



Vintage Times



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Upcoming Meetings

The August General Meeting will be on **Saturday, August 24th**. Please see the announcement on page 4 for details.

"Hot fun in the summertime, Hot fun in the summertime, Hot fun in the summertime..." – Sly & The Family Stone (1969)

It's July 4th as I begin writing my August "President's Message". Outside my window I hear the almost constant sound of fireworks going off, and it's still daylight! It's my



neighbors celebrating with their backyard fireworks kits...kapow, boom, blam, thump, whump! Yes, it's definitely summertime and it's definitely hot...and that can make getting your old car or truck out for almost any event more challenging, especially here in the Sunshine State.

In Florida the heat definitely has an impact on the old car hobby with many of the regularly scheduled events and cruise-ins taking the summer off. Most will restart in September, with some waiting until October. But, the TCVCC/AACA gang soldiers on with our summertime schedule...June & July are already in the books, with August's activity coming up next. In fact, we actually kick up the activity level in August, with Dave & Amy Brown leading the club's aptly named "Hot August Nights" 4 day tour.

All of this brings me to the topic of AC in classic cars, or should I say adding after-market AC to a collector car that never had it, or never even offered it. I had always adhered to the idea that adding after-market AC to an antique car that never had it was destroying its "originality" and likely dropping its value. And certainly such a vehicle would get clobbered in AACA points judging for say a Junior or Senior Award. Oh my! So, in 2017 when Ann and I moved from Virginia to Florida, bringing along our '56 Studebaker Hawk and our '50 Hudson Commodore 6, I considered adding AC to them. But then, my long held feeling about not monkeying with a car's originality kicked in, and I decided against AC. End of story...well, not quite.

President's Message, continued...

After living in Florida for almost 7 years, I've done an about-face. So many of the older classic cars here have after-market AC, so that they can be driven and enjoyed year 'round. I see it all the time, and no one is worried about "lowering" the value of their vehicle. And potential buyers, who love to drive their classics in Florida, look for this feature. In my (changed) opinion, here in Florida having after-market AC installed likely enhances the car's value...its sale-ability...even if the vehicle loses a few points on the judging field. And with global warming, and this year's "heat dome" cooking the country, maybe the folks up north will start to see the value in it too.

Oh yes, about our one AC equipped old car. In 2021, we opted to pick up a later model "old" car, one with factory AC, to add to our small collection, and purchased a low mileage, very original, '78 Thunderbird, with factory AC, and had it converted to R-134. Problem solved! End of story...well, not quite. Since Florida can still be very warm in April, May, September and October, we found ourselves almost always using the T-Bird for club outings, and I missed driving our Hudson and Hawk. So, one of them will very likely have an after-market AC system installed in the near future.

Before I forget, a big thank you to John and Ann DeLisa for putting together a splendid July General Meeting activity, as 34 members & guests enjoyed the spacious, new Gray Motorsports Museum in Jupiter with its collection of superbly restored performance vehicles from every era. For more on our July event, visit the TCVCC/AACA website's [Home Page](#).

Well, that's it for now. I hope to see everyone at our Saturday, August 24th meeting, a turnpike cruise to the Dauer Museum of Classic Cars in Sunrise put together by Scott Bean. Information on this month's event can be found here in *Vintage Times* and on our website's [Club Activities](#) page. In the meantime, let's keep 'em on the road!

Bob Ridle



Secretary's Report

Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club General Membership Meeting, July 20, 2024

The general meeting was held at the Johnny Gray Motorsports Museum in Jupiter.

President, Bob Ridle, called the meeting to order at 11:56 AM.

Guests attending were Charlie and Sherry Ulrich's daughter Gretchen Peak and grandson Ethan Baylis from Texas.

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

Treasurer's Report: Barb Joyce informed members we have money in the bank and that she had paid our storage fee.

Pres. Bob Ridle reported for Ann that after a correction in memberships we have 97 members (175 people).

No News Letter Report due to Sally being out-of-town.

Website: Pres. Bob Ridle (our Webmaster) says we have had a lot of action on our website.

Also, you can access all of our Cool Car Show forms on our website.

Special Events co-chairman, Denny Dahle, will have events listed in the newsletter.

