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1937 Packard Convertible owned by Fred Rump

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## **General Meeting:**

Regularly scheduled meetings are planned at the Depot Museum (parking lot) in Naples on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at noon. The Depot Museum is located at 1051 5th Ave. S.. Water and snacks provided. *See inside for info about the October meeting.*

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## **Cover Photo**

*This is Fred Rump's recently acquired 1937 Packard Model 1502, 4 door convertible. Fred also owns 3 other Packard convertibles (see inside).*



## President's Page

Hello

Hope everyone is well and attending lots of car show events. Please send pictures and descriptions to our newsletter editor so those of us who have not, can enjoy!

Naples has been in the mid 90's most of the summer....HOT!

Paul has kept himself occupied while still using his walker by polishing chrome on all the cars from his rolling stool level. He says this is helping to keep him from going crazy. I really am not sure.....

We are trying our best to stay well while he is recovering from his fall.

We signed up to the Hershey PA car corral to sell our almost original 1949 Mercury Coupe. The beige one Don Garlits re-built the original flat head engine for. Don attached his logo insignia tags of approval on the block. As far as we know, Don has only ever worked on three cars that was not a part of his personal fleet.

Got all but \$60 K invested. Going to be interesting to see what kind of offers it brings.

See you at the September 18th cruise in meeting at the Naples Depot! 50/50's. Prizes and food!! Bring a potential new member!

We are going to discuss Depot Car Show  
Bring all your ideas!

Happy Trails!!  
Paul and Yvonne



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*Special Note... Roger Donald has asked that all club members be made aware that his previous e-mail address has been hacked. His new address is [r.a.donald@icloud.com](mailto:r.a.donald@icloud.com) Do not use his old address !*

## Editor's Note

As Yvonne said, it's quite warm here in Naples. Hopefully it's a bit nicer if you're up north. COVID is still with us (particularly in Florida) so take care.

We had our August luncheon at the Osteria Capri Island Restaurant in the Isles of Capri. The food was great. Like last month, you've noticed that Naples/Marco area car and club related events continue to be scarce in September. However, you'll see on the events page that October and November are beginning to fill up. We have two Naples-Marco AACA events planned for October. Our Welcome Back picnic is scheduled for Oct. 16. We also have the October 16-17 mini-tour Peter is arranging to museums in the Tampa area. See inside for details of both events.

Inside is an article Fred Rump has contributed about his stable of Packards. There are some great photos there and his '37 is also on the cover. George Nosky has been busy in Michigan, attending the Woodward Cruise and the Concours d'Elegance of America. You'll see some really good pictures he took.

There is still plenty of free ad space, so go look in your garage, closet, or attic and find something to sell.... it doesn't have to be auto related. 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, thanks

Ron

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## From Facebook, Twitter, etc.

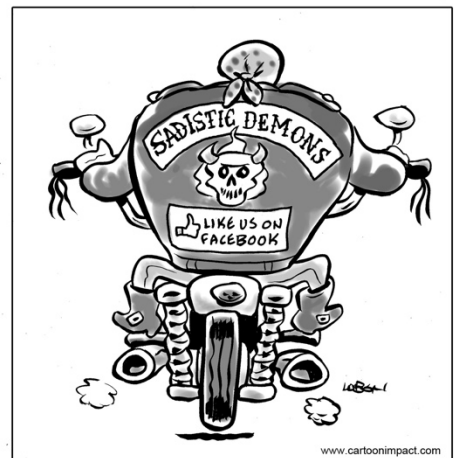
*Every family has one weird relative. If you don't know who it is, then it's probably you.*

*I woke up this morning determined to drink less, eat right, and exercise... But that was 4 hours ago... when I was younger and full of hope.*

*The more you weigh, the harder you are to kidnap. Stay safe...eat cake.*

*I am starting to think I will never be old enough to know better.*

*I tried cooking with wine last night... After 5 glasses, I forgot why I was in the kitchen.*



## Events

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

**Sept. 18...** 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.

**Oct. 16...** Naples-Marco meeting and welcome back picnic. 12:00pm-2pm. Naples Moose Lodge, 3417 Enterprise Ave. Hosted by Hank Schwietering. See details next page.

