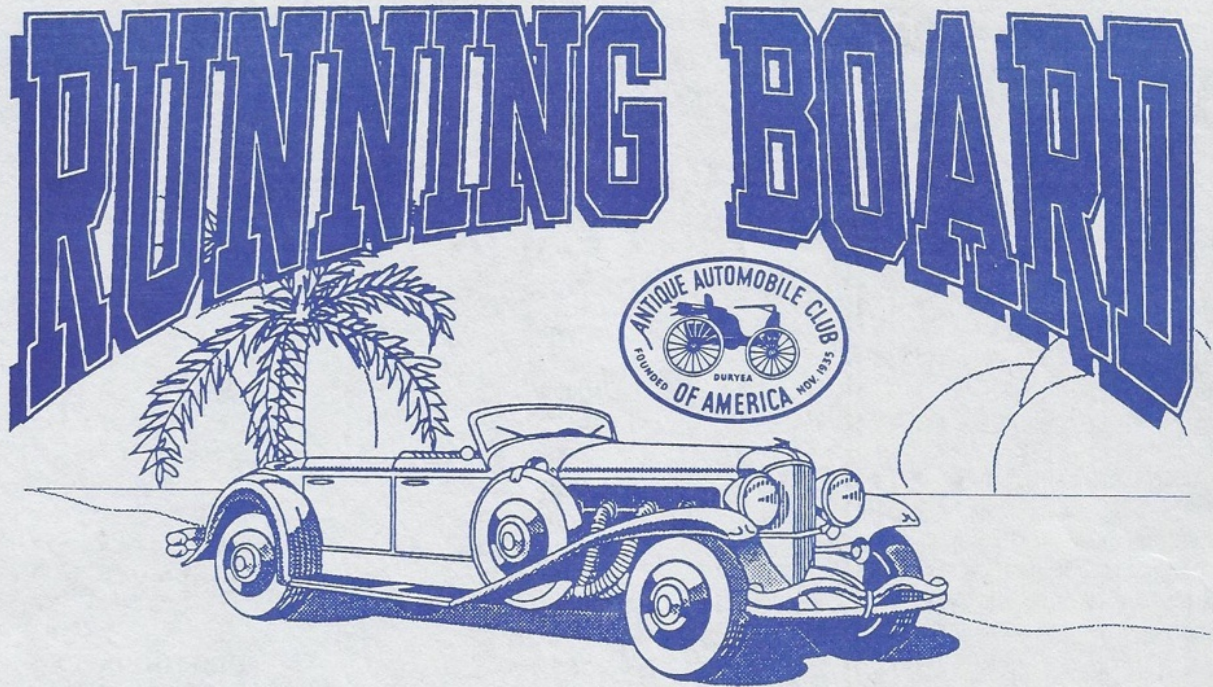
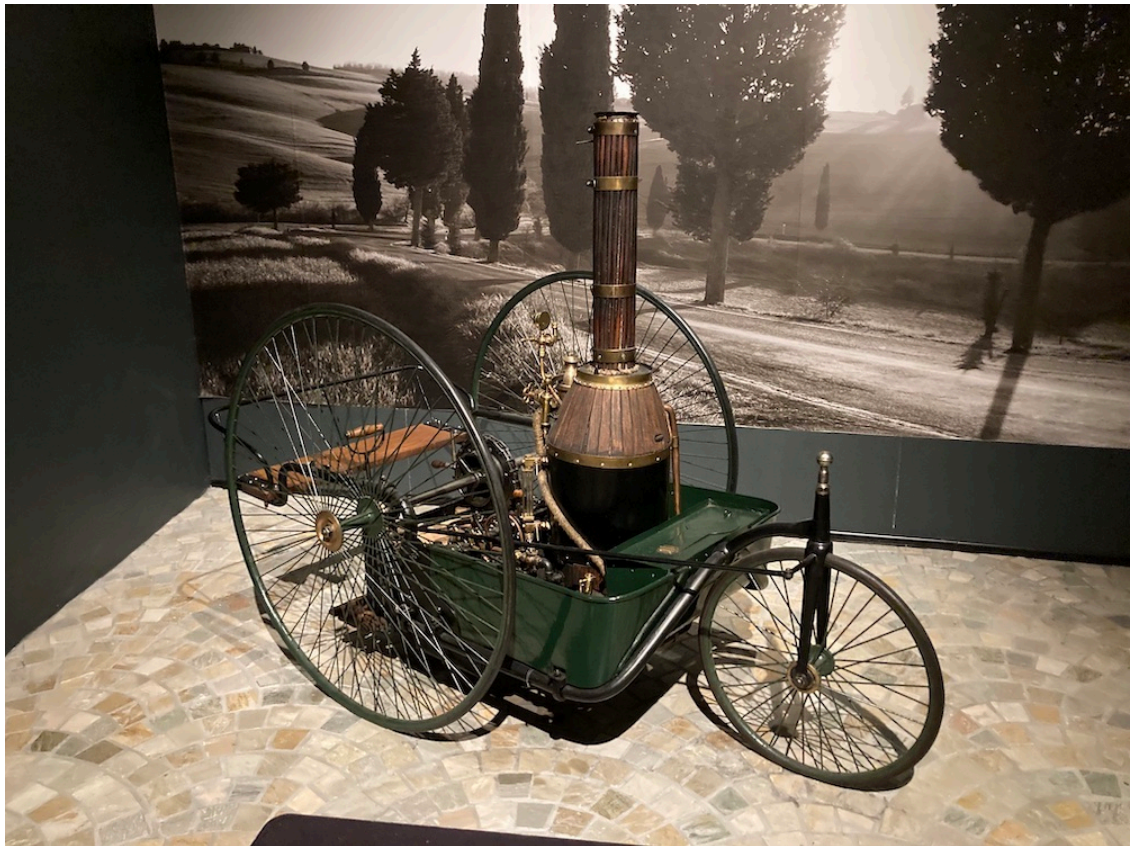


