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Mach 1”

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OOPS REPORT

In the March 2023 *Sidelights* Volume 66 Issue 2, the following corrections needed are as follows:

Correct date for Southeastern Spring Nationals is April 13-15, 2023.



The car on the left should have been in the printed version of *Sidelights*. It is George Radelat's 1974 Triumph TR6.



Dear Members,

It seems like just last week that the 2023 Winter Nationals was concluded. We're in the final stages of completing all the last minute details with National AACA and soon will be able to close the books on another successful club event.

Our car season continues to be very busy with shows and other events happening every weekend. We are so happy to see some of our new members joining in on our activities. The display of vintage steel at the Vizcaya Farm Village Auto Show in February and two shows in March, the judged Rubenstein Law Biltmore Way Classic Auto Show and the Winston Park Car Show, brought out many members. The public certainly enjoyed seeing the antiques. Looking ahead, the April 29th Cruise 'n Lunch will be a way for you to enjoy a very pleasant drive to Key Largo and then socialize with fellow car enthusiasts at lunch in a very casual environment. It should be a fun event. You can check it out and RSVP for it on our website under Events/South Florida Region Members Cruise.

We are mid-way making plans to have our annual picnic. We are checking on the availability of dates to reserve a pavilion. For many years our annual picnic was called the Watermelon Picnic because it was held in the summer, usually in July when watermelons were just coming into the stores. As the years went by, it either got too hot or too rainy in the summertime and members complained about both. So now the picnic has moved to the spring. And, surprisingly, the watermelon season has moved up into the late winter and springtime, too. Watch for an email and check the website for the date. The one thing that has not changed is that no one goes home hungry. In fact, based on the tough decisions our tasting judges have to make for the best side-dish and dessert contest, they always comment on how many of our members bring the most delicious side-dishes and desserts to the picnic!

With so many new members joining our club, we on the board hope that you join us in as many activities as possible. Hopefully, the more you participate the more you will enjoy the fun aspects of the antique car hobby.

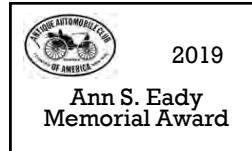
Keep those engines running!

All the best,

Millie Garcia

President

AACA South Florida Region



This editor is trying very hard to catch up with reporting all of our car events. As stated last month some events will be a month or two late due to the limited size of the newsletter. Nevertheless, if not in this issue, you will read a thorough story of what occurred in past events. Hopefully you, the readers will make the attempt to join in on as many of our events as possible. With the summer heat we do slow down to no car shows, but we do have our general membership meetings on the third Thursday of the month. Do join your fellow car enthusiasts for dinner at 6:30 p.m. and/or the meeting afterwards at 7:30 p.m. For our newcomers, it has been a struggle finding a centrally located economically-priced restaurant with a private room. If you know of such an establishment please let one of our board members know about it. Reminders of the meetings are sent via email.

Having two new contributors to *Sidelights* came at the perfect time. Every issue has the same questions, what goes on the front page and is there enough interesting material to print? Showcasing a member's car always looks great on the cover and having a member share a first time experience at a major car event is a refreshing twist to any story. This editor applauds Ralph and Carolyn Thiele and Rex and Maryann Turner for submitting their stories and photos. It goes to show you, the reader, that a personalized car story makes your club newsletter more important to the membership. Here's a heads up on a future publication. When you receive your copy of the AACA's May/June 2023 *Antique Automobile* you will find this editor's report on the 2023 Winter Nationals in it. To add an interesting anecdote, this editor's report needed some editing by West Peterson, a nationally renowned and well respected award winning editor.

Speaking of anecdotes, at a recent event this editor overheard a conversation about who was attending the car show. The answer was "What car were they driving?" Basically, some people know one another, "not by a name, but by what car they drive." In the car hobby, that statement seems to be a truism.

Happy Motoring!

Jean



The A.A.C.A. South Florida Region Board Meeting of Tuesday, March 7, 2023, was called to Order by President Millie Garcia at 7:28 P.M., at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72nd Street, Miami, FL 33173.

In Attendance: President Millie Garcia, 1st Vice President Tomás Hernández, Secretary Yovanna Hernández, Treasurer Manny Garcia, Immediate Past President Ira Shapiro and Board Members, Jorge Fera, Chico Goldsmith, Jean Hawa, Ed Medina, Al Padilla, Mike Penn, Bob Squier, and Richard Wittington.

Establish a Quorum: President Millie Garcia established a quorum with 13 members present.

First Order of Business - Acceptance of Board Meeting Minutes from Previous Month: President Millie Garcia asked if everyone present had read the minutes of last month'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 explained that he had been paying for Quick Books, not the club, and that should be removed from the Treasurer's report on the next minutes. Ira Shapiro made a motion to the accept the minutes with Manny Garcia's request, Millie Garcia seconded it. Having no other discussion, the motion was voted on and passed.

