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 Ford Thunderbird, Chevrolet Corvette
 Chevrolet BelAir

Hello Fellow Members,

We started the year in a big fashion; the Art Deco weekend car show was a success with many cars on display in a different set up than previous years. I hope that everyone enjoyed the first show of 2026. I want to thank all the enthusiasts that participated both Saturday and Sunday and those volunteers who took the time, as always, to make this a great event. Looking forward to upcoming events that are listed on our club website calendar, please make a habit to check it.

The A Auto Tech Biltmore Way Classic Car, Truck, Motorcycle Show in downtown Coral Gables, is our only AACA regulated judged show on Sunday, March 8th. We want to thank our new sponsor, A Auto Tech, who will be setting a special display on the venue. Again, this is our car show season, let's take advantage of the cooler and dryer weather and participate in the different shows.

Also, on the day before our car show in Coral Gables, be sure to attend the 2nd Annual NIKE Missile Base Auto Show on Saturday March 7th. The location is a historic Cold War site established in Everglades National Park in 1965, showcasing the U.S. military's air defense strategy during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

On a sad note, the club offers our deepest condolences, thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of a long-time member, George Harvey, who unexpectedly passed away during a trip abroad. George will be deeply missed. Please, don't forget the general meetings every third Thursday of the month. The meetings are now held at La Carreta Restaurant on Bird Road where we as members can socialize and have guest speakers to delight us with topics about our car hobby.

Keep your motor running,

Your President,
Al



As we all know, changes often bring challenges. Like life, this issue of *Sidelights* is filled with happiness and sadness. Our membership was notified in late January that board member George Harvey passed away suddenly while on vacation overseas. His last contribution to the South Florida Region was his report about his and wife Cathy's experience at the Fall 2025 Nationals Meet in Hershey, Pennsylvania which you will find on page 12. His decades long dedication to the antique car hobby will not be forgotten. Then, moving on to early February, three of our board members and one sister club were honored at the AACA 2026 National Convention in Chantilly, Virginia: Ira Shapiro was sworn in as the Assistant Vice-President of Regions Development and Support for the Southeast, Guy Lewis was awarded the Bomgardner Award, Jean Hawa was awarded a Master Editor Award, and the Ft. Lauderdale Region was awarded the I.C. Kirkham Membership Award. Congratulations to all. You can find all the award winners for 2025 on the AACA.org website.

Realizing that we frequently have a lot of competition from other car groups/organizations/festivals, etc. during this time of the year, mainly due to the beautiful weather, priorities have to be made, especially when family matters are concerned. Hopefully you be participating in as many of our upcoming car events as possible. Also, always remember, if you attend a non-South Florida Region car event, please send this editor a story/report with photos so it can be shared with our members and others who read about our club. You can send it to aacasouthfloridaregion@gmail.com. Just remember the "who, what, why, when, and where" for the report.

Happy motoring,

Jean

Hello Members,

With the Coral Gables A Auto Tech Biltmore Way Show coming up now on March 8th, we would like to share the video we shot last year at our February 2025 General Membership Meeting in preparation for the Biltmore Way Show. Sharing their knowledge are our own AACA Judges Manny Garcia

and Paul Cotner. Please watch the "AACA Introduction to Judging at a Car Show" video (48.19 minutes long). It will guide you on how to properly prepare your vehicles and guide you on the basics of judging an AACA show. Even if you miss this show, the information is applicable to any AACA judged show. Go to the below YouTube website for the video.

<https://youtu.be/zQiWESrxVDE?si=2dTMYnM-zyg6V8Wc>



The A.A.C.A. South Florida Region Board Meeting of Tuesday, January 6, 2026 was called to Order by President Elpidio Padilla at 7:35 p.m., at La Carreta Restaurant, 8650 Bird Road, Miami, FL 33155.

In Attendance: President Elpidio Padilla, 1st Vice President Ed Medina, 2nd Vice President Jorge Salazar, Secretary Yovanna Hernández, Treasurer Manny Garcia, Past-President Tomás Hernández, and Board Members Angel Aulet, Benjamin Cardonne, Alejandro Clay, Millie Garcia, George Harvey, Jean Hawa, Tony Hernandez, Thomas Kosky, Mike Penn, Ira Shapiro, Bob Squier, Junior Felix Valdes

Establish a Quorum: President Elpidio Padilla was able to establish a quorum with 18 members of the board present.

