

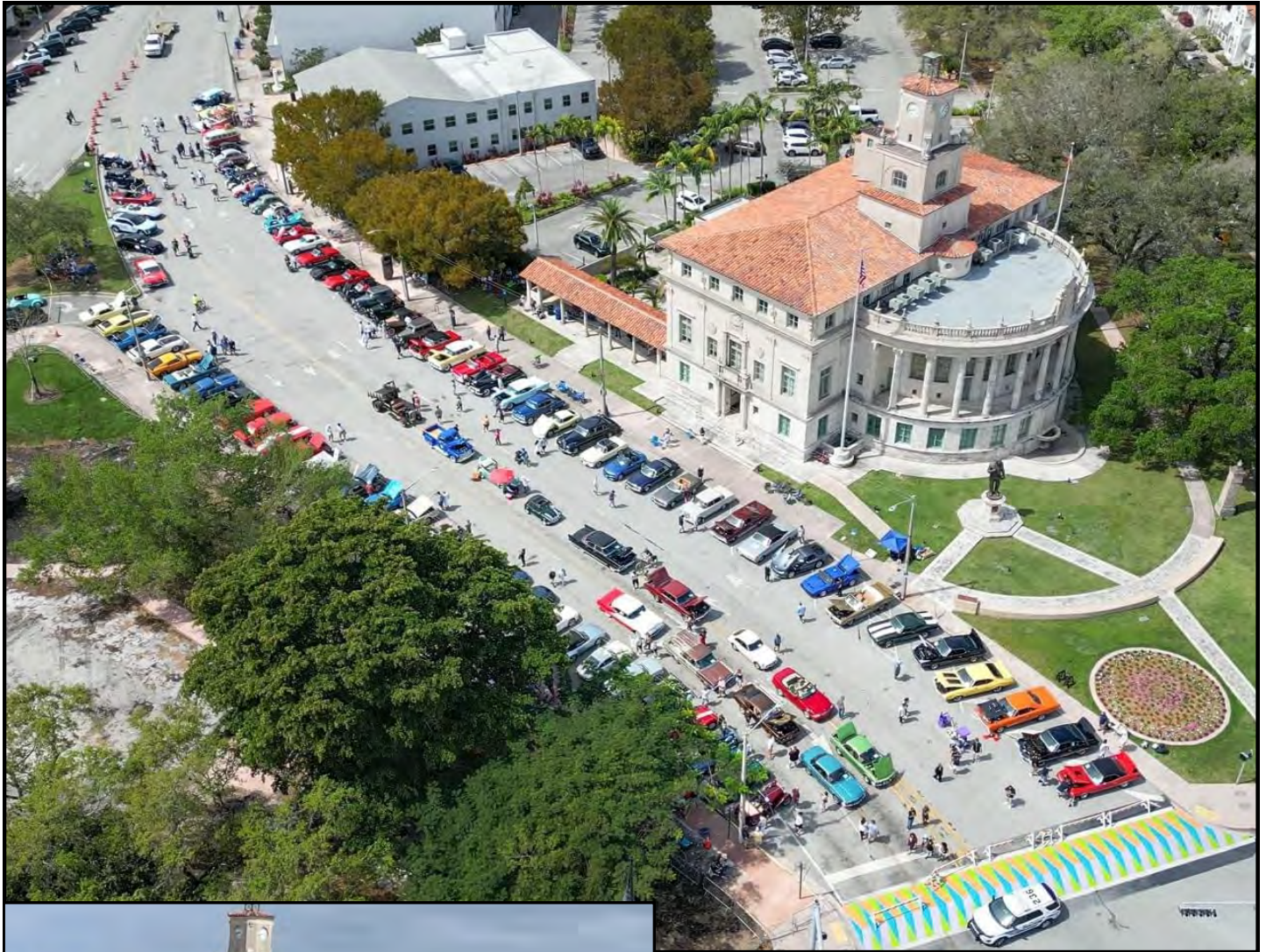


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## 2024 BILTMORE WAY CLASSIC CAR AND TRUCK SHOW



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Due to continuous hacking of board members' personal email addresses, the above generic address was created. As a reminder to members, you were emailed a copy of the roster or given one at our general meetings or events.

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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.



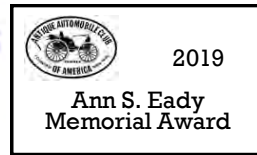
Hi South Florida Region members,

Manny Garcia and I had the pleasure to go and represent our club at the AACA National Convention this past February in Chantilly, Virginia. While we were there, I was approached by several of the national board members who are still talking about our National show last year, and who also want us to host a tour somewhere in South Florida in the near future. I want to congratulate Jean Hawa for winning a National Award for *Sidelights* and Ed Medina for winning a National Award as Webmaster. I am proud to inform you that National is using our club website as a template for all the regions and chapters.

On another note, for our February membership meeting we had a great speaker, Nelson from iDetailMiami. He spoke on how to take care of the interior and exterior of our cars. We had a great turnout of members who enjoyed the meeting. If you guys ever have any suggestions for a guest speaker, please let me know.

