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Upcoming Meetings

The September General Meeting will be on **Saturday, September 19th.** Please see the announcement on page 3 for details.

Greetings from 35,000 feet.

We are on our way to Ireland and I got distracted and forgot to write my Prez Says till now.

August has been a month full of car activities for me. We



organized a lunch cruise to the Pirates Loft after the Cars n

Coffee at the Elliot Museum. It's a nice tie in if you don't want to be up early to get a space at the Elliot. It went so well that we will try it again on Sept 12th. This is limited to classics, but that's a strong suggestion, and not a rule. I think we will go to Ft. Pierce and along with that a trip to Cream Republic. Follow us on [Facebook](#) for more updates on local cruises.

We also did an impromptu breakfast cruise to the Dixie Grille. It turned out quite well and beat the weather. We were surprised to learn that the Model A club had the same idea and showed up at 9:30 sharp. Some of us idled over to the fresh produce stand for veggies.

The next week was the club meeting which took us to a little-known museum featuring over 1000 pieces of commercial air memorabilia. I was shocked and impressed. Read more about that later in this newsletter.

After letting my '64 GTO sit idle for 10 months, I sorted out the shorting out battery cable, installed the right shim, and jumped in and drove 30 miles. Any thoughts of selling were erased and now I may investigate paint and body upgrades.

I was just short of getting my next 5000 mile pin from the AACA touring award, so I proceeded to clock another 100 miles and receive it. All brake lights and signals work, which was a problem that plagued that car for years.

This month's meeting is being put on by Molly Hoffman with some help from Denny Dahle. Molly grew up in the St Louis area and she and Dick retired to Stuart in 2003. They owned an eclectic collection of cars including a 1957 Thunderbird, 1967 VW Beetle, and a 1977 Lincoln Continental.

A reminder on our website is a list of links to various car clubs that you can browse for information on shows, events, and more. Click [HERE](#) to visit the page.

See you on the road, Andre

Secretary's Report

Treasure Coast Vintage Car Club/AACA General Membership Meeting – August 23, 2026

President Andre Rayman called the meeting to order at 12:21 PM at the Lighthouse Diner in Jupiter. Preceding the meeting, the club members visited the Aviation Museum on the Beach located in Juno Beach and arranged by MaryAnn and Richie Arnone. Guests at the meeting were Sue and Doug Hoffine, friends of Sally Franklin.



Secretary Molly Hoffman stated minutes of July meeting were in the Newsletter and hearing no comments, Mary Ann proposed acceptance of minutes. Sally Franklin seconded and motion passed.

Treasury Barbara Joyce, treasurer, was absent – no report.

Membership Sandee Searle reported an increase in membership with 97 members/176 persons. New members are Bob Higgins and Donna Sherbourne, Paul and Lori Chovanec.

Newsletter Sally informed the members the Newsletter is now using Micro Soft word.

Website Bob Ridle was absent – Andre said the site is up to date.

Special Events Denny Dahle was absent. Andre reminded the group there is a show this date (8-23-2026) at Double Roads in Jupiter.

Club Store and Sunshine Rosemary had nothing to report for Sunshine. She sent \$100 donation to ALS in memory of former club member Cindy Keegan.

Sergeant at Arms Kurt Francisco had nothing new to report – all is in good condition.

Legislative Report Jay Smith had nothing new to report.

Tours Update David Brown informed the “Not so Hot November Nights Tour” is November 12 – 15 in Deland area and visiting the Stetson House which will be decorated for Christmas. Cars driven for this event must be 25 years old or older. More info will be in the Newsletter.

Show Update Russ Caterinicchio stated all good with planning for COOL show November 1.

Old Business Sally stated the flutter flags have been ordered, shipped and should arrive this week.

New Business There was no new business.

Upcoming Meeting Andre informed September meeting will be in Port St Lucie Museum with lunch at Lefties near the museum.. More information will be in Newsletter.

Thank You The club thanked Mary Ann and Ritchie Arnone for arranging the August meeting.

