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1956 Ford Fairlane at Truly Nolen business in Marco Island

# Running Board



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### **General Meeting:**

Regularly scheduled meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month) will resume starting September 11 at the Berkshire Lakes Clubhouse, 495 Belville Blvd., Naples. Meeting time is 7:00 pm. There will be an August luncheon on August 14 at the Perkins, near I-75 and Pine Ridge Rd. See inside for details.

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### **Cover Photo**

*A 1956 Ford Fairlane parked adjacent to Truly Nolan business in Marco Island. Photo taken July, 2023.*

## President's Page

Hello !!

Hope everything is well and happy... and staying COOL 😊

Naples is very, very busy this summer. Construction every corner. Did you hear about "The Great Wolf Entertainment" coming to Naples??... 100,000 square feet of indoor park!! Location is Interstate 75 and local RT 951 intersection. Should be completed within one year. Naples is definitely not a small city anymore. Get ready for lots and lots of traffic!!

. . Record breaking heat has kept us from scheduling any outdoor events except swimming and crawling into your refrigerator to get cool!!!!

We are loading the 57 Chevrolet convertible and heading to the Tri Five Chevy Show in Bowling Green Kentucky. August 10 to 12, 2023

We are also in the midst of having our house painted outside— staying with white color of course and grey trim— not cheap! 😊

Still have a beautiful second floor(elevator) house for rent on Isles of Capri. Everyone inquiring has dogs.I do not rent with dogs. If you know of anyone looking for an annual rental call me at 239-877-3228.

Here is hoping everyone stays well and joins us in September ! Any interesting ideas for a subject at one of our meetings??

Remember we need a new volunteer Secretary!!!

Happy Trails 😊

Paul and Yvonne Rhoads



July luncheon at Perkins

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*The August (and final for the summer) AACA Luncheon will be held at Perkins on August 14 at 12 noon, 3585 Gateway Ln., Naples (near I-75 and Pine Ridge Rd.).*

*Regular monthly meetings will begin on September 11 at the Berkshire Lakes Clubhouse. See Events page 5 for more.*

## Editor's Note

Hope things are going well for you this summer...

See the Events page about the upcoming August luncheon. Also...regular meetings will resume in September, the second Monday of the month at Berkshire Lakes (more info on Events page).

A few items in this issue... There is an excellent article Malcolm wrote about the Packard factory in Detroit, along with some of his experiences during the last years of its existence. Hank sent in a note taken from the AACA Speedster about the importance of documenting ownership of your collector cars. Peter suggested a Hagerty article about Jay Leno's experience with old tires. We've included the link for that one inside.

There is a huge amount of coverage in the media on Electric Vehicles (EV's). See a couple of interesting items...

How a family used their Ford F150 Lightning (EV) to power their home during a power outage (note that someone on Pine Island used a Prius for this in 2003 !).

A recent agreement by Ford and others to incorporate Tesla EV charging connectors... it triples the amount of charging stations for Ford.

Malcolm sent in a few pictures of old cars he's seen around town. He suggested if you see an old car around town, take a picture. I'll include Malcolm's and others next month.

Thanks those who have contributed this month. Send future articles, comments, pictures, ads, etc. to [ron.schlechtweg@gmail.com](mailto:ron.schlechtweg@gmail.com). Cutoff date is the last Thursday of the month

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## From Facebook, Twitter, etc.

*My people skills are just fine... It's my tolerance to idiots that needs work.*

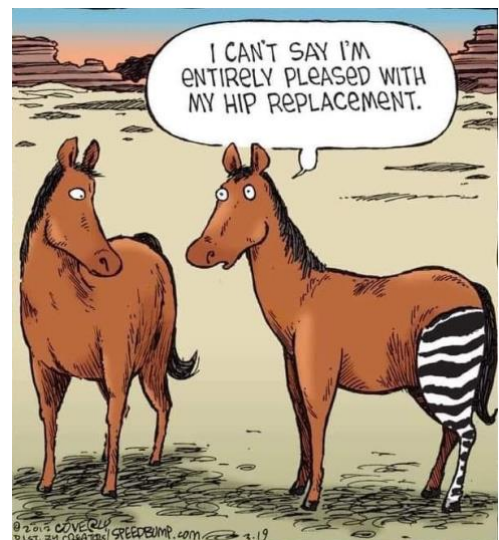
*People who tolerate me on a daily basis.... They are the real heroes.*

*Bear Attack Tip: If attacked, play dead. It will be good practice for when you die a few minutes later.*

*Just pretend I'm not here... That's what I am doing.*

*I'm just going to put an out of order sticker on my forehead and call it a day.*

*To be old and wise, you must first be young and stupid.*



## Events

**Every Saturday... 8:00 am Breakfast at Perkins (Pine Ridge Rd., just west of I-75).**

**August 10-12....** 2023 AACA Grand Nationals, Bettendorf, IA See also <https://aaca.org/events/>

**August 14...** Naples-Marco AACA Luncheon at Perkins. 12 noon, 3585 Gateway Ln., near I-75 and Pine Ridge Rd. Exit 107.