Second Order of Business – Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Manny Garcia explained that the Club's primary account and the secondary account created for Nationals still have to be reconciled once all expenses have been paid, and he will be receiving a PayPal report with a recap of all expenses. Manny reported that with membership renewals, monthly expenses such as Board meeting meals, storage rental fee and the printing of *Sidelights*, our treasury is sound. He also informed us that all necessary documents have been sent to the accountant for the taxes.

Third Order of Business – Membership Report: Ed Medina reported that the membership is standing at 192 families. He informed us that there are 11 members that did not renew their membership, and he has tried reaching out to them via emails, texts and phone calls encouraging them to come back to our club. Ed also added that,

- If he, as Membership Chairman, could discretionally offer a free membership for a year with the purchase of a national membership. Millie Garcia suggested offering free club and National membership to our

sponsors and the military. National already provides us with four free memberships.

- More advertising cards are needed. All board members present approved to have more cards printed.

Tomas Hernández also suggested we get new name tags for all members. Based on the cumbersome process we have, Manny Garcia suggested we do a cost analysis. Ira Shapiro asked how much it will cost and how often we need to order name tags. Jorge Fera offered to handle the name tags and will check into a magnetic name badge.

Ed Medina proposed to have a floor-length white tablecloth with our logo on the front of it for the six-foot table used for registration at our shows. It was unanimously approved.

General Membership Meeting (March 16, 2023): We will be meeting at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72nd Street, Miami, FL 33173.

Vizcaya Village Auto Show Report: Ira Shapiro informed us that it was a big success. There were 44 cars with more room to spare. We will be looking forward to coming back next winter.

Biltmore Way Classic Auto Show Report: Manny Garcia said it was a successful show. It was a nice, sunny day with 100 cars present. Richard Wittington added that he was pleased with the company he was able to find for the portable toilets, it was reliable and on time. It was noted that a better layout for judging was needed.

Biltmore Way Classic Auto Show for 2024: Manny Garcia expressed his concern about the future of Biltmore Way shows. For 2024 he mentioned we need to figure out the cost and the number of sponsorships for the show. Ira Shapiro questioned if this show was worth the cost, taking in consideration that this is a judged Show. Ira agreed that this is a beautiful venue and he will support the club if the club chooses to stay as is but we will need to increase the number of sponsors to offset the cost. This year's expenses were \$920 for the permit, \$200 for the barricades, \$450 for the port-a-john, \$1000 for the trophies, unknown for the three policemen (one supervisor and two officers), and \$500 for the parking spaces. Ira brought up the history of why we moved our shows from Miami to Coral Gables; it was due to high governmental fees. It was suggested that we search for venues with bigger parking lots. *(continued on page 5)*



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- Millie Garcia spoke about Zoo Miami's Cars for Conservation to benefit zoo animals that is partnered up with Cars and Coffee. She explained that choosing this place means that we will need to charge our members; this money will not go to our club but to the benefit. Millie also spoke to the Kiwanis at Calle Ocho and Luis Verona from Carnaval on the Mile but we will be having less space for the cars to place them by class and year.
- Ed Medina mentioned the Airspace Base and Miami Dade County Parks and Recreation at Tropical Park.
- Tomas Hernández suggested to have a cover charge of \$20 for a judged show as done in previous years and Ira Shapiro agreed with him.

Winston Park Car Show and Food Trucks (March 11, 2023): Ed Medina informed us that there are 60 registered cars. It will be a People's Choice type of show. The windshield cards are printed and the insurance has been received. There will be several food trucks and Infinity Sound Production will be there with DJ Tony. This will be a no cost show to the club.

Other Club Business:

-Deering Estate Car Show and Cars in the Garden – Jean Hawa informed us that the shows are expected to be November 5th for the Deering Estate and November 19th for Cars in the Garden.

-Picnic– The date of May 20th at Larry and Penny Thompson was suggested for our annual picnic. Manny Garcia questioned if we were planning to cater this event, or the club was going to BBQ. Tomas Hernández mentioned that it would be nice if past presidents were to be the cooks as done in previous years.

-Members Cruise (April 29, 2023)- Ed Medina mentioned that he has seven replies already. He mentioned that members can drive their daily cars or antiques.

-Millie Garcia proposed to give a donation of \$3,000 dollars to the Gold Coast Train Museum and \$1,000 dollars to the Military Museum for allowing our club to present our Nationals Winter Meet this past January on their premises. Chico Goldsmith made a motion to accept it, Tomas Hernández seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Sunshine Report: Jean Hawa informed us that Frank Rubino had surgery. Tomas Hernández added that he had gone to visit him, and he is doing much better. We also were informed that Conrad Vazquez is still recuperating

from his health issues.

Adjournment: With no further club business to discuss, President Garcia made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 P.M. It was unanimously seconded and approved.

