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WEBSITE

If any of you have visited our website, you have seen on the opening page some of our member's vehicles. However, here is more room for additions. Please send me photos and information regarding your vehicle so that we can add it to our website.

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NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME & LOCATION

Our next meeting will be January 27th at Queen's Pizza, 1834 N Belcher Road, Clearwater, FL at 6:00 p.m. Come early (5:00 p.m.) if you want to have dinner prior to meeting.

2026 CALENDARS

The 2026 Calendars are available for \$10.00 at one of our meetings or \$14.00 by mail (bulk mailing will be determined at time of mailing). If you are a new member, you will receive a free calendar with your membership.

Now is the time, however, to start thinking and planning on your 2027 photo submission. Please send at least a 500KB photo of your pride and joy to pkroeger@tampabay.rr.com.

GULF COAST REGION SHIRTS

Our Gulf Coast Region shirts with our logo are available. You can purchase either Polo shirts or t-shirts. Contact Debbie or Pat.



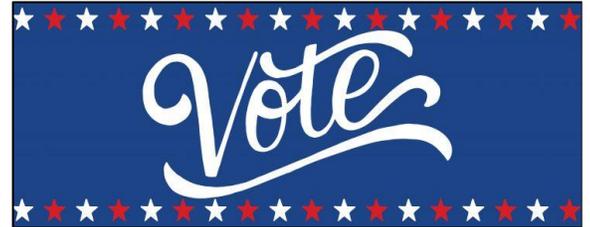
Daniel Rutenbur	January 7
Debbie Kroeger	January 9
Pappy Papenfuhs	January 24
Hal Bruce	January 31

Patrick Kroeger	February 8
Bob DesForges	February 10
Gordon Marks	February 28

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election for our Vice President position is expiring at the end of December. The Vice President position is currently held by Hal Bruce.

The election was held at our October 26, 2025 meeting. There were no other members interested in running for this position, therefore, Hal Bruce was re-elected for an additional two-year period (2026-2027).



2026 8th ANNUAL CAR SHOW

We are gearing up for the February Annual Car Show. Ad has been sent to Florida Car Show website and also for publishing in the G&D. We have the approved event request from the VCCA. We have also ordered the trophies and the goody bags.

Car show flyers were printed and are available online. Online registration started 12/1/2025. To-date we have received 6 registrations. Three members and 3 non-members.

We need to start gathering two different items for the car show, one is give-away items for the goody bags and, two are items for the give aways during the show. Food gift cards and automobile related items are good choices. I have sent requests to antique auto insurers for giveaway items. Also, if you have any rewards on your credit cards to cash in, you could use the gift cards you receive for our give aways.

Any thoughts that come to mind, please bring them to our attention.

CAR # _____

 **GULF COAST REGION**
8th ANNUAL CAR SHOW
To Benefit the Toy Makers of East Lake
Saturday, February 28, 2026

 **East Lake United Methodist Church** 
2801 East Lake Road, Palm Harbor, FL

OPEN TO ALL MAKES & MODELS OF CARS AND TRUCKS

1st and 2nd PLACE TROPHIES FOR THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:
Chevrolet ■ Ford ■ Pontiac ■ Corvette ■ Mustang ■ Truck ■ Camaro
Other Domestic Makes ■ Mopar ■ Foreign ■ Prewar ■ Street Rod
CUTOFF TIME TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR JUDGING IS 11:00 A.M.
OWNER/VEHICLE MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE TROPHY

Free Spectator Admission **Rain or shine** **Food and Drinks Available**
(follow signs for spectator parking)

Music and Prize Giveaways!! **Car Registration: 8-11 a.m.**
50/50 Drawing! **Show: 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

Dash Plaques to 1st 50 Vehicles Registered

Make Checks Payable to: **For On-Line Registration visit:**
Gulf Coast Region VCCA, 3041 Spring Oak Ave www.gulfcoastvcca.com
Palm Harbor, FL 34684 *727-774-7065* *(beginning 12/01/25)*

Registration Fee: \$20.00 Online Before 02/26 Mail In Before 02/21
\$25.00 Day of Show

Name: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

LIABILITY: In Consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate entrants, participants and spectators; by execution of this form release and discharge the Gulf Coast Region of the VCCA and the East Lake United Methodist Church and any show sponsor or affiliate; and of and from any and all known or unknown damages, injuries, judgments, and/or claims from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by any entrant to his or her property. Participants are liable for all guests registered under their name.

