

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.
- **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 has 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