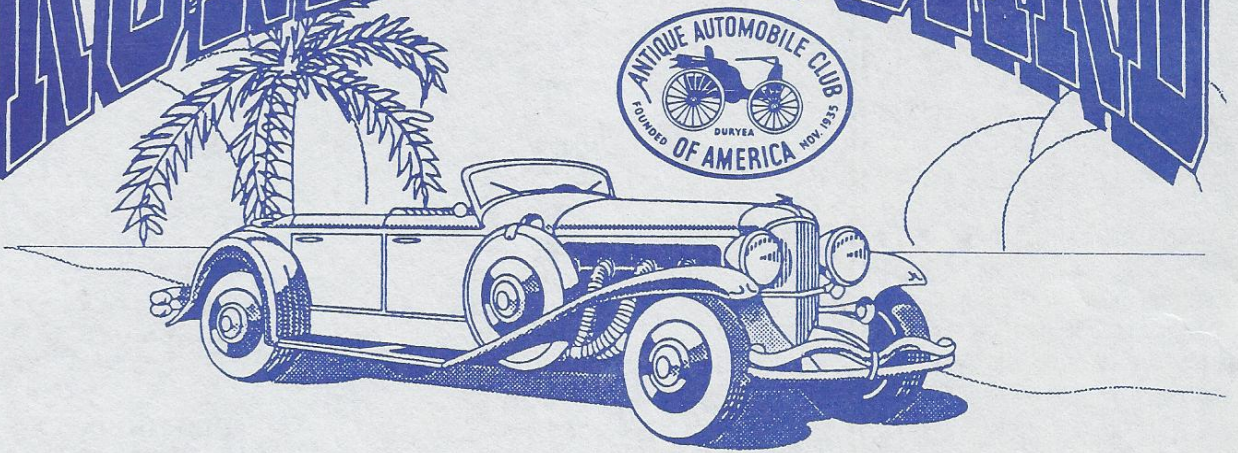


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Bill Longley's

1932 Franklin ~ Airman

Earl Duty ~ Image

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

General Meeting:

Regularly scheduled meetings are planned to resume in the fall (3rd Saturday each month). The August Cook's Day Off event is planned for Aug 21. See inside for details.

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Cover Photo

This is Bill Longley's 1932 Franklin Club Sedan. Contact Bill for photographer info.

President's Page

Hello. Hope everyone is well!!

July was interesting!

Easy to keep busy 😎

We had a wonderful event this month! Our Granddaughter and husband, and two great grandchildren moved south from Virginia to Fort Myers!! Yea 😊. Perfect!!!



We also had a very bad event—Paul who believes he is superman- moved a heavy tool cabinet off a trailer by himself. And guess what? It fell on him, knocked him over, and broke his left hip...had to have nuts and bolts installed.

Only two small car events this month. We are trying to get organized for Hershey PA Fall Nationals. Bought a new motor home too and had lots of trouble with it- slide refused to work!! Not sure which is worse hotels or motor homes

Still looking for Car Show Event ideas

Traffic in Naples is the same as season really....busy highways.

Sorry to state that we lost a long-time member, Dick Reynolds

Stay well!! Looking forward to seeing you at Osteria Capri Restaurant.

Happy Trails

Paul and Yvonne

August 21 Cook's Day Off...

Our summer diversion getaway for August will be held at the Osteria Capri Italian Restaurant at 12 noon. 239-970-5721. Location. 387 Capri Blvd. Isles of Capri. Naples

A J Black, the owner, is 100% Italian and has owned and operated restaurants in New York and Sanibel Island. This will be waterfront dining at its finest!!!

Bring a potential new member to our club along with you!!

Contact Yvonne Rhoads to register
Chevy57merc49@aol.com or 239-877-3228



Directions. 41 south to 951, turn right to go south to 952 Capri Blvd at traffic light. Go right go 1 1/2 mile. First restaurant on right before horseshoe turn in road

Editor's Note

Hope everyone's summer is going well. As is normal, we have rain, 90+ temperatures, and high humidity here in the Naples/Marco area. Unfortunately, there is a resurgence of COVID, with Florida being identified as having more cases than expected take care !

Congratulations to George Connell who received 2 first place trophies, at the AACA Central Spring Nationals at Auburn in early July. He received one for his 1967 Volkswagen Transporter and one for his 1968 Porsche 911. His VW was also recognized with a special award at the Deutsche Marques German car event in Michigan a week later. Keith Pershing's Island Automotive Newsletters have more info and pictures from both events.

You'll find this issue of the Running Board a bit shorter than usual as local car and club related events are scarce. This is probably not the case for our members up north, so if you are there, send details of what you're up to and we'll pass it on. We did have our second Cook's Day Off event at the Saigon to Paris Café. Thanks to Cliff Harrington for arranging. See the note on page 3 about the August 21 event being hosted by Yvonne. See inside for information about a mini-tour Peter is arranging to museums in the Tampa area.

