

2023 Car Show

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VR VETERANS CLUB CAR SHOW

A Huge Success !

The Valencia Reserve Veterans Club with support of the VR Car Club Show was held on Sunday, March 26, 2023, at Delray Buick / GMC. It was absolutely wonderful. A variety of more than 120 cars of interest were on display.

“Ray & the Raylettes” provided the musical entertainment throughout the day. There was a patriotic ceremony at noon time and Tavia of the Raylettes sang the National Anthem.

“Juju Feel Good Foods” were there to keep everyone deliciously comfortable with great hamburgers and hot dogs, etc.

Several years ago, the VR Veterans Club selected the “Wounded Veterans Relief Fund” as the charity to support. Mike Durkee, the Executive Director, was present with his crew to help with the activities for the Car Show. He spoke briefly about the incredible work that they do to help veterans in need. The VR Veterans Club is very proud of their raising in excess of \$170,000 for the WVRF over the past seven years from various fundraising events.

A 1957 Chevrolet Nomad, owned by Michael Merlo, was awarded the “Best of Show” trophy. A 1958 Chevrolet Corvette, owned by Larry Coe, took the 1st Runner-Up and a 1956 Ford Sunliner, owned by Sam Storch, took 2nd Runner-Up.

The Corvette Club of South Florida, the **Corvette Club of the Palm Beaches**, and the Renegade Corvette Club all supported the Show with many beautiful Corvettes of every era, including several special editions. Craig Laufer received the “Best Corvette” trophy for his 1961 Corvette.

The awards program included a plaque presented to Dan Fielder of Delray Buick / GMC in appreciation for all the work performed hosting the event. Plaques in appreciation for supporting the Car Show were also awarded to the three Corvette Clubs. Accepting the plaques were Joe Catroni of the Corvette Club of South Florida, Keith Johnson of the Corvette Club of the Palm Beaches and Bill Boyle of the Renegade Corvette Club.

One of many highlights on display was a 1952 World War II Army Willy's Jeep with a 50-caliber machine gun. There were five 1991 Nissan Figaro's, a 1953 Studebaker, a 1956, a 1976, and a 1984 Cadillac, a 1990 Buick Reatta, a 1963 Ford Thunderbird, two 1912 Model T Fords, a 1931 Model A Ford, a 1948 King Midget and the list of unique classic cars goes on.

Veterans Club and Car Club members who displayed Cars include:

Mel Kantor – 1964 Land Rover Truck

Bob Markel – 2008 Chevrolet Corvette

Howard Rock – 1948 MG TC

Herb Amster – 2021 Chevrolet Corvette

Ron Baraz – 2007 Jaguar XK

Sam Storch – 1956 Ford Sunliner

Marvin Ronik – 2004 Chevrolet Corvette

Joe Ostrower – 2012 Ford Mustang

Al Portney – 2004 Chevrolet Corvette

Mike Heiserman – 2020 Chevrolet Corvette