Submitted by Yovanna Hernández, Secretary

FEBRUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING CHANGE

By Jean Hawa and Ed Medina

Our February General Membership Meeting was changed from the usual 3rd Thursday of the month to Saturday, February 18th at 9:45 a.m. in order to help our newer members learn how to prepare and present their car for an AACA judged show. It was an incredible turnout and involvement from everyone. Over 35 members, new and old, came to Ed Medina's warehouse for an interactive class led by Master Judge Manny Garcia and 1st VP Tomás Hernández who discussed the rules of AACA judging utilizing the Official Judging Guidelines and sample judging sheet which was followed by many questions and examination of several cars which had possible items that could cause point deductions. During the Q & A, former president Maurice Hawa provided numerous first-hand experiences and examples of what

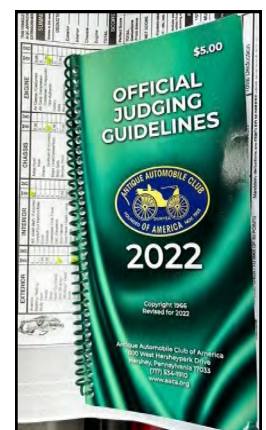
to do and/or not do. Everyone left the meeting feeling more comfortable and knowledgeable about the judging system.



Manny



Tomás



Sample trophies





"A Little About Us and My Yellow 72 Mach 1"

By Rex and Maryanne Turner

It's hard to believe I have owned the same Mustang since 1981. Of course there are still some original owners of Mustangs that bought them brand new but by the time I got my drivers license it was around 1974 so needless to say the Muscle car era was coming to a screeching halt with gas shortages and high prices and horsepower was out and pollution controls and unleaded gas were in to pacify the insurance companies and environmental concerns. Nonetheless by 1981 I had already owned and sold a 1967 Buick Special, a 1969 Dodge Dart GTS and I still had a yellow 1972 Mach1 I bought in 1976. I liked the Mach1 so much I think I put over 80,000 more miles on it in five years as it was my daily driver but I was always looking for a potential replacement.

Back in the pre-internet days living in Northern Virginia the main source of used car listings was in the Washington Post newspaper - especially the Friday - Sunday editions. All the gear heads would pursue the Friday morning paper looking for a Boss Mustang or Mach1 for in those days for under \$3000. An ad caught my eye for a 1972 Mach1 for sale for \$1,800 and it was only about ten miles from where I lived. I had been working for only about three months since graduating from college and was living at home so I guess when I offered the seller \$1,650 he accepted the offer and I realized I had just bought another Mach1 which coincidentally was the same color than my first one that I still owned. So at age 23 I had two Mustangs but would end up selling the first one as it did not seem to make sense to keep both. The one I own to this day had some options the first one did not have such as the factory ram air and fold down rear seat.

I commuted to work until the end of the 1980's when I was able to either take a bus or the subway to work or drive a motorcycle I owned. The first 20 years had taken it toll on the paint so it was repainted around 1990 and that is how the car is today. It has never been restored per se but I have had to replace the engine with the same type of 351 Cleveland engine it came with. Because this Mach1 was ordered by the original owner for export to France it had a competition suspension and it always felt like a better handling car than my first one. I started going to Shelby American Automobile Club events around the east coast and other Ford and Mustang events whenever I could. Locally I entered many autocrosses and would earn my stripes (i.e driving without an instructor) by driving on a road course about an hour away in

Summit Point WV. In 2003 I drove it all the way to Dearborn Michigan to the Ford 100th anniversary celebration.

Between trips to the local dragstrips in Maryland and Virginia in the 1/4 and 1/8 mile I drove it to events and almost every time I would sign up for an open track session where I got to drive my car on road courses and super speedways at up to 120 mph. I guess I always like watching old videos of the Trans AM series where highly modified muscle cars would battle it out for a drivers and manufactures championship. Starting from the furthest north to south I drove my car on the tracks at Lime Rock CT, Watkins Glen, Virginia International Raceway, Charlotte, Nashville and Atlanta motor speedway at least once and sometimes two or three different times. I have slowed down a little in the last decade although I owned a Factory Five kit Cobra which I took on the track at Old Dominion Raceway and Summit Point WV. So when the opportunity came to move from the state of Virginia where I had lived most of my life I saw it as a rebirth of sorts in that I would now have access to tracks at Homestead, Sebring and Daytona. I had only been in Miami for a few months and signed up for an event that let anyone drive their car on the Homestead track at some crazy speeds surrounded by other cars with no idea of their driving experience. Let's just say driving on the high banks of a speedway in a street car is more exciting than any video game can ever come close to. So why not let my daughter Lauren with my son Evan in the passenger seat drive the Mach1 while I drive my 2003 Mustang Cobra for some laps.

