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Hopefully this note finds you well. There has been a pretty busy start to the year. The show at the First Presbyterian Church of Sebastian was great this year. Thanks to Brain and Linda Banks for inviting us to help. The Sebastian Elks show, under new leadership this year, went well. We technically won the club participation award again this year with 26 members coming out to PARTICIPATE! But the trophy went to the Jeep club who only had 20 participants but had paid for 30 entries.

We had a great time at Piper Aircraft's 2nd car show where we set up tents and chairs to hide from the sun. A big thanks to Joe King for inviting us to help and special thanks to Rick Hector for help. Unfortunately, later in the month the rain came in and two shows were canceled.

Downtown Friday Fest was rained out, and the 5th Annual Vero Christian Church car show was rescheduled to March 14th. We have lots of shows coming up including ours on March 21st, if you haven't already signed up to help us out and please consider joining your fellow members to help make this the best show ever.

Thanks to Geno DiPol for designing the new logos and getting the shirts and hats. Thank you to Geno and Marianne for taking care of selling them. If you haven't already gotten a T shirt or hat, we still have availability and we will have them at our March meeting and again at the show. I look forward to seeing everyone around.

Respectfully

John Stefanacci

Our Next Meeting: **March 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

Please do not reply to the email I send out!

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



Welcome New

Members

Eugene Mall, 1953 Jeep M38A1/Military, 1965 Chevy Corvair Convertible

Florence & Jack Howe, 2024 Dodge Durango RT, 2021 Chevy Corvette C8.



Indian River Region AACA

Meeting Minutes—February 10, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by John Stefanacci. Lloyd Lasenby led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 86 members present. The meeting was held at the Vero Beach Italian American Civic Association. Dinner was served.

Secretary's minutes — John asked for a motion to accept the minutes as published in the January newsletter. The motion was made by Billy D'Arton and 2nd by Bill Maule to accept the minutes as published. All voted in the affirmative to accept.

Treasurer's Report – Jeff Smith reported on the month ending January 31, 2026. John asked for a motion to accept, and a motion was made by Craig Waskow and 2nd by Phil LoGiudice to accept the reports as read. All voted in the affirmative to accept.

Events - Billy D' Arton highlighted our participation in the River Ranch Show with a total of 32 cars in attendance. We won the Club participation award for the 4th year in a row.

John Stefanacci mentioned the good participation in the Vero Beach Polo event.

Sam Gagliano reported on the Wheels and Keels Vintage & Exotic Car Show at the Moorings Yacht & Country Club on April 18th. Discounted car registration forms were available at the meeting. A request was made for volunteers and judging participation.

Brian Banks spoke of the First Presbyterian Church, Sebastian's 3rd Annual Car Show participation thanked the club for their participation and assistance.

Nancy Ferrauto reported on the Spring Forward to Victory Judged Car Show in Stuart, Sunday, March 8, \$20 per car self-parking with food, music.

Rick Hector reported on the Piper Aircraft "For the Love of Cars" judged show is planned for February 21, \$20 entry fee with music and food. Piper's will have this show twice annually.

Al DiDomizio reported on the Okeechobee Speckled Perch Parade on Saturday, March 14th. Meet at Pineapple Joe's, more information to follow. Al also reported on February 24th, there will be a site visit at ionemopto in Sebastian who is a world class manufacturer of fiberglass & carbon fiber bodywork for racing motorcycles. Visiting production facility. More information will follow. Honorable mention to Ed Daddis as a designer at ionemopto. The February 26th Old Farts Fly-In is coming and more information will follow. Fee will be \$25 per person. Plan to meet up at Pineapple Joe's.

Sue DiDomizio reported that a Tea for the ladies was held on January 26th with 25 members present. A special thanks was given to Linda Danesi for the preparation of the event.

Cathi Canal discussed Pioneers to Paradise and that planning is underway for the 250th of July 4th Celebration. John Stefanacci mentioned the Sebastian Elks 22nd Annual Car Show to be held on February 15th.