No Club Stores report due to Tanya Colletta recovering from recent surgery.

Jay Smith had no legislative action concerning old cars to report at this time.

Sunshine Report: Marie Flaherty has sent cards to Tanya Colletta and Curt Francisco.

John Delisa has storage in order and was pleased the storage was paid.

Dave and Amy have Hot August Nights under control and urged any member who would like to go and have not signed up to do so NOW. Call Dave.

Denny Dahle reported that the Cool Car Show is moving along nicely. We have gotten some sponsors and urged members to try and increase those numbers. He also is looking for a lot more Door Prizes. He and Sally will have another meeting sometime in August. If you have not registered your own car, or cars, it's time to do so. If you need sponsor forms or registration forms see Denny or Sally or go on our Website.

Old Business: There was some discussion a while back about purchasing a microphone to be used at our meetings. It was to be like those the girls used at the Busch Wildlife venue we attended. After some discussion relating to this it was decided to talk more about this at the next Board meeting.

In regard to the letter from IRSC about a donation to their Scholarship program Barb Joyce suggested we donate \$150.00 to be earmarked for their Auto Tech Department.

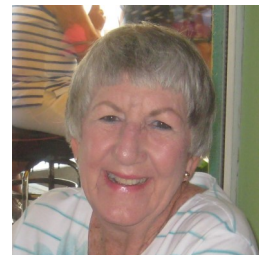
Denny Dahle made a motion we accept this as presented and John Delisa seconded it and it passed. Treasurer Barb Joyce will send the check.

There was no new business before the general membership.

Scott Bean will host the August meetings. His outing will be SATURDAY Aug. 24th with a visit to the Dauer Museum of Cars down in Sunrise. Details will be in the newsletter.

Pres. Bob Ridle thanked Ann and John Delisa for making the arrangements for this outing.

Barb Joyce made a motion we adjourn, seconded by Fil Ferrauto and passed and we did. After the meeting all went to the Gallery Cafe in Gallery Square in Jupiter for lunch.



Respectfully Submitted, Jo Ann Smith, Secretary

General Meeting Notice

Saturday, August 24th, 2024 9:30 AM

Please note that this meeting will be on a Saturday, not our usual Sunday.

Hosted by Scott Bean. A visit to the [Dauer Museum of Classic Cars](#) in Sunrise, FL. This will be a Saturday event, as the museum is not open on Sundays. The Dauer has an incredible collection of beautifully restored vehicles and memorabilia from the 30's through the 70's, with an emphasis on 50's, 60's and 70's GM products.



We will have a self-guided tour at cost of \$5 per person. Please have exact funds, as Sally will be collecting your money at our rendezvous point, the parking lot behind Walgreens at 3053 SW Martin Downs Blvd (at the corner of High Meadow) at 9AM. We'll depart at 9:30AM for the Dauer Museum, at 10801 NW 50th Street, in Sunrise, via Florida's Turnpike. You can take I-95 if you prefer. Our caravan will take about 90 minutes to arrive at 11AM. The August General Meeting will be held at the museum, followed by our lunch at 1PM at [Flanigan's Restaurant](#), 5450 N. State Road 7 (Highway 441), North Lauderdale.



RSVP deadline is August 21st! RSVP to sfranklin_2000@yahoo.com, or call/text Sally at 314-324-5192.

Upcoming National Events

AACA National & Regional Events

August 22-24, 2024 – Hampton, Virginia – Special Eastern Fall Nationals, sponsored by AACA Historic Virginia Peninsula Region – [brochure](#), [host hotel registration link](#), contact: Scott Dayton – smdayton40@gmail.com



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](#)

2024 Eastern National Fall Meet



Hosted by the
Hershey Region AACA
October 8-11, 2024
(Tuesday to Friday)
Hershey, Pennsylvania

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: fallmeet@hersheyaaca.org [brochure](#)

October 23-26, 2024 – Huntsville, Alabama – Southeastern Fall Nationals, sponsored by AACA North Alabama Region – Dave Robertson, Chairman – 256-653-4036; davelrobertson44@gmail.com [brochure](#)

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



Sunshine & Happenings

SUNSHINE REPORT

A Get well card was sent to Curt Francisco following his surgery. 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.



