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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 April 25, 2021. We will have lunch at 12:00 p.m. and meeting will begin at 1:00 PM. Shelter is reserved for all day if you wish to show up earlier. See attached Flyer for more 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 March 28th 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 Pirate Ship Royale Conquest booked.
- The Dali Museum tour booked.
- Banquet at Feather Sound Country Club booked.



We have planned the following activities for the listed days:

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

NOTE: Location of registration table, early bird reception, 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 obtained should only be from national chains as attendees will come from different areas of the country.

Also, please take a look at the attached “Meet Activities and Assignments for the Volunteers” list (at end of document) 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.

PAINTS AND SURFACERS

Mike Rabaut

Painting

I guess we should talk about painting. Painting is a catch-all word for all the steps that go into protecting the surface (metal, in this case), getting rid of defects (smoothing and leveling) and adding color. When you paint, you apply a coating. When most people think about painting, they think about the final or color coat. Unfortunately, that's not the most important part.

Everything you did wrong will show up when you apply your color coat. The most important part is the underlying coatings and the prep work that goes with it. As they say, don't blame the camera for the bad picture!

There are many different types of coatings. A simple type of coating consists of some sort of material ... "resin" ... which is a binder that provides a holder for the color as well as adhesion to the surface, and a solvent. The resin is dissolved in the solvent. To use the coating, you simply apply the mixture to the surface and let the solvent evaporate—or as they say in the business, "flash off".

An example of this type of paint is lacquer. Lacquer resin comes from the Lac tree... although, probably not so much anymore. It's basically the hardened tree sap. If you can get a chunk of this, you can put it in a can, pour in some solvent (alcohol)... which dissolves it... maybe add some color and you are good to go. How thick it is depends on how much alcohol you pour in.

You apply lacquer to a surface (wood, metal ...) and let the alcohol flash off. What's left is the sap ("resin") that has dried. For a long time it was popular in the auto and furniture industries. Refinishers found it easy to use and to repair damage. If you apply a new coat over an old coat, the solvent (alcohol) in the new coat of lacquer dissolves the resin in the lower coat and the two resins mix together. You can research the pros and cons of using this product yourself, but the very thing that allows an easy repair becomes a problem in the furniture industry. If you place an alcohol drink on a lacquer finished table, and alcohol drips down the class, the alcohol will dissolve the lacquer on the table and leave a ring! The ring is produced by the alcohol melting the lacquer resin and then flashing off, producing a distortion of the surface (the white ring) ... hence the invention of the coaster ... sounds good anyways.

Applying a coat of wax goes a long way towards protecting the table or any lacquer finished item ... a car for example ... from damage.

Over the years, many different types of coatings were developed to protect the metal surface and to add a pleasing appearance (color) to items. After coatings were developed to protect the metal, interest turned to protecting the color. For example, making the coating thicker ... 10 coats of hand-rubbed lacquer, as they say ... hardening the coating itself, developing protective coatings ... different waxes ... wax on ... wax off ... (etc.). All these are used to protect the surface.

Also developed were a whole class of coatings that use two parts, known as 2K coatings (the k comes from the European word Komponent (component) which are very tough. Note the distinction here between 1K and 2k coatings. The 1K coatings require only one component. The 2K coatings require two components, the second of which is usually a hardener.

Basecoat/Clear coat a 2K Coating

The most popular painting and protection process in use today is one known as basecoat/clear coat. This process basically consists of a color coating (basecoat 2K coating) that you spray over your underlying coatings and then a clear coating (clear coat 2K coating) that you spray to cover and protect the basecoat. This enables you to change the colors later without worrying about damage the environment might have caused because the basecoat will be covered with a very tough, protective clear coating. The clear coating gives you that new car “wet” look... which is nice on new cars... I don’t care for it on the older cars... (editorial comment...).

Enamel Coatings 1K

Many coatings are simply a mixture of things, similar to the lacquer paints discussed before. Whereas lacquer paints use the resin from a Lac tree (or whatever they substitute today), enamels are coatings using other types of modern man-made resins that are dissolved in solvents... like Methyl Ethyl Ketone (MEK) ... Acetone... etc. Enamel resins are very hard, so they make a good exterior coating and can be polished to a high shine. Also, they don’t have the wet look of the base/clear coatings. Most older cars were coated with enamel for their final coat... and a whole industry was created using wax to protect this surface.

