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April 2024 *Depot Show Special Edition*



1912 Mercer 35-C Raceabout

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General Meeting:

Regularly scheduled meetings are held at 7pm on the 2nd Monday of the month.

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Cover Photo

A 1912 Mercer Model 35-C Raceabout. Displayed at the March 24 Depot Show, courtesy of the Revs Institute. Photo by George Nosky

President's Page

Happy greetings to all!

Most important is my wish for you to have a blessed Easter holiday as we celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We personally are preparing to head to Charlotte, North Carolina for the AACA National shows.

Thursday is the Zenith Award show
Friday is the Grand National
Saturday the National

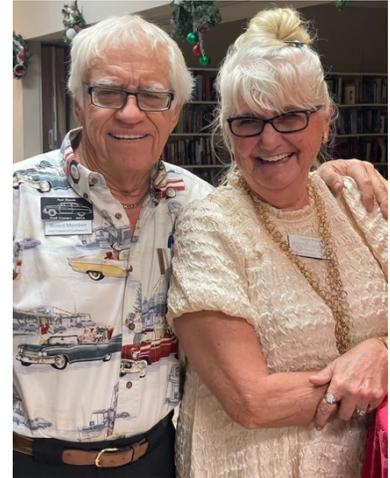
Belonging to a credited national club is one of the many advantages of being an AACA member.

Our recent local Naples Depot show on March 24th was a success in many ways. Our club's willingness to volunteer and the cooperation of many of our members lead to a very organized and interesting event for all. We received many expressions of gratitude and appreciation for the club's effort to support this event. It was wonderful to hear over and over how many people count on being in town to help celebrate this event. I personally had great joy, knowing that I was among a group of friendly car enthusiasts.

Now our club has been notified that we are no longer welcome at the Berkshire Lakes Clubhouse. An exception is for us is to pay \$500 per evening. As we are a nonprofit club who donates heavily to local children's charities, this does not work for us. So we will be making a major change in meeting location **after** April. We will keep all members informed by email and the Newsletter. Keep looking for information in the form of an email to all members as to the location of future meetings. The **April** meeting remains at Berkshire Lakes Clubhouse.

If you are leaving for the summer, we wish you a safe trip north, and a wonderful summer of attending as many car shows as you possibly can put in your schedule. We want to see pictures and hear about those favorite cars.

Happy trails
Paul and Yvonne Rhodes
239-877-3228



Important Notice:

After April, our club will no longer be meeting at the Berkshire Lakes Clubhouse. The April meeting remains at Berkshire Lakes.

Chairman's 2024 Depot Show Summary

If you didn't have a thoroughly enjoyable Sunday on March 24, it's because you weren't at our Club's main event: The Annual Depot Show!

The coordination, time and effort spent by all members of the Show Committee, combined with the services of our Show volunteer staff and beautiful weather conditions, resulted in another hugely successful show. The nostalgic background music provided by Tom's Traveling Tunes, gourmet food offerings from Big Papa's Country Kitchen and the finest array of antique vehicles contributed to a festive, party-like atmosphere. The Scouts from Crew #242 were again impressive in conducting the opening ceremony with dignity and solemnity, as well as providing assistance throughout the event. Our tireless volunteers, clearly visible in their blaze orange shirts, ensured all needs of the public and exhibitors were satisfied.



While all of the antique cars on display were truly "winners," congratulations are in order to those owners who received special recognition trophies: Jim Knickerson (President's Choice), Drew Johnston (Chairman's Choice), Adele Duba (Scouts' Choice), David Chynoweth (Depot Manager's Choice), Paul Schwinghammer (People's Choice), Gene Nau (People's Choice) and Jim Jones (People's Choice).



Our Show Committee members want to know: were their efforts appreciated? Should we have a show next year? Where should the show be held? What changes should we implement to encourage further public participation? Will you help us?

My personal "Thanks" are extended to our vibrant core of dedicated members who continue to invest in the Club's healthy future! Rudy

From Yvonne... A special "Thank You" to AACA member Phil Lefebvre. Phil won this year's 50/50 and donated it back to the club. He did the same thing last year!



