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IT'S TIME FOR YOUR 2025 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership for the A.A.C.A. South Florida Region is from January 1 to December 31. Dues paid after October 1 are good for the following year. AACA South Florida annual dues are \$45.00. If you haven't already responded to the club's email to renew, it is easy to do. Simply go online to <https://southfloridaregion.aaca.com>, click on MEMBERSHIP, click on CLICK TO RENEW NOW and fill in the appropriate information. **Important items to complete are addresses, phone numbers, email address, and, most importantly, your car(s). PLEASE TYPE ACCURATELY. Payment can be done online, too. Just follow the instructions on the screen.**

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. You should have received the information in the latest issue of *Antique Automobile*. **DO NOT SEND** the National application to the local office.

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

Hi all,

Hopefully you are well. This past Memory Lane was awesome. I want to take a moment to say thanks to Ed Medina and Manny Garcia for all their many hours of hard work, and a special thanks to Jorge Salazar, who was very helpful parking the cars. I want to say that this year we had a beautiful collection of cars and truck. Thank you to all the members who had their cars at the show a few weeks ago.

October will be a very busy month. For our next event on October 5th, we are having a progressive luncheon using two homes; one for the hors d'oeuvres and the other one for the main course and desserts. Hopefully you already have signed up. It is only \$5 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. We will be giving away prizes. On October 12th, there is a Cruise-in at Peterson Harley Davidson South. Registration is open. Come out and join us.

Our next General Membership Meeting will be October 17th. The nomination committee will be notifying and accepting nominees for club officers and directors. Election Night will be November 21st. Come out and join us. We always have a good time with interesting speakers.

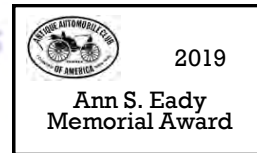
If you have never been to the Lake Mirror Concours and Car Show, I encourage you to go there on October 18-20. It is a beautiful venue with beautiful cars. It is in downtown Lakeland which will be full of beautiful antique and modified cars. Then, on Tuesday, October 29th, we are invited to participate in the Texas Roadhouse Florida City Trunk or Treat 5 p.m. to 8 p.m..

November 3rd is the annual Deering Estate Vintage Auto Show. Vehicles are limited to 1965 or older. However, any year of International Harvester is welcome. Space is limited. Registration is open. Do remember to sign up for the holiday party of December 7th. We will have raffles, good music, and good food.

Please look at our club calendar on our website for any updates for all events. Finally, as always, if you guys want to do something let us know and we will make it happen. Remember, this is your club.

Thanks,

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



Happy Fall everyone!

We learned not to do car shows in the summer many years ago. However, an exception was made this year ONLY because we were invited to participate in the 53rd Annual Miami International Auto Show inside the air-conditioned Miami Beach Convention Center which moved the show dates earlier to August 30-September 8. As in the past, Memory Lane drew many spectators who came to view the new cars being offered by the automobile dealers in Miami -Dade, Broward, Monroe and Palm Beach Counties. We always found ourselves talking with many of the visitors who truly enjoyed our display. We also appreciated the signage and advertisement provided in the auto show catalog.

Fall also brings us into our regular car event season. As you read President Hernández's message on this page, view the calendar on page 20, and read the various emails sent by webmaster Ed Medina, you'll notice just how busy we will be. Hopefully you will be able to attend most of the these events. If you happen to attend a non-AACA South Florida Region event/car show, feel free to send this editor some pictures and report about that event. Be sure to renew your local and national memberships. Information about renewing can be found on page 2 of *Sidelights* and on the club website.

Even though members are consistently encouraged to attend the monthly general membership meetings, our remaining general membership meetings of 2024, October 17 and November 21, are the most important because it is when YOU the member have the opportunity to help select and elect the board of directors and officers. Since we all received the latest issue of *Antique Automobile*, make sure you submit your ballot for the national officials.

Since this editorial was written as Hurricane Helene swirled through Florida, this editor is thinking about those fellow antique car owners and neighbors up state who are trying to keep their families, homes and antiques safe. Let's hope this monstrous weather disturbance moves away quickly, sparing damage and heartache. Sadly, this hurricane brings back the horrors of Hurricane Andrew 32 years ago.

Happy motoring,

Jean



The A.A.C.A. South Florida Region Board Meeting of Tuesday, August 6, 2024, was called to Order by President Tomás Hernández at 7:30 p.m., at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72nd Street, Miami, FL 33173.

In Attendance: President Tomás Hernández, 1st Vice-President Al Padilla, 2nd Vice-President Jorge Feria, Secretary Yovanna Hernández, Immediate Past President Millie Garcia, and Board Members 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 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 July 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, Bob Squier seconded it. Having no other discussion, the motion was voted on and passed.

Second Order of Business – Treasurer's Report:

Immediate Past President Millie Garcia, on behalf of Manny Garcia, presented a reconciliation statement for July from the club's bank account.

Third Order of Business – Membership Report: Ed Medina reported that as of now we have 204 active families.

General Membership Meeting (August 15, 2024): President Tomás Hernández mentioned that since Memory Lane was so close that we should not have a guest speaker this month. Instead, we will dedicate this meeting to go over details and concerns of Memory Lane and requesting that all car owners with an entry should attend this meeting.