Let's just say in retrospect I knew the Mach1 engine had signs of being on its last legs but she had fun for about five laps and when she came off the track the engine was making screeching noises like fingernails on a chalkboard. That put the car out of commission for about a year while being new to the area I had to scramble to find a place to remove the engine, replace or rebuild it and put it back in as we were living in a high rise condo and storing the engineless car there was not an option. Thanks to Francisco aka Frankie the Mustang Guy at Ford of Kendall and Laz at Mesa Balancing in Hialeah the rebuilt and now more powerful engine was back in the Mach1 and I have been able to take it to Sebring for a show and some parade laps and several local car shows and cars and coffee meets. Besides Vizcaya and the Biltmore Way shows I was invited to show my car at the Motorcar Cavalcade in Aventura. I was very surprised my Mach1 which has seen hundreds of laps on race tracks and has rolled over about 175,000 *(continued on page 7)*



miles of which I have put on 115,000 myself was an opportunity I could not pass up. I even met the lead designer of the new Dark Horse 2024 Mustang and got some autographs from Lyn St. James and Tommy Kendall who both drove race cars for Ford.

If you asked me in first grade when I attended public school in Dade County that I would be back almost six decades later and living maybe ten miles from Hialeah Hospital where I was born I would have never believed it. But, having also lived in Nassau and Saudi Arabia in the 1960's I guess I was destined to come back to the mostly year round sunshine and my family is enjoying the car scene here very much and am looking forward to making a whole new group of car enthusiast friends. I had not participated in many shows the last five or so years in Virginia but I did always enjoy the All Ford shows in Carlisle, PA and of course the Hershey fall swap meets. I know I've rambled on far too long but there are just so many stories and memories that it's hard to fit them all in into a few pages. Next time you see me ask me about the time in 1997 when two US Presidents were in the same hotel ballroom with executives from Fortune 500 companies with - you guessed it - a certain 1972 yellow Mustang Mach1 on display with a 1972 Corvette and a 1972 Duster.



Seen beside a tour boat at the docks of Miami



Seen in a traffic circle with the US Capitol building in the background. The statute is the Peace Monument.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peace_Monument



The Turner family, Rex, Maryanne, Lauren, and Evan at the Motorcar Cavalcade at the Turnberry Resort in Aventura



January 26 – 28, 2023 WINTER NATIONALS Hosted by the AACAA South Florida Region

By Jean Hawa

With only 11 months to prepare, AACAA's South Florida Region Board of Directors pulled a rabbit out of the hat after it learned of the need and urgent request to host the 2023 AACAA Winter Nationals. There was a discussion of pros and cons, specifically, the extremely short time frame left for the event - no known venue, no host hotel, no financial support, and the big question, would there be enough members to participate or help with the event? A majority of board members voted yes. Eleven months later, 170 of 177 pre-registered antique vehicles graced the grounds of the Gold Coast Railroad Museum in Miami, Florida on January 28, 2023. A preponderance amount of AACAA members' antiques came from Florida with the remainder from Georgia, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Virginia, and West Virginia.

President Millie Garcia and her team of members were able to accomplish a near-impossible task in under a year. Many hours were spent locating a site for the car show with adequate trailer parking, reasonably priced hotels in the show vicinity during high-season, facilities and caterers for the judges' breakfast, judges' administration, and awards ceremony with dinner, sponsors, etc., and other places to visit. Hulon McCraw offered to serve as Chief Judge when asked, AACAA National Staff members were very helpful in attaining Registrar Joe Pinson, Stacy Zimmerman provided sage advice, and Karen White and Jon Curtis handled the shipping of the merchandise and trophies in a timely fashion. A second-time sponsorship from Rick Case Automotive Group provided the impetus for the South Florida Region to successfully execute the Winter Nationals. Lace Food Service and member Kenny Stowe provided other sponsorships. Providing in-kind support were personnel from the following: the office of Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava, The Back Yard Museum, membership of the Ft. Lauderdale Region AACAA, the Wings Over Miami Air Museum, the Miami Military Museum, and most of all, the Gold Coast Railroad Museum. While the setting was somewhat rural, it provided a great space and bountiful history of the Railroad and Armed Forces, which worked perfectly with the theme of Planes, Trains, and Automobiles.

Thursday morning, January 26th started with a breezy cool 66 degrees with trailers arriving adjacent to the show field. Early arrivals came to the host hotel's registration, merchandise, and hospitality room to pick up their packets, goody bags, sample delectable homemade

cookies, and purchase AACAA items. That evening several participants attended Caribbean Night at the Gold Coast Railroad Museum where they imbibed on a welcome drink followed by a delicious buffet of appetizers, seafood, meats, and desserts. The lively music and entertainment were plentiful.

Friday morning, two busloads of participants departed at two different times and were transported to the Backyard Museum for a guided tour of a four-building amazing private collection covering two centuries of authentic memorabilia: cars, motorcycles, service station, school room, grocery store, farm equipment, jail, military items, period fashions, myriad of musical instruments, and much more. AACAA's Ft. Lauderdale Region hosted the continental breakfast. The remainder of the day was filled with more participants checking in at the host hotel and attending the usual AACAA activities of the Roundtable Discussion and Judging School. At 5:30 p.m. the participants drove a few miles to the Wings Over Miami Air Museum to view a collection of vintage planes. Afterwards everyone drove to the adjacent grounds of the Gold Coast Railroad Museum, toured the newly renovated

Miami Military Museum (photo on the right), and continued to consume a sumptuous buffet dinner.

