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Message from our President

Hopefully this note finds you well. I wanted to thank everybody who came out to help at Father's Day show at the Elks Lodge the show was a great success. After all was finished, the Elks were going to split the proceeds with our club \$950. We decided to donate it all back to the Elks in our name for their charity.

We had a couple of other small events that went well. Not much else to talk about this month so stay well and we will see you around.

Respectfully

John Stefanacci



Our Next Meeting: **June 10th** 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

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 you at the 7pm meeting.

Welcome New Members

Rob & Mel Englert, 1957 Chevy Pick Up Truck, 1993.5 Mitsubishi 3000 GT Coupe.

George Venuto & Emma Flores, 2020 Dodge Challenger 392 Wide-body.

Stephen & Diane Kepley, 1965 Ford Mustang Convertible



Indian River Region AACA General Meeting Minutes

Indian River Region AACA Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 by John Stefanacci. Craig Waskow led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 61 members present. The meeting was held at the Vero Beach Italian American Civic Association. Dinner was served to 54 people.

Secretary's minutes — John asked for a motion to accept the minutes as published in the May Headliner. The motion was made by Craig Waskow and 2nd by Geoff Newcombe to accept the minutes as published. All voted in the affirmative to accept.

Treasurer's Report — Jeff Smith read the treasurer's report ending May 31, 2025. A motion was made by Bill Maule and 2nd by Lynne Gaber to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. All voted in the affirmative to accept.

Health & Wellness — Allan Bixby has been fighting a serious kidney issue. He is now in a rehabilitation facility.

Upcoming Events—Downtown Dapper will be having a special event and 12 cars from our club will be on hand. The Vero Beach Elks Lodge will have its annual Father's Day Show on June 15th. The IRRAACA members have volunteers have stepped up to help manage the event.

The 3rd Wednesday of the month Lunch Cruise is planned at the Pelican diner in Sebastian. This restaurant is right near Sebastian Airport off of Main Street.

June 29 (the last Friday of the month) will be a celebration of Indian River Counties' 100th Anniversary. Details will follow.

Newly Acquired, Sold or for sale Vehicles: Geno DiPol just acquired a beautiful 1954 Chevy Truck. It will be featured in the July Headliner.

Allan Bixby is selling his gorgeous, red with white top, 1979 Ford Ranchero. This is an original car that came from the factory with every option offered. It is powered by a numbers matching 351 Cleveland. The car has many new parts, including a water pump, rebuilt front suspension and new shocks.

50/50 Drawing —There was a 50/50 raffle this month, half of which was won by Chris Khail.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Phil LoGiudice



Geno Dipol's Latest Hot Rod Adventure

Traveling with Marianne & the D'Arton's

I recently sold my 1960 Impala, and the money was burning a hole in my pocket. I have bought and sold a few old, hot-rodded cars in the last few years trying to find a good solid driver as my mechanical skills are limited and finding reliable mechanical help in Vero is limited. So I spent a few hours a day for a few months looking for what's for sale locally on Marketplace. But as usual all the cool, affordable, good paint, complete, reliable, has AC, has PS and PB, a stereo, cool wheels, and is big enough for Marianne, the dog and me is always located hours and hours away. And to add insult to injury my friend, and AACA member retired-sheriff's deputy, Scott Carmine informed me that just driving to the seller's house and giving him the money and driving back with my old plate is illegal.

Well I finally found a sweet '54 Chevy 3100 short bed pickup in the Keys that checked off almost all of my boxes and I worked the seller down to a price I could afford so now it was how to get her home? Well what you do is find someone with a flatbed and a truck, and that person ended up being our VP Billy D'Arton.

I hesitantly asked him to help me retrieve her as the last time I found a '55 Chevy in Lakeland he was kind enough to borrow a flatbed to take me over to get it but when we got there it was junk. Then we ended up borrowing the flatbed again a week later to go back to Lakeland to actually pick up a '54 Chevy 210 that I owned for a brief period. So, I felt bad asking him again but being the good friend he is he smiled and said "I'll ask Nick Russakis to borrow his flatbed and I'll let you know". Nick was good with us borrowing it so a trip to Key Largo to get the truck was planned.

We left on a Monday morning to come back Tuesday night. Marianne booked us a few rooms and I paid for all the meals and gas as the least, I could do. Kathy even took off from work to join us. On the way we stopped at Alabama Jacks and The Caribbean Club. I mean once you leave Miami civilization and get on Card Sound Road headed to the Keys you have to have a few Rum Runners, a bowl of Conch Chowder and a big slice of Key Lime pie, right?

