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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. **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.



To all our AACA members,

I want to start by saying that we had a great 2023 Holiday Party. Thanks to first vice president Elpidio and Miriam Padilla for their help on the location of the Cadillac Hotel, Maria Feria and my wife, Yovanna Hernández for planning the details for the centerpieces and putting them together.

Our club is off and running in 2024. For Art Deco weekend, January 13 and 14, our first car show of the year, we had 44 cars on Saturday and 62 cars on Sunday. As your new president, I will be representing our car club at the AACA National Convention in February.

We have been in conversation with the City of Coral Gables officials for the show on the third of March, which is our annual AACA judged show; check on our website and be on the lookout for emails for registration. We are doing the Winston Park Car Show on March 16, 2024, so be on the lookout for the registration on the website and emails.

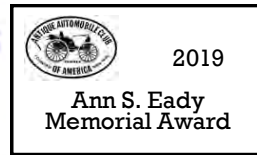
We continue to have our general membership meetings on every third Thursday of the month (except for December). On March 21, 2024, I would like to see a big group of members there. Remember you can always go to the South Florida Region club's website, <https://southfloridaregion.aaca.com> for the most up to date listing of dates and events, past and future. The South Florida Region also has a Facebook page and Instagram page.

Thanks,

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

OOPS REPORT

In the "Cars in the Garden at Fairchild" article in the January 2024 *Sidelights*, page 11, the below car should have been identified as a 1957 Chevrolet.



This past December, this editor was extremely happy to receive a letter from National notifying her that she is a recipient of a 2023 Master Editor Award for *Sidelights*, her twelfth in her sixteen years as editor of your club's newsletter. This achievement has to be shared with the members who contributed their stories or reports. The following is a reprint of what was written in the Editor's Notes in the 2023 November/December issue of *Sidelights*:

This editor is extremely thankful to all those who have contributed to the success of Sidelights in 2023. The car story/events contributors and photographs of our members include the following: Jeff and Stella Ashen, Nancy Bahn, Alex Fardales, Manny Garcia, Tomás Hernández, Yovanna Hernández, G. David Hicks, Mel Mann, Ed Medina, Ed Nieves, Al Padilla, Bob Squier, Ralph and Carolyn Thiele, Rex and Maryanne Turner, Philip Williams, and Rich Reina of the New Jersey Region provided the "heart and soul" of the newsletter. An equal amount of gratitude goes to Maurice Hawa, Ira Shapiro, Bob Squier and Philip Williams who proofed every issue. Let's not forget the monthly President's Message sent by President Millie Garcia and the monthly minutes recorded by Yovanna Hernández. This editor APPLAUDS EACH OF YOU.

Even though this editor won't be able to attend the February 10th AACA Annual Convention, knowing that our work is appreciated and acknowledged will suffice. Of course, by now you can surmise that this editor is going to continue to ask every member to submit an article. For those of you who don't have an antique, maybe you attended a car show. Fortunately, several members already have stepped up and sent in very worthy reports, stories, and pictures for 2024. There were three in January, two in this issue, and three in a future issue. As in the past, they are all different and all provide interesting reading. Please continue to send any car related event or story to jmhawa@comcast.net. This is your club, therefore this editor wants you the member to have interesting car stories/events to share with you. By the way, the recognition is nice, too!

Happy Motoring,

Jean



The A.A.C.A. South Florida Region Board Meeting of Tuesday, January 2, 2024, was called to Order by President Tomás Hernández at 7:32 P.M., at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72nd Street, Miami, FL 33173.

In Attendance: President Tomás Hernández, 2nd Vice President Jorge Feria, Treasurer Manny Garcia, Secretary Yovanna Hernández, Immediate Past President Millie Garcia, and Board Members Benjamin Cardonne, Chico Goldsmith, George Harvey, Jean Hawa, Thomas Kosky, Ed Medina, Mike Penn, Paula Valentina Perez, Jorge Salazar, Ira Shapiro, and Bob Squier.