On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Biltmore Classic Auto Show took place in the city of Coral Gables. This was a judged show using AACA national guidelines. On Thursday before the show, we had 110 registrations. Then, we had a great turnout with 111 cars on the day of show. There were awesome cars and trucks and awesome people too. Everyone had a chance to go to Carnival on the Mile (across the street from our car show) and enjoy lots of food from different vendors, music and entertainment. Another great event was Winston Park Car Show at the Winston Park HOA Clubhouse on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March. Teaming up with the Mustang Club of South Florida, it was a great turnout full of beautiful antique cars.

President, Tomas Hernandez  
A.A.C.A. South Florida Region



Now that Winter has ended and Spring is upon us, the South Florida Region has been in full swing with members going to car shows and other events every weekend; sometimes with two and three events going on at the same time in Miami. Hard core decisions need to be made – which event to attend or can one attend two in a day? This even created a small issue with this editor finding space in *Sidelights* to adequately cover these shows/events in a timely fashion. The solution was to place the show/event in the April issue and do the others in the May issue and probably in June. This editor appreciates the members and brother-in-law who have patiently waited for their car related articles printed.

Of course, when the Miami Summer brings the heat and rain we normally avoid car shows; then this editor needs members to step up and supply car events/shows/museums, etc. wherever they may travel. Remember there is no cookie cutter type of article to submit for *Sidelights*. As an example, two members attended the Boca @ Nova Concours and Motor Festival using separate approaches. Just remember your grammar school English teacher suggesting the 5 W's: who, what, where, why, and when. Sometimes one can add, how.

Even the good, bad and ugly topics can bring some interest. See below for a couple of photos taken on US 1 while driving towards SW 124 Street in early February. This driver was behind a heavily laden trailer with outwardly flared wheels on both sides and decided to move to the right lane. (Note: Traffic was very slow for the left photo to be taken and a red light made the right photo easier.) One can only imagine if and when that truck axle would break causing chaos on the highway.

May your travels be safe ones,

*Jean*



**The A.A.C.A. South Florida Region Board Meeting of Tuesday, February 6, 2024, was called to Order by President Tomás Hernández at 7:47 p.m., at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72<sup>nd</sup> Street, Miami, FL 33173.**

**In Attendance:** President Tomás Hernández, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Al Padilla, Treasurer Manny Garcia, Secretary Yovanna Hernández, Immediate Past President Millie Garcia, and Board Members Benjamin Cardonne, Chico Goldsmith, Jean Hawa, Thomas Kosky, Ed Medina, Mike Penn, Paula Valentina Perez, Ira Shapiro, and Bob Squier and guest Volker Ribniger.

**Establish a Quorum:** President Tomás Hernández was able to establish a quorum with 14 members of the Board present.

**First Order of Business - Acceptance of Board Meeting Minutes from Previous Month:** President Tomás Hernández asked if everyone present had read the minutes of the January'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 January from the club's bank account. 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.

Nivardo Mora donated money for a sponsorship. Volker Ribniger made a generous donation to the club in which he requested to have a half or full page in *Sidelights* to be utilized by a charity of our choice.

Tomás Hernández used the opportunity to inform us that an AACA National officer is very impressed with our *Sidelights* and website, being among the best in the nation, and suggested using them as a template for other clubs. Ed Medina added that in December we had trouble accessing National on the internet because the server was very slow. Steve Moskowitz called him saying that the problem is solved, the website is up to speed and that we will have our site on an independent server. Ed told Steve that our membership has increased 61% thanks to technology.

**Third Order of Business – Membership Report:** Ed Medina informed us that we now have 191 families. He had to purge 30 families that did not renew their dues. Ed and Jean Hawa will be calling those who had not paid to encourage them to renew.

**General Membership Meeting (February 15, 2024):** Jorge Feria was not present at the meeting due to personal matters.

**Art Deco Classic Car Show Report:** Ira Shapiro said that it was

a fantastic show with a total of 98 cars exhibiting between Saturday and Sunday. He mentioned that the Miami Design Preservation League of Miami was very pleased with our display and both the police and fire departments were very happy with the outcome, especially how organized and prompt the venue was evacuated within 10 minutes. Tomás Hernández thanked Ira for a well-done job.

**Biltmore Way Classic Auto Show (March 3, 2024):**

- Ed Medina reported that we had 70 pre-registered.
- Ed mentioned that this is an important judged show, and we should have better trophies for the winners. He made a motion to increase it to 30 and One Best of Show trophies. Manny Garcia seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and approved.
- Manny Garcia spoke with someone in the Special Events Department to send a link to make payment.
- Mike Penn will call to have porta-potties delivered.
- Jean Hawa mentioned that she had been questioned by a club member who wondered why the previous minutes stated that car shows would cost \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members, but that the website stated \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members for the Biltmore Show and then \$30/\$40 on day of show. The response was due to the high cost of the show mainly due to the city of Coral Gables fees for permits, police costs, fees for the parking spaces used, barricades, the cost of trophies, refreshments, portable toilet rental, etc. Since former sponsorships were not forthcoming, the monies needed had to come from an entry fee. The Coral Gables show has always been our most expensive show to operate, and that sponsorships have carried those expenses for us. But not this year. The fees for other shows will depend upon the expected expenses and sponsorships. President Hernández added that almost all other clubs charge anywhere from \$25 to \$50 and higher.
- Ira reminded the board that a show budget needed to be presented to the board for review a month in advance of the show. The board will do this via email.
- It was mentioned that the Biltmore Way Car Show is a very popular show with a beautiful venue. Finding other venues is being explored.

