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Upcoming Meetings

The July General Meeting will be on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>July 20th</u>. Please see the announcement on page 4 for details.

"On the road again, I just can't wait to get on the road again..." – Willie Nelson (1980)

That's one of the things I really like about our TCVCC/AACA group... getting on the road again. We are always offering ways for you to get your old car or truck out for a drive somewhere. Think about it...on a



monthly basis we almost always start our monthly meetings by rendezvousing somewhere first, and then caravanning to wherever that month's planned activity will be. It's a great opportunity to "stretch the legs" of our classics and give the folks along the way a chance to reminisce. In a way, we are actually driving time machines that are capable of transporting any viewer back in time, and

we don't need a flux capacitor for that to happen. We may be cruising on A1A, but those watching us go by are headed down Memory Lane. And that brings me back to Willie Nelson's song.

If you're really interested in getting "on the road again" with a few of your (sometimes) rowdy friends and seeing some sites along the way, TCVCC has you covered with our extended 4 day tours driving your antique car or truck. Participant's vehicles must be at least 25 years old. Of course, we stay off the Interstates and Turnpikes and pretty much follow Florida's more leisurely state highways and back roads, where old Florida can still be found. The April "Cracker Tour" is a recent example. Photos of which can be viewed via the links found on our website's <u>Club Activities Page</u>. Take a look and you'll see participants had fun!



From start to finish of the 2024 Cracker Tour



President's Message, continued...

Right now registration is open for the legendary "Hot August Nights Tour"...and here's all you need to know to get registered. $\downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow$

HOT AUGUST NIGHTS "I Don't Care" Tour 2024 Save the date!

The Hot August Nights Tour will be on August 8, 9, 10 and 11, 2024.

This tour is for antique cars, 25 years old and older. That means 1999 and older vehicles. Just a few reminders. It is going to be HOT! But remember, it'll be hot at home too, so join us if you dare. Also remember. This is the "I Don't Care" Tour. I don't care if it's hot. I don't care about anything except to have a good time with some of my TCVCC friends. We will be staying in Daytona Beach, and visiting numerous interesting sites there and in the surrounding vicinity.

So here is what you do. You MUST register with the Brown's, either at 772-464-2966 or <u>brown7373@bellsouth.net</u> Please, no verbal registrations when you happen to see me or Amy. We are getting old, and our memories are failing.

I hope you made it to the June Meeting and the tour of the Factory Lightweights Museum in Stuart. This museum is dedicated to factory cars built for competition on the quarter-mile track, and they were amazing! For a weekday event, we had a strong turnout of 30 members & guests, 28 of whom made it to the Pig & Cattle afterwards for lunch. Thanks to Denny & Charlene Dahle for putting our June activities together. Up next will be our July visit to the Gray Motorsports Museum in Jupiter. More information on the July General Meeting can be found here in *Vintage Times* and on our website's <u>Club Activities Page</u>.

Well, that's it for now. I hope to see everyone at our Saturday, July 20th meeting! In the meantime, let's keep 'em on the road!

Bak Ridle

Secretary's Report

Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club General Membership Meeting, June 27, 2024

The general meeting was hosted by Denny Dahle and was held at the Factory Lightweights Museum in Stuart with lunch following at the Pig and Cattle Restaurant in Stuart.

The meeting was called to order at the museum by President Bob Ridle at 10:51 AM.

We had as guests Ty and Eileen Magensen from the Indian River Region car club and Sam and Linda Gianino, past members of TCVCC.

Secretary's Report: I want to report that I made a mistake in asking for a vote on

the corrected June Board minutes. This should only be voted on by the Board members.

I will take care of this at the up-coming board meeting. Thanks, Jo Ann, Secretary.

Treasurer's report: Barb Joyce was not in attendance but Pres. Bob Ridle reported we are fine in the banking department.

Bob Ridle reported for Ann; we now have 98 members (178 people). He also reported that she had gotten some half year membership forms we can use this last half of the year for four (4) applications.

Sally will have the newsletter out soon.

