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Someone's future restoration being towed on the 826 in Miami.



Dear members,

What an amazing month of activities has occurred for the members of the South Florida Region. And, we're still not finished. Spring is in full swing. As this President's May Message is being written, we are within days of cruising to Key Largo for a membership luncheon. The weatherman is predicting good weather for us. I trust you heeded Ed Medina's words about "It is time to start getting those cars ready, checking oil, transmission, cooling systems, tires etc... make sure you are ready to go. It should be a great drive and lunch get together."

Lately, it has been warm and sunny as well extremely wet with torrential rainfalls. Hopefully our sister club members in the Ft. Lauderdale Region didn't suffer much flooding. Our gas shortage seems to have eased up now that the pumps at the Port Everglades Terminal have been repaired. Every weekend there seems to be more classic cars on the road, as well as, car shows, auctions, and cruise-ins. Have you considered participating in one of the AACA car tours? They are a lot of fun. Check out the national website AACA.org for car events throughout the country.

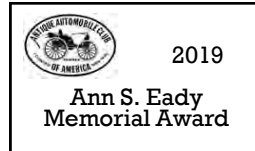
Looking forward, we have one of our most exciting events ahead of us. We will be having our annual picnic on June 3rd at Larry and Penny Thompson Park. The sumptuous catered BBQ will be supplemented with our members' homemade side dishes and desserts. Just in case you didn't know, we give out prizes for the best side dishes and desserts that our members prepare. Don't let the words "homemade" scare you away, we know not everyone cooks or doesn't have the time to prepare something. All dishes are welcome, especially since we all enjoy a tasty meal.

As I have mentioned in the past, we are much more than a car club. We are a social club of classic car enthusiasts. I plan to continue to create and promote more events that we can do as a whole. Please feel free to send me any suggestions or comments that you may have. I'm always looking for fun and adventurous ideas. I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events.

Keep your engines running!

Millie Garcia, President

A.A.C.A. South Florida Region



Since our car event/car show season is slowing down due to warmer to hotter temperatures, this editor is starting early to request your car stories. If you are lucky enough to go on vacation or are on a business trip and happen to find a car event, car show, car museum, etc., please take as many photos as possible and jot down some notes about your car experience/adventure. Perhaps you will be visiting long-time friends or relatives and "the past" becomes part of the conversation. You could always ask one or two of the elders to reminisce about their favorite car from yesteryear. If they have nostalgic photos of their now vintage car(s), you can use your cell phone to photograph the photo(s). When you return home, please send your pictures (in a jpeg file) and story (in a word document) to me at aacasouthfloridaregion@gmail.com. To help, just remember your high school English teacher's words: A good story tells the who, what, why, and when.

Now that more people are venturing out, do include attending our general membership meetings on the third Thursday of the month. We are planning on having more guest speakers. Invite a fellow car enthusiast to attend with you. If you know of a good speaker or have an idea for a club event, share your thoughts with any board member. Perhaps someone had a restoration project you'd like to share with other members. A good turnout always makes a more interesting and lively meeting.

Let's keep our enthusiasm going. Happy Motoring,

Jean





The A.A.C.A. South Florida Region Board Meeting of Tuesday, April 4, 2023, was called to Order by 1st Vice President Tomás Hernández at 7:34 P.M., at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72nd Street, Miami, FL 33173.

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

Establish a Quorum: 1st Vice President Tomás Hernández established a quorum with 10 members present.

First Order of Business - Acceptance of Board Meeting Minutes from Previous Month: 1st Vice President Tomás Hernández 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. Jean Hawa made a motion to accept the minutes, Bob Squier seconded it. Having no other discussion, the motion was voted on and passed.

Second Order of Business – Treasurer's Report: Tomás Hernández reported for Treasurer Many García who presented a reconciliation statement from both the club's primary account and the secondary account; he also added that our club has already paid Nationals and once all expenses have been paid, we should be able to combine both accounts. Tomás reported that with membership, new and/or renewals, monthly expenses such as Board meeting meals, storage rental fee and the printing and mailing of *Sidelights*, our treasury is sound. Tomás added that the storage rental fee has increased.

