

The A.A.C.A. South Florida Region Board Meeting of Tuesday, June 2, 2026 was called to Order by President Al Padilla at 7:37 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, Manny Garcia, Millie Garcia, Jean Hawa, Thomas Kosky, Guy Lewis, Mike Penn, Junior Valdes and his wife Judith, Ira Shapiro and guests from the Fort Lauderdale Region- Chris Chambers, Frank Rizzo, Paul Vermon and Lou Tassi.

President Al Padilla opened the meeting welcoming our guests from the AACA Ft. Lauderdale Region. Ira Shapiro also thanked them for having taken the time to come. Ira then moved the conversation towards the possibility of having our club and the Ft. Lauderdale club work together with the Ft. Lauderdale Region being the named host for a 2028 South Florida National Meet. Since the Ft. Lauderdale Region has not hosted a National Meet recently, it would be able to receive a grant from AACA. Ira gave details of the necessary steps needed in order to have a successful show and advised them to go to the AACA website to become familiar with the Organization of a Nationals Meet. He said that we needed to have a Chairman, Co-chair, Field Marshall, and a Chief Judge. At the same time, we need to look for a proper venue with trailer parking, hotels to accommodate our guests, awards banquet facility, and nearby places to entertain them while not at the show. Ira added that we need to decide if we will be incorporating a Grand National. It was noted that 80% of all AACA activities take place east of the Mississippi River. One of our Ft. Lauderdale guests suggested having a National Tour in place of a National Show, maybe by the end of February or March. Once our guests departed, President Al Padilla continued with our monthly board meeting.

Establish a Quorum: President Al 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 Al Padilla asked if everyone present had read the minutes of the May'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; Ed Medina seconded it. Having no other discussion, the motion was voted on and passed.

Second Order of Business – Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Manny Garcia presented a reconciliation statement for the month of May 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 222 active families.

General Membership Meeting (April 20, 2026): Ed Medina informed us that we will be meeting at Auto Aces at 10916 SW 188th Street, Miami, a place with a mechanic specialist in classic cars, full body restoration and paint. The time is from 9 a.m.-12 noon with coffee, orange juice, bagels and doughnuts provided by the club. Benjamin Cardonne mentioned that he is working with Stoner Brothers Body Shop for the July 18th General Meeting. Jorge Salazar suggested trying a destination membership meeting. Since some of our membership meetings are now being held on the weekend instead of the 3rd Thursday of the month, Ira mentioned that as long as the membership is notified, we do not need to change the bylaws.

4th of July Classic Car Show-Miami Springs (July 3, 2026): Ed Medina informed us that people can

sign-up online. The show will be from 6 to 10 p.m., will be located at Westwood Drive and we will have our own parking area. Ed will continue updating details.

Memory Lane: Manny Garcia informed us that sadly the Memory Lane Car Show has been permanently canceled. Most members of the board agreed that this is was a big sponsor to our club and that now we need to start finding other sponsors to help our club's revenue.

Other Club Business:

- Country Walk Car Show: Ed Medina informed us that March 13, 2027 is the tentative date for this show; this will replace the Winston Park Show. He suggested having painted T-shirts with the sponsor logo on the back to give to all who registered and to sell the rest. Ed will keep us updated
- Presbyterian Church Car Show: Ed Medina informed us that the SSP & LA6 Car Show has been set for November 14, 2026 and the Presbyterian Church show will be on December 5th.
- Manny Garcia informed us that the fees of the Coral Gables Car Show have gone up and we need a sponsor to help cover the costs of trophies. He mentioned that the lift company hasn't committed yet, but he will try again next year. He reminded us that even though we are a 501c, we are not a charity, we are a hobby club. Therefore, any monies given or in-kind donations can be legally noted as an advertisement expense.
- Ed Medina suggested creating a committee to oversee marketing sponsorship and donations to the club. He also suggested having an experienced person added to our board, one who has ideas and things to offer. Manny Garcia suggested paying him a percentage for every sponsor he gets us. Ira Shapiro said that is unprecedented, especially since we are a club of volunteers. Guy Lewis mentioned that ~~it~~ he has a big concern about doing that.
- Jean Hawa will be meeting with personnel from Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden to discuss the possibility of a return of Cars in the Garden.
- Junior Valdes is working in all the details for cruise tour in October to Naples. He will be informing us as he receives the information.
- Lake Mirror (October 16-18, 2026): Junior Valdes needs logistics for transporters. He has open trailers available for those who want to attend the car show. Tomás Hernández will provide all the details and information to him.
- Picnic: Jorge Salazar is working on the date and venue. It seems that September is a contender month. He will provide more information in the near future.
- Ira Shapiro reported that Art Deco will take place on Ocean Drive on January 16-17, 2027. Street food vendors are no longer going to be present. The restaurants will be the only source for food.

Sunshine Report: Ira Shapiro suggested having a memorial plaque for Bob Squier and present it to his husband Ken Kurtz on June 20th at Bob's Celebration of Life. Millie Garcia offered ordering the plaque. Ira added that Philip Williams suggested everyone bring a potluck dish. Manny Garcia made a motion; Al Padilla seconded it. All were in favor.

Adjournment: With no further club business to discuss, President Al Padilla made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. It was unanimously seconded and approved.

Submitted by Yovanna Hernandez,
Secretary