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1966 Austin Healey 3000 owned by Frank and Christina Palulis

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### **General Meeting:**

There will be no monthly meetings at the United Methodist Church in Naples until further notice. Meetings will be held at the Naples Train Depot Parking lot, west side, at 1051 5th Ave. South, Naples, from Noon to 2 pm on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Snacks and water provided.

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#### **Cover Photo**

A 1966 Austin Healey 3000, recently acquired by Frank and Christina Palulis. Photo at 2019 Cars on Fifth. Read the story behind this car, named "Victoria", on page 9.

# President's Page

#### **HELLO**

We made it halfway thru the winter!

January cruise in meeting at the Naples Train

Depot was fun with a great turn out.

February should be even better because there will be several more members back in town. The idea for February is for all that can, to bring pictures from our younger years with or without cars. No explanation needed for any contents!!!

Events in Naples are still completely controlled by Covid rules.



SO, Paul is working on his new garage of some 6,000sq ft. Which is his new "man cave", located just one block east of our home. I have been assisting him building interior walls, and decorating with old signs and pictures, etc. and according to him being a pain!!

Now that all meetings are in the day light at a beautiful location I hope many more of our members-friends-and guests join us by driving their FABULOUS antique vehicles for all to enjoy. AND. Arrive in style

See you Saturday February 20, 2021 NOON

Also check our planned event for March. We still really, really, need another VP!!

Happy Motoring!

Paul and Yvonne Rhoads

#### **2021 Dues Notice**

Our Membership Chairperson, Joyce French, continues to accept checks for the payment of dues for the calendar year 2021. Please send your check for \$20 (cheap at twice the price!) made payable to "Naples-Marco Region AACA." Send your check to Joyce at: 7452 West O Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. See the form on page 11.

As of 01/27, Joyce has received 95 renewals out of 129 members..... Editor

# **Editor's Note**

Now that we've recovered from the holidays, many of us over 65 have no doubt been frustrated (or amused) with trying to procure a COVID vaccination. Unfortunately, the sign-up routine sometimes seems reminiscent of trying to be the  $10^{th}$  caller in an old time AM radio contest. Hopefully you've been luckier than most. More doses and reservation system improvements should help.

You probably saw in Yvonne's January note about meeting plans.... We'll be meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month from noon to 2pm at the Depot Museum parking lot in Naples, with the last scheduled date of May 15. Bring your cars, and note that snacks and water will be provided..

Looking at the Events page, notice that this month, we have the Cars on Fifth and Marco Island Kiwanis Car Shows, and a new 20th anniversary Collier Area Transit event...read more about it on page 6. If you were thinking about going to Amelia Island, it has been pushed back to May... talk to Peter Blackford about a mini-tour there. Also, start getting ready for Hank's Auction in March. You can read more about it, also on page 6.

Make sure you read the story by Frank Palulis (page 9) about his recently acquired (and restored) Austin Healey 3000. It's also pictured on this month's Running Board cover. Take a look at this car when you get a chance. You'll see "Victoria" is quite a car.

Thanks to all those that contributed this month. Send future articles, comments, pictures, ads, etc. to <a href="mailto:ron.schlechtweg@gmail.com">ron.schlechtweg@gmail.com</a> Cut-off date for the Running Board is the last Thursday of each month. The 2021 dues payment form is on page 11.

Take Care,

Ron

### From Facebook, Twitter, etc.

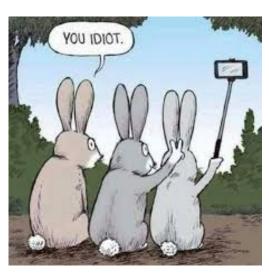
At my age... I've seen it all, I've heard it all, I've done it all... I just can't remember it all.

If people don't occasionally walk away from you shaking their heads...you're doing something wrong.

Mumbling is the glue that holds a marriage together.

I went on a blind date once. It didn't start out that way but she brought pepper spray.

Whatever you are doing today, do it with the confidence of a 4 year-old in a Batman T-shirt.