Chuck Roberts reported for Bill Maule on the 47th Concours in the Oaks Show to be held on March 21st. Signup sheet was distributed. A special thanks was given to Geno & Marianne Dipol for their work on the shirts and hats that were available at the meeting and will also be available at the show. The third Wednesday Lunch Cruise will be held at the Squid Lips in Sebastian on February 18th, please contact Bob for attendance.

Newly Acquired, Sold or for sale Vehicles: Geoff said that a 1931 Restored Model A and a 1965 Corvette are for sale. Steve Van Antwerp reported that his 1970 El Camino is now back on the road.

50/50 Drawing —There was a 50/50 raffle this month. John Cerillo won half.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

George Venuto

Secretary, Indian River Region, AACA

The Ladies Tea at the Treasure Coast Technical College

The IRRAACA Ladies Tea Event was held on Monday January 26th. Our group of 25 Beautiful Ladies gathered at the Treasure Coast Technical College in Vero Beach where we were served finger sandwiches, scones, sweets and a variety of teas by the Culinary Students and their amazing Instructor, Chef Lyndsay Cuniff. Linda Danesi led the charge to transform the cafeteria into a fabulous Tea House, and it was perfect.

Thanks to the many ladies who contributed tea platters, teacups, tableware and decorations for our event. We were invited to bring our favorite teacup and share its story. It's amazing the memories we build over the simple act of a meal or a cup of tea and how those memories carry us through our lives. All of the stories were very special and quite touching. We shared great conversations and lots of laughter, some of which may have been at the expense of our beloved car men.

There were quite a few beautiful hats, some personally handmade, and we even had some first time Tea Party Ladies. Our individual price of \$25 included a \$7 donation to the Culinary School and in addition, our generous ladies contributed more money to a Donation Box at the Tea totaling \$125. Ultimately, the Ladies of the IRRAACA donated \$342 to the Culinary School. Congrats to all and thank you for making this event so special! The afternoon was quite enjoyable; we only wish that we hadn't lost so many attendees to illness (flu season is here in full force) and last minute schedule changes. You Ladies were sorely missed!

The Ladies Tea Committee: Linda Danesi, Sue DiDomizio, Lynne Gaber, and Mary Maule



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The Treasure Coast Technical College, which opened its doors in August 2018, has been committed to creating opportunities and empowering students from day one. Welcome to Treasure Coast Technical College, where we are dedicated to providing an exceptional educational experience for all learners.

The photos were taken by various ladies at the tea.



The Ladies Tea at the Treasure Coast Technical College Continued



Vero Beach “Pioneers to Paradise” Celebration

By Cathi Canal

The city of Vero Beach is hosting a full-scale celebration of America’s 250th birthday on July 4, 2026. The celebration will include events on both the mainland and the island starting with the annual Swim to the Wreck in the early morning and concluding with a spectacular fireworks display around 9:00 p.m.

Most of the morning events will be centered in the downtown area with a parade and an antique vehicle display showcasing AACA members’ vehicles. In the afternoon, the focus shifts to Riverside Park with food trucks, children’s activities, a ceremony honoring our veterans, contests to test your mettle (such as pie eating and hula hoop competitions), and music for your listening and dancing pleasure provided by Riptide. Pick your spot early to enjoy the not-to-be-missed fireworks show.

The parade will run along 14th Avenue starting at St. Lucie Avenue at 25 th Street and ending at 19th Street. The static antique vehicle display will be staged in the parking lot of the Vero Beach Old Train Station at 2336 14th Avenue, which is about two blocks south of the starting point for the parade. Our members exhibiting vehicles will have front row seats to all the action. We already have 23 vehicles registered for the show and there is room for several more.

Plan to arrive early to avoid street detours/closings in the vicinity of the parade route. Exhibitors will be setting up their vehicle displays between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. The parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. Vehicles will remain in the parking area until the parade ends at approximately 12 noon. Exhibitors wishing to continue interacting with spectators are permitted to extend their stay in the parking lot after the conclusion of the parade. Come out to support our antique vehicle display, enjoy the parade, and get ready for an amazing celebration in honor of America’s 250th birthday!

