

## ALL QUIET ON THE BEACH FRONT

### Experiment in Engine...ering By Bob Carlson

It was unfortunate, but last month we had to reschedule the location of our monthly club meeting at the last minute. And, as most of you know by now, I have an '88 coupe in my garage that I've been taken apart for parts for...umm. Well, far too long. Anyway, I decided to take advantage of the unplanned cancellation and meeting location change to invite everyone over to the Fiero Corral and get their hands dirty. Or just watch if they wanted. Well, one regular attendee, Jim, couldn't make it and sent his regrets, but Rob and Bill were ready for some wrench turning and showed up ready to go.



The mission...remove the engine. The catch...keep the sub frame, suspension and wheels in place. The solution...(we hope)...take the motor out the top. We want it to go that way anyway. It'll be a first for this crowd. Since nobody's going to beat down my door to rescue a 135,000 mile Tech 4 that hasn't been started in four of five years, I'm not worried. No offense to my fellow Duke owners. I've got two more, but it doesn't really matter what happens to the engine. It's just taking up room and making it difficult to get the parts worth saving out.

You may remember it from our last meeting

at my place. A lot of work had already been done and many parts had already been removed. But everything on the engine was intact and all the connections were still in place.

When we started the engine looked like this.



So, we removed the serpentine belt and the alternator, disconnected the fuel lines and shifter cables. Next we pulled the wiring harness from the cabin and the main engine connector. Then we cut the vacuum lines and separated the axles. Finally we loosened the motor and transmission mounts.



The engine's now ready to come out and we'll give you more details in future issues. Stay Tuned.

**The President's Corner**  
**By Rob Jensen**

Well its Summer time. We made it through Winter, and the rain of Spring. We should have a few good weather months ahead of us. Let's make sure we use them to our advantage. Well if you were around last month then you know we had a great meeting at Bob Carlsons house. We again were working on his 88 coupe and almost got the motor out. All that is left is just lifting it out of the engine bay. We will be back to tackle what is left soon.

For those who didn't know, the last weekend in May there was a huge car show/ track day up in Petersburg, Virginia. at the Virginia Motorsports



Park. It was a great time. The car show had about 60 cars in two large classes. One was for "classic" cars and was from 26-84. The second was for "modern" cars and was from 85-09. It was a popular vote and they picked the top 25 cars. I saw one Fiero, it was a 86 GT and it was nice. It had a 2.8L turbo motor that looked like it was done right. The exterior was maroon with tan interior. I never had a chance to speak with the owner, but I did see him get a trophy for it.



So what do we have coming up over the next few months? Well we are looking at a few things. A poker run. A picnic with the GTO/Trans Am club A visit to Outlaw Rod & Customs. And maybe a pool party at Bobs in September. We may also hit up American Indoor Carting again, since some of us have two more trips around the tack on our membership cards. Again I put out a shout for two things. One is please come to the meetings. We continue to request your attendance at the club events. The second, is for you to come up with ideas for the club and let us know what you'd like to do. We're looking for ideas for meeting locations, events, and new members to keep this club going.

Ok, so on a lighter note. What are you all working on with your car? Write us and tell us what projects your working on this summer. I'm still working on the headliner of my car. When it's done, I'll be able to re-install the interior and then work on getting it inspected. How about all of you.

Take care and I'll see you at the next meeting.

Cheers  
Rob J.

**VPCCC Monthly Meeting**  
**By Bob Carlson**

There was no VAFA representative at the March meeting of the Virginia Peninsula Car Club Council, so we missed a great meeting. We didn't even get notes this month, so VAFA really NEEDS a volunteer to attend the monthly VPCCC meeting on the peninsula. Please let us know if you can help out.

**CCCHR Monthly Meeting**  
**By Bob Carlson**

There was no VAFA representative at the March meeting of the Car Club Council of Hampton Roads at Priority Chevrolet in Chesapeake, Va. and unfortunately, no one from VAFA was able to attend. The minutes haven't been published or distributed. Let's hope for better luck this month.

## VPCCC Happenings

Here are the upcoming local shows and Cruise-Ins for the next month. Details are available on the VPCCC website ([www.vpccc.org](http://www.vpccc.org)).

**06/19/2009** – 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Bellefonte Cruise Car/Trucks/Cycle Event at Downtown Square Bellefonte, PA.

**06/20/2009** - Serve the City 2009 - Crestwood Community Show & Shine. 4-7pm. Corner of 1420 Great Bridge Blvd & Joyner Rd (Between Hwy 17 & Bainbridge Blvd ) Chesapeake, VA

**06/20/2009** - Evasive Illusions Car Club Annual Showdown at Langley AFB. All years, makes and model of cars, trucks & bikes are invited to come out and have a good time. The event will be held at the Community Center (in front of the Base Exchange) from 10am-6pm. Non-military are asked to pre-register via our website so that we can have an easy pass waiting at the gate.