First Order of Business - Acceptance of Board Meeting Minutes from Previous Meeting: President Elpidio Padilla asked if everyone present had read the minutes of the December's board meeting; if so, and if there were no questions, comments, or corrections, would someone move to accept the minutes as posted. Manny Garcia 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 December 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 246 active families, taking in consideration that 55 memberships have not renewed yet.

General Membership Meeting (January 15, 2026): Ed Medina informed us that he was going to ask if La Carreta Restaurant has a bigger room available for the general meeting that accommodates more members. He also said that he was working with a guest speaker for the meeting and was letting us know at a later date.

Holiday Party Report: President Elpidio Padilla mentioned that it was a wonderful gathering. Everyone liked the food and the venue with all the decorations. It was a wonderful evening where people enjoyed taking pictures and dancing with music from the era. Al thanked

Tony Hernandez as he did a great job with the music. Ed Medina presented the budget report for the party and suggested using the same location for next year's Holiday Party. The club is tentatively holding December 12, 2026 as a possible date.

Resignation of Chico Goldsmith: Al Padillo read Chico Goldsmith's resignation letter. Manny Garcia explained to the new board members that Chico has been part of the board for many years. He also added that Chico will continue as a member of our car club as well as the Corvette club as he has done in the past.

Art Deco Car Show (January 10-11, 2026): Ira Shapiro informed us that there are 65 pre-registered cars for Saturday and 86 pre-registered cars for Sunday. Ira also said he has received the venue layout and explained that the Miami Beach Fire Department needs 15 feet of the beach side of the street to be open and restaurants will have 20 feet towards the street. There is going to be space for 120 cars from 5th Street to 14th Street. It was unanimously decided to keep the registration tent on 5th Street for better control of the entrance with cars coming into the show. Ira specified that we are going to need two tables and four chairs in our tent. Set up time will be 7:30 a.m., cars entry will be from 8 to 10 o'clock on Saturday and Sunday. Two members volunteered to bring the doughnuts/bagels and coffee for both Saturday and Sunday. Ira thanked Williamson Cadillac for their donation to the club, mentioned that he interviewed with WSVN about our club being part of the Art Deco Show and that this interview will air on Deco Drive, Channel 7.

Cauley Square (February 22, 2026): Ed Medina informed that he has pulled out the insurance and that we have 39 pre-registered cars.

East Ridge Village Car Show (February 28, 2026): Jean Hawa informed us that there are 26 pre-registered cars and that she will be pulling out insurance in the near future.

NIKE Missile Site Classic Car Show (March 7, 2026) - Ed Medina said there are 46 pre-registered cars. He reminded us that only 1950's, 60's and 70's cars are needed.

Biltmore Way Classic Auto Show (March 8, 2026) - Manny Garcia informed us that an application has been submitted and we are waiting on the City of Coral Gables for their approval. Manny added that Guardian Lifts is our new sponsor, will be coming to (continued on page 5)



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the show, and *Sidelights* will have an ad for them in our next edition.

Winston Park Car Show (March 14, 2026) – Ed Medina informed us that we already have 19 pre-registered cars.

Good Shepherd Car Show (March 21, 2026) – Manny Garcia reminded us that cars have to be 25 years and older. He suggested to modify judging using AACA rules. Al Padilla also recommended all profits to go to charity.

Other Club Business:

Jean Hawa informed us that MaryAnn Sebastian has sent a donation to the club and gave the check to our treasurer.

Sunshine Report: Jean Hawa informed us that Ed Medina is awaiting surgery on a foot injury.

Adjournment: With no further club business to discuss, President Elpidio Padilla made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. It was unanimously seconded and approved.

Submitted by Yovanna Hernandez, Secretary

The A.A.C.A. South Florida Region Board Meeting of Tuesday, February 4, 2026 was called to Order by President Elpidio Padilla at 7:35 p.m., at La Carreta Restaurant, 8650 Bird Road, Miami, FL 33155.

In Attendance: President Elpidio Padilla, 2nd Vice President Jorge Salazar, Secretary Yovanna Hernández, Treasurer Manny Garcia, Past-President Tomás Hernández, and Board Members Angel Aulet, Benjamin Cardonne, Alejandro Clay, Millie Garcia, Jean Hawa, Tony Hernandez, Thomas Kosky, Mike Penn, Ira Shapiro, Bob Squier, Junior Felix Valdes.