If you haven't given Yvonne your ideas about the Depot Show yet, please do so. Send future articles, comments, pictures, ads, etc. to ron.schlechtweg@gmail.com.. Cut-off date is the last Thursday of each month.

Take care, safe travels, thanks

Ron

From Facebook, Twitter, etc.

I changed my passwords to "incorrect". So, whenever I forget what it is, the computer will say "Your password is incorrect".

All my life I thought air is free until I bought a bag of chips

Before I criticize someone, I like to walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when I do criticize them, I'm a mile away and I have their shoes.

A healthy sleep not only makes your life longer, but also shortens the workday

A good neighbor is one that does not put a password on their WI-FI



Aftermarket AC

Events

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

Aug. 21... Naples-Marco AACA Cook's Day Off. Noon at the Osteria Capri, 387 Capri Blvd. in the Isle of Capri. Contact Yvonne at Chevy57merc49@aol.com or 239-877-3228. See pg. 3

Sept. 18, Oct. 16... Naples-Marco AACA meeting, 12:00pm -2pm, Naples Train Depot (parking lot), 1051 5th Ave. S., Naples. Bring your cars, water and snacks provided.

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

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... 4th Annual Knights of Columbus Car Show on Marco Island. 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.

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.....

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

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

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

The Collection on Palmetto Mini-Tour

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)

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

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



**Fall Festival
and Grand Opening**

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 17
11-3**

The Collection on Palmetto
2116 Palmetto Street
Clearwater, FL 33765

collectiononpalmetto.com

Antique Cars
Food Trucks
Live Music

Train Rides
Steam Engines
Free Admission

The poster features several images: a vintage car, a man in a vest standing next to a car, a close-up of a Ford engine, two children with pumpkins, a bicycle, and another vintage car.

July 17 Meeting Minutes

Minutes of Saturday Meeting AACA Naples Marco Region July 17, 2021

We met for lunch at Saigon to Paris Cafe. Thanks to Cliff Harrington for arranging this. Pleasant lunch and old cars parked in front for all to admire.

Congratulations were given to Edythe for reaching a milestone birthday.

Yvonne asked again for ideas for our annual car show and will schedule a special meeting to discuss ideas.

Next month will be a new Italian restaurant - details will follow.

Respectfully submitted, Edythe Newbourne, Secy.



History

The April, 1997 issue of the Running Board contains a message from president Bob Vik thanking everyone for their help with a successful Depot Show. They also enjoyed the first "Night Before the Depot Show" dinner at the garages. It worked out well, was enjoyed by all, and they had 72 in attendance.

The same issue contains an article by Lois Lane about a trip several members took to Zolfo Springs. This is an "easy 2-hour run into the rural and small-town areas out among the cows and orange trees". The event was the annual "Pioneer Days" with the Florida Flywheelers – an antique engine and tractor club. Since they had no rain in weeks, the dusty field made it difficult to see the items for sale at the flea market. She did say that several people found items they needed and even some they did not know they needed.

The Saturday of this event was an antique car show, a display of the flywheel engines, and the tractor show. Lois felt it was a great display of all kinds of cars, engines and tractors.

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

Kathy Hollis, Historian

Sunshine

7/18/21 Former member Dick Reynolds died this month. He was living in Kensington NH with his daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter, their dog and his cat Willie.

Dick came to Florida from Massachusetts after a career related to aircraft engines and was with us in the Naples/Marco AACA about 15 years, most of which time as the Officer handling Membership and as a Board Member.

"We have been friends together in sunshine and in shade." Caroline Norton

Patricia McNally/Sunshine
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Legislative

BREAKING NEWS: RPM ACT REINTRODUCED FOR 2021—ACT NOW!

Our voices have been heard! After receiving more than one million letters from enthusiasts like you, the Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act (RPM Act) has been reintroduced in the U.S. House of Representatives in the 2021-2022 session of Congress!

The RPM Act must be enacted into law to guarantee your right to modify street cars, trucks, and motorcycles into dedicated race vehicles, and ensure that industry can offer parts that enable racers to compete.

Now is not the time to take our feet off the gas. Even if you've previously contacted your lawmakers about the RPM Act, we need your voice once again now that the bill has officially returned for consideration in 2021! Tell your U.S. Representative to do their part to finally save racing from government threat by supporting and passing the RPM Act into law this year.

Grant Simon, Legislative.

