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*Best wishes for a happy and safe
Holiday Season*

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General Meeting:

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

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Editor's Note

December 2024

Happy Holidays to all.

The increase in traffic, longer restaurant lines, and a noticeable increase in car carrying trucks are ample evidence that the new season is well underway. The recent beautiful weather, with moderating temperatures, is again ample evidence as to the reason why.

Car club activities are also picking up. Here are some recent and planned things going on with our club and in the Naples-Marco Island area include...

- New club officers have been identified and are transitioning into their new roles
- We have selected a new meeting place (St. Paul's Episcopal Church)
- Our Car Show planning is well underway with a new location
- Some well known area car shows have occurred with several coming up shortly

The club officers can be seen on the previous page. Of particular note is that Yvonne Rhoads is no longer our president. Some of you may not have known, but Yvonne and Paul are moving to northern Florida (west of Ocala). They will still be part of our club as they will maintain a presence in Naples. Special thanks to Yvonne and Paul for the many years they have been an active and important part of our club.

See the Events page for some upcoming activities you will want to participate in. Of particular note is our December 9 and January 13 club meetings, and our Holiday Luncheon on Jan 18. The luncheon this year will be at a new location, (Bahama Breeze). See Peter's note on page 5 for more information and make sure you sign up before Jan. 4.

On a sad note, we were recently notified of the passing of Wes Kunkle. See Rudy's note about Wes on page 8.

Take care and have a wonderful Holiday Season.

Ron Schlechtweg

Next meeting Monday Dec.9 at 7 pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Trinity Hall, 3901 Davis Blvd., Naples.

Please pay your dues if you have not already. See page 10 for form.

Events

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

Dec. 9... Naples-Marco AACA Meeting. 7pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Trinity Room, at 3901 Davis Blvd. Naples

Dec. 15.... Cars and Coffee 239. 9-11am at Mercato, 9132 Strada Place, Naples. This month, select AACA cars have been invited to occupy a special place at the circle. Contact Patrick Parker 239-293-0376 if you wish to be included in the display area-older cars in particular are requested by the event.

Jan. 13.... Naples-Marco AACA Meeting. 7pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Trinity Room, at 3901 Davis Blvd. Naples. Representatives of the Naples Lions Club will attend and speak about their activities and plans.

Jan. 18.... Naples-Marco AACA Holiday luncheon at the Bahama Breeze restaurant at Coastland Center. \$26 per person prepaid. See note from Peter page 5 for payment details.

Jan. 25.... 21st Annual West Coast Muscle Car Clubs Benefit Car & Truck Show. 9am-4pm, North Collier Regional Park, 15000 Livingston Rd, Naples. 300 Participants limit. \$40 for judging, \$35 non-judged. See <https://westcoastmusclecarclub.com> for more.

Feb 8-10....AACA Annual Convention, Chantilly Virginia. See https://aaca.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2024_AACA_Annual_Convention_Chantilly_VA.pdf

Feb. 8.... Cars on Fifth, 10am-4pm, 5th Ave. Naples. Over 400 cars on display. Jay Leno to visit. Spectator admission \$40. <https://naplesautomotiveexperience.org/faqs-information/>

Feb. 10.... Naples-Marco AACA Meeting. 7pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Trinity Room, at 3901 Davis Blvd. Naples.

Feb. 20.... Marco Island 20th Annual Kiwanis Car Show. 8am-4pm at Veterans' Park. 901 Park Ave., Marco Island, \$25 registration. Up to 200 cars expected.

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/>

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

Party Time

Our Holiday Party will be held on **Saturday, 18 January, at noon** - at the new **Bahama Breeze location at Coastland Mall** (restaurant is an out-lot near the corner of 41 and Golden Gate Parkway). The January date was selected to recognize the fact that some members leave town between Thanksgiving & Christmas, and thus find themselves 'left out' of December events.

Cost of the meal will be \$26 per person, with the Club picking up tax & gratuity. Meal will include coffee, tea or soft drink, choice of salad, seafood chowder or black bean soup, and main choice of Coconut Shrimp, Half Rack of Baby Back Ribs, or Applewood Bacon & Cheese Burger.



While the parking lot is a general area, those who wish to drive older cars can likely find a spot in direct view of the restaurant (and the manager Mark is a "car guy", which we only became aware of after booking!).