Memory Lane (August 30th – September 8th): Ed Medina mentioned that everything is going fine and insurance for the show has been pulled. He also said:

- There are 53 cars registered at this moment.
- Every member exhibiting a car will receive a credential and two complimentary tickets to enter the show.
- We will have plaques with a picture of the car and QR codes as we had last year.
- Everyone will receive an e-mail so that they can send

their car information to him.

- The plan is to display the cars chronologically along the east-west wall.
- The car groups displayed outside the building will be on the first and second Saturday and Sunday of the show.

Tomás Hernández reminded us that this year only one ticket for the holiday party will be given per car owner no matter how many cars they bring to the show.

Progressive Dinner (Date to be Determined): President Tomás Hernández spoke to Cheryl Mullinix about the possibility of having this activity done at her house and she said she will get back at him once her husband came back from his trip. Tomás suggested that she prepare a budget to present to the board. Tomás added that unless at least one to three people offer their house(s) or comes up with another alternative, the Progressive Dinner will, most likely, take place at the Mullinix's residence.

Holiday Party (December 7, 2024): President Tomás Hernández confirmed that DJ Elvis from DJ Elvis & Entertainment Services Inc. will be the DJ at our Holiday Party. Since DJ Elvis is donating his services, Tomás suggested that the club pay for the dinner for him and his wife. Yovanna Hernández presented three proposed budgets for the cost of the party per person. Jean Hawa made a motion, Bob Squier second it. All unanimously were in favor of option No.1 which was \$30.00 per member and \$60.00 per non-member.

Other Club Business:

- Scholarship Fund update – Ed Medina was not able to present details at the meeting; this information will be provided on a later day.
- Ira Shapiro made a motion to purchase a 10 ft x 20 ft new pop-up tent with sides, weights, and our printed logo costing \$1,345.00. Al Padilla second the motion; all were in favor.
- Marianne Sebastian sent a donation to the club. Tomás stated that he would send a thank you note.

Sunshine Report: Jean Hawa reported that Benjamin Cardonne had a leg injury.

Adjournment: With no further club business to discuss, President Tomás Hernández made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. It was unanimously seconded and approved.

Submitted by Yovanna Hernández, Secretary



The A.A.C.A. South Florida Region Board Meeting of Tuesday, September 3, 2024, was called to Order by President Tomás Hernández at 7:22 p.m., at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72nd Street, Miami, FL 33173.

In Attendance: President Tomás Hernández, 1st Vice-President Al Padilla, 2nd Vice-President Jorge Feria, Secretary Yovanna Hernández, Immediate Past President Millie Garcia, Board Members Manny Garcia, Chico Goldsmith, George Harvey, Jean Hawa, Thomas Kosky, Ed Medina, Mike Penn, Jorge Salazar, Ira Shapiro, and Bob Squier.

Establish a Quorum: President Tomás Hernández was able to establish a quorum with 15 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 August 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.

Second Order of Business – Treasurer's Report: Manny Garcia presented a reconciliation statement for August from the club's bank account. Manny added that with new memberships, monthly expenses such as coffee and dessert at the board and general meetings, storage rental fee and the printing and mailing of *Sidelights*, our treasury is sound. He also informed us that he received the remaining payment for Memory Lane.

Third Order of Business – Membership Report: Ed Medina reported that as of now we have 205 active families.

General Membership Meeting (September 19, 2024): 2nd Vice-President Jorge Feria said he was still working on finding a guest speaker.

Memory Lane (August 30th – September 8th): President Hernández complimented Ed Medina for chairing a very successful Memory Lane. Ed Medina mentioned that everyone is very pleased with the display. Ed also added that we had ended up displaying 48 cars and one motorcycle in the biggest area we have ever had, and all vehicles were placed chronologically from 1896 to 2000, surrounded by nice stanchions to protect all the displayed antique cars. The outside display of Corvettes on Saturday and Mustangs on Sunday were a great

addition that also attracted many people. Ed thanked everyone who helped with the setup and was looking forward to the rest of the show. Jean Hawa mentioned that she spoke to one event visitor who said she was very pleased with the display, but was disappointed that she and her husband couldn't get up close to the cars like they did at a recent major auction. Jean explained that at auctions potential buyers need to take a close look at the vehicle they plan to buy and that cars at Memory Lane are members' personal cars that are for display purposes only.

Progressive Dinner (October 5, 2024): President Tomás Hernández said that Cheryl Mullinix presented a \$2,500.00 budget for the food. Millie Garcia said that Fernando Aguayo and Soledad Maldonado offered their house for the appetizers as a part of the event. Manny Garcia made a motion to divide the budget accordingly for appetizers, food and dessert, and add \$500.00 for gifts. Jorge Salazar seconded it. All board members present were in favor. The time agreed upon is for appetizers 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and lunch from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Holiday Party (December 7, 2024): President Tomás Hernández stated that the reported Health Department Inspection violation at the venue had been taken care of by the next day. The Installation and party will be from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Other Club Business:

- Ed Medina will be placing an order to purchase a 10 ft x 20 ft new pop-up tent with sides, weights, and our printed logo.
- Tomás Hernández said we need to create a five-person nominating committee for the end of the year elections. Tomás explained the duties of the committee. Manny Garcia and Tom Kosky volunteered.
- Registration deadline for Lake Mirror is September 15th.