Establish a Quorum: President Tomás Hernández was able to establish a quorum with 16 members of the Board present.

First Order of Business - Acceptance of Board Meeting Minutes from Previous Month: President Tomás Hernández started by welcoming Benjamin Cardonne, George Harvey, Thomas Kosky, Jorge Salazar and Paula Valentina Perez as the new 2024 Board Members not before wishing every member a Happy New Year. Then he asked if everyone present had read the minutes of the December'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, Manny Garcia 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 December from the club's bank account, he reported that the biggest expense for the month was the Holiday Party. He added 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 220 families. He said that 73% of members have already renewed and that we now have 28 new Lifetime Members.

General Membership Meeting (January 18, 2024): Jorge Feria informed us that he is speaking to a restoration guy to be our January's speaker and will confirm this later next week.

Holiday Party Report: Millie Garcia reported that the party was fantastic, even with the weather being so bad

we ended up having a good turnout with 86 registrations. Everyone seemed to enjoy the beautiful venue and the delicious food. Milly thanked the Feria's, Hernández's, and Padilla's for their part in organizing and decorating for the event. Millie added that the hotel manager Oscar Morales and Danielle Gault from the Catering Department, together with the staff had provided excellent service all through the event and had gone far beyond to provide a great service to our members. She also added that we should continue with the idea of having an evening holiday party.

Other comments include the following:

- Manny Garcia added that the weather conditions stopped some members from driving far.
- Ira Shapiro agreed that the hotel and the food were great, but he found it to be expensive for the number of people that participated.
- Ed Medina suggested that we should start looking for a venue earlier to give more time to advertise the event. Ed also suggested that next time we have Memory Lane to give only one ticket per person instead of two for those who participate by bringing their cars. Jorge Feria and Jorge Salazar agreed. Ed also added to have a giveaway of two memberships door prize at our next holiday party.
- Paula Valentina Perez suggested having the event tie-in with a kid toy drive, such as Toys for Tots.
- Tomás Hernández suggested having a welcoming table with a check list of every person who had registered and paid before proceeding to the event.

A tentative date, December 7th, was chosen for the 2024 Holiday Party as well as a four-person committee to organize the event. Al Padilla and Jorge Feria were nominated to chair the holiday party.

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

- As of today, we have a total of 98 cars registered.
- He still needs more volunteers, requesting that volunteers should be at the site by 8:00 a.m. to help with the registration table and on both gates to guide cars to the show field.
- The Art Deco District will be providing a tent, four chairs and a table, but we should take our own tent, chairs, and a table as a backup.
- There are 11 trophies and one Best of Show trophy for Saturday as well as for Sunday. There will be no points judging, cars will be chosen by looks.

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- Coffee and doughnuts will be provided for Saturday's volunteers and coffee and bagels will be provided for Sunday's volunteers.

Manny Garcia added that he has four walkie-talkie radios that he will bring to the show.

Biltmore Way Classic Auto Show (March 3, 2024): Tomás Hernández said that we need to figure out if we should continue having this AACA Judging Show in Coral Gables because of the high cost of this show. Manny Garcia handed out a printout of last year's expenses. Mike Penn suggested having a \$15 entrance fee per car that will help pay for expenses. Manny Garcia said that he is trying to make a deal with our existing sponsor Rubenstein Law but has not been able to get in contact with anyone there. Ed Medina added that he had a meeting with the City of Coral Gables commissioner who said they want to keep our show as part of the entertainment to the Carnival on the Mile festival. Manny Garcia suggested inviting the commissioner as a guest of honor to give away the trophies. Ira Shapiro concluded by saying that we should be looking for a second sponsor to cover the cost of the show and, if not found, maybe we need to look for another date and venue. It was suggested that Jean inquire if Fairchild had any available dates.

