



# Vintage Times



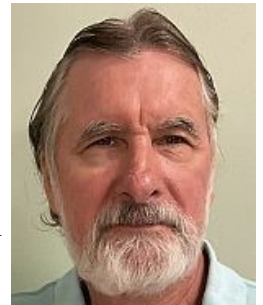
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## Upcoming Meetings

The March General Meeting will be on **Saturday, March 22nd**. Please see the announcement on page 5 for details.

Notes from the Pres desk, 2 down 10 to go. Sorta akin to "What's My Line" from TV days of old. A huge thanks to the 40 members who participated in the Indian Rive Lagoon pontoon ride on February 16 for being active & getting involved. Thank you to Rosemary & Andre for organizing it. We had great weather for this outing. It is that time of year. A slow drive home on Indian River Drive ( 25 mph )



We were abiding the speed limit. A large black pickup truck was drafting us to Savannah Rd. We were stopped at the stop sign. He flew by us thru the stop sign, passing on the double yellow at the intersection. Brilliant move by this genius with his phone # on the back window of his truck. Went by so quick we had no time to note it. What an idiot! This happened years ago on Green River Parkway & I called the # on his truck when I arrived home. He "said " Who is this ? " He was advised the next time it happened he would be blocked on the road. Evidently he had some cans of courage as later that night he called me..

A very active March car show schedule is upon us. By the time most of the members have read this some of us will have attended the Oaks show March 1 in Jensen Beach, then as usual the weekly cruise ins. March 8 th is the Oaks in Palm City, March 9 the Spring Ahead to Victory show chaired by Andre w/ the help of club members. Also on March 15 is the 1 st Annual car show at Ocean Village in Ft. Pierce. March 15 in Vero , Pt. St. Lucie & Del Webb in Tradition organized by Chris Levy. March 22 is the Celebration of Cars in Melbourne, Fla which some of the TCVCC members are planning on attending. Safe travels to all. March 29 is the South Fork High School show where we usually have a good representation of TCVCC members. The big red tent will be set up to provide shade for as many as we can hide under it. The old red truck will actually be driven on the road March 1 to the Oaks in JB & March 15 to the Pt. St. Lucie Botanical Gardens. Even entertained the idea of stopping by the gas station & putting a few gallons of fresh fuel in it. Decided against this as in 10 yrs. it has only visited the gas station 1 time. I do not have a 1/2 hr. to spend at the gas station talking old truck. The 1 time it was at the gas station it was like bees to a hive. I will transport the fuel instead.

In the process of replacing the front door on the house. The frame is painted & ready. Have stainless steel hinges to apply. The new door had some minor dings in it so some minor body work was performed. Great painting weather w/ the humidity low. The old door & jamb had been on the house for over 20 yrs. Hinge side jamb was never sealed so the wind driven water wicked up the jamb & caused some rot & the steel door skin has some rust issues on the bottom. Called a handy man to check on a price to replace the door YIKES !!! Another DIY project.

## From the Pres Desk, continued...

A gracious thank you to all the TCVCC members who attended the Kane Center car show on Feb. 23. Congrats to Sally Franklin for a top 3 award with her cute little Nash Metropolitan. Two members of TCVCC won 2 of the 3 awards at the Oaks show in Jensen Beach Mar 1 . Bill & Pat Musto with the 1924 Model T touring & Ron Goldbacher with his 1933 Dodge. And at Lou Bachrodt Chevrolet- Coconut Creek show, Fil Ferrauto and Frank LoVerso brought home trophies.

Hope to see many TCVCC members attending at least one show in March. 'Tis the season.

Remember - Be Active & Get Involved. Thanks, Denny

To see pictures from some of the shows we attended, click on the links below.

[KANE CENTER](#), [GRAND OAKS](#), [McKEE'S GARDENS](#), [LOU BACKRODT](#)

To keep up with our goings-on, please check out our website by scanning this QR code. Or visit [Treasure Coast Region AACA – Internet Home of the Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club](#) .



