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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 June 24th 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. Then it is time for our Summer Break! The next meeting will not be until September 23rd at Queen's Pizza. HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

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.

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.



John Davus	July 9
Mike Rabant	July 27
Douglas Shelton	July 27
Guy Trent	August 10
Bill Goff	August 11
Bob Thacker	September 7

THE GLOVE BOX Mike Rabaut

I am in the process of completing the restoration on my 1940 Chevy PU and I was offered a heater that was compatible with the age of the truck. Not wanting to give up an opportunity to add another piece to the puzzle, I bought it. It was in good condition so a little sandblasting and painting did a lot to make it fit in. Before mounting it, I decided to have the heaters' radiator core checked. I haven't had any radiator work done in a few years so I went to my usual places, which I found were no longer doing radiators. Apparently, the EPA is cracking down on these places and the new requirements to rebuild radiators are cost prohibited. But fear not, you can always go to Tampa or Tarpon Springs for service. I just wanted to see if it would hold water... not leak. Being in Florida I really didn't need a working unit. Actually, that's not true. It bugs me when things don't work so I needed to get this tested. The owner of one of my old haunts told me that's it's really easy to check - Just put some air pressure...keeping the pressure low...about 10-15 pounds into the core and put the core into a bucket of water and see if it bubbles. No bubbles, no leaks. Just like old bicycle tubes when I was a kid.

I was lucky, it seemed to hold air. I was ready to install.

The heater unit has both the cab heater fan as well as a blower fan for the defroster. My truck has factory defroster vents cut into the dash. And after some discussion on the VCCA website, I had some idea as to the shape and size of the attaching vents. I found the vents on ebay as well as the 1-1/2 in. tubing that connects them to the blower motor. A little sandblasting and paint...things were looking good.



I installed the vents, hoses and heater unit...a dry run test...worked great. Until I tried to install the glove box. The glove box I had purchased from the supplier installed fine without the heater but now the heater defrost vent prevented it from being installed. It seems that the curved defroster vent interferes with the top of the glove box and the heater unit makes the box too long. I had no idea if I needed a different size glove box or maybe I'm just using the wrong heater. Discussions on Stovebolt and on the VCCA sites never produced a definitive answer. I believe I have the correct heater assembly so I decided I needed a new glove box. I find that a lot of things I get from suppliers are generic and aren't necessarily correct for the project year.

To build the new box, I disassembled the box I had and used it as a basic pattern. I used this pattern to create my own cardboard copy which I could modify. The original box front fit the dashboard fine without the heater...it was the height in the back and the length that had to be changed. To lower the back but not the front, I lowered the angle...front to back...to accommodate the curve of the defrost vent, then made it shorter to clear the heater.

I taped the parts together and tried to install it...with a few modifications, I got it to fit. Patience is a virtue here..."I CUT IT TWICE AND ITS STILL TOO SMALL".



I took my cardboard model apart and used it as a pattern to create another box cut out of foam core board. If I had some flat decent cardboard, I could have used that but I didn't...just some old shipping boxes. I needed the cardboard flat and smooth so when I applied the felt covering it would look nice.

I found a supplier...Amazon of course...of adhesive backed felt that is used to line things like jewelry boxes. It comes in a roll about 16 inches by 6 ft...plenty for my project and only about \$8.

I used my final cardboard pattern to cutout the final box out of the core board. When I cut it, I made sure I only scored...cut half of the way through...where I bent the foam core board so that I would get a nice smooth bend.



I placed the felt...adhesive side on the board and cut the felt around the pattern leaving about an inch that I could use to wrap the edge...giving it a finished look. I taped the box together...being careful not to tape over the felt...the tape doesn't stick so well of felt...so you will have to remove any felt from where you are taping. All of my sides would fold in place except the top. That was taped on so I didn't really have to worry much about covering the edges with felt. I could have folded one side of the top also but my core board was not large enough for that.



Once mine was assembled, this is what I got.

And once installed in the truck...yes it actually fit. Just make a lot of models, test them and make sure you use the model that actually fits.



I would guess this process...using core board...it's waterproof...could also be used in other places on the car. Sun visors, kick panels...possibly using interior finish materials for the felt.

Now I just need to wait for winter to test the heater.

Just thinking.... Now that's a dangerous thing to do.

SUMMER BREAK

This is our summer break newsletter, July and August we will not be meeting and then regroup in September. In the interim please continue on acquiring give aways and prizes for the February 2025 Car Show.

I need more calendar pictures for the member 2025 calendar. Right now we have 3 members photos, 2 if the one member sells his vehicle. As in the past, we try to encourage our new members to send in a picture and both Dan Rand and Steve Berson have submitted their car photos, so that leaves 9 to 10 open spots in the calendar. As perhaps an inducement, let's try to get a photo of your vehicle, try to take a photo at the beach, the Taco Bell drive thru, some place famous, (like Famous Tate) or just relaxing in your garage. The alternative is lots of pictures of a 1936 GMC that I know about.

