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**IT'S PAST TIME FOR YOUR  
2024 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Membership for the A.A.C.A. South Florida Region is from January 1 to December 31. AACA South Florida annual dues are now \$45.00. If you have not renewed, please download the form from our club website under membership. **Important items to complete are addresses, phone numbers, birth month of you and/or spouse, email address, and, of course, your car(s). PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.**

To be a member of the A.A.C.A. South Florida Region **you must be a member of AACA National.** The application is available at [www.aaca.org](http://www.aaca.org). **DO NOT SEND** the National application to the local office.

**IF YOU ARE NOT RENEWING** kindly let Ed Medina know. For those of you who have renewed on time, thank you.



Happy New Year!

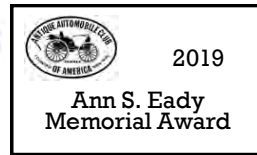
Well, it has been a long time coming, but it is my time to step up to the plate. It will be my pleasure to serve ALL of our membership. We have some new directors on the board, and with the rest of the officers and directors, you will have a good group of ladies and gentlemen working for you.

Our first car show of the new year will be the Art Deco Classic Car Show on January 13 and 14, 2024. Saturday is an open car show and the Sunday car show follows AACA guidelines. If you haven't been to this car show in the past, you don't want to miss out this year. Besides the car show, there are plenty of restaurants, food trucks, and vendors selling everything from art work to vintage items. For both days, we will need several members to help with parking the show cars. Hopefully you will register; simply go to our club website <https://southfloridaregion.aaca.com>.

We have our first general membership meeting on January 18, 2024. Hope you can make it. Remember, the club pays for your coffee and dessert.

As your new president, I would like to hear your comments, good or bad. We are here for the membership.

Tomás Hernández, President  
A.A.C.A. South Florida Region



It's amazing how quickly 2023 came and went. Throughout the year our club has continued to put on quality car shows for the general public as well as support other clubs and/or organizations while showcasing our antiques. We are extremely fortunate to have so many venues for our car shows, as well as, be able to attend many other non-AACA car events which range from the local neighborhood church festival to an elegant Concours d'Elegance. Due to our beautiful Fall and Winter seasons the number of events can be overwhelming to decide which car show to attend.

Since our South Florida Region webmaster tries to notify our members in a timely fashion about all of our activities, Ed Medina insisted that all registrations should be handled on-line. Gone are the paper applications. Based on feedback from members, this approach has worked extremely well. With no more stamps and hoping the post office delivers the mail on time, it has become easier and faster on both ends. Registrants were automatically notified of their acceptance. The only hitch came with the Deering Estate Vintage Auto Show of November 5th. Due to the concerns about the soggy field caused by weeks of rain and complicated by the king tide, the decision of when to admit the dozen on the waiting list came too late for several potential car displayers. In fact if we didn't have the three days of drier weather, the car show would have been cancelled.

What is even more amazing is that this editor is beginning her 17th year as editor of *Sidelights*. The inaugural editors used a manual typewriter, and eventually, if available, an electric typewriter and added hand-drawn or glued artwork which was hand delivered to a printer or graphic artist who printed it with black ink on 8.5" x 14" white paper. Computers for the general public became popular in the 1960's and advancements in the 70's and 80's made the work for newsletter editors much easier. Today, we sit at a computer with access to the internet and create full color newsletters which can be electronically emailed to a professional printshop, and/or members, all done with the strokes on a keypad or personal computer.

Happy Motoring,

*Jean*



**OOPS REPORT**

1955 Buick Century convertible Model 66C shown in the November-December 2023 issue did not belong to Al Padilla.



**The A.A.C.A. South Florida Region Board Meeting of Tuesday, November 14, 2023, was called to Order by President Millie Garcia at 7:05 P.M., at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72<sup>nd</sup> Street, Miami, FL 33173.**

**In Attendance:** President Millie Garcia, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Tomás Hernández, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Al Padilla, Treasurer Manny Garcia, and Board Members, Jorge Feria, Chico Goldsmith, Jean Hawa, Ed Medina, Mike Penn, and Bob Squier.

**Establish a Quorum:** President Millie Garcia established a quorum with ten members present.

**First Order of Business - Acceptance of Board Meeting Minutes from Previous Month:** President Millie Garcia asked if everyone present had read the minutes of September's board meeting; if so, and if there were no questions, comments, or corrections, would someone move to accept the minutes as posted. Jean Hawa made a motion to accept the minutes, Tomás Hernández seconded it. Having no other discussion, the motion was voted on and passed.

**Second Order of Business – Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Manny Garcia presented a reconciliation statement for October from the club's bank account; Manny also reported that with membership, new members, monthly expenses such as board meeting meals, coffee and dessert at the general meeting, storage rental fee and the printing and mailing of *Sidelights*, our treasury is sound. Bob Squier expressed his concerns about the cost of meals of the Board Meetings mainly because it exceeds the previously budgeted amount. A discussion emphasized today's higher cost of food, gifts were no longer being given to the board members at the holiday party. A suggestion was made that if a meal exceeds a set amount, the board member would pay the overage amount. No action was taken.

**Third Order of Business – Membership Report:** Ed Medina informed us that we now have 216 families. He added that eight members were removed from the roster due to non-compliance of proof of a national membership number and one who erroneously joined us.

**General Membership Meeting (November 16, 2023):** We will be meeting at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72<sup>nd</sup> Street, Miami, FL 33173. Al Padilla informed us that our guest speaker will discuss the financial aspects of a car restoration.

