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Upcoming Meetings

The April General Meeting will be on **Saturday, April 26th**. Please see the announcement on page 3 for details.

News from the Pres desk. Wow how time flies by. 1/4 of the year gone. Many members out & about representing TCVCC at shows local & hours away. Thank you to all involved & congratulations to all whom received awards. The Spring Ahead show was a huge success thanks to Andre's guidance & all the members who helped make it so. I believe the show met all ex-



pectations we sought to achieve, to benefit the Military Museum & introduce to those members who have not been involved in a large car show just what it takes to make it a success. Thank you again to all members who helped out. Your service to the club is so greatly appreciated. It was another dark thirty start to the day of the show. I was planning on tasting one of the, what I heard were awesome, hot dogs, but by the time I arrived to the grilling area they were all gone. So the minor breakfast that morning was the only thing to fill the belly all day. Famished when returning home & I was worthless till noon Monday. The Military Museum running out of food will not happen in November. Co-Chair Russ C & I already took care of that. So I am looking forward to the COOL show to at least having one or more of the scrumptious hot dogs. Bob Shurts is lined up to emcee/announce & play music at the show. March 1st found some members at The Oaks Assisted living in Jensen Beach with the Musto's bringing home an award. March 9th was the Spring Ahead show with 7 TCVCC members being awarded with a plaque. March 18th was the Pt. St. Lucie Botanical gardens show with 3 members attending & the old red truck being awarded 2nd place. March 22nd several members of TCVCC attended the Celebration of Cars in Melbourne with three of them receiving an award. Vincent Cashin, Sally Franklin & Frank LoVerso. Congratulations to all & thanks for representing TCVCC. Saturday, March 29 was another dark thirty start to the day as the old red truck was attending the South Fork High School show with 6 TCVCC members present. Thank you to all for your TCVCC involvement. It was our 283rd car show in almost 10 years & award #82 April 6th is the B&A Flea market show (free event, hot dog lunch & many door prizes) & see the Club website for all other events. April 27th is a paid attending show at Lennar Homes off Becker rd. Have been working on replacing a custom made inlay night stand top that needed it as too many coats of lacquer were applied & the whole top developed cracks as lacquer dries from the inside out. Am working to the .026 of an inch on the veneers. Will post a before and after pic next month. Also made some custom mahogany trim for the new front door. No more rotten finger joint pine for me FOREVER! Thank you to all members for being active & getting involved. It makes our job so much easier.

Your Pres, Denny

Secretary's Report

Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club/AACA General Membership Meeting – March 22, 2025

After enjoying Host Curt Francisco's visit to Loxahatchee River Center, the group departed to the Lighthouse Diner in Jupiter for the General Meeting and Lunch.

President Denny Dahle called the meeting to order at 12:28 PM. He began with introductions of attending guests: Jeff Pearson, Bob James, and Mary Ann Searle.

Secretary's Report: President Denny then asked if there were corrections to the Secretary's February General Meeting Minutes. There being no corrections, Bob Ridle motioned acceptance with second by Linda Radford. Motion carried.

Treasurer: In Barb Joyce's absence, President Denny said we still have plenty of money.

Membership: Sandee Searle shared our club has 95 paid 2025 memberships representing 168 people. 2025 Rosters were given to members in attendance. It was hinted that like this Roster, perhaps the following years' Roster covers could feature the President's Vehicle(s).

Newsletter: Sally Franklin was absent because she & Larry went to Melbourne for a car show.

Website: Per Bob Ridle, "The club's website is up-to-date." He shared AACA implemented a slightly new procedure this year for clubs to enter their websites and newsletters that would facilitate AACA's making their annual selection of qualifiers and award winners for the best websites and newsletters. He said, TCVCC's 2025 entry forms were filled out, submitted, and received by AACA.

Special Events: President Denny Dahle shared a number of upcoming events. Details are listed as found on the club website and in the newsletter.

Club Store: Tanya Coletta not present - No Report.

