



# FLORIDA GULF COAST REGION VCCA NEWSLETTER

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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 our picnic/meeting March 22<sup>nd</sup> at John Chesnut, Shelter 12, at 12:00 p.m. See flyer for details.

## 2026 CALENDARS

I know we just got the 2026 calendars done and here I am yapping about the 2027 calendars. I have two photos, kind of, Daniel Ruttenburd is going to send me a photo of his 1929 Chevrolet Phaeton for January and Dave Cardinal is going to have his Corvette photographed whether he wants it or not. So, your mission, members, is to provide a photo of at least 500KB of your current or past rides. No flat side photos, they only look good if you're trying to sell a car that has hidden defects.

New members, of course your welcome to submit your car or truck and you will get priority in the calendar.

Please send at least a 500KB photo of your pride and joy to [pkroeger@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:pkroeger@tampabay.rr.com).



Bill Soman March 1

Daniel Rand May 16



## MARCH MEETING/PICNIC

Just a reminder of our March picnic/meeting on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at John Chesnut Park, 2200 East Lake Road, Palm Harbor, Shelter 12. Shelter is reserved from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. if you want to come early or stay later to enjoy the park.

The Club will be providing Publix platters and paper items, so please bring a dessert to share and your favorite (and legal) beverages. **Please let us know if you plan to attend (and eat lunch) by March 19<sup>th</sup> so that we can have enough platters for everyone.**

This is a rain or shine event, however with good weather, we could make this a mini car show as well so bring your Chevrolet or GMC to show off with!



## 2026 8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CAR SHOW

Our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show, on February 28, 2026 did surprisingly well considering that they had the rain chances at 50% and yet all we had was some morning fog.

We have gotten pretty good with getting these shows organized, however, we could not have done this without the help of the following people on Show Day, Bob and Jennie Bernstel, Hal Bruce and Pam Simone, Tom, Althea and Nick Burch, Pappy Papenfuhs, Al Robinson, Bob and Margaret Thacker, Dave and Barbara Cardinal, Debbie Kroeger and Guy Trent.

These are pictures of only a few of the members that helped, but these are the only pictures available.



We also had the privilege of Honor Flight having an informational booth at our show with Karen Maex, the representative from Honor Flight, a vehicle from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, and George Chapman and others from the Toymakers Of Eastlake, who make our best of show trophy.



Our truck class winner was Nancy Disharoon and her 1990 Chevrolet Silverado. They are from Dawsonville GA. They also won the 50/50 drawing and donated their winnings back to our club. Hey Georgia, how come they are not in your region? We are recruiting them into the Gulf Coast region



Three notable awards were: Best of Show to Howard Rpanan's 1963 Willys Station Wagon, First Place Chevrolet to Steve Mogil's 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air, and the Members Vehicle, that is voted on by the show participants, was awarded to Nick Burtch's 1967 Chevy II.



**2026 TROPHY WINNERS**

Howard Raphan	<b>BEST OF SHOW</b>	1963 Willys Wagon
	<b>CAMARO</b>	
Mark Weeks	1st Place	2011 Camaro
Lee Harwood	2nd Place	1968 Camaro
	<b>CHEVY</b>	
Steve Mogil	1st Place	1957 Bel-Air
Bob Barrett	2nd Place	1962 Impala
	<b>CORVETTE</b>	
John Alfano	1st Place	2016 Corvette Stingray
Ron Nicodemus	2nd Place	1966 Corvette
	<b>FORD</b>	
Kosta Patsalides	1st Place	1960 Sunliner
Ray Cutro	2nd Place	1957 Thunderbird
	<b>FOREIGN</b>	
Frank Malowany	1st Place	1975 Triumph TR6
Jeff Caruana	2nd Place	2014 Maserati Granturismo Convertible
	<b>MOPAR</b>	
Jack Kenyon	1st Place	2023 Dodge Challenger
Hugh Lannon	2nd Place	2006 Dodge Charger
	<b>MUSTANG</b>	
None Showed Up		
	<b>OTHER DOMESTIC</b>	
Colleen Bohman	1st Place	1966 Cutlass 442
Michele Grimila	2nd Place	1972 Oldsmobile
	<b>PONTIAC</b>	
William Sweet	1st Place	1980 Turbo Trans Am
	<b>PREWAR</b>	
Dan OKelly	1st Place	1931 Phaeton
	<b>STREET ROD</b>	
Pat Whissel	1st Place	1937 Oldsmobile Coupe
Will Rodgers	2nd Place	1929 Ford Rat Rod
	<b>TRUCK</b>	
Nancy Disharoon	1st Place	1990 Silverado
Mike Mumpower	2nd Place	1949 Pickup - 5 Window
Nick Burtch	<b>MEMBER VEHICLE</b>	1967 Chevy II