**Oct. 16-17...** Naples-Marco AACA mini-tour to The Collection on Palmetto in Clearwater. We'll also visit the Tampa Bay Auto Museum and overnight at the Doubletree Tampa Airport Westshore. See following page for more info. Contact Peter Blackford. [priuspete@gmail.com](mailto:priuspete@gmail.com)

**Oct. 23...** Rally for Good Car Show and Fundraiser, 10 am-2 pm, exotic and classic cars. Fran Cohen Youth Center, 1472 Airport Road South, Naples. Sponsored by Ultimate Garages/Barletta Boats to benefit Salvation Army. <https://one.bidpal.net/rallyforgood/welcome>

**Nov. 6...** 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Knights of Columbus Car Show on Marco Island. 8:30am-1:30pm, San Marco church, 851 San Marco Rd, Marco Island., \$20 car entry fee, \$5 spectator. Contact J. DeRosa 239-272-0816 or Island Automotive 239-394-1887 with questions.

**Nov. 20...** Rookery Bay 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Classic Car Show, 9am-2pm, 300 Tower Rd., Naples, \$25 registration, \$10 spectator, See [www.rookerybay.org](http://www.rookerybay.org) or call 239-394-1887 for more info.

**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.

**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.

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

**Sept. 9-11...** AACA Southeastern Fall, Greenville, SC

**Oct. 6-9...** AACA Eastern Fall, 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 above 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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## October Naples-Marco AACA Events

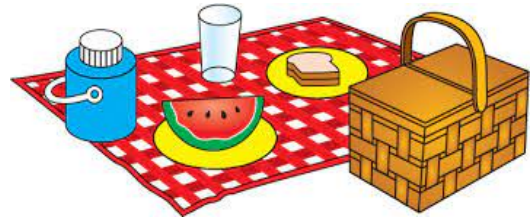
### *Welcome Back Picnic Oct. 16*

AACA Naples Marco Monthly meeting and Welcome back picnic/combo and member car display

Date: Saturday October 16, 2021

Time 11 AM to 2 PM

Location: Naples Moose Lodge  
3417 Enterprise Avenue, Naples.  
Off Airport Road Behind Naples Boat Mart  
Host: Hank Schwietering



Food: AACA and Moose will provide hot dogs and hamburgers and non-alcoholic drinks

Our attending members please bring a salad or dessert and chairs.

We are going to set up tables to eat outside, weather permitting. Bring Chairs

No reservations required

### *The Collection on Palmetto Mini-Tour Oct 16,17*

Peter is organizing a 2-day mini-tour on October 16 and 17 to the Collection on Palmetto and the Tampa Bay Auto Museum.

The Collection on Palmetto is a collection of early automobiles and engines. Situated on 5 acres in Clearwater, the museum includes items such as an 1886 Benz Patent Motorwagen, the first commercial airliner (1914 Benoist), and a model railway.

The Tampa Bay Auto Museum features a unique collection of vehicles which highlights the early engineering and creativity in the auto industry. The museum has a new wing featuring vintage posters.

The 2 day trip will include a stay at the Doubletree Tampa Airport Westshore hotel. Contact Peter Blackford ([priuspete@gmail.com](mailto:priuspete@gmail.com))

Info about The Collection on Palmetto.  
<https://collectiononpalmetto.com>

Info about The Tampa Bay Automobile Museum. <https://tbauto.org>

		
		
<b>SUNDAY OCTOBER 17 11-3</b>		<b>The Collection on Palmetto</b> 2116 Palmetto Street Clearwater, FL 33765
		
<b><a href="http://collectiononpalmetto.com">collectiononpalmetto.com</a></b>		
Antique Cars Food Trucks Live Music		Train Rides Steam Engines Free Admission

## Aug 21 Meeting Minutes

Lunch was at Osteria Cafe on Isles of Capri. Lovely lunch and the owner was introduced by Yvonne. Thank you Yvonne for arranging the lunch.

