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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 our Meeting/Picnic on November 20, 2022, at John Chesnut Park, 2200 East Lake Road, Palm Harbor, FL, shelter 12. See flyer on next page for details.

2023 CALENDARS

Our 2023 Calendar has been submitted to the printer and they will hopefully be available at our November 20th meeting.



Al Robinson	November 11
Dennis Denninger	November 17
Tom Burtch	November 24



NOVEMBER MEETING/PICNIC

Sunday November 20th at John Chesnut 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.



IN MEMORY HOWARD SEYMOUR



1941-2022

Howard M. Seymour 81, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, October 20, 2022. Howard grew up in Apalachin, N.Y. He graduated from Owego Free Academy in 1959 and continued his education at Maryland University, Broome Technical College, and Elmira College. He worked at IBM Owego for 30 years and retired in 1999 from Lockheed Martin as an Advisory Engineer.

Howard was an avid bowler, enjoyed restoring antique cars, hunting rocks and minerals, metal detecting, and playing senior softball. His longtime dream to restore his 1957 Chevy was recently met.



Howard was a true friend to so many. He was a kind, generous and loving man whose main passion in life was his family. He set a standard to live by that we were all so blessed to be a part of. He will be greatly missed.



In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the Owego Rural Ministries, 143 North Ave. Owego, N.Y. 13827 or to the Union Center United Methodist Church, 128 Maple Dr. Endicott, N.Y. 13760.

I think that I speak for all of us that Howard will be missed and that we all are better people for having known him. The club has made a donation of \$100 in Howard's memory to the Union Center United Methodist Church.

Note from Emily to Club:

Dear car club members, this a hard message to write. My wonderful husband died unexpectedly last Thurs, Oct 20. Our family and friends here in New York are celebrating his remarkable life this coming weekend. He enjoyed being part of the club, especially the "Toy Maker" car show. I don't know when I'll be back in FL but maybe I'll see you this winter. Sending my love and prayers to each of you. Emily

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 Chesnut Park in East Lake in November 20th.

The officer positions for re-election are Director and Secretary for a two-year term (2023 to 2025). Pat has indicated that he is willing to continue as President for another term. Tom would like to step down from Secretary.

Anyone interested in running for these positions, please contact Secretary Tom Burtch and inform him that you are interested in a position.

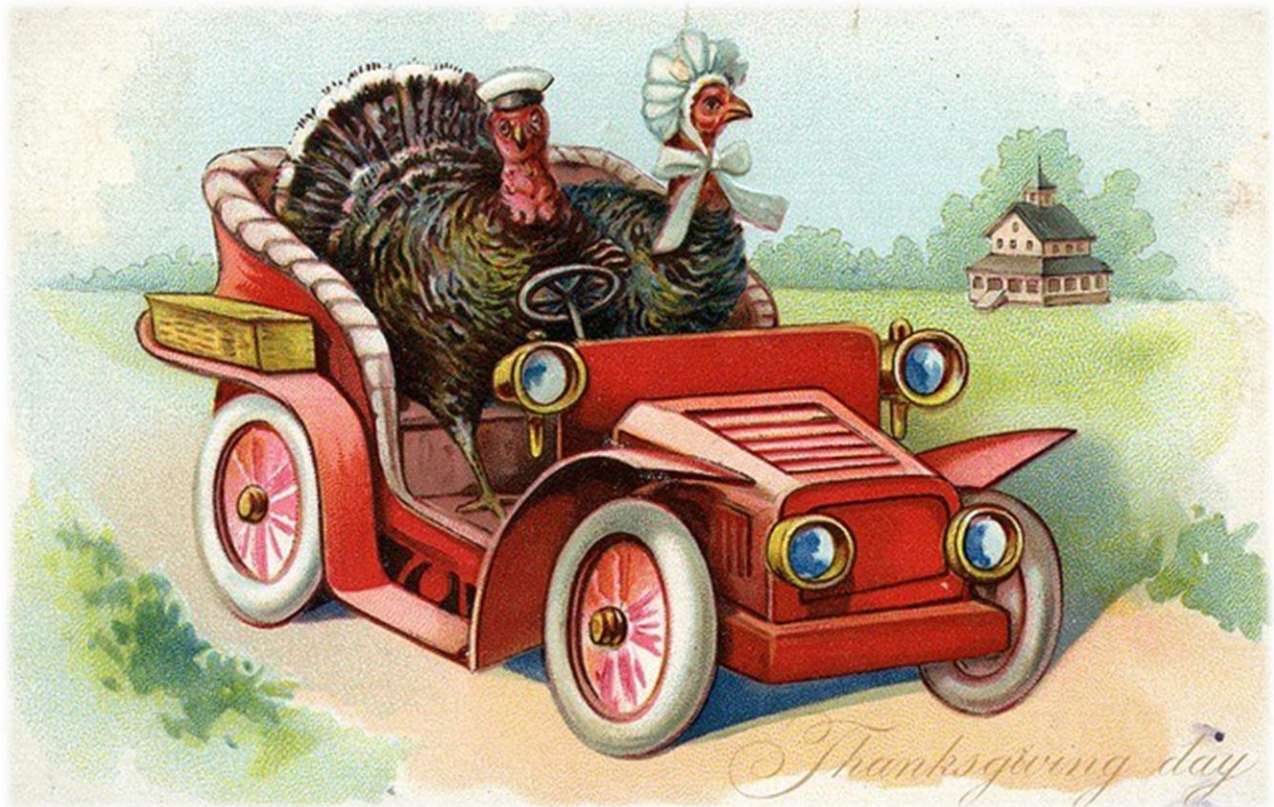


If there is an unopposed person for a position, they can be reaffirmed by a majority vote of members at the November meeting. Multiple persons for a single position will be selected by secret ballot by members present, after each person has a 5 to 10-minute period to state their qualifications and objectives.