 Signature: _____ 09/06/25

CHRISTMAS PARTY

We had our Christmas Party on December 9th at O-Keefe's in Clearwater. Twelve members attended.



Every year, this club feels less like a group and more like a circle of friends who just happen to know their way around a torque wrench. We are grateful for the time, the enthusiasm, and the spirit everyone brings to every meet, show, and conversation.



So, here's to the Gulf Coast members who keep these classic machines alive and rolling, and here's to another year of friendship, fun, and fuel-filled adventures.

GULF COAST REGION ANNIVERSARY

We reached a milestone this year and I only realized it at our Christmas party this year, We have existed as a Region for ten years, from September 2015 to the present. Seems like a short time ago that we met with Jim Gephardt in Tarpon Springs, FL and began the process to re-establish a Florida Region. There was a previous Florida Region but apparently lack of interest at the time caused it to disband.

Even though we as a group are getting older, we still have the interest and motivation to continue on, we just move a bit slower now.

Here's to another ten years for this great group of people.





FOR SALE

1964 Chevrolet Corvair Monza 2 Dr coupe 4 speed (Ember Red) with approx. 70,500 miles.

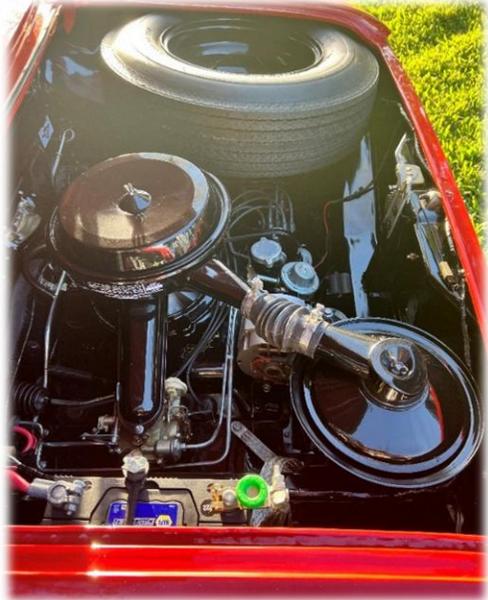
I have had the car 4 years. I purchased the car from the second owner. The car is an AACA show winner (Senior).

The car has 6 factory options. I replaced the T-3 factory headlights and headlight buckets with NOS. I installed stone guards (original), after Mkt. Corvair mats, which I have the original mat which I'll leave with the car. The reason for selling the car is that the storage fee is getting out of hand and I can't handle it on a family budget. I'm offering the car at \$19,000 OBO. This car I would put up against any other restored Corvair. **If interested please contact Bob DesForges at 727-420-3231 (text) or email at bobdesforges@aol.com**



Editor's Note: This car was awarded Best of Show V8 Era at our Area 9 regional meet in October, 2023.







FOR SALE

1932 Chevrolet Confederate

This 6-cylinder vehicle's body, interior, and engine/mechanical is in good condition (no body damage/rust, good paint, some minor surface rust on the bumpers, 5 great tires, etc.). The engine (showing 89,076 on the odometer) runs well but is hard to start at times. Once started it runs great (happy to send a video of the engine running). The interior shows some fading/discolored but is in good condition. The vehicle has been sitting for a while and with time and energy, the engine would be thoroughly cleaned and maybe have the carburetor and/or the distributor rebuilt to address the ignition problem. We just don't have the knowledge and space to care for this vehicle. Additional photos shared upon your request. Asking \$9,500.

Doug Shelton (914-255-8115) or shelton.do@hotmail.com



UPCOMING CAR SHOWS

Quaker Steak & Lube - Every Thursday Night, 10400 49th St N, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Friday Night Cruise In at Smokin 19 - Every Friday, 3080-90 34th St N, 4:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Dade City Cruise-In - 1st Saturday of Month, 37918 Meridian Ave, 12:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Dunedin Cars and Coffee - 1st Saturday of Month, 360 Douglas Ave, 7:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Cars, Of Course - Every Saturday, Dunkin Donuts, 7595 4th St N, St. Pete, 8-10:30 a.m.
Sizzlin' Saturdays at the Lube – Quaker Steak & Lube, 1st Saturday of Month, 11 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Cars & Coffee at Jax Wax - 2nd Sunday of Month, 26254 US-19, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Cars @ Brunch – Whiskey Wings Largo - 3rd Sunday of Month, 2480 E Bay Dr, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Whiskey Wings Cars n Coffee Sunday – 26210 US 19 N, Clearwater, Coffee 9-12; Car Show 11-3 p.m.