Third Order of Business – Membership Report: Tomás Hernández reported for Ed Medina who informed that we have 194 families at this moment. He also mentioned to Tomás that we should be looking for a guest speaker for our next membership meeting. Al Padilla stated that he has found a guest for the next meeting and probably for May's meeting also.

General Membership Meeting (April 18, 2023): We will be meeting at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72nd Street, Miami, FL 33173 with a special guest speaker from AAA.

Winston Park Car Show and Food Trucks Report: Tomás Hernández reported for Ed Medina that it was a successful show with 66 cars present. All participants were very pleased judging each other's cars. Ira Shapiro

added that the show was very well organized.

Memory Lane Auto Show Ft. Lauderdale (April 6-9, 2023): Tomás Hernández reported for Ed Medina that there were already 20 cars registered and that he needs helpers.

Club Picnic (June 3, 2023): Tomás Hernández reported for Millie García that the picnic will take place at Larry and Penny Thompson Park, Pavilion #4. Millie had suggested talking about a budget per person, whether we order or cook the food ourselves. Tomás reminded us that in previous years it was customary for the president and past presidents to do the cooking but if we were to order food we needed to move quickly. Ira Shapiro recommended having a cover charge of \$5 per person to assure a commitment from the people who have signed up because with the increasing amount of membership families we might need to reconsider a bigger location. Tomás Hernández said he was going to talk to Ed Medina to send a reminder to all club members. Jean Hawa said she would check with Flanigan's about catering.

Other Club Business:

-Members Cruise (April 29, 2023)- Ed Medina told Tomás Hernández that he has 20 cars registered already.

-Cars 4 Conservation- Jean Hawa explained that this is a very worthy fund raiser event, but despite of having a great turnout especially with huge number of modified cars, this is not the kind of show that fits our club. Mike Penn added that Lucid, another electric car, was a huge hit with the spectators.

-Jean Hawa brought the April 2023 issue of *Old Cars* (formerly *Old Cars Weekly*) which honors the hobby's top club publications and editors. *Sidelights* has received a Golden Quill Award in the Regions and Chapters 2022: Compact category.

-Jorge Feria brought a name tag sample and explained the cost difference between the different materials and types: hard and soft plastic and brass and silver metallic. He said he will be looking into more appropriate choices for our members.

- Tomás Hernández mentioned that he received an email from Hulon McCraw who was looking at a roster of AACA Nationals Meet winners and noted that many South Florida car owners have earned Senior National Awards but only a few have earned a Grand National Award. Because of that, he suggested that the South Florida Region consider having a Grand

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National Show in 2026. Tomás stated that the only requirement is having a senior award. It would be an easier but smaller show with perhaps 70-75 cars, and no HPOF.

Sunshine Report: Tomás Hernández informed us that Manny Garcia is in the hospital getting ready to have a heart procedure. Jean Hawa added that Ed Medina had a fall and is recuperating.

Adjournment: With no further club business to discuss, 1st Vice President Tomás Hernández made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M. It was unanimously seconded and approved.

Submitted by Yovanna Hernández, Secretary

Welcome New Members

Michael Arias
1974 Detomaso Pantera

George G. & Mary Castillo
Fiat Spider 2000

Charles Richard Covino &
Pamela Susan Medici
2004 Porsche Boxter

Eric & Andrea Haldimann
1932 MacLaughlin Buick Roadster 96C

Gary McNutt &
Madeline Fran Shanken

Benn Jeffries & Suzanne Mullins
1939 Dodge Coupe

Diego and Gloria Palacios
1965 Ford Mustang

Marcos J. Quintero &
Yanet J. Napoles-Quintero
1988 Mercedes-Benz 560 SL

Gil Ramos

Fabio Vassallo
1985 Alfa Romeo Spider





RUBENSTEIN LAW ANTIQUE CAR & MOTORCYCLE BILTMORE WAY SHOW—MARCH 6, 2023

By Ed Medina

It was an amazing day, weather was excellent, a little warm but great. The cars showed up with everything from 1920 to 1998 was on display on Biltmore Way. The great setting and awesome example of automobiles drew the crowds over from the Carnavale which was across the street. Besides having a record setting 100 cars at the show there was probably the most pedestrian spectators to ever attend the show. The quality of cars and varied years gave everyone attending something they cherish from their youth and other examples of automotive history to admire.