### If you like Museums...

Hi Kids, I stumbled upon this information the other day and thought I would share, may be of some interest to our members. Bank of America has many Museums and Institutions nationwide. The first full weekend of each month all Bank of America cardholders receive free admission. Have a great day.

Mike and Diane Franze

And from Curt and Terri Francisco, here is a link to find automotive museums all over the world.

[Museums by Region - Automotive Museum Guide](#)

# Secretary's Report

## Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club/AACA General Membership Meeting – February 16, 2025

NOTE – Due to an extremely noisy environment (our group was seated outdoors, adjacent to the street and a motorcycle parking area), it was determined that our usual meeting format could not be followed. After some discussion with other Board Members, President Denny Dahle & COB Bob Ridle, spoke individually with the Board, Committee, & club members present to gather input to share with membership for informational purposes. There were no motions made, nor actions taken. *Content from the February 4<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting Minutes is included in italics for informational purposes.*



Call to Order: 12:53PM

Secretary's Report: Ann Ridle not present. Bob Ridle reported February's minutes will be in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Barb Joyce reported the club had plenty of money.

Membership (2025): Sandee Searle not present. *At the February Board Meeting Sandy stated the club had 82 paid 2025 memberships representing 147 people. Twenty-five memberships remain unpaid. There was discussion about setting a firm cut-off deadline for late membership renewals to be included in the club roster, with March 9<sup>th</sup> being suggested, but no action taken.*

Newsletter: Sally Franklin stated the March Edition of *Vintage Times* will be out the first couple of days of March. *Sally will inform non-renewals in the March edition that this is their last copy.*

Website: Bob Ridle reported that the club's website is up-to-date.

Special Events: Denny Dahle stated that upcoming events are posted on the club website and in the newsletter.

Committees:

Club Store: Tanya Coletta not present - No Report.

Legislative: Jay Smith reported no activity of concern.

Sunshine Report: Rosemary Rayman reported Lou Lambert's sister had passed away.

Sargent at Arms: John Delisa not present. *At the February Board Meeting John reported the facility to be well organized. Curt Francisco verified, and suggested labeling items for quick location. Bob Ridle recommended an inventory list with pictures be considered for insurance purposes.*

Cracker Tour: Organizers Dave & Amy Brown shared that this year's Cracker Tour will be May 1-4. See the announcement on page 10. You must first register with the Browns at [brown7373@bellsouth.net](mailto:brown7373@bellsouth.net) or 772-595-2566.

Spring to Victory Car Show: Andre said recent meeting went well & the show is on track for Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Many details, fliers, trophies, food sales, etc. are in place and ready to go.

Cool Car Show: Co-Chair Russ Caterinicchio reported he and Chris Levy are preparing a template (agenda) and will be scheduling a Cool Show Committee meeting in the future.

Old Business: None

New Business: *Barb Joyce stated that 60 days is the time limit for turning in receipts for reimbursement. Denny Dahle stressed the importance of RSVP's for club event planning purposes!*

Upcoming Meeting: Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, a visit to the Loxahatchee River Center hosted by Curt & Terri Francisco. Details are on the website and in the newsletter.

Adjournment time: 1PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bob Ridle for Secretary Ann Ridle

# General Meeting Notice

## TCVCC March General Meeting Saturday March 22, 2025

This month we will be visiting the Loxahatchee River Environmental Center 'River Center', which opened August 23, 2008. The beautiful aquariums trace the Loxahatchee River from its headwaters in Palm Beach County, through the cypress dominated floodplain in the Wild & Scenic segment, past the sand bar, and finally out to the coral reefs through Jupiter Inlet. Explore the history of the watershed, its majestic environmental value, the modifications and problems associated with ever-increasing human population and development, and programs and projects underway to help preserve and restore this valuable and unique system.

The River Center features live aquatic tanks, interactive exhibits, and a touch tank that represent the river system from a freshwater cypress swamp to seagrass-dominated estuary to marine ecosystems.

The center provides an opportunity for school children, adults, visitors, and long-time residents an opportunity to learn about Florida's first National Wild and Scenic River.



