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MEETING LOCATIONS

Dimmit Chevrolet has declined our request to meet at their dealership for our monthly meetings; however, I have arranged to have our meetings at Perkins Restaurant in Clearwater on Gulf to Bay Blvd.

The other change is that we have moved the meetings to the fourth Thursday of the month at 7 PM, which will be changed in the May G & D.

As a reminder, we will still have our picnics in October and March of each year and we will not have a monthly meeting in July.

CAR SHOW

We had a meeting on March 25th at the East Lake Methodist Church with 6 members and looked over the proposed site for our car show. Everything looks very promising for that location and we started the planning process. We will have updates at the next 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

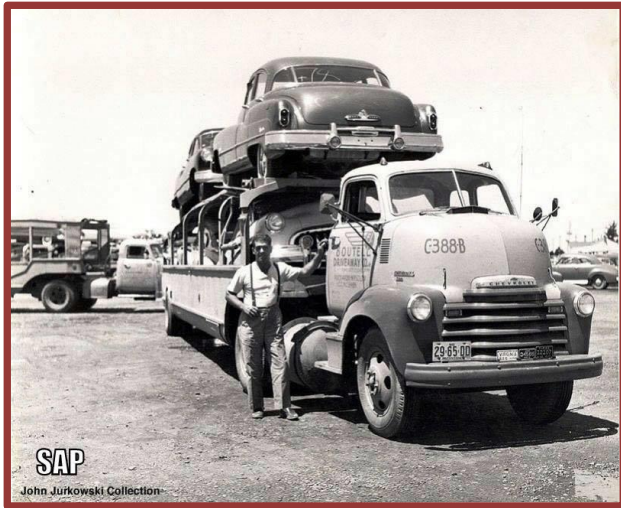
Welcome new member Ray Baker, Sarasota FL.

We have five 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 April monthly meeting will be on Thursday, April 27th at 7:00 p.m. at Perkins Restaurant in Clearwater at Gulf to Bay and US 19.



I swear that this will be the last car carrier picture in our newsletter. This one did catch my interest in that: a. it is a photo of a great looking Chevrolet Truck, and b. it is a small shout out to our webmaster, Roy McGreevy, who would appreciate that the Buicks got transported to the dealers!

Our picnic at John Chestnut Park on March 18 was without a doubt, one of our best yet. Twenty (20) members and guests and nine (9) Chevrolets and GMC's made it a picnic and car show all in one. In addition, Gordon Keller and Don Zimmons, from the east coast of Florida, made the trip to attend as well. Gordon is a winter Florida resident who hails from Indiana and Don is a permanent Florida resident in Edgewater FL. Always a pleasure to meet other VCCA members!



Besides the Chamber of Commerce perfect weather, Jim Blanton cooked up some peppers, onions and sausages that as I recall, disappeared very quickly. Looking forward to our next outing.



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. Tom Burtch, (727) 203-5179 or tomsoldcarhobby@yahoo.com.

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

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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 March 18, 2017**Attendance:**

1. Pat Kroeger
2. Tom & Althea Burtch
3. Bob & Margaret Thacker
4. Howard & Emily Seymour
5. Bob & Jennie Bernstel
6. Dennis Denninger
7. Al & Pat Robinson
8. David & Barbara Cardinal
9. Andy & Maureen Swaney
10. Jim Blanton
11. Don Zimmons
12. Gordon Keller
13. Bob Masters

Meeting Location: John Chestnut Park, Palm Harbor FL. The meeting was called to order by Patrick Kroeger at 12:23 PM.

Minutes:

Minutes of 02/18/17 meeting were accepted as distributed.

President's comments:

Patrick Kroeger welcomed all to the combined picnic and monthly meeting. Several spouses/significant others and guests attended and many drove in old cars or trucks. The weather was perfect and again the picnic was a great success. Special thanks to Jim Blanton for managing the barbeque and bringing sausage appetizers as well as to all who brought delicious side dishes.

Treasurers Report and Membership Update:

Al Robinson reported that our bank balance stands at \$856.20 and we now have 25 members.

Guests:

Don Zimmons and Gordon Keller are seasonal residents in Florida and travelled from the East coast to attend the picnic. Both are VCCA members active in their home region in Indiana and have several restored Chevrolet cars. It was great to meet them and we will add both to our distribution of the Gulf Coast newsletters and minutes.

Bob Masters attended as a guest. He had heard of the Gulf Coast region from our swap meet information hand out and his was his first time at one of our activities. Bob drove his gorgeous 1956 Nomad to the picnic and it was a very popular vehicle for attendees to check out.

Calendars:

We still have five 2017 Gulf Coast Region calendars and will include one with any new membership.

Name Tags:

Several people suggested that name tags would be a good idea – especially for our special activities. We will investigate a source for these and report back at the next meeting.

Branded Clothing:

Patrick reported that all the Gulf Coast tee shirts initially ordered have been sold. He will order another lot which must be for a minimum order of 12 in various sizes. If you are interested in purchasing a tee shirt, please contact Patrick (pkroeger@tampabay.rr.com) with a size preference to help in setting the order.

Car Show:

Our first car show is set for October 21, 2013 at the East Lake United Methodist Church which is at 2801 East Lake Road in Palm Harbor. We will have a special meeting on Saturday March 25 at 2 pm at the church property to review the site and work on detailed plans for the show. This is the major event for our region in 2017 and we are looking forward to strong participation in the planning and execution. Everyone is welcome to attend the planning meeting and to help to put a good plan in place.

Next Meeting:

Our next regular meeting will be on Thursday April 20 at 7 pm. Patrick reported that Dimmitt Chevrolet declined to host our meetings, so we are tentatively looking at a Perkins restaurant. Patrick will confirm and communicate the meeting location.

50/50 Draw:

The 50/50 draw was won by Bob Thacker who generously donated his winnings of \$52.00 back to the club. Thanks Bob for your generosity.

Meeting adjourned at 12:54 PM and was followed by the picnic with lots of time for talking, looking at old cars and enjoying the park. The weather was perfect and again the picnic was a great success. Thanks to Jim Blanton and Patrick Kroeger for managing the barbeque and special thanks to Jim for his great sausage appetizers as well as to all who brought delicious side dishes.

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