Hopefully the date and timing will help assure a good turnout. Please remit \$26 per person (check preferred) made out to Naples-Marco AACA, and mail to

Peter Blackford
251 Cypress Way West
Naples, FL 34110-1160

We need to finalize a number by January 4, so your early response will be appreciated.

2025 Dues Reminder—

If you have yet to pay your dues.... see the form on page y and mail (along with \$20) to Jay Corrigan. Your national membership number is required. It is identical to your number from prior years. Contact Karen White at National if you need help on this (717-534-1910).

We are required to submit a membership list to National by Jan 31. Call me at 609-287-9268 if you have any questions!

Jay Corrigan, AACA Membership Chairman

Naples-Marco AACA Open Positions

There remain 4 open positions that our club would like to fill. We're looking for volunteers Contact Ron Schlechtweg 239-571-5146 if interested.

Running Board Editor --Publish the official club monthly newsletter.

Webmaster --Manage and improve the Naples/Marco AACA website.

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

Merchandise – Procure merchandise

11/11/24 Meeting Minutes

The business meeting (held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3901 Davis Blvd) was called to order by President Yvonne Rhoads at 7:00 pm.

Guests: Leslie Guerly, who owns a 1956 Thunderbird. She mistakenly thought she was attending another club's meeting. She was warmly welcomed and stayed throughout our meeting.

New Members- None

Birthdays- None

Minutes- the previous meeting having been cancelled, there were no minutes for approval.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer Report: given- we continue to be solvent. Anyone interested in the amount reported by Treasurer Patrick Parker should call him or me.

Membership: Jay Corrigan has application forms. Contact him if you need one. Membership renewals are coming to him.

Secretary report: No new correspondence has been received or sent.

Depot Show- Rudy Socey, Committee Chairman, reported the flyer advertising the show, and which has the show registration form on the back, has been prepared. All members are again encouraged to save their AACA magazines for later distribution at the show. The Collier County permitting process is progressing. Scott Slye informed that there is a public relations person willing to help us with advertising the show. Rudy asked that all members contact their friends as well as fellow members to encourage early registration for the show as well as volunteering to help with the show.

Donation report: Barbara Donald reported there will be a fashion show at the Tiberon CC on March 3, 2025, the proceeds of which benefit the under privileged.

Merchandise report: Yvonne reported we have merchandise left over from last year. She will purchase new merchandise to supplement our stock.

Old Business: The slate of officers was announced: President- Ron Schlechtweg; 1st Vice-President- Scott Slye; 2nd Vice-President- Peter Blackford; Secretary- Rudy Socey; Treasurer- Patrick Parker. Jay Corrigan is Membership Chairman. Elections will take place at our next meeting.

There was a discussion regarding the holiday season celebrations. By vote it was decided to have a luncheon on Saturday, January 18, 2025 at Bahama Breeze, 2088 9th Street N (outside the Coastland Center at the corner of Rte. 41 and Golden Gate Pkwy.)

New Business: Yvonne announced that she and Paul will be moving; however, they will continue to assist with the show. (they will be greatly missed and their participation throughout the years has helped sustain our Club!)

There is an urgent need to fill the following Club positions:

Running Board Editor
Legislation Reporter
Merchandise Procurer
Webmaster
Community Outreach Coordinator

Future meeting programs: January- President of the Lion's Club will speak to the activities and contributions of its membership. Note: Bring old eyeglasses and hearing aids to the meeting for repurposing, February- A representative of Collier County Museum will speak about the history of the Tamiami Trail.

Program: The history of Veteran's day was reviewed and the membership recognized the following veterans who were in attendance: Mal Newbourn-ARMY; Wes Kunkle-ARMY; Bill Britton- AIR FORCE; Jay Corrigan- NAVY. Each spoke about their experience with the military. Appreciation for their service was expressed.

50/50- no drawing held.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Rudy Socey, Secretary
November 18, 2024

Legislative

SEMA Applauds Newsom Veto of SB 961

The Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) applauds California Gov. Gavin Newsom for his decision to veto Senate Bill 961 (Wiener), a bill that would have fragmented national vehicle safety policies by mandating a state-level standard that could have conflicted with ongoing federal safety efforts and preempted national vehicle safety regulations. Under SB 961, certain new vehicles sold in California would have been required to come equipped with a passive speed notification system.

