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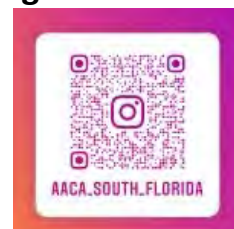
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Fellow Members,

Summer has certainly made its presence known this year. With soaring temperatures, high humidity, afternoon rain showers, and the occasional bout of vapor lock, it hasn't exactly been ideal weather for car shows or even a quick drive around the block, especially for those of us whose classic cars don't have the luxury of air conditioning.

Even so, I still believe we live in one of the best places to enjoy this hobby. Despite the heat and rain, our members have continued to support the club by participating in local car shows, Cars & Coffee gatherings, and the Miami Springs Fourth of July celebration. Your enthusiasm and dedication are what keep our region thriving.

I encourage you to take a moment to read the Board Minutes and learn more about the efforts of our Officers and Board of Directors. These dedicated volunteers are continually working to develop new ideas, organize events, and create opportunities that benefit our 223 and growing, active member families.

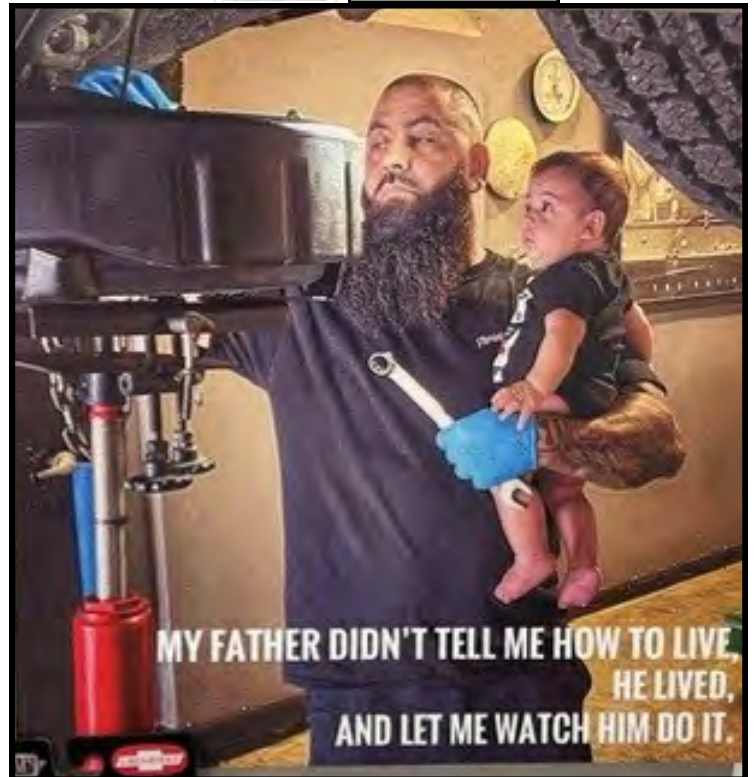
It's also been exciting to see the positive response to holding some of our general membership meetings at locations where we can not only learn more about the care and maintenance of our collector vehicles but also spend more time enjoying each other's company. Building friendships is just as important as preserving the automobiles we all love.

Be sure to visit our website and stay tuned for upcoming events, including the Club Picnic on September 19, the Naples Drive & Dinner Cruise on October 10-11, and the Deering Estate Vintage Auto Show on November 15. We always welcome your participation, your ideas, and your enthusiasm as we continue to grow the AACA South Florida Region.

Thank you for your continued support. Until next time, let's keep motoring!

Cheers,

Your President Al Padilla



This editor used her phone to copy the above poster seen in the hallway of the Florida Hotrods where the South Florida Region members visited on May 23rd for its general membership meeting. When the report about our meeting was written for *Sidelights*, there was no room for the picture. When our club had its June membership meeting at Auto Aces and we learned that co-owner Nina's father was the reason she became involved with antique cars, the above poster's message came calling, "start them young"! Thank you Manny Garcia for inspiring your daughter.