Establish a Quorum: President Elpidio Padilla was able to establish a quorum with 16 members of the board present.

First Order of Business - Acceptance of Board Meeting Minutes from Previous Meeting: President Elpidio Padilla 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: Al Padilla reported in lieu of Ed Medina, that as of now we have 251 active families.

General Membership Meeting (February 19, 2026): Al Padilla informed us that we will have a guest speaker who does car photography artwork. He also mentioned that he is looking forward having Tony Marquez from Tesla as our next month's speaker.

Art Deco Car Show Report: Jorge Salazar reported that it was a great car show and that on Saturday we had 67 cars and Sunday we had 89 cars. He added that most everyone liked the layout of the cars in the show field.

Ira Shapiro presented the budget reconciliation for the show. Ira said that he spoke with the Police Lieutenant who said that for next year he was going to discuss with the Miami Beach Commissioners about having cars enter at 7 o'clock in the morning in order to better accommodate the layout of cars before the public starts coming in. Ira also mentioned that the new director of the Miami Design Preservation League, Meg Lousteau, had been present at the show and had given lots of compliments about us. He said that despite of having a last-minute layout change, especially since the fire department needed a 20-foot clearance, it came out to be great and proposed keeping it for next year and made a request to look for a grant rider for the future. Even though there were a couple of issues about parking locations and some cars not being led out in time, those concerns would have to be rectified next year. It was noted that the food vendors were not invited back this year because many of them deposited their cooking oil in the grass causing a major costly clean up by the city.

Al Padilla recognized Jorge Salazar for all his extraordinary efforts during the opening of the show. He also mentioned that we need to have an emergency oil spill kit at all our shows.

Cauley Square (February 22, 2026): Al Padilla reported that Ed Medina informed him that he we have 39 pre-registered cars.



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East Ridge Village Car Show (February 28, 2026): Jean Hawa informed us that there are 26 pre-registered cars and that she pulled out the insurance already. There will be two food trucks on site. She added that the only expense we will incur is the cost of the windshield cards.

NIKE Missile Site Classic Car Show (March 7, 2026) - Al Padilla reported that Ed Medina informed him that there are 46 pre-registered cars. He reminded us that only 1950's, 60's and 70's cars were to be in the show.

Biltmore Way Classic Auto Show (March 8, 2026) - Manny Garcia informed us that he received an approval from the City of Coral Gables and everything has been taken care of and got a call from the Coral Gables Police informing us that we need to have a third police officer at the show. Manny reminded us that Guardian Lifts is our new sponsor, and they will be coming to the show.

Winston Park Car Show (Cancelled) – Al Padilla explain that this show was cancelled because the new Board at Winston Park did not agree with the AACA rules. Al said that both he and Ed Medina and the Winston Park Board had reached an impasse regarding this situation.

Good Shepherd Car Show (March 21, 2026) – Manny Garcia reminded us that this show started to help the new school and now has become a big show. He mentioned that cars have to be 25 years and older. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided for members.

Other Club Business:

- Millie Garcia suggested that we should check Harris Field Park in Homestead for a car show possibility.
- Alejandro Clay said he has contacts in Doral for a possible show.
- Manny Garcia mentioned Coconut Grove Arts Festival has a had a relationship with our club in the past. Ira Shapiro suggested we should contact then and see what they will like to offer.
- Jean Hawa asked Ira Shapiro about the Vizcaya Farm Market Show. Ira responded that he has not worked on that yet but suggested that we could fill the Winston Park space with that show.
- Tomas Hernández made a motion to reinstate Chico Goldsmith as a member of the Board of Directors to replace the late George Harvey. Jorge Salazar seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Sunshine Report: Jean Hawa informed us that she received a call from Cathy Harvey telling her that George Harvey had passed away while in vacation in Italy and

that she is planning a Celebration of Life at the end of the month. Jean also said that Ed Medina had an achilles tendon injury and will be having surgery in the near future.

Adjournment: With no further club business to discuss, President Elpidio Padilla made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. It was unanimously seconded and approved.

Submitted by Yovanna Hernandez, Secretary



This editor's husband's nephew texted pictures of the snow covered cars where he is a used car auctioneer in Lowell, Massachusetts where someone actually bought a car for \$1,000.

