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## **General Meeting:**

Our May meeting will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> at the Naples Depot Museum parking lot from 12 to 2 pm. This will be our last regularly scheduled meeting until fall. Expect to see Cook's Night Out events in June, July, and August.

## **Facebook**

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## **Cover Photo**

*Two MG's owned by Claire and Jack Keery. The left one is a 1949 TC and the right is a 1954 TF. Taken at the April 3 Cars as Art Show in Marco Island,*

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

## President's Page

Hello AACA members,

April has been a beautiful month here in Naples. No rain to speak of, but otherwise perfect.

Lots of car events kept us busy. Our club luncheon at Marco Yacht Club was perfect!!!! Great attendance, beautiful location! Thanks again to Roger and Barbara.

Paul and I will be gone to Pennsylvania for May's meeting. So, I will need a volunteer to be in charge of the May 15th depot event. Call me at 239-877-3228



Paul and I are the only ones taking advantage of the **free** member classifieds, with our 1600 sq. ft storage garage (Isle of Capri) ad. Remember these ads are free to members and they don't have to be automotive related. Details are at the top of the Classifieds page.

We still need three hosts for June-July-August for our cook's night out events at some new to us locations. Call me 🍷🍷🍷. Also need volunteers to meet and help dispose of all items in our storage locker unit in downtown Naples!!!

Stay well and let us hear about car events you attend while away from Naples!!!

HAPPY TRAILS  
Paul and Yvonne

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### *Volunteers needed...*

- May 15 Depot Event
- Three Hosts for June-July-August Cooks Night Out
- Clean and dispose of storage locker items in Naples

*Contact Yvonne 239-877-3228*



## Editor's Note

For those of you that haven't left town yet, or are here for the summer, make sure you make the last meeting of the spring at the Depot Museum on the 15<sup>th</sup>. As Yvonne mentioned, there should be cook's night out events in the summer...but volunteers are needed. We can expect regular meetings of some type to resume in the fall.

In this issue, we have pictures from the April Farewell Luncheon and the Marco Cars as Art show. See also pictures of the mural Keith Pershing had painted at his Island Automotive business in Marco Island. There is an article about some WWII jeeps and also some links to some short, but interesting articles. Kathy and Grant have included their monthly History and Legislative items.

On the Events page, you will see that not a lot is going on in the Naples/Marco area. There are several national events listed for reference. Amelia Island is this month. Remember the mini-tour Peter is organizing, along with the Mercedes Benz club. Details are on page 10.

The classified ad section is again rather meager, with plenty of space for no cost member ads. Feel free to submit ads for any items you think may be of interest to our members. They expire after 3 months unless renewed.

Send future articles, comments, pictures, ads, etc. to [ron.schlechtweg@gmail.com](mailto:ron.schlechtweg@gmail.com).. Cut-off date is the last Thursday of each month.

Take care, safe travels  
Ron

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## From Facebook, Twitter, etc.

*My wife said I never listen to her, or something like that.*

*My favorite outdoor activity is getting my packages at the door and bringing them in.*

*If you see someone wearing camouflage, make sure to walk right into them so they know it's working.*

*My wife asked me to take her to one of those restaurants where they make the food right in front of you. So, I took her to Subway and that's how the fight started.*

*Sometimes I wish I was a nicer person, but then I laugh and continue my day.*



## Events

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

**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 <https://carsandcoffee239.com> for details.

**May 20-23...** Amelia Island Concours D'Elegance, Amelia Island. FL. See <https://www.ameliaconcours.org> for details. *Note...Naples-Marco AACA will join MBCA for a mini-tour to Amelia. Contact Peter Blackford. [priuspete@gmail.com](mailto:priuspete@gmail.com) if you wish to join the tour. More details page 10.*

**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.

*Some notable events outside Southwest Florida.....*

**May 20-23...** Amelia Island (see above)

**July 23-25...** Concours d'Elegance of America, Plymouth Mi., <https://concoursusa.org>

**Aug 15...** Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, Monterrey Ca., <https://pebblebeachconcours.net>

**Aug 21...** Woodward Dream Cruise, Metro Detroit, Mi., <http://www.woodwarddreamcruise.com>

**Oct 6-9...** AACA Eastern Fall meeting, Hershey, PA

**Oct 22-24...** Greenwich Concours d'Elegance, Ct., <https://www.greenwichconcours.com>

**Dec 3-5...** Gasparilla Concours d'Elegance, Tampa FL., <https://gasparillaconcours.com>

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

*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](mailto:ron.schlechtweg@gmail.com)*

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## Legislative

### MISSISSIPPI BILL TO EXPAND ELIGIBILITY FOR TITLING OF OLDER VEHICLES SIGNED INTO LAW

**Success in Mississippi!** SAN-supported legislation (S.B. 2850) that will allow certificate of title applications for vehicles at least 30 years old that are missing usual documents on oath of ownership was signed into law by Governor Tate Reeves. Previously, there was no such exemption. The new law acknowledges the fact that the documents required to title a vehicle are not always readily available for older vehicles. It goes into effect July 1, 2021.

