

The A.A.C.A. South Florida Region Board Meeting of Tuesday, August 4, 2026, was called to Order by 1st Vice President Ed Medina at 7:45 p.m., at La Carreta Restaurant, 8650 Bird Road, Miami, FL 33155.

In Attendance: 1st Vice President Ed Medina, Secretary Yovanna Hernández, Past-President Tomás Hernández, and Board Members Angel Aulet, Benjamin Cardonne, Alejandro Clay, Millie Garcia, Jean Hawa, Tony Hernández, Thomas Kosky, Mike Penn, Ira Shapiro.

Establish a Quorum: 1st Vice President Ed Medina 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: 1st Vice President Ed Medina asked if everyone present had read the minutes of the July's board meeting; if so, and if there were no questions, comments, or corrections, would someone move to accept the minutes as posted. Ira Shapiro 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: Ed Medina spoke in lieu of Manny Garcia and presented a reconciliation statement for July from the club's bank account.

Third Order of Business – Membership Report: Ed Medina reported that as of now we have 223 active families.

General Membership Meeting (August 22, 2026): Ed Medina mentioned that we tentatively will be having a coffee and car general meeting on Saturday, August 22 at Frankie's Pizza. Date and place could be subject to change. If not, we will be meeting at La Carreta as in previous general meetings.

BBQ Picnic / Membership Meeting (September 19, 2026) – Ed Medina informed us that he sent an e-mail to all the members reminding them to sign up for this activity, adding that desserts and side dishes will be judged for first and second places in each category. Also, hamburgers and hot dogs will be cooked by our own president, past-presidents and/or board members. Water and sodas will be provided by the club. Ed proposed a \$2,500 budget; Tony Hernández made a motion, Tomás Hernández seconded it, all were in favor.

Naples Drive and Dinner Cruise (October 10-11, 2026) – Ed Medina informed us that he has blocked-out several rooms at the Hyatt House. He also gave itinerary details, including time of departure, lunch halfway before arriving at the hotel, REVS Museum and optional dinner cruise at sunset. Regarding returning to Miami, he gave information for those who want to visit the Ford and Edison Estates and Museum.

Deering Estate Vintage Auto Show (November 15, 2026) – Jean Hawa informed that we will be able to allocate 40 cars, 1965 and older, stressing the need for the earlier years' vehicles. Jean will proofread the registration form before Ed Medina posts it on line.

Other Club Business:

- a) Ira Shapiro opened up a discussion about the future of the Coral Gables Car Show stating that we need to consider the amount of traffic on foot this show brings and to keep on mind that

substituting this venue with the Country Walk car show we will be having less publicity, will need to provide food trucks and portable bathroom on site.

- b) Ed Medina announced that he signed the Sponsor Consultant Contract prepared by Manny Garcia and under the approval of our club Of Council Guy Lewis. Ed Medina added that we should keep exploring more sponsorships.
- c) Ed Medina informed us that we have a new sponsor; Lucky 13 Public Adjusters will be providing trophies for a car show. Tony Hernández will search for an additional sponsor.
- d) CPC Central Presbyterian Christmas Car Show. We have a volunteer to play Santa Claus and have spoken with the Bells of Harmony Trio for participating. There will be a Toy Drive, carolers, 50/50 raffle, and a Christmas tree raffle.
- e) Benjamin Cardonne spoke with Fathers against Fentanyl and informed us that they want our club to be involved either promoting their cause or do something with them. Ira Shapiro agreed to support them.

Sunshine Report: Jean Hawa informed us that Mike Penn's daughter got married. She also added that Ralph Thiele had surgery.

Adjournment: With no further club business to discuss, 1st Vice President Ed Medina made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. It was unanimously seconded and approved.

Submitted by Yovanna Hernandez, Secretary