Our nephew fortunately wore battery-powered clothing which allowed him to dig out the sold vehicle. Brr-rr!





**ART DECO WEEKEND CLASSIC CAR FEST 2026
BY ED MEDINA**

Another amazing Art Deco Weekend Classic Car Fest. The weather was perfect on both Saturday and Sunday, a little warmer on Sunday but beautiful South Florida weather. The event was amazing as always, vendors, artists, artisans and many others lined the east side of Ocean Drive from 5th Street to 14th Street. Yes, this year's event was extended all the way to 14th Street unlike the past 30+ years where it ended on 10th Street. Unlike previous years, there were no food street vendors and the local restaurants were invited to participate in the event. All those choosing to participate had tables and chairs out on the street and many had special menus just for the event, with surprisingly decent rates. On the west side of Ocean Drive the spaces in between the restaurants the classic cars were lined up all the way from 5th Street to 14th Street on Saturday and to 13th Street on Sunday. The display and almost everything about the event had a new clean and appealing layout; the cars were better setup with protection from the strollers, cyclist, and scooters. The one thing we all agreed upon that was a drawback, was the change of dates, as the Art Deco Weekend has always taken place on the long weekend of MLK, but this year, due to the Orange Bowl and National Championship game taking place on the long weekend, the festival was forced to move to the weekend ahead. We are assured the Art Deco Festival will move back for next year to its original long weekend.



Awards and Club Support by Williamson Automotive Group

Director Mike Penn accepts a Token of Appreciation

Plaque for the Williamson Automotive Group.

The AACA South Florida Region would like to also extend a thank you to the Miami Design Preservation League for hosting the event and always having AACA as the classic car show representative.

A special thank you goes to the following: Ira Shapiro



and Jorge Salazar who chaired and organized the event; Angel Aulet, Tony Hernandez, Junior Valdes, Millie Garcia, Manny Garcia, Tomás Hernández, Al Padilla, Alejandro Clay, Hector China, Ed Medina, Anthony Noboa, and Art Fernandez for helping out and donating water and ice on Sunday.

L: Jorge

In no particular order the following are the cars that received awards each day. Keep in mind these are popular awards.

Saturday

- 1995 Porsche 911 by Bernardo Abello
- 1973 BMW 3.0 CS by Drew Gregg
- 1966 Ford Thunderbird by Eddie Gil
- 1981 Chevy Camaro Z28 by Carlos Alvarez
- 1967 Chevrolet Corvette by Terry Cullen
- 1952 MG TD by Francisco Matallana
- 1986 Buick Grand National by Peter Rodriguez
- 1969 Plymouth Road Runner by Jay Pilch
- 1992 Mini Cooper by Henry Gonzalez
- 1967 MGB by Peter Lacao
- 1975 Chevy Corvette by Art Fernandez

Best of Show Saturday

- 1930 Rolls Royce Phantom by Henry Kohn

Sunday

- 1959 Ford Fairlane 500 by Bob Mayer
- 1969 Pontiac Firebird by Mike Penn
- 1936 Ford Roadster by Diane Ash
- 1959 MG A Roadster by Luis Fernandez
- 2000 BMW Z8 by Eduardo Areas
- 1970 Chevy Corvette by Julio Martinez
- 1969 Ford Mustang Mach 1 by Bruno Zayas
- 1955 Chevrolet Corvette by Henry Kohn
- 1934 Buick 56C sport by Larry Epstein
- 1964 Ford Thunderbird by Jose Trujillo
- 1929 Ford Woody by Ross Battaglia

Best of Show Sunday

- 1958 Cadillac El Dorado Brougham by Junior Valdes

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Henry Kohn's 1930 Rolls Royce Phantom 2