**Winston Park Car Show (March 16, 2024):** This 4<sup>th</sup> annual car show will be in conjunction with the HOA of Winston Park and the Mustang Club. There will be several food trucks. Sponsors are being sought and the budget will be forthcoming.

**Other Club Business:**

- Bob Squier motioned that the cost of board meals is an inappropriate club expense. Following a discussion of the higher costs of everything, Ira Shapiro amended and seconded the motion to state that the board members would pay for their own meals and that the club would pick up the tab for dessert and coffee as done for the general meetings. It was voted upon and passed.

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- Memory Lane at the Miami International Auto Show (August 30-September 8, 2024). Ed Medina reported that already 17 people have applied.
- Vizcaya Village- Ira Shapiro is awaiting confirmation of April 28 as the show date.
- Miami Springs River Cities Festival- Ed Medina was contacted by personnel in Miami Springs to have the AACA South Florida Region assist with its car show on April 13 and 14. More details will be forthcoming

**Sunshine Report:** Jean Hawa reported that Maria Feria's mother passed away.

**Adjournment:** With no further club business to discuss, President Tomás Hernández made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. It was unanimously seconded and approved.

Submitted by Yovanna Hernández, Secretary

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**The A.A.C.A. South Florida Region Board Meeting of Tuesday, March 5, 2024, was called to Order by President Tomás Hernández at 7:30 p.m., at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72<sup>nd</sup> Street, Miami, FL 33173.**

**In Attendance:** President Tomás Hernández, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Al Padilla, Treasurer Manny Garcia, Secretary Yovanna Hernández, and Board Members Benjamin Cardonne, Jorge Feria, Chico Goldsmith, George Harvey, Jean Hawa, Thomas Kosky, Ed Medina, Ira Shapiro, and Bob Squier and guest Volker Ribniger.

**Establish a Quorum:** President Tomás Hernández was able to establish a quorum with 13 members of the Board present.

**First Order of Business - Acceptance of Board Meeting Minutes from Previous Month:** President Tomás Hernández asked if everyone present had read the minutes of the February'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, Ed Medina seconded it. Having no other discussion, the motion was voted on and passed.

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**Third Order of Business – Membership Report:** Ed Medina informed us that we had 203 families but after hearing the passing of one of our members, we now have 202 families. Ed

said that after speaking to some of the members that did not renew, he learned that those members found the cost of membership to be too expensive and complained that the club do not give things away to the members for that cost. Thomas Kosky said that he had the same reaction from those he spoke with at a local car show (non AACA show). Ed proposed to put together a welcoming package for those new members that join our club. Both Manny Garcia and Ira Shapiro mentioned sending a welcoming letter to provide club information and inviting them to come to the General Membership meeting.

**General Membership Meeting (March 21, 2024):** Jorge Feria said that he has not been able to contact anyone for next month's guest speaker. Tomás Hernández said that to have a good turnout in our general meeting we need to find a good speaker. Benjamin Cardonne suggested having either a mechanic, an appraiser, a restoration guy, or someone from Hagerty as a guest speaker in the future.

**Biltmore Way Classic Auto Show report:** Tomás Hernández said that this show was one of the best shows we have ever seen. He reported that there were 111 cars. He also thanked Ed Medina for all his efforts in making this show happen. He also thanked all the nice judges for participating. One City of Coral Gables Commissioner posted on Instagram about our show and his desire to have us next year. The club was credited for one police officer that did not show. We were also credited for the incorrect delivery of the regular public toilet instead of a handicapped one. Tomás thanked Williamson Cadillac for donating six cases of water. Ira Shapiro inquired about the show expenses. Ed Medina stated that since not all the expenses have come in, he will have to report the total expenses later.

**Winston Park Car Show (March 16, 2024):** Ed Medina reported that everything is looking great. There are 54 cars registered for the show. He said that he will stop accepting applications when the count gets to 60 cars. He also said that trophies are in already and food trucks are in order with the HOA.

**Miami Springs River Cities Festival (April 13 & 14, 2024):** Ed Medina mentioned that he passed out flyers at the Biltmore Way Auto Show and will do the same at the Winston Park Car Show.

