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George Connell's 1967 Volkswagen Transporter

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Additional contact information for Naples-Marco Region AACA members is available in the 2020 Membership Directory.

General Meeting: 3rd Monday from
Sept. thru May, 7pm at 388 First Ave. S.
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***January meeting plans will be announced in
a separate message.***

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Cover Photo

*George Connell's 1967 Volkswagen Transporter at
the November Rookery Bay Car Show. This van
won an award both here, and at the December
"Cars as Art" show in Marco Island.*

President's Page

Welcome 2021!! 😊

Hopefully we will all be returning to our normal everyday lifestyle soon!!!!

Recently Paul and I returned from a trip to Pennsylvania. Now I fully remember why I gladly left the North States. Snow, cold, rain, cold,, miserable cold!....I LOVE Florida weather!!

Not sure if enough members want to have a January meeting. Or will come to an indoor meeting??? Let me know



chevy57merc49@aol.com

Paul and I as your club's new President team.....really, really, need assistance in coming up with fresh and interesting ideas for meetings and club outings.

We need ways to entice new members, even those without an antique auto. Re-think the rules and club goals. We just want to be an enjoyable fun club for car collectors to enjoy their hobby.

Looking forward to hearing from you 😊

Happy Motoring!!!!

Yvonne Rhoads

2021 Dues Notice

Our Membership Chairperson, Joyce French, is now accepting 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 12.

As of 01/01, Joyce has received 75 renewals out of 129 members..... Editor

Odds & Ends

Congratulations and our "Thanks" to Yvonne Rhoads who was elected as our President at the December 16 get-together at the Depot Museum. As those present were informed, Yvonne expected/hoped "new" members would fill the positions of Vice-Presidents. Unfortunately, no one showed an interest in assuming those roles. Therefore, it falls to each of us to provide Yvonne with the support and help she will undoubtedly need in the coming year. Not just moral support, but the "roll up your sleeves and get to it" type of support. The Club still does need, however, two new people to fill the VP slots so an orderly transfer can take place after the next elections. So, if you have not served as an officer (or if you have and want to serve again), let Yvonne or some other Executive Board member know so you can begin to "learn the ropes" of being an officer.

In addition to elections, there was a discussion regarding year-end contributions to non-profits. After receiving a report from our Treasurer, and considering the basic needs of some of our less fortunate fellow citizens, it was voted that a \$5000 contribution be made to the Harry Chapin Food Bank. Additionally, in consideration of the help Alyssa Baumer provides to the Club with "blast" e-mailings as well as the distribution of the Running Board, it was voted that she be given \$200 to show our appreciation.



Patrick Parker (left) and Peter Blackford (far right) presenting \$5000 check to Harry Chapin Food Bank

If you have liked our outdoor get-togethers let Yvonne know so she can schedule the next one. If you have ideas of different meeting spots, let her know that too. If you have not attended one, consider doing so- good, safe company and a chance to exercise and display your car.

As has been previously raised, National AACA has asked us to consider hosting an AACA National Show or Tour in 2022-2025. Is anyone interested in leading such an endeavor? If so, let Yvonne know.

Keith has informed me that the Rookery Bay folks may be interested in hosting a Show for us to display our cars. My understanding is they would organize, advertise and provide for transporting visitors to the Show. In exchange, we would show our cars and Rookery Bay would keep any gate proceeds. Please let Yvonne or Keith know your thoughts- this may be a good alternative in lieu of our running a Depot Show for the coming year.

Stay well and I hope to see you at our next get-together.

Rudy (now, Immediate Past President!)

Editor's Note

Wow... another year is here! Most of us are probably glad that 2020 is behind us, as we look forward to what we hope to eventually be a more normal 2021. This assumes we'll be successful in putting COVID-19 behind us as we will soon be getting our vaccine shots. Remember to stay vigilant.

Congratulations to Yvonne Rhoads, who at the December 16 Depot meeting, was named as our new President, taking over from Rudy. There are only a few other changes that go along with this that can be seen in the Directory (page 2). See Past President Rudy's "Odds and Ends" note (page 4) for a summary of items from the December meeting.

The timing for a January meeting is uncertain at the moment. Expect to see something in your e-mail when plans are established.

There were a few December shows where our members participated, and some photos are included. We had 5 of our cars featured at the Mercato Cars and Coffee 239 December event. As usual, there were lots of great cars there (see photos). Muscle Car City in Punta Gorda is closing. See the Events page and the note inside for details. Hopefully, you'll find other items of interest inside as well.

Thanks to all those that contributed this month. Send future articles, comments, pictures, ads, etc. to ron.schlechtweg@gmail.com Cut-off date for the Running Board is the last Thursday of each month. The 2021 dues payment form is on page 12.

Take Care,
Ron

From Facebook, Twitter, etc.

I miss very few things about being young, but the ability to sneeze without hurting myself is a big one.

If your coffee order is more than four words, you are part of the problem.

Not to brag or anything, but I got the high score on my scale today.

I'm not arguing, I'm simply explaining why I am right.