**Deering Estate Vintage Auto Show (November 5, 2023):** Jean Hawa reported that over 2,200 visitors came through the gate to view our car show of 35 cars. —The staff of the Deering Estate was very pleased with our

display and that we are invited back next year. Due to the continuous problem with the King Tides which almost canceled this show, we will be looking for another date, earlier in the year.

**Cars in the Garden (November 19, 2023):** Jean Hawa informed us that we have over one hundred cars registered, with a limit of 50 Corvettes and 100 antiques. Thanks to a check from Williamson Cadillac, we will be able to secure the replaced 30 trophy plates and the refreshments. Another problem has developed; the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden representative will not accept the insurance we received from national because it lacks the terms "coverage is primary and non-contributory". As a result, it was necessary to obtain an additional insurance policy for \$191.00 through another company recommended by FTBG. Ironically that company's policy does not provide automobile liability, but automatically provides host liquor liability, even though we will not be serving alcohol. The Sunshine Corvette Club will pay for one-half of that extra policy. With the weather finally giving us a break, it should be a beautiful day for Sunday's show.

**Holiday Party (December 16, 2023):** Al Padilla said that everything is set with 84 people registered to attend and the center pieces have been completed.

**Other Club Business:**

- Board Elections will be held on November 16<sup>h</sup> at the General Membership Meeting. The nominees remain the same although the floor is open until the day of the meeting. Three board of director positions are still open.
- Ira Shapiro reported that this coming Saturday evening several members will have their cars displayed around Villa Vizcaya during a "Hollywood in the Golden Era" fundraiser event from 4:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. A fourth car is needed.
- Manny Garcia brought up the expenses incurred at the last Biltmore Way Car Show in Coral Gables. This is our most expensive car show (around five thousand dollars) with payments of deposit (\$500.00), overcharging us for parking spaces (\$4400.00), port-a-potty, police department (four officers), fire department, trophies, refreshments, and finally, our deposit from last year was never returned. Our usual contact for obtaining a sponsor is not returning phone calls. Manny proposed that for future car shows we charge members a nominal fee to cover our costs. Tomás Hernández stated that most other car shows are \$25.00-\$50.00

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and higher. Ed Medina moved that the club charge members \$10.00 and non-members \$20.00 for future car shows. Manny Garcia seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Ed Medina stated that all future car show registrations will be on-line.

- Ira Shapiro stated that an invoice has been presented to Daniel Ciraldo of Art Deco. The dates will be January 13-14, 2024. He presented a budget for the trophies, refreshments, and other expenses. A motion to accept the budget was made by Tomás Hernández and seconded by Bob Squier. It was voted on and passed. A suggestion was made that if anyone signs up for both days, they are only charged for one day.
- Ed Medina suggested that we look for other venues to hold our car shows. The following are locations mentioned by those present: Granada Golf Course, Tamiami area- 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 125 Street (closed K Mart), new Lincoln dealership in Cutler Ridge-off Turnpike, Greynolds Park.
- Ed Medina stated that a car show will be held at the Winston Park Community Center on Saturday, March 16, 2024.
- Chico Goldsmith reported that the Sunshine Corvette Club will hold its annual Neva King Cooper Christmas drive on December 17, 2023. He moved that the club donate \$250.00 to the Neva King Cooper Principal's Fund to purchase holiday items for the handicapped students. Bob Squier seconded the motion. It was voted upon and passed.
- Ed Medina proposed that our club pull closer/ incorporate with the Ft. Lauderdale Region with general meetings and shows. Jean Hawa commented that due to the heavy evening traffic, we have difficulties with our own members who live in northern Dade County coming to our evening meetings. For those in Broward County, it would be worse.

**Sunshine Report:** Jean Hawa had nothing new to report.

**Adjournment:** With no further club business to discuss, President Millie Garcia made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M. It was unanimously seconded and approved.

Submitted by Jean Hawa, Acting Secretary

**The A.A.C.A. South Florida Region Board Meeting of Tuesday, December 5, 2023, was called to Order by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Tomás Hernández at 7:28 P.M., at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72<sup>nd</sup> Street, Miami, FL 33173.**

**In Attendance:** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Tomás Hernández, Secretary Yovanna Hernández, Immediate Past President Ira Shapiro and Board Members, Jorge Feria, Chico Goldsmith, Jean Hawa, Ed Medina, Mike Penn, and Bob Squier. 2024 Board Member guests were Benjamin Cardonne, George Harvey, Thomas Kosky and Paula Valentina Perez.

**Establish a Quorum:** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Tomás Hernández was unable to establish a quorum because only nine members of the Board were present.

**First Order of Business - Acceptance of Board Meeting Minutes from Previous Month:** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Tomás Hernández asked if everyone present had read the minutes of November's board meeting; if so, and if there were no questions, comments, or corrections, would someone move to accept the minutes as posted. Ira Shapiro made a motion to accept the minutes, Jorge Feria seconded it. Having no other discussion, the motion was voted on and passed.

**Second Order of Business – Treasurer's Report:** Tomás Hernández presented a reconciliation statement for November from the club's bank account given to him by Treasurer Manny Garcia who also reported that with membership renewals coming in, new members, monthly expenses such as board meeting meals, coffee and dessert at the general meeting, storage rental fee and the printing and mailing of *Sidelights*, our treasury is sound.

