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Upcoming Meetings

The August General Meeting will be on **Sunday, August 23rd**. Please see the announcement on page 4 for details.

Happy August!

We, (TCVCC member Rick Volkart, Tom Southard, and myself) recently returned from the 35th annual Tri-power Nationals. This is the biggest All Pontiac event in the world. It features a



car show of a few hundred Pontiacs, a gigantic swap meet of over 600 spaces of just Pontiac parts, and ¼ mile drag racing with the fastest cars being funny cars running high 3's in the quarter. The date of the event varies year to year as it is dependent on the NHRA schedule since Summit Motorsports Park is one of the tracks on the NHRA Circuit.

We usually fly out on a Thursday, pick up our rental car at Cleveland Hopkins airport and head straight to the track for Thursday afternoon Test n Tune.

The gates open promptly at 8am on Friday morning, and of course we are near the front of the line. Getting there early doesn't mean much because the Golf Cart concession does not open till 9am. We always book our golf cart as soon as they are available (months ahead), because without a cart we would be limited since the site is very large and the drag cars are so nice, their pits are a show of its own. The pits run the entire length of the track!



Once we have our cart, we drive out to our car and pick up our cooler of drinks, snacks and a parts bag and dive in to the swap meet.

If we find good stuff we return to the car and empty the bag. Although there is a complimentary cart to help people take parts to their car, we do it for anyone we see struggling, and have made a few new friends as a result.

Although we have the cart, I find it most effective to walk the swap meet, and often times get on the other side of the vendors table for a different perspective.

This year was no different, and I could write pages about this, but it would be easier if you looked at the pictures <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjCZvBL>

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President's Report, continued...

In past years, on Sunday would fly out late, and as a result, we have had the opportunity to tour Ralphie's house from the movie, "A Christmas Story", visit the Rock-n-Roll Hall of Fame which is downtown near the football stadium, and tour the USS Cod, a restored WW2 submarine. This year we flew home early on Sunday, so we didn't do any extracurricular activities except one night we took a drive to Cedar Point amusement park. I guess if you find vertical drop roller coasters as being amusing, you would like this place. What I can tell you is that it is right on the lake, and the parking lot is gigantic, and viewing from outside was enough for me

Back to things at hand, this last Saturday was the August general meeting hosted by John and Ann Delisa. We visited Johnny Grey Motorsports in Jupiter. I had missed out the last 2 times, so was fortunate to make it this time. While we were there I took a picture of this famous race car from the late 80s and early 90s' Grand Prix circuit. With some AI magic, I put myself in the picture wearing a racing suit. Seems believable...



Our upcoming meeting is hosted by Maryann Arnone, and it's a place that we have never visited before. Look for information in the newsletter. I met the Arnones sometime around 2019 at a Friday night cruise in Tequesta. They hail from Long Island, New York, and are Corvette fans owning a 1964 convertible, a 2003 Convertible and a 2024 70th Anniversary.



Once upon a time they were snowbirds, but now they are here permanently. They were members of the Southeast Classics, and would meet on a Friday night at the Time to Eat diner which at one time was the Jersey Diner, then again Time to Eat, and now 718 diner. It was a good opportunity for me as it was an easy ride from Hobe Sound, so I would venture down there. I quickly became a member of that club. They also hosted the monthly show at Harbourside, but alas, I never made it there.

Well that's enough for now. I hope to see you at the next meeting which will possibly include a nice ride along the beach in Jupiter/Juno.

Andre

Secretary's Report

Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club/AACA General Membership Meeting – July 25, 2026

President Andre Rayman called the meeting to order at 11:01 AM at the Johnny Gray Motorsports Museum in Jupiter. Preceding the meeting, members toured the facility and were in awe of the many gorgeous cars on display, then listened while Craig Hankinson, who has been with Mr. Gray since 2007, gave us background and current information about the facility and answered questions. Guests at the meeting were: Keiran Rayman and Dave Lindgren, guests of Andre; Mark Denowitz and Sarah Lovell, guests of Sherry and Charlie Ulrich; John Theybault and Paul Chovanec, guests of Ron Ingles.



