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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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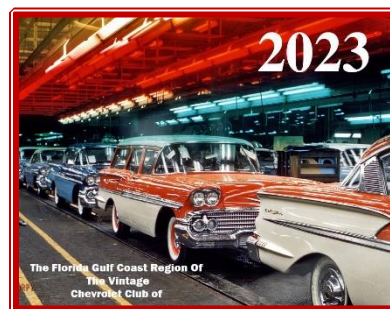
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NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME & LOCATION

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at Quaker Steak and Lube, 10400 49th St North, Clearwater, FL 33762. Meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.

2023 CALENDARS

Our 2023 Calendars are finished and are available with member renewal/new member application or for purchase. Now is the time to start thinking and planning on your 2024 photo submission, the earlier the submittal the more likely that you pick the month that you would like to have your car in. Please send **at least a 500KB photo** of your pride and joy to pkroeger@tampabay.rr.com



Pam Simone	December 20
Bill Eckerle	December 23
Barry Richman	December 28
Debbie Kroeger	January 9
Pappy Papenfuhs	January 24
Hal Bruce	January 31

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of Club Officers was held at our November 20th meeting held at John Chesnut Park in East Lake.

The officer positions that were up for re-election were Director and Secretary for a two-year term (2023 to 2025).

Our Director, Pat Kroeger, was willing to stay in the position for another term, and as there were no other nominations submitted, Pat was re-elected for another term.



Our Secretary, Tom Burtch, indicated that he wanted to step down to spend more time with family that has moved into the area with grandchildren (who wouldn't be jealous!).

A framed license plate in Tom's year of manufacture (birth year) was presented as thanks for his service as Secretary since the founding of the region in 2015.



As there were no nominations submitted for the Secretary position, and as our by-laws allow the combining of the Secretary/Treasurer positions, Debbie Kroeger was elected to hold these two positions.

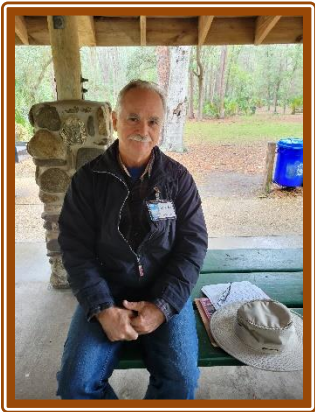


If you have any items for sale, provide the info to Pat at pkroeger@tampabay.rr.com and it will be included in future newsletters.

NEW MEMBER(S)

A new feature of our newsletter that we will be including is a profile for new members. There will be a photo (so that everyone will know who they are) along with a photo of their vehicle and a brief write up of their life. Below is a profile for our newest member, James Skidmore. Welcome James!

****JAMES SKIDMORE****



- Married to Yvonne for 46 of my 70 years
- Retired from US Department of Veterans Affairs
- 1952 Chevrolet 3100 – Restomod
- 1952 Chevrolet 3100 – Mostly original
- 1991 GMC Sierra Stepside
- 2004 Chevrolet SSR
- 1972 Corvette Coupe – in process of rebuilding
- I have 2 daughters, one has two girls, one has two boys. The grandchildren range in age from 12 to 19.
- I was a corporate gypsy for 35 years and have moved nine times, mostly along the east coast. I have lived in Florida three times and have lived in Pasco County each time. I have been here 10 years this time and will probably not move.
- Prior to building vehicles, I cruised on my 39' catamaran for 55,000 miles in 15 years.



HIGHLAND LAKES CAR SHOW

Tom Burtch, Bob Bernstel and I attended the Highland Lakes annual car show in November. Below is Tom's 1937 Chevrolet Sport Coupe and my 1936 GMC T-14. Bob's 1965 C-10 was in back row of the show.





HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Minutes of VCCA Gulf Coast Region monthly meeting November 20, 2022**Attendance:**

Bob Bernstel
Tom Burtch
Pat & Debbie Kroeger
Hal Bruce
David and Barbara Cardinal
Margaret & Bob Thacker
James Skidmore

Meeting Location: John Chesnut Park, 2200 East Lake Road, Palm Harbor, Fl 34685 - shelter 12.

Our run of great weather for BBQ picnics ended with an unusually cold and wet day. Thanks to those who came out to the park despite the conditions. The steady rain cancelled our BBQ plans, but we will try again early next year.

Patrick Kroeger called meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

Minutes:

Minutes of the 10/23/22 meeting were accepted as distributed.

Treasurers Report and Membership Update:

Deb Kroeger distributed the financial report which shows that the current Gulf Coast region bank balance is \$1,724.70. Expenses since the last meeting included 2023 calendars, printed flyers for the March car show and a \$100 donation in memory of Howard Seymore. There are now 32 members, which is an addition of one (James Skidmore) since the last meeting.

Deb reminded everyone that Gulf Coast region membership renewals for the 2023 calendar year are due by December 31. Several members renewed at the meeting. If you wish to renew by mail, please submit your dues and registration form to Debbie Kroeger. The form and renewal instructions are available on our website (www.gulfcoastvcca.com).

Election of Officers:

Elections were held for the positions of Director and Secretary. Patrick Kroeger stood for re-election as Director and Tom Burtch chose not to run for re-election as Secretary. No self-nominations were received for Secretary, however Deb Kroeger offered to serve as Secretary-Treasurer. A combined Secretary-Treasurer position is permitted under the VCCA Regional executive board structure. Deb would welcome any volunteer to take on the secretary position which can be separated from Secretary-Treasurer during the term of office.

The nominations were approved unanimously.

New officers will start their term January 1, 2023 and serve for two-years (2023 to 2025).

Patrick presented Tom Burtch with a framed license plate in his year of manufacture (birth year) as thanks for his service as Secretary since the founding of the region in 2015. This is a beautiful gift and much appreciated.

2023 Calendars:

2023 calendars featuring members' vehicles are printed and available for distribution and sale. New or renewing Gulf Coast Region members get a free copy with their paid 2023 CY membership. Additional copies are available at \$10 each (plus postage if mailed).

2023 Car Show:

The 5th annual VCCA Gulf Coast Region open car show is set for Saturday, March 25, 2023, at the East Lake United Methodist Church, 2801 East Lake Road, Palm Harbor, FL.

Patrick Kroeger provided updates on the show planning and preparation:

- 250 car show flyers have been printed. These are suitable for hand out at car shows or other "old car" events. Please contact Patrick if you would like some to distribute.
- Sample proofs of dash plaques were shown. A design featuring a 1969 Camaro was chosen and we will have 50 made. These will be given to the first 50 people registering a vehicle for the show.
- Gelato Cool Side (an outside vendor) will set up an ice cream stand and the East Lake church youth group will again provide food for sale at the show.
- Although the show information is on-line now on our site (www.gulfcoastVCCA.com) and mail in registrations are welcome, the on-line payment capability will not start until January 1, 2023.
- Please contact Deb or Patrick Kroeger for more information or show related questions.

Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, January 22, 2023. The location is to be determined and will be communicated early in the new year.

There was some discussion of moving from monthly to bi-monthly general meetings in 2023. Please comment to Patrick if you have an opinion on the meeting frequency or other ideas on meeting structure.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.

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