeting will be on a Thursday! To learn more about Factory Lightweights, click on the picture.



We'll Meet at 9:30 AM at the Cracker Barrel on Lost River Rd. (near I-95 Exit 101/Kanner Highway), departing at 9:45 AM for a short convoy to the Factory Lightweight Museum, at 7845 SW Ellipse Way.



Meeting and lunch afterwards at 12 PM at the Southern Pig & Cattle, 2583 SE Federal Hwy., Stuart. Attendees pay their own.

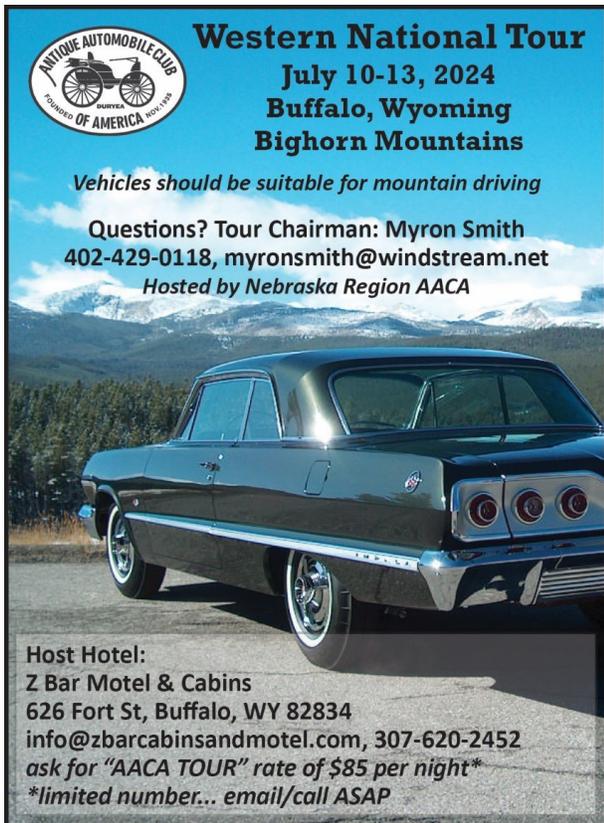
**RSVP deadline is June 20th! RSVP to [koda06@bellsouth.net](mailto:koda06@bellsouth.net).**

# 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](#)

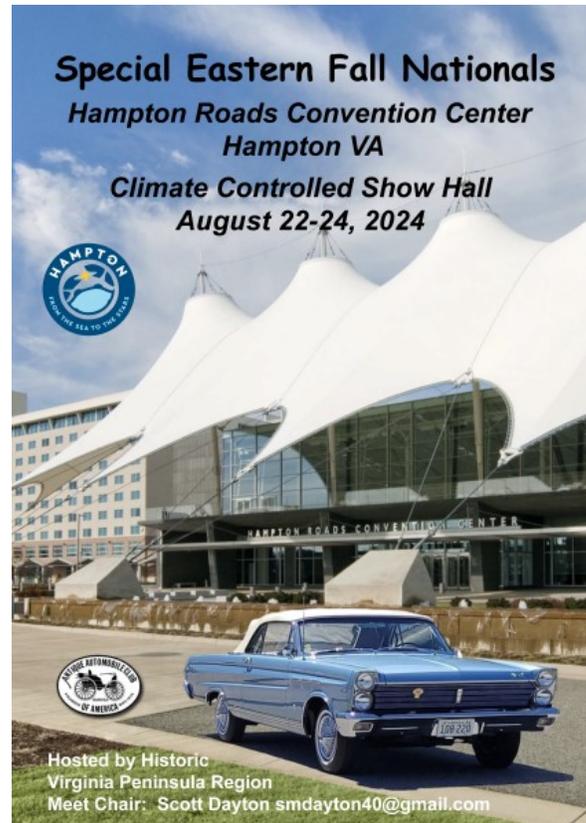


**Western National Tour**  
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Bighorn Mountains

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Questions? Tour Chairman: Myron Smith  
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Meet Chair: Scott Dayton smdayton40@gmail.com

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

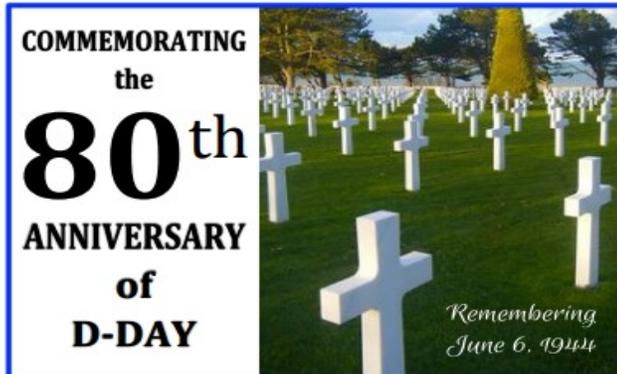


# Sunshine & Happenings

## SUNSHINE REPORT

A Get well card was sent to Pearl Jackson. Please pass on information to Marie Flaherty: email: [mariec21@earthlinknet](mailto:mariec21@earthlinknet), phone 772-631-9065. Let me know so we can shine some Sunshine for our club members.