**Third Order of Business – Membership Report:** Ed Medina informed us that we now have 216 families. He said that 65% of members have already renewed. Ira Shapiro added that membership has increased tremendously by about 100 families in the last year, but, usually many members join the club and are not active. We need to encourage them to participate more.

**General Membership Meeting (December 16, 2023):** Tomás Hernández reminded us that December's meeting will take place at the Holiday Party.

**Cars in the Garden Report:** Jean Hawa reported that the show was a success and mentioned that the only huge disappointment was the way the cars were escorted inside the garden. Jean also added that the grounds keeper for Fairchild was very happy (continued on page 6)



(continued from page 5) because the grounds were in good shape after the event. She stated that 130 out of 150 cars participated and explained that the food trucks were not able to come due to the owner having delivered a baby. We all agreed that even though the café on the premises was slow, we were able to find food and refreshments on site. Jean thanked Ira Shapiro and his judges for selecting the Best of Show, Best in Class, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place winners.

Tomás Hernández suggested using this location for a judged show in place of the Coral Gables venue. Jean explained the difficulties of dealing with some issues of the garden's policies and personnel and that we should keep on looking at other locations. A few choices came up: Cadillac Dealership, Big Red, Good Shepherd, other churches, Greynolds Park, Spanish Monastery, but nothing came out of it at this point.

**Holiday Party (December 16, 2023):** Yovanna Hernández said that we have 86 people confirmed and explained that we have 72 hours before the party for last minute reservations. We are contracted to have 100 participants, the menu is verified, a cash bar is available, valet parking is discounted to \$20.00, the decorations are ready, and Cadillacs can be parked in front.

**Art Deco Classic Car Show (January 13-14, 2024):** Ira Shapiro said that:

- we have 72 entries already, reminding us that on Saturday, January 13 will be anything on wheels, 25 years and older and Sunday, January 14 will be for original or restored to original antique cars, 25 years and older.
- Miami Beach Fire Department and Police Department have control of the show.
- Ed Medina will send an email to get volunteers to park cars on both days of the show.
- coffee and doughnuts will be provided on Saturday and bagels and coffee on Sunday.
- members will pay \$10/day, if registered for two days the total will be \$10. Nonmembers will pay \$20/day. All reservations will bring money into the club.
- Williamson Automotive Group will sponsor our event and will bring five or six cars to display. Ira Shapiro proposed another option of requesting funds without the cars by offering various forms of free advertising.
- Ed needs time to print the windshield cards.

**Other Club Business:**

- Paula Perez asked why we do not have a show in Wings over Miami. The reasons given were that we used to have car shows there, but there was no shade, food trucks were not allowed because their

propane tanks could cause a fire, and then Covid came. We used to make sandwiches on-site. The museum's focus is to raise revenue. It was hard getting the public to come. The car owners brought their car in for free, but the public had to pay an entrance fee.

- Each incoming board member was asked to give a brief statement about why they wanted to become a board member. Ira Shapiro thanked them for stepping up.
- Chico Goldsmith reminded us that the Sunshine Corvette Club will hold its annual Neva King Cooper Christmas drive on December 17, 2023.

**Sunshine Report:** Jean Hawa reported that Manny and Millie Garcia came back sick after their trip. Adele Mann and George Harvey will be having surgery. Bonnie Mayer is very ill.

**Adjournment:** With no further club business to discuss, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Tomás Hernández made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 P.M. It was unanimously seconded and approved.

Submitted by Yovanna Hernández, Secretary

### November 16th General Membership Meeting

Reported by Jean Hawa

Having a stellar background in law enforcement, being an attorney, corporate banking stock holder, guest speaker Wealth Strategies Advisor Carlos Rodriguez (as seen on the right) provided sage advice to our members.



You can restore and enjoy your car, but it is only a matter of time until you get ill or get divorced. You need to protect your finances and plan for your final days. Just as you reach out to different people with a plan to fix your car, you need to plan for your life. You can save all you want, but if you don't plan well, it'll be like an adage "if you don't have two pennies to rub, you won't be well off." You need to have a will and update it periodically. Have and work with an advisor, a fiduciary, one who can take care of **your** interests, planning for your inevitable final days. Ask questions such as "what is your legacy plan"? He says that insurance agents are not good fiduciaries, they want to sell you their product. Rodriguez says he "likes to go by the rules". Rodriguez's matter of fact presentation seemed to be well received by everyone present.

**Have you considered being a Judge?****By Vicki Bolton - Director at Large**

It takes cars and car owners to put on the AACA Nationals, but it also takes judges and administration staff. AACA has one of the premier judging programs in the country. To be a judge, you first have to take a judging school. Schools are typically offered at all Nationals. After taking the school, your first assignment on the judging field will be to take part in the apprenticeship class. During the apprenticeship class you will be "instructed in judging principles and procedures" as described in the Official Judging Guidelines. You will receive a copy of the Guidelines when you attend the Judging School. It is your responsibility to familiarize yourself with the Guidelines.

Are you thinking about being a judge? You need to be a member of AACA, either have a driver's license or be eligible to get a driver's license and have the ability to be fair and honest when judging a car. Judges must take a school every year to maintain eligibility. Judges are also encouraged to take classes called continuing judges' education (CJE). These classes are offered at all Nationals. CJE's are offered in a variety of subjects. These subjects include Interiors, Exteriors, Model T's, Motorcycles, engines and many more.