SEMA, representing over 7,000 primarily small businesses nationwide, including over 1,500 in California, had expressed serious concerns about SB 961, citing its potential to disrupt the well-established federal regulatory framework governed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Mike Spagnola, SEMA's president and CEO, emphasized the importance of a unified, national approach to vehicle safety standards: "Gov. Newsom's veto of SB 961 demonstrates a commitment to ensuring that California's vehicle safety policies are aligned with federal law, regulations, and policy. A patchwork of conflicting state regulations would have harmed consumers and the automotive industry, potentially stifling innovation and limiting choice." SB 961 would have required vehicles to be equipped with a passive speed notification system that audibly and visually alerts drivers when they exceed the speed limit by 10 MPH or greater. However, the bill arbitrarily exempted several vehicle types, including medium- and heavy-duty trucks and motorcycles.

"While SEMA fully supports initiatives to improve road safety, SB 961 bypassed targeted, data-driven approaches in favor of broad mandates that could have created unnecessary complications," Spagnola noted. "NHTSA is already actively evaluating speed assistance technology, and it is critical that the federal agency be allowed to continue its work on this issue."

The \$337 billion specialty automotive industry contributes significantly to California's economy, generating over \$40 billion annually in economic output and supporting more than 149,000 jobs in the Golden State. SEMA remains committed to working with policymakers to ensure that automotive safety regulations are balanced and fair and foster innovation.

Grant Simon, Legislative

Editor's Note..... After many years, this is Grant's last report. Please contact Ron Schlechtweg if you'd like to volunteer for the Legislative Reporter position. Thank you, Grant.

History, December, 2024

The February, 2000 Issue of the Running Board contains an article by Sally Germain about the Cool Cruisers car show. The show was held on January 29 and the weatherman was forecasting a 30% chance of showers. It turned out to be a bright, sunny, warm day, perfect for fun with cars. The Cruisers had their biggest show yet and the first year of judging by class.

Twelve AACA members displayed their cars at this always fun affair and five went home with awards. Jeff Zokan won a President's Choice Award, Roger Germain won First Place in Class, Keith Fisher won a Second Place in Class, Fred Cartwright and Joe Loeffler each won a Third Place in Class. Congratulations to all from Sally Germain

Santa's whiskers/ Need no trimming/ He kisses kids/ Not the women.....Burma Shave

Kathy Hollis, Historian

Goodbye To Our Friend Wes Kunkle

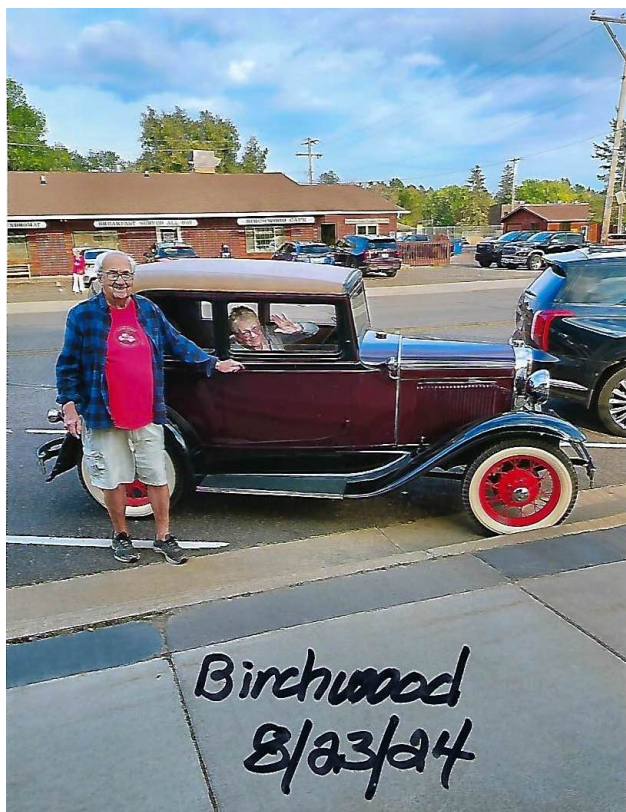
Sadly, I have been informed of the passing of our fellow Club member and friend, Wes Kunkle. Was there anyone who could not talk with Wes? With backgrounds in the automotive industry and teaching, Wes was always willing to share his experiences, which you could easily relate to, as well as his knowledge. He was someone I was always happy to see and I sought him out at our meetings, knowing our conversation would be thoughtful, informative and entertaining.



