

**The A.A.C.A. South Florida Region Board Meeting of Tuesday, February 4, 2025, was called to Order by President Tomás Hernández at 7:35 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, Secretary Yovanna Hernández, Treasurer Manny Garcia, Immediate Past President Millie Garcia and Board Members 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 14 members of the board present.

**First Order of Business - Acceptance of Board Meeting Minutes from Previous Meeting:** 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, Ira Shapiro 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 January from the club's bank account. Manny added that with membership renewals, 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.

**Third Order of Business – Membership Report:** Ed Medina reported that as of now we have 226 active families. He informed us that there are still 30 members having to renew and he is waiting until the end of February for the final report.

**General Membership Meeting (February 22, 2025):** This SPECIAL MEETING will take place at 9 a.m. on Saturday at 13500 SW 134 Ave in a warehouse location – We will be discussing how to prepare your vehicle for an AACA judged show. Manny Garcia and other certified AACA Judges will be on hand to cover important factors, detailed tips and tricks.

**Art Deco Weekend Classic Auto Show Report:** Ira Shapiro reported that we had 60 cars on Saturday and 91 cars on Sunday. Ira mentioned that everyone was enjoying the beautiful weather and having fun, and it turned out to be a successful show. He also added that the Miami Design Preservation League has invited us back for next year's Art Deco Show.

Manny Garcia suggested that next year we will try placing the exhibited cars on the opposite side of the street because vendors were complaining that because spectators were walking around the cars, they were missing their tents, and negatively affecting their sales.

**Eddie Dauer Tour & Breathless Racing Report-** Tomás Hernández said it was an awesome event with plenty of food for breakfast at the museum and lunch at the Southwest Ranches (Monica Zima and Ernie Francis Sr. residence). All members present at the meeting thanked Benjamin Cardonne for a well-done job taking care of ordering and setting up everything. Bob Squier thought that we could have done fine with less food for which Ira Shapiro suggested having a budget set prior to any activity. Manny Garcia's opinion is that we should not hesitate about expenses as long as they are used for our own members, once or twice a year. Ira Shapiro added that this was a friendly event.

**Classic at Cauley (February 9, 2025)-** Ed Medina said that we have 55 cars pre-registered. He mentioned that Manny Garcia, Jorge Salazar and he have done a walkthrough through the area to decide how to accommodate all the vehicles. A DJ has already been acquired. The show will be from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Vizcaya Village (February 23, 2025)-** Ira Shapiro informed us that everything is in order, including insurance. There are 50 cars already registered. Ira added that he will be doing a tour of the village around 11:00 a.m.

**Biltmore Way Classic Auto Show (March 2, 2025):** Manny Garcia reported we are all set up for the show, that we have 55 cars pre-registered already and trophies and awards have been ordered. He added that Mike Penn will be taking care of all details for the portable toilets. He also mentioned that we still need judges for that day. Ed Medina added that he already received the certificate of insurance.

**Holiday Party (T.B.D.)-** Ed Medina asked the holiday party committee to reserve December 13 as an alternative date for the party until further notice.

**Ed Medina reminded us that on May 15, 1955, our club was founded. He proposed that this year, instead of having a yearly club picnic, to have a special 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Since the first club meeting was held at the Miami Outboard Club, it will be nice to use this venue for this commemoration. Ed said he will get all the information necessary and will let us know as soon as possible if this is feasible or not.**

**Other Club Business:**

- **Columbus High School Car Show (February 22, 2025)**
- **Good Shepherd Car Show (February 22, 2025)**
- **Corvette Club (February 23, 2025)**
- **Winston Park Car Show (March 8, 2025)**-Ed Medina reported that there are 26 cars registered.
- **East Ridge Retirement Village (March 15, 2025)**- Jean Hawa mentioned we have 18 pre-registered cars already. She reminded us that there will be food trucks.
- **Peterson Harley Davidson (April 5, 2025)**
- **River Cities (April 12, 2025)**-Ed Medina informed us that we will be displaying our antique cars only on Saturday from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Sunshine Report:** Jean Hawa reported that Phyllis Roscoe has moved into an assistance facility, Duff Matson severely hurt his leg and Hector China and his wife had a car accident.

**Adjournment:** With no further club business to discuss, President Tomás Hernández made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. It was unanimously seconded and approved.

Submitted by Yovanna Hernández, Secretary