Sunshine Report: Jean Hawa reported that Benjamin Cardonne is still having leg issues. She also reported that Stella Ashen's brother passed away and Jay Mullinix had cataract surgery.

Adjournment: With no further club business to discuss, President Tomás Hernández made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. It was unanimously seconded and approved.

Submitted by Yovanna Hernández, Secretary



**2024 MEMORY LANE
BY ED MEDINA, SHOW CHAIR**

Another successful display at Memory Lane was held at the Miami International Auto Show in the Miami Beach Convention Center from August 30th through September 8th, an amazing 10 days. We had 48 vehicles on display this year, ranging from 1896 to 2000! A variety of makes, models and years.

The display began with an 1896 Ford Quadricycle and was organized in chronological order all the way to the year 2000. We would have loved to have a couple more of 30's and 40's era vehicles, but overall it was an incredible display.

We had an amazing crew of volunteers working a rotation every day, keeping a watchful eye over all the pristine vehicles. It was the most well attended and behaved group of spectators in years.

In addition we had several added bonuses. On Monday Labor Day we had the Sunshine Corvette Club come out and display their Corvettes out in front of the Convention Center, then on Saturday, September 7 we had the South Florida Classic Mustangs display out front and on Sunday the 8th we had the Atomik VW Group come out with their classic Volkswagens.

Thank you to all who brought their cars out for the display or Rally and to all the volunteers that came out and spent some quality time as a club!

John Layzell's
1937 Alvis Speed
25 Vanden Plas
2-door saloon



Nivardo Mora's
1954 Ford
Crestline



Cliff Gibson
and Diane
Preuss
admiring
Al Padilla's
1955 Buick
convertible



Jorge
Estopinales'
1955 Cadillac
Eldorado



Rick Eggers' 1896 Ford Quadricycle



Jose Trujillo's 1964 Ford Thunderbird



Hector Chinaea's 1964 Volkswagen Beetle convertible



Larry Epstein's 1931 Model A Deluxe Phaeton



Jorge Salazar's
1964 Volkswagen Type 2



Anthony Hernandez's
1964.5 Ford Mustang



PHOTO CREDITS:
Jean Hawa
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Jorge Salazar



Santiago Beunza's 1966 Triumph Spitfire

Below: Miniature replica of Rolls Royce as seen on hood



Carlos Gomez's 1964 Rolls Royce Phaeton



Below:

Below:
Ricardo Kramer's 1968
Plymouth Belvedere Hemi
GTX



Andrew Primavera's 1965 Lincoln Continental convertible



Steve Greenblatt's 1967 Chevrolet Corvette Coupe



Manny Garcia's 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle SS



Jose Arturo Pagoda's 1969 Chevrolet C10 Longbed



Pedro Pena's 1969 Chevrolet Camaro Pace Car



David Farber's 1969 Jaguar E-type coupe



Bruno Zayas' 1969 Ford Mustang Mach 1



Jose Arturo Peaguda's 1969 Mercedes-Benz 280 SL California

R: Ricardo Montero's
1970 Chevrolet Chevelle

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Labor Day afternoon volunteers, L-R: Tony, Jean, Maurice, Jorge, Al, and Chairman Ed Medina.



Robbie Greene's 1970 Pontiac GTO



Ozzie Arbelo's 1971 Oldsmobile 442 W30



Volker Ribniger's 1971 Mercedes-Benz SL 280 convertible



Best of Show award went to Volker Ribniger's 1973 Citroen DS Henri Chapron Series II



George Bishopric's 1973 Volvo 1800 ES



George Zima's 1973 IKA Renault Torino



Thomas Kosky's 1974 Triumph TR6



Bernardo Abello's 1975 Mini Cooper S



Steve Greenblatt's 1975 MGB Roadster



Albert Scalla's 1977 Toyota Landcruiser



Monica and Ernie Francis' 1978 Ferrari 400 GT



Silvio Rodriguez's 1978 Porsche 911 930 Turbo



Fernando Aguayo's 1979 Fiat Spyder



Steve Greenblatt's 1980 Mercedes-Benz 450 SLC



Paula Valentina Perez's
1985 BMW 528e



Monica and Ernie Francis'
1991 Nissan Figaro



Gabriel Garcia's
1993 Chevrolet Blazer



Jaime I. del Valle's Jaguar XJs-R
(94/100)



Joe Pijuan's 1984 Pontiac Fiero



Felipe Isaza's
1996 Porsche Carrera Cabriolet



Jacob del Valle's 1997 Jaguar XK8



Jessica Lovio-Rodriguez's
1994 Ford Mustang GT convertible



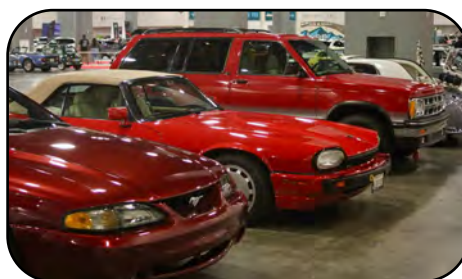
Eduardo Areas' 2000 BMW Z8



Pedro Pena's 2009 Harley-Davidson



Benjamin Cardonne's
1998 BMW M Roadster



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Three local car clubs put on beautiful displays outside the Miami Beach Convention Center: Sunshine Corvette Club (Labor Day), South Florida Classic Mustangs (Saturday, 9/7), and Atomik Volkswagen Group (Sunday, 9/8)



L: The Mustangs got a free car wash when the skies opened up. Note the shiny ground.
R: The summer heat quickly dried off the rain drops.



