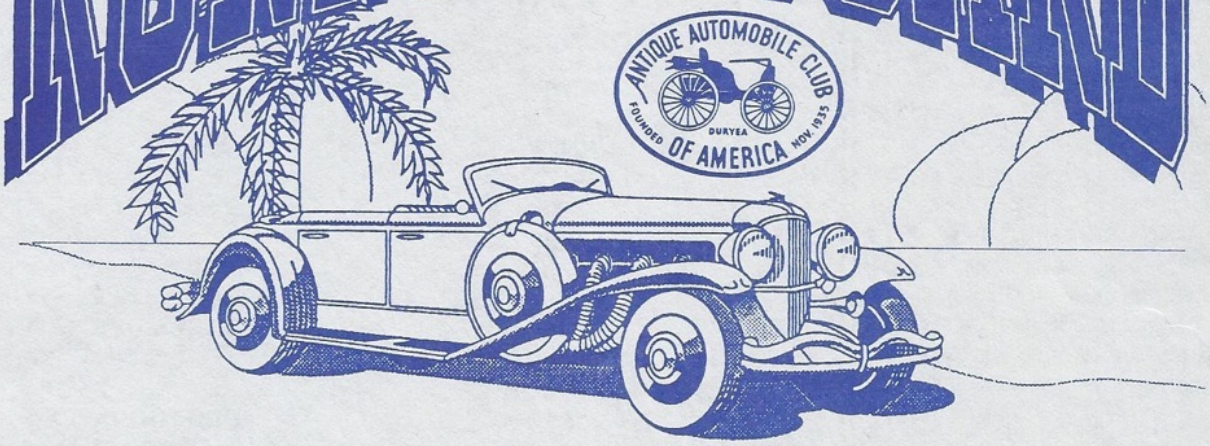
NAPLES • MARCO ISLAND A.A.C.A.

RUNNING BOARD



November 2026



At Stock Plaza 10/24

From the President

Hope all is well with you.

Some items of intereset include..



- We will not have a car show in 2027.. Like last year, we had concerns about staffing and show car attendence.
- We'll plan a "Welcome back" party in January. Details TBD.
- We have been asked to provide cars for the Dec. 20 Mercato Cars and Coffee to be parked at the circle.
- As of now, we do not have any information about the new "City of Naples 5th Avenue Car Show" on Feb 27, other than what can be found at https://naplescarshows.com
- Our next meeting has been rescheduled to Nov.21

The future of our club….

To continue operating as we are today, we need volunteers to fill 3 leadership positions (President, VP, Membership) beginning in January. Our search has included discussions at our regular meetings, Running Board notes, and various individual inquiries. To date, we have not been successful in filling these open positions.

Unfortunately this leaves the club in an untenable position. We discused this, as well as possible options at our October meeting. These were summarized in my October 14 letter to Naples-Marco AACA members. If you are a member and did not receive the email, let me know ASAP.

Feedback from the letter has been minimal and we'll discuss comments in our November 21 meeting. *In the meantime, if you are now interested in becoming a club officer, let me know asap.*

Our next meeting….

The Rookery Bay Car Show is Nov 14, which would have conflicted with our previously scheduled meeting. Our meeting has been resheduled to Nov. 21. Agenda will include…

- Discussion/Agreement on go forward plan for the club
- Charitable giving
- Plan to disposition club assets (car show garage, shirts, hat, $)
- Welcome Back Party

Take care,
Ron

Our next meeting is November 21, 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).*

November 14… 8th Annual Rookery Bay Classic Car Show. 9am-2pm, Florida SouthWestern State College, 7505 Grand Lely Drive, Naples

November 21… Naples-Marco AACA Luncheon meeting. 12pm-2pm Perkins Restaurant, 3585 Gateway Ln, Naples (Pine Ridge Rd., just west of I-75).

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

December 20… AACA cars featured at Mercato 239 Cars and Coffee. 9-11 am contact Peter (239-592-9814) or Patrick (239-293-1376) if interested in bringing your car.

January TBD… Naples-Marco AACA Welcome Back Party. Details TBD

January 9… Lemons on Bayshore, 10am-4pm. On Bayshore Drive between Weeks and Thomasson. For more, see www.naplescarshows.com

January 17… Knights of Columbus Car Show. 9am-2pm, 810 San Marco Rd., Marco Island. $10 admission, $25 car registration

February 4-6…AACA Annual Convention, King of Prussia, PA

February 6… Cars on 5th Bayshore. Show has been relocated to Bayshore Drive. 10am-4pm Bayshore Drive, Naples. See Cars on www.carsonfifth for more. Register ASAP

February 18-20… AACA Winter Nationals – Melbourne, FL

February 20… West Coast Muscle Car Club Car and Truck Show. 9am-3pm. North Collier Regional Park, 1500 Livingston Rd., Naples. See www.westcoastmusclecarclub.com

February 21… B.I.G. European Car Show(British Italian German). Miromar Outlets NW Parking lot. Sponsored by British Car Club of SW FL, (BCCSWF)

February 27…City of Naples 5th Avenue Car Show. See www.naplescarshows.com

Ongoing Events See more local events and details at www.naplescarshows.com

Every Saturday… Cruise-in at Stock Plaza by Cool Cruisers. 9am-12pm, 7711 Collier Blvd.

2nd Sunday each month… Angelic Bakery Cars & Coffee at Vanderbilt Shoppes, 8-10am.

3rd Sunday each month… Cars and Coffee 239. 9-11am at Mercato

2nd Sunday every month…Hooters Naples. 11am-1pm, 3625 Gateway (near Perkins)

Please advise Ron (239-571-5146 or ron.schlechtweg@gmail.com) if you are planning to show your car at the Nov. 14 Rookery Bay Car Show. Rookery Bay can position AACA cars together depending on the number of cars and our interest.