Judges receive a credit for each judging experience. They also receive a credit for one school per year and one CJE per year. You can also get an additional credit for a CJE when you reach a milestone. Milestone levels are when you reach certain judging credit levels such as 10,25,50,75,100,125, etc. Judges receive a judging chip for each judging experience.

Judging Schools and Continuing Education Classes are very important to the AACA judging program as they contribute to the education of the judges and the continued level of excellence of the overall judging program. They also contribute to the consistency of the judging and the awards presented to the car owners.

Judges who reach 5 credits are known as a Senior Judge and receive a certificate. Judges who reach 10 credits are known as a Master Judge and Judges with 25 credits or more are known as Senior Master Judges. Pins that signify the specific credit level achieved are awarded to each judge who reaches 10 credits and above.

There are judges that judge the cars on the field and there are judges that are members of the judging administration team that process the judging paperwork.

These people follow the same guidelines as field judges. They are also required to take a school every year and take the CJE courses. The team members get judging credits for working in administration.

Even if you are not interested in being a judge on the show field, if you show a car, it is very beneficial to the car owner to take the judging school as it will help you better understand the judging process.



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**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Marilyn Ammons  
Stella Ashen  
Jane Battle  
Robert Brice  
Christopher Carbonell  
Ricardo Castroviejo  
Maria Feria  
Frank L. Garcia  
Robbie Greene  
Wendy Greene  
Melinda Hare  
Javier Hernandez  
Ricardo Kramer

Ana Isabel Marrero  
Felipe Martinez  
Bob Mayer  
Catherine Merlo  
Jay Mullinix  
Benn Jeffrey Mullins  
Alberto Naon  
Sergio Ochoa  
Roger Pardo  
Jaqueline Pena  
Maria Quevedo  
Elba Roca  
Inez Suarez-Abello  
Aida Torres  
Maryanne Turner  
Philip Weiner

**Welcome New Members****Jorge Luis Estopinales**

1955 Cadillac Eldorado

**Eduardo Fernandez**

1982 Mercedes-Benz 280 SL

**Jim Moore & Heidi Wigand**

1931 Ford Model A





**DEERING ESTATE ANTIQUE AUTO SHOW**

Submitted by Jean Hawa

Thirty-five antique vehicles encircled the beautiful great lawn of the historic Deering Estate on Sunday, November 5, 2023. Based upon the hundreds of spectators on the first morning of the end of daylight saving time, the extra hour of sleep didn't deter anyone from coming to inspect the vintage vehicles which ranged from 1911 to 1965. In addition to watching the manatees and turtles bobbing for air, pelicans swooping in and out of the water, we watched a fledgling cormorant sunning itself for hours. Of course, having a beautiful sunny day with moderate temperatures enhanced the experience of the perfect Sunday in the Park.

In addition to the helpful direction from Special Events Coordinator Jenna Noordhoek and her staff who set up the tents and helped park the cars, several South Florida Region club members were instrumental to the success of the show: Assisting Chairwoman Jean Hawa were Ed Medina who handled the on-line registration and check-in and Angel Aulet and Tom Kosky who helped at registration. A huge thank you goes to all the car owners who showcased their vintage automobiles to the admiring general public which numbered over 2,200 park visitors! We are invited back in 2024. *(continued on page 9)*



1935 Chrysler Imperial Airflow



1937 Alvis Speed 25



1938 Willys coupe



1948 Dodge Business coupe



1950 Plymouth Special Deluxe



1954 Studebaker Champion



1911 White



1930 Ford A Phaeton



1930 Ford A Phaeton



1931 Ford Victoria



1931 Ford Roadster



1931 Ford Huckster



1931 Ford Tudor



1933 Ford Tudor





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1955 Cadillac Eldorado conv



1955 Chrysler Deluxe  
Town & Country station wagon



1956 Oldsmobile Super 88



1957 Volvo PV444



1957 VW Beetle Split Window



1958 Dodge Custom Royal



1958 Mercedes-Benz  
220S Cabriolet



Steve Baldwin stands by  
his 1959 Austin-Healey



1960 Chevrolet Corvette



1960 Renault 4CV

R: 1962  
Pontiac  
Tempest  
LeMans



1962 VW Single cab



1963 Chevrolet Corvair  
Monza 900 convertible



1963 Porsche 356B

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Deering Estate's  
Vintage Auto Show—November 5, 2023  
Scavenger Hunt



The photos below show an interesting element of one of the vintage automobiles here at the Estate. Can you find which automobile belongs to each photo? When you do, write the year of the vintage automobile on the line below the photo. Check your answers and turn in your pencil at the Deering Estate's Learning Booth.



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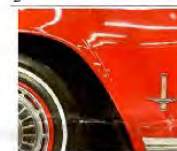
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11



12

Child visitors had fun completing the scavenger hunt form. The task was to find and write the year of the vehicle that belonged to each photo.





1964 Rolls Royce Phantom V



1964 Ford Thunderbird  
Giving everyone a close up of Mother Nature, this fledgling cormorant sunned itself for hours. The lighter colored feathers complemented the rose beige paint of the Thunderbird. What made this natural act unusual, is that the young bird came out of the bay and joined the metal and steel environment and humans instead of a close by bush or isolated area. One of the park's naturalists who transported the bird to a safer area told this editor that due to the bird's age, it doesn't fly yet.