## **Events**

Naples-Marco AACA Meetings will now be held at the Naples Train Depot Parking lot, at 1051 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Naples, from Noon to 2 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month.

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

- **Feb. 6...** Cars on 5<sup>th</sup> Car Show. 10am-4pm on 5 th Avenue South in Naples. Hosted by Ferrari Club. Lots of high end cars. Visit <a href="https://www.carsonfifth.com">www.carsonfifth.com</a> for more info.
- **Feb. 14...** Marco Island Kiwanis Car Show. 9:30am-3pm. At NCH Healthcare Center, Heathwood Dr. and San Marco Rd., Marco Island, \$20 entry, Contact <a href="mailto:jdrfinest@aol.com">jdrfinest@aol.com</a>
- **Feb. 20...** Naples-Marco AACA meeting. 12:00pm-2pm, Naples Train Depot (parking lot), 1051 5<sup>th</sup> Ave S., Naples. Bring your cars. Water and snacks provided.
- **Feb. 21...** 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.
- **Feb. 26...** 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Collier Area Transit Transportation Show. 10am-12pm, 8300 Radio Road, Naples. Register your vehicle by Feb.10. See page 6 for more details.
- **March 7...** Ninth Annual British, Italian, German Car Show (B.I.G.). 200 cars, 10am-2pm, Jaycee Park, 4215 SE 20 Place, Cape Coral, Fl., \$35 per car in advance. See <a href="https://www.tswfl.org/b.i.g.-european-car-show.html">https://www.tswfl.org/b.i.g.-european-car-show.html</a> for more details.
- **March 20...** Naples-Marco AACA meeting. 12:00pm-2pm, Naples Train Depot (parking lot), 1051 5<sup>th</sup> Ave S., Naples. *This month is Hank's Auction-see page 6*.
- **March 20...** Knights of Columbus Classic Car Show. 8:30am-1:30pm. At St. Peter the Apostle Church, 5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Rd, Naples. \$20 entry. 9 classes, up to 170 cars.
- **March 20...** 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique Automobile Show sponsored by Indian River AACA. 10am-4pm at Riverside Drive, Vero Beach, FL. 325 cars expected, 15 classes, car corral. See <a href="http://local.aaca.org/indianriver/events.php">http://local.aaca.org/indianriver/events.php</a> for details.
- **March 21...** 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 17...** Naples-Marco AACA meeting. 12:00pm-2pm, Naples Train Depot (parking lot), 1051 5<sup>th</sup> Ave S., Naples. Bring your cars. Water and snacks provided.
- May 20-23... *DATE CHANGE*, 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.*

**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>

# Collier Area Transit Transportation Show

Help celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Collier Area Transit at their transportation show on Friday Feb 26 from 10am-12pm at 8300 Radio Road in Naples. The show will honor all types of transportation on the road.

Bring your cars, motorcycles, bicycles, or other vehicles to the show for a chance to win a trophy for the "Purrfect Ride".

To participate and register your vehicle, please contact Elena Ortiz Rosado by Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, via email

at: elena.ortizrosado@colliercountyfl.gov.

See you there !!!!



# Naples-Marco AACA Auction is on !!!... March 20 at noon

Will be conducted by our superb, "well paid", Professional Auctioneer Hank Schwietering!!!!

<u>Location</u> -Mar. 20, Naples Train Depot parking lot. We need your donations to this most worthy cause!!

i.e. Car items
Priceless items (not your spouse)
Antiques
Unused gift certificates to stores and restaurants
Tools
Interesting lady's items (no diamonds please)
Old car books
Whole cars
No cats or dogs accepted

Let's make this a fun event !! Contact Hank for advance pick-up or bring stuff to auction



"Sold to the gentleman with the hysterical wife"

Thx. Yvonne and Paul

# **History**

The March, 1997, issue of the Running Board has several articles about a very busy club. The new housing developments at that time often paid the club to provide cars to draw people in to see their new houses. The club provided 52 cars to the Windstar Annual Open House and the treasury received a nice amount, although they did not say how much they received. The club members also enjoyed touring the model homes.

