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SUBURBAN PART 2

Chevrolet's truck line exemplified the state of the industry in '46. The exterior styling of the Suburban was the same as the brief 1942 model run. In fact, early production of the 1946 models was virtually identical to the '42 models, including a lack of war-rationed chrome trim. Later in 1946, bright trim reappeared and other refinements were added to the Suburban. The stalwart Stovebolt 216 engine powered the '46 Suburban. It produced 90 horsepower and plenty of low-rpm torque that made the Suburban great for hauling people and cargo. The engine was backed by a three-speed manual transmission and hydraulic brakes were standard.



CAR SHOW

We will have a car show planning meeting July 15th at Beef O'Brady's, 100 Tarpon Woods Blvd, Palm Harbor, at 2:00 pm for anyone who would like to get involved. Updates at the August 24th meeting.

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

We have six T-shirts, three XL and three L if anyone is interested, \$12 at a meeting or \$14 mailed. Contact Patrick Kroeger.

We have three 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 August monthly meeting will be on Thursday, August 24th at 7:00 p.m. at Perkins Restaurant in Clearwater at Gulf to Bay and US 19.



Since June is the month when most people head out for vacations, let's reminisce about the good old days of loading up the family station wagon and hitting the opening road in an AM radio, non A/C 1960 Chevrolet Wagon. Only thing to make it better would be if your parents both smoked and you took the family dog, which gets carsick, with you. Good Times!



Staying with the station wagon theme a bit, here is the assembly line for 1958 and in my opinion all the 1958 models were very attractive cars. My dad always got a company car from the company that he worked for and every spring he would get his pick of a bottom line Chevrolet station wagon, which this 1958 model is the same color that we got that year.

FOR SALE:

For Sale - 1954 and early 1955 Chevrolet pickup hub caps. These are painted white with a blue bow tie and were used on the base pickup. I have ten and they are New Old Stock. Never installed, but some have scratches and paint deterioration from long storage. \$20 each or all 10 for \$100. Call Tom Burtch 727-203-5179 or tomsoldcarhobby@yahoo.com.

Calendar car needs a new engine! Looking for a short block or complete engine, either rebuilt or in good running order to fit a 1926 Chevrolet Superior series V car. Prefer 1926, but 1926 to 1928 will work. Tom Burtch 727-203-5179 or email tomsoldcarhobby@yahoo.com.

1938 Chevy Master
(In VA.)

216, 6 cyl. Three speed. Rebuilt original engine. All original with matching numbers. Interior replaced. Asking \$13,500 in VA.

As the buyer would have to transport the car to FL reduced to \$12,500.

Call Andy Swaney @
(540) 273-6139

**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 June 22, 2017**Attendance:**

1. Gordon King
2. Paul Dimbath
3. Jim Blanton
4. Patrick Kroeger
5. Dennis Denninger
6. Bob Bernstel
7. Bob Thacker
8. Paul & Marilyn Green
9. Tom Burtch

Meeting Location: Perkins Restaurant, 2626 Gulf to Bay Blvd, Clearwater FL, 33759.
The meeting was called to order by Patrick Kroeger at 7:00 PM.

Minutes:

Minutes of 05/25/17 meeting were accepted as distributed.

President's comments:

Patrick Kroeger welcomed everyone. There were no guests or new members at this meeting.

Treasurers Report and Membership Update:

Al Robinson could not attend but submitted the treasurers' report showing a bank balance of \$908.94. This balance does not include the pending payment for the car show flyers. We now have 27 members.

Car Show:

Patrick reported on the steady progress on planning for the car show on October 21, 2017.

- We have printed flyers for distribution at car shows/events and to potential sponsors. Ten were given to everyone in attendance and anyone wishing more can contact Patrick (pkroeger@tampabay.rr.com)
- The show is now listed in Cruising News (publication) and Florida Car Shows (website) <http://flacarshows.com/events/category/west-coast-of-florida/page/3/>.
- Mail-in registrations for show cars is now available and the link on our club website will allow on-line registrations beginning July 18th.
- Bob Bernstel is coordinating door prizes. If you have collected any door prizes or donations from sponsors, please advise Bob. Now is the time to begin approaching potential sponsors and advertisers. Be sure to make note of the donations and the organization donating so we can properly recognize car show sponsors and keep them informed.
- We will need volunteers for several areas – particularly registration, judging and directing traffic. Please consider where you can help and lists will soon be available for sign-up.
- The next planning meeting for the car show will be at Beef O'Brady's at 1100 Tarpon Woods Blvd, Palm Harbor, FL 34685 on July 15th at 2 pm. Everyone is welcome to come and help with the planning.

2017 Calendars:

Tom Burtch reported that there are 3 calendars left (of 40 printed). Any new members joining this year will still receive a calendar as long as supplies last. The calendars have been well received and we hope to do another issue in 2018. Please consider sending a picture of your vehicle to Patrick Kroeger (pkroger@tampabay.rr.com) or Roy McGreevy (roy2@rdinventions.com) for use on the website and calendar.

Member Contact List:

Tom Burtch circulated an updated member contact list. If anyone wishes to add or change any information, please contact Tom at tomsoldcarhobby@yahoo.com. This contact list will not be on the website but will be distributed as changes are made.

Next Meeting:

Our next regular meeting will be on Thursday August 24th at 7:00 pm at a Perkins restaurant, 2626 Gulf to Bay Blvd in Clearwater. Remember that there will not be a general meeting in July but there is a car show planning meeting on July 15th (see car show items).

50/50 Draw:

The 50/50 draw was won by Marilyn Green who generously donated it back for a \$40.00 total benefit to the region. Thanks Marilyn and Paul for your generosity.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

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