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1960 Ford T-Bird owned by Murrel and Kathy Hollis

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## **General Meeting:**

There will be no monthly meetings at the United Methodist Church in Naples until further notice. The April 17 meeting will be our Farewell Luncheon at the Marco Island Yacht club. See inside.

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### **Cover Photo**

A 1960 Ford Thunderbird owned by Murrel and Kathy Hollis. Taken at the March 20, 2021 AACA meeting at the Depot Museum in Naples. Photo by George Nosky.

# President's Page

Beautiful month of March is over

A big thank you to all who attended our March auction! Lots of bargains were had. A beautiful ring has a new home (what a wonderful husband). And all enjoyed themselves.

There were interesting auto shows to be attended, which lets me to believe our club might consider having a small event later this year. Our shows are special...showing only pristine (or close) autos that have not been altered from original



Covid is still a big threat- but a country as wonderful as the U.S.A. needs to get back to normal.... i.e. daily fun and activities to look forward to with friends and family. Our upcoming April meeting, which was completely arranged by our newly installed second Vice President Barbara Donald, is at a very wonderful location!! Do try to make that event!

Paul purchased a new rather large toy for his new garage- and it makes noise- guesses only no further facts here. Boys will be boys...........Forever we hope

**Happy Trails** 

Paul and Yvonne

# Don't Forget the Farewell Luncheon !!!

Saturday, April 17 Marco Island Yacht Club 1400 N. Collier Blvd 11:30 Am

Payment and menu choices due to Barbara Donald by April 9<sup>th</sup>

See page 11 for further details



Lunch on the upper outside deck

## **Editor's Note**

First off.... If you haven't signed up for the April 17 farewell luncheon yet, do it now, as Barbara needs your check by April 9. Details of the event are on page 11.

March was a busy month for our club, with an event at the Carlisle Senior Living, several car shows in which our club members participated, and Hank's auction at our 3/20 meeting. Inside, you'll see photos of the Carlisle event, a note from Malcolm about the recent British, Italian, and German show in Cape Coral, and Malcolm's experience with a dash mounted camera.

Our Events page is shorter this month, with noticeably fewer car shows than March. Remember Amelia Island is coming up in May. Sign up for the mini-tour Peter is organizing along with the Mercedes Benz club. See the details on page 12.

Thanks to all those that contributed this month and previously. Contributions are always welcome, and of great interest to readers. A special thanks is due to George Nosky and Malcolm Newbourne. You may have noticed George taking lots of pictures at club events that often appear in the Running Board. He took 50+ pictures at Carlisle for example! Malcolm contributed two articles this issue and another in January!

Send future articles, comments, pictures, etc. to <a href="mailto:ron.schlechtweg@gmail.com">ron.schlechtweg@gmail.com</a>. There is also plenty of ad space available in the Classifieds. Cut-off date is the last Thursday of each month.

Take care, safe travels
Ron

## From Facebook, Twitter, etc.

Never in the history of calming down, has anyone ever calmed down by being told to calm down.

I used to be really good at Roman Numerals, but I've forgotten how to write 1, 1000, 51, 6, 500....IM LIVID !!!

Some call it multi-tasking, I call it doing something else while I try to remember what I was doing in the first place.

You know you are old when your knees give you a more accurate forecast than the guy on TV.

Mr. Rogers did not adequately prepare me for the people in my neighborhood.



## **Events**

**Every Saturday**... 8:00 am Breakfast at Perkins (Pine Ridge Rd., just west of I-75). Appropriate "keep your distance" in place.