Website: Pres. Bob Ridle reported we have had a large amount of monthly visits to our Website since we won our awards from National. Nearly 1,000 in February and an average of 400 or so on-going. Bob reported we have had no malfunctions and the website has all current information on the Cool Car Show for your viewing.

Denny Dahle will have all special events listed in the newsletter.

No Club Stores report.

Jay had no Legislative information regarding our Old Cars.

Sunshine Report: Marie Flaherty was not present but it was reported that Tanya Colletta was sent a card following her recent surgery.

No Sargent at Arms report. John DeLisa not present.

The Browns sent in the dates for the HOT AUGUST NIGHTS tour, August 8-11th. We will be visiting the Daytona Beach area. REGISTER NOW if you're planning to go. Call or e-mail Dave brown to receive your hotel info etc.

Cool Car Show: Denny and Sally had their first meeting and members have been assigned to various jobs. Sponsors need to be gotten and Door Prizes gathered up. They will keep club up-to-date as we go along. Sponsor sheets and registration sheets are now available. Sally reported that all Permits have been gotten.

Old Business: Mary Ann Arnone had asked for some input on the club members going on a Celebration Cruise Ship weekend. There were enough members interested and you can go on the Celebrity Cruises website and make your own arrangements for the TCVCC group. Or call Mary Ann for more information. Her number is in roster.

John DeLisa will be hosting the July meeting. Information will be in the newsletter.

Note the date has been changed to SATURDAY, July 20th.

Under New Business it was decided to hold off on deciding what to do about giving a donation to IRSC as requested in a letter previously received until our Treasurer is back and can discus money. There being no further business before the general meeting, a motion was made by Frank Loverso to adjourn, seconded by Sandy Searle, Passed, and we did. Time 11:20 AM. On to Pig and Cattle for lunch.

Respectfully Submitted, Jo Ann Smith, Secretary



General Meeting Notice

Saturday, July 20, 2024 9:30 AM

Please note that this meeting will be on a Saturday, not our usual Sunday. We will rendezvous at the Taste Restaurant parking lot, 11550 SE Federal Highway, on the west side of US 1 approximately 3/8 mile north of Bridge Road in Hobe Sound. We will meet at 9:30 and depart at 10:00 for our destination.



We'll arrive at the Gray Motorsports Museum, 900 Capital Street, at around 10:45 AM and spend about 2 hours there. We will leave there in time to arrive at the Gallery Grill in Tequesta at 1:15 PM.



RSVP deadline is July 16th! RSVP to johndelisa714@gmail.com, or call John at 570-350-1870.

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Upcoming National Events

AACA National & Regional Events

July 10-13, 2024 – Big Horn Mountain, Wyoming – Western Divisional Tour, sponsored by AACA Nebraska Region. Open to vehicles up through 1999. <u>Brochure</u> Email Sue for registration form – <u>seitnier@aaca.org</u>

August 22-24, 2024 – Hampton, Virginia – Special Eastern Fall Nationals, sponsored by AACA Historic Virginia Peninsula Region – <u>brochure</u>, <u>host hotel registration link</u>, contact: Scott Dayton – <u>smdayton40@gmail.com</u>

September 12-14, 2024 – Loveland, Colorado – Western Fall Nationals, sponsored by AACA Poudre Valley Region – Joe Pirrone, Chairman – joenkathy@earthlink.net. Click here for brochure





September 22-27, 2024 – Fairfield, Pennsylvania – Revival AAA Glidden Tour®, sponsored by the AACA Sugarloaf Mountain Region – Bob Burchill, Chairman – hattiesgarage@comcast.net (SOLD OUT)

October 8-11, 2024 – Hershey, Pennsylvania – Eastern Fall Nationals, sponsored by AACA Hershey Region – contact: <u>fallmeet@hersheyaaca.org</u> <u>brochure</u>

October 23-26, 2024 – Huntsville, Alabama – Southeastern Fall Nationals, sponsored by AACA North Alabama Region – Dave Robertson, Chairman – 256-653-4036; <u>davelrobertson44@gmail.com</u> <u>brochure</u>

For more listings and information, click <u>HERE</u> to visit the AACA website.