The most amazing thing was that 20% of the show field was comprised of European Sports cars, something which is growing every year, forcing us to expand the classes for next year, yes we are already thinking on how to improve on this year's event for next year.

Thank you to Chairman Andy Leavy, Chief Judge Manny Garcia, and all those who volunteered to park and judge the cars. A huge thank you goes to our sponsors, Rubenstein Law and Williamson Cadillac. The sponsors and especially to all the amazing car enthusiasts who brought their amazing automobiles out to the show; you made this happen. See you in 2024!



Hector Chinea's
1964 VW
Beetle

Atomik Abel's 1965 VW Type 1 Beetle

R: Paul
Rufat's
1950
Plymouth
Special
Deluxe
convertible



L: Paul
Vernon's 1931
REO
Speedwagon
IA 1 1/2 ton
Dually Chassis

Photo
Credits:
Jean Hawa
Ed Padilla



Cars waiting to be judged



Gary, Ed, and Manny manning
the table

AWARD WINNERS

Best in Show

1970 Plymouth GTX Robert Lopez

CLASS

WINNERS

- | | | |
|-----------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | 1932 Chevrolet Confederate | Nivardo Mora |
| | 1934 Packard | Dar Pace |
| 2 | 1959 Cadillac | Manuel Negrin |
| | 1950 Buick | Al Padilla |
| 3 | 1964 Ford Thunderbird | Jose Trujillo |
| | 1962 Pontiac Tempest | John & Ed Medina |
| 4 | 1993 Cadillac Allante | David Hicks |
| | 1978 Lincoln Mark V | Patrick Mayer |
| 5 | 1969 Chevrolet Z28 Camaro | Keith Ellenburg |
| | 1970 Buick GS Stage 1 | Juan Rodriguez |
| 6 | 1970 Chevrolet Corvette LT1 | Eduardo Padron |
| | 1966 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray | Marlene Liriano |
| 7 | 1966 Ford Mustang convertible | Barbara Scalla |
| | 1965 Ford Mustang | Larry Weschler |
| 8 | 1964 Rolls Royce PV | Carlos Gomez |
| | 1973 Mercedes-Benz 280 C | Barbara Scalla |
| 9 | 1964 Volkswagen Type 2 Bus | Jorge Salazar |
| | 1974 Alfa Romero GTV 2000 | Dennis Nunez |
| 10 | 1952 MG TD | Alberto Naon |
| | 1963 Porsche 356B | Agusto Sanchez |
| 11 | 1993 Chevrolet Blazer | Gabriel Garcia |
| | 1977 Toyota Land Cruiser | Albert Scalla |



Robert Lopez's 1970 Plymouth



Juan Rodriguez's
1970 Buick GS Stage 1



Jose Trujillo's 1964 Ford
Thunderbird



Jorge Salazar's 1964 Volkswagen
Type 2 Bus and its miniature
version on the left





Chief Judge
Manny Garcia
and Show Chair
Andy Leavy thank our sponsors: Representative
from Rubenstein Law (above and right) and Mike
Penn of Williamson Cadillac (far and middle left)



Marlene Liriano's 1966
Chevrolet Stingray



Keith Ellenburg's 1969
Chevrolet Z28 Camaro



Carlos Gomez's 1964
Rolls Royce PV



Dar Pace's 1934 Packard



Barbara Scalla's
1973 Mercedes-Benz 280 C



Agusto Sanchez's 1963 Porsche



Manuel Negrin's 1959 Cadillac



Albert Naon's 1952 MG TD



Albert Scalla's
1977 Toyota Land Cruiser



L: David Hicks' 1993 Cadillac Allante

3rd Annual Winston Park Classic Auto Show By Ed Medina

The 3rd Annual Winston Park Classic Auto Show saw support from AACAC South Florida Region this year on Saturday, March 11, 2023. The show began several years ago between the South Florida Classic Mustang group and the Winston Park HOA. Members of AACAC South Florida Region had attended the show since its inception in 2021 but took on a more active role this year. The show also features food trucks. It is a great community event for the residents of Winston Park.

