



**March 2026**



**Dan Tiedge's 1949 Chevrolet 1 Ton P/U at Cars on Fifth**

## From the President

Lots of things going on last month. We had six AACA cars at the Cars on Fifth show, and others participated at the West Coast Muscle Car Club and the Marco Island Kiwanis shows. Unfortunately, we ended up canceling our own planned March show as registrations were running far below our expectations. We also had a concern about staffing the show ourselves.

At the February meeting, we had a lengthy discussion about what we could do to improve a 2027 show, with a detailed list presented by Scott Slye. The discussion also included brief references to ideas such as trying to simplify the show, its location, and even not having a show. Right now, our focus remains on improving our show for 2027. The impact on club finances due to the loss of this year's show was also discussed. The main impact will be pressure on the amount of charitable contributions we might make at year end.

We also discussed what the club could (or should) be doing in terms of future events for our members. Right now, we expect Aston Gardens and Everglades City events, both in April. More ideas are welcome.



**An award winning 1960  
Chevrolet Impala at Cars on Fifth**

One major accomplishment this past month was relocating our club storage facility. Scott was able to find an alternate location at a fraction of the cost of our previous location. Special thanks to those participating in the move...Bruce (including use of his truck), Scott, Peter, Kurt and Ron.

Kurt Fenzen demonstrated the use of our newly revamped website at the 2/14 meeting. If you haven't signed on to this recently, please do. ([www.naplesmarcoaca.org](http://www.naplesmarcoaca.org)) Also, forward any pictures you'd like to share to Kurt for including on the website. Going forward, including this month, you will find only a few pictures of recent events in the Running Board....look for these instead on the website.

Important...In the future, Kurt is studying how to include registration *and payment*, for both the car show and membership. This should get rid of the cumbersome (and mistake prone) paper forms and checks. Stay tuned for this...but in the meantime get familiar with the website.

Take care,  
Ron

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*Reminder.... Next meeting March 14, 12pm-2pm, Perkins Restaurant  
3585 Gateway Ln, Naples (Pine Ridge Rd., just west of I-75).*

# Events

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

**March 8...** 14<sup>th</sup> Annual B.I.G.(British, Italian, German) Car Show, 10am-2pm Rotary Park,5505 Rose Garden Rd. Cape Coral FL., \$37 registration, free admission, .Registration ends Feb. 14

**March 14...** Naples-Marco AACA Luncheon meeting 12pm-2pm Perkins Restaurant, 3585 Gateway Ln, Naples (Pine Ridge Rd., just west of I-75).

**March 26-28...** 2026 Winter Nationals, Georgia Highlands College, Cartersville, GA. Hosted by Lake Allatoona Region. Registration deadline is Feb.24

**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](mailto:carhows@islandautomotive.com) to register.

**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...** 98<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Tamiami Trail completion. 9am-2pm, 105 Broadway Ave. East (at the Museum of the Everglades), Everglades City. Includes classic car displays.

## 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),

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## Some Classes at Revs....

Revs is offering several classes in March that may be of interest to you. Register today as time is short. Save \$50 when using code "Spring26"

<b>Metal Fabrication 102</b>	<b>Begins 3/2</b>
<b>Simple Auto Maintenance</b>	<b>Begins 3/9</b>
<b>Metal Fabrication 101</b>	<b>Begins 3/16</b>
<b>Intro to CAD</b>	<b>Begins 3/23</b>
<b>Engines 102</b>	<b>Begins 3/30</b>

See <https://revsed.revsinstitute.org/#schedule> for class descriptions and more.



# Naples-Marco AACA Meeting Minutes 2/14/26

**TIME** 12:30PM

## **Attendees**

Patrick Parker, Bill Britton, Jay Corrigan, Scott Slye, Ron Schlechtweg, Adele Duba, Peter Blackford, Board Members, Additional Attendees see attached sign in page.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the prior meeting were approved.

## **BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Reports were presented as follows:

New business.

- Financial report was given by Patrick Parker.
- Membership report was given by Jay Corrigan. The current number of paid members is 54. Discussion concerning the number of paid members was addressed and what could be done in order to increase the membership and entice younger people to become involved in the AACA.
- Scott Slye gave an in-depth report on the Car Show which is usually held in March of each year. This year's show has been cancelled due to a low number of people registered for the event, as well as a concern about adequate manpower support. Scott detailed several ideas for improvements for a show next year. The Club is looking for input on these, and perhaps other alternative ideas. Suggestions were made to reach out to the Naples Depot to see if there was any way the show might be relocated there.
- A car show is being worked on for Aston Garden, date for this is open at this time
- The club expects to again travel to Everglades City in April for the Tamiami Trail Anniversary, more to follow

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Club officers are asking for any ideas that the members may have for future activities such as Cars & Coffee, a going away picnic, more venues such as Senior Living Communities, etc.

We currently have 4 free AACA memberships, for new members. Should you know of someone that would like to become a member please forward the club information to them or provide us with their information and we will contact them.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Our next meeting will be Mar 14, 2026 at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road, Naples....Please bring your car!!

## **Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn by Peter Blackford and seconded by Jay Corrigan.

## History

In the November 2000 issue of the Running Board, Bob Vik had told about the welcome back party that had been held the week before. It was good to see so many of the Snow Birds back. The cooks stated that they fixed 40 hamburgers, 40 chicken filets and 60 wieners. All enjoyed the good stuff that the ladies all bring. Bob stated he really enjoyed it this year because got to eat before all the good stuff the ladies brought was gone.

The club was encouraged to bring cars to the Naples Aviation Day, Saturday, November 18. It was hoped the club would have at least 25-30 cars for this show to acknowledge our appreciation for the use of the pilot's lounge at the airport for our club meetings. Bob said, "This is the opportunity to show our thanks and have a nice day at a very special show. Be sure to contact Joe Bawduniak and volunteer a car."

*Speed was high / weather was not / tires were thin / X marks the spot.....Burma Shave*

Kathy Hollis, Historian

## 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](mailto:ron.schlechtweg@gmail.com) know if you want any.



## Dick Jones' 1939 Ford Deluxe Convertible

*The Early Ford V8 Magazine  
promotes an "All American Ford  
Scrapbook" section. Dick's car  
made the December issue*



### THE ALL AMERICAN FORD

*A Photographic Scrapbook of the V-8 Era*

## A Find from Arizona



I found this 1939 Deluxe Convertible in Apache Junction, Arizona while golfing with my Rotary Club group some 30 years ago. It just recently received a frame off restoration. This photo was taken at Van Sant Airport in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, on a Frostbite Run, with our Delaware Valley RG #17 in Pennsylvania.

*Dick Jones, Warwick, Pennsylvania*

Do you have an "All American Ford" photo to share?  
Contact the editor at [v8timeseditor@gmail.com](mailto:v8timeseditor@gmail.com).

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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.

### Internet

<https://www.naplesmarcoaaca.org>

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