Nivardo Mora's 1956 Chrysler New Yorker



Ricardo Kramer's 2000 Dodge Viper



Larry Epstein's 1934 Buick 56C Sport



Barry & Ana Delphus' 1966 Corvette Roadster



Ricardo Otiz's 1962 Chevrolet Corvair



Ross Battaglia's 1929 Ford Model A Woody



Chevrolet Chevelle



Justo Azpiazu's 2001 BMW Z8



Dana Barlow's 1928 Ford Model A Roadster



Henry Kohn's 1958 Edsel Pacer



Street Rod

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VW Trio



Mike Penn's 1969 Pontiac Firebird convertible
R: Al Padilla's 1955 Buick



1955 MG A

1952 MG TD

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Jorge Salazar



1960 Cadillac Eldorado

1958 Cadillac Eldorado Brougham



Guy Lewis' 1979 Mercedes Benz 450 SL



1955 Chevrolet BelAir



Michael Arias' 1974 DeTomaso Pantera



Ursula Udics' 1967 Plymouth Belvedere



Irwin Adler's 1955 Chrysler Deluxe Town & Country station wagon



Martin Gil's 1957 Mercury Montclair



Relaxing in front of the club's registration tent: L-R: Larry, Ed, Millie, Manny, Ross
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Jose Trujillo's
1964 Ford
Thunderbird



Ben Cardonne's
1991 Nissan Figaro
Tom Kosky's 1974 TR6

Dawn Hebert's 1965
Chevrolet Impala



1971 Mini Cooper



1992 Mini Cooper



1957 Chevrolet BelAir



Luis Fernandez's 1959
MGA roadster



Ross Battaglia's 1959 Chevrolet Impala



1956 Chevrolet BelAir



Chevrolet Corvette



Ford
Mustang



Carlos Alvarez's



1955 MG



Eddie Gil's 1966 Ford Thunderbird



L: Richard Ash's 1936 Ford Cabriolet
and 1930 Ford Phaeton



2025 National Award
Winners

Presented at the
Annual Convention

Chantilly, Virginia

February 7, 2026

*Congratulations
to all!*

Guy A. Lewis - 1979 Mercedes-Benz 450 SEL



Bomgardner Award - Eastern Division

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REGION AND CHAPTERS AWARDS

Awards for Region or Chapter newsletters are based on participation in the Region/Chapter Newsletter Contest. The AACA Publications Committee selects recipients and the awards are presented at the Annual Meeting. There were 19 Master Editors Awards presented.



South Florida Region's very own Ira Shapiro was sworn in at the 2026 AACA Annual Convention in Chantilly, Virginia on Saturday February 7th as the new Assistant Vice President of Regions Development and Support for the Southeast. New 2026 President Vicki Bolton congratulated Ira (far left) and Michael Etling (middle) with their new AACA positions. Seated on far right is David Anspach, Immediate Past President and current Vice President- Touring.

SERVICE AWARD

The I.C. Kirkham Membership Award

Awarded at the AACA Annual Meeting to the Region or Chapter with the greatest membership gain according to a weighted formula that considers the number of new National members acquired and the percentage of increase in membership. This I.C. Kirkham trophy is presented by the Genesee Valley Antique Car Society Region in memory of Elmer Bassage who probably sponsored more new members for AACA than any other person.



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2025 HERSHEY AACA NATIONAL FALL SHOW: October 7-9, 2025

By George and Cathy Harvey

THE PRE-WAR CARS OF HERSHEY 2025



1909 Stanley Steamer



The pre-war era extends up to 1942. A selection of the wonderful automobiles that I saw at the Hershey Fall Car Show from the pre-war era are shown in these photos. Looking at the cars represented, the advancement of technology of all aspects of car construction is amazing, especially considering that it was accomplished in such a few short years. These cars are in pristine condition, following many hours of restoration.



1903 St. Louis



1912 Rambler



1913 Nation

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Front wheel drive L 29 Cord



1929 Isotta Fraschini



1929 Hudson



1930 Duesenberg Berline



1931 Lincoln Limousine



1932 Plymouth



1934 Packard



1937 Packard



1937 Hudson Terraplane

These photos are of just a few of the of the pre-war cars that were shown at the Hershey 2025 AACA Meet. I chose cars that ranged from exotic, high-priced cars, to luxury cars, as well as a few production cars. In the next Sidelights, I will highlight post-war cars. If you ever have the opportunity, attend the Hershey show, you won't be disappointed!

NOTE: The above article was sent to this editor the day before George and Cathy Harvey went on vacation. One week later Cathy texted that sadly George had unexpectedly passed away. This Hershey beautiful experience would be his final report. This editor will forever cherish George's contributions to the hobby he loved. Rest in Peace George.