The show features automobiles that are 25 years or older. It is open to all cars, original stock and modified versions with best of class awards in every category and a best of show. The cars are voted on by the participants as it is a people's choice show. Contributions and sponsor support comes from Infinity Sound, providing the DJ and music and Ford of Kendall providing the trophies. The great Winston Park Community hosted the location.

Photos courtesy of: Al Padilla, Robert Hernandez, David Rankin, and Jean Hawa



L-R:
Ed, Millie
and Gina



Sergio Torres'
1968 Type II
Bus

Anthony
Noboa's
1969 Type I
Beetle

Hector Chineas
1964 Beetle

Jorge Salazar's
1964 Type II Deluxe

A sampling of Volkswagens

Below: A view from outside the park





Larry Weschler's 1965 Ford Mustang



Nivardo Mora's 1932 Chevrolet Confederate

L:
Al Padilla's
1954 Buick
RoadmasterParticipant
Choice
Ballot

SFCM & Winston Park - 2023 Car Show

Must select one car per category, you cannot vote for your own car

Pre 1960: A: _____	Mustang 64/66: F: _____
1960-1969: B: _____	Mustang 67/1973: G: _____
1970-1980: C: _____	Mustang 74/1998: H: _____
1980-1990: D: _____	Camaro / Firebird: I: _____
1990-1998: E: _____	Import pre 1980: J: _____
Truck/Van: L: _____	Import 80-1998: K: _____

INFINITY sound production Ford FORD OF KENDALL

TR 1972 TVR 2500
VERY RARE, ONE OF 385 EVER PRODUCED.

The TVR 2500 is a handcrafted British sports car built in Blackpool England. The factory labeled these cars as race cars built for the street. The 2500 features a tubular space-frame with independent wishbone-type suspension on all four wheels and rack and pinion steering. The engine is a 2,498cc Triumph TR-6 engine with dual Stromberg carburetors mated to a 4 speed all synchromesh transmission. The body is fiberglass with plenty of vents for cooling. This particular car has the optional factory sunroof. The TVR 2500's were built between 1971 and 1972 with a total production run of only 385 automobiles.

R: 1972 TRV 2500

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Rick Zink's 1973 Triumph Spitfire



1973 Triumph, Rodolfo Campos' 1997 Porsche Boxter

L-R:

Larry
Wechsler,
Tomás
Hernández,
Manny
García, Ira
Shapiro



R: Gary
Shanock's
1973 Pontiac
Grand Am



Anthony Hernandez's 1952
Chevrolet 1300 pickup



Ed Medina's 1965 Ford Mustang
convertible



Eduardo Suarez's 1958 Dodge
Custom Royal



**These Mustangs surely
know how to pony up!**

Rob Staple's 1967 GT
Fastback



Cars 4 Conservation

Submitted by Jean Hawa

Cars 4 Conservation was held on a beautiful sunny Sunday on March 19, 2023 in the Zoo Miami promenade and East parking lot. Working with Cars and Coffee Miami, Reclaimed Earth and several sponsors, the purpose of this annual fundraiser was to support Rhino Conservation. Even though this event has been around for several years, this reporter has never attended. Since our club has been asked to be a participant, it was time to go check it out.

The first surprise was not seeing any car show advertisement along the way to Zoo Miami. After parking the car, hubby and I walked toward the zoo entrance when we saw parts of cars and people in the breaks between the foliage. As we walked towards that area we came upon a huge crowd of spectators and several lines of cars, mostly new, mixed in with a few vintage and many modified cars. There were two types of entries: VIP Donations of \$45.00 had exclusive parking on the Zoo Miami promenade. Participants who had the regular ticket donation \$25.00 price had their cars displayed in the East parking lot. It appeared that there were twice as many cars in the promenade than in the East parking lot. Both had a chance to win trophies, receive raffle tickets, and a discounted price for Zoo Miami admission. Registration ended at 10 a.m. on day of show. Parking was first come first serve. If car owners wanted to be with the car buddies, they needed to come in together.

Since there were no windshield cards and only a few cars had any type of information about the cars, there will be little identification of vehicles in this report.



The trophies were Best in Show and Best in Class: American, Air Cooled, Japanese, European, Water Cooled, and Other.