**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](mailto:shelton.do@hotmail.com)



## **UPCOMING CAR SHOWS**

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

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| <b>March 14</b> | <b>4<sup>th</sup> Annual CTN Car, Truck &amp; Jeep Show</b><br>Quaker Steak & Lube, 10400 49 <sup>th</sup> St N, Clearwater, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.                        |
| <b>March 21</b> | <b>15<sup>th</sup> Annual Show &amp; Shine Under the Oaks</b><br>St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 705 Michigan Blvd, Dunedin, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.                       |
| <b>March 28</b> | <b>Spring Car &amp; Craft Show</b><br>Countryside Baptist Church, 2525 McMullen Booth Rd, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  |
| <b>March 28</b> | <b>Fly Customs Car Show</b><br>Quaker Steak & Lube, 10400 49 <sup>th</sup> St N, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.   |
| <b>April 4</b>  | <b>Heritage Village Easter Car Show</b><br>Heritage Village, 11909 125 <sup>th</sup> St, Largo, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  |
| <b>April 11</b> | <b>Sylvan Abbey Spring Car Show</b><br>Sylvan Abbey, 2817 Sunset Point Rd, Clearwater, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  |
| <b>April 11</b> | <b>Oldsmar Days &amp; Nights Car Show</b><br>R.E. Olds Park, 107 Shore Dr W, Oldsmar, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  |
| <b>April 12</b> | <b>24<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Petersburg Motor Classic</b><br>South Straub Park, 101 Bayshore Dr NE, St. Pete, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.                                      |
| <b>April 18</b> | <b>19<sup>th</sup> Annual “Cruisin’ The Park” Charity Car Show &amp; Community Festival</b><br>John Chesnut Park, 2200 East Lake Road, Palm Harbor, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. |
| <b>April 18</b> | <b>15<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Salute Car &amp; Truck Show</b><br>Downtown Treasure Island, 1 Park Place, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.   |
| <b>April 19</b> | <b>Tarpon Springs Chamber of Commerce Car Show</b><br>German Chevrolet, 43520 US 19, Tarpon Springs, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  |
| <b>April 19</b> | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Annual American Legion Post 7 Car Show</b><br>American Legion Post 7, 1760 Turner St, Clearwater, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.                                 |
| <b>April 26</b> | <b>The Shops at Wiregrass Auto &amp; Truck Showcase Part 2</b><br>The Shops at Wiregrass, 28211 Paseo Dr, Wesley Chapel, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.                            |

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

<https://carsandcoffeeeevents.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>



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**GULF COAST REGION  
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** January 27, 2026 6:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Queen's Pizza

**ATTENDEES:**

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

Barry Richman  
Bob Bernstel  
Mike Rabaut  
Pappy & Ann Papenfuhs  
Paul Linker  
Dave Carlson

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1. **Meeting called to order at** 6:20 p.m.
2. **Minutes:** November 23, 2025 meeting were accepted as distributed. Motion to accept by Pam and seconded by Guy.
3. **President's comments:** None
4. **Recognize/introduce new member(s):** *Hal introduced Paul Linker who owns a 1957 9-passenger wagon. Mr. Linker has indicated that he is interested in becoming a member. He is in the process of becoming a member of the VCCA. Debbie provided him with our membership application and also a copy of the flyer for our upcoming car show.*
5. **Treasurer's Report and Membership Update:**

Previous Cash Balance:	<u>\$1,037.19</u>	As of:	<u>11/20/25</u>
Cash Balance to Date:	<u>\$1,584.82</u>	As of:	<u>01/24/26</u>

Total Including Online Registrations	<u>\$1,772.92</u>
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Membership/Calendars:

# 2025 New Members:	<u>0</u>
# Members Renewed to Date:	<u>19</u>
# Calendars Sold	<u>16</u>

6. **Other Items:**

❖ **Checking Account Change**

- Received notice from Wells Fargo that as of March 1st we will be required to maintain a minimum balance of \$2,000 in the account or there would be a \$15 per month service charge. We only average around \$1,500 per month.
- Achieva Credit Union can offer us a business account with no minimum balance and no monthly service fee.
- As we are a small group and cannot guarantee the \$2,000 monthly minimum balance nor can afford the \$15 service charge, we will be moving our business account from Wells Fargo to Achieva.

❖ **2026 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show**

- 18 registered to date
- 12/15/25 - Ordered trophies and dash plaques from Landmark Trophies
- 01/23/26 - Received bags from Logo Pro (100 bags \$189.55)
- Sent out emails to 181 previous attendees - November 19<sup>th</sup> and a follow-up email on January 4<sup>th</sup>
- Honor Flight and Sheriff's Vehicle confirmed to attend
- No standalone ads in goody bags. Nothing after they are assembled
- Will flag parking the day before the show
- Arrive at 7 a.m.
- Volunteer List

❖ Thank You Letter from Toymakers regarding donation in memory of Pat Robinson.

❖ All Gulf Coast Region official records (2015-2024) have been scanned. I will keep a hardcopy of the 2025 records as required but am in the process of also scanning those records.

❖ Submitted the Gulf Coast Region Annual Charter Renewal on January 2, 2026.

7. **Next Meeting:** February 24 – John Chesnut, 1:00 p.m. for Bag Stuffing  
February 28 – Car Show, East Lake Church, 7:00 a.m.

8. **50/50 Drawing:** \$55.00 collected. Debbie won the drawing and donated back to club.

9. **Adjourn – Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Handouts distributed:**

*Finalized 2026 Meeting Scheduled*

*December 2025 Statement of Revenue and Expenses (thru 12/31/25)*

*January 2026 Statement of Revenue and Expenses (thru 01/24/26)*

*Toymakers Thank You Letter In Memory of Pat Robinson*

*Latest Goody Bag/Prize List*

*Volunteer List*

Minutes prepared by Debbie Kroeger