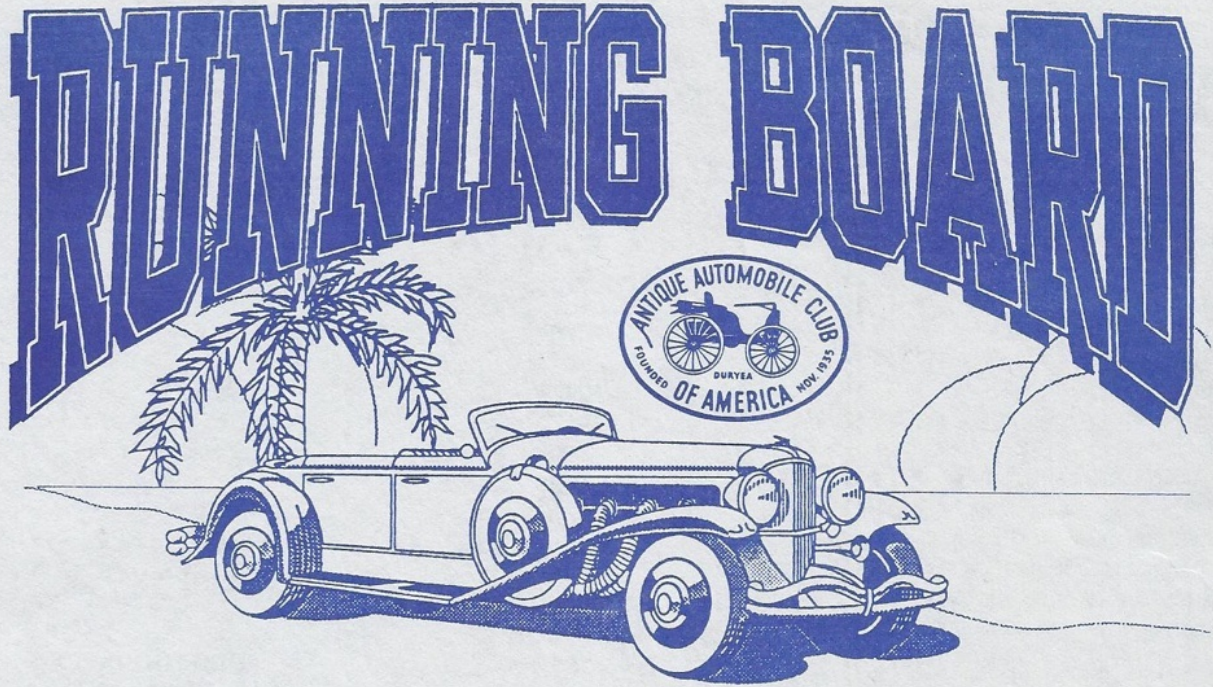


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**2002 Ford Thunderbird with Kathy Hollis**



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### Open Positions...

Running Board Editor --Publish the official club monthly newsletter

Secretary – Handle official correspondence and minutes

*Contact Ron Schlechtweg 239-571-5146 if interested.*

### **General Meeting:**

General club meetings from October thru May are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month from 7-9PM at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Trinity Room, at 3901 Davis Blvd. in Naples. During the summer months, meeting dates, times and locations to be announced.

### **Contributors to this issue :**

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A 2002 Ford Thunderbird owned by Murrel and Kathy Hollis. Photo taken at Everglades City, April 26.



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## From the President

The winter season is over and many of you have now arrived back north. You can see that not a lot (compared to a few months ago) is going on here by viewing the "rather sparse" Events section this month.

Locally, our club was engaged in 2 events in April. On April 24 we had ~13 cars participate in an event at Aston Gardens. We had a good selection of cars there and thanks to those that brought theirs. The Aston Gardens "Director of Celebrations" was well pleased and told us she will be contacting us again next year. On Saturday April 26, a like number of us travelled to Everglades City to mark the 97th anniversary of the completion of the Tamiami Trail, and the birthday of the Collier County Museum of the Everglades. Photos are here and page 6.



Aston Gardens April 24

On a general club news front, we now have a volunteer (Kurt Fenzan) to be our webmaster. Kurt has begun the process of updating and improving our website and any input you can give him would be appreciated. Unfortunately, we still have an immediate need for a Secretary to replace Rudy, a new Running Board Editor, and to a lesser degree (for now), an Events Coordinator and a Merchandise sales leader. The role that Grant Simon held in providing us Legislative information also remains open.



