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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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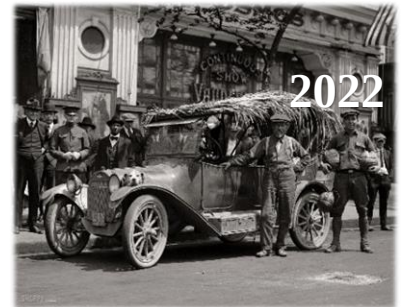
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NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME & LOCATION

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, November 14th, at John Chestnut Park in East Lake, shelter 12 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. See next page for more details.

2022 CALENDARS

The 2022 Calendars are out to the printer and hopefully will be available by our meeting on November 14th. Now is the time however to start thinking and planning on your 2023 photo submission. 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.



Lenny Carey
Paul Dimbath
Steve Mogil

December
December 4
December 9

Pam Simone
Bill Eckerle
Barry Richman

December 20
December 23
December 28



NOVEMBER MEETING/PICNIC

Sunday November 14th at John Chestnut Park, East Lake, Shelter 12 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Club will be 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!

The election of officers will be part of our gathering.



ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The term of office is expiring for some Club Officers at the end of December. 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.

OCTOBER 23rd MEETING

Our October meeting was held at The Collection on Palmetto Car Museum in Clearwater FL. The grounds and the museum are first class and the vehicles in the collection, mostly Brass Era, are unique and well presented. Laura Giner was our tour guide and made the visit very enjoyable. We posed in front of the museum's 1928 Ahrens Fox fire engine, which is very much capable of still being able to function as a fire engine.

Tom Burtch brought out his 1937 Master for the day!



“THE CAR I MISS THE MOST”



In a previous 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. Two have been submitted so far.

Rules are: can be any car you ever owned, one you even just took a ride in, or a work vehicle. The more detail the better.

Clearwater Yacht Club’s Annual Car Show

Club member Bob Bernstel went to Clearwater Yacht Club’s annual car show on Clearwater Beach on October 16th. Thankfully great weather and a good turnout. Location was somewhat limited to how many cars they can have on site, but nice location overlooking the Intercoastal Waterway. Thanks for the pictures Bob.





YOUR AD COULD GO HERE!

*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.

CHEVROLET 6-CYLINDER ENGINE INFORMATION PART 2

Got some really good information off this website, <http://chev235guy.blogspot.com/>. We ran the first three pages last month and the last three this month.

The 1955 - 1962 block is shown at the left

The 1941 - 1954 block is shown at the right



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The 1955 - 1962 pump is shown at the left

The 1941 - 1954 pump is shown at the right



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When this plate is attached to a 1955 or later block, it is ready to accept a 1941 – 1954 water pump



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Adapter in place



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The final product



23

1937- 48 valve cover no filler cap held by 2 acorn nuts
1949-53 held by 2 acorn nuts & oil filler in front
1954 held by 4 screws- 4 vent slots – filler at the front
1955 - 1958 No vents - filler at front
1959 - 1962 No vents - filler at center



24

235 engines have a larger throat diameter in the intake manifold ports than 216 engines



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This manifold adapter can be used when it is desirable to use a 216 manifold on a 235 engine



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235 carburetors have a larger throat diameter than 216 carburetors. In many cases, a 216 base can be used on a 235 carburetor.



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The flywheel must be matched to the STARTER to be used. For 6 volt systems, a 1942 - 1954 flywheel must be used.



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1937 – early 1954 engines used a FORGED camshaft with a narrow distributor drive gear.

Late 1954 – 1962 engines used a CAST camshaft with a wide distributor drive gear. The bearing journals are also larger.



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If a 216 distributor is used in a late 1954 – 1962 engine, the drive gear on the distributor should be matched to the camshaft because of the different material of which the camshaft is made. The gear on the distributor used with forged camshafts is very hard and can barely be scratched with a file. The gear used with cast camshafts can easily be scratched.