GROW YOUR CLUB---IT'S EVERYONE'S JOB

By Dave Anspach

2025 AACA President/
2024 EVP

At the risk of sounding like a broken record (yes, I know, you have to be in our age group to know what that is and how it sounds), we all have a responsibility to help to grow OUR club. We have a lot of stuff Nationally to help. Things like the Veteran's memberships, free memberships, half year memberships offered in July and others, all make it pretty easy for you to sign up a new member, but, the first step is, you have to ask.

I watched past president Jim Elliott at Hershey working at the membership tent. He signed up numerous new members in a short 2-hour shift. How did he do it?? HE ASKED THEM! A simple question. "Are you a member of AACA?" started the conversation. A large percentage that answered NO, followed with... "I've been meaning to but just never got around to it". From there it was an easy transition to the sign up! Now I hear you saying that Hershey is an easy spot to start from, but I don't have a Hershey. You are right, but you have lots of opportunities to work with. Remember to ALWAYS have information and membership materials with you. Keep them in your regular driver and in your show cars. You never know when and where you will meet the next new AACA member. I've signed up members at gas stations, convenience stores, along highways, and everywhere else. I've even followed people home and talked with them on becoming members.

Create opportunities by bringing info to car shows. What better place than a place where people are already interested in cars? Take a small card table and set up next to your beautiful AACA car. Talk to

everyone who will listen about your club and the opportunities it presents.

Don't forget tours! People like the idea of driving them as much as showing them! Make sure you have the AACA event schedule with you and talk about the opportunities. One other talking point is AACA Judging. Our system is the most respected multi car system in the hobby. Talk about it! Also, talk to your local region (if you are part of one, if not...join!) about going to shows as a group. There is no more powerful recruiting tool than seeing a group of AACA cars taking awards at a local show! Don't be afraid to ask. The worst answer you can get is NO! And if you get a maybe or an "I'll think about it" try to get at least an e-mail or a phone number and FOLLOW UP! Get your local region to send them a newsletter, invite them to a meeting, Include them in your events. As soon as they feel part of things - they will join. As past president Jack Harris says - you may even have to pick them up and bring them to a meeting with you! Remember that every new member has the potential to multiply!

We just signed up a new young man at our last cruise-in we attended. He came to his first meeting this month. He said he had so much fun he is "twisting arms" among his friends to get them to come next month! Please! Get at least one new member! Grow our club! You will be glad you did!

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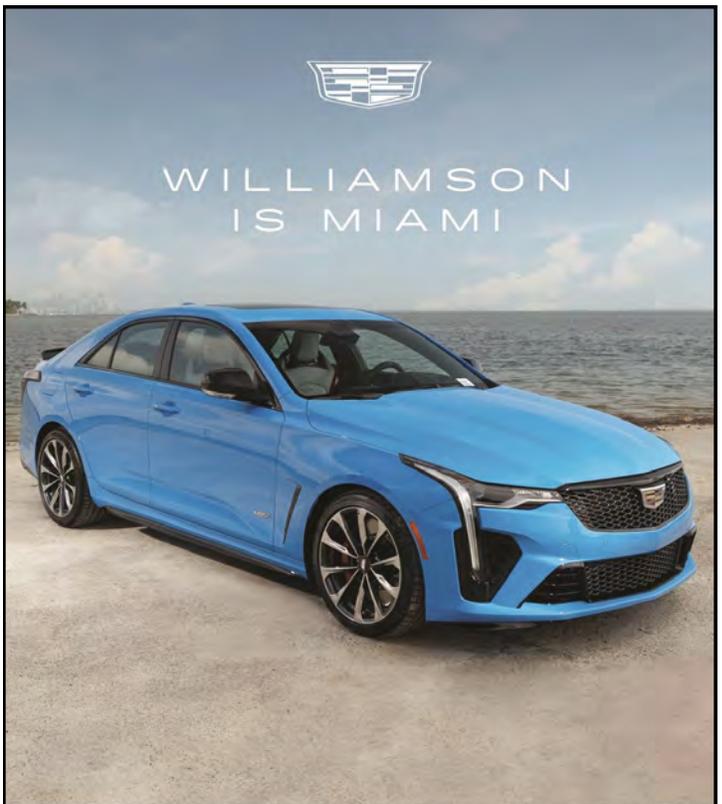
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MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you did not renew your AACA South Florida membership dues by December 31st, members can use the online renewal option on our website (<https://southfloridaregion.aaca.com>) or (for digital readers) [click here for link](#).