Being raised in a family who are antique car enthusiasts is one of many ways people get involved in the hobby. Of course, not everyone in that family is interested, but it is a very important factor. Sometimes it's taking the family to a car show, watching the numerous television car shows, or marrying into it. That's what happened to this editor. When hubby-to-be said that "I would never have to wonder where he would be because he would be in the garage working on the antique", this soon-to-be-wed knew of the running joke often whispered about the antique car hobbyists was that the car was "the mistress". We were married for five years, no garage, no antique; hmmm. Soon after, the house with a garage and antiques started coming. Then came watching hubby fixing the carburetor on the kitchen counter, helping to bleed the brakes, and of course, learning car language if one wants to have a conversation with your spouse. Fifty-five years later, the antique cars are gone but the love of the hobby is still alive in our lives.

Happy motoring, *Jean*



The A.A.C.A. South Florida Region Board Meeting of Tuesday, July 7, 2026 was called to Order by President Al Padilla at 7:38 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, and Board Members Angel Aulet, Benjamin Cardonne, Alejandro Clay, Chico Goldsmith, Jean Hawa, Thomas Kosky, Mike Penn, Ira Shapiro, Junior Valdes and his wife Judith.

Establish a Quorum: President Al Padilla was able to establish a quorum with 12 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 June'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 and Tom Kosky seconded it. Having no other discussion, the motion was voted on and passed.

Second Order of Business – Treasurer's Report: Since Treasurer Manny Garcia was absent, there was no report given.

Third Order of Business – Membership Report: Ed Medina reported that as of now we have 223 active families with our newest member being sponsored by Kenny Stowe. Ed also said that our club received an anonymous donation.

General Membership Meeting (July 18, 2026): Jorge Salazar announced that through the efforts of Ben Cardonne we will have our next General Membership meeting on Saturday, July 18th at the Stoner Brothers Body Shop at 9:00 a.m. Jorge is working on a place to go for our August meeting. He continued to say that plans are in the works for the annual club BBQ in September with our past presidents doing the cooking.

4th of July Classic Car Show- Miami Springs Report: Ed Medina and Jorge Salazar reported that the earlier afternoon rains may have kept a lot car owners from coming out. Even though plans were to have the South Florida Region members park together along Westward Drive, the organizers did otherwise. There were 49 cars with 11 others in Curtiss Circle and a lot of Corvettes for the 29th year of this event.

Naples Drive and Dinner Cruise (October 10-11, 2026): Junior Valdes led the discussion about the time of morning departure (8 or 9) from Krome Avenue, driving

for 1½ hours, having lunch before or after the tour of the REVS Museum, and choice of hotel and evening activities.

Other Club Business:

- **Deering Estate Vintage Auto Show (November 15, 2026):** Jean Hawa reported that everything is set for the 14th Annual Deering Estate Vintage Auto Show from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for cars 1965 and older with an emphasis of the earlier years.
- **Cars in the Garden:** Jean Hawa reported that she, Chico Goldsmith, Cliff Gibson, and Frank Jacobs (Sunshine Corvette Club) met on June 26th with three Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden staff members to discuss the return of Cars in the Garden after a three-year hiatus. We discussed the pros and cons of former car shows we conducted for ten years. Finding a mutually acceptable show date is undetermined at this time, most likely in 2027.
- **Other Possible Meeting Venue:** Ben Cardonne stated that the restaurant on Sunset and 97th Avenue formerly used for our club board and general meetings is under new management and perhaps we may want to return to it.
- **Coral Gables Car Show:** Ed Medina informed us that Carnival on the Mile will be March 13-14, 2027 conflicting with the Country Walk Show. [However, as of the writing of these minutes, the date for Carnival on the Mile has been changed to March 6-7, 2027; therefore, there is no conflict] Still remaining are the higher costs of having the show in Coral Gables. Ira Shapiro will talk with a friend about who to contact at City Hall to discuss the high fees. He also brought up the history of our car shows locations being moved over the decades, specifically the Coconut Grove Peacock Park to Meyer Park and then Coral Gables Miracle Mile in an effort to reduce show costs. As a result, there is no problem if we move our once-a-year judged show to another location. Ira Shapiro questioned if the Miami Springs area would have a place for one of our car shows. Mike Penn suggested the Miami Springs Golf course.
- **Country Walk Car Show (March 13, 2027):** Ed Medina announced that Ira Shapiro will be the Chief Judge for this car show. It was suggested that we get more judges trained, perhaps using our meetings for training sessions. We need a minimum of 2-3 judges for each category.

