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GUEST SPEAKER

We were very fortunate this month to have Brando Pistorius and his wife Joanne as a guest speaker at our meeting. Brando has a classic car restoration shop in Odessa FL and has turned out many high quality restorations over the years and many of us have seen some at various cars shows in the local area. Brando gave us a brief and humorous history of his involvement in Chevrolet cars as well as the many other unique vehicles that he has been involved with.

He is also part of planning group that is going to put on a 1st Annual Gasparilla Concours d'Elegance car show in Tampa in April of 2019. More info is on the next page of the newsletter.

Brando's website is <http://www.oldwheel.com/>.

CAR SHOW

We will have a car show meeting June 17th at the car show site, East Lake Methodist Church on East Lake Rd. at 2:00 pm for anyone who would like to get involved. Updates at the June 22nd 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 seven T-shirts, four XL and three L if anyone is interested, \$12 at a meeting or \$14 mailed. Contact Patrick Kroeger.

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 June monthly meeting will be on Thursday, June 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at Perkins Restaurant in Clearwater at Gulf to Bay and US 19.



I know I said that I was not going to do any more Chevy or GMC car hauler pictures but this one was too good. Looks to be a 1934 Chevrolet 1 1/2 ton truck? A well-worn truck I may add. The cargo? Once again you have to get the Buicks to the dealers. Also, did you think that protective covers on cars being transported was a recent idea?



Gasparilla Concours d'Elegance
Tampa, Florida USA
Coming April 13, 2019

1st Annual Gasparilla Concours d'Elegance

Be a part of the First Annual Gasparilla Concours d'Elegance to be held in beautiful downtown Tampa, Florida. Tampa joins the ranks of other major metropolitan cities who honor the importance of the automobile in our development as a country and a culture. Only the most beautiful, historically important and rare vehicles will be invited to participate. Historians, car collectors and automobile enthusiasts alike will enjoy this day of beauty and elegance in the park along Hillsborough River.

For more information go to <https://www.gasparillaconcoursdelegance.com/> or call 813-714-1019.

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 Burch 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 Burch 727-203-5179 or email tomsoldcarhobby@yahoo.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.

For anyone who goes on the VCCA Chevy chat site looking for parts for sale, you can go to this website and all the sale parts are updated daily. <http://vcca.org/forsaleparts.php>

Minutes of VCCA Gulf Coast Region monthly meeting May 25, 2017**Attendance:**

1. Tom Burtch
2. Brando & Joanne Pistorius
3. David & Barbara Cardinal
4. Dennis Denninger
5. Paul & Marilyn Green
6. Mike Rabaut
7. Jim Blanton
8. Bob Thacker
9. Patrick Kroeger
10. Roy McGreevy
11. Bob Bernstel
12. Gordon King
13. Ray Young
14. Ray & Lola Baker

Meeting Location: Perkins Restaurant, 2626 Gulf to Bay Blvd, Clearwater FL, 33759. The meeting was called to order by Patrick Kroeger at 6:57 PM.

Minutes:

Minutes of 4/27/17 meeting were accepted as distributed.

President's comments:

Patrick Kroeger welcomed everyone to our second meeting at Perkins Restaurant. Comments about the venue were generally favorable so we will continue with our monthly meetings at this location.

Treasurers Report and Membership Update:

Al Robinson could not attend but submitted the treasurer's report showing a bank balance of \$865.62. We now have 27 members.

Guest Speaker:

Brando Pistorius of Pistorius Collectible Autos spoke about his experiences with old cars.

He opened with a caution for all clubs to watch for bank scams. Brando is the president of the AACA Hillsborough region and they were recently defrauded of \$300. The scammer used a fake email address that looked like Brando's to ask the club treasurer for an urgent transfer to a listed bank account for what appeared to be a legitimate reason. The transfer was made and the account turned out to be one used by a Nigerian con artist. These schemes are becoming very sophisticated, so beware!

Brando related stories of several Chevrolets that he has owned including his first car which was a 1936 sedan that got him hooked on the old car hobby. He has restored many fine cars including several Peerless models and runs a very busy and unique shop in Odessa. Check out the website at (www.oldwheel.com). Brando had many great car stories to make us smile.

Brando commented that old car clubs need to cross promote and work together to keep healthy. Local clubs should support each other's events and activities where possible and all will benefit. We will certainly share flyers and event information.

Finally, Brando mentioned that Pistorius Collectible Autos is organizing the 1st Annual Gasparilla Concours D'Elegance which will be held in Tampa on April 13, 2019 and promises to be a major annual event. This requires a long lead time and extensive sponsor support to succeed. Anyone wishing to volunteer or get more information can contact Joanne Pistorius at 813-714-1019.

Branded Clothing:

Patrick reported that T shirts with the Gulf Coast Region logo and branding are available in large and x-large sizes. Please contact Patrick (pkroeger@tampabay.rr.com) if you wish to purchase T shirts.

Car Show:

Plans are progressing nicely for our first annual car show on October 21, 2017. Several Gulf Coast Region members met at the show site on May 20 and another meeting is planned about June 17 – Patrick will confirm the date and time and send a notice.

- Patrick showed the flyer which is now available on our website (www.gulfcoastvcca.com).
- One comment on offering a 50/50 draw was made. Patrick will review and change this reference on the flyer if necessary
- Roy has enabled participants to pre-register and pay on line, but this will not be activated until July 18
- Since we are limiting the show to 100 vehicles, coordination of registrations is critical as we will accept applications both by mail and on-line
- We will soon have 500 flyers and will begin distributing to car shows and events in mid-summer
- A DJ has been booked
- The car show will be listed in “Cruising News” beginning with the June issue
- Now is the time to begin approaching potential sponsors and advertisers. Please see Patrick if you have any ideas in this area.

Name Tags:

Tom Burtch distributed personalized name tags with holders and clips to all in attendance. Members keep the tags and can wear them to meetings and events. The remaining tags will not be mailed but Tom will bring them to future events for members to pick up in person.

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.

Other:

Bob Thacker reported that work/storage space is available for rent in the workshop where he is restoring his 1938 Chevrolet. This shop is on 114th Ave in Pinellas Park – some of us were there for our November 2016 meeting. Each vehicle space is \$200 per month and this includes use of some shared equipment such as a car hoist. Please contact Bob at 727-527-2735 if interested.

Next Meeting:

Our next regular meeting will be on Thursday June 22 at 6:30 pm at a Perkins restaurant, 2626 Gulf to Bay Blvd in Clearwater. Remember that there will not be a meeting in July so this is the last one before our summer break.

50/50 Draw:

The 50/50 draw was won by Bob Bernstel who generously donated most of his winnings back for a \$72.00 total benefit to the region. Thanks Bob for your generosity. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

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