Adjournment Motion to adjourn made by Mike Searle, second by Larry Atkins. Meeting adjourned at 12:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Molly Hoffman



TCVCC

General Meeting Notice

TCVCC September General Meeting Saturday, September 19th

The September General Meeting activity will be a visit to the Port Saint Lucie Historical Museum, 2456 SE Westmoreland Blvd. starting at 10AM. Since the museum is not very large we will split up, with half our group touring the museum, while the rest visit the Port Saint Lucie Botanical Gardens (next door) then the two groups switch locations. After all club members have visited both facilities, we will have our monthly meeting in the Botanical Gardens' foyer/meeting area around 11:30 AM.



Wings & Grill

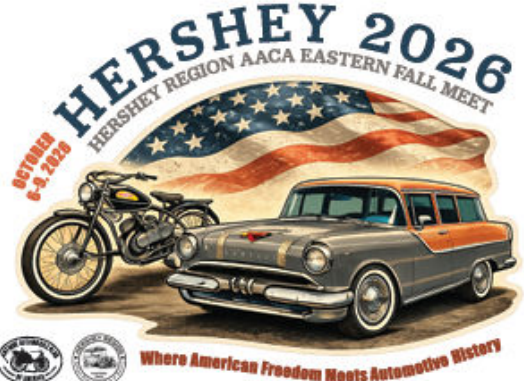
Afterwards, we'll have lunch around the corner at Lefty's Wings & Grill, 1034 SE Port Saint Lucie Blvd., around noon. An RSVP for the Historical Museum & Botanical Gardens is not necessary, however you will need to RSVP if attending the club lunch at Lefty's Wings & Grill!

Your RSVP is a must by September 12th. RSVP via e-mail to Denny Dahle at koda06@bellsouth.net. Remember...no later than Saturday, September 12th!

Upcoming National Events

AACA National & Regional Events

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



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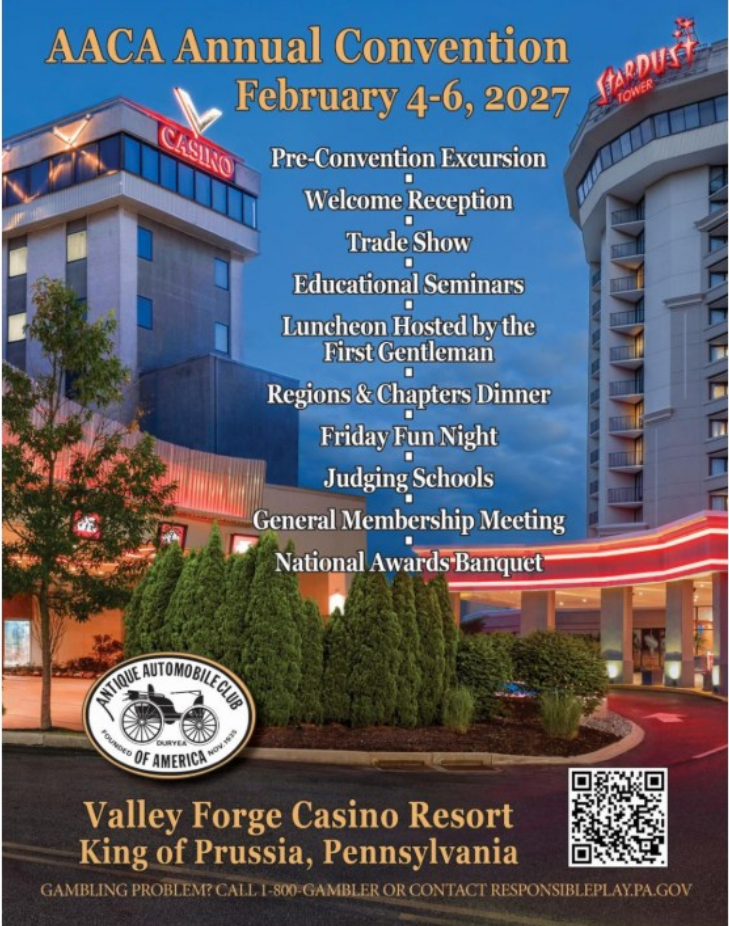
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National News

IMPORTANT!!! 2027 AACA National Board of Directors Election

VOTE

By Dave Anspach, VP-Touring, aacadave1054@yahoo.com

One of my duties on your Board of Directors this year was to serve as chairman of the Nominations Committee. This group is charged with reviewing prospective candidates for the Board of Directors election held in the fall. They narrow the possibilities down to a reasonable size to be presented to the membership for a vote. Each year, on a rotating basis, 7 members of the board (out of 21) are voted on.