Enamel coatings are examples of a 1K coating. No additives/hardeners are necessary, although there are some available. Paint it from a can, spray it on, and let it dry... good to go.

In enamel coatings, the solvent keeps the resin (the mixture of chemicals) separated. When you spray on the enamel coating, the solvent flashes off (dries) and leaves the mixture to come together (cure), forming a very tough surface. The coating might feel dry to your touch, but the mixture may not be finished curing so you need to wait until the coating “cures”. Read the instructions to see how long this takes. If you recoat too soon, the solvent might not be gone and it will produce bubbles in the next coat. You also need to pay attention to make sure you don’t interfere with the “curing” of the mixture. The directions will help in this. In other words,...let the cake finish baking... follow the recipe... it’s not like the old days... and make sure you use a mask before you paint. Did I say use a mask???

Epoxy and Etching Coatings 2K

Epoxy coatings are a different breed altogether. They are very tough, moisture resistant and a perfect coating for metal. Many require the surface to be scratched with 80 grit sandpaper for proper adhesion. They are also referred to as direct to metal (DTM) coatings... they go directly onto metal and not necessarily to other surfaces. (Be careful, not all coatings bond well directly to metal.)

Etching coatings contain an acid which etches the metal. This provides a base for adhesion. Unfortunately, it’s not moisture proof so its use on metal is questionable. Your moisture barrier should be as close to the metal as possible. If you are using etching coatings, you need something on top that creates the moisture barrier.

Etching coatings can be used on plastic bumpers, old but sound painted surfaces and places where its lack of moisture protection is not an issue... Just saying...

There are two parts (2K) to the epoxy and etching coatings: the “resin” (plus solvent) and the catalyst (hardener). The catalyst is used to start a chemical reaction in the resin. Once this reaction starts, you only have a short period of time to use the coating before it cures. It doesn’t dry in the same way that water evaporates from your clothes. The molecules in the resin all come together to form chains and convert the liquid resin to a solid... changing water to ice, so to speak. The coating might feel dry, but you need to wait until the chains have finished forming (curing, sometimes called “kicking”). You can find all this information in the data sheet that accompanies all of these products.

Just so you know, the hardeners have ISOCYANATES, really bad stuff. You need to wear a mask that filters them out, not just your old shirt pulled up over your nose. If you don’t, put me in your will. If you can smell them (a sweet smell??), then you are breathing them... did I say that they were nasty???

3M makes a mask for about \$30 that will filter them out. Good for about 40 accumulative hours... if you can find it... thank you COVID... Now about that will...

Surfacer 2K

Surfacers are not designed to go over metal. They are very thick. They are meant to cover the coating (such as epoxy) that you used to protect the metal. Their function is not to protect the metal but to help remove the imperfections that occur in the previous coat. They are soft and easily sanded. Kind of like a really thin filler (Bondo). They are 2K so they need a hardener...

ISOCYANATES... and they don’t last very long in the cup, so you need to use it up quickly. You can put more on, depending on how much you sand off... and it’s meant to be sanded off.

That’s how you get rid of many of the imperfections. Finish coat (the color) Enamel coatings are “single stage” (1K) and not 2K. They do not require a hardener... although you can usually get one if you feel it’s needed. (This will be nothing like epoxy hardeners but will still have ISOCYANATES).

Basecoat/Clear coat is usually a 2K product so you will need a catalyst (hardener)....remember ISOCYANATES?

You have many choices for final coating but it basically boils down to enamel or the basecoat/clear coat process. Your underlying coatings come in various colors like black, light or dark gray, which you might consider when you choose your final color. They need to be covered by your finish coat.

Most of the coatings that you use will be 2K but remember (I’ll bet you think I was going to say beware of ISOCYANATES but you’re wrong), not all coatings are moisture resistant and that is the one you want next to your metal. If you sand through to your metal...yup, re-coating again... careful, don’t forget to re-sand the metal.

Many terms in this business I find confusing. So this is my translation.....

Paint has become a word to represent a collection of COATINGS. Painting is a verb of action.

Primers go under the finish coating, usually to protect the bare surface.

Surfacers are used to smooth and level the surface. They are not the first coat and usually cover the bottom (first) coat.

