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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 October 26, 2025 at John Taylor Park, 1100 8th Ave SW, Largo, FL at 12:00 p.m. Our November 23rd meeting will be our meeting/picnic. See flyer for details.

2026 CALENDARS

Since we have pretty much used our current cars as calendar submissions a couple times now, I would like to get fresh photos for our 2026 member calendar. I would like to have prior cars that you have owned submitted for the calendar. The only two conditions are that the photo is at least 500 kb in size, for printer clarity, and that only Chevrolet or GMC vehicles are in the photo. I am sure that most, if not all, of you have pictures of every vehicle you have ever owned so dig into the archives and submit your former ride. If you have any before and after pictures, those would make a great look in the calendar.

As of today, we have 6 photos and need 6 more for the year. If we don't get the remainder by November 10th, I won't be able to get them back from the printer for the November meeting.

New members, of course your welcome to submit your car or truck and you will get priority in the calendar.

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 logo are available. You can purchase either Polo shirts or t-shirts. Contact Debbie or Pat.



Al Robinson
Tom Burtch

November 11
November 24

Pam Simone

December 20

Bill Eckerle

December 23

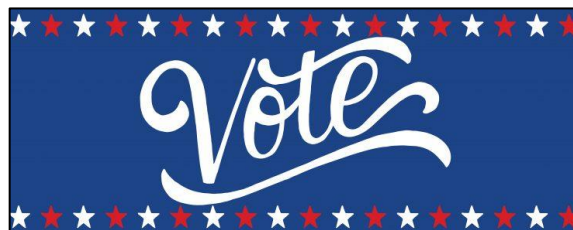
Barry Richman

December 28

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The term of office for our Vice President position is expiring at the end of December. The Vice President position is currently held by Hal Bruce.

Anyone interested in running for this position, please contact Secretary/Treasurer Debbie Kroeger and inform her that you are interested in a position by October 31st, 2025. The election will be held at our November 23rd meeting at John Chesnut Park.



If there is an unopposed person for this 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.

2026 8th ANNUAL CAR SHOW

We are gearing up for the February Annual Car Show. Ad has been sent to Florida Car Show website and also for publishing in the G&D. We have the approved event request from the VCCA.

Car show flyers are printed and are available online. Online registration will start 12/1/2025.

We need to start gathering two different items for the car show, one is give-away items for the goody bags and, two are items for the give aways during the show. Food gift cards and automobile related items are good choices. I have sent requests to antique auto insurers for giveaway items. Also, if you have any rewards on your credit cards to cash in, you could use the gift cards you receive for our give aways.

Any thoughts that come to mind, please bring them to our attention.

Attached are a copy of our flyer and a copy of a letter you can use to give out to vendors for sponsorships for trophies, goody bag items, etc.



NOVEMBER MEETING/PICNIC

Just a reminder of our November picnic/meeting on Sunday, November 23rd at John Chesnut Park, 2200 East Lake Road, Palm Harbor, Shelter 12. Meeting will begin at 12:00 p.m. Shelter is reserved from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. if you want to come early or stay later to enjoy the park.

The Club will be providing sandwich platters, chips 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 by November 20th so that we can have enough food 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!





FLORIDA GULF COAST REGION OF THE VINTAGE CHEVROLET CLUB OF AMERICA

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Area Businesses

Our local Gulf Coast Region of the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (VCCA) is putting on our 8th Annual Car Show to benefit the ToyMakers of East Lake (www.toymakersofeastlake.org) on Saturday, February 28, 2026. The ToyMakers of East Lake makes and distributes toy wooden vehicles to children in area hospitals and around the world.

We are asking for any items that you could provide as giveaways for our car show participants, or if you prefer, a monetary donation be made to help defray the costs in the preparation of the event. Anything that you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Your name and logo will be displayed on a Sponsor Board at our registration table and also provided in our goody bags that are distributed to registrants.

We greatly appreciate the support and generosity of our sponsors and their help in making this car show a success.