We arrived at the seller's showroom and road tested the truck. It seemed to be mostly what he said it was so I pulled the trigger and said I'll buy it. So, I paid the man, and we loaded her up. We then toured Key Largo, had a great dinner at the famous Fish House and in the morning stopped for breakfast at the original Mrs. Macs before heading home.

She is a beauty, recently painted, an almost new 350 with headers, overdrive 4L60E tranny, AC, PS, PB, Coy Wheels, slammed to the ground on a S10 chassis, GPS and a big comfy leather bench seat from an Escalade. I haven't stopped smiling; she is now in my garage waiting for next year's shows. I can't thank friends and fellow AACA members Billy and Nick enough for helping me get her home, I owe you guys big time.

(more photos on page four)



More from Geno's Trip



Photos from Geno Dipol





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Father's Day at the Elks Lodge

June 15, 2025

Photos by Phil



Every Father's Day the Elks Lodge in Vero Hosts a great Classic Car and Truck Show. The year was the best yet! Many IRRAACA Members volunteered to make this show happen. They handled set-up, registration, parking and judging. Here are some of the photos:



Freedom Road Rally 2025

by Lynne Gaber

The Freedom Road Rally 2025, Hudson River Valley June 1 -6, Starting and ending point Poughkeepsie NY. There were 77 cars on the Freedom Road Rally. Our group included 13 cars:

IRRAACA members:

Geoff Newcombe and his brother-in-law Pat
Billy and Kathy D'Arton
Bill and Mary Maule
John and Helen Stefanacci
Lynne and Steve Gaber

Plus, additional fellow travelers with whom some of us have travelled on other car adventures, including Cruisin the Coast in Biloxi and Daytona Turkey Run, Leslie (Newcombe) and Tom and Thomas (Great Grandson) Gallagher (FL), Nancy and Peter Golder (FL), Linda and Jim Davis (FL), Mick Dixon and Debbie Williams (TX), Sue and Bruce Willette (TX), Regina and David Westfall (TN), Bob and Gina Adams (MI) Mo and Joe Adkins (NC).

Activities and Points of Interest:

After checking in on Saturday night our tour started Sunday with an exclusive Group Boat Ride on The Hudson River Valley, a visit to the Maritime Museum, and a stop at the Westpoint Museum.

For the rest of the week we visited multiple locations daily including the Motorcycle Museum, the Museum at Bethel Woods, where Woodstock was held, FDR Library and the Vanderbilt Museum. We visited the Connecticut Antique Machinery Museum, FASNY Museum of Firefighting. The Walkway over the Hudson was a pretty cool stop. On our day in Connecticut, we passed under a very cool one lane covered bridge where we stopped, looked around and took some pictures. We made sure we had plenty of time for ice cream stops too.

The Freedom Road Rally Crew travels with a tow rig and two mechanics that help with any breakdowns along the route. Several cars experienced trouble. Our group's cars chose to act up before and after the official Rally. Billy and Kathy made it only as far as Florence South Carolina before the transmission went out in Miss Violet, the 1939 Ford. Mick and Debbie's '57 Truck broke or bent an axle on June 9th as they made their way back to Texas. A U-Haul came to the rescue in both cases. Billy and Kathy, after much persuasion from Scott, the head of the Road Tour were persuaded to fly up and re-join the Road Rally with a rental car. Thanks Scott! Everyone had lots of laughs and camaraderie throughout. New friendships were formed, and wonderful memories were made with a group of fantastic car crazy people.

Recurring themes:

- Where are we stopping for lunch?
- Let's make sure we are back in time for happy hour.
- These are the WORST roads we've ever been on.
- Anybody want to stop for ice cream?
- Someone get a picture of this!
- Hey, you just missed the turn.
- Don't follow the car in front of you unless it's going to the same place you're headed.

From The Freedom Road Rally Site:

The Freedom Road Rally is a classic car touring event. Since 2004 we have been facilitating unforgettable memories and lifelong friendships for automotive enthusiasts, and we can't wait to add you to our growing Freedom Road Family!