- **April 3...** 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Cars as Art hosted by Marco Island Art League. 10-2pm at 1010 Winterberry Dr., Marco Island. \$25 car entry, \$5 visitor. Contact Island Automotive 239-394-1887 to register. Recommend signing up early.
- **April 9-10...** 2021 AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals in Charlotte, NC. See <a href="https://aaca.org/images/meet-brochures/2021/2021-SE-Spring-Charlotte Nationals.pdf">https://aaca.org/images/meet-brochures/2021/2021-SE-Spring-Charlotte Nationals.pdf</a> for details.
- **April 17...** Naples-Marco AACA Farewell Luncheon 11:30 am at Marco Island Yacht Club. 1400 N Collier Blvd, Marco Island. \$28 per person, pay by April 9. See page 11 for more info.
- **April 18...** Cars and Coffee 239. 9-11am at Mercato, 9132 Strada Place, Naples. All makes welcome. See <a href="https://carsandcoffee239.com">https://carsandcoffee239.com</a> for details.
- **April 19-22...** 2021 AACA Southeastern Divisional Chain of Lakes Tour, Howey-In-The-Hills, Fl. See <a href="https://aaca.org/images/meet\_brochures/2021/2021\_SE\_Div\_Tour.pdf">https://aaca.org/images/meet\_brochures/2021/2021\_SE\_Div\_Tour.pdf</a> for details
- **May 15...** Naples-Marco AACA meeting. 12pm-2pm, Naples Train Depot (parking lot), 1051 5<sup>th</sup> Ave S., Naples. Bring your cars. Water and snacks provided.
- **May 16...** Cars and Coffee 239. 9-11am at Mercato, 9132 Strada Place, Naples. All makes welcome. See <a href="https://carsandcoffee239.com">https://carsandcoffee239.com</a> for details.
- May 20-23... Amelia Island Concours D'Elegance, Amelia Island. Fl. See <a href="https://www.ameliaconcours.org">https://www.ameliaconcours.org</a> for details. *Note...Naples-Marco AACA will join MBCA for a mini-tour to Amelia. Contact Peter Blackford. <a href="mailto:priuspete@gmail.com">priuspete@gmail.com</a> if you wish to join the tour. More details page 12.*

**Every Saturday**... Cruise-ins at Stock Plaza by Cool Cruisers. 9am-12pm 7711 Collier Blvd., Naples, and also at NCH Health Center by Marco Island Corvette and Muscle Car Club 10am-1pm, 40 S. Heathwood Dr., Marco Island.

The information listed here is for Car Shows and Meets and other activities of interest to our members. Please let Ron Schlechtweg know of any additional events. <a href="mailto:ron.schlechtweg@gmail.com">ron.schlechtweg@gmail.com</a>

## History

The March, 1997 issue of the Running Board contains an interesting article by Lois Lane about their trip to Zephyrhills for the flea market and antique car races. They took the scenic route to get there through Arcadia, Bartow and on to Zephyrhills. The route was through the ranches and citrus groves on good two-lane roads.

The flea market was described as great with opportunities to pick up that odd part you were always looking to buy. Although they learned later there were quite a few club members also there, the crowd was so large, they did not see many of their friends. The car auction was going fast and they felt the prices were pretty low. The food prices, however, were a little steep, but the pizza was particularly good for lunch.

The antique car races were lots of fun until one car ended up in the pond. Another hit the fence. Sunday's races were pretty skimpy because so many cars were out of service. This competition was really tough.

Lois ended her article by saying be sure to eat at Papa Joe's near Brooksville when in this area. The dinner was delicious.

If you dislike/Big traffic fines/ Slow down till you/Can read these signs Burma-Shave

Kathy Hollis, Historian

## Legislative

### SAVE OUR RACECARS: SAN CHALLENGES EPA IN COURT!

Following years of frustration felt throughout the automotive community, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) continues to deny the very foundation of motorsports. According to the EPA, current law does not allow street vehicles—cars, trucks, and motorcycles—to be converted into racecars.

A recent lawsuit between the EPA and an aftermarket manufacturer is the agency's latest action against racing. In the lawsuit, the EPA again maintains that once a vehicle has been certified as a street vehicle, it cannot be converted into a racing vehicle even if that vehicle is trailered to the track and is never driven on public roads.

The EPA's position left the SEMA Action Network (SAN) with no choice but to strike back. <u>The SAN filed a brief in court</u> arguing that the Clean Air Act does not apply to certified vehicles used exclusively on the track.

As racers and fans know well, members of Congress introduced SAN-sponsored legislation to confirm what had already been understood for the previous 45 years: that the CAA did not apply to vehicles modified for racing use only. Hundreds of thousands of enthusiasts have since contacted Congress urging passage of the "Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act" (RPM Act). Enactment of this important critical bill into law would remove any doubt that it is legal to modify a motor vehicle for exclusive use on the track. It also would confirm that it is legal to produce, market and install racing equipment. The SAN continues to work tirelessly to pass this important legislation to counter EPA overreach.

Grant Simon, Legislative

# March 20 Meeting Minutes

There were 35 attending. Meeting held at the Depot in open air (parking lot).

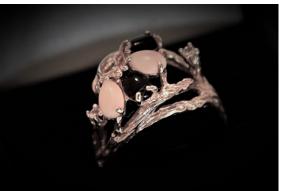
Barbara announced the April meeting will be a Farewell Lunch at the Marco Yacht Club on April 17th. There will be special parking for old cars.