Secretary Molly Hoffman stated minutes of June meeting were in the Newsletter and hearing no comments, Mary Ann Arnone proposed accepting minutes, Sally Franklin seconded, motion past unanimously.

Treasury Barbara Joyce, treasurer, was absent. No report.

Membership Sandee Searle reported the club has 95 members consisting of 172 people.

Newsletter Sally Franklin stated all is good with the Newsletter but needs and encourages more member stories.

Website Bob Ridle, webmaster, relayed the site is up to date and has included some great photos of the recent Pontiac Nationals taken by Andre.

Special Events Denny Dahle said the events are very slow this time of year and local events are included in the Newsletter.

Club Store Rosemary Rayman has various club items for purchase as well as other items from Lands End online and a new, smaller “label” with club name that can be added to items.

Sergeant at Arms Curt Francisco was absent.

Tours Update Andre reported for Dave Brown, Hot Summer Nights tour will be in September.

Show Update Russ Caterinicchio stated all is going well for the November 1 event but we do need volunteers for day of the event. If anyone has items for the packets they should be given to Jo Ann Smith. Sally Franklin reported the registrations are slow coming in and far fewer than last year. She will also be using Eventbrite for registration. Date of next committee meeting is October 19, at 3 Natives Restaurant in Hobe Sound.

Sunshine Report Rosemary has sent get well card to Frank LoVerso and thinking of you card to Sarah Palletto after surgery.

Legislative Report Jay Smith had nothing to report.

Old/New Business None reported.

Upcoming Meeting Next meeting will be Sunday, August 23 at the Aviation Museum On The Beach in Juno Beach, hosted by Mary Ann Arnone, with lunch at the Light House Diner. More details will be in the Newsletter.

Thank you to John and Ann Delisa and Craig Hankinson.

Adjournment Motion to adjourn by Sally Franklin, second by Mary Ann Arnone. Meeting adjourned at 11:19 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Molly Hoffman

General Meeting Notice

TCVCC August General Meeting

Sunday, August 23rd

We will meet at the Salty Pelican Restaurant parking lot, 11500 SE US 1 in Hobe Sound (about 1/2 mile north of Bridge Rd) at 9:45 and leave at 10. We'll then caravan South to the Aviation Museum on the Beach 790 Juno Ocean Walk, Juno Beach, Suite 402. The Museum is located on the 4th floor of the yellow building right behind the Shell Station.



There are several handicapped accessible parking spots and some guest parking on the property. Additional parking is available directly across the street.

After the museum, we'll leave at 11:45 and proceed north to the Lighthouse Diner 1570 US 1 Jupiter for lunch in the private back room. **RSVP: maarnone@aol.com or text 516-8351146 by 8/19.**



Upcoming National Events

AACA National & Regional Events

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events! Click [HERE](#) for the full calendar.

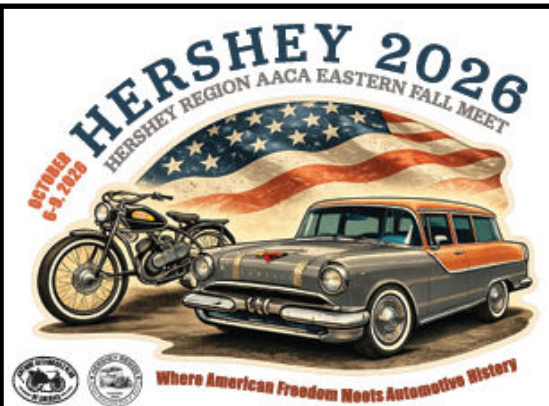
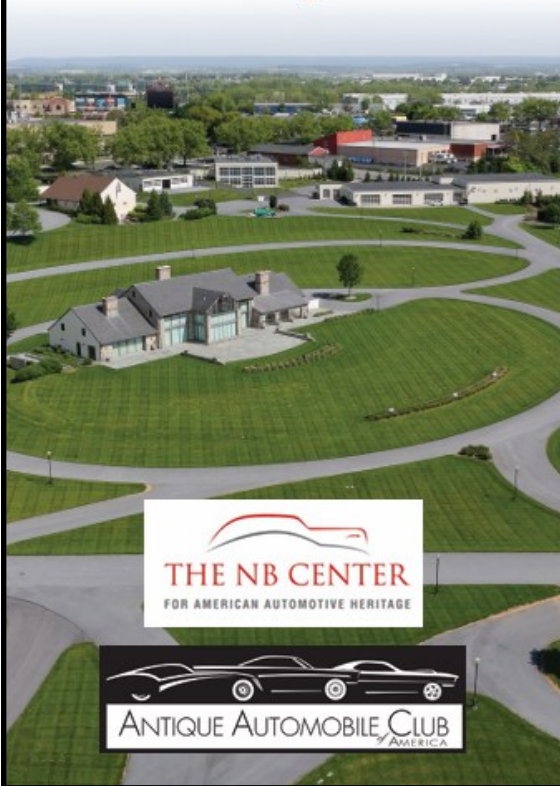
This event is sold out but judges are still needed.