We will rendezvous at the VFW Post 10132, 6101 S E Dixie Hwy. Stuart, Florida 34997, at 10:15 AM for a 10:40 AM departure. Exit the parking lot and drive South to US Highway 1. At US Highway 1 intersection turn left. South, to Jupiter. Stay in the left straight lane as you approach and go over the one lane bridge.

We will arrive at the Loxahatchee River Center, 805 U S Hwy 1, Jupiter, Florida 33471 at approximately 11 AM.

The Loxahatchee River Center is in the Burt Reynolds Park located two lights after the bridge on the left. Proceed into the parking lot and the "River Center" is just beyond Fire station 18. At noon, we will depart for the Lighthouse Diner, 1510 U S Hwy 1, Jupiter, Florida 33469.



Turn right at the light as you exit Burt Reynolds Park. Stay in the left straight lane as you again go over the bridge. As you head North you will see the Diner on the left. The best way to the Diner is a U-turn on US 1. Private dining room is through the entrance into the back. Wait staff is available for convenience to order off the menu.

RSVP by March 20th to Curt Francisco at [curtfrancisco@gmail.com](mailto:curtfrancisco@gmail.com) or text 561-222-0166.

## Upcoming National Events

### AACA National & Regional Events

#### **March 8, 2025 AACA Tidewater Region Swap Meet**

Location: Nansemond-Suffolk Academy, Pruden Blvd, Suffolk, VA Automotive swap meet and car corral. Spaces for 15-20 indoor vendors and 60+ outdoor vendors. Rain or shine. Flyer on our website by January. Contact: Bill Treadwell, Swap Meet Chair, 757-650-3667 Website: <http://www.traaca.com/>

#### **March 8, 2025 AACA Chesapeake Region's 50th Annual Collector Car Swap Meet**

Location - Howard County Fairgrounds, 2210 Fairgrounds Road, West Friendship, MD 21794 Contact: Tom Young 443-744-6338 [tbirdtoms60@verizon.net](mailto:tbirdtoms60@verizon.net) Website: <https://chesapeake.aaca.com>

#### **March 15, 2025 46th Annual Antique Automobile Show – Vero Beach, FL**

Location: Riverside Park, Vero Beach, FL 32963 Sponsor: Indian River Region Information: Please join us on March 15, 2025, for our 46th Annual Show held under the magnificent oak trees at Riverside Park in Vero Beach FL. The show starts at 10am until 4pm. We expect over 325 cars. Preregistration is \$20.00, day-of-show is \$25.00. [Indian River Region AACA welcomes you to our web site.](#)

#### **March 21-22, 2025—55th Annual AACA Sugarloaf Mountain Region Parts Meet**

Location: 706 Agriculture Drive, Westminster, Maryland 21157 March 21 and 22, 2025, Westminster. 55th Annual Indoor / Outdoor Parts Meet (3/21) 8am to 4pm and (3/22) 8am to 2pm.

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





# Sunshine & Happenings

## SUNSHINE REPORT

A sympathy card to the Lamberts who recently had a death in their family. Please pass on information to Rosemary Rayman: email: rrayman03@gmail.com, phone 561-371-5498.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

This is a reminder that you need to get your membership renewal in as soon as possible in order to be included in the roster.

Sandee Searle is taking over the Membership chair this year. Renewals should be sent to Barb Joyce at: 5513 Pinetree Drive, Ft. Pierce, FL 34982.

If you have not renewed your membership by march 31st, you will no longer receive the newsletter. Renewal forms can be downloaded from our website by clicking [HERE](#).

The 2025 Celebration of Cars Antique to Modern Auto Show will be held on March 22 at the American Muscle Car Museum, 3500 Sarno Road, Melbourne, FL. All types, makes and years of vehicles are welcome. This year's theme will be "Seventy Years of Thunderbird." All vehicles will be eligible for Top 25 and Best of Show as well as Celebrity and Charity Awards. Thunderbirds will also be eligible for Special Feature Awards. TV personality Dennis Gage will be present to meet attendees. Show car registration will close at midnight on March 19 and, as in previous years, PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. The Museum will be open from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM. One free admission will be issued with each show car registration and additional tickets will be available on the day of the show. Public admission to the show field will be free. A portion of the day's proceeds will be donated to local charities.

