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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, here 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 May 20<sup>th</sup> at Queen's Pizza, 1834 N. Belcher Road, Clearwater, FL 33765, at 6:00 p.m. Come early if you plan on eating dinner first.

## 2024 CALENDARS

The 2024 Calendars are available for \$10 at one of our meetings or \$14 by mail (Bulk mailing will be determined at time of mailing). If you are a new member, you will receive a free calendar with your membership. Now is the time however to start thinking and planning on your 2025 photo submission. Please send at least a 500KB photo of your pride and joy to [pkroeger@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:pkroeger@tampabay.rr.com).

## GULF COAST REGION SHIRTS

Our Gulf Coast Region shirts with our new logo are now available. They are again in the light blue color. Polo shirts are \$20 and t-shirts are \$13.



Ray Baker	April 4
Bob Latham	April 13
Daniel Rand	May 16
Jim Heatherington	May 24
Randy Coen	June 21
Bob Bernstel	June 27

## GULF COAST REGION 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CAR SHOW

### DONATION TO TOYMAKERS OF EAST LAKE

On April 23, we were at the Toy Maker facility to present to them a check in the amount of \$1,500 from our February Annual Car Show. They are a great organization and we are very pleased to donate our proceeds from our annual car show to them. They supply toy wooden cars to all the car show participants and also build our Best of Show Trophy. Here is a link to their website to find out more about them. <https://toymakersofeastlake.org/>.



**BEST OF SHOW  
WINNER**





## DONATION TO HONOR FLIGHT

### HONOR FLIGHT OF WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA

*Providing Veterans free Honor Tours to their memorials in Washington, D.C.*



April 5, 2024

Mr. Patrick Kroeger  
VCCA Gulf Coast Region  
3041 Spring Oak Avenue  
Palm Harbor, FL 34684

Dear Friends of Honor Flight,


On behalf of Honor Flight® of West Central Florida, we acknowledge your most very generous donation of \$500.00 dated March 24, 2024 that was raised from your recent car show and the \$100.00 donation from a participant at the event. Your gift will allow us to continue our mission: taking America's Veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit the Memorials created to honor their service to our country. Priority is given to WWII Veterans and Korean War Veterans along with other Veterans who may be terminally ill. Our mission continues as we fly Veterans from the Vietnam War and other conflicts. As with all our Veterans, they too deserve the recognition and thank you for their service and sacrifice.

Since our first flight in May, 2011, we have flown 48 missions and have flown 3,528 Veterans on flights to Washington, D.C. at no cost to the Veteran. We look forward to continuing our mission this fall thanks to generous donors such as you. Currently, we have over 350 Veterans on the waiting list and more are added each day.

Honor Flight of West Central Florida is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. No goods or services were received for this donation.

Once again, thank you for your valuable support and helping to create lasting memories for our Nation's heroes. Your generosity is most appreciated and we are grateful that you believe, as we do that our Veterans deserve our gratitude.

Sincerely,



Peter F. Frey - Treasurer  
Honor Flight of West Central Florida, Inc.

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## GULF COAST REGION NEWSLETTER

We must be doing something right.... Thanks to the VCCA for recognizing our efforts in putting out a newsletter to our members. Even though my name is on the certificate, our Secretary/Treasurer, Debbie Kroeger is the mechanic for the wads of paper I hand to her for each newsletter. Also, thanks to our members who provide content and ideas for this newsletter.





## CAR PHOTOGRAPHY

In the words of old-time car photographer, Ozzie Smith, “you can have nothing but great photos, as long as you throw away the bad ones”. That seems to be my life. I have some really terrific photos as well as a thousand more really awful ones. But here are some tips to minimize the number of awful ones. First of all, know that cell phones are great at making phone calls, not so much as a camera. A digital camera will always produce a better photo than most cell phones.

1. **Lighting** - The best lighting is an hour before sunrise and an hour before sunset. The color is more subdued and the shadows are minimized. Also keep the sun to your back unless you have the sun blocked somehow while taking photos towards it.



2. **Location** - Find a location that either doesn't distract to the vehicle or enhances the look to the vehicle. People in the photo should be incidental to the vehicle and in the background.



- Perspective** - The most interesting perspective is called a ¾ view where you have the front and either the right or left side in the photo. Also taking the photo lower or higher from normal eye level makes for a more visual entertaining view. Cars are three dimensional objects and a flat side or front makes the most interesting vehicle boring. Save those photos for the car for sale folder.



- Close-up** - Sometimes a close-up of a portion of the vehicle or a detail of the vehicle makes for an interesting photo. Combined with a higher or lower perspective is also interesting.





5. **Color or BW** - Sometimes a BW photo makes a more dramatic presentation than if it were in color, your eyes don't get distracted as much and you tend to focus on the entire picture.



This is a brief overview of car photography and here are two links to much more information

<https://expertphotography.com/professional-car-pictures/>  
and

<https://www.thedrive.com/opinion/21386/14-secret-tips-to-taking-great-car-photos-from-a-professional-automotive-photographer>

Now go get some great pictures and send them to me for our 2025 calendar!