TO ALL THE OWNERS WHO DISPLAYED THEIR ANTIQUE AT MEMORY LANELANE, THANK YOU!





ARTICLE FOUR – ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION I: The Board of Directors shall consist of no more than nineteen (19) members to include a maximum of fourteen (14) Directors to include the immediate Past President and Club Counsel (if applicable) and five (5) Officers of the Region elected by the membership. The officers of the Region shall be a Regional President, First Regional Vice President, Second Regional Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. To be eligible to be elected to the Board of Directors he or she shall be a member in good standing for two (2) consecutive years with proven contributions to the operation of the club activities.

SECTION II: The Nominating Committee shall be comprised of five (5) members. The Regional President shall select the chairperson of the Nominating Committee. The remaining four (4) members shall be selected at the September general membership meeting by the membership.

SECTION III: The nominating committee shall present a recommendation of candidates for Officers and the Board of Directors at the October general membership meeting. The floor will be open for nominations from the floor at the October general membership meeting and closed prior to the election at the November general membership meeting. The Nominating Committee’s slate and the candidates’ names nominated, during the October meeting, will be published in the November issue of Sidelines.

SECTION IV: Members in good standing with the Region will be given proper notice of the election by means of Sidelines or Region’s website. The election for officers and the Board of Directors shall take place at the November general membership meeting and members must be present to vote;

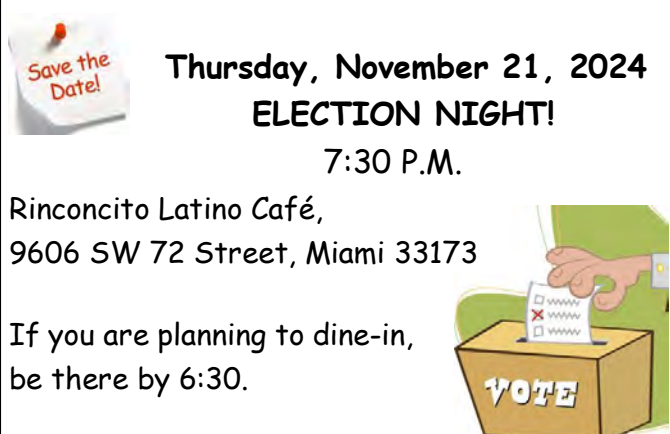
there shall be no proxies or absentee ballots allowed. There shall be a secret written ballot, which will be collected and tallied by the Regional Secretary or designee.

SECTION V: All officers and members of the Board of Directors may succeed themselves with the exception of the President who may serve a maximum of two consecutive years.

SECTION VI: In the event of a resignation of an officer or Board member or vacancy on the Board of Directors, the President may choose to appoint a replacement to fill the vacancy until the next election.

ARTICLE FIVE – TERMS OF OFFICE

SECTION I: The elected officers of this Region shall be a Regional President, First Regional Vice President, Second Regional Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Officers are elected for terms of one year. The Office of President is restricted to a maximum of two consecutive years. The Board of Directors will consist of up to fourteen (14) members including the Immediate Past President and Club Counsel (if applicable). The Board of Directors shall be elected for a term of two years on a staggered basis – one-half of the Board shall be elected each year. The Officers and Directors shall be sworn into their office at the annual year-end holiday party, typically held in December.



Thursday, November 21, 2024
ELECTION NIGHT!
 7:30 P.M.
 Rinconcito Latino Café,
 9606 SW 72 Street, Miami 33173

If you are planning to dine-in,
 be there by 6:30.



[NOTE: (1) The article below was published in the August 2021 issue Volume 66 NO. 09 of "The Road Map", pp.15-16 the newsletter of the New Jersey Region of AACA, edited by Jay DeBoey. The article is written by Rich Reina, who is published here, with Rich's, Jay's and new editor Dick Bettel's permission.] (2) If anyone has a comment or questions about Rich's technical articles, please let Editor Hawa know [jmhawa@comcast.net], so they can be forwarded to Rich.

(Author's Note: AACA members with Citroen 2CV, Corvaire, Fiat 500, Franklin, Isetta, Porsche 356/912/early 911/914, Tatra, Trabant, and VW Type 1, 2, 3, and 4 automobiles may continue reading with bemused smirks on your faces. All others should pay attention!)