1964 Toyota FJ40



1964 Volkswagen Beetle convertible



1964 Volkswagen Type 2 Deluxe Bus



1964 Ford Galaxie



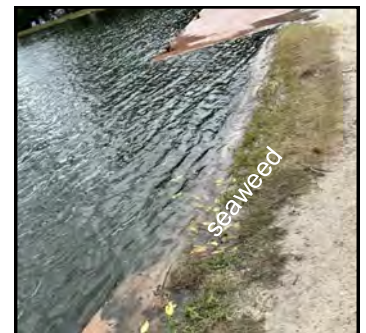
L: 1965 Pontiac GTO

R: The Deering Estate's 1950 International Harvester Stake Bed Truck



seaweed

The two photos show the rise of water level within 15 minutes (note the space difference between the water and seaweed). According to the [www.miami.gov](http://www.miami.gov) website, "A King Tide is a higher-than-normal tide that typically lasts about 3 hours... occur annually and predictably; in September through November in Miami". This occurs when the sun and moon alignment adds an extra pull on the Earth which cause ocean swells that increase water levels from 6 inches to several feet above the average high tide. The Deering Estate show field is not solid, it is filled in soil which is easily pulled away underground during periods of heavy rain coinciding with the king tide. As a result of this reality, our car show size is limited.



seaweed





**CARS IN THE GARDEN AT FAIRCHILD**

Submitted by Jean Hawa and Ed Medina

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you from all of the South Florida Region AACA to everyone who participated in the Cars in the Garden event on Sunday, November 19, 2023. This was a joint effort with the Sunshine Corvette Club.

We had over 130 cars show up for an amazing display of automotive history at the gardens in Fairchild. The turnout was amazing and we at the South Florida Region could not be more proud of our members and those of the Sunshine Corvette Club for putting on such an amazing dual display.

Sadly, we had a few who had some mechanical issue or other mitigating complications that kept you from showing up. We completely understand and thank those who reached out to let us know. With a registration of 150 cars, it shows the commitment of the South Florida Region members and automotive enthusiasts. This was the largest registration and attendance since the show's inception in 2014.

Special thanks to the following: Co-chairs, Jean Hawa and Chico Goldsmith for dedicating their time and energy to making this show happen at Fairchild; Ira Shapiro for organizing a group of judges for the antiques, namely-Irwin Adler, Ed Beiner, George Harvey, Tomas Hernandez, David Hicks, Tom Kosky, Al Padilla, Jorge Salazar, Bob Squier, and Philip Williams; Ed Medina for registering everyone and producing the windshield cards, and Angel Aulet who helped at registration; the Sunshine Corvette Club Board and members for their support and assistance— Cliff Gibson, Frank Jacobs, and Chuck Schumacher. We appreciate all the volunteers who came out to help place the show cars. Last, but not the least, especially since the car show couldn't exist without their help, those participants who brought out their cars and our sponsors: Williamson Cadillac, Chico Goldsmith, Conrado Vazquez and Tania Santiago-Mirabel.

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1955 Citroen 2CV

1955 Chevrolet 210



Frank Rubino's 1935 Riley MPH Sprite, Frank, Al Padilla

R: Volker Ribniger's 1961 Mercedes-Benz 190 SL



1966 Vespa Scooter with sidecar

R: John Hermida's 1931 Ford Model A



Our Sponsor, Williamson Cadillac, displayed this beautiful 1960 Cadillac Eldorado beside the Philips Gate House



1966 Ford Mustang

1964 Rolls Royce Phantom

1969 Chevrolet Camaro Pace Car





Enrique Cos' 2013 Chevrolet Corvette



Red Corvette Stingray  
White 1959 Chevrolet Corvette  
Fuel Injection



Gary Shanock's 2019 Corvette



2017



Array of Corvettes



Frank Jacobs' 1967 Corvette

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**ANTIQUES WINNERS**

<b>BEST in SHOW</b>		<b>1935 Riley MPH Spike</b>		<b>Frank Rubino</b>	
<b>BEST in Class</b>		<b>Owner</b>		<b>2nd Place</b>	
<b>Owner</b>		<b>Owner</b>		<b>Owner</b>	
<b>10's-40's</b>	1931 Ford Model A	John Hermida	1942 Willys	Richard Whittington	
<b>1950's</b>	1955 Buick Century conv	Al Padilla	1957 Ford Thunderbird	Nivardo Mora	
<b>1960's</b>	1961 Mercedes-Benz	Volker Ribniger	1969 Plymouth Roadrunner	Tom Kosky	
<b>1970's</b>	1979 Pontiac Trans Am	Manny & Miriam Rodriguez	1974 Triumph TR6	George Radelat	
<b>1980's</b>	1981 FIAT Spider	Jorge Castillo	1985 BMW 528E	Paula Perez	
<b>1990's</b>	1997 Alfa Romeo Spider	Thomas Mettler	1993 Cadillac Allante	G. David Hicks	



Frank Rubino, 1st VP Tomás Hernández John Hermida Tomás Richard Whittington Al Padilla, Tomás