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- **Nationals Meet:** Ira Shapiro has not heard anything else from the Ft. Lauderdale Region regarding their commitment to hosting a Nationals Meet. He stated that the hardest position to be filled is the Field Marshal whose task is to lay out the show field.
- **Memory Lane:** Ed Medina announced that Memory Lane will not occur this year because the Miami International Auto Show has been cancelled due to the lack of support from the local auto dealers.
- **Consultant Proposal:** Ed Medina proposed having a club member or someone who would be able to assist us in finding funds to support/supplement our car shows for expenses/fees for trophies, additional insurance, police and fire department costs, etc. What is been done in the past is no longer viable. Since we are a hobby club, not a charitable organization, there are federal tax guidelines we need to follow regarding monies. Our club attorney will be involved in any contract we may need to utilize.

Sunshine Report: Jean Hawa stated that there was nothing to report.

Adjournment: With no further club business to discuss, President Al Padilla made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. It was unanimously seconded and approved.

Submitted by Jean Hawa,
Substitute Secretary

NOTE!

1) MIAMI SPRINGS CLASSIC CAR AND TRUCK SHOW of July 3, 2026

Since this editor was unable to attend this year's show from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., there are no photos of the event. However, a video of the event can be located on the AACA South Florida Region Facebook page if you are a member of Facebook.

2) MEMBERS 4 MEMBERS REGISTRY

Also, on our club website/Automotive Links, we list a local registry of businesses by our current members and what they do. Feel free to contact these members should you find yourself in need of their type of business and or service.

CELEBRATING THE CITY OF MIAMI

By Al Padilla



The City of Miami was incorporated on July 28, 1896. As part of its 130th anniversary, Telemundo media will air a segment about the city's transportation history. Gypsy was invited to participate in a short shoot at "Little Havana" Calle 8 which will be aired after the culmination of the FIFA World Cup (July 19th)



Al's 1955 Buick Century, aka Gypsy





GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING— of June 20, 2026

Submitted by Jean Hawa

To encourage better member participation our club has changed the 3rd Thursday General Membership dinner meeting with a guest speaker to the 3rd Saturday Cars' n Coffee/field trip to a local car related business. This time we went to AUTO ACES MECHANIC SHOP, owned by Yasmany and Nina, located in Cutler Bay.

Quite a few members drove their antiques on a beautiful, sunny summer 84 degrees morning. We were treated with delicious doughnuts, pastries coffee and juice, and water provided by Ed and Gina Medina. Everyone walked around, admiring and examining everyone's antique and/or latest addition. After an hour of socializing and browsing around the mechanic shop, President Al Padilla brought us up to speed about our upcoming club activities.

Luis, Ed, Ira, Ed
JudithL-R:
Ed, Richard, Maurice

Ford Mustang

1955 Buick
Century(continued on
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L-R: Blas, Jorge, Luis, Ben, Keith



Masda



1969 Chevrolet Z28 Camaro



1964 Volkswagen Type 2 Deluxe

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Figaro



Honda S2000

1972 FIAT



1946 Cadillac convertible



1958
Jaguar XK
150-FHC

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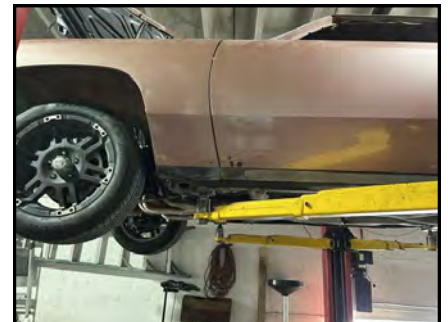


L-R: Ira Ed Nina staff Ben Yasmanny

Maurice Luis



Owners, Yasmanny and Nina explained the foundation of their AUTO ACES MECHANIC SHOP, emphasizing how their knowledge of the mechanics of a car is vital. They specialize in doing full builds, restoration and painting of any classics. Yasmanny's training began in Cuba where parts and supplies were extremely limited. As a result, by analyzing projects and having creative ideas it led him to manufacturing his own parts that worked. Finding other like-minded mechanics helped him build the business. Having Nina's background in artistic designing enhanced his business. Even though they now send out their painting projects, everything else is handled in their Cutler Bay shop.