The photo on the left was the way to vote for the winning cars. This reporter did not scan the QR code, so it is undetermined how voting took place with no windshield cards to identify the car make and year.

Right: This miniature car had an attached trailer which contained two mini race cars.



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Left: This military truck was brought from the neighboring Military Museum



Right: Michael Arias' 1974 Detomaso Pantera



The electric 2023 Lucid drew many onlookers.

Right: 1960's Ford Ranchero



Several vintage and new Volkswagens were seen.



1969 Chevrolet Camaro 302 Z28



Left: 1950's Chevrolet pickup



The 16th Annual Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance

By Stella Ashen

Have you ever attended the Boca Raton Concours d'Elegance? I've had the pleasure of doing so since the its inception in 2007.

For the first several years, my husband Jeff and I would bring a car (or three) to display at the show. After that (about 10 years ago), we became Volunteer Judges instead.

Judging at Boca Concours d'Elegance (Boca CDE) is both a great honor and a great responsibility. Every year, the vehicles presented seem to be even more beautiful and perfect than the year before. Kudos to Dr. Paul Sable, Dr. Edward (Eddie) Dauer and their partners and team for choosing the very best of the best for display on the show field -- and then somehow outdoing themselves in each ensuing year. Boca CDE is now considered one of the Top Five Concours in North America.

That vehicular excellence makes for a supreme show, but the *reason* behind the show is my motivation for participating. ALL the proceeds from this event benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Broward County (BGCBC), which helps keep children and teens safe by providing a positive environment where they can play, learn, and grow. Since 2007, Boca CDE has raised between \$15-20 MILLION; those funds have helped change innumerable young lives for the better.

Per Dr. Dauer, all of the judges and other participants are volunteers (no one is paid). Thus, Boca CDE has raised more funds for charity than any other Concours event. Quite an achievement!

This past February, at the preshow Judges Breakfast, Dr. Dauer shared the tale of how the whole thing began; the idea for Boca CDE started during a conversation over dinner one night, 18 years ago.

According to Dr. Dauer, he and his wife Joanne were invited out to dinner by the late Rick Case and his wife Rita. Also in attendance were Jamie McDonnell and a few other automotive enthusiasts. The Cases suggested starting a car show to benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Broward County (BGCBC). Since the Dauers and Mr. McDonnell were also very "into cars" AND philanthropy, they jumped on board. The rest, as they say, is history.

The first year, 2007, their goal was to have 100 cars on the show field. Fearing they might not quite make it, the night before the Concours, Dr. Dauer called Rick Case and suggested they BOTH bring twenty of their own cars to the show the next day, which they did. Suffice to say,

their goal of 100 cars at the inaugural Boca CDE was met *and* exceeded.

Fast-forward to February, 26, 2023 -- the 16th Annual Boca CDE (there was no event in 2021 due to lingering Covid concerns). This year, it was another beautiful day on the show field, with about 186 spectacular classic cars and about 50 vintage motorcycles on display. As mentioned before, judging gets harder every year, because the vehicles are so magnificent. Here are some photos from the show, so you can see for yourself. Enjoy!

PS Congratulations to AACA's own Ira Shapiro, who will be taking over for the amazing Dr. Paul Sable to become Co-Chief Judge at the 2024 Boca CDE. *(continued on page 15)*

R: 1960
Heinkel Kabine 153
won the People's
Choice Award



Below: Judge is
thoroughly
inspecting the car.





1959 Mercedes-Benz 190 SL



1960 Auto Union



Judges Stella & Jeff Ashen, Millie Garcia



Race cars



1973 Ferrari



1903
Clement



L: 1950 Mercedes-Benz 170S Cabriolet A



1954 Cadillac Series 62



Founding Chairmen's Award: 1969
Dodge Charger Daytona SE-2 door



L: 1928 Rolls Royce



1961 Aston Martin DBA4 MKII



Austin Healey



Photo
credit:
Jeff Ashen

L: Judges'
Meeting



1957 Jaguar XK 150 2 door
Fixed Head Coupe



FULFILLING A REQUEST FOR ANTIQUE CARS

By Jean Hawa

Occasionally the South Florida Region is called upon to provide antique cars for weddings or special events. Knowing that it is a way of showcasing our beautiful antiques outside of a typical car show we inform the requesting party that we will notify the membership one time with the requestor's message which specifies what is needed. We also explain that it would be a member's individual's willingness and not the car club's endorsement.