Tomás Nivardo Mora Volker Ribniger Tomás Tom Kosky Tomás Miriam Rodriguez



George Radelat Jorge Castillo Paula Perez Tomás Thomas Mettler G. David Hicks





**CORVETTE WINNERS**

**BEST in SHOW**

**2013 Chevrolet Corvette  
BEST in Class**

**Enrique Cos**

	2013 Chevrolet Corvette BEST in Class	Owner	2nd Place	Owner
<b>C1:</b> 1953-1962	1958 Corvette	Gary Stump	1957 Corvette	Fidel A. Perez
<b>C2:</b> 1963-1967	1967 Corvette	Stephen Greenblatt	1965 Corvette	Fidel A. Perez
<b>C3:</b> 1968-1982	1970 Corvette	Raul Iparraguirre	1970 Corvette	Julio Martinez
<b>C4:</b> 1984-1996	1992 Corvette	Cliff Gibson	1994 Corvette	Kevin Regalado
<b>C5:</b> 1997-2004	2003 Corvette	Larry Wechsler	2001 Corvette	Larry Carman
<b>C6:</b> 2005-2013	2009 Corvette GT-1	Bonnie Shanock	2010 Corvette	Feliciano Cortes
<b>C7:</b> 2014-2019	2019 Corvette Z06	Emily Cortes	2017 Corvette Grand Sport conv	Galo Menendez
<b>C8:</b> 2020 and beyond	2023 Corvette Stingray	Luis Fernandez	2022 Corvette	Sophia Iparraguirre



Enrique Cos Chico Goldsmith



Gary Stump Chico

Right:  
Stephen  
Greenblatt  
beside his  
1967  
Corvette



Fidel A. Perez



Raul Sophia



Jennifer Sophia Iparraguirre



Cliff Gibson Chico



Larry Wechsler Chico



Larry Carman Chico



Bonnie Shanock Chico



Luis Fernandez Chico





**Cadillac Car Show at Bayview Cadillac**  
November 12, 2023  
Submitted by Mike Penn

It was a beautiful sunny day for a Cadillac Car Show... And what a show it was! The Cadillac LaSalle Club South Florida Region had their fourth annual car show at Bayview Cadillac in Ft. Lauderdale. There were approximately 40 preregistered Cadillacs in addition to the ones that showed up on the day of the event. Our host provided lunch (delicious hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, soft drinks, and desert!), music with a DJ, raffles, give aways and beautiful trophies! Although the show field was limited, there were some spectacular Cadillacs... There was a 1957 Series 62 Convertible (Best of Show shown on the right) owned by Jim Verraster, who also heads up The Gilmore Cadillac Museum in Detroit, Michigan. He has invited all Cadillac enthusiasts to visit this museum which was built in 2015 with private donations. In the showroom were two beautiful museum Cadillacs, a 1960 Eldorado Convertible owned by Dr. Edward Dauer and a 1954 Eldorado Convertible owned by Dennis Manieri; both magnificent! My 1976 Cadillac Eldorado with 37,895 miles won 1st Place for 1970's Cadillacs. I would like give a big shout out to Len Constance President of the Cadillac LaSalle Club South Florida Region and his team for all their hard work and putting on a FABULOUS SHOW ... Thank you!



Best of Show:  
1957 Series 62 convertible  
owned by Jim Verraster



Below: 1st Place winner  
Mike Penn in front of his  
1976 Cadillac Eldorado  
convertible



1960 Eldorado Convertible owned by  
Dr. Edward Dauer



First Place-Allante / XLR:  
1993 Cadillac Allante  
G. David Hicks, Winner

David was one of the three  
judges who all have a second  
home in Narragansett, Rhode  
Island.



1st & 2nd place  
trophies in seven  
different classes

1954 convertible  
owned by  
Dennis Manieri







**Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals (MCACN)**

**Submitted by Jeff Ashen**

Every year before Thanksgiving, Chicago hosts what is now being called the, "Pebble Beach of Muscle Cars." This event took over when the Chevy Vette Fest ended, and includes all makes of American sportscars, with cars coming this year from over 41 states and 3 providences of Canada.

According to Bob Ashton who founded this show in 2009, the Muscle cars and Corvette Nationals (MCACN) hosted over 570 cars this year, and had more than 20,000 people attending the two-day show -- including me! The cars were fantastic, but, more importantly, I was able to visit with many great friends that I've met over the years through the hobby.

This is a judged event, with experts pouring over the cars in great detail. Most of the participating cars are original and numbers-matching in every way, with little-to-no reproduction parts (i.e., my favorite type of classic cars; as I like to say, "They're only original once.") There is, however, one category for non-original vehicles, the *Super-Street and Modified* class.

There are five judging categories for original cars, including the *Concours Stock Vehicles* class, in which cars are judged on a 1,000-point scale, with deductions taken for any difference in how the car left the assembly line; and, the *Triple Diamond* class, which is only for the finest restored and original Corvettes. In order to participate, these Corvettes had to already obtain Bloomington Gold and NCRS Top Flight status within the past five years. Proof is required.

Since I am partial to the Chevrolet brand, some of my very favorite cars included the many COPO, Yenko, and Pace Car Camaros, as well as a very special 1967 L88 Corvette. The quality of these restorations are unsurpassed in accuracy and originality. Additionally, lots of flashy winged MOPARs and interesting "Barn Finds" were on hand this year as well.

I enjoyed speaking with automotive celebrities who attended to display their cars, as well as to sign autographs. It was especially great to run into master-restorer and TV celebrity, Wayne Carini; supreme Corvette restorer, Kevin Mackay; the owner of Carlisle Fairgrounds, Lance Miller; and, legendary custom-car builder, Chuck Miller. So much fun!!!