**FOR SALE**

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
<b>Wheels</b>	15", 5 on 5 bolt pattern, great condition, no bends - set of 5	\$225.00
<b>Fenders</b>	1955 Chevy Car, left & right, great condition	\$1,000.00
<b>Inner Fender Wells</b>	1955 Chevy Car, with lower splash shields, great condition, left & right	\$425.00
<b>Transmission</b>	power glide, 1959, leaks but fully functional	\$100.00
<b>Transmission</b>	1955, overdrive, has the hard-to-find Sun Gear Solenoid, governor switch, cable control bracket and carb kickdown switch. Original, never been disassembled. Application: any Chevy or GMC that had/has a 4 speed or 3 speed manual	\$700.00
<b>Manifolds</b>	exhaust, 1955 V8 set, 1964-7 Corvette, 327, 4 sets	Will Discuss Price
<b>Valve Covers</b>	Big block (one only) 327, set, restored, mint	\$25.00 \$275.00

**WANTED:**

1955 Chevy power glide trans, functional, no leaks

**Scott Batchelder – VCCA #60207**  
**727-320-0777**

Health issues forcing sale of these long-kept items.



## **FOR SALE**

1964 Chevrolet Corvair Monza 2 Dr coupe 4 speed (Ember Red) with approx. 70,500 miles.

I have had the car 3 years. I purchased the car from the second owner. The car is an AACA show winner (Senior).

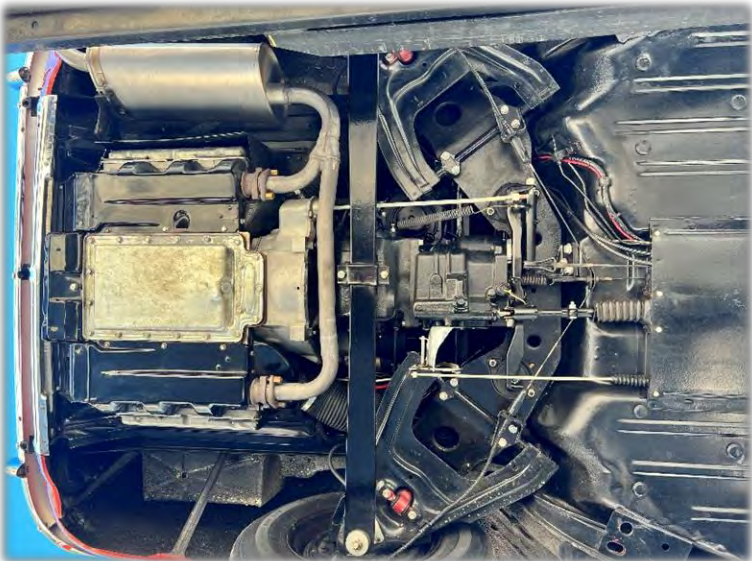
The car has 6 factory options. I replaced the T-3 factory headlights and headlight buckets with NOS. I installed stone guards (original), after Mkt. Corvair mats, which I have the original mat which I'll leave with the car. The reason for selling the car is that the storage fee is getting out of hand and I can't handle it on a family budget. I'm offering the car at \$25,000 OBO. This car I would put up against any other restored Corvair. **If interested please contact Bob at 727-420-3231 (text) or email at [bobdesforges@aol.com](mailto:bobdesforges@aol.com)**



**Editor's Note: This car was awarded Best of Show V8 Era at our Area 9 regional meet in October, 2023.**









**FOR SALE**

1964 Chevy Impala SS 2 door hardtop, factory colors - black exterior and silver interior. 4-speed manual, originally a 327, but engine has been replaced (possibly with 350). Runs and drives, needs restoration.

Not my car - from the estate of a former VCCA member. Car is in South Florida. Son is asking \$13,000.

If interested, please contact Tom Burtch at 727-203-5179 or [tomsoldcarhobby@yahoo.com](mailto:tomsoldcarhobby@yahoo.com) for more information.





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VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA**

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**GULF COAST REGION  
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

**Date/Time:** April 28, 2024; 12:00 p.m.

**Location:** John Taylor Park, Shelter 5  
1100 8<sup>th</sup> Ave SW  
Largo, FL 33770

**ATTENDEES:**

- Pat & Debbie Kroeger
- Hal Bruce
- Tom Burtch
- Dave & Barb Cardinal
- Bob & Darlene DesForges
- Mike Rabaut

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**Meeting called to order at** 12:45 pm

**Accept Minutes:** Minutes of March 24, 2024. Motion to accept by Tom and seconded by Hal.

**Treasurer’s Report and Membership Update:**

Cash Balance to Date: \$1,418.95 As of: 04/27/24

Membership/Calendars:

# 2023 New Members:	<u>2</u>
# Members:	<u>31</u>
# Calendars Sold	<u>17</u>

**Other Items:**

❖ **2024 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show**

- Donation to Toymakers –\$1,500 check presented to the Toymakers on April 23, 2024.

❖ **Donation to Honor Flight**

- \$600.00 check mailed to Honor Flight on March 25, 2024.



❖ **Miscellaneous Items Discussed:**

- **2025 Car Show flyers** – will print up some advanced copies for distribution at shows, etc.
- **Tour of Don Garlitz Museum.** Group rate for regular tour is \$10.00/person. They also do private tour with Don Garlitz for \$100/person on Fridays, 10-2. Let Pat know if anyone is interested.
- **2024 Calendars** – price reduced to \$7.50 each. After June will be \$5.00 each.
- Tom mentioned a **Florida VCCA member that recently passed away.** Family has a 64 Chevy Super Sport 2-Dr Hard top for sale. We will put this information in our next Newsletter.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be May 20, 2024 at Queen's Pizza at 6:00 p.m.

**50/50 Drawing:** Collected \$29.00. Barb Cardinal won the drawing and donated it back to club.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Mike and seconded by Bob D

Minutes prepared by Debbie Kroeger, Secretary/Treasurer

**Handout distributed at Meeting:**

*April 2024 Statement of Revenue and Expenses*