#### Other Club Business:

- Vizcaya Farm Village - Ira Shapiro stated that he is looking for the car show date when the weather is cooler.
- Club Picnic – The Larry & Penny Thompson Park was decided for our venue. Tomás Hernández suggested to have the picnic as early as possible to avoid high temperatures. The month of April was chosen.
- Ed Medina learned that Hershey region offers scholarships and he proposed that we give a \$1,500 (continued on page 6)



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scholarship and have National manage it, making it available to an individual who is interested in the restoration of antiques. Some members reminded Ed that our club has done that in the past, with Robert Morgan (\$500) and MacPherson (\$500) among others. Ed also said that he will print out all guidelines for scholarships. Ira Shapiro said that by doing so, it will bring our club's name high with National.

- Tomás Hernández informed us that National Board Members would like for us to prepare a south Florida drive tour in the future.
- Manny Garcia said that we should set a driving event or an over-night trip to go to different museums, and if necessary, rent a Greyhound bus to accommodate all members that want to participate. Tomás Hernández said we should have a committee and present a budget.
- Manny Garcia mentioned that he was approached by the owner of a private school in Homestead who would like to have a fundraiser with our club holding a car show. More information/details are needed.
- Ben Cardonne mentioned that the British Car Club has an event this coming Sunday in Broward County.
- Ira Shapiro mentioned that he will be looking for a date for our members to go to Vizcaya Museum & Gardens for a tour. Ed Medina asked Ira to keep him informed.
- Oscar Castro has rejoined our club.
- Ed Medina asked about the Moda Miami event held the same day as our Coral Gables car show, which also conflicted with Amelia Island. Ira Shapiro reported that it was incredible, especially with the finest high-quality cars coming from all around the country. It was the first show of its kind held at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables and was sponsored by RM Sotheby's Auction House. It will return next year.

**Sunshine Report:** Jean Hawa reported that:

- Tomás Hernández' aunt passed away in New Jersey.
- Rob Staple passed away on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Ross Battaglia's wife, Betsy, fell, hit her head and broke both legs.
- Maurice Hawa will have a bone marrow biopsy and will be waiting for the results.

**Adjournment:** With no further club business to discuss, President Tomás Hernández made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. It was unanimously seconded and approved.

Submitted by Yovanna Hernández, Secretary



The only 2023 National Awards earned by members of the AACA South Florida Region presented at the annual convention on February 10, 2024 were Jean Hawa and Ed Medina.

President Tomás Hernández (R) and Treasurer Manny Garcia (L) were able to represent our region.





**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF FEBRUARY 15**

Reported by Jean Hawa

Ed Medina introduced our special guest speaker, Nelson Diaz and his employees, Andres Camacho and Yordanis Beaton, who are well known by some of our club members who have used 'iDetailMiami'.

Even though there were no visual aids, the presentation provided great insight to our members. Mr. Diaz explained that his clients need to know what he and his team are doing to their car, truck, boat or airplane. Whether it's a paint correction, cutting a compound, having a mirror finish, wet sanding, detailing, etc., they document and warranty their work.

Maintenance is key, but it is as important to use complement brands that work. For example, they use Gtech ceramic coating because it is an easy and reliable product that chemically bonds to paint and glass, making the vehicle scratch resistant and protected from UV degradation. There are many clear coatings out there, but the ceramic is three times stronger than a clear coat.

Ceramic coating can be sprayed on like some do with paint or clear, but you have to tape up the whole car and cover all trim, otherwise you may overspray and get it on places you don't want such as the wheels. Diaz hand applies it panel by panel, coat it, buff it, coat, buff, etc.. Color matching is hard, but dent paint jobs are doable. Extra steps are needed for chipped paint. There are many myths about using circular motions. They also use rotary dual action and orbital polishers.

STEPS: For the best protection one needs to use the proper lint-free towels, not more towels, and treated water. They prefer the Klin brand from the U.K.. Untreated water, out of the tap, has too many minerals. Water spots are avoided if one uses soft water. Pre-wash the vehicle, having separate water buckets for each step and dry with a mitt. A Metrovac 4.0 HP can be used to blow water from crevices.

Tape the area to be painted. Find the worst area to do a trial test. Reference the paint under light and the underside to find the right color. Remove the compound to avoid defects and apply the ceramic coating. A video is made the

next day explaining the products and process used.

Wheels: Can be spray coated or hand-applied, using a special application for the right amount of coating.

Wrapping a car is the latest version to use. One can change the color every six months or wash their car every six months, if desired. Paint protection is important. Too many people rub dirt into their car when they don't wash their cars properly. They should be washed, dried and then sprayed with SiO2 which revives the color.

Ed Medina brought his 1962 Tempest with original paint and many defects to iDetailMiami and gave testimony by stating "It looks amazing."

To encapsulate everything in the presentation, 'iDetailMiami' specializes in automotive, marine and aircraft detailing. From sedans to SUVs, they offer a range of auto detailing packages to suit the clients needs. Their services cover everything from thorough exterior washes and polishing to interior vacuuming, leather conditioning, and odor removal. Paint Restoration, Paint Correction, Ceramic Coating, PPF and much more. We learned a lot.