Legislative: Jay Smith reported no activity related to Old Cars.

Sunshine Report: In Rosemary Rayman's absence, it was shared Geoff Nichols is dealing with a very serious illness. Please keep him in your prayers. Also: The website has information for the scheduled March 29th and 30th Memorial Service & Celebration of Life for Tom Boettcher

Sargent at Arms: John Delisa said the storage facility is full. He found some items, like TCVCC License plates, etc. that should be included with the Club Store's "For Sale" inventory.

Cracker Tour: No update but to restate February's General Meeting minutes: "Organizers Dave & Amy Brown shared that this year's Cracker Tour will be May 1-4. You must first register with the Browns at brown7373@bellsouth.net or 772-595-2566." Secretaries note: no cut-off-date for registering has yet been set.

Spring to Victory Car Show: Andre was happy to share this was a successful show with 151 paid entrants. There were 48 Pontiacs and remaining 103 other brands. The parking area was packed; there were comments that the food was good. TCVCC sold 12 Fire Extinguishers, and will need to purchase more for the next show. Thanks for the awesome job from all participating organizers. He considers this event a good possibility to happen again next year. Conversation about more shows .. growth, with sponsors .. dealing with space restraints in locating future shows.

Cool Car Show: Possible committee meeting in June.

Old Business & New Business: None

Upcoming Meeting: April 26th, Saturday, General Meeting hosted by Jo Ann & Jay Smith; meeting at Jensen Beach Post Office parking lot at 9 am for departure at 9:30 am. They have arranged a tour of the new facilities of the Automotive Mechanical Lab at Indian River State College in Fort Pierce. Additional information with details is available and updated on the website and newsletter.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Ridle for Secretary Ann Ridle



General Meeting Notice

TCVCC March General Meeting Saturday April 26, 2025

Please note: Meeting will be on Saturday, April 26th instead of Sunday.

We will be gathering at the Jensen Beach Post Office parking lot, 2301 NE Savanna Rd, at 09:00 for departure at 09:30 A.M. to Ft. Pierce to the Indian River State College Massey Campus to tour the new Automotive Class garage at the Eastman Advanced Workforce Training Center on Cortez Blvd where we will be given a narrated tour of the new shop facility by Brian Woodrow, whom we have met before.



After the tour we will have our meeting in one of their classrooms followed by lunch, 12:30 at Manatee Island Bar and Grill, 1640 Seaway Drive, Ft. Pierce Beach. Order from menu. You pay.

Please RSVP to Jay and Jo Ann with headcount for tour and LUNCH ! IMPORTANT !
772-287-1903 or email: jay2094@att.net. By Tuesday, April 22nd.

Thanks J&J

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](#) .



Upcoming National Events

AACA National & Regional Events

- APRIL** 3-5 [Southeastern Spring Nationals—Charlotte, NC Hornets Nest Region](#)
- MAY** 1-3 [Western Spring Nationals/Grand Nationals—Tucson, AZ](#)
- 4 [NJ Region AACA Spring Meet – 72nd Annual Collectible Car Show, Morristown, NJ](#)
- 10 [Shenandoah Region AACA's 65th Annual Apple Blossom Car Show/Swap Meet, Winchester, VA](#)
- 10 [Chesapeake Region's Annual Four-Alarm Collector Car Show](#)
- JUNE** 1 [2025 AACA Vintage Tour – Southern/Eastern Pennsylvania](#)
- 7 [Historic Fredericksburg Region AACA 68th Annual Antique Automobile Meet and Tour](#)
- 14 [AACA Gettysburg Region 50th Anniversary](#)
- 19 [AACA Eastern Spring Nationals – Beckley, WV](#)

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



Sunshine & Happenings

SUNSHINE REPORT

A sympathy card was sent to Thom Boettcher's family on his passing. Please pass on information to Rosemary Rayman: email: rrayman03@gmail.com, phone 561-371-5498.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

The 2025 Rosters are now available from Sandee Searle. The bright yellow cover displaying President Denny Dahle's red '52 Ford F1 Pick-up looks fabulous. Rosters were distributed to attendees at the March General Meeting and will be available at the April General Meeting. Plan to pick yours up.