For additional information and to register, go to:

[www.AntiqueAutoClubCC.com](http://www.AntiqueAutoClubCC.com).

If you are interested in going with a group, we are driving up on Friday, staying the night and driving back after the show on Saturday. Contact Sally Franklin at:

[sfranklin\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:sfranklin_2000@yahoo.com) or 314-324-5192.

### 2025 TCVCC OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

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# Upcoming Local Events

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## LOCAL EVENTS (Courtesy of Jim Serra)

### EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2025 ONLY

- Sat March 1st - Grand Oaks Car Show, 125 NW Jensen Beach Blvd, Jensen Beach, FL 34957, 11 am to 2 pm. FREE event with free BBQ lunch and live music, raffles, awards, etc, but pre-registration is mandatory and very few spots remain open. Register here: [jimserra117@yahoo.com](mailto:jimserra117@yahoo.com) or 772-285-3320.

- Sat MARCH 1ST, Savannah Club car show (open to cars & Bikes) 10 am to 2 pm, 3150 Crabapple Drive Savannah Club, Port St Lucie 34952. FREE EVENT - raffles, prizes, trophies, live music, food, refreshments. Rain date March 2nd - Bob 814-450-5980

- Saturday March 8th, Grand Oaks Car Show (Palm City), 11 am to 2 pm 3550 SW Corporate Pkwy, Palm City, FL 34990, 11 am to 2 pm. FREE event with free BBQ lunch and live music, raffles, awards, etc, but pre-registration is mandatory as space is limited Register here: [jimserra117@yahoo.com](mailto:jimserra117@yahoo.com) or 772-285-3320.

- Sat March 8th, Dairy Queen Fundraiser Car Event hosted by the No Name Car Club, 11 am to 4 pm, 9019 US Hwy 1 Port St Lucie. Proceeds benefit The Childrens Miracle Network, Oldies music, 50/50, awards/raffles

- Sun March 9th, 10 AM TO 2 PM, Spring Forward to Victory Car Show put on by the TVCCC to benefit The Road To Victory Military Museum, \$20 at the gate, no pre-registration necessary 301 Stypman Blvd Stuart, open to all vehicles, judged show with dash plaques for the first 75 vehicles and 20 trophies to be awarded. There will be a Pontiac show incorporated within this event. More info: Andre at 561-818-6212\*\*NOTE: **THIS IS TIME CHANGE WEEKEND!!\*\*.**

- March 15th —11:30 - 2pm , Del Webb (Tradition) car show Rain or Shine... Food trucks and DJ. Space is limited so register early via this link or contact Chris Levy ([stang428@gmail.com](mailto:stang428@gmail.com)): <https://share.icloud.com/photos/0eakDnywx0rei-RtwqllVWM4w>

- March 15, 2025, 46th Annual Car Show held under the oak trees at Riverside Park in Vero Beach FL. The show starts at 10am until 4pm. Expect over 325 cars. Preregistration is \$20.00, day-of-show is \$25.00, Car Corral is \$40.00. Day of show registration starts at 8am thru 11am, Antique, Classic, Prestige, Foreign, Special Interest, Commercial, and Modified Vehicles thru 2000 will be judged. Dash Plaques will be given to all registered vehicles and trophies in 18 classes will be awarded. There will be a live DJ, a silent auction, food vendor court, and a 50-50 raffle. A car corral for selling cars will be available. There is also plenty of free parking.

- March 15, 2025 Car show at the Pt. St. Lucie Botanical Gardens 10-4 15th Blooming Birthday Celebration Located at 2410 S.E. Westmoreland Blvd. Pt St. Lucie Fla 34952 Free entry , awards , food trucks , demos , raffles , music ( 2 bands ) , kids entertainment & more . Car entrants please arrive early .