President Tomás Hernández, Nelson Diaz (holding Certificate of Appreciation), Andres Camacho, and Yordanis Beaton,.





## 2024 BILTMORE WAY CLASSIC CAR AND TRUCK SHOW- MARCH 3 BY ED MEDINA

It was an incredible day at Biltmore Way in Coral Gables for our annual classic car show. With 111 vehicles in attendance it turned out to be our largest yet. We had all kinds of vehicles in participation from the early 1920's all the way up to 1999. Making it a great selection for anyone and their favorite decade of automotive era. The weather although slightly warm was beautiful all day, by far the largest attendance ever by participants and by spectators, a few local celebrity sightings and City of Coral Gables commissioners and their family enjoying the show.

This year we attempted to keep the cars arranged by class of judging as opposed to wherever they landed, eventually we had to jumble some in down the middle of the road. We did have the complete roadway from LeJeune to Hernando St. which allowed us to spread the vehicles along the whole roadway, making it a beautiful display and amazing overhead shots from a drone.

A huge thank you is given to our sponsor Williamson Cadillac and ALL our volunteers (registrars, those who ordered/picked up food, trophies, printed items and porta-john, car parkers, judges, photographers, gate manager, etc. and most of all, the car participants; YOU made this car show successful.

At the beginning of every show, the early bird volunteers arrive to an empty venue, in our case an empty street. This is the first year the heavy metal barricades were positioned for us.

BELOW: Angel welcomed every driver and made sure every car had a fire extinguisher. Then it took "how many" volunteers to set up the tent???

Nivardo Mora (L) was presented with the Best of Show (1955 Packard Clipper) #1 and Best Class Winner #3 1954 Ford Crestline Skyliner



John Hermida's 1931 Ford Model A

L: Timothy Battle's 1963 Corvair Monza 900



Williamson Cadillac Display







**Best of Show (PHOTO #)**

Nivardo Mora 1955 Packard Clipper Constellation (1)

**Winners by Class**

**American Production 1925-1949**

John Hermida 1931 Ford Model A (2)  
Augusto Sanchez 1930 Ford Model A

**American Production 1950-1959**

Nivardo Mora 54 Ford Crestline Skyliner (3)  
Al Padilla 1955 Buick Century

**American Production 1960-1969**

Jose Trujillo 1964 Ford Thunderbird  
Timothy Battle 1963 Corvair Monza 900 (4)

**American Production 1970-1999**

Patrick Mayer 1978 Lincoln Continental Mark V  
**Factory High Performance 1955-1973**

Robert Lopez 1970 Plymouth Cuda  
Juan Rodriguez 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle

**Factory High Performance 1974-1999**

Shelly Zambo 1992 Dodge Stealth (5)  
Carlos Alvarez 1981 Chevrolet Camaro Z28

**Corvettes 1953-1973**

Michael Welch 1965 Chevrolet Corvette (6)  
Eduardo Padron 1968 Chevrolet Corvette

**Corvettes 1974-1999**

Ivan Clare 1978 Chevrolet Corvette (7)  
Kevin Brown 1979 Chevrolet Corvette

**Mustangs 1965-1973**

Adrian Cicero 1966 Ford Mustang  
Everardo Padron 1969 Mustang Mach 1 (8)

**Mustangs 1974-1999**

Manny Mendez 1992 Mustang LX 5.0

**Foreign Car Luxury All Years**

Marcos Quintero 1988 Mercedes Benz 560SL (9)  
Bob Caplan 1985 Rolls Royce Corniche

**Foreign Car Non-Sporting All Years**

Larry Epstein 1982 Citroen 2cv (10)  
Jose Pacheco 74 BMW Tii

**Foreign Car Sporting 1950-1969**

Francisco Mantollena 1952 MG TD (11)  
Dave Farber 69 Jaguar XKE

**Foreign Car Sporting 1970-1999**

Drew Gregg 1973 BMW 3.0 CS (12)  
Felipe Isaza 96 Porsche 911 Carrera (13)

**Trucks, Military Vehicles & Motorcycles**

Manny Garcia 1993 Chevrolet Blazer Tahoe LT  
Jose Centeno 1951 Chevrolet Pick up (14)

Shelly Zambo's 1992 Dodge Stealth



5

Michael Welch's 1965 Chevrolet Corvette



6

Ivan Clare's 1978 Chevrolet Corvette



7

Everardo Padron's 1969 Mustang Mach 1



8

Marcos Quintero's 1988 Mercedes Benz 560SL



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R: Larry Epstein's 1982 Citroen 2cv

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- Meagan Boyd
- Jean Hawa
- Tomás Hernández
- Al Padilla
- Rex Turner



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Francisco Mantollena's 1952 MG TD



President Tomás Larry

Shelly

Al

Manny



12

Drew Gregg's 1973 BMW 3.0 CS



Eduardo

Francisco

Bob



13

Felipe Isaza's 1996 Porsche 911 Carrera



14

Jose Centeno's 1951 Chevrolet Pick up





**BOCA AT NOVA INAUGURAL MOTORCAR FESTIVAL**

By JEFF ASHEN

What a great weekend. Stella and I attended the Boca at Nova Inaugural Motorcar Festival. The weather was just perfect. This was to be the inaugural year which will be the set up for the continuation of the former Boca Raton Concours d' Elegance.

