

NAPLES • MARCO ISLAND A.A.C.A.



**May 2026**



**Cars owned by Peter Blackford, Jim Nicholas,  
and Murrel Hollis at Aston Gardens**

## From the President

Most of our winter residents have made the trip back north by now. Here, traffic is less, restaurant lines are shorter, and temperatures are now routinely in the high 80's. So far, we have not received appreciable rain.

On April 11, our club held an event at Aston Gardens Senior Living facility. We had ~10 cars present for their residents (and us) to enjoy. Lunch was also provided. We have visited Aston Gardens several times in the past, and hope this continues in the future. Our club was also represented at the Everglades City Tamiami Trail/Museum Anniversary celebration on April 25. Many of us had breakfast in Marco Island, then caravanned to Everglades City. Cars from the Porsche and British car clubs joined us in this event.



Also in April, there were Naples-Marco AACA cars at the Marco Island "Cars as Art Show". Bill Britton brought his 1934 Plymouth and was awarded the Judges Trophy for his outstanding car. Jack Dunning's '56 Ford was a People's Choice winner.

You can see on the attached Events page that it is noticeably bare. We will get together on May 9<sup>th</sup> for lunch at Perkins again. At the April meeting, we discussed the possibility of eating at a few other locations this summer...any member is welcome to organize such an event. In addition, Peter talked about re-instituting summer "ice cream" runs like we've done in the past...you'll hear more on this.

Note that Jay Corrigan has completed the final 2026 membership roster. It includes member names, addresses, phone, cars, etc.). Contact Jay (609-287-9268) for a copy.

Lastly, if you are looking to buy a new GM car, see the note on page 5, Ken Kaczka can help you financially on this as a result of benefits he received for his long career at GM.

Take care,  
Ron



**Bill Britton and his 1934 Plymouth at the Marco Island "Cars as Art" show.**

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*Reminder.... Next Luncheon/Meeting is May 9, 12pm-2pm, Perkins Restaurant 3585 Gateway Ln., Naples (Pine Ridge Rd., just west of I-75)*

*Follow-on meeting locations thru the summer TBD*

# Events

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

**May 2...** Southwest Florida Corvette Club annual show. 9am-1pm, Anthem Church, 13545 American Colony Blvd., Ft. Myers., \$20 Registration. See <https://www.swflcorvetteclub.com/index.php> for more.

**May 9...** Naples-Marco AACA Luncheon meeting 12pm-2pm Perkins Restaurant, 3585 Gateway Ln, Naples (Pine Ridge Rd., just west of I-75).

**June 13...** Naples-Marco AACA Luncheon meeting. Date , time, and location TBD

**June 21...** Cool Cruisers of SWFL Father's Day Show.11am-2pm, Miramar Outlets, 10801 Corkscrew Rd, Estero, Florida

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

## 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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*From Aston Gardens (4/18) and Everglades City (4/25)....*



Aston Gardens



Everglades City

More photos are available on [www.naplesmarcoaaca.org](http://www.naplesmarcoaaca.org) .Please submit your own photos to Kurt Fenzan (239-353-5955) to include in the website.

# Naples-Marco AACA Meeting Minutes 4/11/26

Date Apr 11, 2026

Meeting called to order by & chaired by Ron Schlechtweg

## 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 by the Board

## Reports

- Financial report was given by Patrick Parker. The bank balance currently is xxx.
- Membership report was given by Jay Corrigan. The current number of paid members is 57. There are two membership rosters, one with email addresses and one without email addresses. These are available upon request. contact Jay Corrigan or Ron Schlechtweg.
- Scott Slye gave an updated report on the 2027 Show, provisionally scheduled for March 13, 2027. More information to follow as the committee moves forward.
- A car show is being worked on for Aston Gardens, date for this is April 18, 2026 10am-12:30pm. Contact Peter Blackford (239) 592-9814 if you plan to attend.
- Apr 25, 2027 is the date of the drive to Everglades City. Meet at the Red Rooster Restaurant in Marco Island at 9am for breakfast and a caravan will leave at 10:30am for Everglades City.

## Announcements

- The Club officers are asking for any ideas that the members may have for future activities such as cars & coffee, Monthly drive in venues such as Senior Living Communities, High Schools, etc.
- A proposal to re-instate the Wednesday Evening Ice Cream tours was brought up. More to follow on this.
- The 2026 Summer Luncheon/Meeting Locations: May – Perkins, June-Sept TBD
- Congratulations to Bill Britton- Judges Award and Jack Dunning People's Choice Award at the Cars as Art, Marco Island
- Our next meeting will be May 09, 2026 at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road, Naples....Please bring your car!!

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

Minutes submitted by Adele Duba

# History

The April, 2000, issue of the Running Board states that they will have a general meeting at the Pilots Lounge at Naples Airport. The Farewell Picnic was to be April 29 at River Reach followed by a car display on April 30 at McGregor Baptist Church.

On April Fool's Day 32 cars came to Marco Island for a car show at Town Center. Dorothy Ankney stated that this is such a nice show to attend and the crowd is always interested in the cars. She went on to say that the stores always have wonderful sales, too. Dorothy said their 1927 Model T just "putted" right over the Jolly Bridge. The members were so glad that the road to Marco was now four-lane all the way to the bridge!!!!

*Eeny-Meeny, Miny-Mo|Save your skin|Your time|Your dough...Burma Shave*

Kathy Hollis, Historian

## Buyng a new Car?



If any member of our AACA Naples -Marco group is in the market for a GM vehicle (Chevy, Cadillac, Buick or GMC), I am able to get a GM discount certificate for them. It was formerly called a supplier discount, now called friends and family discount. It is good for 6 months from date of issue for recipient only. The discount varies by vehicle and is in addition to any rebates being offered by GM. You can reach me at 716-200-2035 for information. I am allowed one certificate per month. GM dealers in this area are familiar with the discount.

Ken Kaczka

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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>

### Directory

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