Other Club Business:

-Vizcaya Farm Village (date T.B.D.): Ira Shapiro informed us that as of now, tentative dates are February 11 or 28 and April 7, and will inform us as soon as he finds out. He also said that we already have the insurance certificate for the show and reminded us that there will be coffee and pastries included. Ed Medina suggested having a \$5 per car registration fee.

-Jean Hawa shared with us the news that she received a letter from National stating that she is a recipient of a 2023 Master Editor Award for the *Sidelights* newsletter. The board was happy to hear the news and all together congratulated Jean for receiving such an honorable achievement.

Sunshine Report: Jean Hawa reported that her husband Maurice Hawa is doing ok. George Harvey is doing well after having surgery. Ralph Thiele is recuperating from a procedure.

Adjournment: With no further club business to discuss, President Tomás Hernández made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 P.M. It was unanimously seconded and approved.

Submitted by Yovanna Hernández, Secretary

DRIVING IN MIAMI

By Nancy Bahn

Miami traffic is such a beast
Especially when going North or East.
The morning rush hour to get downtown
Will frustrate you and make you frown.
But there is a bright side as you know
At least you're not plowing through the snow.
Yes, driving in Miami is quite the thrill
Most drivers have never even dealt with a hill.
A green light can change at any time
Causing you to have to stop on a dime.
The turnpike speed limits are just a suggestion.
People out there are getting rid of aggression.
I once saw an alligator crossing the highway,
No, he didn't make it by the way.
If the crazy drivers aren't enough,
The kids piloting golf carts make it rough.
On some streets we have lots of peacocks,
Tempting some to draw their Glocks.
About those weapons, I have a rule
Drive away, don't be a fool.
You can get shot for making a wrong turn
Getting lost is a valid concern.
Miami is easy, the street pattern a grid
Just try explain that to a kid.
Southwest north river drive
And northwest south river drive
That's really confusing so try GPS
It is the way to get there I guess.
Don't get me started on where to park,
Finding a spot streetside is a shot in the dark.
The valet will help, but might steal your car.
Don't worry only Ferraris and Lambos so far.
I've got to go now, my driver is here
I turned in my license last year.



2024 ART DECO WEEKEND CLASSIC AUTO SHOW BY ED MEDINA

January 13th and 14th, two amazing days of Art Deco Weekend car show, festivities and food on South Beach, right on Ocean Drive. The street was shut down to allow only pedestrian traffic, and the only cars on the street were all on display as the annual AACA South Florida Region antique and classic car show took place. A total of 108 cars showed up on the weekend to make one amazing display! The weather was perfect and the rain held off for this amazing show which happens every year on Art Deco Weekend on the beach.

Our club appreciates all the support provided by Williamson Cadillac.

PHOTO CREDITS: Jean Hawa and Al Padilla



L: 8:00 a.m. Saturday-78°F

R: 8:30 a.m. Sunday- 75 °F



8:00 a.m. on Saturday: looking towards 10th Street



The early birds at the entrance on 5th Street on Saturday and Sunday



Ed and Millie at the registration tent on Saturday



The rainy Sunday prediction was wrong. It was a cloudy, windy day for the 62 cars that came. Here are the early arrivers.
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The Saturday weather prediction was clear skies for Saturday. As you can see, rain came very early Saturday, but it was short-lived. 44 cars showed up.



BEST of SHOW– Henry Mead's 1935 Auburn Boattail



Ross Battaglia's 1959 Chevrolet Impala



L: Mike Ruiz's 1968 Chevrolet Camaro SS



Urshula Udics' 1967 Plymouth Belvedere



Oscar Aristizabal's 1967 VW Hot Rod Beetle



Jay Pilch's 1969 Plymouth Road Runner



Drew Gregg's 1973 BMW 3.0 CS



Tony Diaz's 1991 Nissan Figaro



Ruben Fuentes' 1994 Porsche 911 RS America



Gary MacDonald's 1994 Mini-Cooper

R: Ernie Cruz's 1995 Porsche 911-993



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South Florida Region member Jessica Lovio-Rodriguez is also in the Mustang Group and shared these images within our Mustang group .