Some of you may have seen that the VCCA chat site has been revamped due to the old site being obsolete and not compliant to updating. The new site seems to have lost quite a few of the regular members that were on the old site, maybe due to difficulty on logging on, maybe due to harder to navigate or maybe due to some not liking change. In any case It can a source of a lot of information like the old site was but only if the members take the time to familiarize themselves with it and post questions and answers. Both Debbie and I have sent messages to Peter Grippy regarding the ability to search members by region, (i.e. Gulf Coast Region) and he indicated that it is in the works, hopefully soon.

Finally, everyone have a safe and fun 4th of July and enjoy the summer and let's hope that all hurricanes that form this year all stay out at sea.

June 2024



FOR SALE

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
Wheels	Chevy & GM Full Size 15", 1971-1977, set of 5	\$225.00
Fenders	1955 Chevy Car, left & right, great condition (for both)	\$800.00
Inner Fender Wells	1955 Chevy Car, left & rights, with lower splash shields, 4 pieces total	\$400.00
Transmission	power glide, 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 GM product that had/has a 3 or 4 speed manual	\$550.00
Manifolds	Intake, Corvette 1969 #3927184	\$150.00
	Intake, Corvette 1957 #3731398	\$150.00
	Exhaust, Corvette L/H #3846559	\$150.00
	Exhaust, Corvette R/H #3747042	\$150.00
	Exhaust, Corvette L/H #3846559	\$150.00
	Exhaust, 1955 Corvette L/H #3837069 R/H #3836968 Both of these are also 1956 Chevy 265	\$150.00/set
	Exhaust, Corvette #3749965	\$150.00
Carburetor	Rochester 4-jet 1957 #7010067	\$150.00
Bell Housing	Corvette 1967 L88 #3858403	\$350.00
Bell Housing	Chevy 1957 283 #3733364	\$150.00
Various Items	55-56-57 Parts, new, restored, or used Over 150 items. Please call with needs. These items must go	Variable

**Scott Batchelder – VCCA #60207
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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 DesForges at 727-420-3231 (text) or email at 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 for more information.



FOR SALE

1936 Chevy 1/2 ton pickup. Early High Cab model. Owned for 39 years. Regatta Red with black fenders and running boards. 206 6 cylinder engine. 1st Place Junior winner at VCCA Area 9 National Meet in 2023. 1st Junior at AACA Nationals in 2023. Comes with extra varnished oak bed wood. Runs good. Clear title.

Asking \$29,500.00 or best offer.

Ray Baker, VCCA #52701
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GULF COAST REGION MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: May 20, 2024; 6:00 p.m.

Location: Queen's Pizza
1834 N Belcher Rd
Clearwater, FL 33765

ATTENDEES:

- Pat & Debbie Kroeger
- Tom Burtch
- Dave & Barb Cardinal
- Bob & Darlene DesForges
- Mike Rabaut
- Bob & Margaret Thacker
- Bob Bernstel

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Accept Minutes: Minutes of April 28, 2024. Motion to accept by Bob B and seconded by Bob T

Treasurer's Report and Membership Update:

Cash Balance to Date: \$1,447.95 As of: 05/19/24

Membership/Calendars:

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

Other Items:

❖ 2025 7th Annual Car Show

- Need to start now collecting goody bag items and prizes/gift certificates
- Parking – cones to block off first row for member's vehicles; spectator parking signage (and where to park them); designate member's personal vehicle parking.

➤ *Discussed spectator parking. There is parking available on east side of church. Direct spectators to east side of church and to far west end of parking lot (where pumpkin patch was located).*

- *Will obtain spectator parking signs.*
- *Designate area for members private vehicles to park.*

❖ **Miscellaneous Items Discussed:**

- **Don Garlits trip.** Only received 1 response so far. Anyone else interested?

Monday-Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Group Rate (10 or more) \$10
 Individual Rate \$17
 Private Tour w/Don Garlits \$100
 Friday’s only 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- *Only interest to-date is Bob & Jennie. Let Pat know if anyone else is interested.*

- **Gulf Coast Region Web site** is being updated with updated member’s photos. Other miscellaneous clean-up of general information.

- *Roy is in process of updating member’s vehicles.*

- **VCCA web site** has been changed. If you haven’t visited the site lately, you will be provided with new sign-in instructions. They are also asking that you edit/add/delete your vehicles.

From the VCCA - “The new website has a much-improved searchable vehicle roster. The roster relies on members to keep their vehicle information up-to-date. In addition to year, make, and model, you can also put in a description and upload a photo.”

Next Meeting: *Next meeting will be June 24, 2024 at Queen’s Pizza at 6:00 p.m.*

50/50 Drawing: *Collected \$40. Bob DesForges won the drawing (\$20).*

Meeting was adjourned at *6:40 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Bob B and seconded by Barb C*

Minutes prepared by Debbie Kroeger, Secretary/Treasurer

Handout distributed at Meeting:

May 2024 Statement of Revenue and Expenses
2025 7th Annual Car Show Flyer
2024 Monthly Meeting Schedule