In addition to collector cars, there were art displays, automotive celebrities, a charity auction, and a variety of delicious food trucks. The judges were very dapperly-dressed in traditional blue blazers, khaki slacks, and panama hats. And they had their work cut out for them.

All the cars were displayed in the Nova Southeastern University parking lot in Davie, but this was far more than your typical parking-lot car show. The cars were absolutely fantastic, and were mostly #1 condition and perfect examples in every class, including some very rare and special entries.

There were cars from all eras, including motorcycles and factory-prepared race cars. The display field was very eclectic including a unique Art Car displayed by Laurence Gartel (as seen on the right).

Some of the top awards included (pictured on page 12):

**Best in Show award**

1928 Auburn 8-115 Speedster

**Best in class awards included**

- 1910 Mitchell Model S
- 1941 Cadillac Series 62
- 1969 Dodge Daytona
- 1954 Packard Convertible
- 1935 Rolls Royce Phantom 11
- 1950 Aston Martin D82
- 1956 Rolls Royce Silver Wrath
- 1993 Jaguar XJS

Additionally, in my opinion the most notable award which was given by the young Judges from the **Hagerty Youth Judging program**: The beautiful and rare 1967 Chevrolet Camaro Indy Pace car. The kids always know best ;) lol.

All in all this was a great beginning to what will undoubtedly be a spectacular future event.

R: The 1967 Chevrolet Camaro Indy Pace car is owned by Jeff and Stella Ashen



Distinguished Judges from the AACA South Florida Region: Front row: L-R: Chief Judge Ira Shapiro, Mike Penn, Mel Mann; Far right is Wayne Carini from TV's "CHASING CLASSIC CARS"



Harley Davidson motorcycle



R:1910 Mitchell Model S



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1910 Mitchell Model S \*\*

1924 Rolls Royce  
Silver Ghost SpringfieldBest in Show  
1928 Auburn 8-115 Speedster

1931 Cadillac 370 A V12



1932 Maclaughlin Buick Model 96

## Boca@Nova Concours and Motor Festival February 24, 2024

By Bob Squier

Boca@Nova was conceived to keep the legacy of the Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance alive, which had, after a 17-year run, its last show in February of 2023. Thanks to Russel Glace and Erich Smith who went from 0 to 100 in a scant six months, we had an impressive display of cars and motorcycles. To select the winners, we had panels of experienced judges, led by Chief Judge Ira Shapiro, ready willing and able to help out on short notice.

The campus of Nova Southeastern University hosted a wonderful selection of vehicles that ranged from a 1903 Pope Hartford Model B in the Brass Era Class to a 2013 Bentley Continental GTC in the Future Collectibles Class with lots in between. There were sedans, coupes, convertibles, sports, and grand touring cars. At first glance, every one of them was a Best in Class, and the judges had their work cut out for them in deciding which one was actually the best.

AACA South Florida was well represented in several classes, and winners in Best of Class for Frank Rubino in Post-War Foreign Sports for his 1950 Aston Martin and Guy Lewis in American Post-War for his 1954 Packard. Jeff and Stella Ashen's 1967 Chevrolet Camaro Pace Car was awarded the Hagerty & HWI Youth Judging Award, and Volker Ribniger received the NSU Autism Institute Award for his 1973 Citroen Series 2 convertible with body by Chapron.

Enjoy the pictures of this excellent show.

**(\*\* Best in Class Award)**



1909 Cadillac Model 30



1915 Ford Model T-Couplet



1929 Packard 640 Phaeton



1939 Atlanta

PHOTO CREDITS:

Jeff Ashen, Bob Squier

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1947 Chrysler Town and Country Woody sedan



Frank Rubino's 1950 Aston Martin DB-2 DHC\*\*



1941 Cadillac Series 62 \*\* 4 door convertible sedan



Guy Lewis' 1954 Packard convertible\*\*



1958 Chevrolet Indy Pace Car



1956 Chrysler New Yorker St. Regis



1956 Cadillac Series 62 convertible



1969 Chevrolet Camaro Z28



L: Red Bull Oracle race car



NSU Autism Institute Award: Volker Ribniger's 1973 Citroen DS Henri Chapron Series II





By Ed Nieves

Recently It was time to change the oil on my 1995 Corvette. It can always be a challenge to get under the car without a lift. A few years ago I had to come up with A solution since I did not have a lift and I wanted to do my own maintenance on my car. I decided to look into getting some ramps that can allow me to clear the front air dam and give me enough height to comfortably get under my car and do what I need done.

After shopping around, I found these interesting ramps, called Race Ramps. They are made in the U.S.A. by Brute Technologies.