**September 11....** Naples-Marco AACA meeting. 7pm, Berkshire Lakes Clubhouse located at 495 Belville Blvd., Naples

**October 3-6....**2023 AACA Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey PA, See also <https://aaca.org/events/>

**October 9....** Naples-Marco AACA meeting. 7pm, Berkshire Lakes Clubhouse located at 495 Belville Blvd., Naples

**October 20-22....**Lake Mirror Classic, Lakeland, Fl. Includes Open Car Show, Concours, Road Rally, etc.. For more, see [www.LakeMirrorClassics.com/](http://www.LakeMirrorClassics.com/)

### Ongoing Events

**Every Saturday... 8:00 am Breakfast at Perkins (Pine Ridge Rd., just west of I-75).**

**Every Saturday...** Cruise-ins at Stock Plaza by Cool Cruisers. 9am-12pm, 7711 Collier Blvd., Naples, and also at Marco Island Lutheran Church, 10am-12pm, 525 N. Collier Blvd. Hosted by Marco Island Corvette and Muscle Car Club.

**Third Sunday each month...** Cars and Coffee 239. 9-11am at Mercato, 9132 Strada Place, Naples. All makes welcome. See <https://carsandcoffee239.com> for details.

*Additional AACA National Meetings and Tour info can be found at <https://aaca.org/events/>*

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## Legislative

### RHODE ISLAND SET TO BAN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE VEHICLES

- Banning the sale of internal combustion engines will remove competition from existing, proven technologies, which will mean higher costs for electric vehicles for Rhode Island families.
- Mandating the sale of zero-emissions vehicles will widen the divide between the have and have nots. Forcing consumers to purchase electric vehicles will drive up electricity costs for the most vulnerable among us.

- Banning the sale of gas- and diesel- powered pick-up trucks will increase the cost to our farming and construction industries, resulting in higher food and housing costs for Rhode Island families.
- Rhode Island families should have the freedom to decide what is best for them, independent of energy policies made elsewhere.

**Overview:** Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management's Office of Air Resources announced the "Rhode Island's Low-Emission and Zero-Emission Vehicle Programs" regulation. If enacted, the sale of new gas- and diesel-powered cars and trucks will be banned starting in 2035. (Note the above was taken from a SEMA release).

Grant Simon, Legislative

## History, August, 2023

The March, 1999, issue of the Running Board contains an article about Station Wagons. In 1947 Willys-Overland built 33,336 JEEP Station Wagons and led the field, while Ford built 22,984 and placed second.

But in 1948, something big happened (or was it something little?) The Willys-Overland Jeep Station Wagon lost first place to the least likely source, It was the mighty Crosley!! 23,489 for Crosley, which nosed out the Jeep, 18,570 for Chevrolet and 15,346 for Ford.

The Crosley was a four passenger two door station wagon with hardly more room than the trunk of an average sized sedan and sold for less than \$1,000 brand new! Some 81,000 Post-War Crosley cars were sold before sales stopped in mid-1952. All-in-all Mr. Powell Crosley lost \$3 million on his auto venture.

*On a highway ad/ He spied it/ Bought a jar/Now glad he tried it!... Burma Shave*

Kathy Hollis, Historian

## Jay Leno/ Hagerty Article on old tires

Peter Blackford sent in a link to recent Hagerty article where it details Jay Leno's experience when operating old tires on his collector cars. The title of the article is "Jay Leno needs about 1200 tires", and was posted at Hagerty.com on July 5. It's an interesting article and can be found using the link below.

<https://www.hagerty.com/media/opinion/jay-leno-needs-about-1200-tires/>

# The Detroit Packard Plant by Malcolm Newbourne

*Before the Packard Plant in Detroit became one of the images of Detroit's decline, the company was a trailblazer that changed the way auto plants were built and produced more than 1.6 million cars. What follows is a synopsis of a Crain's Detroit Newsletter article, and an aside with a personal insight.*

Supplementing my GI Bill while attending Syracuse University from 1948-1950 I worked as a Porter, nights, at the Hotel Onondaga (since demolished). Packard had their New Car Introduction show there each year... 1949-1950 it was a pretty grand event, Handsome cars, good looking ladies, and plenty of tips.

Got pretty quiet when the party ended along about midnight. I used one of the cars as a leaning post at one of the events, and the door I was leaning against, buckled!!! My 140-145 pounds had pushed in the driver's side door. Terrible!