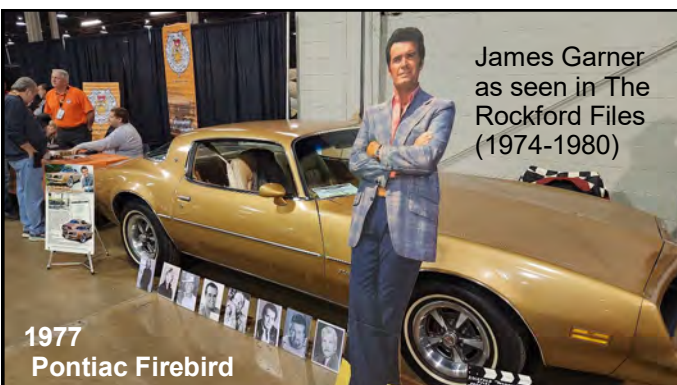
If you have a chance, I highly recommend attending this event in the future. I often wonder where they keep finding all these special cars year after year. It's absolutely amazing.

1967 Chevrolet Camaro



Barn Finds

1971 Grand Spalding Dodge Charger R/T: 426/ Hemi Engine 4 Speed Transmission, 33,400 miles



James Garner as seen in The Rockford Files (1974-1980)

1977 Pontiac Firebird



1965 Shelby Cobra

1963 Cheetah





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**T**he single most important tire-related maintenance task you can perform is to regularly check your car's tire pressure (and don't forget the spare!). A tire pressure gauge, readily available locally, can be had for under \$10. I keep one in the glove box of every car I own, plus I have a few in my toolbox. For accuracy, tire pressures should be checked when the tires are 'cold', at ambient air temperature. If the car has been recently driven, it should sit for several hours before checking. On cars sitting in the sun on a hot summer day, pressures can increase by 5 psi just from the sunlight's warmth. As a best practice, check tire pressure first thing in the morning.



A pencil tire gauge, digital tire gauge, tread depth tool

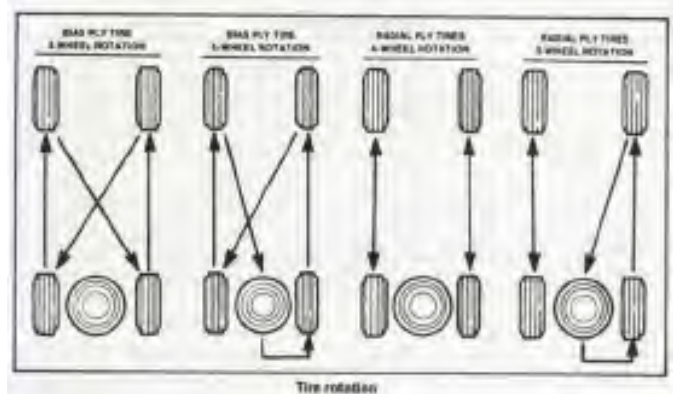
What pressure should you set them to? On a modern car you'll find a tire pressure label, usually in the driver's door jamb. For those of us driving older jalopies, the owner's manual is invaluable. Pay attention to specifics; for example, my Alfa Romeo manual suggests different pressures depending on tire brand and driving conditions. If your car was factory-equipped with bias-ply tires which you've switched to radials, your car's published tire pressure numbers are likely no longer accurate. Examine the tire side-wall for the TIRE manufacturer's recommended maximum pressure and compare that to the manual. In general, radials should run at slightly higher pressure than bias-plys. Aim for a number between the original factory setting and the sidewall max; drive the car and adjust the pressures based on handling and comfort.



24 p.s.i. (1.7 kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )	24 p.s.i. (1.7 kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )	MICHELIN	} With reduced load & occasional short bursts of maximum speed.
24 p.s.i. (1.7 kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )	26 p.s.i. (1.8 kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )	PIRELLI	
27 p.s.i. (1.9 kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )	27 p.s.i. (1.9 kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )	MICHELIN	} With full load and continuous maximum speed on MOTORWAY
36 p.s.i. (2.5 kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )	30 p.s.i. (2.1 kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )	PIRELLI	

Alfa Romeo manual lists pressures based on brand and driving conditions

Tire rotation prolongs tire life and gives you an excuse to check the tread for excessive or uneven wear. Check the manual for the manufacturer's recommendations. Bias-ply tires used to be rotated front-to-back AND left-to-right. For years, radial tire manufacturers recommended against side-to-side rotation, but seem to have relaxed that restriction in recent years. Your owner's manual may show a chart that includes the spare in the rotation, which works only if you have a full-size spare. (continued on page 18)



A typical tire rotation chart





You can rotate the tires yourself in your drive-way. Before jacking it up, slightly loosen the lug nuts on two wheels on the same side. Place the jack where recommended, and lift the car just enough so that the tire clears the ground. Use a jack stand to hold up that end of the car while you remove one tire; move the jack closer to the other wheel on that side, raise the car, remove that tire, and install the one you removed first. Button everything up and do the same on the opposite side. Remember to torque all wheel nuts to spec. While the tires are off, look for uneven wear, which could call for an alignment. If printed information isn't available, consider a front-to-rear rotation every year, or around every 5,000 miles if the car sees limited use.

Speaking of limited use, no matter how many miles you drive, tires age. They are made of a natural product (rubber) which even under the best of care will deteriorate over time. Tires on a car that remains garaged and is rarely exposed to the elements will last the longest. But it's been proven that UV rays and airborne pollutants wreak havoc on tires. There are tragic stories of accidents and injuries caused by tires which failed due to old age. The tire industry recommends that tires, even if tread is remaining, be replaced between 7 and 10 years of age. Some may dismiss this as a marketing ploy designed to trick you into buying new tires. As an industry veteran, I speak with some authority when I suggest that you heed this recommendation (show cars which aren't driven are an exception). I have replaced multiple sets of tires on my 1993 Miata, which gets driven less than 2,000 miles a year, because the sidewalls showed significant cracks after 7 or 8 years. A deteriorated tire, driven at highway speeds on a warm day, is a recipe for disaster, and the price of a set of tires is not worth the risk.



