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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 September 30, 2021 at Quaker Steak & Lube, 10400 49th Street North, Clearwater, FL, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

2021/2022 CALENDARS

I have ten cars for the 2022 calendar so we are almost done. I would like to give our new members the first opportunity to have their cars in member's calendar before we do repeats of previous member's cars. 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.



Howard Seymour
Bob Thacker
Richard Dass

August 19
September 7
September 10

UPDATE ON 2021 19TH ANNUAL VCCA AREA 9 NATIONAL MEET

The Gulf Coast Region Board of Directors met on August 17 and September 16, 2021 to discuss the status of registrations, COVID situation and whether to continue with the meet. As of September 16th, we have received only 10 registrations (4 from Board members and 1 from new member; 4 from Florida non-members and 1 from Tennessee, another from Tennessee previously cancelled due to COVID).

Based on previous meets held, we estimated Revenue at \$5,750 and Expenses at \$5,571 (50 attendees and 40 cars). We would have only made a small profit, but it would have brought exposure to our Gulf Coast region.

After comparing expected revenue/expenses based on the 18 attendees and 12 vehicles that registered, and the registration dollars received, it was decided that we have no choice but to cancel the meet (Revenue at \$1,720, Expenses at \$4,341). The Club has already spent \$1,848 towards the event to date.

Expenses included Early Bird Reception, Auto Museum, James Museum (deposit paid), Banquet (deposit paid), and Pirate Ship (deposit paid). Other Expenses already paid out to date include trophies and badge/registration holders.

Although it didn't work out this time, it was nonetheless a good learning experience in the planning and preparation that goes into hosting an event like this. The other plus is that we have a model for the next time we have the opportunity to host this event.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The term of office is expiring for some Club Officers at the end of September. All current officers will continue until our Election that will be held at the Picnic meeting at John Chestnut Park in East Lake in mid-November.

The officer positions for re-election are Vice-Director and Treasurer for a two-year term (2022 to 2024). Anyone interested in running for these positions, please contact Secretary Tom Burtch and inform him that you are interested in a position. Deadline for submitting for election will be October 28th and the proposed officer slate provided to the members by October 31st.

If there is an unopposed person for a position they can be reaffirmed by a majority vote of members at the November meeting. Multiple persons for a single position will be selected by secret ballot by members present, after each person has a 5 to 10 minute period to state their qualifications and objectives.

GULF COAST REGION LOGO

On the first page of the newsletter, in the upper left hand side is our new logo. After the VCCA changed their logo to the new style, we had briefly modified that as our interim logo. Looking at other regions in the VCCA, most have their own individual logo and we thought that we should too. Hopefully we won't be mistaken as to where we hail from and we can be always known as the "Florida Man and Women" of the Gulf Coast region.



"THE CAR I MISS THE MOST."

In the last Carolina Crossroads newsletter it had an article titled "The Car I Miss the Most." It was enjoyable reading and amusing. I would like for our members to contribute a paragraph or more and a photo of their "Car I Miss the Most" for inclusion in our end of year newsletter for December. Rules are: can be any car you ever owned, one you even just took a ride in, or a work vehicle, and the more detail the better.

If this is anything like your "Car I Miss the Most", we can do several pages on it!





Free wheels

I need the space, so any or all of these wheels (with tires) are free if you pick them up at my place in Clearwater. Tires will hold air for rolling around but are not useable for driving. All are 6 bolt Chevy pattern. This is just my best guess at what they fit:

Front left:

15" diameter, 4 vent slots, spring clips to hold hubcap – 1948 car

Front center:

15" diameter, 4 vent slots, 3 humps to hold hub cap, 1950s-60s truck

Front right:

15" diameter, 4 vent slots, 4 humps to hold hub cap mounting, 1970s-80s truck

Rear left:

16" diameter, 4 vent slots, spring clips to hold hubcap – 1939-48 car

Rear right:

16" diameter, no vent slots, spring clips to hold hubcap – 1940s truck



Contact: Tom Burtch 727-203-5179 or
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*Items listed will run for two issues and then deleted. Any member is free to list items and we ask that priced be included. Send items to Patrick Kroeger at pkroeger@tampabay.rr.com.

FUN SUMMER THINGS TO DO



THE COLLECTION ON PALMETTO



Welcome

We are now open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, no appointment needed. Saturday hours are by appointment. Please schedule online.

We're so much more than just pretty cars.

Saunter down the unpaved streets of yesteryear at The Collection on Palmetto. See the Benz Patent Motorwagen, the first modern car. Find out how the assembly line changed our country. Listen to the

sound of steam. Sit behind the wheel of a 1917 Dodge. Discover why electric cars were all the rage...in the early 1900s.