Since the roster production, we have some new members to add. An email will be sent to you with the new member information. Clip it out and paste, staple, or tape these in your roster. Make a point to welcome our new members at our upcoming meetings and events.

Kevin & Frances Kraft

Frederic (Skip) & Sandy Scudder II

Don & Jacki Wilson

CRACKER TOUR 2025

MAY 1-4

This year's tour will be Thursday May 1st through Sunday May 4th. 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 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**

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Upcoming Local Events

LOCAL EVENTS (Courtesy of Jim Serra)

EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2025 ONLY

- Saturday April 5th, Here is an opportunity to caravan from the monthly Cars & Coffee at McKees37 over to this benefit car show in Hobe Sound. Organizers will accept entrants later than the 930 am start time.....
- Saturday April 5th, Classic Cars & Cajun '25—Join us under the oaks for a great festival of cars, fabulous Cajun cookout featuring gourmet seafood, Sophia's Banquet Bar adult beverages & great live music in beautiful Zeus Park (Hobe Sound). Plenty of exhibit time since the SHOW HOURS are 9:30 to 3:00. CAJUN FEAST starts at 11:30. NO EXHIBIT FEE REQUIRED but donations to Hobe Sound Community Presbyterian Church (host) are appreciated. 11933 SE Juno Crescent, Hobe Sound, FL 772-546-5043. Pre-register at heartofhobesound.org
- Sunday, April 6th, B&A Flea Market car show 10 am to 1 pm East side US 1 north of Indian St, Stuart Free show with a Free Hot Dog lunch. Call 772-288-4915 to reserve a spot.
- Sat, April 26th, There will be a Car Show/Ice Cream Social held at the Sandhill Cove Retirement Living Facility located at 1500 SW Capri St, Palm City on Saturday April 26th at 1030 am. This is a private event for residents/family/staff and will be capped at 40 entrants. This is a free event for car owners but you MUST secure a space by registering via e mail (jimserra117@yahoo.com) or phone Jim Serra 772-285-3320 as this is a guard gated community and your name needs to be on the guest list. There will be awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. About 18 spots remain so register now.
- Sat April 26th Kings Isle Car show, 100 NW Kings Isle Blvd, St Lucie West, 10 am to 2 pm, awards at 1 pm, Open to all, 772-871-7512, Food Trucks, 50/50 Charity raffle, Carlos 772-528-4247.
- Sat April 26th, 7th Annual All Saints' Episcopal Church Men's Fellowship car show and BBQ. Saturday April 26, 2025 11am to 3pm. BBQ lunch \$15.00 children under 12 free. Classic car parking begins at 10am. Come and enjoy pulled pork BBQ, music and take a tour of the oldest church in Martin County, on the registry of landmarks. All proceeds go to outreach in the community. All Saints' Episcopal Church 2303 NE Seaview Drive Jensen Beach, FL 34957
- Sunday April 27th, 12-4 PM. Vintage Car Show by Lennar Homes & TCVCC, Veranda Preserve, 691 SE Woodbine Rd, Port St. Lucie. Food Trucks and entertainment. Free Pre-registration required contact Beth 561-371-8709 or Denny 772-237-9755. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/show-off-your-classic-car-at-veranda-preserve-tickets-1294947235039?aff=oddtcreator>

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EVENTS THAT REPEAT MONTHLY

There is a new monthly event at Harborside in Jupiter (usually on the last Saturday of the month) hosted by Fast Lane Drive of Palm Beach. This is a charity event and 100% of the \$50 registration fee goes to a designated charity each month.....<https://www.eventcreate.com/e/car-show-at-jupiter-harborside-2025>

- Sat 4/5, 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 4/6 , 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 4/6, 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 4/12, 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 4/13 and Sun 4/27, 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 4/13, 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 4/21, 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 APRIL 25th Shift Culture Cars & Stars 500 NW California Blvd, Port St Lucie. 7 PM, \$10 entry...(772) 742-9587
- Sunday April 27th Last Sunday of the month Cars & Coffee 8 am to 10 am 2456 SE Westmoreland Blvd Port St Lucie

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 - 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 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 Hobe Sound Community Presbyterian Church Memorial and Centennial Fund. To show your car fill out the form [HERE](#). Check in begins at 8:30 AM at 11933 SE Juno Crescent in Hobe Sound.