They were also finalizing the plans for the depot show that was to be held on March 29 that year. The plans were being made to have a dinner the night before the show at Car Restore Square I, 4585 Progress Ave. They were to tour the garages at 6 and eat at 7. The dinner was to be catered by Rib City and the charge was \$16.50 per person. The only other comment was that the dinner would be on Good Friday and Rib City does not cater fish. It was stated that the following year the show would be held on March 14 and perhaps the dinner would be better received.

Don't take a curve/At 60 per/ We hate to lose/ a customer Burma-Shave

Kathy Hollis, Historian

# **Legislative**

# VIRGINIA BILL INTRODUCED TO ALLOW TITLING OF NEWER IMPORTED COLLECTOR VEHICLES

- H.B. 1887 allows greater flexibility in titling newer imported foreign-market collector vehicles in the state of Virginia.
- H.B. 1887 would implement a rolling date of 25 years old or older for imported vehicles, bringing the state in line with current U.S. federal law that specifically exempt imported vehicles from such standards that are at least 25 years old.
- H.B. 1887 would allow the registration of vehicles coming in from other states that have already been proven safe on U.S. roads.
- H.B. 1887 recognizes the fact that imported collector vehicles are usually brought into this country by collectors and are overwhelmingly well-maintained and infrequently driven.
- H.B. 1887 acknowledges that newer foreign-market vehicles are becoming valued collectors' items among the automotive community.

**Overview:** SAN-supported legislation (H.B. 1887) has been introduced in Virginia to allow the DMV to issue a title for an imported foreign-market vehicle manufactured 25 or more years ago. The bill does not require such vehicles to comply with current U.S. federal safety requirements. Current law only allows for a negotiable title to be issued to such vehicles manufactured prior to 1968. The bill currently awaits consideration in the House Committee on Transportation.

Grant Simon, Legislative

# **Sunshine**

1/11/21 David & Judy Chenoweth - Sympathy - death of Judy's sister. 11487 Forest Mere Dr. Bonita Springs FL 34135

1/15/21 Ron & Jane Schlechtweg - Sympathy - death of Ron's mother. 1618 Briarwood CT. Marco Island FL 34145

1/26/21 Joyce French -Sympathy - death of husband David. 7452 West O Ave. Kalamazoo,MI 49009

1/29/21 John Peterson -Get Well - 13024 Pond Apple Dr. Naples FL 34119

1/31/21 Thomas DeShane – Sympathy – death of brother Dick DeShane 25810 Cockleshell Dr. #215, Bonita Springs, FL 34135

"Friends warm the world with happiness!" - unknown

Patricia McNally/Sunshine. patJeanmcnally@gmail.com / 978-853-5067

# Jan. 16 Meeting Minutes

GENERAL MEETING AACA JANUARY 16, 2021 Meeting was held at the Depot. No formal agenda 25 people in attendance. Lunch was provided. Drawing was held for door prizes.

Next meeting will be third Saturday of month at the Depot at 12:00 Noon. February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Submitted Edythe Newbourne

Some cars from Jan 16.... Photos by Peter Blackford and George Nosky









## Victoria

This is a chronological history of our relationship with our 1966 Austin Healey 3000. It was November of 1965, before the holiday break. I was a senior studying electrical engineering at the University of Maryland in College Park, MD. There were Morgans, MGs, Triumphs, and even

a V-8 Daimler running around campus. But I always like the looks and the sounds of the Big Healey.

I was scheduled to graduate in February, and I had a job lined up. I thought I would treat myself, and relieve some stress from studying by looking for a new car. One day, I drove my 1953 Ford rust bucket to Manhattan Motors on Queens Chapel Road in Hyattsville, MD. It was a gray and dreary day and Manhattan was the local Austin Healy dealer. I convinced them I had, or would have, the means and convinced them to let me take a test drive.



There it was, a brand new 3000, BJ8, British Racing Green, wire wheels, perfect! And I had the keys! I remember starting the car and hearing that beautiful sucking noise from the twin SU's. Then driving off the lot hearing the throaty roar emanating from under the car. What a thrill!

I drove the car back to the dealership with a big smile on my face. The dealer's salesman asked me what I thought. I said I loved it. But, then, it got down to the nits and grits. The price!

