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WEBSITE

If any of you have visited our website, you have seen on the opening page some of our member's vehicles. However, there is more room for additions. Please send me photos and information regarding your vehicle so that we can add it to our website.

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NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME & LOCATION

Our next meeting will be on June 27th at John Taylor Park, Largo FL., at Shelter 5, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Shelter is reserved from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. if you wish to show up earlier and just relax. See attached Flyer for detailed information.

2021/2022 CALENDARS

The 2021 calendar is done and available for purchase, \$10 at a meeting or \$13.00 mailed. I have six cars for the 2022 calendar so we are half way done. We had photos in the 2021 calendar that showed the actual member with their vehicle, so we would like to continue with that as much as possible. Also, restoration photos are interesting as they show the progress of your pride and joy! Please send at least a 500KB photo of your pride and joy to pkroeger@tampabay.rr.com.



MISCELLANEOUS

We have polo shirts, T-shirts and hats available. The Polos will run \$28 each with a \$2.50 surcharge for XX and XXX shirts. The T-shirts will be \$15 each and will have the large logo on the back and the small logo silk screened on the front like the current T shirts. The hats and will be \$15.00 each. Contact our Treasurer, Hal Bruce at 727-415-8123.



UPDATE ON 2021 19TH ANNUAL VCCA AREA 9 MEET

We have scheduled the meet for October 20-24, 2021. Hotel and site of meet will be at the La Quinta Inn and Suites and Quaker Steak & Lube which are located side by side.

We prepared a preliminary budget estimate and schedule and presented it to members at our April 25th meeting. Items completed to date include:

- Approval for Event submitted and approved.
- Event Ad sent to G&D for publication in the June, July, August and September issues.
- Registration forms/Info packets.
- Rooms reserved at La Quinta Inn and Suites
- Registration Badge/Holder ordered and received.
- Tampa Bay Automobile Museum tour booked.
- The James Museum tour booked.
- The Pirate Ship Royale Conquest booked.
- Banquet at Feather Sound Country Club booked.
- A 6'x18" banner has been ordered.
- A Meet Activities and Volunteer Assignment sheet has been distributed to members (need members to sign up for the different activities).



We have planned the following activities for the listed days:

- October 20th, Wednesday - First Day of Registration at hotel, field check and photos of vehicles for judged show, early bird reception at hotel.
- October 21st, Thursday - Second day of Registration at hotel, field check and photos of vehicles for judged show, Judging school, Tour of Tampa Bay Auto Museum
- October 22nd, Friday - Registration Table, Judges Meeting/Breakfast, Field Check and photos of vehicles for judged show, Judged Show, Pirate Ship cruise.
- October 23rd, Saturday - James Museum Tour, Banquet and Award Ceremony
- October 24, Sunday, Event Over.

NOTE: Location of breakfast (in case of Covid, bagged breakfasts will be provided by hotel), early bird reception and judging school is contingent on status of Covid. May be required to be located outside of hotel.

As we get further into this, everything will get fine-tuned. Any and all suggestions and comments, please forward to us.

Your help is needed in obtaining sponsors and items to be included in the registration bags. Keep in mind that any Gift Certificates/Cards obtained should only be from national chains as attendees will come from different areas of the country.

Also, please take a look at the “Meet Activities and Assignments for Volunteers” list and let us know which tasks you would be interested in assisting us with during the meet. As this is a huge undertaking for our group, any assistance you can provide will be appreciated.

Registration Forms, Meet Activities and Assignments for Volunteers list, and G&D Ad are attached.

AREA 9 DIRECTOR'S LETTER

HI Friends,

I'm amazed how fast May is approaching! Although, for me, last year seemed to drag by, this year has gained momentum. I'm sure in my case the difference is because I was excited to get both my Covid 19 vaccines for me and my wife. Then after the two week "waiting period", I was anxious to cautiously extend my boundaries. I celebrated by going to the AACA meet in Charlotte keeping my Team Captain certification intact. It was a fast trip and not much intermingling with other people just to be cautious.

I'm looking forward to joining many of you getting a car serviced and cleaned up to attend some tours and meets. Over the years I have enjoyed going on tours and spending time with other VCCA members. There is nothing like having a line of Chevrolets, plus GMC's, cruising down the road. I can remember 48 years ago joining VCCA and being excited to attend an event where I would be surrounded by vintage Bow Ties.