AACA Grand Nationals & Zenith Competition

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for American
Automotive Heritage

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Deadline: July 22, 2026



AACA Eastern Fall Nationals

October 6-9, 2026
(Tuesday - Friday)
Hershey, Pennsylvania

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100 Hersheypark Drive
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Sunshine & More

SUNSHINE REPORT

Get well cards were sent to Frank LoVerso and Sarah Palieto. Please pass on information to Rosemary Rayman: email: rrayman03@gmail.com, phone 561-371-5498.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Our membership is holding steady at 95 family members consisting of 172 members. However, we had guests join us for the July meeting who expressed interest in joining. Perhaps next month's "Corner" will have new numbers to report. If you have friends or neighbors who may be interested in joining our varied monthly activities, please invite them to an upcoming meeting or event.

Board member, John DeLisa, was able to arrange another visit to the immaculate and amazing Johnny Gray Motorsports Museum in Jupiter. If you were fortunate enough to go, I am sure you marveled at the 58 pristine machines on display. Each vehicle gleamed like it was brand new. The "one" that caught my eye was the 1933 cream Deussen Model J, a 1 of 1 production valued at a cool \$7 million. The 1926 blue "Deus" was a beauty too. The oldest vehicle that I noticed was a 1902 Oldsmobile Curved Dash horseless carriage, black of course. One of the newest additions to the collection was the candy apple red 2019 McClaren Senna. There was a '55 & a '57 Chevy Bel-Air, a '40 Willys Pickup, Johnny's 1989 Porsche 962 Bad-a** race car, 1967 Ford GT 500 Mustang, a 1948 Ford Woody, and so many more. The epoxy floors, including in the "garage /maintenance area," were so clean you could eat off them. Our docent, Craig, has worked for Johnny Gray for decades, first as his racing Crew Chief, and now as his Curator and Custodian of this amazing, high-end car collection. We held our meeting upstairs in the bar area overlooking the showcased vehicles. Thank you, John & Ann DeLisa, for arranging this visit to Johnny Gray's Motorsports Museum. Read more about our meeting elsewhere in this VT and view the photos on our website, <https://treasurecoast.aaca.com>. Plan to attend our upcoming August meeting when we will visit the Aviation Museum on the Beach at Juno Beach hosted by Board members, Mary Ann & Richie Arnone. This is a first-time visit to this new venue... DON'T MISS IT! Be sure to RSVP by August 19th!! Matter of fact, why wait until the last minute? Just like every month, you can RSVP right now: maarnone@aol.com or text 516.835.1146 (that area code is not a typo). Let's hit the road...*Sandee Searle*

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COOL SHOW UPDATE



Registration for the 45th Annual COOL Show on November 1st is now available online at Eventbrite as well as through the mail. Forms are available on our website as well as from many members.

Click [HERE](#) for online registration.

Click [HERE](#) to download the form from our website.