Primers are coatings that can be applied to various materials (metal, plastic, wood.....). They go below the final coat and in a specific order. You need to know what coating goes on top of what coating. You can find that information in the products data sheet, which is included with the coating. You need to know how to prep the surface before you apply each coating, this also applies to coatings applied over other coatings. Again, check your data sheet.

I prefer to have all of my coatings supplied from the same company. At least then I know what's compatible... and believe me, some are not. Using the same materials from the same company allows you to become familiar with them so you know how they work together.

I use PPG coatings. The epoxy for coating the metal is JP375. The surfacer for smoothing and filling is JP202. The finish color coat is an industrial enamel from PPG called ALK200. ALK 200 is actually the same paint many auto suppliers sell as engine paint and replica paint.

All of these coatings come with a data sheet. Ask for it. Get the data sheet and read it!!!!

Now about that mask... did I say anything about ISOCYANATES!!! So how do I actually use all of this???

Stay tuned...

Mike

It's just not the same when you see an auto hauler with Nissans, Hondas or Toyotas is it?





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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 price be included. Send items to Patrick Kroeger at pkroeger@tampabay.rr.com

Minutes of VCCA Gulf Coast Region monthly meeting March 28, 2021**Attendance:**

1. Gordon Keller
2. Bob & Margaret Thacker
3. Hal Bruce & Pam Simone
4. Al & Pat Robinson
5. Patrick & Debbie Kroeger
6. Howard & Emily Seymour
7. Tom Burtch
8. Arnold Papenfuhs

Meeting Location: John S. Taylor Park, Largo, FL, shelter #5. Members arrived to enjoy the great weather and location for the meeting. While checking out the park, we even spotted an alligator in the water nearby (but at a safe distance from our shelter). The meeting was called to order by Patrick Kroeger at 1:05 pm.

Minutes:

Minutes of the 01/24/21 meeting were accepted as distributed.

Treasurers Report and Membership Update:

Hal Bruce presented the financial summary and noted that the Gulf Coast region bank balance stood at \$2,198.50 and there were 33 members on February 28th.

Pinellas Mentoring program:

Hal Bruce and Pam Simone reported on their experiences participating in the mentoring program for Pinellas high school and middle school students. Mentoring a student requires only 30 minutes per week and is an extremely rewarding experience. This program is offered by every school in Pinellas county and over 8,000 students are seeking mentors. Please see "PCSB.org/mentor" or contact Hal or Pam for more information if you are interested.

Updated member contact list:

We have added several new members since the last meeting, so Tom Burtch distributed an updated member roster. We now have 36 members. The newest members are:

Jiri Maly - owner of a 1955 Corvette
Willie Shelton - owner of a 1951 Chevrolet Styleline Deluxe
Gerald Topkin - owner of a 1930 Chevrolet Universal
Nick Burtch - owner of a 1967 Chevy II

Welcome to all and we hope to see you soon at a Gulf Coast Region meeting or event.

A copy of the contact list is attached to the minutes. Note that this is solely for use by Gulf Coast members to keep in touch with each other. Please do not share contact information outside our membership group.

G&D Digitization Project

Tom Burtch reported on the VCCA (national) project to digitize all the past issues of the monthly VCCA magazine, the "Generator & Distributor". These digitized copies will be indexed and made accessible to members. This will provide a much better way to find to valuable information and articles. It is a major project since there are over 60 years of magazines to be loaded. Individual VCCA members can contribute by visiting "vcca.org/gdonlinefund". As a region, the Gulf Coast has committed to donate the proceeds from our monthly 50/50 draws (up to \$100) to the G&D digitization fund.

Area 9 Meet:

We have now committed to host the 2021 Area 9 VCCA meet on October 20-24. Ads for the meet will run in the G&D magazine for June, July, August and September issues. Patrick Kroeger presented a summary of activities along with the proposed budget and support requirements. This is large undertaking for our region and will require participation of all members for a successful show. The budget anticipates that at least 40 Chevrolet/GMC vehicles will register for the show and offers many group activities for attendees. Please see Patrick's summary (attached) for details. More information will be shared at each monthly meeting as plans progress.

Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, April 25, 2021 at 1:00 pm at John S. Taylor Park, 1100 8th Ave. SW, Largo, FL, shelter #5.

50/50 draw was won by Bob Thacker who generously donated his portion back to the club toward our G&D digitalization contribution.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:36 pm.