Everyone had a chance to have a private tour on the Ferdinand Magellan, the highly valued Presidential Car of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. (Note: Before Air Force 1, US presidents traveled by train and commonly used them during presidential campaigns.) *(continued on page 9)*





The Ferdinand Magellan was built in 1929 by the Pullman Company as a private car for President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. It had a dining room, office with a telephone, a complete bedroom and bathroom.

Right: A CASE steam engine tractor is now located in the children's play area.

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Bright and early on a beautiful sunny Saturday morning, the Nationals opened at 7 a.m. with AACA President Wayne Tuck greeting each participant and handing out the commemorative dash plaque. Following the Opening Ceremony at 10:45, which included the U.S. Navy Color Guard, U.S. Navy Band, and Civil Air Patrol Cadets, judging of the cars commenced. The show field was

filled with a large audience of spectators eying the antiques ranging from a 1906 Stevens-Duryea R to a couple of 1998 Chevrolets: a Camaro and a Corvette. Frankie's Pizza, a favorite mom-and-pop pizzeria since 1955 sold many pizza slices to those who did not pre-order a lunch. (continued on page 10)



RICK CASE AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, our major sponsor, displayed a couple of modern day cars.





The show field from above...

Robert Lopez's 1970
Plymouth GTXL-R: 1952 Mercury, 1953 Ford Victoria, Al Padilla's
1954 Buick Roadmaster, Irwin Adler's Chrysler Town
and Country, Nivardo Mora's 1955 Packard Clipper

partial show field from the opposite direction

Merchandise Ladies:
Seated: Jean Hawa
Standing: Diane Ash,
Yelina Shanti, Cathy
Harvey; Not pictured:
Nancy Baldwin and
Yovanna Hernández



Gerald Houck's
1935 Ford 48-760 with Mullins "Red Cap" trailer



James Henningsen's
1966 BSA



Ricardo Montero's
1952 Chrysler New Yorker



Joel Jancko's 1906 Steven-Duryea Model R



1967 Ford
Mustang

Danny
Hernandez's
1964 Ford
Galaxy



Edward Dauer's 1930 Ford pickup

R:
Hank Tester's
1967
Karmann
Ghia



Luis Fernandez (R)
beside his
1959 MGA 1500



1964 Ford Galaxy

Photo Credits: Jean Hawa,
Robert Hernandez, Al Padilla,
and Bob Squier

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Celebrating the first event of the 2023 AACAA Winter Nationals with a Caribbean night at the Gold Coast Railroad Museum.



L: Richard Whittington's 1974 Jaguar E-type



Rick Ash looks away from the menagerie sitting atop his 1930 Ford Model A Phaeton



Dennis Manieri's 1941 Cadillac Series 62 and Steve Cooley's 1942 Cadillac Series 62

Right: Luis Fernandez and his 1960 MK2 check in with Bob Squier



R: John Giokaris' 1930 Marquette Phaeton



On Saturday evening at the Awards Banquet, professional dancers and singers entertained everyone prior to going to the buffet line for another sumptuous dinner, before trophies and badges were presented by President Wayne Tuck and Executive Vice President Fred Trusty. AACAA's South Florida Region officers, board of directors, volunteers and contributors were proud to make this an extremely interesting, entertaining, and eventful AACAA Winter Nationals.



We want to thank everyone who contributed, volunteered, participated and came out to the show to make this one of the best Winter Nationals we have hosted. The three-day event and evening banquets culminating to Saturday's main feature, the AACAA Winter Nationals. The weather could not have been better! The size of the field and quality of cars was more than excellent. We had participants traveling from several different states to come here to South Florida for this one event. While the setting was somewhat rural it provided a great space and bountiful history of the Railroad and Armed Forces, which worked perfectly with the theme of Planes, Trains and Automobiles. *(continued on page 13)*



Jay, David, Carolyn & Ralph Thiele, Greg, Bill Thiele, Dania & Juan Rodriguez



Odalyz & Manny Mendez, Tony Hernandez, Bruno & Yazmin Zayas, Gina & Ed Medina



Nivardo Mora, Al & Miriam Padilla, Jorge & Maria Feria, Cheryl & Jay Mullinix, Yovanna Hernández, Alex Fardales



Complete list of award winners of the 2023 Winter Nationals can be found on the following websites:

[AACAA.org/Events/National Results](https://aaca.org/Events/National%20Results) OR

[southfloridaregion.aaca.org/2023WinterNations/Results of the 2023 Winter Nationals](https://southfloridaregion.aaca.org/2023WinterNations/Results%20of%20the%202023%20Winter%20Nationals)

R: Flanking Manny and Millie are the recipients of plaques of appreciation: Victor from the Gold Coast Railroad Museum on the left and Dr. Anthony Atwood Miami Military Museum Executive Director on the right.