This year the committee started out with over two dozen possible candidates. This included those incumbents who were eligible and decided to run for re-election. They came from all areas and demographics of our membership. After careful review, this group was narrowed to 11 candidates that will be presented for a membership vote in the next issue of *Antique Automobile*.

But all of these months of work are worthless without one item...**YOUR VOTE!!** It is absolutely necessary that every member cast a ballot. PLEASE read every biography in the magazine and see what the candidates have to say. Your vote should reflect your personal views of how the club should be run.

And remember...**you MUST vote for 7 candidates**...a complete slate. Any ballots that don't have a full 7 votes will not be counted. And don't forget your spouse if you have a joint membership. Your ballots don't have to be the same (mine never are), but both ballots must have 7 votes!!

Maybe next year YOU will consider running for our Board of Directors! But for now, **VOTE for your Board of Directors**. Your club's future depends on it!

In the September/October edition of *Antique Automobile* is a postpaid ballot for the 2027 Board of Directors election. **It is your ONLY ballot and must be filled out according to the instructions or it will not be counted.**



Please read the biographies of all the candidates listed in the magazine and vote for the 7 of your choice. Our candidates this year come from widely different backgrounds, so please give serious consideration to those who match your ideas of what is important to the future of the club. All ballots must have 7 names selected or they will be considered "not valid" and will not be counted.

Your ballot must be RECEIVED by November 15, 2026.

Sunshine & More

SUNSHINE REPORT

A \$100 donation was sent to the ALS Association in memory of former club member Cindy Keegan. Please pass on information to Rosemary Rayman: email: rrayman03@gmail.com, phone 561-371-5498.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Welcome two new member families! This brings our membership count to 97 family members consisting of 176 members. Introducing friends or neighbors to TCVCC who share our interest in vintage and classic cars is one of the best ways to bring like-minded car enthusiasts together. Thank you to members Ron Ingles and Barbara McAlister for doing just that.

Bob Higgins and Donna Sherbourne are Palm City residents. They own a 1966 Ford Mustang convertible and a 1982 Chevrolet Camaro pace car. Paul & Lori Chovanec, from Jensen Beach, have a 1999 Plymouth Prowler, a 2009 Dodge Viper, and a 2021 Chevrolet Corvette C8. Welcome to both couples. We look forward to seeing you at some upcoming club meetings and events.

Remember our July visit to Johnny Gray Motorsports Museum in Jupiter? Well, in August Mike & I visited the Johnny & Terry Gray Surgical Institute at Jupiter Medical Center named for them a couple years ago after their \$25 million donation. They are very generous philanthropists.

Let's hit the road...*Sandee Searle*

In other membership business: AACA's September semi-monthly Antique Automobile glossy magazine will be finding its way into your mailbox soon. Inside the plastic wrapper will be a card-stock cover that has **your personalized** AACA Membership Renewal form with your Member Number and Member PIN. **DO NOT** toss it out. AACA annual renewal is due by January 1, 2027, or you can complete your renewal any time prior to the renewal date. You can use the renewal form to mail in your dues directly to AACA or you can easily renew online at: <https://members.aaca.org/membership/Membership.php>. You will need **your personalized** AACA Member number and Member PIN from that magazine insert for online renewal.

Remember, Membership in the national AACA is a prerequisite to joining and renewing membership in the Treasure Coast Region TCVCC. Click [HERE](#) to renew your AACA membership or to join as a first-time member: Then click the Join or Renew button. Have **your personalized** AACA Member number and Member PIN handy if you are already a member.

Denny & Char Dahle have arranged for our September meeting visit to Port St. Lucie Historical Museum and PSL Botanical Garden, located side by side on Westmoreland Blvd. Please note that this meeting will be off schedule on SATURDAY, Sept. 19th. More details are available in this VT. Denny is asking for RSVP only for lunch at Lefty's Wings & Grill, located just across from the Museum & Gardens. An RSVP by Sept. 14th or sooner is appreciated: koda-06@bellsouth.net or 772.237.9755 (H).