ROAD KINGS OF HOLLYWOOD CAR SHOW

By Kenny Stowe

Representing the AACA South Florida Region I won a trophy today (June 28, 2026) at the Road Kings of Hollywood Car Show with my 1959 Chrysler 300 Convertible. It is one of 140 manufactured.



Trophy Time with
Nina and Kenny



Road Kings of Hollywood (<https://roadkingsofhollywood.org>) hosts car shows that donate proceeds to children's charities. This year the cost was \$20/car. The show was open to all makes, years and models.



For those of you who don't know Kenny, he has a dry sense of humor. After all who doesn't love Daffy Duck.

L: Mike Penn and Kenny Stowe



"Today is slap an Idiot day, I'm gonna be so busy".

PHOTO CREDITS:

Mike Penn
Kenny Stowe

Original (born with) factory leather interior
with Power Swivel seats





Generation Oldschool Cruise-in

Submitted by Jean Hawa

The lightly attended Generation Oldschool Cruise-in of Friday, June 26, 2026 did not disappoint. Cars of the 1950's took center stage while the cars of vintage age and modern era parked on other aisles. The afternoon high of 93 degrees finally dropped to 89 degrees as cars started arriving about 6 p.m. for the evening cruise-in by the Olive Garden Restaurant off SW 89 Street and 162 Avenue. An occasional breeze came through providing some welcomed relief. Several AACA South Florida Region members participated. While some participants brought a picnic dinner, others ate at the two near-by restaurants. Fortunately for everyone an ice cream truck was at on the perimeter with dessert.

Generation Oldschool can be found on Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram.



1953
Cadillac



1956
Oldsmobile



1949
Pontiac

R: 1926 Buick



L: 1957 Buick

Below: 1967
Cadillac Eldorado



1956 Buick



1953
Chevrolet



1966 Ford Thunderbird



2015
Cadillac
Eldorado



L: 1954 Ford

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1957
Chevrolet
BelAir



1966 Ford
Thunderbird



1955 Ford Fairlane



Chevrolet Corvette



1959 Cadillac



FIAT



MGs



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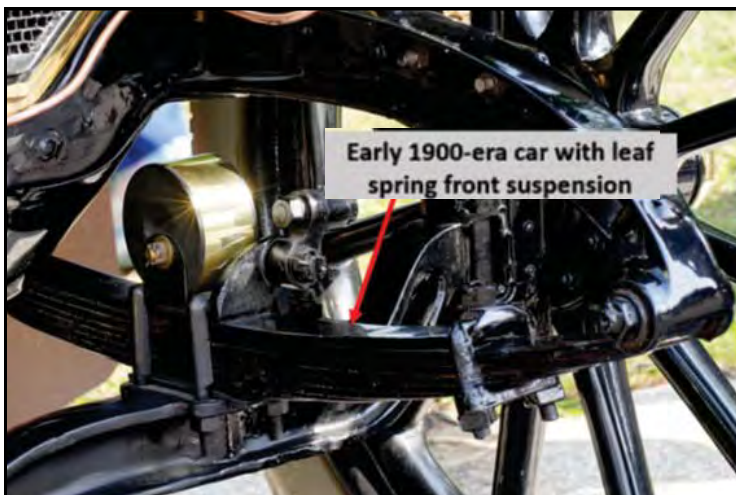
Rich's Repair Ramblings

Suspension Part 1: Springs and Shocks

The 3 Types of Springs

While springs are not required to operate a motor vehicle, your ride would be quite uncomfortable without them. The primary purpose of springs is to act as a cushion in helping to isolate road shocks from the vehicle occupants. Springs as part of a suspension system existed long before the invention of the motor vehicle. Horse-drawn carts and carriages had springs. Motor vehicles have used three different types of springs as part of suspension design: leaf springs, coil springs, and torsion springs, usually simply called torsion bars.

