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1930 Ford Model A owned by Rudy Socey

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monthly newsletter

Webmaster --Manage and improve the website.

Legislative -- Keep members informed of Legislative
action which affect our hobby

Merchandise -- Procure merchandise for sale

Secretary -- Handle official correspondence and
minutes

General Meeting:

The April meeting will be held from 7-9PM on
March 14 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Trinity
Room, at 3901 Davis Blvd. in Naples. This
location serves as our primary meeting location
thru May of 2025, with meetings on the 2nd
Monday of each month

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interested.*

From the President

An outstanding Naples-Marco Island Region AACA 35th Annual Car Show!!!!

This was our first show at the North Naples Church and the venue provided everything we had hoped. There was plenty of space there for the ~105 cars on display and 5 vendors. The "paid gate" was nearly 700 people. Volunteers from the Collier County Sheriff's office, North Naples Church, and the Lions Club assisted us. See inside for more. Scott Slye will also summarize the show results at our April 14 meeting.

A special thanks goes to Rudy Socey. As you know, he was our Show Committee Chairman and did an exceptional job. In the past, he has also served our club as President and Secretary. Rudy is relocating to North Carolina.... he will be greatly missed.



Several of you attended our March meeting where we had Thomas Lockyear from the Collier County Museums speak to us about the building the Tamiami Trail, and related history of Everglades City and Collier county. He gave an excellent and humorous presentation, which was well received

For our April Meeting, we will not have a formal program, but we have a full agenda of items we'll need to discuss. We'll have a "top level" view of club finances and in particular what we can do in the way of charitable donations. Other topics include.. car show summary, summer and future meeting locations, going away party, and staffing challenges.



On Thursday April 24, from 10:00 am to 12:30. we'll need 8-10 cars for an Event at Aston Gardens Senior Community. Lunch will be provided. Contact Peter Blackford if you'd like to volunteer (239-592-9814).

On a sad note, member Paul Studly passed away last week. He was 85 years old.

Please think about volunteering for our numerous club positions. It is not clear how we can operate like we have in the past, given the current number of open positions. See you April 14.

Take care...Ron

Events

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

April 6... Marco Island Cars as Art show at the Marco Island Center for the Arts. 10am-2pm. 1010 Winterberry Drive, Marco Island, \$25 entry, \$5 donation.

<https://www.paradisecoast.com/event/marco-island-center-arts-cars-art/>

April 14... Naples-Marco AACA Meeting. 7pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Trinity Room, at 3901 Davis Blvd. Naples.

April 24... Naples-Marco AACA Car Show, Aston Gardens at Pelican Marsh, 10:00am-12:30pm. 4800 Aston Gardens Way, Naples. 8-10 AACA cars required. Lunch provided. Contact Peter Blackford if interested 239-592-9814.

April 26... Tamiami Trail Anniversary /Museum Birthday Party, (begins at noon). Celebrate 97th Anniversary of the Tamiami Trail. 105 Broadway Ave W., Everglades City.

May 12... Naples-Marco AACA Meeting. 7pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Trinity Room, at 3901 Davis Blvd. Naples.

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.

Club meetings are now at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Trinity Hall, 3901 Davis Blvd., Naples. This is just east of Airport Pulling Road.

3/10/25 Meeting Minutes

The business meeting (held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3901 Davis Blvd) was called to order by Ron Schlechtweg at 7:05 pm.

Guests: Thomas Lockyear II, Everglades Museum Director
New Members- None

Minutes-Minutes from the meeting of 2/10/25 were approved.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: We continue to be solvent. Anyone interested in the amount reported by Treasurer Patrick Parker should call him.

Membership: To date there are 67 paid members. A further reminder will be sent out to those delinquent in dues. The membership report to National will be sent soon. The Club brochure has been updated and will not need to have constant revisions.

Secretary report: A letter of appreciation was sent to Sheriff Kevin Rambosk concerning last month's speaker. In turn, Sheriff Rambosk sent a letter expressing his appreciation of our recognition of the professionalism of his Deputies. A copy of our letter will be placed in the Human Resources file for Corporals Spartz and Carozza. I will be moving out-of-state in mid-April and the Club will need to appoint a new Secretary after the tonight's meeting.

