

NAPLES • MARCO ISLAND A.A.C.A.



April 2026



Jim Nicholas' 1956 Austin Healey 100

From the President

March was a bit of a slow month for our club as many of the local car shows and events are completed for this season. The absence of our show this year created a noticeable void for most of us in the club.

Last month we had a smaller than usual turnout at our Saturday 3/14 meeting. We did have a new member present however, Jim Nicholas, who brought his Austin Healy. It is pictured on the cover of this newsletter. See the minutes inside for a brief summary of what went on in the meeting. One key item was that we decided to raise the yearly dues, starting in 2027, from \$20 to \$25.



As most of you are aware, our dues have been at the current \$20 for several years now. Our dues primarily support our club member and administrative activities. This includes the club participation in the "Welcome Back" and Going Away Events (gifts and food), insurance, web site support, administrative support, and more. Besides club dues, we also get income from our shows at Senior Living facilities for these same tasks. Club charitable contributions are predominately funded by our car show.

The amount we spend on club activities is not immune to inflation and raising dues will help us support this. However, another reason is to help cover the cost of computerizing our membership and car show processes. *If we are successful*, members will be able to fill out their membership forms and pay dues online with a credit card. A similar process would be used for registering and paying to participate in the car show. We are just getting started and as yet we don't know how realistic these goals are.

This month, we have our Aston Gardens Show and Everglades City Event which will also serve as our "farewell to snowbirds" event.

See page 73 of the March/April Antique Automobile Magazine (and page five here). Ken Kaczka attended the AACA Annual Convention/National Awards where he was presented the Corvette Award for his '62 Corvette.

Take care- Ron

*Reminder.... Next meeting April 11, 12pm-2pm, Perkins Restaurant
3585 Gateway Ln, Naples (Pine Ridge Rd., just west of I-75)*

*Reminder.... Aston Gardens Senior Living Event, April 18, 10am-12:30pm.
4800 Aston Gardens Way (SW corner of Immokalee and Livingston). We
need 8-10 cars. Contact Peter if attending 239-592-9814*

Events

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

April 4... Cars as Art. Hosted by the Marco Island Center for the Arts. 10am-2pm. 1010 Winterberry Drive, Marco Island. Contact Island Automotive 239-394-1887 or email at carhows@islandautomotive.com to register.

April 9-11... 2026 AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals, Charlotte, NC. See https://aaca.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/2026_SE_Spring_Natoinals_Charlotte.pdf

April 11... Naples-Marco AACA Luncheon meeting 12pm-2pm Perkins Restaurant, 3585 Gateway Ln, Naples (Pine Ridge Rd., just west of I-75).

April 18... Naples-Marco AACA Car Show at Aston Gardens. Need 8-10 cars, 4800 Aston Gardens Way (southwest corner of Immokalee and Livingston), Naples. 10am-12:30pm.

April 25... 98th Anniversary of the Tamiami Trail completion. 105 Broadway Ave. East (at the Museum of the Everglades), Everglades City. See below for Marco Island location of AACA breakfast and caravan meeting place for travel to Everglades City. See below.

May 9... Naples-Marco AACA Luncheon meeting 12pm-2pm Perkins Restaurant, 3585 Gateway Ln, Naples (Pine Ridge Rd., just west of I-75).

Ongoing Events

Every Saturday... Cruise-in at Stock Plaza by Cool Cruisers. 9am-12pm, 7711 Collier Blvd.,

Second Sunday each month... Angelic Bakery Cars & Coffee at Vanderbilt Shoppes, 8-10am.

Third Sunday each month... Cars and Coffee 239. 9-11am at Mercato

Second Sunday every month... Hooters Naples. 11am-1pm, 3625 Gateway (near Perkins),

Some details about our April 25 Everglades City event...

- Meet up with fellow members at the Red Rooster Restaurant **in Marco Island at ~9am** for breakfast.
- At ~10:30am, we'll caravan to Everglades City for the antique auto display, museum tours, socializing, etc..
- The Red Rooster is at 1821 San Marco Road at "The Shops of Marco" strip mall. Note road construction on Collier Rd. and Barfield Ave. in Marco Island



Naples-Marco AACA Meeting Minutes 3/14/26

Adele was not able to attend this meeting. These abbreviated minutes are from Ron Schlechtweg's notes.