- Saturday March 29th, Annual South Fork High School show to benefit the schools Automotive Program, 8 am to 1 pm, \$10 entry fee, food trucks, awards, 50/50, 10000 SW Bulldog Way, Stuart 34997 for your phone/GPS.

# Upcoming Local Events

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## LOCAL EVENTS (Courtesy of Jim Serra)

### EVENTS THAT REPEAT MONTHLY

- Sat 3/1, McKees 37 monthly Cars & Coffee 8 am 7744 Jack James Dr Stuart. FREE event and \$4 buys coffee/donuts. Tech session by Nick Rutter as well as product discounts. (Repeats 1st Saturday of the month). Rain or Shine event.
- SUN 3/2, - NEW- CARS & COFFEE 8 am at Happy Sips, 1361 SW Gatlin Blvd, Christian 818-744-4737, \$8 buys a Iced Coffee/Donut Com (REPEATS MONTHLY on the 1st Sunday)
- Sun 3/2, Recovery Room 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. Hosted by Riverland Car Club.
- Sat 3/8, Monthly Cars & Coffee at The Elliott Museum 8 am 825 NE Ocean Blvd Stuart. Free event - \$4 buys coffee/donuts/ice water - now featuring Jupiter Donuts. Sponsored by McKees 37. (Repeats on the 2nd Saturday of the month). THIS IS NOW A RAIN OR SHINE EVENT (in case of inclement weather, feel free to come down with your daily driver and we will move the refreshments inside).
- Sun 3/9 and Sun 3/23, Valencia Cay Cars & Coffee 662 se Becker Rd, 8 am. Free event - Dunkin Donuts and Publix are in the plaza. (2nd and 4th Sunday of the month).
- Sun 3/9, Holy Grounds Car show -NEW LOCATION -Three Tides Restaurant and Bar, 269 SW Port St Lucie Blvd. Entry fee will be \$10, 4-7 pm - Repeats on the 2nd Sunday of the month. The \$10 Entry fee gets show participants 15% off tab and a free ticket in the prize drawing. Yvonne 7726342882.
- Mon 3/17, 5 PM – 8PM T/A Truck Stop Car & Truck Show I-95 & State RD 60 (repeats on the 3rd Monday of the month) Carlos 772-528-4247
- Friday February 28th Cars & Stars is a Shift Culture Event pre-meet to this year's @fuelvest West Palm Beach! This month features a 2-Step Showdown! The winners of Biggest Flame and Loudest Pop get a VIP Ticket to Fuel Fest WPB!, Gates open @ 7PM, \$10 Standard | \$20 VIP | \$5 GA Parking | Spectators are FREE! (Yes, last event was absolutely sold out even for spectator spots! So we have made an adjustment for parking and flow). contact info@shiftculture.com

### EVENTS THAT REPEAT WEEKLY

- Tuesdays, Weekly Tuesday Night Car Show at Lowes, 5 pm - 7:30 pm, 3620 SE Federal Hwy, Stuart, FL 34997. Free for spectators - repeats weekly Lew 772-708-3790 (Please have exact change or small bills to expedite entry to the show)
- Wednesdays, Weekly cruise in at Dairy Queen, 9019 US Hwy 1 Port St Lucie at 3:00 pm FREE event and a dining discount for cruisers. Butch White 772-618-3794.
- Thursday nights - WEEKLY EVENT - There is a new weekly car show at Lowes in Jensen Beach on Thursday nights run by Lew and his crew starting Thursday Feb 6th. Here are the details: Lowes Jensen Beach, 4100 NW Federal Hwy. 4:30 pm to 7 pm. \$3 to show a car, spectators FREE. Lew 772-708-3790. Please have small bills or exact change to expedite entry to the show.
- Friday nights, Cruise in at Culvers in Jensen Beach 4 pm starting on Friday 10/25, located at 4151 NW Federal Hwy Jensen Beach 34957. 954-650-4356 (Brian), dining discounts.