January 3	Kevin's Car Shows Car, Truck & Jeep Show Whiskey Wings, Tarpon Springs, 40737 US 19 N, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
January 10	Rods for Roo Benefit Car Show Quaker Steak & Lube, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
January 11	Palm Harbor Chamber of Commerce & Tasca Buick GMC Community Appreciation Day Car Show Tasca Buick GMC, 30777 US 19 N, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
January 17	Celebrate Clearwater Car, Truck & Jeep Show Clearwater Historical Society, 610 S Ft Harrison, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
January 18	Kevin's Car Shows Car, Truck, Jeep & Bike Show Whiskey Wings, Countryside, 26210 US 19 N, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
January 24	B.O.S.S. Classic Car & Truck Show Quaker Steak & Lube, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
January 24	Firefighter Charity Car Show Holiday Inn Harborside, 401 2 nd St, Indian Rocks Beach, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
January 30- February 1	Winter Extravaganza Sumter Swap Meets Florida Classic Park, 5360 Lockhart Rd, Brooksville, 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
January 31	Kevin's Car Shows Car, Truck, Jeep & Bike Show Diesel Garage Bar & Grille, 34200 US 19 N, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
February 7	Kevin's Car Shows Car, Truck, Jeep & Bike Show Whiskey Wings, Tarpon Springs, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
February 15	Festivals of Speed – St Petersburg Vinoy Park, 501 5 th Ave NE, St Pete, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
February 21	Fenders for First Responders Downtown Tarpon Avenue, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
February 28	8th Annual Gulf Coast Region Car Show East Lake United Methodist Church, 2801 East Lake Rd, 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
February 28	Kathryne Mezerowski Memorial Scholarship Car & Truck Show Cody's Roadhouse, 4360 Park St N, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
February 28	Kevin's Car Shows Car, Truck, Jeep & Bike Show Diesel Garage Bar & Grille, 34200 US 19 N, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
March 21	15th Annual Show & Shine Under the Oaks St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 705 Michigan Blvd, Dunedin, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

<https://flacarshows.com/events/category/west-coast-of-florida/>

<https://carsandcoffeevents.com/florida-car-and-bike-events/>

<https://flacarshows.com/events/event/kevins-car-shows-car-truck-jeep-show-10/>

<https://www.judgescarshows.com/upcoming-events>



**FLORIDA GULF COAST REGION OF THE
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**GULF COAST REGION
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Date: October 26, 2025 12:00 p.m.

LOCATION: John Taylor Park

ATTENDEES:

- Pat & Debbie Kroeger
- Hal Bruce
- Pam Simone
- Guy Trent
- Tom Burtch
- Al Robinson
- Dave & Barb Cardinal
- Bob & Margaret Thacker

1. **Meeting called to order at** 12:40 p.m.
2. **Minutes:** September 23, 2025 meeting were accepted as distributed. Motion to accept by Pam and seconded by Tom.
3. **President's comments:** None
4. **Recognize/introduce new member(s):** None
5. **Treasurer's Report and Membership Update:**

Previous Cash Balance:	<u>\$1,193.81</u>	As of:	<u>09/20/25</u>
Cash Balance to Date:	<u>\$1,242.19</u>	As of:	<u>10/25/25</u>

Membership/Calendars:

# 2025 New Members:	<u>1</u>
# Members Renewed to Date:	<u>25</u>
# Calendars Sold	<u>16</u>

- *Ray Baker has sold his truck so he will not be renewing his membership in 2026.*
- *2026 Calendars will be going to printers within the next week. Dave will submit photo of his vehicle for inclusion in the calendar.*

6. **Other Items:**

❖ **2026 8th Annual Car Show**

- *Moe Khavarian from Sylvan Abbey Funeral Home has offered to provide sponsorship for our 2026 car show. He will contact Pat around the 1st of November.*
- *Show information has been submitted to VCCA*
- *Submitted to Florida Car Shows for publication*
- *Roy has uploaded the flyer on our website. Online registration will be available 12/01/25*
- *Al has contact church as to date for our show and church again providing food*
- *Hal has contact Honor Flight and Sheriff (regarding display of their vehicle)*
- *Pat has contacted several companies requesting donations/sponsorship for our show.*

❖ **2026 Meeting Schedule**

Deb will get with Queen 's to schedule meetings.