Upcoming Local Events

LOCAL EVENTS (Courtesy of Jim Serra)

EVENTS FOR AUGUST 2026 ONLY

- Sun Aug 2nd, 830 am to 1030am, Modist Cars & Coffee 760 Enterprise Drive Port St Lucie - modist-us.com...MUST REGISTER
- Sat Aug 29th, Downtown Stuart Car Show, 9 am to 1 pm, \$10 entry fee, coffee/donuts , music, 50/50, Carlos 772-528-4247 Stuart City Hall Parking Lot

EVENTS THAT REPEAT MONTHLY

- Sat, Aug 1st, Cars & Coffee on the first Saturday of the month now located at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 1454 SW Mapp Rd Palm City 8 am to 1030 am, This is a very large parking lot so feel free to bring your pop ups for shade (please secure them properly). It will be a free event for car owners and spectators..
- Sun Aug 2nd, Recovery Room Sports Grill Cruise- In will be postponed for August and will resume in September
- Sat Aug 8th 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). We had over 100 cars at this in May.
- Sun Aug 9th and Sun Aug 16th, 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).
- Saturday Aug 15th, Concours Garage, (2120 SE Rays Way) will host a cars & coffee (830 am to 1030 am). They are seeking a curated mix of modern exotics, supercars and special interest autos. Spaces are limited and a RSVP is required (954-609-8662). This is a free event and refreshments will be available for purchase with all proceeds going to "Our Community Table", a local charity in Stuart. Will repeat on the third Saturday of the month. Spectators are welcome.
- Sun Aug 16th, 3rd Sunday of the month at Carmela's Coffee Shop, 10308 sw Discovery Way Port St Lucie (in the heart of Tradition) 8 am to 10 am 772-800-5711
- Sat Aug 22nd, 6 pm to 11 pm, Rev your engines! Join us for an epic car meetup celebrating 25 years of The Fast and the Furious — bring your ride, meet fellow car enthusiasts, and show off your build before we head into our private movie screening at the Regal Treasure Coast Mall. Shiftculture.com for more info

EVENTS THAT REPEAT WEEKLY

- Tuesdays, Weekly Car Show at Lowes, 5 pm - 7:30 pm, 3620 SE Federal Hwy, Stuart, FL 34997. Free for spectators - repeats weekly, hosted by Lew and His Crew, 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.
- Friday nights, Cruise in at Culvers in Jensen Beach 4 pm, located at 4151 NW Federal Hwy Jensen Beach 34957. 954-650-4356 (Brian), Free event/dining discounts.

Member Stories

July 2026 General Meeting

Hosted by John and Ann Delisa

July took us back to the Johnny Gray Motorsports Museum in Jupiter. This is an amazing place with cars from every era, including a 1902 Oldsmobile Curved Dash horseless carriage sitting across from a 2019 McLaren Senna. In between was a spectacular array of stunning vehicles.



1940 Willys
with 900+ hp

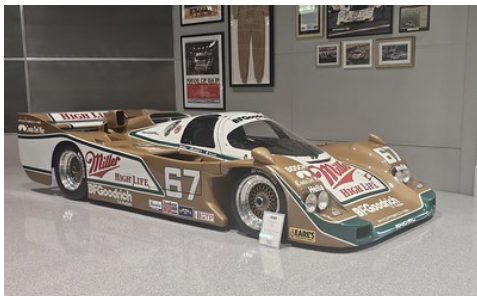


1933 Duesenberg,
One of one

Dustin getting pointers on how to start a 1902 Oldsmobile.



2019 McLaren Senna



1989 Porsche



To see all the photos from July's meeting, click [HERE.](#)

Member Stories

OUR JOURNEY TO PONTIAC MICHIGAN

For the 100th Anniversary of PONTIAC

By Dave & Amy Brown

We decided to drive our 1970 Pontiac Bonneville convertible, nicknamed “The Dues” to the 2026 Pontiac Oakland Club International (POCI) Convention and show in Pontiac Michigan to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Pontiac brand. Why “The Dues”? First time Amy’s mother saw my Pontiac 44 years ago, she remarked, “that’s a Duesy”, so it has forever been called The Dues! When I decided to restore this car in 2003, my aim was to make it good enough to compete and hopefully attain AACA Junior and Senior status. It had to not only look good, it had to be reliable and able to be driven long distances. Mission accomplished! We received both AACA awards as well as two POCI Points Judged Gold awards in 2025 and 2026.



