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### **Message from our President**

Hopefully this note finds everybody well. April felt like it went by quickly. We had a few events including our thank you dinner for the folks that helped make our show the best one yet.

We had a lot of participation in our monthly events and a few extra events like 21st Amendment Distillery Bootleg and Prohibition era car show last weekend. We had 11 cars come out.

Jeff, the owner said he would like us to start having more frequent events there and not limited by the model year of the cars. There will be more to come on that.

We will have one more Downtown Friday event at the end of this month and then we will be helping with the parade at the end of June for the Indian River County 100th Anniversary Celebration.

It looks like May is going to be a little slower month so we can plan on having breakfast at CJ Cannon's May 10th and 24th. Everyone have a great month and we will see you around.

Respectfully

John Stefanacci



Our Next Meeting: **May 13th** at the Italian American Civic Association located at 1600 25th Street, Vero Beach.

Dinner is at 5:30 pm—menu details are sent the week before.

Remember, **RSVP for dinner is mandatory**. If you plan to attend for dinner, send an **Email message to Fred Kiesel with your dinner choice**:

[ofcrfred@bellsouth.net](mailto:ofcrfred@bellsouth.net)

Anyone who has not made a reservation with Fred via Email will not be served. No texts or phone calls please!

We look forward to seeing all of

### **Welcome Our New Members**

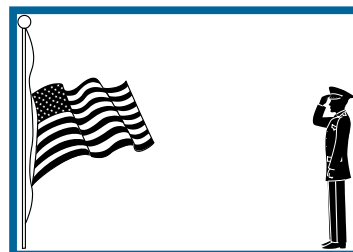
**Charlene Friedman & Gene Grabiec, 1932 Auburn**

**Ronnie & Sheryl Bessant, 1928 Ford Model A Truck**

**Craig & Jean Cyr, 1909 Chase Truck**

**Bob & Kerry Sees, 1970 Chevy Chevelle Malibu**

**Charles Chalmers, 1964 1/2 Ford Mustang Convertible**



**Indian River Region AACA  
General Meeting Minutes  
April 8, 2025**



The meeting was called to order at 7:10 by John Stefanacci. Craig Waskow led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 75 members present. This meeting was held at the Vero Beach Italian American Civic Association. Dinner was served.

*The notes for these minutes were prepared by Jeff Smith. Thank you for your help while I was away on vacation. I edited the minutes in my usual format.*

**Secretary's Minutes** — John asked for a motion to accept the minutes as published in the March Headliner. Fred Kiesel made a motion to accept, Geoff Newcombe 2nd the minutes as published. All voted in the affirmative to accept.

**Treasurer's Report** — Jeff Smith read the treasurer's report ending March 31, 2025, and gave a draft summary of the financial results of the car show. A motion was made by Craig Waskow and 2nd by Geoff Newcombe to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. All voted in the affirmative to accept.

**Health & Wellness** — Mary Maule fell while in London and broke her shoulder and arm. Surgery is scheduled for April 10, 2025. John Stefanacci will have further surgery in two weeks. Elaine VanCamp has melanoma on her thumb. Glenn Conn is doing great after breaking his arm and was in attendance at the meeting. Al DiDomizio had fluid in his lungs but is doing better. Pete Diaz's wife has fluid in her lungs and is being treated.

**Upcoming Events** Bill Maule recapped the car show. He thanked everyone for volunteering to make it the best show yet. He mentioned the volunteer dinner coming up 4/22/25 at Elks Lodge in Vero Beach.

Kool Kars Show - Grant, FL - 4/12/25; Ford & Mustang Show Ft. Pierce - 4/12/25, White City Park Midway Road Car Show - 4/19/25, Downtown Friday Vero Beach - 4/25/25, Earth Day Show 10 cars needed at C.W. Willis - 4/26/25, sign-up sheet available, 21st Amendment show 13th Avenue downtown Vero Beach 2:00 pm 30'-40's cars requested - 4/27/25; Father's Day Show at Elks Lodge - 6/15/25; Mobile Alabama Mobile Bay Street Rod Nationals - June 2025.

Bob Kaufman announced this month's lunch cruise set for 4/16/25 at 1:00 pm at Captain Hiram's in Sebastian.