Depot Show- Rudy Socey, Committee Chairman, reported we have the permit from the County for the show. Our banner has been placed on the North Naples Church property. There are 81 cars registered for the show, 5 cars for the corral and 5 vendors. The Lions Club will have 10-12 volunteers to assist us. The Scouts cannot help this year because they will be out-of-town. Instead, we expect about 4-6 members of the Church youth Group to assist us. The Youth Group will be asked to award a trophy to the vehicle of their choice. Four to six volunteers from the Collier County Sheriff's Office are expected to help us as well. The show has been very well advertised in the media and the NNC has also been touting our show. Marlene Foord, Church Administrator, has been extremely helpful and supportive.

Old Business: The Club still is in need of a Secretary (recording and corresponding) for the April meeting and thereafter, a Legislative Committee Chair and an Editor for the Running Board.

New Business: President Schlechtweg informed that the April program will include a recap of our show as well as a discussion regarding the financials of the show and suggestions for contributions to local non-profits. He also reported that on April 24 the Club has been invited to display 10-12 cars at Aston Gardens.

Program: Thomas Lockyear II, Everglades Museum Director, discussed the history of the Tamiami Trail, as illustrated by numerous vintage photographs. In addition to being informative, his discussion was sprinkled with humor. He discussed not only the vision realized by Barron Collier, but also the significant contributions made by the indigenous people, who had their life styles dramatically changed as a result of the completed highway. The completed highway also had a deleterious effect on the ecosystem. The engineering required for the project was remarkable and necessitated much ingenuity, improvising and developing technology as needed. The construction took 5 years and was completed in April 1928.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Rudy Socey, Secretary
March 11, 2025

History, April, 2025

The travels of Chick Kleptz and Bob O'Hara continue on their "Around the World" rally. The newsletter of May, 2000, contains short reports of various cars and drivers.

Day 10 was from Samsun to Turkey. It was a full day with plenty of remote gravel roads, plus a hill climb. Cars had been arriving at the hotel by the Black Sea, raving about another wonderful route. Some cars did not make it. Car 7, The Peter Noble Lanchester, was still in Istanbul with fuel tank problems but he hopes to catch up. His running mate, Car 8, the super big Packard driven by Roger Coote has retired and turned back for home.

Others have small problems. Pat Brooks '49 Buick is suffering from a loss of power. He is hoping a good tune up and some servicing will restore the engine back to full health. Pierre-Henri Mahul of France in a '63 Morgan Plus Four is mending a broken exhaust. Car 37, a Pontiac Cheftian, needs a fuel pump. Ray Carr, at 75 the oldest driver, says he has nothing to report as his car never misses a beat. The Morris Minor team says the same thing.

We know how much/ You love/ That Gal/ But Use both hands/ for driving, Pal.....Burma-Shave

Kathy Hollis, Historian

35th Annual Naples-Marco Island AACA Car Show

Our show was held April 15 at our new location (North Naples Church). Great job by Rudy Socey and his Show Team for putting this together Thanks also to all the volunteers and participants. See Rudy's note below detailing the winners. Congratulations to all.

2025 SHOW WINNERS

GRAND PRIZE WINNERS- All owners who displayed their vehicles, all members of the Show Committee and all Club members who pitched in and helped on Show Day!!!.....Rudy

President's Award-1960 Nash Metropolitan

Ed Koch

Show Chairman's Award-1952 Jaguar XK 120 Roadster

Jack Dunning

North Naples Church Award-1935 Ford Cabriolet

Todd Pulis

Lions Club Award-1940 Packard Custom Super Eight

Ron Wertz

NNC Youth Group Award-1960 Porche 911

George (Island Automotive)

People' Choice Award-1934 Plymouth P/E R/S Coupe Dlx

Bill Britton

People's Choice Award-1956 Ford Thunderbird

Kerry Keith

People's Choice Award-1959 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz

Phil Lefebvre

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