Museum Tour

Audio tour of automobile museum and engine exhibits

Adult Admission	10
Child Admission	5
Children under 3 are free.	
Senior Admission	5
First Responders, Military/Veterans and Teachers	Free

Free admission for first responders, military, and teachers. Thank you for your service.

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The Collection on Palmetto

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THE COLLECTION ON PALMETTO



Our Collection

Observe the beauty and power of early twentieth century automotive design and engineering. From the first modern car, the 1886 Benz Patent Motorwagen, to the 1952 Allard J2X, the British car with an American engine, we've got unique cars here. But vintage automobiles are just the beginning. Experience live steam and discover how our country steered bravely toward industry on the wheels of innovation.

Our Programs

Teachers, drive into a world of hands-on excitement with one of our education programs. Your students can build an electric circuit, race a solar-powered car, participate in an assembly line or ride on a 1/8th scale steam train. Programs meet Florida Standards in Science and Social Studies.



Our Mission

It is the mission of The Collection on Palmetto Foundation to increase understanding about the amazing progress made in engineering in factory and field power, along with automotive transportation, which occurred during the early 20th century.

AUTOMOBILES

The antique automobiles of The Collection on Palmetto date from 1886 to 1952, with special attention paid to the Brass Era, from 1896-1915. In no other era of automotive history did technology develop as rapidly. From materials used to methods of propulsion, the Brass Era constitutes a formative stride in the development of the automobile.

Exhibits

Automobiles and Stationary Engines

Brass Era Automobiles

Travel through time to a place where automobiles saw their beginnings, a place where steam, gas and electric cars volleyed for standing in the great American race toward power and independence.

Curated Grounds and Picnic Area

Enjoy five acres of beautifully landscaped grounds, a turtle-filled lake and picnic tables. Diverse bird and vegetation species abound.

Steam and Gas Engines

They powered our country in factories and fields, across a land where burgeoning industry sought affirmation in pistons and flywheels and valves; machines eager to work in unison toward a better tomorrow.

Orange Belt Railway

Experience our very own 1/8th scale railway, only at The Collection on Palmetto.





The Auto Museum

ORLANDO'S LARGEST MUSEUM OF ANY KIND IS HOME TO THE MOST ENGAGING AUTO/VEHICLE COLLECTION IN THE WORLD.

VIEW VEHICLES FROM THE MODEL T TO CARS FROM FILMS INCLUDING A PLYMOUTH FURY, TUCKER, GREEN HORNET AND HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS.

- ✚ The largest collection of Bond memorabilia with vehicles and items from Sean Connery's era to Daniel Craig's era.
- ✚ The Duesenberg Lounge is home to America's Rolls Royce and three of the rarest vehicles in the collection.
- ✚ The cars of Israel highlights some of the rare and distinctive cars from Sabra.
- ✚ View classic cars from France.
- ✚ The cars of Europe featuring vehicles from Italy, Germany, Sweden, Russia, Netherlands and more.
- ✚ View some of the classic cars from the United Kingdom featuring Rolls Royce, Jaguar, Bentley, Reliant, Morris, MG, Morgan and Cord models.
- ✚ Cars from TV & the silver screen call this room home including vehicles from Back to the Future, Indiana Jones, Spiderman, Dukes of Hazard, Ghostbusters, Fast and the Furious franchise, Harry Potter and more...
- ✚ Enjoy the classic cars of the Gatsby era featuring the Buick, Cadillac and Oldsmobile models.
- ✚ Chrysler lounge is home to Chrysler 300s, Windsors and Imperials.
- ✚ Enter Gotham and the Bat Cave and view Batman vehicles from Adam West to today including Michael Keaton and Val Kilmer's Batmobiles and even a "nuclear powered" bat boat.
- ✚ View the classic cars of Cuba and bygone days in America and an aquatic truck.
- ✚ The Military pavilion holds the history of vehicles from wars and conflicts of past decades for the United States and her allies.

- ✚ The Thunderbird lounge is home to some of Ford's finest personal luxury cars.
- ✚ Take a stroll through American Automotive History in Americana with cars from Edsel, Desoto, Plymouth, Dodge, Kaiser, Willy's Jeep, Chevrolet and Studebaker.
- ✚ The Harley lounge goes beyond the iconic Harley Davidson models and also includes Indian, Triumph, BMW, Honda, Motto Guzzi and Kawasaki models for viewing.
- ✚ The Auto Experience is home to the world's largest collection of motorized bikes. You can view the evolution of design and function for this classic vehicles.
- ✚ The largest collection of Micro cars in the world calls the auto experience home with Bubble, Cycle, Quadricycles, Voiturettes and Kei cars for viewing.
- ✚ Visit the largest private collection of Vespas from yesteryear to today.
- ✚ Stroll through the Decades and Classic cars along with enjoying a drive in movie theater.