**Newly Acquired, Sold or for sale Vehicles:** Sam Gagliano donated a 1996 Jaguar at Wheels & Keels for sale: open bidding. Billy D'Arton announced his neighbor is selling his car collection of seven or eight cars all original but not show quality. They are mostly 1940's and 50's cars. Contact Billy with questions.

**50/50 Drawing** — There was a 50/50 raffle this month, half of which was won by Kim Conn.

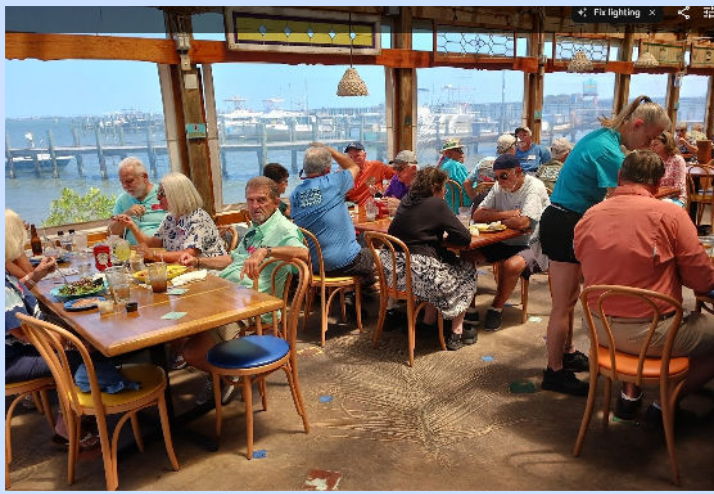
The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Phil LoGiudice

# Our Monthly Lunch

## Cap't Hiram's

As all of you know, every month, usually on the third Wednesday, there is a lunch cruise arranged by Bob Kaufman. This month the lunch was at Cap't Hiram's Blackfin Restaurant in Sebastian. There were 44 people in attendance. The restaurant reserved the parking in front for our cars. Keep in mind that veterans get a 10% discount whenever they eat at Hiram's. Veterans who are 100 years old or older eat free. It's something to look forward to! Three photos were submitted by Bob Kaufman. Included is a drawing from a child who is a fan of our cars.



**A child's drawing of a car at the White City Show! The next generation car nut. Sent by Billy D'Arton.**

# The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

## At the Vero Beach Elks Lodge



Over 100 volunteers worked together to make the 46th Annual Antique Automobile Show the best yet. This dinner was planned by Bill Maule the car show chairman. The food was ordered from 14 Bones in Vero.



### More Donations from the Indian River Region, AACA



John presented donations to Habitat for Humanity, The Source, Hibiscus Children's Center, and the Vero Beach Little League.



## The Hero Among Us!

By Clark Ballard

*As Originally published in his hometown Idaho Newspaper*

## The Hero Among Us!!

An appreciation of a neighbor, by a classmate and friend.

By Clark Ballard

**H**ero. The word "hero" has lost much of its impact these days due to over-usage in sports and many other areas. During the

Second World War many county residents served in combat but sadly, most of them are gone now. The war that most of us remember today, and the one that resulted in more than 58,000 U.S. casualties, was fought in Vietnam.

The combat hero I refer to served two tours there and lives quietly among us today in Camas County.

Gary Jewett grew up and attended school here, played first string on the football team as a tough 120 lb. guard, and graduated in 1960.

When he joined the U.S. Army they decided that he would be a good helicopter pilot. He was trained to fly the Bell UH-1 "Huey" helicopter, whose "whop-whop-whop" sound of its rotor blades provided the sound track of the war to our combat soldiers in Vietnam.



He would never make a big deal of his experiences there, but we should be aware of, and appreciate, his outstanding service to our country.

Gary was assigned to the 1<sup>st</sup> Air Cavalry flying combat assault missions, often landing under fire to insert our troops into jungle clearings. He also often flew into "hot landing

zones" under fire to resupply the troops with ammunition and supplies, and fly out the wounded.

During two 12 month tours in Vietnam Gary flew "well over 1,000 hours of combat flying" when it wasn't unusual to fly 10 to 12 hours a day,

according to his fellow pilot, Jim Lawton.

Gary was shot down on one occasion over along the Ho Chi Minh Trail where he evaded capture in the jungle for hours, with enemy troops nearby looking for him, until he was finally rescued. He had to crash land on a number of other occasions due to his

helicopter being so shot up that it would no longer fly.