1984 Lotus M90/X100 prototype – *Peter Blackford*

Peter Blackford brought his prototype 1984 Lotus to the February Depot Meeting. Below is the story behind this one of a kind Lotus. Peter also authored an article about the car in the Nov./Dec. Issue of Antique Automobile- Editor

In March 1981, Oliver Winterbottom was brought back to Lotus to design a lower end sports car to complement the Excel (derived from the Elite and Eclat, which he had designed) and Esprit, and bring profitability back to Lotus. But past a few small clay models the project did not progress. After the death of Lotus founder, Colin Chapman, it was decided in 1984 to revisit the project and build a working prototype using the Toyota 4A-GE 1.6 L engine (actually, a late addition as it was a brand new engine at the time), the result was the M90



(although somewhat confusingly it was later given the code number X100). The prototype was produced to a high level of finish, with full interior, and painted two-tone silver-gray. However, the M90 was to go no further. By 1985 Peter Stevens was working on a front wheel drive Elan (M100). The one and only M90 thus languished in a warehouse at the Lotus factory at Hethel until 1998 when Lotus Cars decided to auction off their Museum and related collection at the Coys Auction at the Silverstone International Historic Festival. The car has been totally stripped to the unique bare chassis (which is now powder coated) and partially re-assembled after painting and interior refurbishment. The car was fully working prior to restoration, and is complete. Hundreds of photographs document the restoration to date. Full documentation including: owners manual, test sales literature, original drawings, shipping documents (when it was shipped to Japan for testing by Toyota), etc.

History "What is an M90?" After all the comprehensive "Lotus Book" skips from M89 (Excel) to M91 (Formula 1 race car) with no entry for the M90 or any mention of its designer, Oliver Winterbottom, in the index. The former omission is not surprising since the M90 project (also known as X100) never got further than clay models and one prototype. However, the second omission is not as understandable, since Oliver Winterbottom was responsible for the wedge shaped designs of the Elite and Eclat. In March 1981, Oliver Winterbottom was brought back to Lotus from working as a freelance with TVR, where he had designed the Tasmin. The design goal was to develop a low(er) end sports car to complement the Excel (derived from the Eclat)

and Esprit, and bring profitability back to Lotus. Like the Excel, the new Elan was to have Toyota components, specifically it would use the 115 bhp 2-liter single overhead cam Celica engine and rear-drive transmission. Although the M90 was to be the new Elan and hence one would imagine would be a convertible, the early designs were all of a fixed head coupe. The first iteration was deemed to look too much like the Porsche 928, due to its fastback shape. Revisions were made to give the car a notch back style, before a true hatch back was settled on for making into a full size model. This model was displayed at Hethel, along with contemporary TR7 and Mazda RX-7 models. The M90 was smaller than either, but with a more spacious interior. Chapman was not impressed, but gave the go ahead to try and use this model to raise the needed financial backing. Unfortunately, the backing didn't come and Chapman died in 1982. The post Chapman era for Lotus was bleak with creditors snapping at their heels. However, Mike Kimberley, then the Managing Director and member of the Lotus Board, arranged for significant financial support from Toyota. This in turn led to David Wickens of British Car Auctions taking a controlling interest in Lotus. These events reinvigorated the M90 project and Winterbottom went back to work. The new M90 was to have the new Toyota 4A-GE 1.6 Liter, twin overhead cam, 16 valve, engine which allowed it to be shorter than before. During this time, David Wickens decided to re-name the M90 as X100 (of course M100 was later used for the front wheel drive Elan). However, most people, including Oliver Winterbottom, still refer to this car as the M90. Despite some meddling with Lotus traditions (like changing the Lotus badge) Wickens did give the go ahead in 1984 for one car to be made. The prototype was to be a convertible, despite the majority of the previous work being aimed at a 2+2 fixed head coupe. [See pictures & other info in the Nov/Dec 2020 issue of *Antique Automobile*. Sadly, Oliver Winterbottom passed away on 7 November, 2020.]

How safe is Your Classic Car ?

In May, Autoindustriya.com posted an article where they discussed the crash worthiness of old cars. The article included a video where a 2009 Chevrolet Malibu was crash tested against a 1959 Chevrolet Belair. Now, one would think that there would be few cars as robust as a 1959 Chevrolet. However, the test showed the 2009 Malibu was clearly superior in terms of its occupant's ability to survive a crash.



Other videos of tests with different cars clearly show the advances made in automotive safety, even in the last 10 years. See the links and videos below. A link to the National Highway Transportation crash ratings is also below.

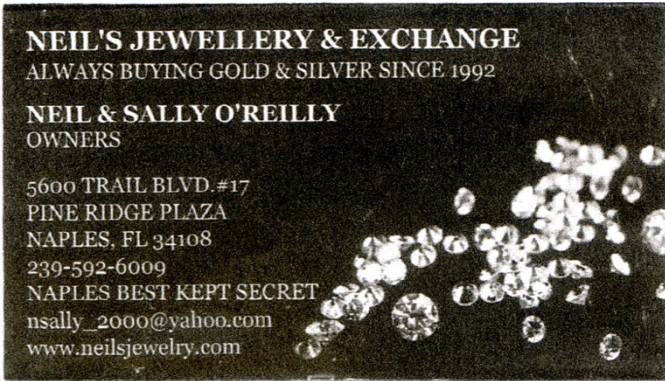
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*MEETING IS THE THIRD Saturday
OF THE MONTH*

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