There were 16 in attendance.

The next meeting will be at noon (open air) at the Depot. The third Saturday of the Month - Sept 18th

It is IMPORTANT that everyone attend as we will be deciding on the car show. All ideas and suggestions are needed and everyone will receive a detailed cost breakout to help with decisions for the show

Respectfully submitted  
Edythe Newbourne

## Sunshine

8/1/21 Sharon Vik - Sympathy - death of husband Robert  
2209 Regal Way, Naples FL 34110

8/27/21 Barbara Donald - Get well - broken hip/in hospital  
P. O. Box 547 West Chatham, MA 02669

8/27/21 Diane Shillington -Sympathy - death of husband Stan  
140 Beverley St., Kingston, ONT. K7L 3Y6, Canada

"One friend ever watches and cares for another." - Randle Coverage

Patricia McNally/Sunshine

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## History

The April, 1997, issue of the Running Board contains an article by Mo Tremblay called "The Compact Corvair's Demise! Ralph Nader or GM?"

The Studebaker Lark started it all. The first of the 1959 compacts. It boosted sales by 381 per cent between 1958 and 1959. 70 per cent of the cars traded in on the new Larks came from rival makers. The big three introduced their compacts in October of 1959. The Ford Falcon, Chrysler Valiant and the Chevrolet Corvair. The Corvair was radically different with its rear-mounted, air-cooled flat six.

The 1959 Falcon, although drab looking, outsold the Corvair and Valiant the first year. It produced 50 per cent of all Ford's sales. It was dropped in 1970 after the production of the Mustang, Comet and Maverick.

The engine in the Corvair was GM's Ed Cole's baby. He saw the success of the Volkswagen bug which boasted a rear-mounted air-cooled horizontal engine. He did not want the Corvair to compete with the Chevy so he made it as different as possible. He wanted the Corvair to compete with the Studebaker Lark and the Volkswagen Beetle.

*His tenor voice/ She thought divine/ Till whiskers scratched / Sweet Adeline Burma-Shave*

Kathy Hollis, Historian

## Legislative

### **Mid-Year Scoreboard: State Legislative Victories**

The 2021 state legislative sessions are in full swing and the SEMA Action Network (SAN) is working non-stop to ensure positive outcomes for our hobby. Below are highlights of the most hard-fought victories counted in the current legislative session.

- In the face of SAN's opposition, the Wyoming legislature killed a bill that would have significantly restricted antique vehicle registration eligibility.
- Thanks to SAN's effort, Kansas Governor Laura Kelly signed into law a version of SEMA's model legislation to allow for the registration and on-road use of surplus military vehicles.
- Kansas enacted a SAN-supported bill to ease restrictions on antique vehicles. The bill is sponsored by State Automotive Enthusiast Leadership Caucus member Rep. Leo Delperdang and was signed into law by Governor Kelly.
- After an outpouring of support from enthusiasts, Montana Governor Greg Gianforte signed into law legislation to expand single license plate usage.
- At the urging of the SAN, Virginia Governor Ralph Northam signed into law legislation to expand imported foreign-market vehicle titling.
- With the SAN's support, Idaho's Governor Greg Little signed into law a bill creating a new custom vehicle registration class.
- With backing from the hobby, Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves signed into law SAN-supported legislation to expand titling eligibility for older vehicles.
- West Virginia approved SAN-supported resolutions calling for the creation of an interstate off-highway vehicle trail system. The measures were sponsored by SEMA's 2018 Stephen B. McDonald Legislator of the Year Award winner Sen. Mark Maynard and State Automotive Enthusiast Leadership Caucus Chairman Del. Gary Howell.
- Pro-hobby legislation in Illinois would allow "Antique Expanded Use" vehicles to be driven without limitation for two additional months each year. The bill awaits Governor JB Pritzker's signature or veto

Grant Simon, Legislative



## The Stories behind my Packards

Fred Rump

I had a gray 1949 fastback Oldsmobile during my High School years. It was my pride and joy - the muscle car of the time - but upon entering the army in 1956 I could not take the car with me and my father sort of took ownership of it. Upon finishing training, I needed a car to take me back and forth from Philadelphia to the south land where all the bases were. I found a convertible. A shiny black 1948 Packard Super Eight Victoria. It served me well but upon discharge my new wife thought it was just an old car and not too reliable. It wound up being scrapped because of a lack of maintenance funds.