Talk about fright. The \$20-30 bucks a week I made there was my eating money . Turns out my worries came to nothing. In a short time, the door "popped" back out, and my heart slowed to whatever was normal for a kid back then.

You can bet I kept well away from those Show Car Beauties after that.

However, here is a comprehensive history of the company and its Alfred Kahn designed landmark building. Packard had a great history! Its finale with Studebaker was a Beauty.

The following is text taken from an internet site.

The first Packard was completed Nov. 6, 1899, in Warren, Ohio. A group of investors convinced James Ward Packard to move his fledgling car company to Detroit. In early 1903, architect Albert Kahn was hired to design a factory on 40 acres along Grand Boulevard. For his 10th building in the complex, Kahn employed reinforced concrete. This was a game-changing first for plant construction and made him the auto industry's go-to guy for factories.



The Packard Plant eventually grew to 80 some buildings spread across 80 acres. It continued making quality cars for decades, as well as engines for World War II, but ran into trouble when it bought the Studebaker Corp. in 1954. The merged company never turned a profit. The Detroit plant closed when the last true Packard was produced in 1956. The name itself was discontinued two years later.

Parts of the complex were later turned into the Motor City Industrial Park, but it was closed by the City in 1999. Scrappers then set to work, literally ripping the place apart, turning it into 3.5 million square feet of rubble and ruin.

Peruvian developer Fernando Palazuelo bought the majority of the plant in 2013 in a county tax auction with intention to redevelop the plant as a mixed-use site of offices, events space, and art-themed attractions.



Packard Automotive Plant in 2009

These plans however never came to fruition and instead, he rebranded it as an industrial distribution center. Eventually, the city sued Palazuelo and his company in March 2021 to have the dilapidated plant declared a public nuisance.

Demolition began in late September 2022 when the site was deemed a safety hazard.

## Registering Your Collector Car and Paying Taxes

....*Contributed by Hank Feinberg*

*By Stewart Howden, Classic Auto Mall, Inc., From the June 2023 AACA "Speedster"*

Remember the old days when you bought a car with an open title and never bothered to register it, title it or pay the taxes? I remember seeing classics on their 5th or 6th owner and still titled in the original owner's name from 40 years ago. Just throw an old plate on it and away you go. Well, my friends, those days are long gone.

In the modern world, an unregistered vehicle is a red flag to law enforcement and your insurance company. Also, the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) now has an ever-growing database of all cars registered in the United States. The other issue comes into play if you were to have an incident or accident and are not (by lawful records) the owner of the vehicle. Who is held responsible and more importantly...who pays?

You must by law have your new (classic) vehicle registered within a certain number of days based on the state you live in. Failure to do so could result in not only a large fine but all the other normal fees associated with registering your vehicle. If you sell a car to a friend, neighbor or even a stranger, it's always a good idea to accompany the buyer to the local DMV (if they live in the same state as you) to make sure the title has been transferred to them. If you have



an out-of-state buyer, then you will need to check with your DMV after a month or so to make sure that the car has been re-registered in their name. If not, you will need to follow up with them to make sure they get it done.

In this litigious society, we don't need another reason for legal action(s). Make sure you get a signed bill of sale from the buyer so that you have a paper trail showing them as the responsible party. When purchasing a classic, make sure you set enough aside to cover the taxes and fees and maybe that new set of wheels for your (new to you) car!

## Charging Your Electric Vehicle (EV)

Ford recently signed an agreement with Tesla to allow their cars to access the Tesla fast charging stations. Ford will make available charging adaptors(cables with connectors) for their vehicles which will allow a Ford vehicle to be charged at an additional ~12,000 charging stations. Currently, Ford products have access to ~10,000 charging locations so they will be essentially doubling their capacity. Later on, Ford products will be offered with a Tesla type connector when new.



Photo from media.ford.com

GM, Mercedes, Nissan, and others have followed Ford and signed similar agreements with Tesla. Other carmakers are expected to follow. The figure at right shows the myriad of charger plugs in use today. These recent agreements likely mean that the Tesla charging system will become the industry standard.



## EV's can supply back-up power for your home

The New York Times recently reported about a family in Tennessee using their Ford F150 Lightning (EV) truck to supply their home with electricity during a recent power outage. An F150 EV battery can provide up to ~80 kwh of electricity which is enough to supply a home for ~80 hrs (3 days). Rationing electricity in their home could stretch this to ~10 days. A smaller sized EV, might be expected to provide power for ~2days as their batteries are typically ~60 kwh.



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## NEXT MEETING :

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*Luncheon Monday August 14, 12pm , at Perkins (I-75 and Pine Ridge Road).*



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