Renewing online is quick and easy! (preferred method) Just click, enter the required information, review the information listed and make changes if necessary.

Review your information one more time and select the payment option **PayPal** or **Credit Card**. Credit Card payment options include Visa, MasterCard, Amex or Discover. **Your payment will automatically update your membership record.**

Remember, you **MUST** also pay your national AACA dues by December 31st. You can reach national from our club website or go to AACA.org

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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?

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TO:

2026 SOUTH FLORIDA REGION EVENTS
Website: <https://southfloridaregion.aaca.com>
 (*for Online Registration)
MARCH 2026

01– Celebration of Life of George Harvey– Stanfill Funeral Home, 2 p.m. -5 p.m., 10545 South Dixie Highway, Pinecrest, FL 33156.

03- Board Meeting– 7:30 p.m. at La Carreta, 8650 SW 40 Street, Miami 33155

07– * Cold War-Era Auto Show -2nd Annual NIKE Missile Site Classic Car Show– Everglades National Park HM-69 Nike Missile Site featuring cars from the 1950’s, 60’s and 70’s era ; Cars arrive by 10 a.m. show– 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.; an opportunity to connect with one of south Florida’s most important historic sites.

08– *A Auto Tech Biltmore Way Classic Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show– 10:00 a.m.-3 p.m.- Show field on Biltmore Way between Hernando Street and LeJeune Rd., Coral Gables 33146– ENTER at Hernando Street and Biltmore Way starting at 9:00 AM, all cars in place by 10:00 AM; AACA standards for judging.

19– General Membership Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at La Carreta Restaurant at 8650 SW 40 Street, Miami 33155; if you want dinner, please come at 6:30.

APRIL 2026

06- Board Meeting– 7:30 p.m. at La Carreta Restaurant, 8650 SW 40 Street, Miami 33155

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2026 OTHER EVENTS

Every Other Friday- Cruise in Generation Old School-Olive Garden Kendall; 8925 SW 162 Ave, Miami, FL 33196 (by Baptist Hospital) for more information go to : Generation Old School–Facebook

March

01– MODA Miami 10:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m. Biltmore Hotel Coral Gables, FL 33146 (entire event February 28-March 1)

21- * 11th Annual Good Shepherd Car Show: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. 14187 SW 72 Street, Miami 33183; GSCARSHOW.COM

28- *8th Annual KUMC Vintage Car and Truck Show– 9:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.; 7600 SW 104 Street, Pinecrest, 33156




2025-2026 AACA NATIONAL/ REGION EVENTS
 (check *Antique Automobile* or www.aaca.org for more information)

March 19-21, 2026– Special Nationals– Guaynabo, Puerto Rico– Hosted by Puerto Rico Region

March 21, 2026– 36th Annual Auto Show– Hosted by Naples– Marco Island Region- 10:00 a.m.– 3 p.m. North Naples Church, 6000 Goodlette-Frank Road, Naples, FL 34109; www.naplesmarcoaaca.org or Peter at prius@gmail.com or 239-592-9814

March 28, 2026- John Knox Village Classic & Antique Car Show; Ft. Lauderdale Region– 10 a.m.-2 p.m. John Knox Village of Florida, Inc., 651 SW 6th Street, Pompano Beach, FL 33060; registration deadline March 13; [https:// fortlauderdale.aaca.com/event/john-knox-car-show-2026](https://fortlauderdale.aaca.com/event/john-knox-car-show-2026); Car Show Chairman Paul Loree (954) 941-2561 e-mail: thelorees@hotmail.com

March 26-28, 2026 – Winter Nationals – Cartersville, GA – hosted by Lake Allatoona Region

April 9-11, 2026– Southeastern Spring Nationals– Charlotte, NC– hosted by Hornets Nest Region

April 23-25, 2026- Annual Grand Nationals/Western Spring Nationals– Las Vegas, Nevada– hosted by Las Vegas Region

May 28-30, 2026– Eastern Spring Nationals– Indiana, PA– hosted by Shannock Valley Region

SUNSHINE REPORT 

A Get Well card was sent to Ed Medina. Condolences have been sent to Cathy Harvey and Bruno and Yazmin Zayas.