Naples-Marco AACA Meeting Summary 10/10/26

Date July 11, 2026

Location Perkins, Naples

Attendees
Ron Schlechtweg, Patrick Parker, Jay Corrigan, Scott Slye, Peter Blackford, Sally Antonides, Sandy Blackford, Murrel Hollis, Kathy Hollis, Hank Schwietering, Jack Dunning, Barbara Donald, Roger Donald, Bill Britton, Judy Britton

Meeting Summery.

Car show. Scott Slye led a discussion on the status of our car show for the coming year. Unfortunately, there remains a concern about being able to find volunteers to lead and staff the show, as well as the competition for show cars from new and existing shows. *As a result, the members decided to not have a car show in 2027.*

Officer Selection. Ron Schlechtweg reported that we have yet, after multiple efforts, not found any candidates to fill open positions (President, Vice President, Membership). *The club will not be able to operate without resolution.*

Future of Club. There was lengthy discussion on next steps for our club. Options included disbanding, combine with other clubs and forming a simpler "social club" independent of AACA. There are lots of questions surrounding each of these. Ron Schlechtweg was asked to draft a letter to all club members detailing the discussions, including impacts and next steps.

These Minutes submitted by Ron Schlechtweg for Adele Duba

History, November, 2026

The June, 2000, issue of the Running Board contains an interesting article by Dom DiSarro about the club trip to Babcock Farm. There were 25 members and guests who took the 1 ½ hour safari ride thru the property in Punta Gorda. As they parked their cars in the parking lot they were greeted by thousands of Love Bugs that quickly changed the color of the cars to BLACK!!

The trip thru the Farm was in a swamp buggy and it was surprisingly cool with a nice breeze. The tour went thru swamps, grazing land, and quarter house training ground. They were able to get close up views of snakes, cattle, pigs, bears and quarter horses as well as all types of birds, panthers, alligators and much more. The guide and driver kept them informed on the history, types of vegetation and the wild life. It was an interesting and informative day before heading for lunch and back to civilization in Naples.

At crossroads/Don't just/Trust to luck/The other car/ May be a truck….Burma Shave

Kathy Hollis, Historian

From the Ford Times booklet, October 1950
Submitted by Hank Feinberg. Compliments of Paul Heuring Motors, Hobart IN

GAME SECTION

Does an Expert or an Amateur Drive Your Car?

What are the differences between the expert driver and the amateur? For one thing, the expert is really well informed about driving while the amateur has a great deal to learn . . . Many a man is still an amateur after 20 years behind the wheel. To test yourself try the quiz below. There are four possibilities for completing each statement and you are to choose the one you think most correct and place that number in the square. Anyone now driving a car *solo* should get at least 6 correct. Answers on page 63. (This quiz is an excerpt from the new Ford Motor Company booklet, "Deft Driving.") Of interest to all motorists, it is particularly valuable reading for the new driver. Copies of the booklet may be obtained from your local Ford Dealer or by writing to Community Relations, Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan.

1. **Most traffic accidents are the result of:**

   (1) Mechanical defects in automobiles (2) Defects in the road (3) Errors in driver's judgment (4) Adverse weather conditions ☐

2. **When ascending a hill behind a transport truck, you should:**

   (1) Stay far enough behind the truck so that it does not block your view of oncoming traffic (2) Stay close to the rear of the truck so that no other car from behind can get in between you and the truck (3) Blow your horn (daytime) or flick your lights (night time) to let the truck driver know you wish to pass (4) Speed up and make a quick pass around the truck ☐

3. **When driving around a curve on the highway you should:**

   (1) Accelerate at the beginning of the curve and apply the brakes just before reaching the straightaway (2) Slow down before reaching the curve, depress the clutch, and coast around the curve (3) Slow the car down with the engine before reaching the curve, start around the curve, and accelerate just before reaching the straightaway (4) Start into the curve at the speed the car is traveling and apply the brakes only if necessary ☐

4. **If the minimum stopping distance of a car traveling at 20 miles per hour is 40 feet, at 40 miles per hour it would be:**

   (1) 60 feet (2) 75 feet (3) 80 feet (4) 115 feet ☐

5. **When the right wheels of your car slip off the edge of the pavement, you should:**

   (1) Slow down gradually until you can steer back onto the pavement at a convenient place (2) Turn back onto the pavement quickly before your car has lost any of its momentum (3) Apply the brakes quickly in order to keep from rolling over into a ditch (4) Turn off the ignition, coast to a stop, and then back up onto the pavement ☐

6. **You are driving on a snow-covered road and have to make a stop quickly. The best way to do this is to:**

   (1) Slam the brakes on hard (2) Roll down the window and signal (3) Turn off the ignition and apply the hand brake (4) Pump the brake pedal ☐

7. **Your car (A) is being overtaken by another car (B) on a two-lane road. Just as the overtaking car draws up alongside yours, its driver, seeing that an oncoming car (C) is near, starts to drop back into line again. You can help reduce the danger to all three cars by:**

   (1) Accelerating (2) Applying the brakes (3) Keeping your speed constant (4) Blowing your horn as a danger signal ☐

8. **In the situation above (#7) you are driving car (C). You can help reduce the danger to all three cars by:**

   (1) Blowing your horn (2) Keeping your speed constant (3) Moving toward the center of the road to scare car (B) back into line (4) Applying the brakes ☐

More from Stock Plaza Oct 2026….









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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). Nov. meeting is now Nov. 21.

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