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monthly newsletter

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minutes

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interested.*

General Meeting:

General club meetings are planned for October
thru May. The timing and location for these
meetings is yet to be determined. See inside for
date, location, and time for the August luncheon
meeting. Others are TBD.

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A 2004 Aston Martin. Photo taken at the Stock
Plaza Cruise-In on August 2.



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From the President

Sorry...this Running Board is again shorter than most. The lack of local car club activities, and absence of our northern members is taking its toll. Events like the cruise in at Stock Plaza are continuing, albeit with reduced attendance.

We did have our second Saturday luncheon meeting on July 12 at the Wild Berry Cafe. We will again eat there on August 9, so let Peter know if you can make it.

We did not conduct any club business at our July luncheon so there are no minutes to report. We did mention that we have now distributed three free 2025 AACA National memberships. These were given to us by National to encourage new members to AACA. Unfortunately, they arrived late and are only good thru 2025.

One item of note, in the past few years, there were comments that our club by-laws were out of date and not being followed. There was a prior effort to collect information and comments which could lead to a revision. Using these comments and other ideas, a "very preliminary" revision has been drafted and has been distributed to a group of members for initial review. If you'd like to be involved in this effort, let me know.

Per the current by-laws, we should begin the process of nominating new club officers. This requires a nominating committee which will present nominees at an October meeting, leading to a vote in November. If you are interested in serving on the nominating committee, and/or assuming a leadership position in our club, please let me know.

If you haven't checked out our new website (<https://naplesmarcoaaca.org/>) please do so. Kurt Fenzan has done a great job on this. Feel free to provide us with any material or ideas for this. Also....as you'll see, this newsletter is very short, so if you have items to include, please send them to me

Take care- Ron



Reminder.... Luncheon August 9, 12pm-2pm

***Wild Berry Cafe
1100 Commercial Blvd., Unit 103
Naples, FL***

Lunch will be from the regular menu and we'll have separate checks. Contact Peter priuspete@gmail.com or 239-592-9814, if planning to attend so seating can be reserved.

Events

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

Aug 9... Naples-Marco AACA Luncheon meeting 12pm-2pm at the Wild Berry Café, 1100 Commercial Blvd., Unit 103, Naples. Regular menu and separate checks. Contact Peter priuspete@gmail.com if planning to attend.

Sept. 13... Naples-Marco AACA Luncheon meeting 12pm-2pm at the Wild Berry Café, 1100 Commercial Blvd., Unit 103, Naples.

Oct. 7-10... Hershey AACA Eastern National Fall Meet, Hershey PA., Registration ends Aug.15. See <https://aaca.org> for more.

Oct. 17-19... The 26th Lake Mirror Classic Concours & Car Show. Lakeland, Florida. Over 400 cars, wooden boats, Amphicars, art, and more. \$75 Concours registration, \$55 Classic car registration. Free admission. See <https://lakemirrorclassic.com> for details.

Nov. 15... 7th Annual Rookery Bay Classic Car Show. 9am-2pm. At Florida SouthWestern State College, 7505 Grand Lely Drive, Naples. Over 100 cars, \$30 advance registration, \$40 day of show. \$10 adult admission, age 4-12 \$5. See <https://rookerybay.org/events/classic-car-show/>

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.

Second Sunday each month... Angelic Bakery Cars & Coffee at Vanderbilt Shoppes, 8-10am. 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Rd www.vanderbiltcarsandcoffee.com/

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.

History

The history for this month is about a tour to Key West, planned by Todd and Brenda Pulis , February 6-10 of 2006. There were 16 cars making the trip ranging in age from a 1929 Ford Model A to a 1977 Mercedes. The group left Naples and drove to the Oasis on Rt. 41. Stopped for a pit stop and to look for alligators. After going thru Homestead the group traveled to Key Largo for a lovely lunch at the Ocean Reef Club.



2006 Key West Tour, Oasis on Rt. 41

The first night was at the Banana Bay Resort in Marathon. The group spent 2 nights at this resort. On Tuesday morning, Feb. 7th there was a group tour of the Dolphin Research Center. In the afternoon a tour of the Crane Point Nature Center. Lots of dolphins and other critters at the research center. A group of people had reserved the right to swim with the dolphins. None of our group did that.

An interesting side note was a group of Cuban "boat people" whose raft washed up in the water across the road from the research center. Interesting to watch the officials get them out and take them away.

The Crane Point Nature had a museum, a tram tour and lunch pavilion. Both of these places provided lots of education and interesting exhibits.

On to Key West, next month.

His face was smooth/And cool as ice/And Oh Louise/He smelled so nice...Burma-Shave

Kathy Hollis, Historian



Banana Bay Resort in Marathon



Lunch at Crane Point

Is Dish Soap On Car Really Harmful To Car Body?

This is an excerpt from the 3/29 blog "Car From Japan". They are the leading online used cars marketplace in Japan. Submitted by Peter Blackford

Well, it is always easy to say that something is safe or unsafe, but what counts is the rationale behind it. This blog post tells you whether or not **dish soap on car** is safe, and why.

This is one question that online forums are flooded with. There are a large number of people who use liquid dish soap to wash their cars.

But, there are also those who are skeptical of the idea. So, the question always remains if liquid dish soap is actually safe for car wash!

Is Liquid Dish Soap On Car Safe For Car Wash?

The clear answer is obviously NO!



Yes, we know that many of you use it. We also know that it makes your car look squeaky clean, especially after a dirt-filled road trip. It is also true that it can even clean some tough stuff like bird turd.

But, here is something for you to chew on. Does your car's wax/polish shine last more than a couple of weeks? If you use **dish soap on car**, probably not! While you may think that your car service did not give your car a good wax coat, the fault may actually lie elsewhere. It is the dish washing liquid that is damaging the wax layer and making your new car look as dull as a used car.

Why Isn't Dish Soap On Car Safe For Your Car?

Despite the fact that liquid **dish soap on car** has the ability to take the toughest dirt and stains off your car's body, it harms the wax coating. In fact, because of the amazing dirt and grease cutting quality, it can cut the wax too.

It is clear that cleaning your car with dishwashing soap can actually shorten the life of car wax. Within a few weeks of continued washing, you will notice a decrease in shine and well, no water beads any more.

Dishwashing detergents can remove grease that food leaves on dishes. They contain cleaning agents that can break down the layer of wax and leave the surface unprotected.

With this loss of protection, there is a visible loss in shine. And, it is equally true for the tough SUVs as for delicate sedans. With consistent washing, there is a lot you are going to lose.

How To Wash A Car Safely Then?

The best way to wash a car is with a trusted car wash soap, plain water, and a soft cleaning sponge. You could also apply wax to help your car always look shiny.

An extremely useful way to test the gentleness of soap is to take a drop on your finger and rub it against your thumb. The slipperier it is, the better it will be for the wax.

The less slippery ones may contain detergents that help cut dirt, and thus, wax too. So, make sure that you check before you buy one.

From Stock Plaza Aug. 2