TIME 12:00PM

Attendees

Patrick Parker, Jay Corrigan, Scott Slye, Ron Schlechtweg, Peter Blackford, Additional Attendees see noted on sign in page.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the prior meeting were approved.

MEETING SUMMARY

- A new member, Jim Nicholas was introduced.
- Financial report was given by Patrick Parker.
- Membership report was given by Jay Corrigan. The current number of paid members is 58 vs. up to 117 in previous years. Discussion concerning the number of members was addressed and what could be done in order to increase membership. Jay was asked to contact Karen White at National on this for guidance.
- Scott Slye indicated we have relocated our car show materials to a new storage site at substantially less rent.
- We have a car show planned for Aston Gardens on April 18. We need 8-10 cars. Last year we had 13.
- The club expects to again travel to Everglades City on April 25 for their Museum/Tamiami Trail anniversary Plan is to include this as our "Going Away" event. Details to follow.
- Kurt Fenzan discussed the status of efforts to computerize the registration and payment of club dues and also car show registrations and payment. This prompted a discussion on the amount of club dues.

CLUB DUES

A motion to increase club dues to \$25 was approved. This followed a discussion of credit card processing fees we'll incur if we are successful in our goal of on-line registration. The \$5 increase will cover the processing fees, as well as cover increasing club administrative costs that have occurred since the \$20 dues were established. The \$25 dues will be effective for 2027.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be April 11, 2026 at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road, Naples....Please bring your antique car!!

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

History, April 2026

The October 2000 Running Board contains the President's letter from President Bob Vik. It is called Revving It Up, a play on his personal initials. The club was having its first Saturday morning club breakfast at Shoney's. There were 20 people there. They had a good breakfast and a good conversation. They were to be meeting at Shoney's again, on Saturday, September 30. Bob thanked Eldo Baab for promoting the idea and they hoped it could become a regular function for the Club. All members were encouraged to participate whenever they could. Bob also told the club members there would be a January tour to Lakeland, Florida, limited to the first 25 cars. Since these tours are very popular, members were encouraged to contact Edson Williams as soon as possible.

Of all the drunks/who drive on Sunday/some are still/alive on Monday.... Burma-Shave

Kathy Hollis, Historian

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Ken Kaczka's 1962 Corvette Award photo and description in the March/April Antique Automobile Magazine. Awarded at the AACA Annual Convention/National Awards in Washington.

Glenn has owned his M-code GTS for just four years, sharing restoration duties with the car's original owner. Other than the M-code 440cid/375hp V-8 mated to a 727 Torqueflite transmission with a 3.55 Sure-Grip differential, there were no other factory options, not even a warranty. Northland Dodge in Columbus, Ohio, added a few accessories and used it as a demo until the 1970 models came out, then a mechanic there raced it for several years. A total of 640 were built, with fewer than 50 remaining.



Corvette Award

1962 Chevrolet Corvette

Kenneth & Sue Kaczka, Naples, Florida

Kenneth located his holy-grail Roman Red Corvette in Orchard Park, New York, in rather deplorable barn-find condition some 11 years ago, completely unaware of its rarity. While it retained its original drivetrain components, including the 327cid V-8 and 4-speed gearbox, upon further inspection he discovered it was an original 360hp fuel-injected car, also featuring heavy duty brakes, quick steering, and the wide-wheel options. Kenneth did the mechanical and chassis restoration work required to bring it back to new condition, with Corvette expert Werner Meier handling the all the body and paint work.



Naples-Marco AACA T-shirt and Hat Sale

We have excess inventory of unsold shirts and hats from our previous car shows. Shirts are mostly red, black, and blue with 2 different styles of logos (see photo). Most sizes available. Some with and without a pocket. Price is \$20 without pocket, \$22 with.

Hats are \$15. See photo for colors. Let me (Ron) ron.schlechtweg@gmail.com know if you want any.



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General Meeting:

General club meetings are planned for October thru May. Normally, these will be luncheon meetings(12-2pm), on the second Saturday of each month (Perkins I-75 and Pine Ridge Rd.) Check monthly for latest.

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