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**1948 Packard owned by Patrick Parker at
Siena Lakes Event**

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Running Board Editor --Publish the official club 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

Contact Ron Schlechtweg 239-571-5146 if interested.

General Meeting:

The March meeting will be held from 7-9PM on March 10 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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From the President

It's March.....Showtime !

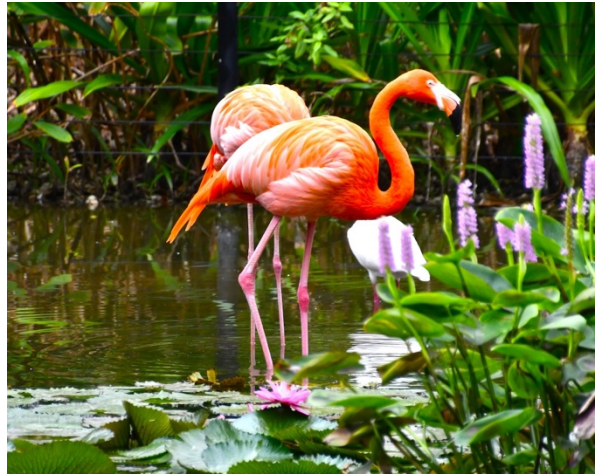
In just 2 weeks (March 15), we have our 35th Annual "Depot" show, this time at the North Naples Church. Members of the show team are hard at work as we finalize our plans. It is not too late to register your car if you haven't already. Also important is for you to volunteer to help out as of today the volunteer list is a bit lean.

At our February meeting, we had Cpl. Jim Spartz of the Collier County Sheriff's office present. His topic included a briefing on scams, identity theft, and other topics we should be aware of. Also in February, Ellie Nosky and Peggy French arranged an outing to Everglades Wonder Gardens in Bonita Springs. The attendance at both of these was smaller than we'd like. If you have any ideas for future meeting topics or events, please let us know. Our club has 70+ families now registered so it seems we should be having more participation.

At our March meeting we'll have Thomas Lockyear from the Collier County Museums to tell us about the fascinating history of the Tamiami Trail and the challenges that went into building it. There is a note on page seven introducing this topic which we hope you will find interesting.

One item of special note is that Rudy Socey, our club secretary, former president, show leader, etc. will be relocating to North Carolina. Rudy will be greatly missed and we wish Rudy and Eileen the best. We need others to step up and help to fill his shoes.

Regards,
Ron



At Everglades Wonder Gardens in Bonita Springs on Feb. 20



One of the entrants of the 1000 Miglia event during a 2/23 stopover at the Ritz Tiburon in Naples

Your "to do" list.....

-Bring your Antique Automobile magazines to the March 10 meeting for distribution at the Car Show.

-Volunteer to help at the show. See page 5.

Events

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

March 6-9... The Amelia Concours d'Elegance, Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island Fl. See <https://www.ameliaconcours.com/>

March 10... Naples-Marco AACA Meeting. 7pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Trinity Room, at 3901 Davis Blvd. Naples. Thomas Lockyear, from the Collier County Museums will speak on the history of the Tamiami Trail.

March 15.... Naples-Marco Region AACA Car Show. 10am-3pm. North Naples Church, 6000 Goodlette-Frank Rd.. \$10 donation, \$25 car, \$50 car corral. Registration form on page 10.

March 23.... B.I.G. European Car Show (British, Italian, German). 10am-2pm. Rotary Park, 5505 Rose Garden Road, Cape Coral. \$35 registration closes March 1. No late registration

March 30... AACA Venice Region 35th Annual Car Show, Centennial Park in Venice, 300 participants expected. All types of vehicles present (stock, modified, hot rods, customs, rat rods, motorcycles originally 25 years and older) \$35 registration, spectators free.

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. Program TBD

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.

Our March 15 Show....

SHOW STATUS REPORT

As of 2/25/25 there are 62 cars registered for our show, the majority of which are owned by non-members. We have space for more than 125 cars. Of our current, dues paying membership, there are more than 25 who have neither registered for the show nor agreed to volunteer and help with the show. I am open to suggestions as to how to make our Club relevant for our fellow, non-contributing members. The Show Committee has worked many hours over many months- now help us by registering and/or volunteering! Thanks- Rudy



**Naples/Marco Region AACA
Car Show. March 15, 2025**

VOLUNTEERS- WHERE ARE YOU?

We are still in need of volunteers for our show on March 15, 2025. No experience needed! Great benefits! Call now while openings last- (Rudy) 239- 631 5848

Open positions include: Entry Gate- afternoon (Noon- 2:30pm); Parking assistants- 7:30am and afternoon positions all free; membership table- morning and afternoon help would be appreciated; 50/50- both drawings open (9:30am to noon; noon-2:30pm); break down after show- everyone!

Your Show Committee can't do it all. Help us!



Bring your Antique Automobile magazines to the March 10 meeting for distribution at the Car Show.

NEW SECRETARY NEEDED

As many of you know, Eileen and I will be moving to North Carolina in April. Consequently, the Club will need someone to step forward and become the new secretary beginning April 1, 2025 (this is not an April's Fool joke!). If you are interested in supporting our Club and/or if you have any questions regarding secretarial responsibilities, please call me 239- 631 5848. I have enjoyed being involved in executive positions, and you can as well! Rudy

2/10/25 Meeting Minutes

The business meeting (held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3901 Davis Blvd) was called to order by First Vice-President Scott Slye at 7:05 pm.

Guests: Cpl. Jim Spartz and Cpl. Anthony Grozza
New Members- None

Minutes-minutes from the meeting of 1/13/25 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 or me.

