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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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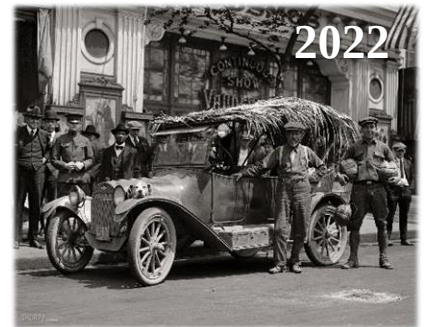
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NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME & LOCATION

Our next meeting will be on October 23, 2021 at The Collection On Palmetto Car Museum, 2116 Palmetto Street, Clearwater, FL, from 12:00-3:00 p.m. See page 2 for more details.

2022 CALENDARS

I have eleven 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.



Dave Cardinal
Gordon Keller

October 7
October 17

Al Robinson
Dennis Denninger
Tom Burtch

November 11
November 17
November 24

OCTOBER 23rd MEETING

Our October meeting will be held at The Collection On Palmetto Car Museum, 2116 Palmetto Street, Clearwater, FL, from 12:00-3:00 p.m. The board will pay for members and their spouses' entry fee to the museum. Please bring your own lunch/drinks. Lunch will be at the picnic tables located at the front of the museum, or if raining, will be under the porch of the museum (there is limited seating under porch so you may want to bring chairs). With good weather we can bring our vintage vehicles and have them lined up in front of the museum.

Please let Pat know (727-488-9759 or email pkroeger@tampabay.rr.com) whether you will be attending, and how many, so that we can coordinate with the museum.



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.

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 for 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. We have two so far so please send them to me.



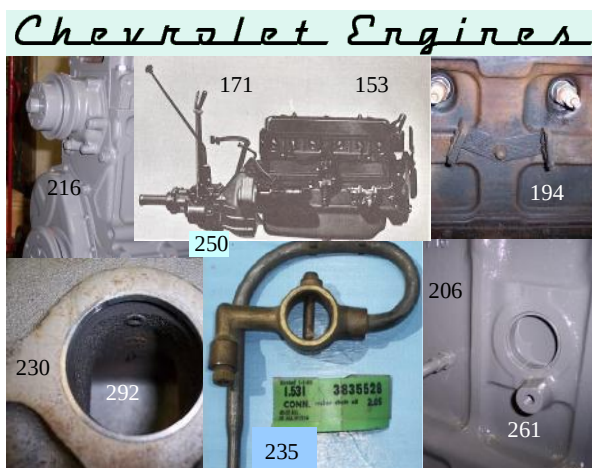


YOUR AD COULD GO HERE!

*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 1

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



CHEVROLET 6 CYLINDER ENGINES

Splash and spray lubricated 3 main bearing 194 - 206 engines

Used from 1929 through 1936 - 8 years

Spray lubricated 4 main bearing 216 – 235 engines

Used from 1937 through 1953 - 17 years

Full pressure lubricated 4 main bearing 235 – 261 engines

Used from 1953 through 1963 - 11 years

Full pressure lubricated 7 main bearing 194 – 230 – 250 – 292 engines

Used from 1962 through 1979 (much later on trucks) - 18 + years

Spray lubricated 216 engine

1953 216s were only used in light trucks and sedan deliveries.



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1950-52 spray lubricated 235 engine

Used in heavy duty trucks and passenger cars with automatic transmission



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1953 CHEVROLET ENGINES

Spray lubricated 216

Light trucks, Sedan Deliveries

Spray lubricated 235

Heavy Duty trucks
Manual transmission passenger cars

Pressure lubricated 235

Passenger cars with
Powerglide transmission

The valve cover was held in place by 2 acorn nuts on the top of the valve cover on:

1929 – 1953 spray lubricated engines
1953 full pressure 235 Powerglide engines



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The valve cover was held in place by 4 small screws at the base of the cover on:

No spray lubricated engines
1954 – 1963 all full pressure lubricated engines



7

A full engine side cover was used on:

1929 – 1953 spray lubricated 216 engines
1941 – 1949 spray lubricated 235 engines

No full pressure engines



8

A short engine side cover was used on:

1950 – 1953 spray lubricated 235 engines
1953 – 1963 full pressure engines



9

An oil distributor cover held in place by 3 screws is found on the driver's side of:

1940 – 1953 spray lubricated engines
No full pressure engines



10

The cylinder head has 3 ribs between the first and second spark plugs on:

1953 spray lubricated engines
1953 – 1963 full pressure engines



11

The cylinder head has a smooth contour between the first and second spark plug on:

1950 – 1952 spray lubricated engines
No full pressure engines



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When a full pressure engine is mounted in a 1937 – 1953 Chevrolet truck, the standard 1932 – 1954 truck front mount can be used.



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When a full pressure engine is mounted in a 1937 – 1951 passenger car, the standard 1935 – 1951 passenger front mounts can be used.



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A full pressure engine can be mounted in a 1931 – 1936 car or truck by using a 1938 – 1947 truck bellhousing. This matches the engine to the 1931 – 1936 passenger and truck transmission.

