

The A.A.C.A. South Florida Region Board Meeting of Tuesday, March 4, 2025, was called to Order by President Tomás Hernández at 7:34 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 Ed Medina, Secretary Yovanna Hernández, Treasurer Manny Garcia, Immediate Past President Millie Garcia and Board Members Benjamin Cardonne, Chico Goldsmith, George Harvey, Jean Hawa, Thomas Kosky, Mike Penn, Jorge Salazar, 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 February board meeting; if so, and if there were no questions, comments, or corrections, would someone move to accept the minutes as posted. Chico Goldsmith made a motion to accept the minutes, Jean Hawa 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 February 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. Manny also presented a Profit & Loss Report from January through December 2024. He also informed us that since the storage unit contract will expire next month and the rent will be increasing, that we should consider this new expense and perhaps start looking for another location west of the present one.

Third Order of Business – Membership Report: Ed Medina reported that as of now we are back to 206 active families. He informed us that 20 members did not renew therefore they were deleted from the AACA Roster.

General Membership Meeting (March 20, 2025): Ed Medina suggested that in lieu of holding general membership meetings on a Thursday evening at our regular location, we should hold our meetings on a Saturday morning at different places, preferably car related, because we could have a better turnout since people will not have to rush after work, will not have to be dealing with rush hour traffic and will have another opportunity to drive their antique cars if they so choose. One example could be the shop(s) of former guest speakers. Manny Garcia mentioned that people are used to meeting on the third Thursday of the month. Ed proposed finding locations to set up meetings and try doing this for three consecutive general meetings before amending the bylaws. Manny Garcia seconded the proposition. Benjamin Cardonne added that in his experience he gets better results communicating via text than emails and that we could also try doing this.

Classic at Cauley Square Report- Ed Medina reported that it was a great event with a very nice day for a car show with 91 antiques displayed. He also informed us that we have been invited back again.

Vizcaya Village Report- Ed Medina reported for Ira Shapiro, informing us that it was a nice show. He added that we had 50 cars and no matter how tight the space was, we could have had a couple of more cars. He complimented Ira Shapiro for a well-done job on the walking tour through the Village, sharing all the historical facts about the buildings. Ed also added that a couple of people went across the street to the Vizcaya Museum and reminded us that Ira is trying to secure a car show inside the property.

Biltmore Way Classic Auto Show Report: Manny Garcia reported that the event and the trophies were amazing where 90 cars delivered an array of models and colors. The Best of Show trophy was damaged, but Ed Medina offered to take it to the winner once it is replaced with a new one. Manny also informed that we have been asked to do a repeat next year. Our costs did increase with the additional police officer and the city wanting us to pay for using the parking spaces for the show. He also is following up on the credit due from last year's show.

Winston Park Car Show (March 8, 2025)-Ed Medina reported that there are 50

cars registered.

River Cities (April 12, 2025)-Ed Medina informed us that all preparations are coming together.

70th Club Anniversary Celebration (May 17, 2025)- Instead of having our yearly picnic, we will have an informal celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the AACA South Florida Region at the Miami Outboard Club from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The cost will be \$5 per person. We will be having a Tapas style buffet, dessert, a cash bar, and music. George Harvey brought pictures and memorabilia from the 1950's that he had saved for many years from his father Lanzo Harvey showing the early days of our club. He also found a club roster from 1962. The party committee will be preparing a surprise to share with our members that evening.

Holiday Party (December 13, 2025)- Ed Medina informed us that the holiday party committee has reserved December 13 for the party at the Miami Outboard Club from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This will be a sit-down dinner, with music and a cash bar. More details to follow as the date approaches.

Other Club Business:

- **East Ridge Retirement Village (March 15, 2025)**- Jean Hawa informed that we have 32 pre-registered cars. She reminded us that this is an open show, judged by the residents of the retirement community. She also mentioned that there will be food trucks and that smoking is not permitted.
- **Good Shepherd Car Show (March 22, 2025)** – Manny Garcia informed that there will be music by DJ Tony, great food, a bazaar, basketball tournament, plenty of entertainment for the kids and a 50/50 raffle. All money collected will be donated to charity.
- Millie Garcia was contacted by someone wanting us to do a car show at a destination roadside attraction/party venue. More information is needed.

Sunshine Report: Jean Hawa reported that Cheryl Mullinix was kept in the hospital for two days for observation while her husband Jay is recovering from eye surgery, Nivaldo Mora's sister passed away and Gil Ramos is improving nicely. Ira and Susan Shapiro are first time grandparents.

Adjournment: With no further club business to discuss, President Tomás

Hernández made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. It was unanimously seconded and approved.

Submitted by Yovanna Hernández, Secretary