TREASURE COAST VINTAGE CAR CLUB & LENNAR PRESENTS

VINTAGE CAR SHOW

FREE ENTRY
ALL WELCOME!

SUNDAY APRIL 27 12-4 PM

FOOD TRUCK - ENTERTAINMENT - TROPHIES



Sunday April 27, 2025
Vintage Car Show presented by YCVCC & Lennar Homes
12 to 4 PM, Food Truck, Entertainment and Trophies.
Free entry but space is limited. Pre-registration required. Click here to register by April 24th.
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/show-off-your-classic-car-at-veranda-preserve-tickets-1294947235039?aff=oddtcreator>

Member Stories

General Meeting, March 22, 2025

by Curt Francisco

I started off Saturday prior to the general meeting, deciding to have breakfast at a local bagel shop in Jupiter. When I pulled into the parking lot, right next to me I noticed a 1981 spider Fiat 2000, a fairly unique car, triple beige convertible in very nice shape!

The owner, Jeff, and I chatted. I mentioned about the club and our monthly meetings and that we were meeting at the Loxahatchee Center for a tour and that eventually going to the Lighthouse Diner for lunch and said you're welcome to join us anywhere along this venture. He got a takeout and I ate my breakfast then headed north to meet at the VFW in Stuart for our rendezvous.



25 of us met in the parking lot chatted for a bit and took off heading south after announcing "start your engines" at 10:30.

At 11 o'clock, we arrived at the Loxahatchee Center and were greeted by two docents who gave us a

thorough tour of the facility, the history and their mission statement.



Back in the cars, we headed north for a quarter of a mile over the US 1 bridge to the Lighthouse Diner.

The owner and manager welcomed us with open arms and took us to the special reserved back room.

To my surprise Jeff, my buddy, whom I met at the bagel shop showed up!

He also became a new member and was

promptly added to the membership list and the email list and Andre's Covid cruising list.

Lunch was enjoyed by all. Denny did a brief 25 minute meeting and everyone had a great visit!



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

Member Stories

Spring Forward to Victory Show- March 9, 2025- A Behind the Scenes Look

By: Andre Rayman

Here are my observations of the behind the scenes operations that made this show successful. I should note right off the bat that what applied to this show does not necessarily apply to the Cool Show which is a different format. These observations are in the event that we wanted to put on another show like this in the future.

Firstly it could never be done without the help of a myriad of people who stepped up at various levels to guarantee success. It is likely I will miss one or two people but here goes my best effort.

Denny Dahle, Sally Franklin, Larry Atkins, Curt Francisco, Frank Loverso, Dick Hoffmann, Mike Searle, Sandee Searle, Rosemary Rayman, Mike Franze, Diane Franze, Richie Arnone, Maryann Arnone, Don Jones, Scott MacGillivray, Dennis Radford, Linda Radford, Hank Peters, Rick Volkart, Chris Levy, Russ Caterinicchio, Fil Ferrauto, Nancy Ferrauto, Joann Smith, and Lynn Sullivan.

The final car count was 151 cars paid which included 48 Pontiacs. Without parking in the aisles we might have been able to hold 2 or 3 more cars. We were **SOLD OUT**.



We hit the ground running with the setup crew led by Curt Francisco arriving on site even before I did. In a short time, the tents were erected, the tables set up, the signs placed along the road, and we were ready for business.