The Distinguished Flying Cross is a military decoration awarded to any officer or enlisted member of the United States Armed Forces "who distinguishes himself in support operations by heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight."

Gary was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross on three different occasions. Regrettably, in every instance one or more of his crewmembers was killed.

Later Gary flew Huey gunships. He says he liked flying the gunships better because he was the one doing the shooting, instead of just being shot at. After the end of the war he went on to fly Cobra and Apache attack helicopters during his military career.

I think we can all be proud to have a man like this as our neighbor and friend. 🍷



## THE MONTH OF MAY IN AUTOMOTIVE HISTORY

### Borrowed from Downtown Autobody

#### May 2, 1918: GM buys Chevrolet

On May 2nd, over 100 years ago, GM became the world's largest automotive firm and proceeded to buy out Chevrolet. It was no secret that Chevrolet had been struggling in prior years. So in the year 1910, after GM had already bought other larger corporations, it came as no surprise that they then purchased Chevrolet.

#### May 11, 1947: Invention of the tubeless tire

On May 11th, 1947, B.F Goodrich of Ohio created the innovative tubeless tire. This invention is known to have made vehicles both safer and more efficient. After undergoing rigorous testing and statewide adoption, Goodrich gained a patent for the tubeless tire five years later. This initial design was later expanded on by Michelin and is now considered to be the standard for tires.

#### May 16th, 1956: General Motors Technical Center

On May 16th, 1956 General Motors dedicated what would be half a billion dollars in today's currency to build the GM Technical Center in Warren, Michigan. This center is one of a kind, and one of the largest in the world covering 600 acres.

#### May 7, 1998: Daimler-Benz buys Chrysler

May 7th, 1998, saw yet another automotive buyout. German company Daimler-Benz, yes the company that is famed for its creation of the luxurious Mercedes Benz, bought out Chrysler. This purchase has been regarded as one of the largest – if not the largest – foreign purchases in United States history.

#### May 17th, 2005: Toyota introduces hybrid Camry

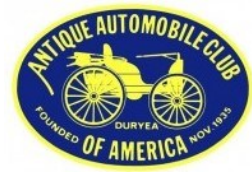
Hybrid cars aren't an innovation of the 2010s. On May 17th, in 2005, Toyota introduces a gas-electric hybrid version of the Camry. This hybrid would eventually go on to be the

# Upcoming Events

**Jun 1 – Back to the Oldies Car Show at Riverwalk Café, 13533 US1 Sebastian, FL – 9 am to 1 pm - \$10 preregistration. Proceeds benefit HSHH Veteran's Programs.**

**Jun 15 – Father's Day Car Show – Facilitated by the Indian River Region, AACA, Vero Beach Elks Lodge 1350 26<sup>th</sup> Street - 10 to 2 pm.**

**Aug 30 – Vero Beach Veteran's Club – at 2500 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, VB – Registration at 12 noon, the show is from 1 pm to 4 pm. Live music, Food / Bar.**



## Local Cruises:

**2nd and 4th Saturdays** Breakfast at CJ Cannon's at 8 am.

Hosted by the Indian River Region AACA.

**3rd Monday**—T/A Truckstop starts October 21st. 5pm to 8pm.

**1st Tuesday** - Vero Vintage Volkswagens monthly meeting 5 pm to 8pm. Walking Tree Brewery – A food truck will be available.

**3rd Wednesday** IR-RAACA Lunch Cruise. Destination will be announced. Contact Bob Kaufman with questions.

**2nd & 4th Wednesday** Dinner Cruise to Five Guys Sebastian.

**2nd Thursday** – Shift Culture presents a cruise at Ft. Pierce. Take US1 to Avenue C and left to the end at Indian River.

**Weekly on Saturday Night:** Cruise to McDonalds in Vero Beach on US1 and Oslo Road. Gather at 5:30pm. Contact Billy D'Arton for details.