Usually we don't know how many members actually follow-up on the requests, but the following are actual excerpts of the request, the thank you letter, and Facebook photos, all a result of several members having a desire to help out the Miami-Dade County Human Resources Department.

Good afternoon, Ms. Hawa,

Hope this email finds you doing well. Below is the text you can share with members about the possibility of participating in our **Glow to Thrive** event on March 10. Please let me know if there is anything more we should provide to make it welcoming and attract their participation. As soon as we have a flyer I will send that along to you as well. Thank you so much for your guidance and assistance. Warmly, Sara

Message:

We are hosting an event for Miami-Dade County employees at Tropical Park on Friday March 10,

2023, from 5 to 9 p.m.

The event will celebrate wellness and employee appreciation week with glow in the dark entertainment and activities. County employees and their families are invited to attend at no cost. We expect approximately 1,000 – 1,500 attendees.

This year, the event will include an homage to Miami Vice with the addition of pink flamingos and fun activities to recognize local culture.

...

We are interested in having several vintage cars to add a bit of history and charm. The vehicles would be parked on asphalt in the middle of the activities. They will be secured so that no one can get too close unless the owner is there to allow it....

Vehicles can be set up in advance of the event any time after noon. Coordinators will be on site to assist with placement of the vehicles, etc.

Happy to answer questions and provide assistance as required. Please contact Sara Vallazza at

Respectfully, Sara

Sara Vallazza, MPA

Employee Engagement Coordinator
Benefits and Employee Support
Services Division, Miami-Dade
County Human Resources
Department

Thank you:

Thank you for being a part of **Glow to Thrive** on Friday night. You were all spectacular to bring your vehicles and
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L: Our members cars

R: President Millie Garcia (2nd from right) checking in



R: Nivardo Mora's 1932 Chevrolet Confederate



Left and below left: Manny Garcia's 1993 Chevrolet S10 Blazer

hang out with our employees during the evening. Here's the link to the photographer's Facebook Page where the event photos are already posted.

<https://www.facebook.com/miamijessicapaez/> Thank you, Millie, for helping to coordinate the participation of your group



Jorge Salazar's 1964 Volkswagen Type II Deluxe

R: Fabio Nodarse's 1973 Volkswagen Super Beetle



L: Hector China's 1964 Volkswagen convertible

Right and below left: Danny Hernandez's 1964 Ford Galaxie



R: The event in the early evening





Opportunities By Dave Anspach

Vice President - National Activities

Well, that's what we have... opportunities. There are openings for shows and tours in our schedule and NOW is the time to fill them. For those that don't understand, our Regions and Chapters are the hosts for our events. Without a Region or Chapter stepping up to be the host, EVENTS DO NOT HAPPEN! Please understand, if your Region or Chapter steps up... you are not in this alone. The National club will help you wherever you need help. There are volunteers to step in for judging, registration, site selection, hotel negotiation, activities selection, whatever you need!

So where and what events are needed? Let's start with 2023. No, it's not too late. With some effort, we can still get everything planned in time for an event next year. What is needed is a willingness and "boots on the ground"! First and foremost, we have NO shows in the Western Division for 2023. After numerous requests, letters, e-mails, etc. no one has stepped up! Western Regions and Chapters, PLEASE Reconsider. We need Western shows! There is also a space for a Fall Southeastern show so we could use some help there! The Central Division has stepped up and we should have some news for everyone on some activities there real soon! The other major hole in 2023 is the Vintage Tour. The group that was planning it has stepped back so we have a hole there. Many of you do a lot of local tours... it isn't a giant step for you to do a National one!

For 2024, we again have some of the same problems... We do have a Western Meet in Tucson and a group working on a Western Tour but there are still a lot of openings. A second Western Meet for the Fall would be welcomed! We start the year without a Winter Meet so far. There are a couple of possibilities but no one has locked it in yet. We also lack a Southeastern Fall show again that it would be real nice to fill! Again, we have several Central possibilities that look like they will step up, but still no Central Tour. In Fact, Tours are the area where we are really hurting in 2024!