Grant Simon, Legislative



## History

The March, 1997 issue of the Running Board has an interesting article entitled "Who Was Margaret Knight?" submitted by Mo Tremblay. Mattie Knight, as she was known, was born in 1838. As a young child she showed her mechanical aptitude by making her brother all of his playthings. These items included sleds, scooters, kites, etc.

At the age of 10, Mattie joined thousands of other children her age, in working in a Manchester, N.H. cotton mill. While working there, she witnessed a steel-tipped shuttle topple out of its loom and severely wounding a worker. Shortly thereafter she devised her first invention – a shuttle restraining device that all looms have had since then. Not bad for a ten year old inventor who had no formal training. She possessed a natural flair for developing mechanical devices.

Mattie continued working in the mills until her late teens, improving Machinery without receiving credit while working for a pittance. She went on to learn Daguerreotype, ambrotype and photography, engraving letters on silver and other piece meal jobs.

More on Mattie next month and her relation to automobiles.

*The blackened forest/ smolders yet/ Because he flipped/a cigarette/ Burma-Shave*

Kathy Hollis, Historian

## Art at Island Automotive

Stop by Island Automotive in Marco Island and view their recently painted mural. It's quite impressive as you can see from the photos below.



Photos provided by Alyssa Baumer. Visit [www.floridianart.com](http://www.floridianart.com) for info about the artist (J. Stinchcomb), and his work.



## April 17 Farewell Luncheon

Our Farewell Luncheon was held at the Marco Island Yacht Club on the 17<sup>th</sup> with 48 in attendance. The location and food were great. A special thanks to Barbara Donald for arranging this event.





## Cars as Art

The annual Cars as Art show was held April 3 in Marco Island. There was an interesting selection of cars present. Here are a few from AACA members. See also the cover photo.



John Kernan's 1948 Chrysler



George Connell's 1967 Citroen



Dave Lehotan's Auburn replica



Steve Hagan's 1954 Mercury

## Some Interesting Articles

116 years before the Mach-E, Henry Ford built this bare-bones, battery-powered Model T.  
<https://www.hagerty.com/media/automotive-history/116-years-before-the-mach-e-henry-ford-built-this-barebones-battery-powered-model-t/>

A Brief History of Alfa Romeo, as Told by 12 of Its Most Storied Cars.  
<https://robbreport.com/motors/cars/lists/alfa-romeos-most-beautiful-cars-1234603711/the-aerodinamica/>

Alice in Yonder Land: In 1909, Alice Ramsey became the first woman to drive across America.  
[https://www.hagerty.com/media/magazine-features/alice-in-yonder-land-in-1909-alice-ramsey-became-the-first-woman-to-drive-across-america/?utm\\_source=SFMC&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=Monday\\_DailyDriver](https://www.hagerty.com/media/magazine-features/alice-in-yonder-land-in-1909-alice-ramsey-became-the-first-woman-to-drive-across-america/?utm_source=SFMC&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Monday_DailyDriver)



## Some WWII Jeeps

The jeep at right was displayed at the April 3 "Cars as Art" show in Marco Island. It has been in the owner's family since shortly after WWII. It was built in 1942 by Ford. It is quite original, including paint and upholstery. It shows ~5000 miles on the odometer. It was used in England and was assigned to a general (2-star license plate). The owner's family purchased the jeep for use as a farm vehicle, but immediately concluded it was not what they needed. It was parked and remained covered, until the early 1960's.

Some features that a WWII jeep can include and are present on this jeep are straps instead of a door or seat belt (to keep the driver from falling out), hand operated windshield wipers, and a headlight that can be repositioned backwards to illuminate the engine for maintenance. Shown at right is also a special headlight that can be used to limit visibility of the jeep from above when driving at night.

A German "jeep" is shown in the photo at right. This one is at the Tampa Bay Automobile Museum. This is a "Kubelwagen Type 82". It was originally designed by Dr. Ferdinand Porsche and his son Ferry, as a "buggy" for fun. It is air cooled and only the rear wheels are driven. It can be viewed as a forerunner to a Volkswagen. The vehicle is very light and behaves well in rough conditions. Over 48,000 were produced from 1939-45... far less than the ~640,000 US jeeps.

This particular one was restored by a French farmer after the war. Unfortunately, according to the story, he eventually moved to a more populated region where the idea of a restored German military vehicle was frowned upon. He sold the Kubelwagen and purchased instead an American jeep.



# 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 <https://ameliaconcours.org/shop/tickets> 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](http://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&departure=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 INCLUDES the DoubleTree Breakfast. 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**, check out 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 [hilton.com](http://hilton.com)

**Hotel:** Hampton Inn & Suites St. Augustine-Vilano Beach (yes, right on the beach) rate: \$135 using code above, with good 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

any questions,

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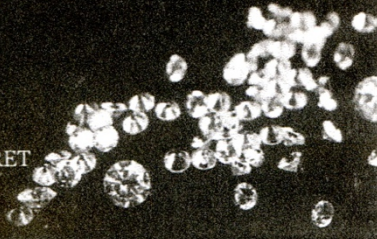
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### MEETING LOCATION: –

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*Naples Train Depot parking lot. 1051 Fifth Avenue South, Naples FL*

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*MEETING IS THE THIRD Saturday OF THE MONTH, 12-2pm, thru MAY*



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