Secretary's report: No new correspondence was received. A "Thank You" letter was sent to last month's speaker John Maguire and his wife Pat. A letter was sent to National regarding this year's Club officers. I will be moving out-of-state in mid-April and the Club will need to appoint a new Secretary after the March meeting.

Depot Show- Rudy Socey, Committee Chairman, reported that the general membership is not showing the support expected based on the number of Show registrations received to date-55 One vendor has registered. A list of open Volunteer slots has been given to the Lions Club. No Response to date. 5-6 members of the Collier County Sheriff's Office have volunteered to assist on show day. We need more Club members to volunteer. Regarding the Permit application, we are in compliance regarding the sign. The use of small directional sign is under study. Our application otherwise seems complete. Continue saving your magazines for distribution to the public at our show.

Old Business: The showing at Siena Lakes was a success. On February 20 the Club is going to Wonder Gardens. Ellie Nosky needs to know how many members will be attending. Peter Blackford continues to work on getting our website current and informative.

New Business: The Club needs suggestions for the April and May programs. The membership should consider whether to re-institute the 50/50 drawings at meetings. Attendance has been low, so does it make sense to have a 50/50? Treasurer Patrick Parker wants another signatory on our bank accounts. By vote taken, President Schlechtweg and Second Vice-President Peter Blackford will be designated as alternative signatories. Rudy brought a Grandeur Magazine which had an article featuring John McNally and others- it will be archived by Historian Kathy Hollis.

Program: Jim Spartz, an 18 year veteran with the CCSO gave an overview of the crime situation in Collier County. He also provided informative tips on combatting identity theft and fraud schemes and other financial crimes. Those being targeted by a fraudster should call 239- 252 2255. Cpl. Anthony Grozza was present throughout the program.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.
Respectfully submitted: Rudy Socey, Secretary
February 14, 2025

US41 and the Tamiami Trail

US Highway 41, runs for 2008 miles from the city of Miami to the northern shore of the upper peninsula of Michigan. In Florida, there is a 274 mile stretch of US41 known as the Tamiami Trail, named for providing a connection linking the cities of Tampa and Miami.

If you travel north from Tampa on US41, you could watch a race at the Atlanta Motor Speedway and visit a Civil War battlefield in Tennessee. If you live in Chicago, you know the road as Lake Shore Drive. You can stop for a beer in Milwaukee. In all total, the road passes through eight US states.

On the Tamiami Trail itself, there is a 76 mile section of road south of Naples, running through what is now Collier county. Work on this section began in 1916, but stopped from 1921-1923 until entrepreneur Barron Collier revived the effort.

Running through the Everglades, the road was built at a typical rate of ~1 mile per month, employing special techniques and equipment. One of the dredges used in the construction, known as the Bay City Walking Dredge exists today in Collier Seminole State Park and was designated a National Historic Mechanical Engineering Landmark in 1994.

This 76 mile section of US41 was once heralded as the "greatest road built during the 20th century". The road was officially opened on April 26, 1928 in a ceremony in Everglades City, thereby allowing the Miami-Tampa connection.



Thomas Lockyear of the Collier County Museums will speak to us at our March 10 meeting about the construction of the Tamiami Trail. Make sure you attend to hear this fascinating story

References:

Tamiami Trail, Florida's Modern Appian Way by Collier County Museums
Floridastateparks.org
US 41 Wikipedia

History, March, 2025

The May, 2000 issue of the Running Board contains 2 articles about the "Around the World" Rally that members Chick Kleptz and Bob O'Hara ran in May of 2000.

On May 9th they left Istanbul and drove on a highway for 310km. The next day they skirted the Pontiac Mountains, past farmland and forests and got to the historic city of Samsun. On May 11, the route followed the coast then over the Black Mountains to the city of Trabzon. A distance of 400 km. The next day was a two-lane road along the coast with sunflower and tea plantations to the city of Batumi. This city is described as a Soviet style city down on the seafront with Old Russian colonial architecture.

Saturday, May 13 the rally was in Batumi the capital of the province of Ajaarraandand they had to go through many Russian check points and border crossings. They went past coastal mountains with tea and lemon plantations and past Stalin's birthplace in Gori. Eventually they joined the Georgian Military Highway and went over the Caucasus to Russia.

Sunday May 14 was a day of rest before heading to Azerbaijan on Monday. The group drove 580km to Baku in Azerbaijan and that evening boarded a ferry for a 14-hour ride across the Caspian Sea.

Drinking drivers/Enhance their chance/To Highball home/In an ambulance.....Burma Shave

Kathy Hollis, Historian

Everglades Winter Gardens 2/20/25



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35th Annual "DEPOT SHOW"



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NEW LOCATION

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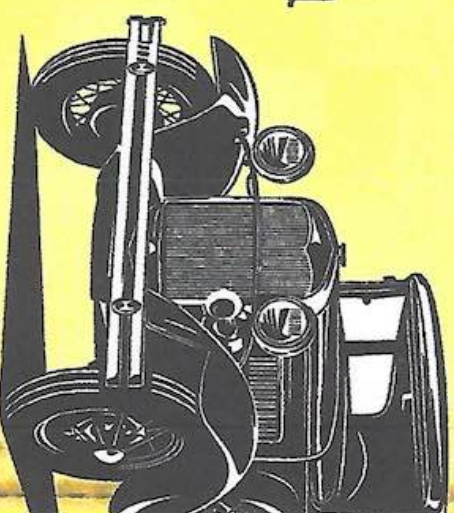
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10:00 A.M.-3:00P.M.

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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: _____