Thank you,

Gulf Coast Region VCCA



GULF COAST REGION

8th ANNUAL CAR SHOW

To Benefit the Toy Makers of East Lake

Saturday, February 28, 2026



East Lake United Methodist Church
2801 East Lake Road, Palm Harbor, FL



OPEN TO ALL MAKES & MODELS OF CARS AND TRUCKS

1st and 2nd PLACE TROPHIES FOR THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

Chevrolet ■ Ford ■ Pontiac ■ Corvette ■ Mustang ■ Truck ■ Camaro

Other Domestic Makes ■ Mopar ■ Foreign ■ Prewar ■ Street Rod

CUTOFF TIME TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR JUDGING IS 11:00 A.M.
OWNER/VEHICLE MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE TROPHY

Free Spectator Admission
(follow signs for spectator parking)

Rain or shine

Food and Drinks Available

Music and Prize Giveaways!!
50/50 Drawing!

Car Registration: 8-11 a.m.
Show: 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Dash Plaques to 1st 50 Vehicles Registered

Make Checks Payable to:

Gulf Coast Region VCCA, 3041 Spring Oak Ave
Palm Harbor, FL 34684 727-772-7065

For On-Line Registration visit:

www.gulfcoastvcca.com
(beginning 12/01/25)

Registration Fee: \$20.00 Online Before 02/26 Mail In Before 02/21
\$25.00 Day of Show

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

LIABILITY: In Consideration of the acceptance of the right to participate: entrants, participants and spectators: by execution of this form release and discharge the Gulf Coast Region of the VCCA and the East Lake United Methodist Church and any show sponsor or affiliate and of and from any and all known or unknown damages, injuries, judgments, and/or claims from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by any entrant to his or her property. Participants are liable for all guests registered under their name.



Signature: _____

09/06/25



FOR SALE

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

I have had the car 4 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 \$19,000 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.





UPCOMING CAR SHOWS

Quaker Steak & Lube - Every Thursday Night, 10400 49th St N, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Friday Night Cruise In at Smokin 19 - Every Friday, 3080-90 34th St N, 4:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Dade City Cruise-In - 1st Saturday of Month, 37918 Meridian Ave, 12:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Dunedin Cars and Coffee - 1st Saturday of Month, 360 Douglas Ave, 7:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Cars, Of Course - Every Saturday, Dunkin Donuts, 7595 4th St N, St. Pete, 8-10:30 a.m.
Cars & Coffee at Jax Wax - 2nd Sunday of Month, 26254 US-19, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Cars @ Brunch – Whiskey Wings Largo - 3rd Sunday of Month, 2480 E Bay Dr, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

October 11	Kevin's Car Shows Halloween Car, Truck & Jeep Show Diesel Garage, 34200 US Hwy 19 N, Palm Harbor, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
October 18	Trunk 'r Treat at Clearwater Historical Society 610 S. Ft. Harrison Ave, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
October 25	Kathryne Mezerowski Memorial Scholarship Car & Truck Show Cody's Roadhouse, 4360 Park St N, St. Pete, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
November 1	Highland Lakes of Palm Harbor, 10th Annual Car Show Event East Clubhouse Parking Lot, 3300 MacGregor Dr, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
November 1	Knights of Columbus 8th Annual Charity Car Show 1955 S Belcher Road, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
November 1	Kiwanis Cars & Candy Car Show East Lake High School, 1300 Silver Eagle Dr, Tarpon Springs, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
November 8	Honoring Veterans Car, Truck & Jeep Show 9330 SR 54, Trinity, 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
November 9	Kevin's Car Shows Car, Truck & Jeep Show Whiskey Wings, 26210 US 19 N, Clearwater, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
November 15	11th Annual Marine Corps League Car, Truck & Jeep Show Quaker Steak & Lube, 10400 49 th St N, 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
November 16	Holiday of Giving Car & Truck Show Quaker Steak & Lube, 10400 49 th St N, Clearwater, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
November 29	Kevin's Car Shows Car, Truck & Jeep Show Diesel Garage, 34200 US Hwy 19 N, Palm Harbor, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
December 6	Gasparilla Cars in the Park Carrollwood Village Park, 4680 W Village Dr, Tampa, 10:00 a.m. - 3:
December 6	Kevin's Car Shows Car, Truck & Jeep Show Whiskey Wings, 40737 US Hwy 19 N, Tarpon Springs, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
December 13	Christmas Car, Truck & Jeep Show at Sylvan Abbey 2817 Sunset Point Rd, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
December 14	A Howl-iday Trunk or Treat Car Show Quaker Steak & Lube, 10400 49 th St N, Clearwater, 3:00-6:00 p.m.
December 20	Holiday Car, Truck & Jeep Show Quaker Steak & Lube, 10400 49 th St N, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