# More Upcoming Events

Saturday March 15, 2025  
**Indian River Region Annual Show**, Riverside Park, Vero Beach. Show is from 10 am—4 pm. Registration closes promptly at 11. Early Registration before March 10 is \$20. Day of registration is \$25.



**46<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique Automobile Show**

**Saturday, March 15, 2025**  
**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)



<http://indianriver.aaca.com>

**At 3280 Riverside Park**  
**Vero Beach, Florida**



*Rain or Shine Show*

**FREE TO THE PUBLIC**

**FEATURED CARS**

- ANTIQUES
- CLASSIC & PRESTIGE
- FOREIGN
- COMMERCIAL
- MODIFIED
- SPECIAL INTEREST (NOT JUDGED)
- OVER 275 VEHICLES AT THE LAST SHOW

**FEATURED EVENTS**

- DASH PLAQUES
- CLASS JUDGING
- TROPHIES
- LIVE DJ
- CAR CORRAL
- FOOD COURT
- SILENT AUCTION
- 50/50 DRAWING



**Drive out Hunger** – Help Indian River Antique Automobile Club and United Against Poverty to "Drive out Hunger". Please bring non-perishable food items to our show March 15, 2025.



The official part store of the Indian River Region AACA



The Official Whitewall Tire of Indian River Region AACA



**Saturday April 5, 2025 – 9:30AM – 3:00PM – On the Church Grounds**  
 Come join the crowd as we fill the yard with classic cars from all over the Treasure Coast! The day will feature fresh Cajun favorites like Jambalaya, Gumbo, Crabcakes, Oysters, Clams, Crawfish, Shrimp, Street Corn, drinks and deserts. (kids menu also), Live Music and of course dozens and dozens of local classic cars. Admission is free but all income and donations support the HSCPC Memorial and Centennial Fund. To show your car fill out the form [HERE](#).

## More Upcoming Events

Our Spring Forward to Victory Car Show is almost here! Join us on March 9th for a “light” version of the COOL show designed to encourage folks to bring out their rides and get to know us and our club. The Spring Forward to Victory show is being organized and hosted by members of our club and the Road to Victory Military Museum. Food and entertainment will be furnished by the Museum staff while our members handle the registration, parking, judging and trophies. Day of show registration only, no classes, and judging is on a less formal level. Only 20 trophies will be awarded, and dash plaques to the first 100 cars. The idea is to have a less stress, lower cost show to let everyone enjoy themselves, visit with friends, maybe make some new friends, and maybe win a prize.

### Spring Forward To Victory Car Show

Presented by Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club  
Benefiting the Road to Victory Military Museum



Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
10 AM – 2 PM



301 SE Stypmann Blvd, Stuart  
Behind the Courthouse, Under the Water Tower

Join us in the shady parking lot at the Road To Victory Military Museum for a relaxed atmosphere judged car show. The Museum will be open for your viewing pleasure.

All years, makes and models are welcome: new, old, modified, stock, rat rods, military vehicles... drive em, drag em, push em.

There is no preregistration necessary, pay upon arrival, \$20 per car, cash only.



Self parking so you can park with your friends or with your club or all by yourself. Music and food provided by the Museum, cash only. Dash plaques to the first 75 cars registered, and 20 trophies will be awarded.

Don't forget



For more information, contact: Andre Rayman at 561-818-6212 or email to [arayman@aol.com](mailto:arayman@aol.com).

### CRACKER TOUR 2025 MAY 1-4

This year's tour will be Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup> through Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>. We expect this year's tour to be much worse than last year. But you will need to join us if you want to find out.

First step is to Register. Contact Dave & Amy Brown at [brown7373@bellsouth.net](mailto:brown7373@bellsouth.net) or 772-595-2566. Once you register, we will send you the hotel information so you can reserve your rooms. Please don't go around registering and straight to booking hotel rooms. As tour leaders, we need to know who and how many people are coming so we can book the various activities. If you just “show up”, you may miss the group rates or miss the activities completely.