Just to be clear, I don't own stock in the company or get paid to promote their product. I'm simply a very satisfied customer. The ramps are made out of a high density expanded foam with an anti-slip coating. I purchased the 67" XT Race Ramps that hold up to 1,500 lbs on each side. I also purchased extenders that allow me a 6 degree approach angle. I've had mine for several years now and I just love them. They are light weight and the second attached piece comes off so you can creep through the side of the car. The front piece of the ramp has straps, so you can hang them. They are 14 inches wide and give you an elevation of 10 inches to the wheel. They are great for low profile cars and provides a raised lip at the front that helps me find my stopping point when I don't have a spotter. Of course, I always recommend a spotter when driving up on them. Safety should always be our priority when working on our cars. These ramps are not cheap, but like the old saying goes, "You get what you pay for." The 67" XT Race Ramps will cost you \$317.00, and the extenders (if you need them) will cost \$127.00. This is a great product that won't let you down and will last for years to come. Below you will find additional photos that will illustrate more details. Race Ramps gets my thumbs up!



This is how they can be hung by their straps. You can use the straps to carry them as well.



As mentioned before, this side section can be removed which subsequently gives you side access to under your car. That's a benefit that many ramps don't provide. Now that's awesome!



This is a view from the front bottom of a C7. Look at the amount of lift you get from the front (about 17 inches). This much space allows you to get in there to change your oil or detail undercarriage of your car. Also, these don't slip as you make your approach. I have used mine many times and they always stay put. Each ramp only weighs 17 lbs, which makes them easy to carry and store. In closing, as a good safety practice, I recommend that you use wheel chocks on a tire(s) that are not lifted.



### St. Andrew's Food Pantry Fest 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Car Show

By Jean Hawa

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Palmetto Bay, Florida hosted its first car show as part of its community events on Saturday, January 20, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. All proceeds from the car show benefitted the St. Andrew's Food Pantry, which helps feed the hungry and the needy in the community.

Several members of the AACA South Florida Region either provided advise to the organizer or attended the car show. Unfortunately this editor was unable to stay for the entire show.



1965 Ford Mustang on Exhibit



Williamson Cadillac provided a display car: 1960 Eldorado

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Chevrolet SSR Produced 2003-2006



Street view of the show



Array of Corvettes



1957 Chevrolet 3100



1952 Chevrolet 3100





Jorge Salazar 's 1964 Volkswagen Type 2 Deluxe received a blue ribbon from Rodbenders, one of the sponsors.



Array of motorcycles



Sam Huttig's 1911 White



Guy Lewis, Irwin Adler, Bob Mayer and Richard Dalkranian



1959 Oldsmobile Ninety-Eight



Steve Baldwin, Robbie Greene



1987 Destiny convertible



1965 VW Beetle

1969 VW Beetle



Barbara Scallia's 1965 Shelby Cobra Superformance

Albert Scallia's 1977 Toyota LCFJ40



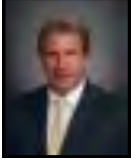
BMWs red- 2001 black- 2002

Below: Mike Penn and his 1976 Cadillac Eldorado



1980 Patrick Adams James Bond





**ACA Events and Midwest Adventures**  
**By Jeff Oaks**  
**VP – Regions Development & Support**  
**Southeastern Division**

I have spent most of my life living on the North Carolina coast in Wilmington. It's a good center point on the Atlantic seaboard that makes it easy to travel both north and south. I have made many trips over the years and covered most everything from Miami, Florida to New England. Loving to travel, I find it adventurous. However, most of my travels have been in the coastal states and not much towards the heartland until just recently. Serving as a National Director for AACA, I now find myself heading towards the Midwest quite often. This is an all-new adventure for me! Places like New Ulm, Minnesota, and the Grand Nationals. It was a great event and a great place. Cornfields abound with signs saying "Kelloggs, 10,000 acres." It reminds me of National Geographic magazine, but not the Carolinas. Moline, Illinois, or "Tractor City" hosted another great National Meet located on the Mississippi River. Davis, West Virginia, located in the northern hills was a very scenic area for an antique auto tour. Another great time was at the Spring Nationals in Beckley, West Virginia. If you have not been attending these events with your antique auto, you are missing a lot of fun, and I am only highlighting a few events!

The 2023 calendar has sent me to many places during the year including Miami, Florida for the Winter Nationals. It is not a bad place to be in January. In May, the East Tennessee Region hosted the Oak Ridge, TN "Secret Tour." It focused on the atomic bomb development in Oak Ridge, TVA Hydroelectric Dams built, and other points of interest during the WWII era. It was a great driving experience in the Appalachians! The Central Spring Nationals, were held in Auburn, Indiana and this was my first opportunity to visit the area. This was a fun event that I looked forward to. While there, I went to the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum that I had heard so much about. Loving all things prewar, it was the ultimate in "Art Deco." Being the original sales building, it is complete and full of vintage classics. In other buildings on the site are the National Auto & Truck Museum loaded with vintage vehicles of all types including a GM Futurliner. Another treat while in Auburn was the Early Ford V-8 Foundation Museum just a few miles away. With over 50 Fords, engine displays, accessories, and other Ford memorabilia, it was certainly worth the visit. The 2023 Grand Nationals in Bettendorf, Iowa was another spectacular event located on the banks of the