The Meeting was the annual auction. Hank did his usual great job as the auctioneer assisted by Neil and Patrick.. There was a lunch break during the auction and it was successfully completed.

Respectfully submitted Edythe Newbourne, Secretary

Ring at right donated by Neil's Jewellery & Exchange. Won at auction by Ellie Nosky





# Carlisle Naples Senior Living

The March 10 event at Carlisle Naples Senior Living was well attended with 19 cars participating. Besides bringing our cars, members were asked to dress in clothing appropriate for the year of their car. The residents of Carlisle enjoyed the opportunity to see our cars and talk with our members.

Special thanks to George Nosky for the photos. He took over 50 photos, with most of our cars and members being photographed.























# B.I.G. Show by Malcolm Newbourne

An Annual event that does not resonate with AACA, but might well, is the B I G Show in Cape Coral... B= British, I= Italian, G= German. This year's event was held March 7. If we assume that a car is a car, and many foreign makes are on the road today, perhaps we can take a look at next year's show, if only to cull some of our clubs BIG Beauties.

While our older American Beauties are that, American, top to bottom, so many have multicultural backgrounds it is hard to figure where they belong. Among our AACA Naples-Marco Members are the owners of many that have direct B I G Lineage.

Edythe and I joined the Mercedes Club and shoehorned our 1986 Porsche between the two Marque's assemblage it was a nice show, given in a beautiful venue and we found we were among many friends, B and G and even some in the I category. Here are some samples.









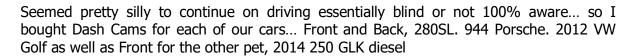




# <u>Dash Camera Experience</u> by Malcolm Newbourne

Here is a brief on how to make a profit of 6 times your investment, whether you want to or not....

We start off with my revered 1971 Mercedes 280SL which had an unfortunate kissing with a construction fork truck that was preparing to cross the road (forks up, hidden entry) in a rainstorm, Mal did not see it at all as he pulled over to the berm to stop and wind up the windows, and the Collier Sheriffs Volunteer could not understand and was unable to do other than blame "guess who" for the disaster, and it cost my insurance company over \$8,000 to repair. Jacks Collision, great job. However.



Headed for a local hospital one fine day (10.15.2019) and the Dash Cam on the GLK paid for itself as a driver ran a stop sign, and we nailed it at about 35 mph. Lucky recipient. If you all would like to see the event in real time I will find someone to play it as a YouTube event... Very interesting.

Jacks Collision and Allstate judged the car a write off in spite of my weeping and wailing. And so it was. Allstate paid me what I do believe the car was worth, if I had planned on selling it, less my deductible \$1000. After I gave them the microchip with the MP4 Video of the event improvements.

I went about finding a perfect duplicate of what I had lost, less things I had added on... Allstate dealt quite fairly and in a business-like fashion.

Long about a month later a check for \$1,000 arrived in the mail, as the result of Subjugation (call it what you want, it was payment for the video showing that the idiot I hit was responsible 100%).

So. The Dash Cam cost about \$150. We will ignore the \$300 I paid to have Mercedes wire it into the car, the effect being a 6 times return on investment.





End of Story....

# **FAREWELL LUNCHEON**

Saturday, April 17, 2021 Marco Island Yacht Club 1400 N Collier Blvd 11:30 AM

Please join us for lunch on the upper, outside deck of the yacht club.

Drive your special car and park it in-front of the club.

## Lunch choices are:

- Black Angus Berger with or without cheese, served with French Fries
   Half Panini and cup of soup
  - 3. Citrus Chicken and Strawberry Salad with French Brie, sliced Cantaloupe, and Raspberry vinaigrette.

\$28 per person includes Chocolate Lava Cake for dessert and Iced tea or lemonade.

All other beverages additional fee with credit card only.

Make check out to Naples/ Marco Region AACA. Indicate menu choice/choices on the memo line on your check and get it to:

Barbara Donald 6646 Craven Hill Way Naples FL 34104 239-352-8996

B.a.donald@icloud.com

Checks must be received by April 9th

## Return to Amelia 2021

Time for an update with revised event schedule - joint event with Mercedes Club (with which we share several members), now changed to May 20-24

**NOTE** that the Clubs involved have no financial participation in the tour (as usual), and the organizer will therefore NOT collect any funds nor purchase any tickets, meals or lodging - that's all up to the participants.