Killing a wonderful car like that bothered me throughout the years to the point where I joined the Packard Club to dream on. I looked long and hard for a copy of my "Blackie". None were to be found but a green one belonging to a Naples Packard collector showed up for sale in Ohio. I bought it. Keith Pershing fixed it all up to the point where I won an award at the AACA meet.

Still, I wanted a copy of Blackie and kept looking. A beautiful red one showed up in my garage and then I found Blackie for sale in 2019 at Great Lakes Classic Cars in Hilton, NY. It was to become my show car. Life intervened and the car is still waiting to be gone over from A to Z. I now feel that I've made amends to the Packard gods by keeping three of them alive and well.

Of course, in the meantime, I also ached for youth to reappear with my 49 Oldsmobile. That too was a dream meant to come true but not in silver grey as mine was. I saw a maroon copy at a Mecum auction and to my surprise won the bid.



Me in the black Packard. Home, from Army training in Spring 1957. Showing my car to a buddy.



Mom saying goodbye to her son as he leaves for Ft. Benning to attend OCS.

*Fred with his three 1948 22<sup>nd</sup> Series Packard Victorias and his 1949 Oldsmobile 2 dr. Club Sedan*

There was one dream left unfulfilled - a car that was my age. I'd like to pass this on to my son and possibly one of his sons as a memento of my love of Packard. The Twelves were a bit out of my price range and I kept looking for a Super Eight convertible. This year it was found.

I've only driven it once and could tell that the Naples heat was causing vacuum problems but it drove wonderfully otherwise. It too is waiting for a trip to Island Automotive. My 1937 Packard, Model 1502, 4 door convertible, is one of less than a hundred produced. I know of 12 still in existence.



1937 Packard Model 1502 4 dr. convertible

*My car dreams are complete !!!*

Individual photo's of my 4 Packards.



"Blackie" the 2nd



Found during search for "Blackie"



Depot Show Award Winner



1937 Packard Model 1502



## Photos from the Woodward Dream Cruise George Nosky

Here are some photos from the 8/21 Woodward Dream Cruise. It's billed as America's largest automotive gathering. It features tens of thousands of vintage cars and draws over a million onlookers over a 16 mile route from Detroit to Pontiac.





## The Concours d'Elegance of America George Nosky

Here are a few photos from the event held July 23-25 in Plymouth, Michigan. Some really great cars as you can see.



Best of Show 1937 Cadillac Series 90 by Hartmann



Thomas Flyer



1912 White



1931 Dusenberg Derham Tourster



1926 Wills Sainte Claire T-6 Roadster

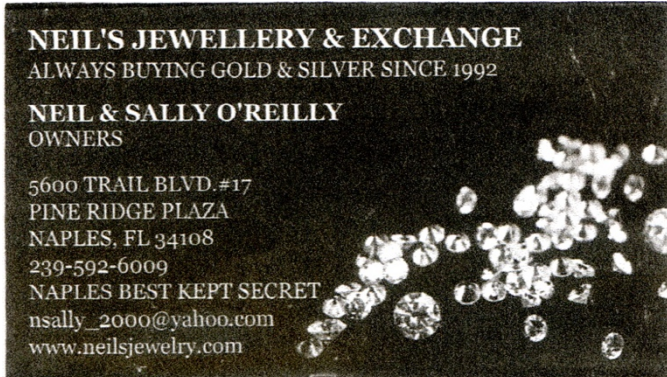


1913 Simplex 50 HP Speed Car



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*MEETING IS THE THIRD Saturday OF THE MONTH*



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