



# FLORIDA GULF COAST VCCA NEWSLETTER

January/February 2017  
Volume 3  
Issue 1 & 2

VCCA GULF COAST REGION  
[www.gulfcoastvcca.com](http://www.gulfcoastvcca.com)

## MEETING LOCATIONS

I have been attempting to see if Dimmit Chevrolet in Clearwater would be agreeable to host our monthly meetings. My initial contact with Mark McIntyre was promising but he had to further inquire with the owners of Dimmit Chevrolet. They currently host the Bay Area Corvette club the second Wednesday of the month and we would meet the third Thursday of the month. We would have to adjust our starting time to 6:30 pm since the dealership closes at 8 pm. Also we would not meet there in October, March (picnic) and July (no meeting). I will keep everyone informed on the progress of this.

---

## CAR SHOW

We have started preliminary ground work for the 1st Annual Gulf Coast Car Show on October 21 at the East Lake United Methodist Church. More information will be coming soon. We are currently working on a registration form and are planning a workshop meeting on March 25 at the Church, located at 2801 East Lake Rd. We need our members to be involved to make this car show a success and welcome any and all suggestions and ideas. More information will be forthcoming.

## 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](mailto:pkroeger@tampabay.rr.com).

---

## MEMBER INFORMATION

Welcome new member Lee Levant, Tampa FL.  
Get well soon to Bob Young.

We have six 2017 Calendars left, so if anyone is interested, please contact Tom Burch.

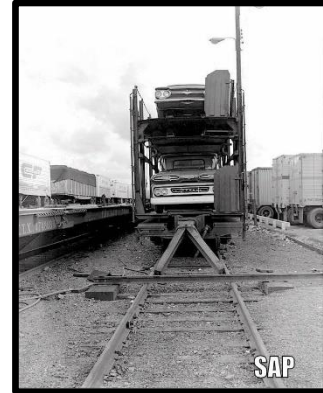
I would request that our members who did not have their vehicle in this year's calendar to take some pictures of their vehicle(s) for submission for next year. If you are working on a vehicle, those make great calendar pictures as well as daily drivers or complete restorations. We would like all members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

---

## NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME & LOCATION

Our March monthly meeting will be on Saturday, March 18th at 11:30 a.m., at John Chestnut Park, Eastlake, Shelter 12.

I doubt vehicles shipped on open rail cars today would make it to its destination as it left the factory. This photo is from a Facebook page, GMC and Chevrolet Trucks. Deals most with the larger trucks from the 60's to the 90's.



One of the perks of being a TA for the VCCA is the questions that you get from all sorts of directions. I am the TA for 1936-37 GMC pickup trucks since I know enough to get me in trouble from time to time but I also hope that I can be of some help to someone else. I recently was on the The Old GMC website and there was an individual who just became a member and wanted some information on the truck that he recently purchased. The picture below is the truck that he bought, a 1931 GMC T-11 canopy express.

Most of you know that the later models of Chevrolet and GMC canopy expresses are somewhat rare to find in a decent condition, this truck is extremely rare.

This individual wanted any tech information regarding this truck and I told him that I have a 1928 T-11 parts manual that I would scan it for him if he made a donation to the Old GMC website.

So, if any of you feel that you could be an assist by being a TA for the VCCA regarding anything Chevrolet or GMC, by all means contact Jim Karras at [JimKarras@aol.com](mailto:JimKarras@aol.com) and put your request in, you may get really cool pictures attached to emails.

### FOR SALE:

I set these axle shafts aside several years ago not sure of the years they fit. Found they are different than the 1930-32 shafts so I can't use them on my '32 and they are good spares for someone with a late 20's Chevy.

(4) 1925-29 Chevrolet rear axle shafts. They are new old stock with minor surface rust from long storage. These axle shafts were the weak link in the drivetrain and they were known to break on rough roads or with a grabbing clutch, so are good spares to have. \$60 a pair or all 4 for \$100. Pick them up at my place in Clearwater, or I can bring them to the Lakeland swap meet February 23-26. Tom Burtch, (727) 203-5179 or [tomsoldcarhobby@yahoo.com](mailto:tomsoldcarhobby@yahoo.com).