As this show had no pre-registration, it was unknown how many cars would show up. Although I was going for simplistic, I think a show like this needs pre-paid registration to hedge against poor weather. However, I think the price variance from pre-pay to day-of-show pay would have to be significant to reward those that pre-pay. Many people wait to see what the weather is like before they decide to attend.

By placing registration deeper into the entrance, it prevented cars from being backed up on the road. Rick Volkart directed traffic in case anyone was not sure about where to go. Also, as there was only one registration tent, there was no confusion on where to go. Participants simply paid their \$20, parked and came back to fill out registration forms and dash placards. Registration – You guys knocked it out of the park. At the end there was a registration sheet for all 103 cars. We should probably build at least an email database of the folks we don't have already.

(Pontiac clubs did theirs differently, with a sheet tracking registrations and this unfortunately missed a portion of their entrants. (They did not receive any portion of the registration \$\$)

Hats off to the parking committee on a brilliant job of parking similar cars near each other. This included the Pontiac section, the TCVCC section, the Stuart Corvette Club, and the Palm Beach A's. I made the mistake of not mentioning that cars should have fire extinguishers to be judged on the flyer. I doubled down on that mistake by only asking to get 12 for sale (we probably could have sold 25) I tripled down by not having an announcement made to let people know they could borrow their neighbors fire extinguisher. I grossly underestimated participation and that led to challenges. With all the free shows and cruise ins that this area offers, I was sure that 50-60 Non Pontiacs, and 30 Pontiacs would be all there could possibly be.

As a result we purchased 20 trophies. 20 trophies for 103 cars is too light. In addition although simple is good, there probably needs to be some classification to break them down. Stock, Modified, Street Rod, Modern muscle. Something of the sort to create a fair competition.



Member Stories

Spring Forward to Victory Show- March 9, 2025- A Behind the Scenes Look

Continued...

The Pontiac club had 2 classes- Stock and Modified which worked for those 48 cars. They used a judging sheet almost exactly like ours, but there was stock and modified judging sheet, and each was a different color. That was genius, as when it came time to sort them, we could put them together by color, and count how many were in each class and then prorate the trophies. In their case, stock got 14 trophies, and modified got 6.

It would probably have been helpful to have an announcement to tell participants to put their judging sheet on the windshield either behind or next to the placard. In many instances the judging sheet was not seen or in a car with the windows closed, with the owner absent. As we don't want to touch the car, this makes it challenging.

In the case of Non Pontiac judging, my underestimation of expected cars was compounded and made for a long day of judging. I cannot thank the following enough- Scott MacGillivray, Linda Radford, Dennis Radford, Curt Franciso, Chris Levy and Frank Lo Verso. I put you guys in a terrible situation to have to grind through 100 cars. In retrospect we probably needed 10 more people to make 2 more



teams and split the classes as mentioned above so that each group only had 33 cars. Even that is a lot!



Mike Searle and Rosemary Rayman manned the Club Membership tent. I think we signed up a couple members? I'm not sure about that.

Music by Bob Shurts of the museum seemed to be to everyone's liking. It could be heard out by the road, and he did an excellent job of being a DJ. More information could have been relayed for him to broadcast throughout the day as he was open to that.

Music by Bob Shurts of the museum seemed to be to



The museum did the cooking and from what I understand, the hot dogs were excellent.



When I met with the board on the Monday prior to the meeting, Ray (President) suggested that we could give out free meals (hot dog, chips and soda) to show participants. 1 per car. (a \$5 value). Between the free meals and sold meals they ran out of food. This was not their fault. I could not predict attendance, and I saw many people get the free meal and augment it with 2 extra hot dogs. In the future, if they can grill chicken for sandwiches and burgers, I think they will be more than adequate going forwards and alleviate us chasing a food vendor and make themselves some money. I was told that they grilled hamburgers later in the day.

Member Stories

Spring Forward to Victory Show- March 9, 2025- A Behind the Scenes Look

Continued...

The Road to Victory museum counted 157 guests, and were very happy with that. They spent \$370 and took in \$732. This included the \$\$ donated by the Snow Cone vendor (\$25), and the ½ of the 50-50 that was won by a car show participant. I don't know if there were any other donations.