Jaime Del Valle



Albert Naon, VP Trusty



President Tuck, Mike Penn



Luis Perez



Mohammed & Yelina Shanti

#1 Richard Whittington & VP Trusty

#2 Robert Brice

#3 President Tuck & Ricardo Montero



#1



#2



#3



3rd Annual Vizcaya Farm Village Car Show

By Jean Hawa

Forty-four antiques graced the courtyard area of the historic Vizcaya Farm Village site which was held conjunctly with the weekly farmers market on Saturday, February 12, 2023. The eldest car was John Layzell's 1925 Alvis and oldest ones allowed was a 1988 Pontiac 6000 Safari station wagon owned by Philip Williams. Due to planned construction inside some of the buildings, the Farmers Market and the car show flipped locations. As a result, when visitors drove onto the Farm Village property, they saw our car show first and then came upon the Farmers Market.

In 1916, the Vizcaya Village was built alongside the Villa Vizcaya of James Deering. Its purpose was to make Vizcaya self-sufficient. The 180 acres of land contained eleven buildings which were purposed to house staff, vehicles, and farm animals. Most of the land was used to grow fruits and vegetables for the family, guests and staff's consumption. Greenhouses provided fresh flowers to adorn the Villa and provide for multiple gardens.

Show Chair Ira Shapiro, who is a docent at Vizcaya, executed an extremely informative guided tour around the Village which highlighted the biography of James Deering, the architectural planning of the buildings and gardens, the effects of hurricanes and 1929 Stock Market Crash, and the purpose of the buildings inside the Village.

As with any car show, it takes several volunteers to assist with the execution of the event. Beginning with Show Chair Ira Shapiro, thank you for continuing through to hold the show and provide a guided tour around the Farm Village.

Thanks to all the car owners who brought out their show cars, Ed Medina for handling the registration, creating the windshield cars and greeting the participants, Bob Squier and Philip Williams for helping place the cars, and Maurice and Jean Hawa for transporting the club equipment and providing the doughnuts and coffee.

It was a fun day for us who talked with the many visitors and numerous car owners while observing the beautiful historic



John Layzell's 1925 Alvis



1938
Willys
Clipper



1975 MG Midget

1964 1/2 Mustang



1969
Cadillac

1967 Corvette 427

1966 Ford Mustang

1978 Fiat Spyder

1988 Pontiac 6000 Safari station wagon





Volkswagen Beetles: 1965 1969 1964 1964



1970 Plymouth Barracuda



1972 Ford Mustang Mach 1



1967 Ford Mustang GT Fastback 1985 Fiat Pinarina



1969 Chevrolet Camaro Z28



1973 BMW 3.0CS- Drew Gregg



1970 Dodge Coronet Super Bee
Mohammed Shanti



1966 Ford Mustang
GT2+2
Luis and Jessica
Rodriguez

1964 Fiat 1500 Spider
Andres Sanchez



1964 Rolls Royce



1967 Ford Custom



1960 Jaguar MK II 3.8
Luis Fernandez



1970 Pontiac GTO- Robbie Green



1967 VW Karmann Ghia- Hank Tester



**First Timers at the
16TH Annual Boca Raton Concours d' Elegance
February 24-26, 2023**

By Ralph and Carolyn Thiele

We were pleased to be asked to bring one of our cars to the 16th Annual Concours d'Elegance. The committee asked for a Cadillac, preferably a 1950's Cadillac so we sent a list of our 50's Cadillacs and requested pictures of our 1955 Cadillac 62 series convertible black with black top and red leather interior. This was the car they liked so we sent in the registration for the '55 Cadillac with more pictures of that car and its history. It has an AACA 1st Junior, 1st Senior and Grand Nationals as well as a Cadillac LaSalle Club Grand National.

Now comes the work, moving seven cars to get the '55 Cadillac out of the warehouse. We were lucky, it only needed a fuel pump to get it running; the rest was detailing the car which needed nothing, just TLC. We got the car ready to go in the trailer for the trip to Boca Raton.

On Friday, February 24th, the little over an hour trip to Boca Raton was easy. Upon reaching the Boca Raton Hotel and Country Club we found the street next to the golf course where we were to unload was JAMMED WITH trailers full of show cars. We finally found a place to squeeze in between all the trucks and trailers. I called the gentleman in charge of getting into the parking garage who sent a young man, Eric Smith, to help us. He told us to wait before unloading the car. Eric came back, said "Okay, you can unload the car; you're lucky I found room to park your car in the hotel parking garage until Saturday or Sunday". But later Eric suggested putting the Cadillac on the show field late Saturday to avoid the mad rush on Sunday, show day. So we put the car in the parking garage. Now we had to put the trailer in the trailer parking area which was five miles away from the show field and very hard to find. Next, we had to check in to the Boca Raton Marriott which was four miles in the other direction. Ira Shapiro was a great help with helping me reserve two rooms at the hotel. The going rate was \$600.00 a night, however Ira was able to put me in touch with the hotel manager who was able to give us the discounted rate because we were part of the Concours d'Elegance benefitting the Boys and Girls Clubs of Broward County. In the afternoon we were invited to view a private car collection. My son Bill and Jay, a friend helping me with my car, joined us for the weekend, both were a big help. We all went out to eat dinner Friday night.

