

The A.A.C.A. South Florida Region Board Meeting of Tuesday, March 3, 2026 was called to Order by President Elpidio Padilla at 7:30 p.m., at La Carreta Restaurant, 8650 Bird Road, Miami, FL 33155.

In Attendance: 1st Vice President Ed Medina, Secretary Yovanna Hernández, Past-President Tomás Hernández, and Board Members Angel Aulet, Benjamin Cardonne, Alejandro Clay, Millie Garcia, Jean Hawa, Tony Hernandez, Thomas Kosky, Ira Shapiro, Bob Squier, Junior Felix Valdes and Gina Medina as guest.

Establish a Quorum: 1st Vice President Ed Medina was able to establish a quorum with 13 members of the board present.

First Order of Business - Acceptance of Board Meeting Minutes from Previous Meeting: 1st Vice President Ed Medina 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; Tomás Hernández seconded it. Having no other discussion, the motion was voted on and passed.

Second Order of Business – Treasurer's Report: Millie Garcia spoke in lieu of Manny Garcia but she was not able to present a reconciliation statement for February from the club's bank account at this time and informed us that Manny will report on it at our next board meeting.

Third Order of Business – Membership Report: Ed Medina reported that as of now we have 212 active families.

General Membership Meeting (February 19, 2026): Ed Medina informed us that the general meeting will take place in the morning of the Good Shepherd Car Show on Saturday, March 21. Ed is trying to confirm that a Tesla representative will be our guest speaker for the April General Meeting.

Cauley Square Car Show Report: Jean Hawa and Millie Garcia reported that it was a successful and beautiful show and we exceeded the number of cars allowed at the venue.

East Ridge Village Car Report (February 28, 2026): Jean Hawa reported that it was very nice setup with all the cars facing the side walk, giving all residents the ability to view them. She added that it was judged by three residents. East Ridge personnel were very pleased and invited us back next year. Jean was disappointed because only 13 of the 30 cars who registered showed up, but understood that there were seven car shows happening on the same day.

NIKE Missile Site Classic Car Show (March 7, 2026) - Ed Medina informed us we have now 38 cars registered. He added that we will be having three awards and park rangers will be picking the winners. He added that the Military Museum and people from the Peter Pan era will help organize this event, delivering information on the 1960's missile crisis. The festival will offer food and drinks.

Biltmore Way Classic Auto Show (March 8, 2026) – Ed Medina informed us that we have 92 pre-registered cars and everything else is ready for the show; he also reminded us that this is a big AACA Judged Show. He said that Mike Penn has already paid for the ADA toilet and all we need the day of the show are the two tables, table covers, tent and club signs. Jean Hawa volunteered to bring doughnuts and coffee.

Ira Shapiro mentioned that Brany Binker from A Auto Tech is our trophy sponsor. He is bringing a tent and

two cars; one will be Bob Mayer's Mustang.

Millie Garcia proposed to make a plaque honoring George Harvey as our longest member, to be handed to his wife Cathy Harvey at the end of the show. Also, we should dedicate the show to his memory. All members present were in favor. Tomás Hernández offered to speak with Cathy to bring George's 1934 Plymouth to show-case it at the show.

Good Shepherd Car Show (March 21, 2026) – Ed Medina reminded us that the general meeting will take place at the show venue. He also mentioned that Al Padilla spoke to Michael Vera who wants to donate \$375 to go towards trophies to be awarded to three cars at the show. All board members agreed to have it done.

Other Club Business:

- Tomás Hernández made a motion to have Cathy Harvey inducted as an Esteemed Member. Ed Medina approved the motion and Millie Garcia seconded it. All were in favor.
- Ed Medina suggested charging a \$5 minimum to register for our car shows as an incentive to attend and use that money to be donated to a charity. This was due to the East Ridge Show where the car attendance was so low compared to the amount of people who signed up, as well as other car shows where many no-shows occurred without prior cancellation. All were in favor.
- An apology was given by a member of the Cobra Club to Millie Garcia and extended to Angel Aulet for an unfortunate incident that transcended at the Cauley Square Car Show where a member of such club was very rude, disrespectful and abusive when he was told that it was passed entrance time and there were no more open spaces to park his car because the venue was full. On a happier note, Millie mentioned how admirable Angel was through all this ordeal and cited that he did a wonderful job. Tomás Hernández suggested that for all our shows we should charge a fee for non-members to avoid this type of situation.
- Robert Geitner, Director Association contacted Ira Shapiro to ask him if the club could bring cars from the 1920's on April 11, 2026 from 6-10 pm for a Centennial celebration in front of the Olympia Theater in Downtown Miami.
- Ira Shapiro informed us that he was contacted by the AACA National, looking to have a South Florida National Meet together with the Ft. Lauderdale Region, possibly in 2028. A small discussion about possible venues was held. Ira will follow up with the Ft. Lauderdale Region.
- Ira Shapiro informed us that The Vizcaya Village at the Farmers Market is under restoration and will not be available for any shows until the of winter 2027.

Sunshine Report: Jean Hawa informed us that Tomás Hernández told her that Frank Rubino had passed away. Funeral services will be held March 6th at 11 a.m. at the Stanfill Funeral Home, Pinecrest.

Adjournment: With no further club business to discuss, 1st Vice President Ed Medina made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. It was unanimously seconded and approved.

Submitted by Yovanna Hernandez,
Secretary