We left Fort Pierce on Thursday June 18th under rainy conditions. To make matters worse, I wasn’t able to get the A/C functioning in time for the trip. We took our time and drove about 350-400 miles per day and took time to eat lunches and stop at interesting places we found along the way. Four

days on the road and zero problems. The Dues performed perfectly, just as it was designed. Fortunately, it has Super Lift rear air shocks. Its massive trunk was filled to the brim, and inflating the rear shocks leveled the car right off so it drove like it was empty!

We arrived in Pontiac a day early, so we checked in and had some time to do some independent exploring. An estate sale in a huge old mansion was a nice surprise. This was in a section where some of the auto executives must have lived. Very old but quite exquisite. We also visited several local museums as well as interesting old restaurants.



Member Stories

OUR JOURNEY TO PONTIAC MICHIGAN

Continued...

On Tuesday, the regular convention activities began. We washed the car and took it through tech inspection. They check for proper functioning of all lights and accessories. Fortunately, we got no deductions. Wednesday afternoon we moved the car into the Oakland Exposition Center for the points judged show. Cars were not allowed to be running, so every one was pushed into position by local club members wearing white gloves. Ever try turning a heavy behemoth without power steering? Later that evening we attended a cocktail party with heavy hors d'oeuvres at the Pontiac Oakland Museum. Some interesting and rare vehicles in there!



1973 Grand Am Prototype Station Wagon. 1 of 1



1943 GMC used by General George Patton during WWII



1912 Flanders, 1908 "The Pontiac", 1912 Oakland

We were back at the Oakland Expo center Thursday to be with the Dues for judging. The expo center had about 200 excellent, excellent cars, most that had arrived by trailer. After our car was judged we returned to the hotel to board one of 5 buses to tour Historic Pontiac Sites. Seventeen years after Pontiac was closed, most of the "sites" were vacant lots where something used to be. Not the most interesting tour.



The MONKEYMOBILE (Modified 1966 GTO)



Oldest car at show, 1917 Oakland

Member Stories

OUR JOURNEY TO PONTIAC MICHIGAN

Continued...



Ready for judging



1958 Starchief



Dale Earnhardt's 1981 Grand Prix that raced at Riverside, Martinsville and North Wilkesboro.



GMC Pickup powered with Pontiac V8



Tim Richmonds 1983 Lemans Race car



And Pontiac GMC had a Cameo Pickup

1958 Bonneville



1926 Pontiac, 2010 G6 Sedan, 1st and Last Pontiacs

Member Stories

OUR JOURNEY TO PONTIAC MICHIGAN

Continued...

On Friday we rode with David & Sherry Levy, and son Grant, introduced to us by John & Don, to the Parade of nearly 200 Pontiacs through downtown Pontiac Michigan. Most of these were the cars that would later be in the Popular Vote Show. It was fun watching 200 Pontiacs on Parade.



Waiting for the parade through Pontiac



Another GMC



1962 Grand Prix... First Year

On Saturday, the Popular Vote Show took place outside the Oakland Expo Center. Later in the day, the white gloved volunteers returned to push the Points Judged cars out of the center, and back to the hotel. That evening we attended the awards ceremony in the Marriott Hotel Ballroom. Once again, we were proud to be awarded the Points Judged Gold Award, scoring 387 out of 400. On Sunday morning, we left Pontiac headed to Brevard North Carolina to spend a few days with long time TCVCC members Mike and Carol Mucci. Although full-time NC residents, the Mucci's still maintain their TCVCC membership. We cruised the mountain roads and ate at some interesting local restaurants. Isn't that what TCVCC'ers do?



Mike and I with Annie, who looks just like a deer!

Thursday, we left the Mucci's and headed for home, again splitting the trip in two parts. We arrived home Friday afternoon, July 3rd, tired but fulfilled. A very successful trip and a wonderful time. Our journey covered over 2800 miles, we experienced no issues and arrived back home, safe and sound. And we already have made reservations for next June's POCI Convention in Norman Oklahoma and maybe a little side trip on Route 66. Happy motoring and keep driving them!

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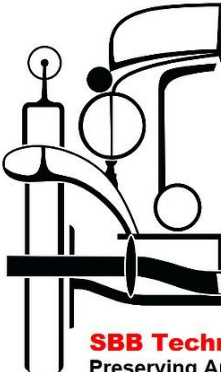



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