The Gulf Coast Region is prepared to host the Annual Area 9 Meet. The notable difference is the date. Instead of Area 9 kicking off the year for VCCA judged meets, it is near the end with the meet set for October 20-24. Specific information will be coming out in the May and June issue of the G & D. A reservation at the host hotel will not be accepted until June. The room rate is available at \$89 plus tax per night. Good rate. I am looking forward to seeing most of you there.

I urge everyone to attend your local region's monthly meetings and events. They can be enjoyed safely and provide the needed time of comradery with other connoisseurs of Chevrolets and GMC's. Be proactive in getting involved to organize a tour, modest local meets, or show up in mass at a weekly car show. You might even develop a new friend or be able to provide some information someone needs on their project. I remember when I purchased my first 32 Chevy, I knew nothing about it. I did not even know what a 32 Chevy looked like. There were many people who helped me in my new hobby of original type cars. I had always been in street rods. It was a big change.

Hope you are looking forward to this summer as things health-wise improve. I sure am.

Happy Motoring,

Paul Dimbath
Area 9 Director



21 YEARS OF WORK



KEY WEST GMC Pat Kroeger

I bought this artwork at an Arts and Craft event in Dunedin, Florida. I knew nothing about it other than I liked it. A year later, an A/C technician was working on our system and he noticed the artwork near the access to the attic and said to me, "I have seen that truck before!". When I asked where, he said, "In Key West, it is sitting in front of a store on a boardwalk and it is slowly rusting away".

A short search on our old friend Google turned up a photo of the truck in front of Mac's Sea Garden in Key West. More recent photos of the truck now show that it is plastered with decals over the entire truck.



PICTURE ON MY WALL

PICTURE IN FRONT OF MAC'S SEA
GARDEN



CLEARWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY CAR SHOW FUNDRAISER

May 1st our region was invited to attend a fundraiser for the Clearwater Historical Society. Free food, lots of shade and friendly people, what's not to like? As you can see, we took possession of the first large Live Oak. A few local Chevrolets showed up so we did a full court press on recruiting them to become members of the VCCA and our region.



MAY MEETING

Our last meeting, May 23rd, was at John Chestnut Park in East Lake. Good turnout and the weather was nice for this time of the year. We are having a club picnic/meeting June 27th (see-attached notice). With the summer weather rapidly approaching and the decrease in the instances of Covid infections, we are going to be looking for an indoor meeting location for the rest of the summer. Any suggestions as to location and even the day of the week which works better for as many of you as possible, please forward to me.



Minutes of VCCA Gulf Coast Region monthly meeting April 25, 2021**Attendance:**

1. Howard & Emily Seymour
2. Mike Rabaut
3. Gordon Keller
4. Bob & Jennie Bernstel
5. David & Barbara Cardinal
6. John Davis
7. Pat & Debbie Kroeger
8. Tom Burtch
9. Al Robinson
10. Bob & Margaret Thacker

Meeting Location: John S. Taylor Park, Largo, FL, shelter #5. Following picnic lunches, the meeting was called to order by Patrick Kroeger at 1:04 pm. The local alligator was again in attendance in the nearby water.

Minutes:

Minutes of the 03/28/21 meeting were accepted as distributed.

Treasurers Report and Membership Update:

Hal was not able to attend, so Patrick Kroeger distributed the financial report. The report shows that the Gulf Coast region bank balance stood at \$2,085.50 and there were 36 members on March 31. Note that we are beginning to incur expenses for the Area 9 meet (\$214 in April) and we remain in a solid financial position for hosting the meet.

Area 9 Meet:

Progress update:

- We have now paid for some show costs including insurance, badge pouches and booking of venues.
- Patrick will send notes to Directors of other regions reminding them of the Area 9 meet to build awareness and encourage attendance. This is particularly important as our October timing and Florida location is different from recent Area 9 meets.
- Patrick showed a sample of the pouch which each participant will receive to hold their “passport” card to event activities. Activities and tours must be booked ahead when registering and the cards will be personalized with preprinted information on activities that are included for the participant.
- Ads for the meet will run in the G&D magazine for June, July, August and September issues.
- Please consider how you can volunteer to help at the meet and provide any input to pkroeger@tampabay.rr.com.
- We are looking for sponsors and donors. Please remember that many participants will not be from the Gulf Coast region and any vouchers or dated material should be redeemable over a larger area and time frame than we have considered for our local shows.
- Financial donations are encouraged, and sponsorships of specific awards or activities are possible is desired for larger donors. Please contact Patrick to discuss if you find interest from a business or corporate supporter.