Wikipedia credits the invention of the elliptical-shaped leaf spring to Obadiah Elliott, a British inventor who patented the design way back in 1804. These elliptical leaf springs were flat, long, and narrow pieces of iron or steel which were allowed a certain amount of flex without breaking. As a wheel hit a bump or dropped into a depression, the leaf spring would move up or down accordingly. As the wheel returned back into position on the path, the leaf spring bent back into its original position, which meant that the cart or carriage was minimally affected by the wheel's movement.



Early 1900-era car with leaf spring front suspension

It was only natural that the first forays into motor vehicle design would carry the leaf spring concept forward. Cars could have four leaf springs, one at each corner, or a leaf spring could be mounted transversely, meaning one spring per front or rear. As motor vehicles were heavier than horse-drawn carts, leaf springs became "multi-leaf"

to support additional weight. The primary advantages of leaf springs on cars were low cost, ease of manufacture and assembly, and low maintenance. Their disadvantages included the large amount of space they occupied within the chassis, and limited means of finetuning the suspension, and therefore, the passengers' ride comfort.

Coil springs, common in many industries, are made from steel which is wound into a coil shape. When a car's wheel moves up and down, the coil spring can compress and extend, then return to its original position. Just like a leaf spring, the coil spring's primary purpose is to isolate the passenger compartment from these suspension movements. Coil springs take up less room than leaf springs, and depending on factors such as thickness and strength, they can be engineered to provide a softer or firmer ride, depending on the desired driving characteristics of the car. For American cars, the change from leaf springs to coil springs started at the front. Almost every American car through the 1970s was front engine and rear wheel drive. As engines grew larger and heavier, front coil springs provided several advantages. They took up less room than leaf springs and were easily adapted to front end suspension design. As engineers developed more understanding of suspensions, and as customers demanded more comfortable and compliant ride characteristics, coil springs were added to the rear as well.



Front coil spring with shock absorber (in red) mounted next to it

Our third spring design, torsion bars, first appeared in the 1930s on European cars such as the French Citroen which was front wheel drive, and on the German VW Beetle, which was rear-engined and rear wheel drive. On American vehicles, they first came into prominent use on Packards in the 1950s. But torsion bars are most famously associated with Chrysler Corporation products, starting in 1957 as the company moved to unit body construction. Think of a torsion bar (continued on page 13)

bar as a coil spring that has been unwound and shaped into a straight piece of steel. The “spring” in a torsion bar occurs when the bar is twisted along its axis. Just like leaf and coil springs, the torsion bar accommodates upward or downward wheel deflection, then returns to its original position. Advantages of torsion bars include a soft ride and minimal space intrusion compared to leaf or coil springs. A disadvantage is that the spring rate (the relative amount of deflection) cannot be as easily fine-tuned as it can with coil springs.

In all cases, whether leaf, coil, or torsion bar, it is the vehicle’s springs which determine ride height. This is often misunderstood, and I have personally encountered many vehicle owners who think that it’s the shock absorbers or other suspension components (such as control arms) which determine ride height. If an owner desires to raise a vehicle’s height, then larger, taller, and/or stiffer springs can be installed. If one wants to lower the ride height, then shorter or softer springs will accomplish this. For our AACA vehicles, most of us have the goal to maintain or restore factory-original ride height. On a 50+ year old car, springs may have sagged to the point where a fresh set of springs will achieve the desired result of re-establishing correct ride height.

top, bottom, or both ends. Torsion bars likewise are mounted to the underbody through rubber bushings.