Visiting his shop spoke to his industry and love of cars- there was always a project in the works, whether it be rebuilding a car for his grandson or putting his midget racer back together. He treasured the time he spent with his son, Wes, on those projects. Wes was a long time, ardent supporter of our Club and could always be counted on to pitch in and help. When at shows, he willingly engaged with the public, obviously, and rightfully, proud of his '36 Ford 2 door.

I shall miss him dearly, as will we all. Rudy

Some photos....



Left- Tom DeSchane and a 1931 Model A at dinner in Birchwood, Wisconsin



Above- *Not an AACA car* at the 11/9 Knights of Columbus Show in Marco Island

No classified ad's this month! Sell your car or any other items. Remember, ads are free to members. [Info on ads...](#)

Ads must be renewed by email to the editor or will expire after 3 months. One digital picture is permitted if space allows. Prices: non-commercial classified ads are free to current members. Non-member prepaid, \$10 per ad per issue. Business or commercial member, prepaid, business card size \$10 per issue (copy ready). Quarter page, \$25 per issue, \$100 for 6 mo. prepaid.

Checks made payable to Naples-Marco AACA, mailed with ad to editor. Submit ads to ron.schlechtweg@gmail.com

We Welcome You!

2025 Application For Membership Naples-Marco Region Of **AACA**

ALL RENEWALS DUE BEFORE
DECEMBER 31st.



**Membership Number in the
Antique Automobile Club of
America is REQUIRED for
New Members and all
Renewals***



Name _____ Spouse or Partner _____

Permanent Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

If Snowbird, SW FL Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

Home Ph (_____) _____ FL Ph (_____) _____

Mobile Ph (_____) _____ What months in FL? _____

Email _____

Important as most club notices are emailed

AACA cars in FL that are in driving condition _____

AACA Member Number: _____

Naples-Marco Region dues are \$20.

Please Make Check Payable To: **Naples-Marco Region AACA**

Mail to: **Jay Corrigan, AACA Membership Chairman
2781 Siena Lakes Circle, Unit 2312
Naples, FL 34109**



ANTIQUE AUTO SHOW

NAPLES "DEPOT SHOW"

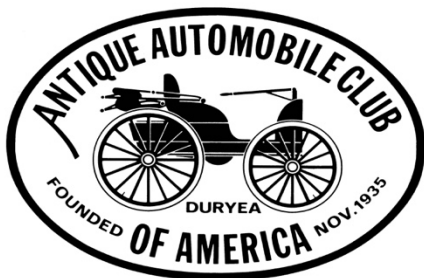
NEW LOCATION: North Naples Church
6000 Goodlette-Frank Rd. 34109

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

*Original Rare & Classic Vehicles 1900-1999
yes, some will be older than Naples!*

Saturday, March 15, 2025

Donation: \$10 All funds stay in SW Florida



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NAPLES-MARCO REGION AACA

Antique Auto Show “Depot Show”

(Vehicles 25 years or older, unmodified)

Saturday, March 15, 2025

Naples, Florida

6000 Goodlette-Frank Rd., Naples 34109

NOTE NEW LOCATION

Gates open at 8:00 AM

All vehicles in place by 9:45

Award Ceremony at 2:30

(Cars to remain in place until 3:00)

Detach form below and mail with your check
for **\$25** (\$50 for car corral) made out to

Naples-Marco Region AACA to:

(NOTE: Please use a separate form for multiple entries)

**Peter Blackford
251 Cypress Way West
Naples, FL 34110-1160**

text: 239-592-9814

priuspete@gmail.com

VEHICLE REGISTRATION



Entrant must be present to
receive award.

Fire extinguisher must be visible
at each vehicle, per AACA rules.
“For Sale” signs only allowed in
“car corral” area. (\$50
registration for this area)

Early registration recommended,
as show space is limited.
All show field vehicles should
appear “visually original”.

Pre-registered entrants are to
arrive prior to 9:30.

Limited day-of-show spaces (if
any) will be available at 9:30.

All registrants accepted will be
notified by text or email at least
one week prior to the show.

Name: _____

() show field () car corral

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____