We need hosts for our biggest tour event, the Glidden Tour. We share this event with the VMCCA in alternate years, so this event is a MUST fill! In addition, we need a Southeastern Division Tour, a Sentimental Tour and a Reliability Tour! If we are to have these activities, it is time for Regions and Chapters to step up!

I know that it is early to talk about 2025, but as of now there are only 3 events on the schedule and 2 of them are in October! There is a space for everyone here! Everywhere I go, I hear that we need to do more events.

Well, to do them, we need YOU. It takes only one sparkplug to get things started. There are no excuses. Too old.... horse hockey... your group is EXPERIENCED!! They know how to get things done. Use that experience! Not enough people... BAH! It only takes a few... and nothing boosts membership more than a group that does something. The younger folks are out there and want to be part of something that is moving forward. If you think you are going to keep your group alive by sitting around eating, you are mistaken. Activity generates activity! Don't know how? I can and will help! All you have to do is say "Dave, we want to do an event" and I'll help you get the ball rolling! Call me at 484-769-7856, e-mail AACADave1054@yahoo.com, Mail at 676 Lambs Church Road, Altavista, Va. 24517, Carrier pigeon probably won't make it... dove season opens soon! You get it... just say YES!



Hazards of the Hobby

By Wayne Tuck
2022 AACA National President

When we head for the garage to work on one of our old cars, most of our spouses know to have the Band-Aids ready. Most of us that enjoy working on our own cars know exactly what I'm talking about. A slip of the wrench, reaching around a tight angle, cutting or stripping wire or just about anything can result in little cuts and scrapes.

A couple of weeks ago I noticed a friend of mine had a nick on his forehead. He credited the corner of the hood on his Packard for the injury. Of course, I had a similar scar from the corner of the hood on my Hudson to share with him. I guess for some of us it is just part of the price we pay for getting out and enjoying our hobby. I'm sure all of us have had bumps, blisters, bruises and scrapes, maybe even scars in the pursuit of our hobby.

Those are things we grow to expect. We do not expect injuries from more serious activities such as jacking, hoisting, burning, cutting and welding. These activities are to be taken seriously and could result in severe injury or death if all correct procedures are not followed.

Remember, there are no shortcuts on safety. We all know the rules and should never ignore them. So let's all get out there and have some fun... but keep the Band-Aids handy.

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2023 SOUTH FLORIDA REGION EVENTS

Website: <https://southfloridaregion.aaca.com>

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

03- Annual Club Picnic- at Larry and Penny Thompson
Park, Shelter # 4; 12451 SW 184 Street, Miami,
33177; 11 a.m.-3 p.m. \$5.00, Contest for Best Side Dish
and Dessert

06- Board Meeting- 7:30 p.m. at Rinconcito Latino Café,
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Katia Enriquez Gomez

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SUNSHINE REPORT

On the road to recovery are the
following: Manny Garcia, Ed Medina,
Ralph Thiele, Mohammed Shanti, and
Kenney Stowe.

2023 AACA NATIONAL/REGION EVENTS

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



**May 13- Shenandoah Region, AACA – 63rd Apple Blossom
Meet:** Jim Barnett Park, Winchester, VA; Contact: Duane
Catlett (540) 869-6668 Vehicle Registrar: Linda
Comontofski abmeet@huskyclub.com. Class judging for
pre-registered vehicles, plus all entrants are eligible for
30+ Special Awards.

May 18-20 – Eastern Springs Nationals-Gettysburg Region -
Wyndham, 95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg, PA

July 16 - 22- AACA Founders Tour: AACA Ontario Region,
Location: Ontario & Quebec

**July 26 - 29- AACA Special Eastern Nationals, AACA Rolling
Antiquers Old Car Club Norwich Region, Norwich, New
York**



OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

**May 6-7 - 2023 Treasure Coast Car Swap Meet Car
Corral 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;**

**June 10-11 - 2023 Treasure Coast Car Swap Meet
Car Corral and Car Show, 9 a.m.—5 p.m.,
Causeway Cove Marina Ft. Pierce; 601 Seaway
Dr., www.flcarswapmeets.com (954-205-
7813); trophies and cash prizes; Admission—
\$5.00, children 12 and under free;**