Other:

Al Robinson is interested in more information on ceramic coating for automotive paint. He is considering this for use on his 1934 Chevy and would like to hear experiences from anyone who has tried ceramic coating on a vintage vehicle. Al mentioned that there are many alternatives advertised - ranging from companies which do this with a special preparation and curing process (at a high price), to self-applied coatings from a bottle. This may be a good topic for a guest presenter at a future meeting.

G&D Digitization Project

We have now reached our target of \$100 revenue from the monthly 50/50 draws and will submit a donation from the Gulf Coast Region to the G&D digitization fund. Patrick will check if the fund remains open as there was some discussion if the VCCA overall target has already been achieved. If the initial campaign has been closed, we may donate toward enhancements to the initial scope of the digitization or other VCCA funding initiatives.

Next Meeting:

Our next general meeting will be on Sunday, May 23, 2021 at 1 pm at John Chestnut Park, 2200 East Lake Road, Palm Harbor, FL 33685, Shelter #12. This may be the last park meeting before the hot summer weather, so please consider driving your old Chevy or GMC to the picnic/meeting.

50/50 draw was won by Tom Burtch who donated his portion back to the club.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:56 pm.

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



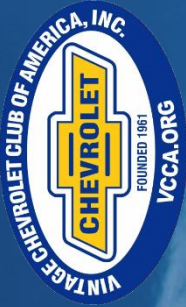
MONTHLY MEETING/PICNIC

Just a reminder of our Picnic/Meeting, June 27th, at John S. Taylor Park, Shelter 5 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The Shelter is reserved from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., so if you want to show up earlier you can relax and maybe see our friendly alligator. The park is at 1100 8th Ave SW, Largo, FL

The club is providing hamburgers, hot dogs and paper items, so please bring a side dish to share and your favorite (and legal) beverages.

This is a rain or shine event, however with good weather, we could make this a mini car show as well so bring your Chevrolet or GMC to show off with!





19th Annual Nationally Judged VCCA Area 9 Meet

For More Information, Contact
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727-488-9759

October 20-24, 2021

Clearwater, Florida

Hosted by the Gulf Coast Region

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE HOST THE 19TH ANNUAL VCCA AREA 9 MEET. THE EVENT WILL BE HELD AT THE HOST HOTEL, LA QUINTA INN & SUITES BY WYNDHAM. JUDGED CAR SHOW WILL BE HELD AT QUAKER STEAK & LUBE WHICH IS ADJACENT TO HOTEL. YOU WILL FIND DETAILED EVENT INFO AND REGISTRATION FORMS ON OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.GULFCOASTVCCA.COM.

EVENTS WILL INCLUDE:

- ✚ EARLY BIRD RECEPTION ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT
- ✚ TAMPA BAY AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM
- ✚ TOUR THE INTERCOASTAL WATERWAY ON THE PIRATE SHIP ROYAL CONQUEST
- ✚ THE JAMES MUSEUM
- ✚ JUDGING FRIDAY ♥ BANQUET SATURDAY

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 1, 2021



THE GULF COAST REGION VCCA
19TH ANNUAL SOUTHEAST AREA #9 NATIONAL MEET
Clearwater, Florida
October 20 - 24, 2021



**ALL REGISTRANTS MUST
BELONG TO NATIONAL VCCA
All Entrants MUST be Pre-Registered**

REGISTRATION #21-_____
Name(s): _____
(Member and Spouse or Guest)

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS:
October 1, 2021**

<u>MEET REGISTRATION</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>TOTAL \$</u>
Registration 1 st Vehicle	_____	\$50.00	\$ _____
Each Additional Vehicle	_____	\$25.00	\$ _____
PCC Registration	_____	\$45.00	\$ _____

NOTE: For each additional vehicle, please fill out a separate Vehicle Registration Form.

