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RENEWAL NOTICE

A reminder that dues renewal have to be received by December 31, 2016. Please go to website, www.gulfcoastvcca.com and download a membership renewal form and return to our Treasurer, Al Robinson. Also, please include whether or not you would like to have your information shared with other members.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

Our December/Christmas get together was our largest meeting attendance to date and it was great seeing our members and spouses/significant others as well. Not only do we have a great interest in vintage Chevrolet and GMC's but we have made many good friends with each other also. I think that we have a great Region and our members exemplify that!



NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENT

Any items that you would like to see in the Newsletter, tech articles, photos, etc. please send to me pkroeger@tampabay.rr.com.



MEMBER INFORMATION

I saw in the November/December issue of the G & D that our members John and Linda Finch attended the 55th Anniversary meet with their 1984 El Camino.

NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME & LOCATION

Our January monthly meeting will be on Wednesday, January 18th at 7:00 p.m. It will be held at Mugs Sports Bar & Grill, 13563 Icot Blvd in Clearwater.

Most of you have received the 2017 Gulf Coast Region Calendar by now and we really do owe it to Andy Swaney for doing the legwork and moving this along very quickly to get them done by our December meeting. Thanks Andy for a great job! We have a few extra calendars available, anyone that would like an extra, please contact Tom Burtch.

Also, I would request that our members who did not have their vehicle in this year's calendar to take some pictures of their vehicle(s) for submission for next year. If you are working on a vehicle, those make great calendar pictures as well as daily drivers or complete restorations. We would like all members to be represented in our annual calendar.

One of the great things that I have found about being involved in the old car hobby is the interesting people that you meet along the way. I meet Mike Telow on the VCCA chat site a few years ago and he was looking for a transmission for his 1936 Chevrolet ½ ton. I had a spare one so we agreed on price and made arrangements to ship it to him. Mike is a corporation pilot who fly's from NY to West Palm Beach a few times a month plus all over the world for the officers of the corporation so Mike has a love of old Chevrolet trucks and flying, so here is a picture of this wife's 1955 Chevrolet 3100 with a DC 3 in the New England area.



FOR SALE:

Miscellaneous Chevy parts

I have numerous 409 blocks, heads, cranks, 2x4, 1x4 intakes, mostly HP (380,400,409,425hp). There are also some 348 parts. I also have 64 Biscayne Hood, deck lid, inner fenders, and bumpers. They are all usable with some repair. They have been in my attic since 92. Make offer. I have an excel list of the engine parts & pics of the body stuff that I can email. Blocks & heads run from \$500-\$2000 depending on which ones. All have been vatted (cleaned) with no repairs. Contact Gordon Marks at 813-967-5789 (cell) or 813-685-1285 (home).



My youngest son restores gas pumps and other related items and once he finishes them and he if doesn't sell them right away then for some reason they seem to find a home at my house.

This is mid 30's Bennett model 307 oil tank and pump and has been completely restored to like new condition. It is about 4 ft. tall and 10 inches wide and 26 inches deep. He would like to get \$250 for it and I will deliver within 50 miles. Contact Pat Kroeger at 727-488-9759.



WANTED: Driver side door for 1937 Chevrolet coupe. Contact Jim Gebhardt at facilitydesignservices@juno.com.

NOTE:

Items listed will run for two issues and then deleted. Any member is free to list items and we ask that price be included. Send items to Patrick Kroeger at pkroeger@tampabay.rr.com.

Minutes of VCCA Gulf Coast Region monthly meeting December 14, 2016**Attendance:**

- Tom & Althea Burtch
- Dennis Denniger
- Howard & Emily Seymour
- Bob & Carole Young
- Dave & Barb Cardinal
- Roy McGreevy
- Maureen & Andy Swaney
- Hal Bruce & Pam Simone
- Bob & Jennie Burnstel
- Bob & Margaret Thacker
- Pat & Debbie Kroeger
- Gordon King
- Al Robinson

Meeting Location:

Mugs Sports Bar and Grill, 13563 Icot Blvd, Clearwater FL

The meeting was called to order by Patrick Kroeger at 6:20 PM. Minutes of 11/17/16 meeting were accepted as distributed

President's comments:

- Patrick welcomed members and the many spouses/significant others who joined us for the last meeting of 2016. This was the largest meeting to date and it was a great way to end the year.
- Patrick recognized Dennis Denninger who attended his first meeting. Dennis joined the Gulf Coast Region a couple of months ago and owns a nice 1952 Chevrolet car along with a later model Corvette.

Treasurers Report and Membership Update:

1. The current bank balance is \$964.02 as of December 8, 2016.
2. There are currently 26 paid members.
3. Some members have still not renewed their membership for 2017. Please see the form under the membership tab on our club website (www.gulfcoastvcca.com) and instructions for submitting your dues. We look forward to continuing strong membership support for 2017.

Other Business:

Patrick reminded us that we need to organize early in 2017 to make our October car show a success. He had a sample of an attractive trophy with a gas pump theme that costs around \$18. Items like trophies, advertising, sponsorship and facilities planning all require early commitments and organization of resources. Please think about how you can be involved as we ramp up our show planning.

Calendars:

- Further to the initiative discussed at our last meeting, Andy Swaney updated us on the preparation of club calendars for 2017. He used pictures of members' vehicles that are on the region website for the monthly pages and added the group photo around David Cardinal's 1926 Chevrolet that we took at the November meeting for the cover. A local printer turned around the calendars quickly and provided a proof file for our review. Thanks Andy for the extra work to put together a great calendar.
- Patrick reported that after a review of the draft calendar, the club officers agreed that each member will receive a calendar at no cost. These calendars were distributed to members in attendance. The calendars for members not in attendance at the meeting will be mailed about December 20 – hopefully for arrival by Christmas. Everyone agreed that the calendars are very attractive and of high quality. We hope that this will help to promote the Gulf Coast Region while providing attractive wall calendars for members to use.
- If anyone wants to order additional calendars, these can be purchased at \$14 each (plus \$1.50 for postage if mailed). Note – Five paid sales were made during the meeting so the initial run of 30 calendars is already oversubscribed. We will order as many more as needed and would appreciate your orders by the end of December so that we can distribute them by mid-January. Please contact Tom Burtch (727-203-5179 or tomsoldcarhobby@yahoo.com) if you are interested in purchasing additional copies of the 2017 calendar.

2017 Membership cards:

Tom Burtch distributed the 2017 membership cards to those who have renewed. If you were not in attendance and have paid your 2017 dues, please look for your new membership card along with the 2017 calendar which will be mailed about December 20.

Newsletter Input:

Remember to send your newsletter input to Debbie Kroeger (pkroeger@tampabay.rr.com). Car stories, photos, For Sale / Wanted listings and any other old car related content is welcome.

Next Meeting:

The January meeting will be on Wednesday, January 18 at 7 pm at Mugs Sports Bar and Grill in Clearwater. Although the December meeting was a bit compromised due to noise from nearby groups holding pre-Christmas parties we agreed to continue with the same locale for January. This is a convenient location for many of our members and we look forward to a better space next month. The move to a Wednesday date avoids a conflict with Karaoke night at Mugs on Thursdays.

50/50 Draw:

The 50/50 was again well supported. Hal Bruce was the winner and donated a portion of his prize back to the club for a net addition of \$48.00 to the club bank account. Thanks to Hal and all who participated.

Meeting adjourned – 6:45 PM. Dinner and visiting followed.

Minutes prepared by: Tom Burtch, Secretary - VCCA Gulf Coast Region