If you see me jogging. Please kill whatever is chasing me.



Events

The timing for a January meeting is uncertain at the moment. Expect to see a notice in your e-mail when plans are established.

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

Jan. 7-16... Mecum Kissimmee Auction, 1875 Silver Spur Lane, Kissimmee Fl. 3500 vehicles. See <https://www.mecum.com/auctions/kissimmee-2021/lots/featured/>

Jan. 17 ... Cars and Coffee 239. 9-11am at Mercato, 9132 Strada Place, Naples. Sponsored by West Coast Muscle Car Club, Paradise Region Gruppe, Cool Cruisers, and Lotus Owners Club. All makes welcome. Free for show cars and spectators.

Jan. 22-23... Mecum Muscle Car City Auction. 10175 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda. ~200 cars and other memorabilia will sell as museum is closing. See article page xx and <https://www.mecum.com/auctions/punta-gorda-2021/lots/>

Jan. 23... Elks Charity Car Show. 9am-4pm at 3231 Coconut Rd., Bonita Springs. Hosted by the Bonita Springs Estero Elks Elks #2753. All proceeds to benefit Army of Hope and Deceased, Deployed, & Disabled Veterans. For info or to register call 239-319-9849.

Feb. 6... Cars on 5th car show. 10am-4pm on 5th Avenue South in Naples. Hosted by Ferrari Club. Lots of high end cars. Visit www.carsonfifth.com for more info.

Feb. 14... Marco Island Kiwanis Car Show. 9:30am-3pm. \$20 entry, \$5 spectator. Contact jdrfinest@aol.com

Feb. 21... Cars and Coffee 239. 9-11am at Mercato, 9132 Strada Place, Naples. Sponsored by West Coast Muscle Car Club, Paradise Region Gruppe, Cool Cruisers, and Lotus Owners Club. All makes welcome.

March 4-7... Amelia Island Concours D'Elegance. Amelia Island. Fl. See <https://www.ameliaconcours.org> for details.

March 20... 44th 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 <http://local.aaca.org/indianriver/events.php> for details.

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. ron.schlechtweg@gmail.com

History

The February, 1997, newsletter has two articles contributed by Lois Lane. The first tells about the car show at the Naples Library where it was a cool 40 degrees in the morning, but warmed up during the day. There were 32 club members present giving a nice display. There was a constant stream of interested and appreciative people viewing the cars. They even had one person join the club and exhibit a car that day. There were several people who took club membership applications, and they gave out many fliers advertising the show coming up the next month.

Lois Lane also contributed an article about AACA members who attended the Cool Cruisers car show in Golden Gate. There were over 200 cars on the show field and a good crowd to enjoy them. Milt Adelman won an award for his '37 Chevy Roadster and another for his '55 Ford Station Wagon. Erich Haller won an award for his '5 Ford Roadster. It was a sunny day and a nice show.

Big mistake/ Many make/ Rely on horn/ Instead of Brake Burma-Shave

Kathy Hollis, Historian

Legislative

NEW JERSEY INTRODUCES BILLS TO ALLOW SALE OF NEWLY-CREATED CLASSIC LICENSE PLATES

- A4980/S3181 would bring a retro look to modern license plates by allowing consumers to choose a blue license plate with sand yellow letters that resembles the plates that were issued in the state from 1979 to 1991.
- A4980/S3181 would give consumers new options on what sort of license plates to use on their vehicles and provide classic car collectors a risk-free way to acquire plates that match the vintage of their vehicles.
- A4980/S3181 would bring New Jersey in line with other states seeking to promote the growth of the collector car hobby and the marketplace it supports.
- A4980/S3181 recognize the growing interest of vehicle owners in vintage-style options and offers a desirable alternative to traditional license plates that allows vehicles to be personalized further.

Grant Simon, Legislative

Some Event Photos...

Dec. 16 AACA Depot Gathering.....



December 5 Cars As Art in Marco Island...

George Connell's 1967 Volkswagen Transporter (at right and cover) won the 1st Place, People's Choice Award.

Also at right is Bill and Judy Britton's 1934 Plymouth



Dec. 20 Cars and Coffee 239 at Mercato

AACA cars were featured at the Mercato Cars and Coffee 239 last month, with 5 of our member cars parked at the center of the show complex. AACA cars prominently displayed (L to R) are....

Dean Prevolos' 1936 Packard
Ed Miller's 1934 Packard
Ed Chesney's 1947 Lincoln
Patrick Parker's 1948 Packard
Gene Nau's 1927 Packard



This continues to be a popular event with a variety of cars on display.....



Muscle Car City in Punta Gorda to Close

Rudy and Grant supplied this note from the owner of Muscle Car City about its closing and upcoming auction....