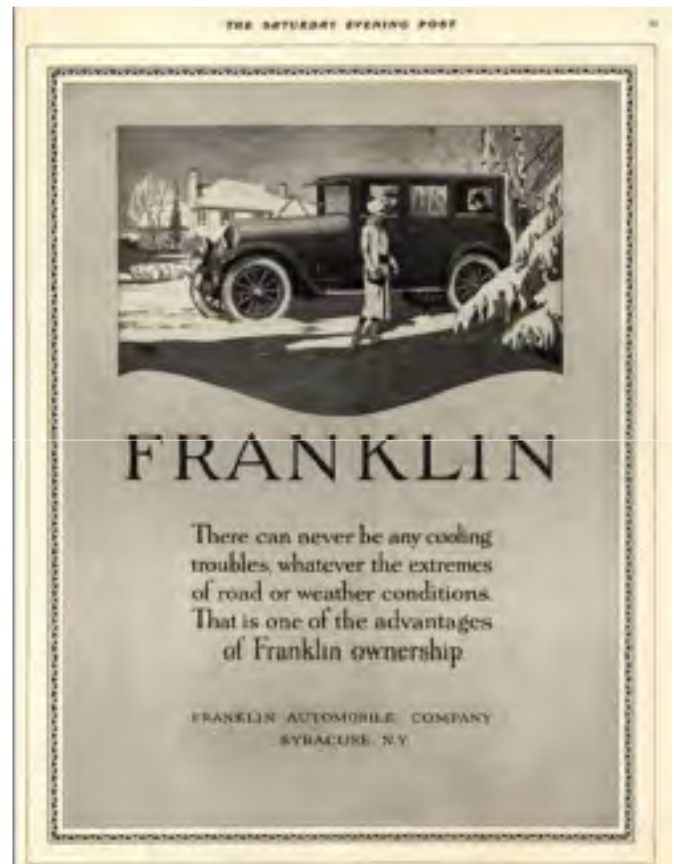
An internal combustion automobile engine creates a tremendous amount of heat which will cause extensive engine damage unless there is some sort of mechanism to carry that heat away. While some engines are air-cooled, using a combination of fans, shrouding, and finned engine externals (greater surface area) to force ambient air around an engine's exterior, most automotive engines are liquid-cooled. Such engines employ a cooling system, circulating a liquid through the engine's internal passages, which transfers the heat from the engine to the cooling medium. (The 2nd Law of Thermodynamics states that heat moves from higher temperature bodies to lower temperature bodies.) The hot liquid is then pumped to a heat exchanger (radiator), where the heat is released to the atmosphere. The now-cooler liquid is circulated back into the engine and the cycle begins anew.

Plain old water (H₂O) is actually a very efficient medium for engine cooling. Its two main drawbacks are its propensity to cause corrosion when interacting with certain metals, and the temperature limits within which it

will remain in a liquid state (water freezes at 32 degrees F/zero degrees C and boils at 212 degrees F/100 degrees C). Once it's no longer a liquid, it cannot perform its job to carry away engine heat.

Most of us know that our "water-cooled" engines actually use some percentage of a substance called antifreeze, diluted with water. Automotive reference books have little to say about the early history of antifreeze. While it is noted that water alone was initially used as a coolant, it was also recognized that anyone living where temperatures fell below freezing would risk engine damage if the cooling system wasn't drained first. (Liquid water, if allowed to freeze, will expand slightly. Difficult to believe, but true, is the fact that water which is allowed to freeze inside an engine block can cause the block to crack.)

There is some consensus that a French chemist, Charles Adolphe Wurtz, was the first to formulate the substance he named ethylene glycol in 1859. Among its early uses was in the manufacture of explosives. A U.S. plant to manufacture ethylene glycol was opened in 1925 by the company which became Union Carbide, and 1926 saw its first use in automotive cooling systems when it was discovered that its freezing point was below that of plain water.



This air-cooled Franklin ad highlights "cooling troubles" of water-cooled cars



Interestingly, two additional properties of ethylene glycol were discovered: one, its freezing point could be brought even lower when mixed with water; and two, when used in a pressurized closed cooling system, its boiling point was raised to that above plain water. One downside of the stuff is that it has a “sweet” taste to creatures who wouldn’t know better than to ingest it (children and animals) and it is extremely toxic when swallowed. To its credit, the antifreeze industry has added bittering agents to ethylene glycol to help prevent inadvertent consumption.

My copy of the 6th Edition of the *Bosch Automotive Handbook* (published in 2004) contains a chart of freezing and boiling points of water-glycol mixture ratios. At 10% glycol (90% water), the freezing point drops to 25 F and the boiling point to 214 F. A 30% mix improves that to a freezing point of 1 degree F and a boiling point of 220 F. Finally, a 50/50 mixture won’t freeze until the temperature drops to 38 F, and won’t boil until it climbs to 226 F. Clearly, the 50/50 solution suffices for almost all driving situations in the U.S.

Over time, chemical engineers added corrosion inhibitors to antifreeze to minimize any corrosive effects on the materials of both the engine and the radiator, including cast iron, aluminum, copper, and brass. As engines and their related systems became more and more complex, engineers from various auto manufacturers also started specifying antifreezes formulated in new and improved ways (and color-keyed to distinguish them from one another). Similar to most fluids used in vehicular applications, antifreeze has a lifespan beyond which its protective qualities have deteriorated. When that happens, it’s time for a drain/flush/refill. The type of antifreeze needed for your jalopy, along with the correct percentage of water to add, should be matters of attention when performing this service.

This Prestone anti-freeze ad touts its safety and advanced protection (Automotive ads obtained from and used with permission of the AACA Library)

NEXT MONTH: Cooling system servicing will be our topic for Part 2 of All About Antifreeze.

JULY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Reported by Jean Hawa

Guest speaker for our Thursday, July 18, 2024 General Membership Meeting was William Leonard of “Generation Old School” a YouTube production company. He talked about his classic cars videos and how he uses this media to promote the chances of selling or learning about vintage cars and trucks through a video camera lens thus furthering promoting our hobby.