When disassembling a suspension with the intention of replacing any of these bushings, utmost care must be exercised because springs are installed under tension. A coil spring designed to hold up the front end of a car that weighs 4,000 pounds is compressed at all times. If proper care is not taken when removing such a spring, it could fly loose with enough force to seriously or fatally injure someone. Suspension work may or may not be within the working ability of the typical DIY home mechanic. Always read and follow the recommended service procedure as published by the vehicle manufacturer. Leaf springs are easier to work on than coil springs. Coil springs usually require use of a spring compressor. Again, educate yourself before embarking on a repair job like this, especially if you have not done this kind of work before. If you doubt your abilities, you are far better off paying a professional to perform the job for you.

Next month in The Ramblings:
Springs and Shocks Part 2
Rich Reina



Aside from spring sag, my experience with cars is that springs rarely ‘go bad’. Living in the Northeast, I have been witness to cases where springs, especially coil springs, have rusted and snapped. Multi-leaf springs can also become rusty and may create excessive noise from the leaves rubbing against each other. With all spring types, it is their mounting points which may require attention. The spring mounts are usually made of rubber and that rubber deteriorates over time. Leaf springs are mounted to a car’s chassis with rubber bushings through the spring’s “eyes” at each end. Coil springs may have a rubber seat or rubber-encased bearing or bushing at the

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Making the Ask~

By Steven Rossi VP Public Relations and Event Planning



If you attended the Eastern Fall National Meet in Hershey, PA you may have noticed that the Public Address (P.A.) system was put to good use during the Flea Market to gently solicit new member ships and renewals. It was an old school; proactive measure used in sales and fundraising that's referred to as "Making the Ask."

Making the Ask involves consciously asking for the purchase or commitment after establishing rapport by personally engaging with the prospect or audience... thereby gaining insight into their interests and understanding their desires.

Garnering an opportunity to simply make the ask means that you have already generated enough AACA interest and awareness to attract participants to your events and activities. So the stage has been set.

But simply leaving membership applications on a table and expecting enthusiasts to gobble them up is not enough. Take such passive tactics and actively rev them up by injecting personal energy into the process. And use all the tools at your disposal to do so. Like a P.A. system if one's available.

Maybe new members aren't joining because they're not being asked? So don't be shy, be the one to...ask! And don't be put off by rejection, it's a normal part of the process.

Speaking from experience, you might even have a bit of fun in the process. Ask me how I know!

AACA. Please take the time to thank your editor and webmaster for all that she or he does!

Publications ~~ This year brought a successful update to the NAAP scoring and evaluation system which recognized improvement in many of the publications offered to our regions, with sixty-one NAAP program applications received. Ultimately there were sixty program participants. Eighteen editors will receive the 2025 Master Editor award; twenty will receive Excellence awards; nineteen editors will receive Distinction awards and one Merit award. To facilitate this program, there were a total of fourteen newsletter evaluators. I would like to thank the committee for their efforts and expertise in service to AACA: Terry Bond, Phillip Cole, Charlotte Dahlenburg, Michael Kissinger, Cindy Robish, Greg Jackson, Juli Aubrey, Brian and Lisa Munsey, Marianna Kopp, Dick Bettel, Jim Revett, Roger Frazee, and Jean Hawa, with a special thank you to Pat Buckley for her indispensable assistance throughout this year in the process!

Region/Chapter Website Development and Media ~~

This year brought a successful update to the WAAP scoring and evaluation system which recognized improvement in many of the websites offered to our regions, with forty-six WAAP program applications received from regions and chapters. Ultimately there were forty-five program participants and fourteen webmasters will receive the 2025 Master Webmaster award; fifteen will receive Excellence awards; twelve webmasters will receive Distinction awards and two will receive Merit awards. I anticipate that the program will continue to grow in 2026. We certainly could not be able to provide this program to recognize the achievements of our webmasters without the willing assistance and expertise of our evaluation team: Terry Bond, Bob Stein, Phillip Cole, Charlotte Dahlenburg and myself. I especially want to thank National staff, particularly Pat Buckley, for all their hard work. It was a great year for both our NAAP and WAAP programs and great improvements were realized in the overall quality and consistency across our regions and chapters. As you read this report, plan to go back home, welcome and remind all editors and webmasters that your VP of Publications and Region/Chapter Website Development and Media and every BOD member is always available when questions arise or just to assist in any way possible— we are all a part of the greatest antique automobile organization and as such we all have a part to share in our continued growth and success in the AACA.