On Saturday February 25th, we went to the Boca Raton Mizner Center to pick up the car owner materials consisting of show field tickets, VIP Tent wristbands and placards. From 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. there was a Cadillac Eldorado seminar presented by Wayne Kaday, Wayne Carini, Dave Kinney and Dr. Edward Dauer. Dr. Dauer brought nine Eldorados to the show. The seminar was very interesting to me having been with Cadillacs for forty years. In attendance were distinguished judges and car owners exhibiting in the concours. There were beautiful Cadillac factory slides of factory prototypes cars and designs that were not used. It was a very good seminar. At noon on Saturday cars could be put on the show field for Sunday's show. We did put our car on the show field and covered it up because there was a lot of dust. The show field was on a very beautiful golf course fairway.

The Gala Dinner and action was Saturday evening, 5:30 to 11:00 p.m.. Some of the dignitaries in attendance were Mary T. Barra, Chairman and CEO of General Motors Company; Mindy Holman, Holman Automotive; Dale Earnhardt Jr., NASCAR Champion driver; and David Spade, actor, standup comedian. Tickets were \$500.00 and \$1,000.00 a seat for the Gala Dinner.

Sunday February 26th, Show Day. All cars had to be driven under their own power onto the show field between 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Judging occurred between 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.. There were four judges on a team: an Interior Judge (15%), a Body and Paint Judge (60%), an Engine Judge (15%) and an Elegance Presence Judge (10%). Chief Judge and Head Judge Wayne Carini was the Show Grand Marshall, and as SGM, he was asked to select a car for the Grand Marshal Award. The car he chose was a 1966 Citroen DS 21 Le Lemman 2 door Coupe.

The Awards Ceremony was done in three sections: Motorcycle Awards at 11:00 a.m., Car Class Awards at 12 noon, and Major Awards at 2:30 p.m. During the show ribbons were placed on select cars to let owners know they were winners: 12" silver for Excellence in Class, 15" gold for Best in Class, and 15" blue for Major Award. We were asked to drive our car through the show field and around the pavilion and stop at the awards presentation in front of the speaker and the people sitting on the bleachers where we were given a beautiful trophy. We were asked not to leave the show field until the completion of the awards ceremony. The show was well organized. Everyone was very nice and helpful. It was a beautiful affair with perfect weather. We really enjoyed it all. *(continued on page 17)*



A portion of the show field

**SOUTH FLORIDA REGION AWARD WINNERS****D-AMERICAN PRODUCTION, 1946-1957**

Excellence in Class Guy Lewis
1954 Packard 2-Door Convertible Grey/Red

Best in Class Ralph Thiele
1955 Cadillac Series 62 2-Door Convertible Black/Red

G- AMERICAN SPORTS & MUSCLE, 1953-1975

Best in Class Merlo Michael
1969 Chevrolet Chevelle SS396 2-Door Convertible Blue/
Pachment

P2 – FOREIGN TOURING, POST WAR, Post 1965

Best in Class George Bishopric
1973 Volvo 1800ES 2-Door Sportwagon Yellow/Black

**FORMER SOUTH FLORIDA REGION MEMBERS WERE MOTORCYCLE AWARD WINNERS**

3D – Post-War European, 1966-1979
Merit Award/Excellence in Class — 1973 Harley
Davidson Baja 100 | Mark & Yanet Sepulveda

Best in Class — 1980 Ducati 900SS |
Dr. Huw S. Kruger Gray

4A – Custom & Racing Motorcycles – All Years
Excellence in Class — 1967 Dresda Triton Motorcycle |
Dr. Huw S. Kruger Gray



Several South Florida Region club members who served as volunteer judges were as follows: Irwin Adler, Jeff Ashen, Stella Ashen, Manny Garcia, Millie Garcia, Larry Huber, John Layzell, Bob Mayer, Tim Merriman, Dar Pace, Michael Penn, Bob Squier and Philip Williams. James Wright from the Ft. Lauderdale Region AACA also judged.





**Second or Third Place
By Myron Smith
VP Regions Development & Support
Western Division**

So, you received a 2nd or 3rd place AACA trophy for your car. Disappointed? Many are. I've always viewed judging as kind of a report card like when I was in school. It's an evaluation of how I'm doing with my restorations. My view has changed somewhat over the years and I've gravitated more toward showing in HPOF for some time now. However, this year I decided to put a 'car' again in class judging. It got a second. I feel pretty good about it. As a part of my own evaluation of what I take to events I have always taken into account, what is the award worth. If a carpet has a little stain, is it worth a whole new carpet. Or, if there is a scratch somewhere, is it truly worth the expense and time to repaint a whole panel? Now if it's some high dollar value vehicle, the answer may be yes, but I don't show real high dollar cars. I like to call it common sense restoration.