*Cracks in sidewall and tread mean this tire's life is over*

The tire industry encodes all tires with their date of manufacture. It's molded into the sidewall as a set of 4 numbers: the first two are the week number, and the last

two are the year. The code "2219" means the tire was manufactured the 22nd week (June) in 2019. This is also good to know if you're shopping used cars and want to know how old the tires are.



*Date code of 2219 means week 22 (June) of '19; is less than 2 years old*

If you manage to drive long enough that you wear down the tread, then tread depth becomes the determining factor for replacement. The old "stick Lincoln's head in it" (from a penny) works to some extent. It's better to pick up an actual tread depth tool. New tires start out with about 10/32" of tread; the industry recommends replacement between 2/32" and 4/32". Use common sense: a collector car driven only at low speeds on dry roads is less concerning than a daily driver driven in the pouring rain. Think of new tires as inexpensive insurance. Remind yourself that the only thing in contact between your two-ton toy and the pavement are those four little tire patches.



*This tire was made week 19 (May) of 2012; it's 9 years old and due for replacement*

Tire maintenance is simple and comes down to habit. I'm spoiled by modern cars with their TPMS (Tire Pressure Monitoring Systems) and a dashboard warning that a tire is low on pressure. The pleasure of driving a classic car includes some additional responsibilities. Remember to check pressures, rotation intervals, tire age, and tread depth, and you'll be doing a better job in taking care of your car's tires. Next month: All about spark plugs.





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**2024 SOUTH FLORIDA REGION EVENTS**  
Website: <https://southfloridaregion.aaca.com>

**JANUARY 2024**

- 02- Board Meeting– 7:30 pm** at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72 Street, Miami 33173
- 13–14 Art Deco Car Shows–** Saturday (open show) Sunday, AACA guidelines; register on club website
- 18– General Membership Meeting– 7:30 pm** at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72 Street, Miami; if you are planning to dine-in, be there by 6:30 pm.

**FEBRUARY 2024**

- 06- Board Meeting– 7:30 pm** at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72 Street, Miami 33173
- 15– General Membership Meeting– 7:30 pm** at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72 Street, Miami; if you are planning to dine-in, be there by 6:30 pm.

**MARCH 2024**

- 05- Board Meeting– 7:30 pm** at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72 Street, Miami 33173
- 21– General Membership Meeting– 7:30 pm** at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72 Street, Miami; if you are planning to dine-in, be there by 6:30 pm.

**OTHER EVENTS**

**January 20, 2024– Food Pantry Fest: 1st Annual Car Show,** 9:00 am– 3:00 pm, registration \$35.00– all proceeds go to benefit the St. Andrew’s Food Pantry which feeds the needy. 14260 Old Cutler Road, Miami, FL 33158; For more information, contact Event Organizer- palacdiego@hotmail.com

**February 24, 2024 – Boca @ Nova – Community Motorcar Festival** Inaugural Motorcar Festival, Nova Southeastern University, Davie, FL; <https://bocaatnova.com>

**February 25, 2024 – Sunshine Corvette Club– 35th Annual All Corvette Show;** Net Proceeds Donated To Charities Including Neva King Cooper Educational Center – Homestead Fl Sponsored By and Held at: BOMNIN CORVETTE 8325 S. Dixie Highway, Miami, Early registration received on or before Feb. 12 (\$30 and includes a show t-shirt in your chosen size; Day of show registration is \$35 (no shirt); Please review [www.SunshineCorvetteClub.com](http://www.SunshineCorvetteClub.com) for additional information.

**2024 AACA NATIONAL/  
REGION EVENTS**



(check *Antique Automobile* or  
[www.aaca.org](http://www.aaca.org) for more information)

**February 8-10, 2024- AACA Annual Convention–** Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles, 14750 Conference Center Drive, Chantilly, VA 20151

**March 9, 2024- Cape Canaveral Region’s 2024 Annual Celebration of Cars;** Sponsor: Cape Canaveral Region AACA Location: American Muscle Car Museum, 3500 Sarno Rd., Melbourne, FL 32934 All types, makes, and years of vehicles are welcome.

**March 17, 2024 - March 23, 2024- 2024 AACA Founders Tour (vehicles 1932-1999),** Host: Louisiana Region AACA Location: Acadiana Area, Louisiana Chairman: Ronald Sonnier - rsonnier@cox.net

**March 21- 24, 2024- 2024 Special Winter Nationals** Host: Puerto Rico Region AACA Location: Coliseo Mario Quijote Morales, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico Chairman: Mario Guzman

**March 23, 2024- Naples-Marco Region’s 34th Annual Depot Show-** Sponsor: Naples-Marco Region AACA Location: Historic Naples Depot Museum, corner of Tenth St. and Fifth Avenue S., Naples, FL Contact: Peter Blackford - priuspete@gmail.com or text 239-592-9814



**SUNSHINE REPORT**

Get Well Wishes are extended to Manny and Millie Garcia, George Harvey, Adele Mann, and Bonnie Mayer.