Remember this was 1965, my new job was going to pay me \$680/month, \$8,160/year. And that

salary was near the top for a new engineer in 1966. The price for this new Healey, my dream car, was \$3,200. Almost half of my annual salary, and that was pre-tax. I melted thinking this would never, ever, happen.

So, I ended up with a brand new 1966 Ford Mustang, dark blue with a white top convertible with a 289 V-8 and an automatic slush bucket. The price was a much more affordable \$1,800. Looked cool, not fun to drive. Seemed like it just couldn't get out of its own way and my buddies who had manual transmissions would blow me away. I did put Koni shocks and Michelin X's on it, so I felt a little better. I loved the smell of the X's when they warmed up. I think I was the first quy in the area that had radial tires.



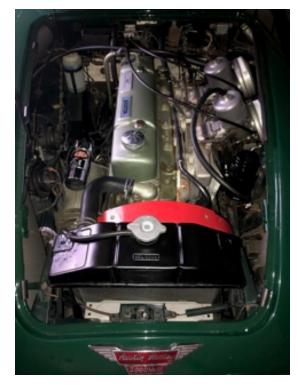
So, life happened for the next 55 years. In February of 2019, my sister and brother-in-law were visiting us in Naples. One of our favorite events in this month is Cars on Fifth hosted by the Ferrari Club of Naples. This event is a major supporter of St. Matthew's House provides innovative solutions to fight homelessness, hunger, substance abuse, and poverty in Southwest Florida.

As well as gorgeous Ferraris of various vintages, other cars are invited to participate along beautiful 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue in downtown Naples. The 2019 Cars on 5th show was one of the best yet. There were 607 cars spread across many classes. This included more than 150 Ferraris and supercars, 70 Corvettes, 70 Porsches, 80 muscle cars, 20 antiques and classics, 30 British cars, and 30 cool cruisers.

My brother-in-law worked with cars for his entire life, and loves to go to car shows. But our schedules didn't align that year and he went to the show by himself.

On the evening of February 9, 2019 my brother-in-law sent me a photo of a 1966 Austin Healey 3000 with a for sale sign in it. British Racing Green, wire wheels, it was love at first sight. Deja vu all over again.

I couldn't make out the phone number on the for-sale sign, but he blew up the photo and gave me two deciphered numbers.



To make a long story short, she ended up in our garage. The icing on the cake is that the inside of the glove box door is signed by Donald Healey! She had "been around the block" a few times as they say. After a month of brake work, tune-up, fluid flushes and refill, etc. we drove it for about 1 month. We sent for, and received, its British Motor Industry Heritage Trust certificate. We then decided it needed to be returned as closely as possible to its initial condition and drove it to Tsikuris Classics in Lakeland, FL for interior and exterior refurbishment. It cost three times as much as planned and took three times longer. But progress was made, and Paul paid a lot of attention to every detail. We think it looks great! We were very excited when we picked her up on January 2, 2021. Happy New Year to us!

We had an uneventful drive from Lakeland to Naples except for two rain showers. Got a lot of honks and admirers on the way.

Her name is "Victoria", and we hope that we will be able to spend many hours experiencing fun, sharing stories, and enjoying the camaraderie with the other members of Naples-Marco Region Antique Automobile Club of America.

Frank and Christina Palulis

## **Application For Membership Naples-Marco Region Of AACA**



### **2021 RENEWAL FORM**

### **DUE BY DECEMBER 31, 2020**



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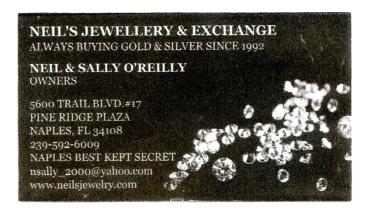
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Joyce's Cell Phone: 269-743-8762 - Email: david.french@wmich.edu

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### **MEETING LOCATION: -**

388 First Ave.S, Naples, FL (First United Methodist Church)

MEETING IS THE **THIRD MONDAY** OF THE MONTH SEPT.-MAY



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