**FOR SALE: (Cont'd)**

I typically do not sell unfinished cars, but I find myself with too many projects and I need to let some of them go in order to finish up some others. If you can, I would appreciate you running these in your newsletter. These vehicles have not been advertised other than through the VCCA and the prices are for VCCA members only. All have strong collector appeal and are good investments. I'm available to answer questions by phone or email. Thanks!

1957 Chevrolet Sedan Delivery special order for US Army, solid body, good doors & fenders, 235 stick, off the road for many years, partially disassembled \$11,500

1956 Chevrolet Sedan Delivery special order for US Navy, solid California truck later V8 stick, not running, stored 12 years, \$12,500

1941 Chevrolet Special Deluxe Coupe, old black paint, WWW, good body, optional bumper guards, radio, heater, defroster, new Hampton Coach interior Nice solid car, running with new brakes \$14500

All cars have titles and are priced for VCCA members only.

Thanks!

Jim Gebhardt  
770-992-8801 ofc  
770-992-0393 fax  
770-634-0855 cell

**WANTED:** Driver side door for 1937 Chevrolet coupe. Contact Jim Gebhardt at [facilitydesignservices@juno.com](mailto: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](mailto:pkroeger@tampabay.rr.com).

---

**Minutes of VCCA Gulf Coast Region monthly meeting January 18, 2017****Attendance:**

- Pat Kroeger
- Hal Bruce
- Andy Swaney
- Mike Rabaut
- Al Robinson
- Tom Burtch
- Roy McGreevy
- Dave & Barb Cardinal
- Dennis Denniger
- Bob Thacker

**Meeting Location:** Mugs Sports Bar and Grill, 13563 Icot Blvd, Clearwater FL. The meeting was called to order by Patrick Kroeger at 7:15 PM. Minutes of the 12/14/16 meeting were accepted as distributed

**President's comments:**

Patrick reported that John Finch had an article in the January, 2017 G&D magazine about his cross-country trip in his El Camino to attend the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary VCCA meet last August. John is a member of the Gulf Coast region who lives in Boynton Beach Florida. Be sure to check out John's article if you haven't already read it.

Patrick was contacted by Gordon Keller, who asked about opportunities for national VCCA members who are in Florida for winter visits to get in touch with the Gulf Region. Gordon lives in Port Orange, FL and had explored a "snowbird" region previously. Besides encouraging all national members to check our website for activities ([www.gulfcoastvcca.com](http://www.gulfcoastvcca.com)) Patrick suggested the March picnic would be a great venue for visitors to meet us and he will follow up with Gordon to pass on the invitation.

**Treasurers Report and Membership Update:**

At December 31, 2016, the Gulf Coast region had 26 members and a bank balance of \$677.20. Current paid membership for 2017 is 22. Tom Burtch will call those who have not renewed with a final reminder that we hope they re-activate their membership.

**2017 Calendars:**

Tom Burtch reported that we have 8 calendars left. If anyone wishes to purchase another calendar they are available at \$14 each (plus \$1.50 for postage if mailed). Please contact Tom Burtch (727-203-5179 or [tomsoldcarhobby@yahoo.com](mailto:tomsoldcarhobby@yahoo.com)) if you are interested. Any new members in 2017 will receive a free calendar upon joining so long as we have them available.

**Other Business:****Car Show:**

Patrick reported that we have confirmed our show date for October 21, 2017. Although this seems to be a long time out, the preparation needs to start now. There was active discussion of many items around show planning and lots of excitement. Patrick listed several areas for which we would like members to volunteer:

- Printed Materials – flyers, registration forms, car info placards
- Trophies
- Judging
- Advertising and publicity
- Signage at venue
- Sponsors
- Donations for registration/goody bags
- Sponsors
- Site activities – parking, security, food, public address/music system
- On-line presence – including registration and payment

Please reply to Patrick [pkroeger@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:pkroeger@tampabay.rr.com) with your interest so we can organize for good leadership and planning.

**Other items:**

Tom Burtch reported that Pinellas County is offering a free tire recycling program on Saturday, January 21 at several locations. Pinellas residents can dispose of up to 12 tires (with or without wheels) for free. Here are the details: <http://patch.com/florida/largo/pinellas-offers-free-tire-disposal-event-residents>

**Next Meeting:**

In February, we again meeting on a **Wednesday** to avoid conflict with the karaoke night at Mugs. The meeting will be February 15 at 7 pm at Mugs Sports Bar and Grill in Clearwater.