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If a 1960 – 1962 235 engine is used to replace a 216, the position of the throttle pivot must be changed



31

1953 – 1954 235 engines have oil pans with straight sides

1956 – 1962 oil pans have bulged sides



32

All full pressure engines have insert rod bearings and aluminum pistons

All spray lubricated engines have integral rod bearings and cast iron pistons

Except for the method of attaching the valve cover, all 1953 – 1962 235 heads are interchangeable. However the rocker arms must be matched to the BLOCK

In 1953 – 1958 engines, the flow of oil to the rocker arms is controlled in the block.

In 1959 – 1962 engines, the flow is controlled right at the rockers. These rockers are different from the ones used on 1953 – 1958 engines.

Probably the two most common problems with 235 engines were inadequate or excessive lubrication of the rocker arms and noisy valve lifters.

These problems were eliminated in the 194 – 230 – 250 engines by eliminating the rocker arm shaft and by oiling the rockers through hollow pushrods. The oil entered the pushrods through holes in the lifter seat. This arrangement allowed air to escape from the valve lifters along with the oil, and noisy lifters were rarely encountered



In 1924, GMC was entrusted to deliver the Thanksgiving turkey to the Whitehouse. President Calvin Coolidge, unlike his successors, did not pardon the turkey, but instead ate him for the holidays. Pardon whatever food group you like but have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.



Minutes of VCCA Gulf Coast Region monthly meeting October 23, 2021**Attendance:**

1. Hal Bruce
2. David & Barbara Cardinal
3. Margaret & Bob Thacker
4. Gordon King
5. Guy Trent
6. Pat & Debbie Kroeger
7. Bob & Jennie Bernstel
8. Howard & Emily Seymour
9. Tom & Althea Burtch

Meeting Location: The Collection at Palmetto, 2116 Palmetto Street, Clearwater, FL 33765. The meeting was called to order by Patrick Kroeger at 12:15 pm.

We met in the outdoor patio area in front of the museum. The grounds and outdoor displays are very attractive and provided a great setting for the meeting.

Minutes:

Minutes of the 09/30/21 meeting were accepted as distributed.

Treasurers Report and Membership Update:

Hal Bruce distributed the financial report which shows that the Gulf Coast region bank balance stood at \$2,426.05 on September 30, however there were several checks outstanding, primarily for refunds of registration fees for the Area 9 meet. The balance that will remain after all checks are cashed is \$1,161.68.

There are currently 43 members.

Nominations for election of officers:

Nominations for officers are due to Tom Burtch (tomsoldcarhobby@yahoo.com or (727) 203-5179) by October 31. Elections will be held at the November meeting for effect at year end. This year the Treasurer and Vice President positions are due for election.

2022 Car Show:

Patrick Kroeger reported that The Collection on Palmetto has offered us the use of the museum property for a car show. Although marked parking spaces in paved areas by the museum are limited, they will allow show car parking on the grass with overflow parking for show cars and spectators in the adjacent lot. We will consider this location or the East Lake United Methodist church for a show in March or April.

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Other Items:

- Patrick Kroeger requested stories for the newsletter. If you have a story of a favorite car or truck that you owned, please send it to pkroeger@tampabay.rr.com.
- We have pictures of members' cars for all 12 months of our 2022 calendar. We will again offer a free calendar with each membership renewal for the 2022 CY. Membership dues are payable by the end of 2021 and can be submitted along with your application (on-line at www.gulfcoastvcca.com).

Next Meeting:

The November meeting will be a picnic in John Chestnut Park, 2200 East Lake Rd S, Palm Harbor, FL 34685, Shelter #12 on Sunday, November 14th at noon. The Gulf Coast Region will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. All members, guests and old cars and trucks are welcome.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm and everyone proceeded to the museum for a guided tour of the unique antique vehicles on display. Many members also went for a ride on the miniature train which circled the museum property. Pictures and museum highlights will be in the next newsletter.

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