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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 to have it included in a future issue of the Vintage Times.

Upcoming Events

LOCAL EVENTS (Courtesy of Jim Serra)

EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2024 ONLY

There does not appear to be anything other than weekly or monthly cruise-ins this month. Good time to catch up on that maintenance you've been putting off.

EVENTS THAT REPEAT MONTHLY

- Friday Aug 2nd, 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 Aug 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 Aug 4th, 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. Live music, bounce house, BBQ and more. A flyer is posted on the Treasure Coast Automobile Enthusiasts Facebook page.
- Saturday Aug 10th, 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 Aug 11th and Aug 25th, 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)
- Friday Aug 26th, Cars & Stars 6 pm on the Pruitt Campus of IRSC, 500 NW California Blvd, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, Tickets are \$11.20 or \$ 21.40 (with service fees) for VIP. Put on by Shift Culture (shiftculture.com), Last Friday of the month

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 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)
- 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.

From The National Rummage Box

Cruising And Playing The Radio

By Phillip Cole Vice President - Publications

Maybe it was Chuck Berry who best described the joy of driving an automobile when he sang, "Cruising and playing the radio. With no particular place to go." At least since WWII, the radio has been an integral part of the freedom offered to us by the automobile. In the early 1990s I tried to describe "cruising and playing the radio" to a visiting English friend, but he couldn't comprehend it. It was Friday night. So, we walked the few blocks from my house to downtown Lincolnton, N.C. where there were hundreds of teenagers cruising in their cars. This prompted two questions from the Englishman: "What is the purpose of all this?" and "Why do they play their radios so loud?" When I tried to explain that it was a unique part of American culture thanks to "freedom of the road", he smiled and said, "Well, all these young people sure seem to be enjoying themselves!"

I grew up "cruising and playing the radio". The year I was born was when the 45 rpm record was introduced by RCA Victor. The year I learned to drive the 8-track player was becoming the big thing. I still have a box of 8-track tapes in the garage, but the player hanging under the dash is long gone. Let's share some important events in our history of cruising and playing the radio: --In the 1920s and 1930s in-car radios were being introduced. They were expensive, adding about 25% to the price of a Model A. The top song of 1930 was "Happy Days Are Here Again". In 1952, even though practically all stations were broadcasting in AM, the first in-car FM radio became available thanks to Blaupunkt. The top song was "Blue Tango". In 1963 vacuum tubes were replaced with transistors and car radios became "solid state". The top song was "Surfin' USA".

In 1965 8-track players became available. Over the next several years 8-track players were added to many cars. The top song was "Woolly Bully". By 1969 cars added stereo to their sound system, where the tuner amplified two channels, not just one. The top song was "Sugar, Sugar". In 1970 companies like Alpine and Pioneer sought to solve our problem of the 8-track player eating up the tape with cassette tapes. With the advent of cassette tapes, we could now play "my music" thanks to a "Mix Tape". The top song was "Bridge Over Troubled Waters". By 1982 Bose offered the first Premium Stereo System teaming up with GM's Delco to offer it as an option in Oldsmobiles, Buicks, and Cadillacs. The top song was "Physical". By 1984 Sony introduced an in-dash CD player. The top song was "Careless Whisper".

Now, buttons and dials have been replaced by touch screens and Bluetooth. If you don't know what that is, ask your grandchildren. Then, take them on a cruise in your "old car". If it has a radio, let them turn it up loud...



MEMBER STORIES

July General Meeting—Gray Motorsports Museum

By Bob Ridle

The July General Meeting took 34 TCVCC/AACA members and guests to a most unique automotive museum, conceived by race car driver Johnny Gray.

After assembling in Hobe Sound, our caravan departed for the Gray Motorsports Museum in Jupiter. The private museum is housed in a mammoth new facility at the end of Capital Street in Jupiter, and houses an eclectic collection of vehicles, most of which were designed and built to do one thing...go really, really fast!



From 1918 forward, through the 20's and 30's to the more modern era, from dirt tracks to drag strips, to the 24 hours of Le Mans, if it was built for power, if it was built for speed, it has found a home at this museum. Each vehicle meticulously restored and on display, with more under restoration in the large shop areas.