L: This is her and her husband David in 2007 with their 1965 Mustang GT at Art Deco and their then newly born son Lucas.

R: Fast forward to this year's Art Deco Show; 17 years later and there is Jessica and Lucas getting a trophy with his 1994 Mustang GT.





Best of Show: Volker Ribniger's 1972 Jaguar E Type S111



George Harvey's 1934 Plymouth



Larry Epstein's 1935 Chrysler Imperial Airflow



Nivardo Mora's 1954 Ford Sunliner



Al Padilla's 1955 Buick Century 66C



Bob Mayer's 1959 Ford Fairlane



Jose Trujillo's 1964 Ford Thunderbird



Kim Boxer's 1968 Ford Mustang GT



Hector Chinaea's 1964 VW Beetle



Lee Elmslie's 1972 Oldsmobile 442



Bob Caplan's 1985 Rolls Royce Corniche



Alex Fardales' 1995 Mercury Cougar XR7



THANK YOU WILLIAMSON CADILLAC FOR THE TROPHIES AND DISPLAY OF THE 1960 ELDORADO & THREE MODERN VEHICLES





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Watch short video of Saturday's show:

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/C2DIJOuAGw/?igsh=enZqM2lweWhodnBt>



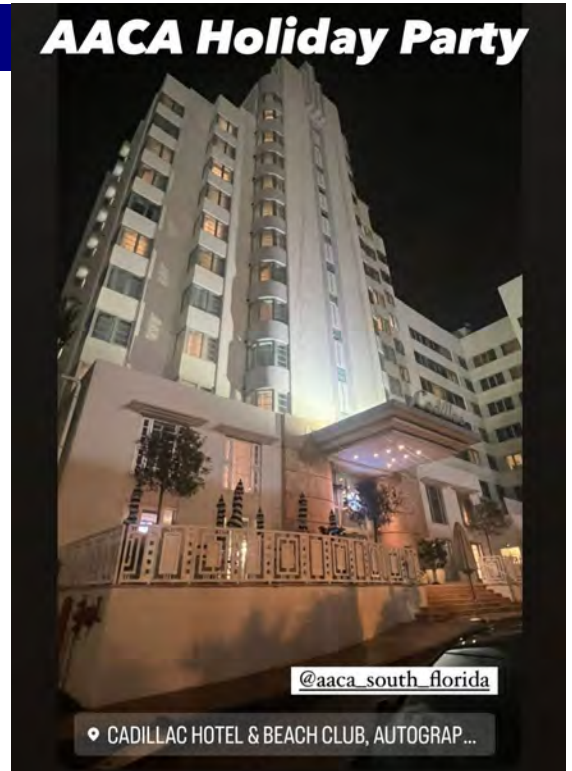
ACA Holiday Party

2023 SOUTH FLORIDA REGION HOLIDAY PARTY

DECEMBER 16, 2023 BY ED MEDINA

What an amazing event at the Cadillac Hotel and Beach Club; a wonderful way to finish the year off and celebrate the beginning of new year for the hobby. With over 80 members in attendance the evening was spent amongst great company and friends. The evening started off in a reception area with a table of cheese and cold cuts awaiting the group before being ushered into the dining room for the main event.

With lively music and a beautifully decorated dining / ballroom elegant area we sat down to an amazing dinner. After dinner we had a bit of formal celebration welcoming the new Board of Directors for 2024 and the addition of new board members, Paula Perez, George Harvey, Tom Kosky, Jorge Salazar and Ben Cardonne. The club bestowed the Most Valuable Member of the Year award to Tomás Hernández for all his contributions and Millie Garcia passed off the Steering Wheel (literally) to Tomás Hernández as the new President for 2024 (on right).



