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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 May 26th meeting has been cancelled. Our next meeting will be June 23rd at Queen's Pizza, 1834 N Belcher Rd, at 6:00 p.m. Come early at 5:00 p.m. if you wish to eat dinner prior to meeting.

2027 CALENDARS

I know we just got the 2026 calendars done and here I am yapping about the 2027 calendars. I have three photos, kind of, Daniel Rutenbur is going to send me a photo of his 1929 Chevrolet Phaeton for January, Dave Cardinal is going to have his Corvette photographed whether he wants it or not, and Michael Capozzoli's 1969 Corvette. So, your mission, members, is to provide a photo of at least 500KB of your current or past rides. No flat side photos, they only look good if you're trying to sell a car that has hidden defects. 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.



Daniel Rand	May 16
Roy McGreevy	June 20
Bob Bernstel	June 27
Michael Capozzoli	June 27

Mike Rabut	July 27
Doug Shelton	July 27
Guy Trent	August 10
Bill Goff	August 11
Bob Thacker	September 7

AREA 9 MEET CARTERSVILLE, GA

Debbie and I attended the Area 9 meet in Cartersville GA the week of April 6. The Heart of GA Region did a great job in hosting the event and provided some unique events and a really nice venue to have the judged car show.

The main attraction was the **Savoy Museum** in Cartersville (<https://savoymuseum.org/>) It is a world class auto museum, a first-rate café and a full-size movie theater in one building. They change the displays in the main building monthly with additions from outside collectors. When we were there, they had two Corvettes on loan from the GM Heritage museum. Do a google search for the Savoy Auto Museum to see all that they have going on, I am going to cover some of the highlights. We highly recommend that you make a trip to this museum.





Jim Gephardt's 1962 Chevrolet Belair "bubble top" with 4-speed, dual quad, Posi traction, 409. Guess what song was playing in the museum by that car?

This is a 1959 Chevrolet Sting Ray Racer on loan from the GM Heritage museum. GM made the request that if the museum catches fire, please remove this car first.

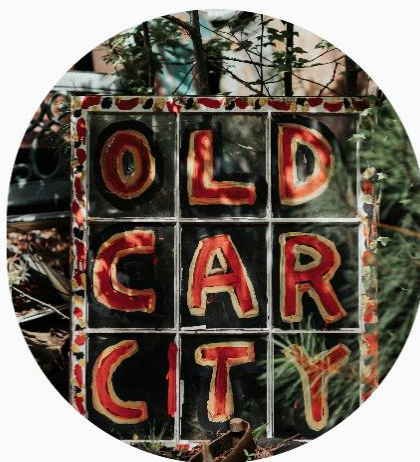


Here the two last corvettes from 1955, #699 and #700. They are both for sale but it is a BOGO.

These three are Debbie's favorites. A 1963 Stingray, a 1951 Volkswagon Beetle, and a 1951 Oldsmobile Rocket 88.



Another attraction that was available was Old Car City, (<https://www.oldcarmcityusa.com/>) just north of Cartersville GA. It is a 37-acre junkyard that you can't buy any parts or cars, you can only walk around and see a huge assortment of cars and trucks dating back to early 1900's to the late 90's. Once again, it is worth a google search. Just some highlights are here.



The various vehicles at Old Car City, a few GMC's and a Chevrolet Panel truck, a Jeepster, an Ice Cream truck and a 1938 Mack box truck.



The last attraction we went to was Vintage Corvettes in Summerville, GA <https://vintagecorvettes.com/> Check out their website for more info. This was an original Chevrolet dealership built in 1953 and has been converted to a showroom and memorabilia for the owner.



The show room at the Vintage Corvette showroom in Summerville GA

The Area 9 car show was held at the Savoy Museum. Although only about 21 cars participated, but all of them were exceptionally nice.





FOR SALE

1930's Bennett 30-gallon Lubster, restored to original. Like brand new. Pickup locally only. \$250

Would look great anywhere in the house!



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.
Sizzlin' Saturdays at the Lube – Quaker Steak & Lube, 1st Saturday of Month, 11 a.m. – 2:00 p.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.
Whiskey Wings Cars n Coffee Sunday – 26210 US 19 N, Clearwater, Coffee 9-12; Car Show 11-3 p.m.

May 9	Kevin's Car Show Car, Truck & Jeep Show Whiskey Wings, 40737 US Hwy 19 N, Tarpon Springs, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
May 10	727 Cars & Coffee Moms, Mutts & Mimosas LBC, 35631 US Hwy 19 N, Palm Harbor, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
May 24	Kevin's Car Shows & Diesel Garage Car, Truck, Jeep & Bike Show Diesel Garage, 34200 US Hwy 19 N, Palm Harbor, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
June 7	Kevin's Car Shows & Diesel Garage Car, Truck, Jeep & Bike Show Whiskey Wings, 40737 US Hwy 19 N, Tarpon Springs, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
June 21	Kevin's Car Shows & Diesel Garage Car, Truck, Jeep & Bike Show Diesel Garage, 34200 US Hwy 19 N, Palm Harbor, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

<https://flacarshows.com/events/category/west-coast-of-florida/>
<https://carsandcoffeeevents.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: March 22, 2026 12:00 p.m.

