

The A.A.C.A. South Florida Region Board Meeting of Tuesday, April 7, 2026 was called to Order by President Elpidio Padilla at 7:29 p.m., at La Carreta Restaurant, 8650 Bird Road, Miami, FL 33155.

In Attendance: President Al Padilla, 1st Vice President Ed Medina, 2nd Vice President Jorge Salazar, Secretary Yovanna Hernández, Past-President Tomás Hernández, and Board Members Angel Aulet, Benjamin Cardonne, Alejandro Clay, Chico Goldsmith, Jean Hawa, Thomas Kosky, Ira Shapiro, Bob Squier, Junior Felix Valdes.

Establish a Quorum: President Al Padilla was able to establish a quorum with 14 members of the board present.

First Order of Business - Acceptance of Board Meeting Minutes from Previous Meeting: President Al Padilla asked if everyone present had read the minutes of the March's board meeting; if so, and if there were no questions, comments, or corrections, would someone move to accept the minutes as posted. Bob Squier corrected of a word incorrectly used, an action to correct it took effect immediately. Al Padilla 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: Al Padilla in lieu of Manny Garcia presented a reconciliation statement for the month of March from the club's bank account and 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 218 active families. Ed added that he was going to send a list to Jorge Salazar to contact members that have not renewed.

General Membership Meeting (April 16, 2026): Jorge Salazar informed us that he texted JMAC Custom Detailing Garage to invite them to come and was waiting for a response. Also, Benjamin Cardonne added that he is working with a Body Shop for our next month general meeting.

NIKE Missile Site Classic Car Show Report – Al Padilla informed us that out of 40 cars that registered only 12 showed up. He added that all volunteers did a great job and this was a very interesting show. Tomás Hernández mentioned that it was a very hot venue and the only place to shelter from the sun were two of the shelters and that it took a long time to announce the winners. Ed Medina also said that the trophies were lost in transit but the trophies and the cash awards were sent via mail to the winners. Ira Shapiro added that he missed conversing with the Peter Pan group. All present agreed that it was an interesting and historical place.

Biltmore Way Classic Auto Show Report – Ed Medina informed us that there were 92 cars displayed. Ed added that it was a successful and special show dedicated to the memory of George Harvey, showcasing his 1943 Plymouth 4 door sedan at the venue. A special plaque in honor for all the years he had been a club member was presented to his wife, Cathy Harvey. Ed stated that despite it being a great show, the judging was too lenient for this type of show and we should follow the AACA judging rules more closely. Tomás Hernández mentioned that we should have a team of two instead of three judges. Jorge Salazar said that we should ask volunteer judges in which area they feel most comfortable and knowledgeable prior to judging. Ira Shapiro suggested to having a judging class before the show and that field show will

be better to judge if cars are separated by categories.

Good Shepherd Car Show Report – Ed Medina reported that it was a great show with the coffee and doughnuts time to socialize as well. A Challenger, a 1993 Corvette and a 1986 Grand National were given a special award donated by Michael Vera.

Downtown Event (April 11, 2026) – Ira Shapiro informed us that he is still looking for 1920's cars for the Heritage Day Event at the Olympia Theater.

Other Club Business:

- Farmers Market at Palmetto Bay (September 8, 2026): Benjamin Cardonne will get information for a possible car show.
- Angel Aulet reminded us about Horse Power for Heroes (April 19, 2026) at the RC Cola Plant in Wynwood, sponsor by the Police and the Fire Department.
- Love Story Restaurant Cruise-In (April 16, 2026) all cars are welcome.
- Al Padilla reminded us about the Cars and Brunch at the SFCM and Miami Outboard Club (April 16, 2026).
- Cuba Nostalgia (May 15-17, 2026) Al Padilla informed that there are 11 cars registered.
- Miami Springs (July 4, 2026) Independence Day Car Show.
- Ed Medina mentioned that the club should consider doing a drive-in late September/early October and wants to hear suggestions of places to visit. Junior Valdes suggested the Keys.
- Ed Medina informed us that he will be reaching out to the Country Walk's representative to propose a car show. This will replace the Winston Park Car show.

Sunshine Report: Jean Hawa informed us that Hank and Luly Tester are new grandparents and Jay Mullinix had a rotary shoulder surgery.

Adjournment: With no further club business to discuss, President Al Padilla made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. It was unanimously seconded and approved.

Submitted by Yovanna Hernandez,
Secretary