While I rarely sell anything, I don't like to be too upside down on what money I put into a car. And, I don't take judging too seriously. It can lead to ulcers. Our judging system is if not the best, close to it. It's impossible to be an expert on everything and occasionally a judge may make a mistake, but this is not my subject of interest in this column.

I do try to bring vehicles to be judged in what I think is up to their greatest potential per dollar spent. This year we showed a 1997 Suburban. (not exactly a high buck show car). It came out of a salvage yard in 2017. It had 170,000 miles and had a bad intake manifold gasket. I intended to use it as a winter driver in the snow and salt. After we fixed the engine, I got to looking at it in more detail. There was one small spot of rust that needed to be repaired and a few scratches and door dings. Other than that, it was very clean inside and out especially for something with so many miles and its age. Somebody had cared for it for a lot of its life. It was just too nice to abuse in Nebraska winter weather. It had come out of Montana by the dealer sticker on the back which explained the lack of rust. We cleaned and detailed it as much as seemed logical (engine compartments on this new of a vehicle is a nightmare with so many components, nooks and crannies). We also drove it to the show. It got a second. Not too bad in my book considering what I knew of its history and where it had come from. Will it ever get an

AACA 1st Junior? Probably not. It might qualify for HOPF. It's nice to drive, comfortable and there are some things more important than a trophy. It is also signed up the AACA MAP award which I think is very worthwhile for additional enjoyment of our vintage vehicles. We've driven it enough to get our first milestone on it. My conclusion is to enjoy your vehicle even if it's an imperfect diamond rather than a freshly polished stone.

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Welcome New Members

Michael Arias & Michelle Beauchamp

1974 De Tomaso Pantera

Bob S. Caplan

1985 Rolls Royce Corniche

Alex Garcia & Margarita Diaz-Garcia

1965 Chevrolet Corvette

1970 Ford Mach 1

1980 Chevrolet Z28

1981 Pontiac Trans Am

Felipe & Ines Isaac

1966 Mercedes 200

1996 Porsche 911 Carrera Cabrio

Benn Jeffrey & Suzanne Mullins

1939 Dodge Coupe

Fabio Vassallo & Clara Perez Bravo

1985 Alfa Romeo Spider



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2023 SOUTH FLORIDA REGION EVENTS

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APRIL 2023

01 – 02 – Homestead Air Force Base Air Show with Auto

Show: <https://wingsoverhomestead.com>

04- Board Meeting- 7:30 p.m. at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72 Street, Miami 33173

06-9– Ft. Lauderdale International Auto Show– Memory Lane style presentation at Broward County Convention Center benefiting Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County; to register, go to club website/events

20– General Membership Meeting- 7:30 p.m. at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72 Street, Miami 33173; if you are planning to dine-in, be there by 6:30 p.m.

29– Members Cruise– Fun and Lunch: Meet at 10:30 a.m., cruise to Key Largo, eat at Backyard Fisheries Café, return home. RSVP to AACAwebteamSFR@gmail.com so the restaurant has a headcount.

MAY 2023

02- Board Meeting- 7:30 p.m. at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72 Street, Miami 33173

18- General Membership Meeting- 7:30 p.m. at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72 Street, Miami 33173; if you are planning to dine-in, be there by 6:30 p.m.

JUNE 2023

06- Board Meeting- 7:30 p.m. at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72 Street, Miami 33173

15- General Membership Meeting- 7:30 p.m. at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72 Street, Miami 33173; if you are planning to dine-in, be there by 6:30 p.m.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Charmion Benz

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A get well card was sent to Manny Garcia and Chico Goldsmith.



2023 AACA NATIONAL/REGION EVENTS

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



April 13-15 - 2023 AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals
AACA Hornets Nest Region at Charlotte Motor
Speedway, Concord, North Carolina

April 30-May 3– Southeastern Division Tour– East Tennessee
Region - Oak Ridge, TN- 717-582-3209

May 18-20 – Eastern Springs Nationals-Gettysburg Region -
Location: Wyndham, 95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg,
Pennsylvania 717-582-3209

June 25 - 28 - AACA Eastern Divisional
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April 01, 2023- KUMC Car | Truck |

Motorcycle Show and so much more; 9:00 a.m.

- 2:00 p.m.; 7600 SW 104 Street, Village of
Pinecrest, FL 33156 for more information, go
online to [https://www.tickettailor.com/
events/kendallunitedmethodistchurch/79616](https://www.tickettailor.com/events/kendallunitedmethodistchurch/79616)

May 6-7— 2023 Treasure Coast Car Swap Meet and

Car Show, , 9 a.m.—5 p.m., Indian River
Fairgrounds, 7955 58th Avenue, Vero Beach;
Admission—\$5.00, children 12 and under free;
Trophies and cash prizes; (954-205-7813)
www.flcarswapmeets.com;