LOCATION: John Chesnut Park

ATTENDEES:

Pat & Debbie Kroeger
Mike Capozzoli
Tom Burtch

Al Robinson
Bob & Margaret Thacker
Pappy Papenfuhs

1. **Meeting called to order at** 12:05 p.m.
2. **Minutes:** 01/27/26 meeting were accepted as distributed. *Motion to accept by Bob T and seconded by Debbie.*
3. **President's comments:** None
4. **Recognize/introduce new member(s):**
 - Michael Capozzoli of Tarpon Springs. His wife's name is Maryanna. He has 3 vehicles – a corvette, a monte carlo, and a 32 Ford.
 - Scott Alexander of New Port Richey. His wife's name is Renee. His vehicle is a 1967 Chevelle Super Sport.

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

Previous Cash Balance:	<u>\$1,584.82</u>	As of:	<u>01/24/26</u>
Cash Balance to Date:	<u>\$2,663.18</u>	As of:	<u>03/20/26</u>

Membership/Calendars:

# 2026 New Members:	<u>2</u>
# Members Renewed to Date:	<u>20</u>
# Calendars Sold	<u>18</u>

6. Other Items:

❖ 2026 8th Annual Car Show

- 71 total registered. 10 No Shows. Total Attended 61.
- 3 notable awards were given out.
 - Best of Show for a 1963 Willys Station Wagon
 - 1st Place Chevy for 1957 Chevy BelAir
 - Member Vehicle to Nick for his 1967 Chevy II
- Our truck class winner, Nancy Disharoon, from Georgia also won the 50/50 and she generously donated it back to the club. We made \$325.

We made a total of \$1,160.58. I am recommending we give \$1,000 to Toymakers. Also recommending \$200 to Honor Flight, from our general account. This will allow us to maintain a \$1,500 balance in our general account to cover misc expenses throughout the year and for the startup costs for next year's show.

- *Motion to accept recommendations for donations to Toymakers (\$1,000) and to Honor Flight (\$200) was made by Bob T and seconded by Al.*
- *Al will check with Toymakers for meeting date to present them with check.*

Discussion of Miscellaneous Car Show Items

- *Issue with Food provided the Church*
 - *Participant comments were that quality of food was not good.*
 - *Grouping items for sell together – should be able to purchase items individually.*
 - *Drinks were not kept in cooler.*
 - *Move food setup back outside as at previous shows.*
- *Participants requested that more garbage cans be provided.*
- *Maybe provide recycle bins.*

- *Block off both ends of first row with either tape or cones.*
- *Idea of having participants vote for their top 3 cars. Give winner gift certificate or trophy.*
- *Ensure that pictures are obtained of group members, Honor Flight, Toymakers, church group providing food, and overall site showing as many vehicles as possible.*

❖ VCCA 66th Anniversary Meet

- *July 12 thru July 16 in Rapid City, South Dakota. Go online to the VCCA website for additional info.*

❖ Area 9 Meet in Georgia

- *April 8 thru April 12 in Cartersville, GA. Debbie and Pat will be attending.*

❖ General Discussion

Suggestion made by our new member, Mike, of selling our calendars to earn additional revenue for the club. He could provide a display at his place of business. We will look into this. Maybe do a test run with a smaller number of upfront calendars to see how it would go.

7. **Next Meeting:** April 26th at John Taylor Park, Shelter 5, at 12:00 p.m.
8. **50/50 Drawing:** N/A
9. **Adjourn** – Time: 12:30 p.m. *Motion made to adjourn by Tom and seconded by Bob T*

Handouts previously distributed:

February 2026 Statement of Revenue and Expenses
2026 Car Show Close-out Information

Minutes prepared by Debbie Kroeger



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GULF COAST REGION MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

DATE: April 26, 2026 12:00 p.m.

LOCATION: John Taylor Park

ATTENDEES:

Pat & Debbie Kroeger

Hal Bruce & Pam Simone

Dave & Barb Cardinal

1. **Meeting called to order at** 12:50 p.m.
2. **Minutes:** March 22, 2026 minutes were accepted as distributed. *Motion to accept by Pam and seconded by Hal.*
3. **Recognize/introduce new member(s):** None
4. **Treasurer's Report and Membership Update:**

Previous Cash Balance:	<u>\$2,663.18</u>	As of:	<u>03/20/26</u>
Cash Balance to Date:	<u>\$1,368.63</u>	As of:	<u>04/23/26</u>

Membership/Calendars:

# 2026 New Members:	<u>2</u>
# Members Renewed to Date:	<u>20</u>
# Calendars Sold	<u>18</u>

5. **Other Items:**

❖ **2026 8th Annual Car Show**

- Mailed \$200 donation to Honor Flight on March 23, 2026 (from our General Fund account).
- Presented \$1,000 donation to the Toymakers on April 21, 2026.

❖ **Area 9 Meet in Georgia – April 8-12, 2026 – Cartersville, GA**

- Pat & Debbie attended this meet. We had a great time and the weather was perfect.
- More details will be provided in the next newsletter.

➤ *It was brought up at this meet the possibility of our Gulf Coast Region hosting the next Area 9 Meet. Will discuss at our next meeting if members are interested in doing this again.*

❖ **VCCA 66th Anniversary Meet – July 12-16, 2026 – Rapid City, South Dakota**

- Go online to the VCCA website for detailed information.
- Talked to Mary James who is involved in the planning for this event. It sounds like they are proposing some interesting/fun events to take place during this meet.

6. **Next Meeting:** **May 26, 2026 meeting is cancelled.** Next meeting will be June 23, 2026 at Queen's Pizza

7. **50/50 Drawing:** N/A

8. **Adjourn** – Time: 1:10 p.m. *Motion made to adjourn by Debbie and seconded by Hal.*

Handouts previously distributed:

April 2026 Statement of Revenue and Expenses

Final 2026 Car Show Revenue and Expenses

Updated Member Contact List

Minutes prepared by Debbie Kroeger