Award Winners

There were near 90 vehicles participating in this year's show. Seven trophies were presented. As Rudy mentioned, there was a President's Choice, Chairman's Choice, Scout's Choice, Depot Manager's Choice and three People's Choice Awards. One of our sponsors, Tamiami Ford, brought a new Mustang for display. The Rev's Institute displayed a 1912 Mercer (see cover page).



Chairman's Choice- Drew Johnston
1968 Cadillac Deville Conv



President's Choice- James Nickerson
1929 Chevrolet 1 1/2 Ton Exp.



Depot Mgr.'s Choice- David Chynoweth
1959 Willys FC-150



Scout's Choice- Adele Duba
1991 Nissan Figaro



People's Choice- Gene Nau
1932 Lincoln KB Berline by Judkins

Award winners cont'd.....



People's Choice- Jim Jones
1954 Mercedes Benz 300b



People's Choice- Paul Schwinghammer
1960 Chevrolet Corvette

More great cars...





Special thanks to George Nosky for taking these photos (and lots more!). We hope to post the Depot Show photos on the web in the future.

Events

Every Saturday... 8:00 am Breakfast at Perkins (Pine Ridge Rd., just west of I-75).

April 6... Revs Institute Cars and Coffee. 8:30am-11:00am. 2500 South Horseshoe Drive, Naples, No charge to show a car or to be a spectator. Museum opens 9 am with paid admission. <https://revsinstitute.org/cars-coffee/>

April 8.... Naples-Marco AACA meeting. 7pm, Berkshire Lakes Clubhouse located at 495 Belville Blvd., Naples

May 13.... Naples-Marco AACA meeting. 7pm, Meeting location to be provided in a separate email.

Ongoing Events

Every Saturday... Cruise-ins at Stock Plaza by Cool Cruisers. 9am-12pm, 7711 Collier Blvd., Naples, and also at Marco Island Lutheran Church, 10am-12pm, 525 N. Collier Blvd. Hosted by Marco Island Corvette and Muscle Car Club.

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.

Additional AACA National Meetings and Tour info can be found at <https://aaca.org/events/>

From Facebook, "X", Etc

I finally found a diet plan that really works...it's called the "Price of Food."

I never finish anything. I have a Black Belt in Partial Arts.

People who ask me what I am doing tomorrow probably assume that I even know what day of the week it is.

If the world was a Monopoly game, we'd be at the part where everybody quits because all the property is gone, rent is unaffordable, and one rich guy is ruining everyone's fun.

Arguing with a woman is like reading a software license agreement. At the end you just ignore everything and click "I agree."

I can give a headache to an aspirin.



March Meeting Minutes (3/11/24)

The meeting was called to order by President Yvonne Rhoads at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Guests: none

New Members- Clay Bulow was welcomed. He has a Model T Ford. He graduated the same high school in Minnesota as Tom Deschane.

Birthdays: none admitted to.

Minutes from the meeting of 2/12/24 were approved.

Committee Reports:

Treasure's Report: given.

Membership: Drew Johnston reported seven new sign-ups since his last report. He has been calling members encouraging them to register for the Depot Show.

Secretary report: A letter of appreciation was sent to Laurie Leppo, speaker at our last general membership meeting.



Depot Show- Rudy Socey, Committee Chairman- an update was given with emphasis on the time and efforts of committee members. There have been approximately 15 meetings of the Show Committee, each lasting approximately an hour. Considering travel time, members who have attended all meeting have spent about 30 hours just on meetings alone. Additionally, many more hours have been spent on attending to show necessities: City permits, advertising, registration of show cars, collection of fees, arranging for music and a food stand, obtaining toilets, arranging for volunteers from the Sheriff's office and Boy Scouts, etc., etc. Asking other members to volunteer for a few hours the day of the show is not asking too much. Questions were posed regarding the financial requirements to produce the Show- assurances were given that we have sufficient funds to meet expenses to date, without considering the monies from public donations. Posting information on Facebook was discussed as a means of further advertising.

Donation report: none

Old Business: A successful show of cars was accomplished at Lely Palms on March 6. Those members displaying cars were treated to lunch and enjoyed the Irish music and St. Patrick's Day festivities.