Leonard goes to a lot of car shows around town. In fact, he met 1st VP Al Padilla at a Wings Over Miami car show years ago and became good friends when one of Al’s Buicks was sold via Generation Old School. Leonard likes to hear from the customer to get the history of the car and reviews each vehicle in detail, then goes on a test drive in its locale. The

video showcases the capability of the vehicle; the viewer can see and hear its performance. Both his YouTube and Facebook productions are in English and Spanish, increasing its popularity. He was fortunate to have two cars sold to a museum in Brazil. Besides the current videos, you can view some of his original videos going back to 2018.

Even as a child, Leonard wanted a classic car, but was unable to find what he wanted until four years ago when he found a 1950 Chevrolet on-line and has acquired other antiques.

To keep in touch with vintage car enthusiasts, there are cars shows at the Olive Garden (8925 SW 162 Ave, Miami) every other Friday evening.



William Leonard received a Certificate of Appreciation from President Tomás Hernández.



North Stonington, CT Fair with AACA WPR Car Show July 14, 2024 By David Hicks

This was a non trophy event this year; hence no windshield cards to identify the cars. The local AACA WPR receives funds from the Fair for bringing members cars to the Fair. The amount is around \$200. I brought my red 1998 Mustang GT Convertible to the show. Overall there were over 15 cars. The car show presentation was from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.. Besides the cars there was a special interest in the Pig Races, High Wire Acts, Band playing country music and the available food/drinks. Most of these events took place around the car show demonstration. The kids especially went crazy during the pig races. Also, as we the car owners were down wind from the pig races, the pig odor could be a little strong at times. However, as car owners in a relaxed atmosphere, we had a good time.



BACK STORY from
the WPR website:

The AACA Westerly-Pawcatuck Region (WPR) Car Show is an annual event organized by the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA). This car show is a highlight for classic car enthusiasts, featuring a wide array of antique and vintage vehicles. Participants and visitors can enjoy:

- **Classic Car Displays:** A showcase of beautifully restored and maintained antique cars, ranging from early 20th-century models to mid-century classics.
- **Judging and Awards:** Vehicles are judged in various categories, and awards are given for the best in show, best restoration, and other special categories.
- **Community Engagement:** The event often includes activities for families, food vendors, and opportunities to meet and talk with car owners and restorers.
- **Educational Opportunities:** Learn about the history and preservation of classic automobiles through displays and conversations with experts.

The show is typically held in conjunction with the North Stonington Agricultural Fair, adding to the festive atmosphere with additional fair activities like live music, food stalls, and agricultural exhibits.



**Washington County Fair, Rhode Island Car Show
August 14, 2024 by David Hicks**

The car show was a AACA WPR event only as the Washington County Fair paid the Club to bring in at least 10 cars. About 15 + cars showed up. Also it was a non trophy event at the opening day of the fair. As it was a very sunny and clear day, the public showed up, especially numerous children who enjoyed viewing the classic vehicles. We the drivers enjoyed showing the cars and joking with the kids. We arrived as a group outside the main gate and then paraded in at 9:30 am and stayed until 2:30 pm. My 1998 Mustang GT Convertible was the lead car.

The fair had plenty of rides, food vendors and animals to demonstrate to the public. The fair was especially proud to invite local farmers to show off their livestock such as cows, chickens, goats and sheep. There were many kid games set up as well. It was a fun day for everyone.



**AACA WPR Apple Rehab Clipper Event
Tuesday, August 20, 2024
By David Hicks**

This is an AACA WPR Club charity event for the residents of the Apple Rehab Clipper facility. This is the 5th year of the car show. It is right off US 1 in Westerly, Rhode Island. Many of the residents came out of the building to visit with us and view the cars. Due to the age requirements and health issues, some of our club members could qualify for residence there. The management supplied us with hamburgers, hotdogs, chili soup, coleslaw and soda drinks. Also there was a raffle for club members with the prize being beach chairs. It was a fun afternoon for both residents and club members.



Doing what they enjoy the most, looking at the engine and sharing stories.





BEST OF SHOW

1973 CITROEN DS HENRI CHAPRON SERIES II

Owned by Volker Ribniger

BRIEF MANUFACTURER DETAILS AND SIGNIFICANT HISTORY OF CAR:

The Citroën DS is a front-engine, front-wheel-drive mid-size car manufactured and marketed by the French company Citroën from 1955 to 1975 in sedan, wagon/estate and convertible body configurations. Italian sculptor and industrial designer Flaminio Bertoni and the French aeronautical engineer André Lefèbvre styled and engineered the car. Paul Magès developed the hydro pneumatic self-levelling suspension.

Noted for its aerodynamic, futuristic body design and innovative technology, the DS set new standards in ride quality, handling, and braking. Citroën sold 1,455,746 cars, including 1,330,755 built at the manufacturer's original mass-production plant in Paris at the Quai André-Citroën (previously the Quai de Javel).

The DS came third in the 1999 Car of the Century poll recognizing the world's most influential auto designs and was named the most beautiful car of all time by *Classic & Sports Car* magazine.