Muscle Car City closing,

Word is spreading like wild fire and I want to explain what's happening, I with heavy heart have decided it's time to retire and Muscle Car City this year is going backwards because of COVID and lack of international tourists. It's been a great 14 years for The business I've loved every minute of it, but I am 72 and beginning to feel like it. I will close on January 17th. And Mecum auctions will be selling about 3/4 of my collection and the rest I will take home and it will become my private toy box again. The auction will take place on January 22 and 23 I will be selling about 200 very fine cars, if there is anything in the collection you really like, now is the time entire collection in museum will be sold no reserve as well as all memorabilia. Thank everyone for all the support over the years I will leave Sting Rays bar and grill open and after it all settles will possibly do shows and Swap meets through that business, but for right now will be concentrating on getting the Museum closed and the space it's taking up leased. When we decide how to proceed it will be on our site and Sting rays and my personal Facebook and social media. Swap meet for December will be on as usual and January car show will also happen, after that the cars will be sold.

Thanks all for the great run- Rick

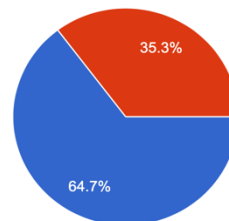
Patrick's Packard...with or without fender skirts Poll Results

You may recall that last month Patrick brought his Packard to the Depot Event. One side of his car had fender skirts and the other did not as he was trying to decide which option was preferable. Last month's Running Board had a survey question on this. Here are the results....

As you can see, nearly 2/3 of the voters liked the car with fender skirts installed. Unfortunately, the voter turnout was a bit limited as only 17 people responded. If you want to see what Patrick chose, look closely at the photo of his car from the Mercato event (he voted with the minority).



Do you like Patrick's '48 Packard with or without fender skirts ?
17 responses



● I like the car best with the fender skirts in place.
● I like the car best without the fender skirts.

More Automotive Firsts... From Motor Trend

Malcolm Newbourn sent in an article of automotive firsts from Motor Trend which we printed excerpts from last month. Here are some more. For more items and some really nice photos, see the complete article on the link shown at the end.

First Car With A Steering Wheel

Alfred Vacheron modifies his Panhard and Levassor by replacing its tiller with a steering wheel in 1894.



First License Plate

Frenchman and steam car manufacturer Leon Serpollet receives the first license plate in 1889. In 1901, New York State issues the first license plate in the United States.

First Supercharged Car

The Great Chadwick Six becomes the first car with a supercharger after Lee S. Chadwick and J.T. Nichols install three belt-driven compressors to the car sometime between 1907 and 1908. Following competition success, Chadwick offers the feature as a \$375 option on its production vehicles. Less than 10 Chadwicks are so equipped.

First Rearview Mirror

Ray Harroun fits a rearview mirror to his Marmon Wasp at the Indianapolis 500 in 1911. In 1912, Marmon adds rearview mirrors to its production cars.

First Car Radio

Chevrolet offers an optional Westinghouse radio in 1922. The \$200 feature adds a large roof antenna, batteries under the front seat, and a horn speaker ahead of the rear seat.

First Car With A Reverse Light

Wills Sainte Claire introduces the A-68 Roadster in 1922, which includes a light that turns on when the vehicle is placed in reverse.

First Car With A Windshield Defroster

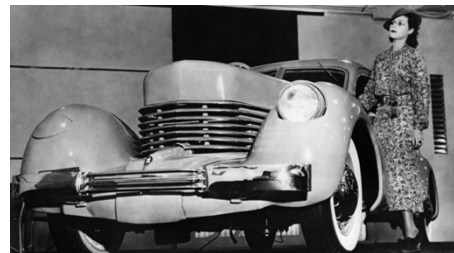
The windshield defroster gives drivers of 1928 Studebaker President Eight models a better view of the road ahead in winter weather conditions.

First Passenger Car With A Diesel Engine

A number of automakers begin experimenting with diesel engines in passenger cars in the early 1930s. However, in 1935, the Citroën Rosalie becomes the first passenger car to offer a factory diesel engine option, barely beating the 1936 Mercedes-Benz 260 D to market.

First Car With Hidden Headlights

Cord introduces hidden headlights on its state-of-the-art (for the time) 810 in 1936. The front wheel-drive luxury car features a coffin-like hood and headlights that rise from the front of the sweeping fenders.



First Power-Adjustable Seat

Buick offers buyers an optional two-way power seat in 1946.

First Car With A Rear-Window Defroster

Cadillac makes reversing in cold weather easier by offering a rear-window defroster as an option in its 1948 models.

First Turbocharged Passenger Car

Both Chevrolet and Oldsmobile embrace turbochargers in 1962. The Chevrolet Corvair Monza Spyder sports a 150-hp turbocharged flat-six engine aft of its rear axle, while the Oldsmobile F85 Jetfire relies on a front-mounted 215-hp turbocharged V-8 for motivation.

<https://www.motortrend.com/news/pioneering-automotive-firsts-cars-trucks-ev-details/>

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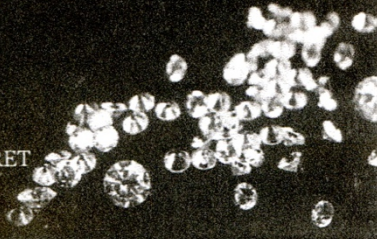
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