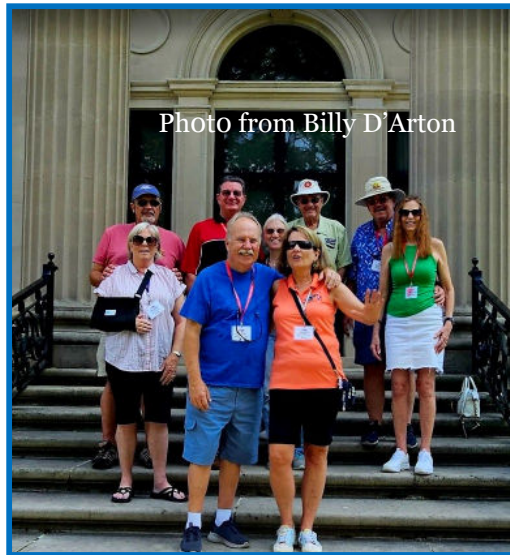
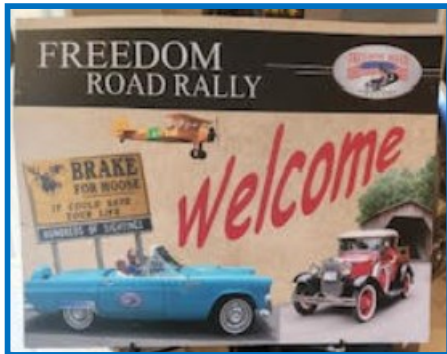
Every year we travel to one of America's most unique destinations in a week-long road trip unlike anything you have ever experienced. We plan the route, pay for hotel accommodations, buy museum tickets, and coordinate events.

All you have to do is have fun driving your classic car with future friends from all walks of life. Together we'll visit natural wonders, quaint Americana, and of course all the one-of-a-kind automotive collections and museums you could dream of. We hope you'll come join the fun and see first hand what everyone in the classic car world has been talking about!

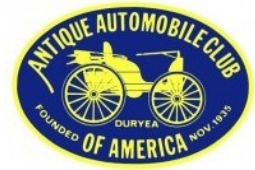
Freedom Road Rally is a non-political, non-discriminatory organization that believes everyone should be able to enjoy the freedom of the open road.

More of the Freedom Rally

Photos by Lynne Gaber except where noted



Upcoming Events



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

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June 1-7, 2025

Vintage Tour (Pre-1932)

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July 2-5, 2025

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October 7-10, 2025

Eastern Fall Nationals

Hershey, Pennsylvania • Hershey Region • 717-566-7720

Our monthly lunch, always on the third Wednesday, was at the Pelican Diner in Sebastian. There were 36 people in attendance. Lunch was very good!



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 - 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 around 8 am!

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

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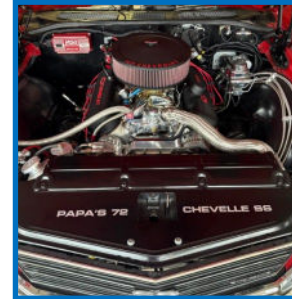
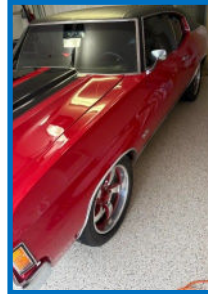
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Antiques for Sale

1972 Chevelle SS, 454 engine, 700R4 Transmission, with a Moser 12 Bolt Posi rear end, SS Flow Masters & 3" exhaust, front runner pulley system w/AC, Hydro Boost master cylinder, CPP steering box, electric fans with a Be Cool radiator, MSD ignition, and many more accessories. A body off restoration was completed in 2014. The interior is all new and original. Asking \$45,000. I have all the receipts for everything!

Tim Hall at 772-205-9975



Beautiful 1955 Chevy 3100 2nd gen. New 350 turbo transmission, new wheels and tires, new radiator with electric fan, new brakes and rear seals. Power steering and drum brakes, and straight axle. Beautiful inside and out and drives great. \$42,500.

Kem and Bob Martin—772-766-1589



Barbara Bixby is selling her late husband's 1979 Ford Ranchero 500. An original car with all the factory options. PS, PB, PW, A/C, etc. Rebuilt front end, New water pump and new shocks.

Call Barbara at 772-794-2651

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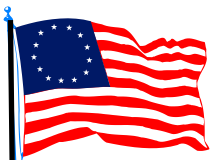


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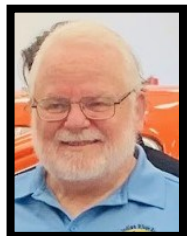
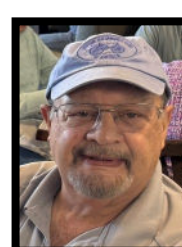
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