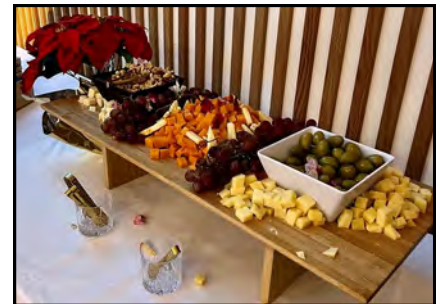
L-R: Richard Dalkranian, Mike Penn, Ed Medina, Teresa Mederos, Cliff Gibson, Jorge Salazar, Jorge Feria, Cindy Goldsmith, Dianne Preuss



Centerpiece



John and Celia Layzell



Below: Al Padilla with Cadillac Hotel hosts Danielle and Oscar, Miriam Padilla



Stella and Jeff Ashen



Elizabeth and David Hicks



Madeline Franken and Gary McNutt



Standing: Ricardo Montero, Ed Medina, David and Jessica Rodriguez, Teresa and Frank Mederos; Seated: Bruno and Yazmin Zayas, Rachel, Tamara, and Robert Hernandez



Cliff Gibson, Diane Preuss, Bonnie and Gary Shanock, Cindy and Chico Goldsmith



Maria Feria, Gina and Ed Medina



Stella is between Jorge and Denise Estopinales



Tom Kosky, Jean Hawa, Larry and Nina Epstein

Photo Credits: Jeff Ashen and Al Padilla

Continuing a tradition started over 50 years ago, the D'Arcy O'Meara Award was presented to the Most Valuable Member of the year at our annual holiday party to recognize a club member for his or her service to the club during the year.

This year's recipient is an active member of the Board and an integral part of every social event and car show our club has either hosted or has been asked to participate in. This year's recipient also has the honor of being the new club president for 2024 after many years of being in the club and on the board of directors. It is our pleasure to announce that Tomás Hernández has been chosen as our club's 2023 Most Valuable Member. (go to pg 12)



Ricardo Kramer

Rex and Maryanne Turner
Lourdes and Dennis Nuñez



Ira Shapiro swears in the incoming officers and board members. L-R: Ben Cardonne, Mike Penn, Chico Goldsmith, Yovanna Hernández, Jorge Feria, Al Padilla, Tom Kosky, Tomás Hernández, Millie Garcia, Manny Garcia's hand, Ira Shapiro, Ed Medina, (not in photo is Jean Hawa)



By Ed Nieves

Many C4s from 1994 to 1996 came with the electronic climate control unit that from time to time tends to act up. On many occasions Corvette owners go out and purchase refurbished ones to replace their troubled unit. Some of the symptoms are related to the buttons being stuck in one setting, or work intermittently. I had this issue with my unit and it was becoming a problem due to the unit working when it felt like it.

I came across a post in the Corvette Forum that gave me instructions on how to clean and repair your malfunctioning unit. Yes, that's all it typically requires to get these units working perfectly again. The unit contains small conductive rubber pads that touch the printed circuits contacts to make a connection. Throughout the years these components collect dust, dirt and oxidation that prevents the conductive rubber pads from making a good connection. Here's how I tackled the problem. I first practiced the procedure on an extra CC unit that I have and it subsequently went very smooth. After this confidence building trial session, I was ready to remove mine from my 1995.

In order to remove the CC unit, I had to remove my console door, loosen all screws on my console trim plate (this is done in order to access the two screws that hold down the bottom of the accessory trim plate), removed the center air outlets and the accessory trim plate. Once all this was out of the way, I was able to remove the two bolts that secure the unit and unplug it.

Now for the fun part, opening the unit and cleaning out all the contacts. I also took all the buttons off and cleaned the exterior section and then applied a little Vaseline (a small amount then wiped it off with a microfiber rag). Once I reassembled the unit and placed it back into the car, it worked absolutely perfect!