If you would like to be included in the antique vehicle display or have any questions about the planned events, contact Cathi Canal at 772-492-9866 or email her at catecanal309@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events



Mar 14 – Parasol, 4881 Dairy Road, Melbourne. St. Patrick's Day Show 10 am to 1 pm.

Mar 21 – Indian River Region presents 47th Concours in the Oaks.

Mar 22 – Elks Lodge Ft Pierce -11 to 3 PM – 608 S. 5th Street, Ft Pierce.

Mar 22 - Sebastian Rotary Club at Riverview Park, pre-registration \$15. Day-of-show entries start at 8 am. Goody Bags first 50 entries and Dash Plaques for all. No entries after 10am. Awards at 1:30 PM.

Mar 28 – Cape Canaveral AACA at the Muscle Car Museum – 10 am to 3 pm. Pre-register \$30.

Apr 11 – Christian FM Spring Car Show & BBQ Fest. 927 14th Lane Vero Beach, FL 32960. 10 am to 2 pm. Registration opens at 8 a.m. Awards, BBQ

Apr 11 – Vero Beach Eagles – Dogs for Life Charity Benefit with Car Show. 1267 Old Dixie Highway.

AACA NATIONALS AND TOURS

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2026

February 5-7, 2026
Annual Convention / National Awards
Chantilly, Virginia • 717-534-1910

March 19-21, 2026
Special Nationals
Guaynabo, Puerto Rico • Puerto Rico Region • 787-382-9813

March 26-28, 2026
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Cartersville, Georgia • Lake Allatoona Region • 770-363-4293

April 9-11, 2026
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Charlotte, N.C. • Hornets Nest Region • 704-847-4215

April 23-25, 2026
Annual Grand Nationals/Western Spring Nats
Las Vegas • Las Vegas Region • 702-301-8649

May 28-30, 2026
Eastern Spring Nationals
Indiana, Pennsylvania • Shannock Valley Region • 724-783-7140

June 11-13, 2026
Southeastern Fall Nationals
Oak Ridge, Tennessee • Volunteer Region • 865-803-3412

June 15-19, 2026
Sentimental Tour (1928-1958)
Mechanicsburg, Pa. • Pontiac/Oakland Region • 717 877-4766

July 23-25, 2026
Central Spring Nationals
Green Bay, Wisconsin • 920-819-1407

August 5-8, 2026
Southeastern Divisional Tour (Up to 2001)
Flat Rock, N.C. • NC Region Little Detroit Chapter • 828-606-2918

August 19-22, 2026
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September 9-14, 2026
Founders Tour (1932-2001)
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September 20-26, 2026
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October 6-9, 2026
Eastern Fall Nationals
Hershey, Pennsylvania • Hershey Region • 717-566-7720

Local Cruises:

3rd Monday – T/A Truck Stop.

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

2nd Wednesday Evening at 5:15 pm to Five Guys in Sebastian. Please do not come early due to parking availability.

3rd Wednesday – Rotating Lunch cruise Vero Beach or Sebastian. Contact Bob Kaufman if interested, at 772-664-7091.

4th Wednesday – Breakfast at Country Ham & Egg—Call Bob Kaufman RSVP please..

Friday nights—Willy's Bar & Grill in Fellsmere. Music and car cruise.

2nd & 4th Saturday Breakfast at CJ Cannon's at 8 am. Hosted by The Indian River Region AACA.

Every Saturday - Cruise to McDonalds in Vero Beach on US1 and Oslo Road. Gather at 5:30pm. See Billy D'Arton for details.

Every Saturday Morning – Coffee and Cars at Beeb's Beans Coffee Roastery. At 1101 U.S. 1, Sebastian, FL. Just drop by.



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Antiques for Sale

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1962 Lotus 7 Replica, built in 2013. Licensed and titled as 1962 year. Mazda Miata running gear w/ 5 speed trans.



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