### From our friends at the Road To Victory Museum:



JOIN US for a Ceremony at the  
**ROAD TO VICTORY MUSEUM (Open House)**  
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**THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2024**  
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### Who Wants To Cruise?

The club is thinking of booking a 4-day cruise on Celebrity out of Fort Lauderdale sometime in September or October of 2024. We can get a group /residence rate if we have enough people.

This will be the first time for the club, but before we go any further with details, we need to know how many are interested in the possibility of going.

Please contact either Mary Ann Arnone at [maanone@aol.com](mailto:maanone@aol.com) or Barbara Joyce at [joyce3063@aol.com](mailto:joyce3063@aol.com) no later than June 21st if you are interested.

If we get enough people who are definitely interested in this cruise, Mary Ann will go forward and get all the details.

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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 PROJECTS

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](mailto:sfranklin_2000@yahoo.com) to have it included in a future issue of the Vintage Times.

# Upcoming Events

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

### EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF June 2024 ONLY

- Sunday June 9th, B&A Flea Market Show, 10 am to 1 pm, 2885 US-1, Stuart, Complimentary Hot Dog lunch for car owners. Reserve your spot by calling 772-288-4915. Enter via US 1 and Luckhardt St. Hosted by Lew and His Crew, Free event, oldies music, 50/50, raffles

- Saturday June 15th, Port St Lucie Historical Society Classic car/Truck Show 1301 Lyngate Dr 10 am to 3 pm, preregistration encouraged, 772-323-1610 - \$25 registration fee

- Saturday June 15th , 10AM-1PM

The Palms of St Lucie West, 501 NW Cashmere Blvd, Port St Lucie 34986. Free lunch and entry. Carlos 772-528-4247

- Sunday June 16th Three events on Fathers Day

1- Fathers Day Car Show, Sunday June 16th, 9am to noon at The Grace Place Church, 1550 SE Salerno Rd, Stuart. This is a FREE event, gift certificates will be awarded in lieu of trophies and complimentary food will be served. Register here: Christie - 786 586-4692 or Karon 772-284-7010.

2- Fathers Day Car Show hosted by the no name car club...Sunday June 16th, 9 am to 1 pm, 201 Flagler Ave Stuart, FREE show but must register due to limited space. Carlos 772-528-4247. Best of show award.

3- Fathers Day Car Show at Texas Roadhouse 210 NW Peacock Blvd Port St Lucie, 11 am. Organizers have partnered with the DAV this year to help raise money! \$5 minimum donation to the DAV is preferred to show your car.

- Friday June 21st, 10 am to 1 pm, Watercrest Senior Living Car & Truck Show, 279 NW California Blvd Port St Lucie. FREE lunch and entry, Carlos 772-528-4247

- Sunday June 23rd, Cruzin to Summer Car & Truck show, Summer Crush Winery 4200 Johnston Rd Ft Pierce. \$20 entry fee, Registration opens 1030 am, show times are noon to 4 pm. Live music by the Riptide Band. Carlos 772-528-4247

- Friday June 28th Cars & Coffee at the Cabana at Jensen Dunes, 830 am to 11 am, 1530 NE Cedar St Jensen Beach. Open to all years/makes/models, FREE coffee and donuts for cruisers. Carlos 772-528-4247.

# Upcoming Events, continued...

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## EVENTS THAT REPEAT MONTHLY

- Saturday June 1st, 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 June 2nd, 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
- Friday June 7th 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 June 8th, 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 June 9th & June 23rd 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 June 17th, 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 June 22nd, 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 Pete2350@comcast.net or call 772.216.9488. LAST SHOW UNTIL OCTOBER
- Sunday, June 30th, 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.
- The second Thursday of the month "Street Dreams" show put on by Shift Culture in downtown Fort Pierce is on hold until further notice.

## EVENTS THAT REPEAT WEEKLY

- Tuesdays Weekly Tuesday Night Car Show at Lowes, 5 pm - 7:30 pm, 3620 SE Federal Hwy, Stuart, FL 34997. \$3 to show a car, 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).
- NOTE: Wednesday Weekly Car Show at the Elliott Museum - On Hold until the Fall
- 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.
- 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

### May General Meeting at the Equine Rescue and Adoption Foundation

The May General Meeting was a trip to the ERAF in Palm City. Around 20 members took the short drive to the facility for a wonderful tour provided by the staff and volunteers there. Many of us brought goodies for the horses, including carrots, alfalfa cubes, and peppermints. The club also made a monetary donation.