Stutz, Dusenberg, Packard, GTO, Mustang, Corvette, Yenko Camaro, Hemi Cuda, Porsche, Shelby, and lots of modifieds too...woodies, custom trucks, and dragsters. All of them spread out in the Gray's spacious interior, with lots of room for future growth.

To see photos of this amazing collection, visit the TCVCC/AACA [Home Page](#) and follow the links...you won't be disappointed!



MEMBER STORIES

Vintage Cars on the Danube

By Andre Rayman & Sally Franklin

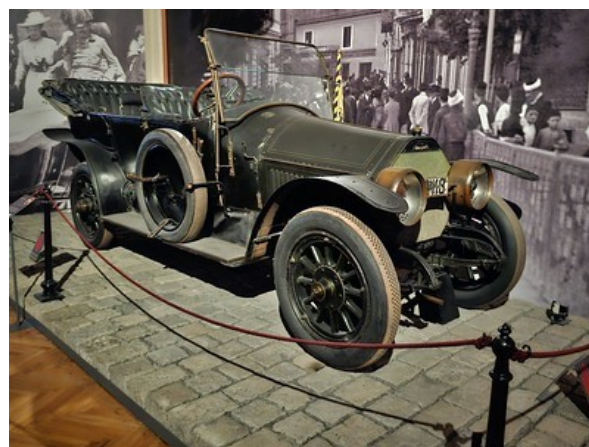
Past presidents of the TCVCC- Sally Franklin, Andre Rayman, and their spouses Larry Atkins and Rosemary took a Viking river cruise on the Danube river from Budapest to Regensburg during the week of July 12-22,2024. As it is in our DNA, we kept an eye open for any and all classics and attempted to go to any classical car museums in the cities that we travelled to. We learned that museums tend to be closed on Monday and Tuesdays.

On our first day in Vienna Austria, we didn't see any actual classics, but we did see a variety of E-cars (Golf Carts) that were made to resemble the classics of years gone by. Unfortunately, we did not have time to ride around in them. We did get to see the Lippizans at the Spanish Riding School and ride in a horse-drawn buggy, though.



On our second day in Vienna, we visited the Vienna Military Museum and viewed the touring sedan which Franz Ferdinand was being driven in when he was assassinated back in 1914 in Sarajevo. This

was the impetus for WW1. It is a Gräf & Stift luxury limousine. It's a *Double Phaeton* with engine number 287 It was purchased by Count Franz von Harrach, an officer of the Austrian army transport corps. The limousine was used to shuttle Archduke Franz Ferdinand around the Austro-Hungarian city of Sarajevo on June 28, 1914. This car is original right down to the bullet hole of the shot that killed his wife Sophie.



MEMBER STORIES

Vintage Cars on the Danube, continued...

In Passau, we ventured off into the countryside to a working farm that hosts weddings, brews beer, and does the Oktoberfest style entertainment year-round. When we came outside, we encountered this 1972 Cadillac convertible. A short discussion with the owner indicated that the car had only been in the country for 3 months, and would be in his daughter's upcoming wedding.



Upon arrival in Regensburg, we commenced on a walking tour around the city, and in a very short distance, we encountered this Goggomobile. It was nicely restored to a bright red color and appeared to be driven fairly regularly.

Our second day in Nuremberg was the most intense classic car day of the trip. Our tour took us to the infamous zeppelin field which was the parade grounds for the Nazi regime in the early 30's. It is often seen in documentaries showing marching soldiers and huge crowds of 150,000 and gigantic red banners. Here we encountered what appeared to be a classic VW show, though there were other non-VW participants



That afternoon, we took a short cab ride to the Merks Auto Museum. It has an extensive collection of cars (about 100 or more) motorcycles, bicycles, typewriters, cell phones, sewing machines, die cast cars, radios etc. If you are ever in Nuremberg, I highly recommend a trip to see this collection.

MEMBER STORIES

Vintage Cars on the Danube, continued...

Here are just a few pictures of the collection at the museum. To see more pictures from the museum, click [HERE](#). You will need to scroll to the pictures and also move to the other pages. There were a lot of cars, motor bikes and other memorabilia.



Amilcar in production from 1927-1935