**DO** purchase your tickets for the Sunday event at <a href="https://ameliaconcours.org/shop/tickets">https://ameliaconcours.org/shop/tickets</a> Some options are offered, but we recommend just the basic ticket. Select 'Sunday' at top of page for rates & purchase.

NOTE that the best price expires March 31!!

(Also, HOTELS may book-up, and our blocks do expire 30 days before arrival!)

You may also want to have a look at tickets for the Friday/Saturday seminars - always interesting, and these often sell out early.

**If you wish "preferred" parking** (a private residence, quite close to the main entrance), please advise and I will share the appropriate email address for application. Space is limited, but in addition to an assigned space, they provide refreshments & access to clean indoor restrooms.

**The Tour:** We plan to depart from the Cracker Barrel (north Ft.Myers) @ I-75 **Exit 141** at **9 AM** on **Thursday**, May 20, 2021. They open at 7 AM for breakfast.

We have arranged for a visit to a **privately-owned museum in Tampa (www.tbauto.org)** Thursday afternoon, so we will choose a "lunch stop" (to be recommended by the owner) in that area prior to the collection tour. We visited this collection a few years ago, and it was very well received - and we expect a mostly-new group so it's time for a redux.

Thursday night hotel & dinner will be in Gainesville (contracted rate of \$89 at DoubleTree using Group code MBCA), make reservation via this

link https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?&ctyhocn=GNVGLDT&groupCode=CDTMBC&arrival=20210520&depart ure=20210521&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,en,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT

or by calling the hotel directly at **352-240-6013** (Travis is our main contact/coordinator). NOTE that this rate <u>INCLUDES the DoubleTree Breakfast</u>. 3726 SW 40th Blvd., Gainesville

**Friday** morning, depart from hotel at your leisure and make your way to the DoubleTree by Hilton at JAX (2101 Dixie Clipper Drive, Jacksonville) for Friday & Saturday nights.

[Some may wish to depart earlier and take a familiarity tour of Amelia on Friday, and/or peruse some of the auctions that day.] Please use this link ONLY for our negotiated rate of \$134 per night (includes Doubletree

breakfast): https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?&ctyhocn=JAXARDT&groupCode=CDTMCC&arrival=20210520&departure=20210523&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,en,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT Group Name: Mercedes Benz Car Club .

Friday evening we will have a group dinner at the hotel, so no one will have to "drive after".

**Saturday** is the (free to spectators & participants) Cars & Coffee on the lawn, lots to see, and a good time to collect your Sunday tickets at "Will Call" at the Ritz (per instructions on Amelia website). *Anyone wishing to have their car on the field MUST apply in advance & receive a credential.* 

**Saturday evening there will be a group dinner,** being planned at the hotel.

**Sunday morning**, <u>check out</u> of the hotel since we won't be going "by there" on the way to our next stop after the **Main Event**. No caravan is planned due to varied parking arrangements, but maps will be provided at the start (Thursday morning) for all.

**Sunday afternoon** we will sneak southward off the island by a gentler route, including a short ferry boat ride, to our 'usual' stop in St.Augustine **Booking: Use Corporate Contract 0550000553** - works best on-line at <a href="https://hillon.com">hilton.com</a> **Hotel:** Hampton Inn & Suites St. Augustine-Vilano Beach (yes, right on the beach) rate: \$135 using code above, with good

**Hotel:** Hampton Inn & Suites St. Augustine-<u>Vilano Beach</u> (yes, right on the beach) rate: \$135 using code above, with go breakfast buffet.

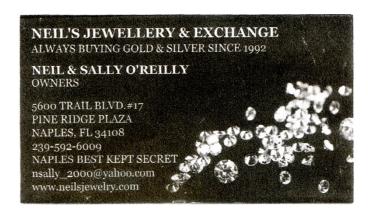
From there, we may drive or walk to a group dinner.

**Monday**, some may wish to "be tourists" in St.Augustine (hotel rate can be extended) and/or head home. We recommend the distillery tour (fun even for this non-drinker), historic fort (don't forget your senior US park pass) or just walking around the ancient city as well as lots of other things to see there.

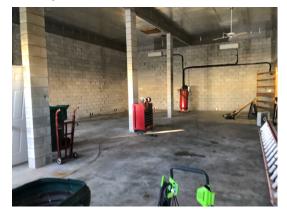
All for now,
Peter
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