Mississippi River. It had great vehicles and of course the Zenith nominated cars are the best of the best. The Mississippi Riverboat Dinner Cruise was a great addition to the event! In traveling, I stopped at the Model T Museum while passing through Richmond, Indiana. It is another nice museum full of Model T exhibits. It caught me by surprise thinking you would have to be in Dearborn for something like that. While traveling, I picked up a brochure on the "Midwest Motor Tour" covering ten "amazing museums." I have enjoyed traveling to the Midwest this year and can see myself returning in 2024. For those of you reading this article living in the Midwest, it is probably old hat. But for me, it was Americana at its best. Reading up on the museums, the Gilmore Museum, Studebaker National Museum, and Indianapolis Motor Speedway have also caught my eye. I will be sure to incorporate those in my future travels! Check out the 2024 AACA calendar and make plans to attend these upcoming events with your antique car. You will have fond memories to look back on and be glad you did!

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# Welcome New Members

**Kim Ryan Boxer**

1968 Ford Mustang GT

**Waldo and Alicia Duran**

1989 Dodge Ramcharger

**Jack and Anita Greenberg**

1974 Ferrari Dino GTS

**John G. and Mary Kiskinis**

1960 Cadillac coupe

**Tyson and Jenny Kutner**

1937 Ford coupe

**Jose C. and Sonia Perez de Corcho**

1992 Alfa Romeo Spider Veloce



APRIL



BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
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| Bob S. Caplan           | Octavio E. Mendizabal |
| Benjamin Cardonne       | Ed Nieves             |
| Adrian Cicero           | Diana Ocana           |
| Paul Cotner             | Eduardo Padron        |
| Alicia Duran            | Diego Palacios        |
| Pedro Fernandez         | Michael Penn          |
| Beatriz Glazer          | Sharon Pilch          |
| Daniel Gomez            | Jose Antonio Prieto   |
| Michael R Hare          | Bob Squier            |
| Jenny Kutner            | Eduardo Suarez        |
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**2024 SOUTH FLORIDA REGION EVENTS**  
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**APRIL 2024**

- 02- Board Meeting– 7:30 pm** at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72 Street, Miami 33173
- 13 & 14– River Cities Car Show– 3 pm-7 pm**, Miami Springs Circle; Register on club website. FREE
- 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.
- 28– Annual Club Picnic-Larry & Penny Thompson Park pavilion # 4, 12451 SW 184th St. Miami, FL 33177 11:30 am to 3:00 pm. Members are encouraged to bring a side dish or a dessert, awards given to best side dish and dessert. Pre-register on club website.**  
A registration fee is required to hold the spots for individuals, all drinks. meal and catering is provided by the club for all members and guests registered to attend, Registration fee of \$5 for member and spouse (on roster) additional guests will be at \$15 per person.

**MAY 2024**

- 07- Board Meeting– 7:30 pm** at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72 Street, Miami 33173
- 16– 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.

**JUNE 2024**

- 04- Board Meeting– 7:30 pm** at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72 Street, Miami 33173
- 20– 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.

**JULY 2024**

- 02- Board Meeting– 7:30 pm** at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72 Street, Miami 33173
- 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.

**AUGUST 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.
- 30– September 8, 2024– Memory Lane 2024 - Miami International Auto Show** (go to club website for information and application)

**2024 AACA NATIONAL/  
REGION EVENTS**

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



**April 4 - April 6- 2024 Southeastern Spring Nationals**

Host: Hornets Nest Region AACA Location: Charlotte Motor Speedway, Concord, NC  
Chairman: Mel Carson - melcarson@charlotte-autofair.com

**April 5 - 2024 AACA Grand National;** Host: Hornets Nest Region AACA Location: Charlotte Motor Speedway, Concord, NC Chairman: Mel Carson - melcarson@charlotte-autofair.com

**May 5 - NJ Region's 72nd Annual Spring Car Show/ Swap Meet;** Car show open to all cars, trucks, and motorcycles with 17 judged classes based upon modified AACA judging. Car corral with food available. Rain or shine. Sponsor: New Jersey Region AACA Location: Nielsen Dodge, 175 NJ Route 10, E. Hanover, NJ Contact: Vince DeLisi, 326 East Oak Avenue, Moorestown, NJ 08057; 908-803-1570 (cell & text); [...]

**OTHER EVENTS**

**April 6 - KUMC Vintage Car & Truck Show:** 7600 SW 104 Street, Pinecrest, FL 33156, 9 am-2 pm, \$45.00, Hosted by Celebrity Dennis Gage of My Classic Car

**April 21– 3rd Annual Delray Beach Concours d'Elegance,** 10 am—4 pm , Historic Old School Square Great Lawn in Heart of Downtown Delray

**SUNSHINE REPORT**

Get Well Wishes are extended to  
Betsy Battaglia.  
Condolences to the family of Rob Staple.