TOYMAKERS OF EAST LAKE OPEN HOUSE & CRAFT SHOW

On October 22nd, the Toymakers had an open house and auction to raise money for their operation. Bob Bernstel, Al Robinson and I brought our vehicles out for a display. Beautiful weather and it helped a good cause.







1964 CHEVROLET PARTS

I got this lot of parts from an abandoned project and believe they all fit a 1964 Chevrolet Impala 4 door sedan.

- Front and rear seats. Solid base for rebuilding with good frames, springs, and metal trim but upholstery needs replacement.
- Set of 4 Interior door panels. Needs new upholstery.
- Front bumper assembly with parking lights and mounting brackets. Not perfect but presentable.
- New gas tank and used gas filler pipe.
- Steering wheel with horn ring.
- Fan shroud.
- Steering column (for automatic transmission).
- 8-cylinder distributor.
- Air filter base (for 2-barrel carburetor).



\$50 for the lot – must take all as I want the space back in my shop!

Contact: Tom Burtch 727-203-5179 or tomsoldcarhobby@yahoo.com

Minutes of VCCA Gulf Coast Region monthly meeting October 23, 2022**Attendance:**

Dennis Denninger
Tom Burtch
Bob & Margaret Thacker
Pat & Debbie Kroeger
James Skidmore

Meeting Location: John S. Taylor Park, 1100 8th Ave SW, Largo, FL 33770, Shelter 5. Patrick Kroeger called meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

Patrick welcomed James Skidmore who attended as a guest and was interested in meeting with Gulf Coast members as he is looking to join up with a local “chevy” club. James has several Chevy and GMC vehicles and arrived at the meeting in his newly completed 1952 Chevy pickup which he rebuilt from a basket case.

Minutes:

Minutes of the 09/20/22 meeting were accepted as distributed.

Treasurers Report and Membership Update:

Deb Kroeger distributed the financial report which shows that the Gulf Coast region bank balance was \$2,585.56 on September 30. Region membership stood at 31.

Gulf Coast region membership renewals for the 2023 calendar year are due by December 31. Several members renewed at the meeting, and this is always welcome. 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).

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 in Palm Harbor (the site of our previous shows). A flyer/registration form is on our website and a copy is also attached for reference.

Patrick and Debbie Kroeger provided updates on the show planning and preparation:

- Ads for the show are starting this month in “FLA Car Shows” online listing, Cruise News magazine and other sites.
- We will provide dash plaques for the first 50 vehicles registered.
- There will again be a separate (non-judged) area for members’ vehicles. Region members must still register to show a vehicle.
- Please take flyers to car events to promote our show. You may print copies of the file attached to the minutes or contact Debbie if you need copies.
- We are contacting all participants from prior shows with information and flyers (if they provided an email address)
- Benefits will go to the Toymakers of Eastlake who will provide the handmade Best of Show trophy, gift toys to participants and have an information display at the show.

- Start to approach businesses about sponsorships. We need promotional materials for the goody bags as well as larger items for raffle or prize draws and financial donations for trophies. Many local businesses are keen to participate in this sort of local exposure event – we just need to ask!
- Please contact Deb or Patrick Kroeger for more information or show related questions.

Election of Officers for 2023 CY:

This year the term of office is expiring for the positions of Director and Secretary. All current officers will continue until our election that will be held at the picnic meeting at John Chestnut Park on November 20. New officers will start their term January 1, 2023 and serve for two-years (2023 to 2025).

If you are interested in serving in either of these positions, please contact me (at 727-203-5179 or TomsOldCarHobby@yahoo.com) prior to the meeting. I have been secretary since the inception of the Gulf Coast region and would welcome a chance to introduce someone else to this position.

2023 Calendars:

Do you want to see your car or truck on our 2023 calendar featuring members' vehicles? Patrick reported that there are still 3 open months left on the 2023 calendar and he must commit to the printer soon to have the calendars ready before year end. If you are interested, please take a high-resolution picture (500 Mb or more) and send to pkroeger@tampabay.rr.com.

Other Items:

We have been offered a chance to host the VCCA Area 9 meet in October 2023. You may recall that we were scheduled to host this meet in 2021 but it was cancelled due to COVID issues.

An area meet is a multi-day event with a show that offers vehicle judging to VCCA standards along with several group activities. It is a major commitment and will require many members to pitch in. Patrick has sent a note to all current members asking for an expression of support or thoughts on this opportunity. Please reply soon to Patrick if you have not already done so.

Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be at John Chesnut Park, 2200 East Lake Rd S, Palm Harbor, FL 34685, shelter #12 on Sunday, November 20 at noon. This is a picnic meeting with hot dogs and hamburgers provided by the club.

The 50/50 draw was won by Bob Thacker who generously donated his winnings back to the region. Thank you, Bob.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.

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