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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 our Meeting/Picnic on March 24th at John Chesnut Park, Shelter 12. See following page for the flyer with detailed information. **Please let us know by Thursday, March 21st if you plan on enjoying pizza so that we can make sure we have enough pizzas for everyone.**

2023 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.

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.



Patrick Kroeger	February 8
Bob DesForges	February 10
Gordon Marks	February 28

Bill Soman	March 1
Kenneth Stowe	March 8



MARCH MEETING/PICNIC

Just a reminder of our March picnic/meeting on Saturday, March 24th at John Chesnut Park, 2200 East Lake Road, Palm Harbor, Shelter 12. Shelter is reserved from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. if you want to come early or stay later to enjoy the park.

The Club will be providing pizzas and paper items, so please bring a dessert to share and your favorite (and legal) beverages. **Please let us know if you plan to attend (and eat lunch) by March 21st so that we can have enough pizzas for everyone.**

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!



Al Robinson, a founding member and former Vice President of the region was presented a “Year of Manufacture” plaque for his service as an officer of the Gulf Coast Region. Al has also been a big help with our annual Car Show as the liaison with the church where we host the event.

Thanks for all your hard work and dedication Al!



GULF COAST REGION 6TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW

Our 6th Annual Car Show, on February 24, 2024, was our largest one yet! We had near perfect weather and a great turnout of some really spectacular cars. The only mis step was that the church youth group, who provide the food for the event, ran out of hamburgers and buns and hot dog buns. Not many people wanted to eat a hot dog without a bun.

The cars in event went from a 1906 Cole to a 2023 Chevrolet Corvette and a great variety in between.

Finishing up on our Area 9 meet in October, we started on this show in December and got it done with the help of our members. We could not have done this without the help of the following people on the Day of Show - Bob and Jennie Bernstel, Hal Bruce and Pam Simone, Tom Burtch, Bob and Darlene DesForges, Pappy Papenfuhs, Al and Pat Robinson, Bob and Margaret Thacker, Debbie Kroeger and Guy Trent.

Two notable awards were the Member Vehicle that is voted on by the show participants which was awarded to Guy Trent’s 1973 Chevrolet Malibu, and Best of Show and First Place Truck went to Mark Poniatowski and his 1972 Chevrolet Cheyenne ½ ton pickup.

We also had the privilege of Honor Flight having an informational booth at our show. Karen Maex, the representative from Honor Flight, and Mr. O’Neil Ducharne, a 99-year-old WWII veteran. We all owe a huge debt to this wonderful man.

Following is a list of 2024 Trophy Winners:

BEST OF SHOW

Mark Poniatowski 1972 Chevy Cheyenne



Camaro

1st Place John Roush 1967 Chevy Camaro
2nd Place William Hamm 1980 Chevy Camaro

Chevy

1st Place Ken Hornung 1957 Chevy Bel-Air
2nd Place Steve Mogil 1957 Chevy Bel-Air

Corvette

1st Place George Crane 1962 Chevy Corvette
2nd Place Joseph Wheeler 2012 Chevy Corvette

Ford

1st Place Ray Cutro 1957 Ford Thunderbird
2nd Place Wayne Reynolds 1972 Ford LTD Convertible

Foreign

1st Place Anthony Purazzo 2020 Porsche 911
2nd Place Jeff Strout 1966 Volkswagon Sunroof Beatle

Mopar

1st Place Robert Albertson 1970 Plymouth Roadrunner
2nd Place Howard Raphan 1969 Plymouth Barracuda

Mustang

1st Place Harold Akers 1966 Ford Mustang
2nd Place Larry Reynolds 1989 Ford Mustang LX Modified

Other Domestic

1 st Place	Greg Spignesi	1972 Oldsmobile Cutlass
2 nd Place	Allan Heath	1949 Oldsmobile 88 Club Coupe

Pontiac

1 st Place	Bill Rickert	1968 Pontiac Firebird Convertible
2 nd Place	Ken McAvoy	1984 Pontiac TransAm

PreWar

1 st Place	Michael Marsilio	1930 Dodge DC8
2 nd Place	Richard Whissel	1934 Oldsmobile Rumbleseat Coupe

Street Rod

1 st Place	Jerry Bascio	1932 Ford Roadster
2 nd Place	Thomas O'Rourke	1932 Ford Roadster

Truck

1 st Place	Mark Poniatowski	1972 Chevy Cheyenne
2 nd Place	Rich & Gina Diorio	1958 Chevy Cameo Truck

MEMBER VEHICLE

Guy Trent 1971 Chevy Malibu



PICTURES FROM SHOW



THE TOYMAKERS OF EAST LAKE

HONOR FLIGHT









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Health issues forcing sale of these long-kept items.

FOR SALE

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
Wheels	15", 5 on 5 bolt pattern, great condition, no bends - set of 5	\$225.00
Fenders	1955 Chevy Car, left & right, great condition	\$1,000.00
Inner Fender Wells	1955 Chevy Car, with lower splash shields, great condition, left & right	\$425.00
Transmission	powerglide, 1959, leaks but fully functional	\$100.00
Transmission	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
Manifolds	exhaust, 1955 V8 set, 1964-7 Corvette, 327, 4 sets	Will Discuss Price
Valve Covers	Big block (one only) 327, set, restored, mint	\$25.00 \$275.00

WANTED:

1955 Chevy power glide trans, functional, no leaks