PHOTOS BY Jean Hawa and Al Padilla





OLDEST VEHICLE: 1896 Ford Quadricycle

Owned by Rick Eggers

BRIEF MANUFACTURER DETAILS & SIGNIFICANT HISTORY OF CAR:

Henry Ford's first attempt at building a gas-powered vehicle.

He found a design for a two-cylinder horizontal engine that he loosely copied, and built a simple bicycle-tired car with which to experiment on the engine. Only one example was built, as he moved on to bigger and better vehicles. The original Quadricycle currently resides at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan.

BRIEF STORY OF THIS PARTICULAR VEHICLE:

In the early 60's, an engineer named George DeAngelis working for Ford, decided he wanted to build a replica of Henry's Quadricycle. Ford gave him permission to disassemble much of it and make blueprints and drawings of all the details. He built three examples, and afterward made his drawings available for purchase by enthusiasts wanting their own Quadricycle. I built this car from his drawings, and also as many close-up pictures of the original car as I could find. Those two things together make this car one of the most exact copies of the Quadricycle around.

IN MEMORIAM

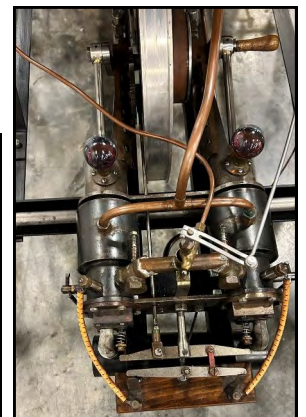
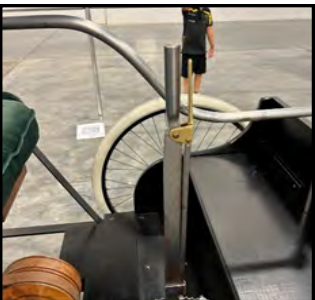
Member Stella Ashen sadly reported that her brother Tom died in August. Several AACA South Florida Region members knew him because (when he was physically able), he'd always come to Florida for the Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance. He absolutely **LOVED** it.

The first year he came, the resort wouldn't rent him a golf cart to get around on the show field (unexpected, but understandable). So Chief Judge Paul Sable very generously loaned

Tom his official golf cart. Tom loved driving the cart that said,



"Chief Judge" on the windshield. I joked that he could go ANYWHERE in that thing, and no one would stop him (probably true, but Tom didn't test my theory, lol). Good memories. (After that, Tom rented a scooter for his Florida visits). P.S. Tom had acromegaly, the same rare condition as Andre the Giant.



PHOTOS
By Jean Hawa



Public Relations/Event Planning Steven Rossi, Vice-President

The practice of managing and disseminating information to create a positive perception is known as public relations. For 2023, AACA welcomed the most recent 25-year-old and older antiques through a "Class of 1998" Press Release...along with press releases for the new ½-year Membership Allowance, the Zenith Award, the Eastern Fall National Meet and more.

In addition, we broke new ground by adding narration to the Friday morning assemblance of Show cars ... which we affectionately refer to as "Morning Glory" ... at the Hershey Meet. Thanks to the kind cooperation of the Hershey Region. An *Antique Automobile* (Jan./Feb. 2024) feature, called "Aging Demographic + Information Overload," was also developed to encourage member ship engagement in support of the Club's wellbeing.

All told, 1,349 traditional media stories and 345 social media mentions were realized. Which translates to \$19 million in Advertising value. Our official Facebook Organization page is up to 12,257 followers while the AACA Group page enjoys 24,166 members. Some 3,546 also follow us on Instagram.

Meanwhile, we very much accelerated our Annual Convention intentions through an interdisciplinary Board of Directors and Headquarters Staff team effort with coordinated process. Our 2024 Annual Convention & National Awards Banquet in Chantilly, Virginia, was engineered to provide utmost value and enjoyment at reasonable cost with accommodating and refined convenience.

Our premier host hotel, the Westfield's Marriott Washington Dulles, was named Marriot's Premium Hotel of the Year. Two generous sponsorships came our way in response to our demonstrated commitment to elevate the event. The NB Center for American Automotive Heritage served as Presenting Sponsor while J.C. Taylor graciously supported the newly initiated Casino Night. Two additional, anonymous donations...which were quite significant...kindly materialized, as well.

A continuing series of full-page *Antique Automobile* ads, ongoing Speedster support, three AACA e-Mail blasts and a hard copy promotional mailer (donated) to all members served to promote the 2024 Convention. With over 500 members in attendance, 36 Seminars and Meeting Sessions were presented. Over 20 Vendors registered for the Trade Show and attendees were treated to a visit to the Udvar-Hazy Center of the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum. There have been 4,500 Views on the AACA Forum Convention topic. The local AACA Bull Run Region actively supported the cause and congratulations to all the National Award Winners!

Finally, the 2025 Annual Convention is already contracted and under development. It will be held at the Embassy Suites Charlotte-Concord/Golf Resort & Spa in North Carolina from February 6-9, 2025. We look forward to seeing you there!



"America's Automotive Library" Identifies its Oldest Artifacts By Steve Rossi VP - Public Relations & Event Planning

The Chris & Kathleen Koch AACA Library & Research Center has identified its oldest antique automotive artifact. The collection includes *A Handbook for Steam Users Being Rules for Engine Drivers and Boiler Attendants* by M. Powis Bale, from 1890. In addition, a February 14, 1891, issue of *Scientific American* features an analysis of the 3 wheeled Butler Petrol-Cycle from Great Britain.