EARLY BIRD	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Early Bird Check-in at Host Hotel. Receive registration packets and Goody Bags	
WEDNESDAY	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Field Entrance Checks at rear of building, inclement weather under hotel front canopy;	
10/20/21		Photo Shoot; Trailer Parking at rear of hotel by lake	
	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Early Bird Reception	#Attending _____ X \$10.00 \$ _____
THURSDAY	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Check-in at Host Hotel. Receive registration packets and Goody Bags	
10/21/21	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Field Entrance Checks at rear of building, inclement weather under hotel canopy;	
		Photo Shoot; Trailer Parking at rear of hotel by lake	
	7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Complimentary breakfast at Host Hotel	Included
	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Judging School at Host Hotel conference room	
	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Tampa Bay Automobile Museum	#Attending _____ X \$5.00 \$ _____
	Afternoon & Evening	Lunch and Dinner on Your Own, Explore Area	
FRIDAY	7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Complimentary Breakfast at Host Hotel	Included
10/22/21	7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Judges Breakfast at Host Hotel, team assignments	Included
	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Registration (Closes At 10:00 AM) Vehicles must be on show field by 10:30 a.m.	
	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Judging of ALL vehicles/Select Best of Class vehicle	
	Afternoon & Evening	Lunch and Dinner on Your Own, Explore Area	
	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	The Pirate Ship Royal Conquest	#Attending _____ X \$30.00
		SPACE IS LIMITED TO 46 - FIRST COME FIRST SERVED	\$ _____
SATURDAY	7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Complimentary breakfast at Host Hotel	Included
10/23/21	10:00 AM - 11:00 PM	James Museum Adults #Attending _____ X \$15 Age 65+ #Attending _____ X \$10	\$ _____
	Afternoon	Lunch on your own	
	6:00 PM	Depart for Feather Sound Country Club	
	6:30 PM	Banquet and Dinner	#Attending _____ X \$50.00 \$ _____
		DINNER MUST BE PREPAID BY REGISTRATION DEADLINE TO ATTEND	
SUNDAY	7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Complimentary breakfast at Host Hotel	Included
10/24/21		The Gulf Coast VCCA wants to thank participants for coming and wish all a safe journey home!	
			TOTAL: \$ _____

NOTE: Early Bird, Automobile Museum, Pirate Ship, Dali Museum and Banquet must be prepaid by Registration Deadline of October 1st.

HOST HOTEL	FOR MORE INFORMATION	MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Clearwater South 5000 Lake Boulevard, Clearwater FL 33760 1-727-299-9800	Patrick Kroeger President Gulf Coast VCCA 727-488-9759 pkroeger@tampabay.rr.com	Gulf Coast Region VCCA Mail to: Hal Bruce 4700 8 th Ave N St. Petersburg, FL 33713

Refund Policy: A request for refund will be granted if received no later than two weeks prior to start of meet.

Name _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

VCCA # _____ Expiration Date _____

VCCA Region _____ Area # _____

PLEASE NOTE: Registration Deadline is October 1, 2021



**Gulf Coast Region VCCA
19th Annual Southeast Area #9 National Meet
Clearwater, Florida
October 20-24, 2021**

Note to participants:

Field Entrance Checks and Judging

All participants are required to fill out a Judging Form applicable to the vehicle being judged. We will have Judging Forms in your Bag of Goodies that you will receive when you arrive at the hotel. We will have a VCCA table set up in the Lobby.

If you want to see what the forms look like, you can go on-line at www.vcca.org and print the appropriate Judging Forms.

If you are unfamiliar with the rules associated with the Judging Classes, you may also want to go to the www.vcca.org website and call up the Judging Manual for review. Even if you have not volunteered to be a Judge, you should **attend the Judges Meeting** on Thursday at 8:00 a.m. to learn more about the process.

All vehicle owners must have the VCCA Judging Form filled out completely and signed before you can pass the Field Entrance Checks. This form must be completed, including the Field Entrance Check notes, to enter the Judging Field on Friday morning.

We will be providing Field Entrance Checks at the Hotel on Wednesday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and on Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. That way you can bypass the line on Friday morning.

Please also note that **Fire Extinguishers are required** to enter the Judging Field on Friday. They are to be placed on the front floorboard on the passenger side. Also, a copy of your **Owner's Manual** is recommended to be placed on the front seat.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks and we look forward to seeing you at the meet.