Everglades City April 26

Until we get a Secretary, I will ask a meeting attendee to record(handwritten) on a standard form key topics and results. I'll summarize them in a Running Board paragraph. This method was used in the past for several months, but is obviously far from what we should have with a club this size. Until a new Running Board editor is in place, you can expect a shorter version compared to past months. The classified page was removed (for now) as it was rarely used. If you do have something to include, send it to me.

Our May meeting (5/12) will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal church a usual. In June, we will have a Saturday (6/14) luncheon meeting at the Bahama Breeze restaurant. See the Events page 4 for more on this. We have not as yet finalized meeting plans for later this summer and next fall. We'll do this in a coming meeting.

Take care...Ron

## Events

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

**May 12...** Naples-Marco AACA Meeting. 7pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Trinity Room, at 3901 Davis Blvd. Naples.

**June 14...** Naples-Marco AACA Luncheon meeting 12pm-2pm at the Bahama Breeze restaurant at Coastland Center, Naples. Regular menu and separate checks. Contact Peter [priuspete@gmail.com](mailto:priuspete@gmail.com) if planning to attend so seating can be reserved.

**July...** Naples-Marco AACA Meeting. Date, location, and timing TBD

**July 24-26** AACA Grand Nationals, Dayton Ohio. The National Museum of the Air Force. See AACA.org for details.

### 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.

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*May 12 meeting at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Trinity Hall, 3901 Davis Blvd., Naples. June 14 luncheon meeting at Bahama Breeze, Coastland Center*

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## 4/14/25 Meeting Summary

There were no formal meeting minutes as the Secretary position is currently vacant. *This summary is based on notes from Adele Duba and Ron.*

Topics discussed were

Car show -Summary by Peter Blackford. ~105 cars

Estimated club income and expenses. Car show profits will support charitable giving.

Membership- Jay Corrigan reported we have 71 members including 4 from car show

Charitable giving- Barbara Donald discussed \$600 donation to the Naples Daily News School Uniform campaign. *Barbara/team to identify up to \$3000 in additional donations for approval later this year.*

Meeting room- May meeting at St. Paul's. Expect summer meetings at restaurant starting in June. *Follow on meeting locations and schedule TBD*

Aston Gardens/Everglades City events were discussed.

## History, May 2025

The June, 2000 issue of the Running Board continues the report from Syd Stelvio about the travels of Chick Kleptz and Bob O'Hara.

London to Peking survivors filed out into the Zhangliakou street—closed especially for the rally, lined with thousands of fascinated spectators. Ready for the final run to the Great Wall. Just 150 kilometers with a police escort leading the way.

On arrival at the Great Wall, everyone paraded under the arch, corks popped, Chinese-champagne was sprayed into the air. The winners sat on the roofs of their cars being interviewed by TV stations. Some people trekked up the hundreds of steps to the top of the wall. Others sat in the various cafes alongside the tourist bazaars. Two hours later the group was on its way to the Hotel Kunlun amid the tower blocks of central Beijing. The end of an eventful drive across Europe and Asia.

*If these signs blur/And bounce around/You'd better park/And walk to town....Burma-Shave*

Kathy Hollis, Historian

## Interesting Video's

In case you haven't visited the Hagerty Drivers Foundation website.....here are a few YouTube videos found there which you may find interesting. There are 36 vehicles on the website, many with videos, including the four below.

1918 Cadillac Type 57 US1257X (military version)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6BBCqNIKJ-Y>

1940 Ford Pilot Model "Jeep"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HIBfU2ISfkY>

President Taft's 1909 White Steam Car

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I1GZkZTkZjw>

Marmon Wasp- First Indianapolis 500 Winner

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6XoX5bptawo>

The site leading to all 36 is..

<https://driversfoundation.org/register>



## Aston Gardens and Everglades City

There was a good turnout at both the Aston Gardens and Everglades City events. There were ~13 cars at Aston Gardens and a similar number at Everglades City. The attendees included a few "guest" cars at both events.



Above photo is April 24 at Aston Gardens. Left and below photos are at Everglades City on April 26.