HOURS OF OPERATION	LOCATION	CONTACT US
Monday to Thursday 11:00 am – 11:00 pm Friday – Saturday 11:00 am – 12:00 am Sunday 11:00 am – 11:00 pm	5250 International Drive Orlando, FL 32819	321-754-1700 orlando@dezerlandpark.com



The attraction offers **INDOOR FUN - ALL DAY** including: KARTING ORLANDO, BOWLING ORLANDO, THE PINBALL PLACE, JUMP START, ARCADE ORLANDO, AXECELSIOR AXE THROWING, BUMPER CARS (coming soon), THUNDER FOAM ARENA (coming soon), and THE PUTTING EDGE.



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WELCOME TO THE MUSEUM

The Don Garlits Museum Drag Racing and International Drag Racing Hall of Fame is open every day between 9 AM and 5 PM. Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas. The average tour takes about 2 to 3 hours. Pictures are welcome. We also have a covered pavilion located outside of the antique building with 14 picnic tables that seat around 6 to 8 people per table, Sonny's BBQ is right around the corner and offers catering.

Our Mission

To preserve the history of drag racing, one of the original forms of auto racing known to man, through restoration, and preservation of historical vehicles, involvement in research of said history, honoring prominent individuals who were the sports' pioneers, development of a National Archive and Library, collecting, documentation of state history, educating the general public on the history and progress of all racing and presenting the uniqueness of this sport auto racing.

Our Collection

Nearly 300 vehicles on display and thousands of artifacts. Our antique building has one of the largest collections of Ford's, also included in the collection are muscle cars and rare vintage automobiles. Our drag racing building has a collection of world-famous, history making dragsters, funny cars, motorcycles, and many other exciting racing vehicles from the early days of drag racing to current day. Spread throughout the two buildings is an amazing collection of hemi engines, flathead engines, rare manifolds, and carburetors that have been restored by Don Garlits himself.

Opened in 1976, it chronicles the history of the sport of drag racing. Some 90 racing cars can be seen in the Drag Race building and an additional 50 vehicles are in the Antique Car building. Many of the Garlits "Swamp Rat" cars are here, but he also turns out to be a pack rat with an accumulation of cars and memorabilia from other top names in the sport. The iconic cars of Dean Moon, the Mooneyes gas dragster and the Moonbeam sports car are on display.

The museum is home to the International Drag Racing Hall of Fame. Inductees include Art Arfons, Sydney Allard, Zora Arkus-Duntov, Ray Godman, Raymond Beadle, Shirley Muldowney, Kenny Bernstein, and Don Schumacher, Connie Glen Swingle.

Coming Events to the Museum:



MOPARS WITH BIG DADDY

34th ANNUAL SHOW & SWAP MEET

AT THE MUSEUM OF DRAG RACING

FEATURING: CELEBRATION OF THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE
1971 MODEL CARS WITH TIM WELLBORN

FRIDAY NIGHT WITH BIG DADDY 6-9PM INCLUDES,

6- 7 PM MUSEUM OPEN FOR DINNER PARTICIPANTS, 7- 8 PM DINNER &
CONVERSATION, 8 - 9 PM QUESTION & ANSWER WITH DON GARLITS

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PARTICIPANT JUDGING SATURDAY & JUDGED SHOW ON SUNDAY

VENDORS PRE-REGISTRATION \$50 AND \$60 DAY OF THE SHOW

CAR SHOW PRE-REGISTRATION \$35 AND \$40 DAY OF THE SHOW

CAR CORAL PRE-REGISTRATION \$40 AND \$45 DAY OF THE SHOW

DRY CAMPING (LIMITED) \$25 PER NIGHT

SHOW GOES ON RAIN OR SHINE

VENDOR SET UP ON FRIDAY NOV. 5TH, GATES OPEN @ 8AM

13700 SW 16TH AVE. OCALA FLORIDA 34473

CLOSE TO MOTELS, RV PARKS AND RESTAURANTS

SPECTATORS FREE, PARKING \$5.00 PER CAR

VENDORS: SHARI

(352) 303-9094

SHOW INFO: JIM

(813) 493-2970

Don Garlits
Museum of Drag Racing, Inc.



HOST CLUBS: FIRST COAST AMC - BRAT PACK - MIGHTY MOPARS OF ORLANDO - MOPAR MUSCLE OF NORTH FLORIDA