❖ **Xmas Party/Meeting**

Deb will check into different venues availability to host party on December 9th. Anyone who has a suggestion as to location, let Debbie know.

❖ **VCCA 60th Anniversary Meet**

Hotel rooms are still available if anyone if interested. Pat and Debbie have made reservations to attend.

❖ **Revised 2026 Membership Application**

Forms were distributed and several members submitted 2026 renewals.

❖ **Election for 2026**

The position of Vice President is up for election (2026-2027). Hal Bruce is currently the Vice President. There were no nominations made and, therefore, Hal was re-elected to the position.

❖ **Miscellaneous**

- *Toymakers will be having their annual Open House on November 15th, 9:00 am – 1:30 p.m.*
- *Our next meeting will be our Meeting/Picnic at John Chesnut. Club will be providing Publix sandwiches.*

7. **Next Meeting:** November 23rd at John Chesnut Park, 2200 East Lake Rd at 12:00 p.m.

8. **50/50 Drawing:** \$40.00 collected. Margaret Thacker won the drawing and donated back to club.

9. **Adjourn – Time:** 1:15 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Bob and seconded by Debbie

Handouts previously distributed:

October 2025 Statement of Revenue and Expenses (thru 10/25/25)

Proposed 2026 Meeting Schedule

2026 Membership Application

Minutes prepared by Debbie Kroeger, Secretary/Treasurer



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GULF COAST REGION MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 23, 2025 12:00 p.m.

LOCATION: John Chesnut Park

ATTENDEES:

- Pat Kroeger
- Hal Bruce & Pam Simone
- Guy Trent
- Tom & Althea Burtch
- Al Robinson
- Dave & Barb Cardinal
- Bob & Margaret Thacker
- Barry & Bev Richman
- Bob & Jennie Bernstel

1. **Meeting called to order at** 1:02 p.m.
2. **Minutes:** October 26, 2025 meeting were accepted as distributed. Motion to accept by Guy and seconded by Barry.
3. **President’s comments:** None
4. **Recognize/introduce new member(s):** None
5. **Treasurer’s Report and Membership Update:**

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# Calendars Sold	<u>16</u>

- *2026 Calendars are available for \$10 each plus \$4 postage if mailed. Contacted VCCA regarding calendar sales online – they have an exclusive and don’t make much money (Model H).*

6. **Other Items:**

❖ **2026 8th Annual Car Show**

- *No standalone ads in goody bags. Nothing after they are assembled.*
- *Trophies being ordered from Landmark.*
- *Need to order 40 additional bags.*
- *Volunteer List same as last year unless someone wants a different job.*
- *Arrive at 7 a.m.*
- *Will flag parking the day before the show.*
- *Honor Flight attending as well as Sheriff's Office.*

❖ **Christmas Party – O'Keefe's, 1219 S Ft Harrison, December 9th at 6:00 p.m.**

- *Reservation made for 15 people. RSVP only if you aren't attending.*

❖ **2026 Membership Renewal – Due by December 31st.**

❖ **Donation of \$100.00 in Pat Robinson's name to Toymakers.**

- *Al expressed gratitude for club's turnout at Pat's memorial.*

7. **Next Meeting:** January 27th - Queen's Pizza, 1834 N Belcher Rd, 6:00 p.m. (dinner at 5:00 p.m.)

8. **50/50 Drawing:** \$35.00 collected. Guy won the drawing and donated back to club.

9. **Adjourn** – Time: 1:15 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Hal and seconded by Al.

Handouts distributed:

November 2025 Statement of Revenue and Expenses (thru 11/20/25)

2026 Car Show Goody Bag/Prize/GC List

Sponsor Request for Donation Letter

Minutes prepared by Pam Simone