Region and Chapters Publications and Website Development and Media Debbie Nolen, Vice President

The Publications and Region/Chapter Website Development and Media committees both continue to grow and update the NAAP (Newsletter Achievement Award Program) and the WAAP (Website Achievement Award Program) Achievement Awards Programs. Both groups continue to firmly believe that our publications, digital media and websites are the life beat and glue which holds members of AACA together from the chapter/region level all the way up to the national level, connecting us all to one another no matter the distance that separates us. Each serves in different ways to keep all of us inspired and informed to fulfill the mission of

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2026 SOUTH FLORIDA REGION EVENTS

Website: <https://southfloridaregion.aaca.com>
(*for Online Registration)

AUGUST 2026

04- Board Meeting– 7:30 p.m. at La Carreta Restaurant,
8650 SW 40 Street, Miami 33155

15- General Membership Meeting—TBA

~~*28—September 7—Memory Lane Exhibit at the Miami
International Auto Show—CANCELLED~~

SEPTEMBER 2026

01- Board Meeting– 7:30 p.m. at La Carreta Restaurant,
8650 SW 40 Street, Miami 33155

19- South Florida Region Picnic- General Membership
Meeting— TBA

OCTOBER 2026

06- Board Meeting– 7:30 p.m. at La Carreta Restaurant,
8650 SW 40 Street, Miami 33155

10-11- Naples Drive and Dinner Cruise

15- General Membership Meeting– TBA

NOVEMBER 2026

03- Board Meeting– 7:30 p.m. at La Carreta Restaurant,
8650 SW 40 Street, Miami 33155

15- Deering Estate Vintage Auto Show– for antiques
1965 and older; must be pre-registered

19- General Membership Meeting– Elections

DECEMBER 2026

NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

01- Board Meeting- 7:30 p.m. at La Carreta Restaurant,
8650 SW 40 Street, Miami 33155

05- *CPC-CLC Christmas Classic Car Show

12- South Florida Region Holiday Gala

2026 OTHER EVENTS

October 16-18, 2026– The 27th Lake Mirror Classic
Lakeland, FL. The Lake Mirror Classic Concours
d'Elegance and Car Show raises money for local
Lakeland and Polk County charities.

October 24, 2026-BOPC Car Show and Swap Meet (BUICK-
OLDSMOBILE-PONTIAC -CADILLAC) 9:30 a.m.-
2:30p.m., Auburndale, FL (Downtown City Park– 119
W Park Street); www.oldsclubofflorida.com

TO:



2026 AACA



NATIONAL/ OTHER REGION EVENTS

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

August 5-8, 2026 – Southeastern Divisional Tour – Flat
Rock, NC – hosted by Great Smokey Mountain
Region & Little Detroit Chapter

August 19-22– Annual Grand Nationals/Zenith Awards–
Allentown, PA– 717-534-1910

September 09-14– Founders Tour (1932-2001)-
Williamsburg, VA– hosted by Historic VA
Pennsylvania Region

September 21 – 26 – Revival AAA Glidden Tour (Pre-
1943) – Dover, DE

October 6-9, 2026 – Eastern Fall Nationals – Hershey,
PA – hosted by Hershey Region

October 31, 2026– Ft. Lauderdale Region AACA– Trunk
or Treat– Sample-McDougald House, 450 NE 10
Street, Pompano Beach, FL. 4:30 PM-8:00 PM ; NO
FEE; E-mail: ftlauderdaleaaca@gmail.com

November 7, 2026– Ft. Lauderdale Region AACA– St.
Colman's Veteran's Day Car Show; 1200 South, S
Federal Hwy., Pompano, FL; 10 AM-2 PM, \$25-
Open Car/truck show– all makes, models, years,
original, custom ; ftlauderdaleaaca@gmail.com

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February 4-6, 2027 – Annual Convention/National
Awards – King of Prussia, PA

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Get well wishes have been sent to
Ralph Thiele.