New Business: Barbara Donald raised the issue of elections of officers and encouraging the participation of those members of the Club who have not yet served in executive positions. Consideration will be given to creating a search committee to contact potential future officers to assist the nominating committee in making its recommendations of a slate in October, in

preparation for elections in November, Anyone interested in contributing their talents and time are encouraged to contact any current officer. New ideas and faces are desired and needed!

Program: Rudy Socey spoke about his recent adventure with a Quinceanera. He assisted in the celebration of the young lady's 15th birthday by providing transportation in his 1930 Model A Deluxe Fordor sedan. The day involved picking the Quinceanera up at her house and the struggles to have her fit into the back seat of the car given the hooped gown she was wearing. She was driven to a Catholic Church for Mass, during which the rituals of passing the doll, switching from flat shoes to high heels and the placing of the tiara by her Godparents were observed, all representing her transition from childhood to adulthood and the commencement of formal dating. She was accompanied by an Escort and four Chamberlains dressed in tuxedos with tails. After Mass she was driven to a park in Naples where the professional videographer and professional photographer met the group. When the hour-long photo session was over, she was driven down 5th Avenue, waving to people as the Ahooga horn was blown. She was eventually driven to her reception at the First Haitian Baptist Church Hall, south of Collier Blvd. A lasting momento of the day's festivities is the gold sparkle from her dress, which still is evident on the cloth of the back seat of the Old Ford.

The 50/50 prize was \$26.00. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm followed by refreshments.

Respectfully submitted: Rudy Socey, Secretary
March 15, 2024

Membership Update

We have 169 members of which 99 have paid as of March 23, 2024. We gained 18 new members at the Depot Car Show, all of whom paid the discounted price. So as of today, we have 117 paid. Any members who do not pay as of December 2024 for 2025 Membership will be deleted. If you are not receiving the Running Board, contact me

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Do you have a Naples-Marco AACCA nametag ?

You can purchase them at Naples Engraving. Their location has changed to 4775 Mercantile Ave., Suite 3, Naples. You can contact them at 239-263-4449 or naplesengraving@earthlink.net Just tell them what you want and they'll know. Owner is Ruth.

Legislative

KENTUCKY INTRODUCES BILL SUPPORTING INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINES

Kentucky Lawmakers introduced SAN-supported legislation (S.B. 215) to prohibit the state from adopting California's motor vehicle emission standards, which bans the sale of new gas- and diesel-powered vehicles by 2035.

LOUISIANA INTRODUCES BILLS TO PROTECT VEHICLE CHOICE

Louisiana has introduced SAN-supported bills (H.B. 341 / H.B. 515) to ensure consumers' choice of vehicle power plants and fuel by preventing a state agency from limiting access to internal combustion engines.

Grant Simon, Legislative

History, April 2024

The January, 2000, issue of the Running Board contains the listing of new officers. The newsletter editor was Gary Doner, President, Bob Vik, V. President, Joe Bawdundiak, 2nd V. President, Don Ankney, Treasurer, Neal Jameson and Secretary, Sally Germain.

Bob Vik did his first President's page for the newsletter and called it REVing it up. (Those were his initials. As I remember he also had REV on his license plate.) Bob had also been president of the club in 1995 and wrote about having just completed the incorporation in the state of Florida. They were trying to get a non-profit status for taxes. This worked out as they had hoped; however the state of Florida had already sent them a bill for the corporation fee.

Bob was detailing the need for all to volunteer to help with the March Depot Show to be held on March 11 that year. He noted that they might not have as many exhibitors as years past, so he encouraged all members to get their cars shined up and ready for the show.

Give hand signals /To those behind/They don't know/ What's in your mind... Burma-Shave

Kathy Hollis, Historian

Revs Institute Named #5 in World Malcolm Newbourne

Malcolm sent in this link to a recent article in the Naples Daily News. According to the article, Great Britain based Auto Trader ranked the Revs Institute as the #5 best car museum in the world.

<https://www.naplesnews.com/story/news/local/2024/03/07/revs-institute-named-no-5-car-museum-in-world-best-in-florida/72864259007/>



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