Sunshine & Happenings

SUNSHINE REPORT

A Get well card was sent to Tanya Colletta following her surgery. A sympathy card was sent to the family of Pete Pope. 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.

For Sale

1932 Buick Series 50 Sedan

Club member Cliff Kuss has one for sale, asking \$19,000 or best offer. Contact Cliff at Cliffkuss@yahoo.com or call him at 772-233-8226.



Who Wants To Cruise?

A group of club members are going on a 4-day cruise on Celebrity out of Fort Lauderdale September 23rd, 2024.

We have gotten a group /residence rate. Please contact either Mary Ann Arnone at <u>maaranone@aol.com</u> or Barbara Joyce at <u>joyce3063@aol.com</u>, for more information.



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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 toshare 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.

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

EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF July 2024 ONLY

Sunday July 14th Hot Roddin Summer Beach Party 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. 12th Anniversary show - live music, Hosted by the No Name Car Club - Carlos 772-528-4247.

Weds July 24th, Brennity at Tradition 10685 SW Stoney Creek Way PSL, 4 to 6 pm. Music, dancing, singing and more. Please register at kggraham@brennitylife.com or 772-345-2700
Saturday July 27th, 8 am Vinnie D'Ambrosio memorial cruise to the Caladium Car Show at Devane Park in Lake Placid - Meet up will be at the Ft Pierce Home Depot. The No Name Car Club will provide a Roast Pork Cuban Dinner. Kindly bring your favorite beverages, side dishes and desserts to share. MUST RSVP by 7/23 - Carlos 772-528-4247

- Sun July 28th, Market Motors Classic Car Show, 8 am to 1 pm (awards at 12:30), The Gardens GreenMarket, 10500 N. Military Trail, Palm Beach Gardens \$10 entry fee and MUST REGIS-TER HERE.

EVENTS THAT REPEAT MONTHLY

- Friday July 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 July 6th, 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 July 7th, Holy Grounds 1st Sunday of the month Car Show, 4 to 7 pm (cars should be in place by 3 pm) Christ Family Church, 5200 Oleander Ave Ft Pierce. The July 7th show will feature a patriotic theme and will honor First Responders. Live music, bounce house, BBQ and more. A flyer is posted on the Treasure Coast Automobile Enthusiasts Facebook page.

- Saturday July 13th, 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 July 14th and July 28th, 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)

- Sunday, July 28th, 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.

Upcoming Events, continued...

EVENTS THAT REPEAT WEEKLY

- Tuesdays Weekly 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).

- Wednesdays, Weekly cruise in at Dairy Queen 9019 US Hway 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)
Saturdays, Weekly Afternoon gathering at the Causeway, 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. Directions: From the mainland, drive OVER the bridge/causeway. On the bridge 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, cooler, snack (if you like) and relax... Restrooms in West section of park. Weather permitting of course. Contact is Bob Crow at 772-359-4822.



News From National

July = Hershey

By Stacy Zimmerman, Speedster Editor, szimmerman@aaca.org

Yes, you read that correctly... July = Hershey. Now you're saying to yourself – she's gone mental and what in the world is she talking about?! The Hershey show is AL-WAYS in October, not July. And my reply to you would be that you are right, and now you are totally confused.

While the Eastern Fall Nationals, aka the Hershey show, does always happen in the fall, REGISTRATION for the show is in July. And... if you don't register now, you can't participate later. So, if you think about it, July is probably the second most anticipated month of the year by many AACA members.

Hershey registration materials are available right now – just call (717-534-1910), email, or mail in your request for flea market, car corral and show car information. You can also go online to register your show car AND pay online via credit card, which is new this year and makes everything totally convenient!