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

VCCA 19th Annual Southeast Area 9 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
Depending on COVID situation, locations of registration, meetings, etc., may be relocated outside by Pool??					
PRIOR TO MEET					
	Badges/Registration	Prepare badges, etc.		1	Debbie
	Car Plaquards	Put plaquards in the plastic holders		2	(who fills these out?) Done prior to event or at event??
	Assemble Gift Bags	Discount Coupons, G/C's, Pamphlets, etc.		2	Pam, Pat, Deb,
	Obtain items for Reception	plates, napkins, utensils, drinks, ice		2	Depending on Where/What
EVENT					
Wed 10/20	Set up tables - Hotel (? COVID ?)	Lobby and Conference Room	9-12	1	Pat, Hotel Staff (MAYBE AROUND POOL)
	Man Table in Lobby - Wednesday	Greet, handout, sell 50/50 tickets	2-5	2	Reg - Debbie, Pam; 50/50 -
	Field Checks	Check all items on form	2-4	3	Jim,
	Direct Trailers to back hotel pkg lot		2-4	1	
	Photos	As vehicles arrive	2-4	1	Jeff
	Early Bird Reception	Help, move things along	6-8	2	TBD
	Pick up Pizzas - Prepaid	Pickup and deliver to hotel conf rm.	5:45	1	Delivery?? (Maybe use/at Quaker Steak??)
	Set up for early bird reception	Food, drinks, etc.	4-6	2	Where?
	Clean up after reception	Clean up	8-9	2	
	Security for Vehicles / Trailers		10p-6a	1	Member or Hire Person
	Man Table in Lobby - Thursday	Greet, handout, sell 50/50 tickets	8-5	2	Reg - Debbie, Pam; 50/50 -
	Field Checks	Check all items on forms	8-5	3	Jim,
	Direct Trailers to back hotel pkg lot		8-5	1	
Thur 10/21	Photos	As vehicles arrive	2-4	1	Jeff
	Set up for Judging School	Audio-Visual, tables, etc	7-8	2	
	Judging School	Lead the group/answer questions	8-9	3	
	Tampa Bay Automobile Museum	Two people to lead the event	10-2	2	
	Preliminary set up for Friday Show	Barricades, tents, etc.	3-5	4	
	Security for Vehicles / Trailers		10p-6a	1	Member or Hire Person

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, Pam; 50/50 -
	Judges Mtg/Breakfast	Lead meeting, assign duties	7:30-8	2	Location to be determined
	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 judgings and decide about awards	11-?	3	Pat, Tom, Hal (Location to be determined)
	Lead and coordinate Judging	Help teams, make decisions	11-2	2	
	Runners for Show Judging Sheets	Take completed sheets, get changes etc	11-2	2	
Sat 10/23	Process pictures, plaques, troph.	Get pics dev., assemle plaques, load	3-?	4	Jeff
	Show field clean up	Take down everything	3-4	4	Everyone
	Pirate Ship	Gather everyone and lead in & out	6:30-8:30	1	Debbie
	Security for Vehicles / Trailers		10p-6a	1	Member or Hire Person
	Man registration table	Answer questions, Sell 50/50 tickets	7-9	2	Reg - Debbie, Pam; 50/50 -
	Dali Museum	Gather everyone and lead in & out	10:30-12:00	2	
	Banquet set up at C.C.	Audio visual, any other	4-6	3	Debbie
	Get Plaques & Trophies to C.C.	Get table for trophies and plaques	5-6	2	
Sun 10/24					
	Banquet	Dinner served to all	6:30-8	--	--
	Award Ceremony	Hand out, take pictures, emcee	8-9	3	
	Announce 50/50 Winner				
	Clean up afterwards	Collect everything of value, clean up	9.5-11	3	Everyone
Sun 10/24					
	Security for Vehicles / Trailers		10p-6a	1	Member or Hire Person
Sun 10/24	Man registration table	Thank everyone for coming, goodbye	7-9	2	Debbie, Pam (Gulf Coast Board members)
Sun 10/24	Clean up and box up items	Leftover items to (next meet rep)	8-9	2	Debbie, Pat



Just a reminder of our Picnic Meeting, April 25th, at John S Taylor Park, Shelter 5 from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The park is at 1100 8th Ave SW, Largo, FL 33770.

Please bring your own food, drinks and lawn chairs so that we can social distance.

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!

