



CAR SHOW

The month of May in Florida pretty much ends most local car shows due to the summer heat returning. However, on May 7, 2016 our Secretary Tom Burtch and I attended a car show in Clearwater Florida at the Sylvan Abby Methodist church. This was a first time event for the church but they did an outstanding job and were very appreciative for all that turned out.

Since my truck and Tom’s roadster are not the fastest vehicles, we did back roads as much as possible and had Tom’s wife run interference behind us.

At the end of the show when the trophies were handed out, I received a third place best of show and Tom, deservingly, received First Place Best of Show.

Both Tom and I had a great time and I believe that the large number of people who stopped by and looked at both of our vehicles were quite surprised of the how advanced early 30’s Chevrolets and mid 30’s GMC trucks were.

Once the local car shows start up again in the fall, we are looking forward to having more of our members present.



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.

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION

Welcome Robert Bernstel of Palm Harbor, FL.

NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME & LOCATION

Our next monthly meeting will be at the Tampa Bay Brewing Company restaurant on Thursday May 19 at 7pm. The restaurant is at 13937 Monroe’s Business Park, Tampa, FL 33635 which is just off Racetrack Rd north of Tampa Rd near the Eastern border of Oldsmar.



Cool Tools for the Garage

On the theme of hub cap removers - here is one that I like and have had for a long time. It is a natural fit to the dog dish style hubcaps that were common from the late 1930s to 1970s or so. It works well but is not quite as paint friendly as a nylon pry bar. Note it uses a brake pedal cover against the cap center and pulls directly on the edge cap rather than prying against the wheel to minimize chipping.



Can anyone guess what Chevrolet vehicle this hubcap came off of?

Pictured below is a 1945 GMC AFR-522 tanker. This is just one of the vehicles that is in the GM Heritage Center's collection. Speaking of the GM Heritage Center, are you aware that you can download Chevrolet Vehicle information for free and dealer vehicle information for a \$50 fee?

Check it out at the following link, <https://www.gmheritagecenter.com/gm-heritage-archive/vehicle-information-kits.html>



The following photo is from Florida Memory, <https://www.floridamemory.com/> which is the record archives of the State of Florida. You can search for photos by name, place, date etc. This 1937 Chevrolet Truck appears to be severely damaged from a crash of some sort; I would imagine that this was very painful.



Minutes of VCCA Gulf Coast Region monthly meeting May 19, 2016

Attendance:

1. Hal Bruce
2. Bob Thacker
3. Tom Burtch
4. Jim Blanton
5. Randy Coen
6. Pat Kroeger
7. Al Robinson
8. Bob Young

Meeting Location: Tampa Bay Brewing Company, 13937 Monroe's Business Park, Tampa, FL.

The meeting was called to order by Patrick Kroeger at 7:32 PM.

Minutes of 4/13/15 meeting were accepted as distributed.

President's comments:

Patrick Kroeger noted that we have a new member since the last meeting. Treasurer Al Robinson reported that he just received Robert Bernstel's regional membership application and dues making him the 21st member of the Gulf Coast VCCA region. Robert could not attend the meeting so we look forward to meeting him soon and finding out about his 65 Chevy C-10 pickup. Welcome aboard Richard.

Patrick indicated that he is planning to try and contact Florida VCCA members outside of Pinellas/Hillsborough/Pasco counties where we have concentrated our membership drive to date.

Treasurers Report and Membership Update:

Al Robinson reported that our bank balance stands at \$477.49 and we now have 21 members.

T Shirts:

Patrick advised that we have only 2 shirts remaining in inventory from the initial 25 unit lot; one medium and one extra-large size. The minimum reorder quantity is 12 so we will wait for some more requests before restocking. Please contact Patrick Kroeger if you are interested in additional shirt purchases.

Club activities and fund raising ideas:

We discussed alternatives for hosting a fall car show. Tampa Bay Brewing restaurant has offered space on their property which we may take up but the general consensus was to start with a less commercial show for our first club endeavor – perhaps at a church or community center. Al Robinson indicated that his church has a large parking area and may be very receptive to using it for a car show. They are planning a “pumpkin patch” sale in October and a car show promotion could work well with this theme. We asked Al to approach the church leadership about a possible Saturday show (tentatively October 15) and he will report back at the next meeting. Even a relatively small show required 2-3 months of planning and a good participation of the membership to succeed so this will be a key focus for us.

The 50/50 draw was won by Hal Bruce and he generously donated his share back to the club. Thanks Hal.

Newsletter Input:

Please send any input for the newsletter to Deb Kroeger (pkroeger@tampabay.rr.com) before the end of the month. The newsletter is a great way to keep up our visibility and communication but Deb needs lots of good input to work her magic on putting it together.

Our next monthly meeting is again at the Tampa Bay Brewing Company restaurant on Thursday June 16 at 7pm. We also plan to meet at this location in July.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

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