Stop sitting and get off the pot. Register **TODAY**

# Member Stories

## February General Meeting

The February meeting was held one week earlier due to the conflict with the ever popular Kane Center show. Popular being free, short duration and free lunch. It is not something to compete against with any hope of winning. It was an early start at the Dolphin Bar and restaurant in Jensen beach at 9:00 am with a 9:30 departure. That is very early for those driving a long distance. Thanks Frank, but everyone was accounted for with Bob Ridle joining just in time to join the classic car conga line led by Scott in his 1969 GTO convertible. You might wonder why the organizer of the meeting-yours truly was not leading the way. I must confess that to keep the peace. I opted to drive a modern vehicle with good insulation and ice cold a/c. One would think that in mid February this was not necessary, but it was a wise choice.



Off we went on the now reduced speed of 25 mph, which was just a suggestion as we all did about 35mph and arrived at the Ft Pierce Marina at 10:06 for a 10:30 departure. We purchased our tickets, used the facilities and boarded our pontoon boat for our 1.5 hour guided tour.

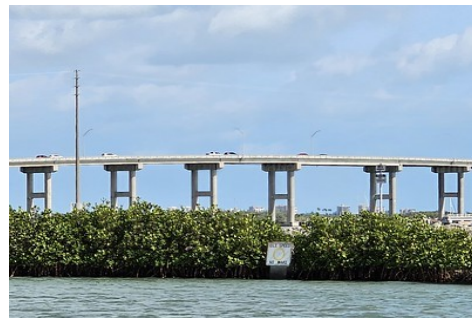
In my earlier correspondence with Captain Barry “Chop” Lege, he told me the boat held 60 passengers, but he felt comfortable at 50 or less. I understood why... 60 children passengers at 3 to a seat is what he meant. With our group, we were 2 to a seat and 40 of us took up all the seats, but we were comfortable. As the club bought down the price (seniors were \$25) every member and spouse received \$5 back on their ticket purchase



You might remember last year that president Bob Ridle had mentioned a slight increase in dues. Today the attending members were able to recoup double of that increase in a single outing. You gotta participate to enjoy this largess as it does not always happen .

Off we went out of the marina with Captain “Chop” providing narration with his Louisiana drawl that required you to pay attention to what he was saying. I did gather that he was an ex-navy diver. However, I didn’t learn where he picked up the nickname “Chop”. It might be innocent or maybe not.

As we peacefully cruised down the Indian River Lagoon, we saw dolphins (flipper, not Mahi), manatees, and other river creatures. At one point if you squinted hard, and twisted your neck, you might have saw an eagle nest that has been inhabited for the last 30 years.



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



# Member Stories

## February General Meeting, continued...

Other sightings were some young women nude sun bathers and derelict ships that appeared to have not run in 20-30 years based on the rust patterns. We went well north of the north bridge and could see the ongoing construction of the new bridge taking place. About the time we were getting relaxed (as indicated by snoring), we headed back to the dock to embark on our lunch adventure.



The restaurant- Island Beach Bar and restaurant had a nice parking lot away from the heavy traffic that was set aside for our use. It did however require a short walk to the restaurant.

Upon arriving in the restaurant, it was disappointing to learn that they had only saved 30 seats for our proposed group of 44. (now reduced to 40). This caused our group to be split and 6 were placed at a table inside. I think they were the lucky ones as they were in a/c, and were served much faster. They did comp us a few free entrees, so that was a good gesture. As the humidity was low and the clouds were in the sky, the outdoor seating was decent. With any group of this size, service is expected to be less than stellar, and this was no exception. Despite this the food was good with the exception of one of the group's double cheeseburger. Patty 1 was cooked to perfection, Patty 2 was just this side of mooing. I'll be honest, I don't know a thing about cooking, but this was a serious lack of attention to detail. The person next to them had the same item. It was perfect.



After lunch, you might be thinking everyone was geared up for some ice cream at Cream Republic, and usually you would be correct, however there were no takers. Can you believe that? And so we headed off into the sunset.(almost literally).




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



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