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To contact a Board Member, click [HERE](#).

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Upcoming Local Events

LOCAL EVENTS (Courtesy of Jim Serra)

EVENTS THAT REPEAT MONTHLY

- Sat, Sept 5th, Cars & Coffee on the first Saturday of the month, 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). Free event for car owners and spectators.....Coffee and donuts will be available for purchase.
- Sun Sept 6th, Recovery Room Sports Grill Cruise - In is back.....Repeats on the first Sunday of the month 4 to 8 pm, cars should be in place by 330 pm, 10350 sw Don Led Duke Dr Port St Lucie. 772-345-8490. Hosted by Riverland Car Club.

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.

SAVE THE DATES

- Sunday Nov 1st, 45th Annual COOL Classic Car Show, 301 SE Stypmann Blvd, Stuart. For more details, click [HERE](#)
- Sunday Nov 8th, Pastor Jim is planning a Veterans Day themed car show for Sunday Nov 8th. More details and a flyer to follow
- Saturday Dec 5th, noon to 4 pm, Christmas Classics car show at Marine Max in Stuart, noon to 4 pm, Free event and lunch provided to cruisers. Hosted by Lew and his Crew....More details to follow.



Member Stories

August 2026 General Meeting

By Sandee Searle

For our August meeting, Mary Ann & Richie Arnone transported us to world of airline transportation at Aviation Museum on the Beach at Juno Beach. This extraordinary museum with over 1000 model airplanes of airlines from all over the world has only been open one year. This is one man's collection, David Marx, and it contains only 1/3 of his full collection.



Just a small selection from the collection



The models range from small desk or shelf size to several 6-to-8-foot models suspended from the ceiling. Some of his prized models were his extensive collection of suspended colorful airplanes that he acquired from Braniff Airlines archives.



Colorful Braniff aircraft

There is a model nose of the US Airways Airbus A320-214 that successfully landed in the Hudson River in 2009...signed by "Sully" Sullenberger; and his Qantas-heritage Boeing 707-138B model of the original plane with lineage including Qantas passenger jet, Frank Sinatra private jet, to John Travolta private jet. John later repainted the jet in Qantas colors and donated it to Historical Aircraft Restoration Society in Australia. Back to the 707-138B model, it is signed by John Travolta. If you haven't been able to attend our meetings this year, you are really missing out! Our Board members have been arranging some spectacular monthly visits.



Remember these airlines?



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

Tours

NOT SO **HOT** NOVEMBER NIGHTS Tour of the **STETSON CHRISTMAS MANSION** November 12-15, 2026

Since 1996, we have led the HOT AUGUST NIGHTS TOUR. However, participation has dwindled in the past few years, so we decided to change things up a little. August has proven to be hot, really hot! And maybe our aging membership has been saying NO, to the hot weather tour.

This year we are planning a tour to Deland, including a tour of the famous STETSON MANSION, beautifully decorated for Christmas! It is truly a site to behold. We are an antique car club, so this is still a tour for **ANTIQUE CARS ONLY**. The car you drive must be at least 25 years old, which means a 2001 or older vehicle.



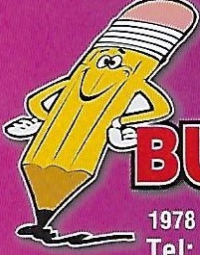
Those wishing to join us on the NOT SO **HOT** NOVEMBER NIGHTS TOUR, please email Dave & Amy Brown at brown7373@bellsouth.net, or call 772-595-2566. Further details will be forwarded to those who register.

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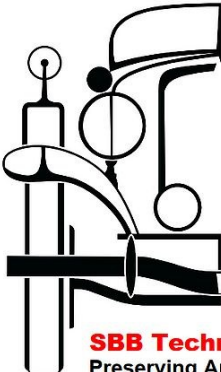



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Registration for the 45th Annual COOL Show on November 1st is now available online at Eventbrite as well as through the mail. Forms are available on our website as well as from many members.

Click [HERE](#) for online registration.

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