According to Library Director Jen Wolfe, "Since automotive history is an inexact science, trying to pinpoint the first piece of automotive material ever published is impossible...though Duryea is credited with producing the first American automobile in series by 1896." Some believe that Panhard began producing promotional literature...in color...during 1892 (from Panhard & Levassor: *Pioneers in Automobile Excellence*, by David Beare). Which the AACA artifacts predate.

The Smithsonian's Smith Hempstone Oliver contended that the first automotive catalog appeared in 1888/1889, from Philadelphia's Moto-Cycle Manufacturing Company which featured Lucius D. Copeland-designed steam cycles and steam carriages. Along with typewriters (*The Bulb Horn*, May-June 1966). Either way, as a function of the publication timeline above, "America's Automotive Library" is at the forefront.

The AACA Library & Research Center was established in 1977 and houses some 3+ million individual automotive artifacts at its Hershey, PA headquarters, and is the largest and most comprehensive institution of its kind. In addition, the Library also oversees nine single-marque collections within its climate controlled, secure and professionally managed facility which includes a state of the art fire suppression system.

The Library is free and open to the public. Research requests are included with AACA membership (for the first two hours at no charge, per year), while additional photo copies, scans and reproductions are further available for a fee. Donations such as literature, books, artwork, manuals, periodicals, toys/models, etc. are welcomed and encouraged. Upon receipt of materials, the Library will provide the donor with a letter acknowledging the gift. See www.aacalibrary.org for more information.





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If you are going out of town ANYTIME and come across a car show or car museum, please take pictures, write a story and email it to Editor Hawa (jmhawa@comcast.net). Do try to attend the national meets in Saratoga, NY and/or Hampton, VA

WANTED:

Sidelights needs your car stories, car pictures, accident and/or repair experiences, restoration project, childhood memories of you and a car/truck, etc. Do you have a story about a friend or relative regarding an antique? Do you have a "should've, would've, could've" story? Contact Editor Hawa at jmhawa@comcast.net



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2024-2025 SOUTH FLORIDA REGION EVENTS

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OCTOBER 2024

- 01- Board Meeting– 7:30 p.m.** at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72 Street, Miami 33173
- 05– Progressive Luncheon– 12 noon– mid afternoon;** registration closed 9/30
- 17– General Membership Meeting– 7:30 p.m.** at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72 Street, Miami; **NOMINATION NIGHT**; if you are planning to dine-in, be there by 6:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2024

- 03– Deering Estate Vintage Auto Show– 10 a.m.-3 p.m.;** for vehicles 1965 or earlier, or any year International Harvester; **MUST be pre-registered (see website: <https://southfloridaregion.aaca.com>)**
- 05- Board Meeting– 7:30 p.m.** at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72 Street, Miami 33173
- 21– General Membership Meeting– 7:30 p.m.: ELECTION NIGHT** at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72 Street, Miami; if you are planning to dine-in, be there by 6:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 2024

- 03- Board Meeting– 7:30 p.m.** at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72 Street, Miami 33173
- 07– Holiday Party** at the Big 5, 6 p.m.-10 p.m.; to register, go to club website: <https://southfloridaregion.aaca.com>

JANUARY 2025

- 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.

FEBRUARY 2025

- 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.



SUNSHINE REPORT: Get well cards were sent to Bob Mayer, Jay Mullinix, and Tom Taylor. Condolences were sent to Stella Ashen.



**2024-2025 AACA NATIONAL/
 REGION EVENTS**



(check *Antique Automobile* or www.aaca.org for more information)

- October 8 -11- 2024 Eastern Fall (Hershey)**
 Host: Hershey Region AACA Location: Hershey, PA
- October 23 – 26- 2024 Southeastern Fall Nationals-**
 Host: North Alabama Region AACA
 Location: NW Huntsville, Alabama
- February 6—8, 2025 - 2025 Annual Convention,**
 Charlotte, NC
- April 3-5, 2025 - 2025 Southeastern Spring Nationals**
 Charlotte, NC

OTHER EVENTS

- Every Other Friday- Cruise in Generation Old School-Olive Garden Kendall;** 8925 SW 162 Ave, Miami, FL 33196 (by Baptist Hospital)
- October 12, 2024– AACA South Florida & Peterson’s Harley Davidson South Cruise-In;** 12 pm-4 pm, 19825 S. Dixie Hwy, Cutler Bay 33157; limited spots; must be pre-registered; see <https://southfloridaregion.aaca.com>
- October 18–20, 2024– Lake Mirror Concours and Car Show, Lakeland, FL, 25th Anniversary;** Featured Marques: Cadillac and Mercedes-Benz; lakemirrorclassic.com
- October 26, 2024– BOPC Car Show [Buick, Oldsmobile, Pontiac, Cadillac],** 9:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m., Downtown City Park, 119 W. Park St, Auburndale, FL; for more details: www.oldclubofflorida.com
- October 29, 2024– 5th Annual Texas Roadhouse Trunk or Treat–** Tuesday, 10/02; 5 pm-8 pm 33250 S. Dixie Hwy, Florida City 33034; bring 500 pieces of candy (see <https://southfloridaregion.aaca.com>)