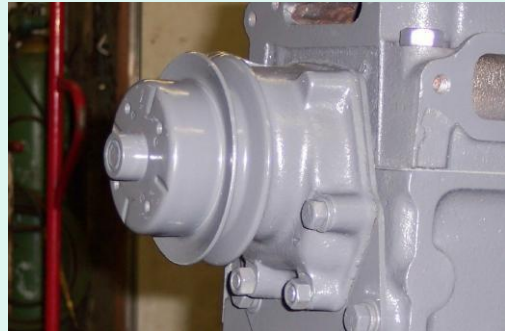


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A short (high mount) water pump was used on:

1941 – 1953 spray lubricated engines

1953 – 1954 full pressure engines



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A long water pump was used on:

No spray lubricated engines

1955 – 1963 full pressure engines



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The 1955 - 1962 pump is shown at the right

The 1941 - 1954 pump is shown at the left



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Minutes of VCCA Gulf Coast Region monthly meeting September 30, 2021**Attendance:**

1. Pam Simone
2. Hal Bruce
3. Patrick & Debbie Kroeger
4. Guy Trent
5. John Davis
6. Bob Thacker
7. Tom Burtch

Meeting Location: Quaker Steak & Lube, 10400 49th St. N, Clearwater, FL 33762. The meeting was called to order by Patrick Kroeger at 6:25 pm.

Patrick welcomed and introduced Guy Trent who recently joined the Gulf Coast region. Guy told the story of his 1971 Chevy Malibu which he has owned since 1988. It is red with a black top and restored to stock condition. Trent drives it regularly and noted that vinyl roof has been replaced 3 times due to the Florida heat.

Treasurers Report and Membership Update:

Hal Bruce distributed the financial report which shows that the Gulf Coast region bank balance stood at \$2,627.23 at August 31 (which includes registration payments for Area 9 registrations). We will refund all registration funds that were received for the Area 9 meet. Debbie Kroeger did an outstanding job in negotiating the recovery of all the deposits paid for venues and events. The only net expense for the cancelled Area 9 meet is for some work on trophies and plaques and these can be repurposed for future shows.

There are currently 43 members.

Member Contact List:

Tom Burtch distributed an updated member contact list (attached) which includes 3 more members since the last revision. Our latest members are Jay Bernard, Lenny Carey and Guy Trent.

Area 9 Meet:

Patrick Kroeger offered some insight on the cancellation of the Area 9 meet which was scheduled for October 20-24, 2021:

- The decision was made in mid-September based on registrations received. This timing was required to avoid commitment payments which were due by the end of September.
- There were only 11 registrations when the event was cancelled. We had received 12, but one was retracted by an out of state VCCA member who decided not to travel at this time.
- Most registrations were from Gulf Coast Region members. Low registration numbers were likely impacted by concerns about Covid in Florida and there was little anticipation of many more out of state registrations. In fact, there were none "in the mail" from out of state and received after the cancellation notice was sent.
- Low participation would have certainly resulted in a financial loss for the region and would have cost more than our available bank balance. In addition, some of the tours and events (other than the car show) would likely have been cancelled due to low numbers, hurting the overall experience.

New Gulf Coast Region Logo:

Debbie Kroeger presented a new logo (see attached PDF file) for our region. It is in the oval shape of the National VCCA organization and features our web site (www.gulfcoastvcca.com) and a Florida theme with palm trees and a state profile.

Other Items:

- Patrick Kroeger asked for interest in hosting a local car show and this was strongly endorsed. We will discuss further at our next meeting with proposed date and venue.
- Nominations for officers are due to Tom Burtch (tomsoldcarhobby@yahoo.com or (727) 203-5179) by October 28. 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.
- John Davis reported that the large car show that has been held at John Chestnut Park at the end of October is cancelled for this year. He also mentioned that there is a car show set for October 24 at Countryside Mall (Tires Plus parking lot area) and some members of the region indicated that they may show their vehicles.
Flyer - <https://premiumcarshows.com/wppremium/events/tires-plus-car-truck-show-11/>
- Tom Burtch reported on the status of two large local automotive swap meets.
 - The Zephyrhills swap meets which are held in October and February have been taken over by Dealer Auction Exchange (DAX) which is the company that runs the on-site vehicle auction. There will be an auction and swap meet at the Zephyrhills Festival grounds (2738 Gall Blvd in Zephyrhills) on October 28-31 this year. We will have the club information board and literature at this show.
 - The Carlisle Events group has discontinued their swap meet that was a supporting event for their auction in Lakeland each February. The auction will continue and there may be a sponsor for a swap meet but nothing is confirmed.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at "The Collection on Palmetto" on Saturday October 23 at 12:00 pm. This is a car Museum at 2116 Palmetto Street, Clearwater, FL 33765. There is a lunch area which we can use for our meeting, and you are welcome to bring a picnic lunch if you wish. This museum has many excellent early vehicles and will be a treat to view. Admission for VCCA Gulf Coast members and spouses will be covered by the VCCA Gulf Coast Region. Guests are welcome to attend but adult admission to the museum is \$8.00. More information in the October newsletter.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.

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