The 50-50 was done before the trophies. That seemed to work as I think most ticket purchasers were participants. Thank you Nancy Ferrauto for leading this up. I recollect seeing Lynn Sullivan helping, and I'm sure there was someone else.

Trophy presentation went well (except for my poor handwriting) I should have asked Mike Searle to do this as he is far better at it than I am. Dave Brown did an excellent job of announcing and splitting between Pontiacs and Non Pontiacs.

In retrospect I should have asked him to mention that there were 2 shows going on concurrently. Someone mentioned that he thought that the Pontiacs got too many trophies, so I explained how it worked. We also should have introduced President Denny Dahle and President Bob Goebel and thanked the respective clubs that showed up. Trophy plaques were nice, and Richie Arnone got them from the same place we got the dash plaques at a very reasonable price.

I did notice something that you don't often see at other shows. Long after the last trophy was given out, people were still hanging around enjoying themselves. These were not club members.

Final cleanup went relatively smoothly, but honestly by this time I was not paying that much attention, so I'm not 100% sure about that.



Final conclusion: The participants had a good time and I received several comments about how well the show was run and that we were very organized. I feel we provided an excellent value for the money. The museum is excited to have us back in November 2025, and hope to rally the club of military vehicles to participate.

The show within a show concept worked out. I think there is plenty of potential for helping other smaller clubs who don't have the skill sets or manpower to do a show on their own be part of a bigger show, where they can compete among themselves and promote their club, and earn a few \$\$ for their club. A car "jamboree" of sorts.

I was a bit surprised to see Pontiacs trailered in from as far away as Punta Gorda and Winterhaven. The closest All Pontiac show to here is in St Augustine in October, and Ruskin in later March so that is a factor as to why they travelled.

I'm sure that anyone who participated in the show, or helped with the show has some ideas to refine our future efforts. Please let us know.

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

Member Stories

Under The Oaks Show by IRRAACA, March 12, 2025

By Andre Rayman

This show has always been a favorite of mine and I can remember attending it for at least the last 20-25 years. I'd have to get out my dash plaques and check to be sure. I recollect that back then pre-registration got you a hot dog, or a t shirt?

The TCVCC has a running competition with IRRAACA for the last few years, and we usually win quite handily. In 2024 we had 18 cars entered in their show, as opposed to their 5 or 6 in our Cool Cars Show. There is no prize, but it is a nice opportunity for bragging, as they have us beat in every other category. Our rally point was the usual Elliot museum which allows for an easy ride up A1A to Ft Pierce. Bob Sees had prewarned us that there was major construction at US1 to cross the north bridge so we opted for a different route down Old Dixie in Ft Pierce. This was an often used route by the Covid Rebel Cruisers, but usually in the opposite direction.



Arriving at the Elliot at 7:30 am, I was greeted by a closed off parking lot and a mass of humanity preparing for some kind of 5k fun run. How running 5k at this time of day, or any time of day is fun is beyond me. I saw no donuts or treats that might have added to the fun.

A short time later Larry and Sally in his 65 Falcon and Dick and Molly Hoffmann in their 1957 T Bird arrived and we were on our way. My ride of choice was the "Timid Tempest II". The original Timid Tempest was a 1970 Tempest that I used for a daily driver in the early 90's including a few trips to the drag strip where it ran unimpressive times in the mid to high 16's thus being known to be timid. Timid Tempest II is a 1962 Tempest convertible with a 4 cylinder engine and is even slower, (though far prettier) and would probably require 20+ seconds to traverse the quarter mile.



Off we went, and the crossing of the Ft Pierce bridge was uneventful. I say this because I often have nightmares of stalling out an old car on a steep bridge, and having to roll down backwards into oncoming traffic.