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19th Annual Southeast Area 9 National Meet - October 20-24, 2021 - Sponsored by: Gulf Coast Region VCCA
Meet Activities and Assignments for the Volunteers

Date	Activity	Specific Tasks	Time	# People Needed	Names
PRIOR TO MEET					
EVENT Wed 10/20	Badges/Registration	Prepare badges, etc.		1	Debbie
	Registration Handouts	Assemble handouts (badge, agenda, etc)		1	Debbie
	Car Plaquards	Put plaquards in the plastic holders		2	Debie, Pat
	Items for Early Bird Reception	plates, napkins, utensils, drinks, ice		2	
	Assemble Gift Bags	Discount Coupons, G/C's, Pamphlets, etc.		Ladies	Pam, Pat R, Deb, ??
EVENT Thur 10/21	Set up tables - Hotel Lobby	Lobby and Conference Room	9-12	1	Pat, Hotel Staff
	Man Table in Lobby - Wednesday	Greet, handout, sell 50/50 tickets	2-5	3	Reg - Debbie, ??; 50/50 - ?; Hand out bags - ?
	Field Checks				
	Direct Trailers to back hotel pkg lot	Check all items on form	2-4	3	Jim, ??
	Photos	As vehicles arrive	2-4	1	??
			2-4	1	Jeff
	Early Bird Reception				
	Set up for early bird reception	Help, move things along	6-8	2	Debbie
	Quaker Steak	Food, drinks, etc.	4-6	2	??
	Clean up after reception	Pickup and deliver to hotel dining area	5-5:30	1	Pat
		Clean up	8-9		All available
	Security for Vehicles / Trailers		10p-6a	1	Member or Hire Person (Pinellas Pk Sheriff)
	Man Table in Lobby - Thursday	Greet, handout, sell 50/50 tickets	8-5	2	Reg - Debbie, ??; 50/50 - ?; Hand out bags - ?
	Field Checks				
	Direct Trailers to back hotel pkg lot	Check all items on forms	8-4	3	Jim, ??
EVENT Fri 10/22	Photos	As vehicles arrive	8-4	1	??
			8-4	1	Jeff
	Set up for Judging School	Audio-Visual, tables, etc	7-8	2	Jim, Jeff, ??
	Judging School	Lead the group/answer questions	8-9	3	Jim, Jeff
	Tampa Bay Automobile Museum				
		gather attendees and lead the event	9:30	2	??
	Preliminary set up for Friday Show	Barricades, tents, etc.	3-5	4	??
	Security for Vehicles / Trailers		10p-6a	1	Member or Hire Person (Pinellas Pk Sheriff)

Date	Activity	Specific Tasks		Time	# People Needed		Names
Fri 10/22	Finish Set up for Show	Plaquards for cars, banner, tables.etc		7-8	2		
	Man Table in Lobby - Friday	Greet, handout, sell 50/50 tickets		8-10	2		Reg - Debbie, ??; 50/50 - ?; Hand out bags - ?
	Judges Mtg/Breakfast	Lead meeting, assign duties		7:30-8:30	2	??	
	Field Checks	Check all items on form		8-10	3	Jim, ??	
	Direct Trailers to back hotel pkg lot			8-10	1	??	
	Pictures of Vehicles	As cars come into the show field		8-10	1	Jeff	
	Tally Table for Show	Tally judgments and decide about awards		11-?	3	Pat, Hal, ??	
	Lead and coordinate Judging	Help teams, make decisions		11-2	2	Jeff, Jim, Tom	
	Runners for Show Judging Sheets	Take completed sheets, get changes etc		11-2	2	??	
	Process pictures, plaques, troph.	Get pics dev., assemble plaques, load		3-?	4	Jeff, ??	
	Show field clean up	Take down everything		3-4	4	Everyone	
	Pirate Ship				1	Must be at dock NLT 5:30	
	Security for Vehicles / Trailers			10p-6a	1	Member or Hire Person (Pinellas Pk Sheriff)	
Sat 10/23	Man registration table	Answer questions, Sell 50/50 tickets		7-8	2		Reg - Debbie; 50/50 - ?
	James Museum	Gather everyone		9:15	2	Pat	
	Banquet set up at C.C.	Check w/hotel staff, set up screen, etc.		5-6	3	Debbie	
	Get Plaques & Trophies to C.C.	Get table for trophies and plaques		5-6	2	Pat, Jeff, Jim	
	Banquet/Award Ceremony	Dinner/Trophies		6:30-9:30	--	Arrive 6:00 p.m.	
	Announce 50/50 Winner					Pat	
	Clean up afterwards	Collect everything of value, clean up		9:30-10:30			
	Security for Vehicles / Trailers			10p-6a	1	Member or Hire Person (Pinellas Pk Sheriff)	
	Man registration table	Thank everyone for coming, goodbye		7-9	2	Debbie, Pam (Gulf Coast Board members)	
	Clean up and box up items	Leftover items to (next meet rep)		8-9	2	Debbie, Pat	
Sun 10/24							