For calendar planning, note that the March meeting will be our spring picnic which is planned for Saturday, March 18 at John Chesnut Park in Palm Harbor.

**50/50 Draw:**

The 50/50 was again well supported. Tom Burtch was the winner and donated a portion of his prize back to the club for a net addition of \$36 to the club bank account.

**Meeting adjourned** – 8:05 PM.

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

---

## Minutes of VCCA Gulf Coast Region monthly meeting February 15, 2017

### Attendance:

- Tom Burtch
- Pat Kroeger
- Al Robinson
- Bob Young
- Paul Green
- Bob Thacker
- Mike Rabaut
- Andy Swaney
- Howard & Emily Seymour
- Dave & Barb Cardinal
- Hal Bruce
- Jim Blanton

**Meeting Location:** Mugs Sports Bar and Grill, 13563 Icot Blvd, Clearwater FL. The meeting was called to order by Patrick Kroeger at 7:20 PM. Minutes of the 1/18/17 meeting were accepted as distributed

### President's comments:

Patrick reminded us of the Area 9 meet that will be held in Chattanooga, TN this year on May 3<sup>rd</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>. The Gulf Coast Region is in VCCA Area 9 as it covers the entire South East USA. The area 9 meet includes tours, car shows, and other activities. Please contact Patrick for more details and registration information if you are interested in attending.

### Treasurers Report and Membership Update:

As of January 30, 2017, the Gulf Coast region had 24 members who have paid dues for the 2017 calendar year and our bank balance stood at \$792.20.

### 2017 Calendars:

Tom Burtch reported that we have 6 calendars left. Any new members in 2017 will receive a free calendar upon joining so long as we have them available.

### March picnic:

Patrick advised that the picnic is set for Saturday March 18 at John Chestnut Park. We hope that some of VCCA members from Northern states who spend winters in Florida will also join us at the picnic.

### April meeting:

We are seeking a new location for our regular meetings as restaurants have not worked very well for our group. Patrick is trying to arrange to meet at a local Chevrolet dealer and we hope to have a location confirmed soon. Al Robinson advised that Mr. John Hackett who owns Classic Automotive Consultants and is an experienced auto appraiser with lots of good stories will be our guest speaker for the April meeting.

**Car Show:**

We are making progress on the plans for an October 21, 2017 car show. The East Lake United Methodist church has confirmed that their property at 2801 East Lake Road in Palm Harbor is available. Al Robinson showed pictures of the location and we will lay out the show and spectator parking to be sure it is suitable. We will likely have space for around 80-90 show cars. Al also brought a handmade wooden car model that was made by the Woodcarvers of East Lake. It was quite unique and we will see if they can make one similar as the main “trophy” for our show. Patrick has drafted a flyer and for our consideration handed out a set of judging criteria used at some of the local shows. There are still lots of things to consider so we will have a separate meeting on Saturday March 25 to focus on planning for the car show. Please mark your calendars as all members are welcome to attend to share ideas as we firm our plans.

**Other items:**

Patrick reminded all members who haven't already done this to submit photos of their vehicles for use on the Gulf Coast web site ([www.gulfcoastvcca.com](http://www.gulfcoastvcca.com)) and for possible use on our 2018 calendars. Please send any pictures or car stories to Roy McGreevy (email: roy2@rdinventions.com)

Tom Burtch advised that he will be at the Lakeland car show at Sun'n'Fun Park February 23-26 and have a swap space (#GC12) with the VCCA banner and Gulf Region literature. This has proven a good way to get attract potential new members. Please stop by if at the show.

**Next Meeting:**

The March meeting will be in conjunction with the picnic on Saturday, March 18 at shelter #12 in John Chestnut Park at 2200 East Lake Road, Palm Harbor FL, 33685. The picnic will begin at noon and the meeting will follow.

**50/50 Draw:**

Andy Swaney was the winner of the 50.50 draw and donated a portion of his prize back to the club for a net addition of \$30 to the club bank account.

**Meeting adjourned** – 7:45 PM.

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