We picked up club members Dave and Amy Brown and Bob Ridle at St Lucie Blvd and continued on to Riverside Park. Another bridge proved uneventful and soon we were checked in. I was in the 1960-64 stock class. The others were in different classes. As I made my way there I heard my electric fuel pump hammering away. (no, its not supposed to do that) Needless to say as I made my approach to park, it stalled horizontally behind my parking spot. How embarrassing! Restarting it failed despite using the same trick of putting the pedal to the floor (that worked the week previously with Dan Lundstrom's 1960 Caddy).

A trip to the restroom clear across the show field (I didn't notice the port-o-let less than 50 feet away, and some general chit chat about my problem led me back to retry starting. Still nothing. One last try.. a short blast of the funny gas- ether. Yep that did the trick and TT II started and idled like nothing had happened. (reason for problem unknown)

I was parked right next to club member Guy Devens in his 1960 Chevy Impala 4 door. Two years ago, I had been parked next to him. Apparently he spends a lot of time bass fishing. The show was as good and I think attendance was over 300 cars. Typically I take pictures of every car at the show, but on this date, I was a bit lazy, and every time I started to leave my car, people were asking me various Tempest questions especially about the "rope drive". None of my GTOS have ever got this kind of attention. Yeah the car is odd, but I'm betting it's the red exterior and white interior that is the real draw. You've probably heard me talk about red car syndrome.

Member Stories

Under the Oaks, continued...

A younger than normal car couple came over and were asking me about the Tempest. Sal and Andrea Amenta from Ft Lauderdale. They had brought their recently restored 1963 Plymouth Sport Fury convertible in triple black. His dad had purchased the car new, and then after using it, it sat for 40 years outside until Sal decided to restore it himself. Being a machinist by trade, he obviously had developed some skills because the car was absolutely beautiful and sure to win a prize. They had driven the car from Ft Lauderdale that morning with 87 year old dad in tow. Per their remarks, the car did well in the interstate at 80+ mph. Apparently they had several other cars including a mid 50's Studebaker. I don't recollect the exact year and model, but I had noticed the Studebaker Drivers club was out with about 10 or 11 cars. Butch Figurella, the president of the Sunshine Chapter in Florida, owns a red and white Studebaker that has caught my eye since he mentioned it was for sale. I mentioned that I knew Butch, and they knew him as it turned out that Andrea is the treasurer for that club. Nice folks indeed as they bailed out two of our club members- one time with a screw driver, and the other with a wire stripper.

In attendance for the TCVCC were the following:

Guy Devens 1960 Impala 4 door
Dick and Molly Hoffmann 1957 T bird
Bob Ridle 1978 Thunderbird
Frank and Lynn Loverso 1965 GTO modified
Larry Atkins and Sally Franklin 1965 Falcon
Fil Ferrauto 1980 Trans Am
Dave and Amy Brown 1974 Grand Am
Andre Rayman 1962 Tempest conv.
Tom and Sue Hylton 1963 Ford Futura
Bob Sees 1970 Chevelle

That's 10. Not strong as usual, but maybe still enough to hold on to the imaginary crown in 2025. Other members in attendance- Larry Ankrom, John Giltinan, Don Gilbert, Mike and Marie Flaherty, Stephen Kohn, Scott Macgillivray.



The day went by quickly and a sausage sandwich made a good lunch. I prayed to the car gods that my ride home would be uneventful. But first there was the trophies presentation. The TCVCC was represented by Larry's 1965 Falcon and Bob's 1978 Thunderbird both taking home prizes.



As for the ride home, we took A1A to Ft Pierce and crossed the bridge there and back tracked to St Lucie Blvd to get to US1. Three more bridges and I followed Dick and Molly back to Hobe Sound for an uneventful trip home. I really do need to get rid of these barely used wide whitewall bias ply tires and replace them with a radial tire. Any trip over a metal draw bridge is still an adventure. The last car I drove with bias ply tires was my '69 Judge. I will never forget that I nailed the throttle at 55 mph on Bridge Road and the tires broke loose and almost put me in the ditch. TT II doesn't have that kind of power, but still....

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