**06/20/2009** - Hampton Corvette Club Car just for fun car show. Sears parking lot Newmarket Fair Mall, Newport News, VA. All makes and models welcome.

**06/20/2009** - New Covenant Church Annual Car Show. 10am-2pm, awards given out at 2pm. 1079 Big Bethel Rd., Hampton, VA. (next to Bethel High School ) Open to Cars, Trucks & Bikes.

### **06/26/2009 - Carlisle All-GM Nationals**

**06/27/2009** - 2nd Annual Youth Challenge Car Show at the Newmarket Sears on Mercury Blvd. in Hampton.

**07/04/2009** - 10th Annual 4th of July Car & Bike Show. Sponsored by Culpeper Renaissance, Inc. in downtown Culpeper on Davis Street at the Depot. This is an open show. The feature car for this year's show will be Ford Thunderbirds, which will be on display directly in front of the depot. 10am–3pm.

**07/04/2009** - Classic Cruisers Car Club 4th of July Celebration Car Show. Celebrate our country and our hobby. Proceeds benefit VFC/CHKD. Location Washington Square Shopping Center 5310 George Washington Memorial Highway Yorktown, VA

**07/05/2009** - God and Country Day Car Show and picnic at Tabernacle Baptist Church 401 Lucas Creek Rd Newport News VA.

### **Local Cruise-Ins**

**Tuesday** Every Tuesday night, the First Flight Cruisers of the Outer Banks, gather at the Hooters of Kitty Hawk for a cruise-in. Starting at around 6:30 until 9:30-10:00. Come join us!!

**Friday** Cruise-In at Ironbridge Sports Park ~ Chester's Newest Hot Spot! ~ Every Friday April 3rd through October from 5pm-9pm. Ironbridge Sports Park is a family entertainment facility and great food from The Iron Grill. 11400 Ironbridge Rd Chester, VA.

**Friday** Let's Talk Cars! Friday Night Cruise-In! Hosted by Middle Peninsula Classic Cruisers. Every Friday night April 3, 2009 till October. The cruise-in starts a 6pm at the Gloucester Main Street Center, Gloucester Courthouse, Gloucester, VA

**Friday** Smithfield Friday Cruz-In, sponsored by Smithfield Lions and NAPA Auto Parts. First and third Friday, April thru October (wx permitting) at 1802 C South Church Street, 6-9 PM. \$1 donation car entry. Music by Tom Norris, Food & Drink from Don's Hot Dogs.

**Friday** Langley Christian Church 175 Fox Hill Road Hampton, VA will be hosting a Friday night Cruise-in Every Third Friday night 6-10pm. Weather permitting May through October.

**Friday** 1st and 3rd Fridays 5:00 until! Fat Fredas in Colonial Beach at Washington and Hawthorn St. All are welcome.

**Saturday** Every Saturday Night April 4 thru Sept./Oct? - The Southern Knight Cruisers, Inc. Car Club is working with Hardee's of Old Stage Road (1901 W. Hundred Rd. - Rt. 10) in Chester, VA. DJ's "Wolf Man" John Newton, and "Rock-It Man" John Ronkartz, playing 50-70's music.

**Saturday** Cruise-In at New Town located in Williamsburg at the intersection of Ironbound Road and Monticello Avenue. Every Saturday evening until October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4-8pm. Open to all years, makes and models. \$2 donation will go to CHKD.

**Saturday** Bruster's Saturday Night Cruise 2008 on route 610 Garrisonville Road in Stafford VA. At the Bruster's ice cream parking lot in the back. Weather permitting, 3-9pm. Every Saturday, all summer!!!

## VAFA Membership Dues

The dues for this year were set at \$5.00 (WHAT A BARGAIN!) and everyone was asked to pay as soon as possible. Dues may be paid in person, or mailed to the club address at: 2133 Upton Drive, Suite 126 - Box 204, Virginia Beach, VA 23454. Make checks/MO out to: VAFA.

You're probably as tired of seeing this note as I am of including it. I promise this will be the last time you see it this year. If you've paid your dues, then your next issue will be free of pleas. If you haven't paid, you won't get the next issue. Problem solved.

## VAFA Visions

The June VAFA meeting will be a picnic with the 757 GTO and Tidewater Trans Am Club at the Chesapeake City Park, 900 Greenbrier Parkway, Chesapeake, VA., on June 20, 2009. See the map below. Details for the time, location in the park and what goodies the club will provide, will be sent out via email by Rob Jensen.