<https://flacarshows.com/events/category/west-coast-of-florida/>

<https://carsandcoffeeeevents.com/florida-car-and-bike-events/>

<https://flacarshows.com/events/event/kevins-car-shows-car-truck-jeep-show-10/>

<https://www.judgescarshows.com/upcoming-events>



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GULF COAST REGION MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 23, 2025 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Queen's Pizza

ATTENDEES:

Pat & Debbie Kroeger
Hal Bruce
Guy Trent
Tom Burtch
Al Robinson
Bob Bernstel

1. **Meeting called to order at** 6:06 p.m.

2. **Minutes:** June 17, 2025

3. **President's comments:** None

4. **Recognize/introduce new member(s):** None

5. **Treasurer's Report and Membership Update:**

Previous Cash Balance:	<u>\$1,449.91</u>	As of:	<u>05/31/25</u>
Cash Balance to Date:	<u>\$1,193.81</u>	As of:	<u>09/20/25</u>

Membership/Calendars:

# 2025 New Members:	<u>1</u>
# Members Renewed to Date:	<u>25</u>
# Calendars Sold	<u>14</u>

6. **Other Items:**

❖ **2026 Calendars**

- Only have 3 pictures to date. Need additional photos. They could be current vehicles or vehicles you have owned in the past.
- Bob mentioned selling calendars on the VCCA web site as a means of income for the club. Discussed how cost of printing calendars vs number sold would result in an excess of

calendars not sold. We have had an excess of calendars in the past and just this year reduced number of calendars printed. Will look into how process would work.

❖ **2026 8th Annual Car Show**

- Show information has been submitted to VCCA
- Submitted to Florida Car Shows for publication
- Roy has uploaded the flyer on our website. Online registration will be available 12/01/25
- Judging
 - Distributed a proposed new judging form that might make judging easier. Will update form to include our Gulf Coast Region information
 - Pat and Tom will again be judges
- Trophy Sponsors
 - Will prepare a letter to be given out regarding sponsoring trophies
- Notes from 2025 Show
- Al will contact church as to date for our show and church again providing food
- Hal will contact Honor Flight and Sheriff (regarding display of their vehicle)
- Al informed us that the church has changed their name from East Lake United Methodist Church to East Lake Church. Flyers have already been printed for this year, but will update for future shows
- Discussed notes from 2025 car show
 - Show date has been coordinated with church
 - Contacted Landmark Trophy. Estimate for trophies and dash plaques is approximately \$200 cheaper than last year's cost.

7. **Next Meeting:** October 26th at John Taylor Park, 1100 8th Ave SW, Largo at 12:00 p.m.

8. **50/50 Drawing:** \$30.00 collected. Al Robinson won the drawing and donated back to club.

9. **Adjourn – Time:** 6:40 p.m.

Handout distributed at Meeting:

September 2025 Statement of Revenue and Expenses (thru 09/20/25)

Notes from 2025 Car Show

Proposed New Judging Sheet

Minutes prepared by Debbie Kroeger, Secretary/Treasurer