**Weekly Saturday Morning at Beeb's Coffee Roastery, Sebastian. Just drop by!**

**3rd Saturday monthly - Dunkin' Donuts Beachside.** 1220 N. A1A, Indian River, FL 8am to 12 noon. Questions, call Bill at 321-725-3648

## AACA NATIONALS AND TOURS

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### 2025

April 3-5, 2025  
Southeastern Spring Nationals  
Charlotte, North Carolina • Hornets Nest Region • 704-847-4215

May 1-3, 2025  
Western Spring Nationals/ Grand Nationals  
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June 1-7, 2025  
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Eastern Spring Nationals  
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October 18-22, 2025  
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## REGION / CHAPTER EVENTS

### MARCH 2025

15 Naples, Florida. Naples-Marco Island Region. Depot Show. New larger site. Peter Blackford, 251 Cypress Way, W. Naples FL 34110; priuspete@gmail.com  
21-22 Westminster, Md. Sugarloaf Mtn. Region. 55th Sugarloaf Mountain Region Parts Meet. Jack Gallagher 301-674-5431; SMRaaca.com  
22 Melbourne, Florida. Cape Canaveral Region. Annual Celebration of Cars Wall Kostrzewa 321-543-1207; AntiqueAutoClubCC.com  
23 Woodstown, N.J. South Jersey Region. 53rd Swap meet/car corral Chuck Gibson 609-221-5435; Ed Fuller 856-297-4025; sjraaca.com  
30 Venice, Florida. Venice Region. 35th annual car show, Centennial Park. VeniceAACA.com

### APRIL 2025

3-5 Greenville, Texas. NE Texas Region. Swap meet/car show, Hunt Cnty Fairgrounds 903-454-8575; reg.glvswmt@yahoo.com; greenvilleswatmeet.com

### MAY 2025

10 Winchester, Va. Shenandoah Region. 65th annual apple blossom car show/swap meet. Duane Catlett 540-533-7376; catlettbd@gmail.com  
17 Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Cedar Rapids Region. 47th annual indoor swap meet. Jack Harville 319-270-6042; CedarRapidsRegionAACA.com

### JUNE 2025

8 Waterford, Pa. Presque Isle Region. 49th annual antique automobile show, Gazebo Park. Howard Krack 814-881-1015; piraaca45@yahoo.com  
14 York Springs, Pa. Gettysburg Region. 50th anniversary Latimore Car/Truck Show. Jim Yemzow 717-243-5810; 717-258-4964  
9-15 Reno, Nevada. Snappers Brass/Gas Touring. The Harrah Homecoming Jeff Mahi jefmah@aol.com; snappersbrassandgas.com

### JULY 2025

14 Arkport, N.Y. Chemung Valley Region. 68th anniversary car show/summerfest Rocco Mesiti 585-409-3310; Greg Golding 585-406-4409  
16 Atlantic City, N.J. South Jersey Region. Indoor car show and silent movie. Chuck Gibson 609-221-5435; boardwalkorgans.org

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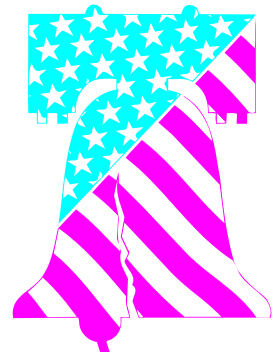
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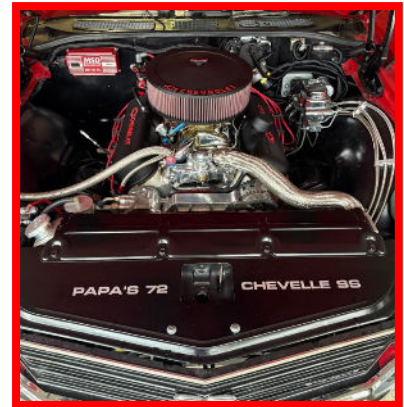
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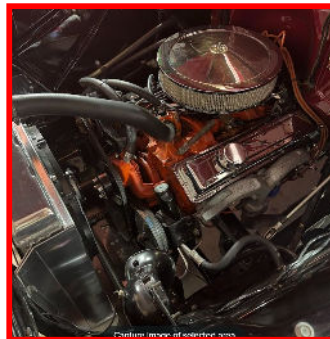
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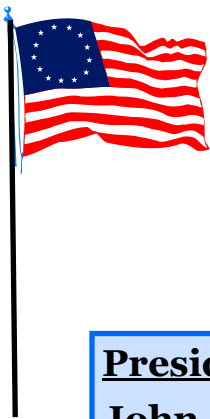
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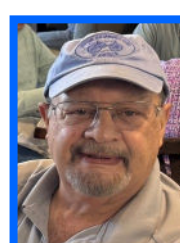
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