In more detail, here is the procedure I followed from the poster at the Corvette Forum:

Take the CC unit inside to a clean well lit place to work on it. There will be 6 "small" 3/16" bolts that need to come out. One tip I can give you is this - when you've get all 6 removed (two on the back surface, and 4 around the perimeter), point the face of the CC unit towards the ground while separating the two halves - you don't want the individual buttons to fall all over the place. With that complete, you will be able to remove the internals. There will be 2 circuit boards joined like a "T". They simply unplug by pulling the two of them apart. Disconnect the small wiring harness and set the larger of the two circuit boards

aside.

Holding the control button unit CAREFULLY remove the 4 light bulbs (will look like grey plastic plugs from the back) with a skinny flathead screwdriver - they should take about a 1/4 turn counterclockwise to "unlock." There are two small 3/16" screws in the center of the circuit board holding it to the button holder case; remove them. Lift off the green circuit board and gray rubber contact pad from the buttons. Lay the button holder off to the side. Be careful if you turn it upside-down because the buttons will fall off the unit.

Proceed with cleaning the button contacts on the green board and the gray rubber. All I did was "lightly" go over the contact circuit points (you'll be able to see what I'm talking about when you have it apart) with a "soft" clean pencil eraser, and then give it a good wipe with some Isopropyl Alcohol pads. After it's dry, re-assemble and head back to the car, plug it in to the wiring harness for a test - it should work as new!

This is the Corvette Forum link:

<http://forums.corvetteforum.com/c4-general-discussion/1519199-climate-control-button-repair.html>

Source: Lee A. Arent



Try A Tour

By Dave Anspach

2023 AACA Secretary/Treasurer

I have been showing cars on a local, Concours, and AACA level for over 25 years but I had never tried an AACA National Tour. I have been on numerous local tours over the years, but not a National Tour. I have been the liaison Director for a couple but I never really tried an AACA National Tour... until now.

Last year when President Wayne Tuck asked me to be the liaison Director for the Special Central Division Tour this year, I accepted and began working with tour chairman Don Sword to help the Southern Ohio Region with the details of a National Tour. I also began planning to find a car that worked for both Deb and I for a Tour vehicle. Unfortunately, in the ensuing 10 months, I looked at several cars but was unable to “pull the trigger”. As a result, the deadline for registration for the tour neared without me having a suitable car. I was talking with Don about some last-minute plans and he mentioned that I hadn’t registered yet. When I told him the tale of looking for a car, he replied that one of his region members, West Peterson, had offered a car to anyone who wanted to enter but didn’t have a car. I immediately contacted West to determine if the offer was indeed good and he assured me that I indeed could use his car... a 1940 Packard Touring. Given that my wife is a gigantic Packard fan, it was a match made in heaven.

We arrived in Piqua, Ohio the afternoon before the tour was to begin and finalized arrangements with West. The following morning we drove to Dayton and met West at his home. After an initial driving lesson that featured some genuine jitters on my part (the prestige of the Packard along with its sheer size was quite unnerving for a Crosley driver) we were off to the first destination. The first day was an on your own trip to two destinations; the US Air Force Museum, followed by the Packard Museum. I was even treated to a rare visit to the basement work shop at the Packard Museum and every visitor from the AACA received a book as a gift. I followed West the first day because we had no idea where we were going!

I can honestly say I didn’t sleep well the first night. I was so worried that we would not be able to follow the directions and would get hopelessly lost. Add that to continuing nervousness about properly caring for West’s Packard and I was awake a lot! I went out to the car in the

morning to start it, warm it up, and wipe off the morning dew and found Roger Ireland standing there and he asked if he could ride with us. RIDE WITH US? He immediately became navigator while Deb followed along with the directions as we drove along. The second day’s trip including the Airstream Museum and Factory, lunch, shopping in Wapakoneta, and the Neil Armstrong Museum went off without a hitch!