I know you all think that October is still pages away in your calendar and Hershey registration just started and you have plenty of time, but the problem is that starting today you have exactly 49 days to get everything in order for Hershey. We all know how fast time flies and that sometimes we simply just forget, so please do yourself a favor and take care of this RIGHT NOW. For the love of everything Hershey, please do NOT be one of those people who call our office on August 16 begging and pleading your case to us to let you register late.

It takes 800+ volunteers from the Hershey Region the majority of the year to coordinate all of the moving parts that make up the Hershey show. With 9,000 flea market vendor spaces, 700 car corral spaces, more than 1,000 antique cars in the judged Friday show, and 200,000+ visitors over 4 days sprawled over 235 acres, the Hershey show is still considered to be the largest event of its kind in the world. This is why the August 15 deadline is so strict.

Again, please don't procrastinate and please don't make us be the bad guys who have to tell you no. The time to register for Hershey is NOW. Then you can sit back and enjoy the rest of your summer while you wait patiently for October to get here.

October 8-11, 2024

Eastern Fall Nationals

Hershey, PA

MEMBER STORIES

June General Meeting at the Factory Lightweights Musuem

The June General Meeting took us to Factory Lightweights Museum in Stuart. Bev Smith had been a Ford dealer since WWII and his son Nick was deep into drag racing in the 60's.

Nick took over the automotive operations from his father in the late 60's and the drag racing was set aside.

Eventually, Nick started collecting old drag cars, especially ones from his old days of racing. What started out small has grown to a fantastic collection of some of the finest factory drag cars out there. Here are just a few of the cars housed at Factory Lightweights.



1962 Ford Galaxie



1960 Ford



1965 Dodge Coronet



1963 Pontiac Tempest

To see all the pictures from the meeting, click **<u>HERE.</u>**

MEMBER STORIES

TCVCC Rescue Mission By Charlie Ulrich

Very few of the cars that we all love and enjoy can be described as iconic. Many are pretty, expensive, fast or just plain cute, but they aren't history makers. I submit to you that the MG TD is truly a history making, iconic vehicle.

When WWII was over in Europe, American soldiers and sailors with a few dollars in their pockets came home as proud owners of an automobile the likes of which had not been seen in the US. The MG was small, nimble, pretty and very quick. The sports car craze had started in America and has not looked back!





So when the owner of my shop building showed up with one of these world icons from 1950 that I just mentioned and asked that we restore it, we responded with, "Ick! No Way! Get that little POS outta here!" Somehow, landlords tend to get their way, and we ended up with this little pile of rubbish that had been languishing in a Pennsylvania barn for forty odd years.

Of course the owner presented it to us as needing just a bit of TLC and it would be good as new. That was four years ago, and we aren't finished yet!



MEMBER STORIES

Rescue Mission, continued...

My shop buddy, Bob Palmer, and I tore into the little car with naive abandon and quickly realized that we were in for a lengthy and complicated project. Although the car was very complete and original, it had suffered from many long years of neglect. Lots of worn out parts and bunches of rust! Bob was relentless, and didn't mind the fact that we had taken on a much bigger project than intended. Then Bob got sick, very sick, and passed away two years ago. This left me with a big shop I couldn't afford, and a partially finished MG that I had little love for.





THEN in rides the cavalry in the guise of TCVCC! Geoff Nichols came to my financial rescue by moving his cars in and sharing the rent. Once we had that straightened out I resumed work on the MG, and realized I needed help. Fellow TCVCC guys Larry Atkins and Bill Yunger have now been working with me for about two years, and we are finally seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. The car should be finished in a few weeks.

We have learned a lot of things in accomplishing this so called "little project". If you read any "How To" book about car restoration they aways talk about the fact that the time, effort, cost and detail is always more than expected. So true! Even though the car is small, parts are just as expensive as the big ones, and they never fit! Many hours were spent redoing and replacing stuff that had been painstakingly been installed wrong! We often had to console each other when things took too long or weren't right. This too, shall pass! And so it did.





Big thanks to Bill and Larry! We are quite proud of the little "Midget", which is what all MG's were originally named, and are confident that Sam, the owner, will enjoy it.