We learned that ERAF actively rescues animals who have been abused, abandoned or neglected, as well as slaughter-bound horses, donkeys, and mules. They then provide the medical care and rehabilitation for them with the goal of adoption for them.

We were introduced to many of the horses currently living there and learned their stories. Many of the horses are off-the-track racehorses. There are all types of horses there and available for adoption.



If you would like to get involved in this organization, contact them at 772-220-0150. They are always in need of volunteers to help around the barn or work with the horses.



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

# MEMBER STORIES

## Memorial Day Parade, May 27, 2024

The club had 15 cars participating in the Stuart Memorial Day Parade this year. Below are a few pictures.



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

## MEMBER STORIES

### CRACKER TOUR XXXVIII REPORT

April 25, 26, 27, 28, 2024

The 2024 Cracker Tour will forever be known as the “Gall Bladder Tour”, for reasons we will reveal later. But the gallant tourers departed the Fort Pierce Cracker Barrel at 8:00 on Thursday morning and had great anticipation of the days ahead.

We headed west, through Kenansville and Kissimmee and St. Cloud. We arrived at The Showcase of Citrus and had our lunch. Following lunch, we boarded the Monster Trucks that drove us through the citrus groves. We were followed by an ostrich and a camel, probably hoping for some treats to eat.



After we returned from the orange groves we headed toward the Hampton Inn at Spring Hill for cocktails and snacks at the pool. After eating more snacks than we really needed, most of the group still managed to have supper at one of the numerous restaurants in the area. Friday morning came early as we pulled out from the Hampton at 7:30.

We were headed toward the Ma Barker House, where the famous shootout between the Barker - Karpis Gang and the Federal agents happened on January 15, 1935. As tour leaders, Amy and I have been trying to book this tour for a number of years, and finally we succeeded. Our docent talked nonstop for about 45 minutes, giving us the details of the shootout and other facts leading up to the final day. Surprisingly, we learned that the gang was responsible for murdering 30 civilians and federal agents, far more than any of the more famous gangsters like Machine Gun Kelly, Baby Face Nelson, “Scar Face” Al Capone or many others. The house still has many of the bullet holes from the four hour shootout that killed Ma Barker and her son, Fred Barker, the only members of the gang at the house that day.

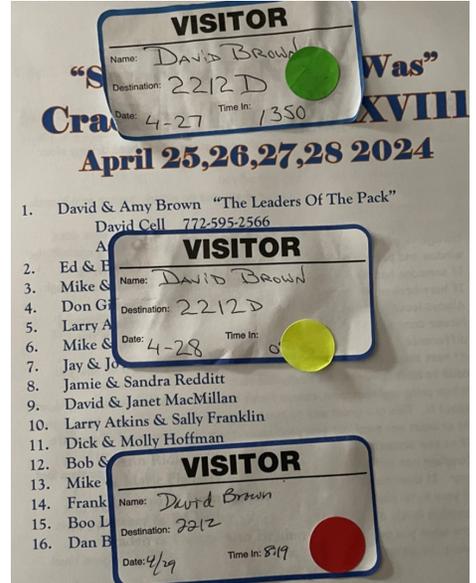


# MEMBER STORIES

## CRACKER TOUR XXXVIII REPORT, continued...

Friday afternoon was similar to Thursday, with lunch at Whispering Oaks Winery, then cocktails and snacks by the pool and supper at another of the area restaurants. But later, that all changed for Amy and me.

She woke up at about 4 am with severe pains in her chest. I called 911 and the ambulance transported her to Tampa General Hospital in Springhill. Fortunately, heart issues were quickly ruled out. After 2 days and 2 tests, it was confirmed that her gall bladder was bad and had to be removed. Surgery was performed laparoscopically on Sunday, and she was released on Monday. Thankfully, the seats in our Grand Am recline which took some of the pressure off her incisions. So this marked the end to OUR Cracker Tour!



Saturday morning, at 9:15, Ed and Barb took over and led the Cracker Tour. After a short drive, the group visited the HOUSE OF PRESIDENTS in Clermont in front of the Citrus Tower. This attraction predated Disney World and other Central Florida attractions, and was one of the original roadside attractions that was visited by many tourists over the years. Designed as a replica of the White House, it has detailed wax sculptures of every President.

A tasty lunch at Red Wing Restaurant, followed by an evening pizza party at the hotel, where the famous Hard Luck Award was presented to Amy, David accepting in her absence.

Sunday morning at 8:00 was sad, as it always is on the final day of the tour. Lunch was at Market 27 Restaurant. The tour ended after lunch, where we gathered to say our good byes and the final AMEN was said. And so ends the 38th Cracker Tour, which will forever be known as the Gall Bladder Tour of 2024.

Plan to join us next year for the 39th Cracker Tour. No, we don't have the dates and no, we don't have the hotel yet.



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