I slept well Thursday night and headed out to again warm up and wipe down the car Friday am. Roger again came out but told me he was riding with West and Laura Peterson this day (I guess I talked too much). Friday’s trip was to the Klepinger collection, The Bicycle Museum of America, and the Allen County Historical Museum. We were to follow Roger and the Petersons but to my utter delight, my bride/navigator found errors they made a few times during the day and we ended up in the lead! I couldn’t have been more tickled! The museums were great but successfully navigating the course was far better. I guess I finally relaxed driving the car by Saturday. The trip to the Halderman Museum followed by Bob McConnell’s race car collection was fantastic. Deb’s navigation was again flawless (she was so good; I honestly can’t wait to do it again). I was almost sad when the day ended and we returned the car to West’s home. The day ended with a fantastic banquet that featured a game of Singo...a variation of Bingo using songs as spaces instead of numbers.

It was overall an entertaining and educational experience that I hope to repeat again soon. I want to thank Don Sword and the Southern Ohio Region for a great tour, Roger Ireland for his help and training in navigation, but most of all I want to thank West and Laura Peterson and the Peterson family for the use of one of America’s finest cars. It was an experience that Deb and I will remember for the rest of our lives.

The people were warm and welcoming. The cars were beautiful. The locations were interesting and educational and several of them could have been whole day locations on their own. We left Piqua totally exhausted and happy. What more could you ask for from an event. I encourage every one of you to Try A Tour, you will not be disappointed... I guarantee it!

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Welcome New Members

Ross and Betsy Battaglia

1959 Chevrolet Impala

Letty and Nina Diaz

1959 Austin-Healey

Jorge Luis and Denise Estopinales

1955 Cadillac Eldorado

Eduardo Fernandez

1982 Mercedes-Benz 280 SL

Martin Gil

1964 Ford Galaxie 500XL

Michael R. and Melinda A. Hare

1962 Volkswagen Single Cab

1969 Chevrolet COPO Camaro

1970 Volkswagen Beetle

1971 Triumph Stag MKI

Helyett Harris

1977 MG B

Domingo and Ana Isabel Marrero

1971 Plymouth Duster Wedge

Jim Moore and Heidi Wigand

1931 Ford Model A

Everando E. and Marcia Padron

1969 Ford Mustang Mach 1R Code

Marcos J. and Yanet Napoles-Quintero

1988 Mercedes Benz 560 SL

Everando E. and Marcia Padron

1969 Ford Mustang Mach 1R Code

Marcos J. and Yanet Napoles-Quintero

1988 Mercedes Benz 560 SL

Javier Prenat

1941 Chevrolet Master Deluxe

1949 Chevrolet 3100

1954 Chevrolet 3600

David Sanchez

1967 Pontiac GTO

**Horatio Norberto
and Rosanna Stella Sanchez**

1972 Alfa Romeo Giulia Super




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2024 SOUTH FLORIDA REGION EVENTS
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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

- 03- 2024 Biltmore Way Classic Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show; 10 am-3 pm;** Pre-Registration AACA members \$25, non members \$35 - day of show; registration AACA members \$30 and non members \$40 on club website
- 05- Board Meeting– 7:30 pm** at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72 Street, Miami 33173
- 16– Winston Park Classic Auto Show– 10 am-2 pm;** Pre-registration Required AACA Members – \$15.00 – non AACA Members \$25.00- Day of Show Entry based on space available; registration on club website
- 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

- 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 for additional information.
- March 9, 2024– Good Shepherd Catholic Church Car Show– 10 am-3 pm;** 14187 SW 72 Street, Miami, 33183

March 14-17, 2024– Ft. Lauderdale Auto Show CANCELED
The South Florida Auto Dealer Association has decided not to do the show this year at the Ft. Lauderdale Convention Center.

**2024 AACA NATIONAL/
REGION EVENTS**



(check *Antique Automobile* or
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 Irwin Adler, Adele Mann, and Ralph Thiele.



CONGRATULATIONS are extended to Bonnie Mayer, the bell was rung for her!