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**October 2025**



**An 1891 Steam Powered "Pecori" at the Muse  
Nazionale dell'Automobile in Turin, Italy**

## From the President

Welcome back if you've already made your trip south. Drive carefully wherever you are.

We had our last (for the summer) Saturday luncheon September 13 at the Wild Berry Café. We typically had about 12 members at these luncheons with little or no club business discussed. As reported last month, our club will begin having regular luncheon meetings at the Perkins restaurant at I-75 and Pine Ridge Rd. at noon on the second Saturday of each month. Our evening meetings will be discontinued.



Prior to this October's meeting, our Executive team will plan to review numerous items that will require attention in the next several months. These include items such as Welcome Back/Holiday party plans, Charitable giving, Car show plans, budget, etc.. We'll plan to summarize this at the Saturday club meeting

We now have a date for the 2026 Naples-Marco AACA car show. It will be held on March 21 at the North Naples Community Church (like last year). Our show leader Scott will be returning to Naples mid-October and we can expect his show team meetings to begin shortly.

We have received four complimentary memberships for 2026 from National. Recall we received a few late last year and awarded them to new/prospective members. If you have any recommendations for these let me know. Current and former members are excluded.

Now for some really good news, long time member Adele Duba has agreed to become our club Secretary beginning this month. This is the position Rudy held until he relocated north. Thank you Adele !!!!.

Take care- Ron

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***Reminder.... Luncheon meeting October 11, 12pm-2pm***

***Perkins Restaurant***

***3585 Gateway Ln, Naples (Pine Ridge Rd., just west of I-75).  
Naples, FL***

***Contact Peter [priuspete@gmail.com](mailto:priuspete@gmail.com) or 239-592-9814, if planning to attend.***



# Events

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

**Oct. 7-10...** Hershey AACA Eastern National Fall Meet, Hershey PA., Registration ends Aug.15. See <https://aaca.org> for more.

**Oct. 11...** Naples-Marco AACA Luncheon meeting 12pm-2pm Perkins Restaurant, 3585 Gateway Ln, Naples (Pine Ridge Rd., just west of I-75).

**Oct. 5-12...** Cruisin' the Coast, Mississippi Gulf Coast, ~9000 cars See <https://cruisinthecoast.com/>

**Oct. 17-19...** The 26<sup>th</sup> Lake Mirror Classic Concours & Car Show. Lakeland, Florida. Over 400 cars, wooden boats, Amphicars, art, and more. \$75 Concours registration, \$55 Classic car registration. Free admission. See <https://lakemirrorclassic.com> for details.

**Nov. 8...** Naples-Marco AACA Luncheon meeting 12pm-2pm Perkins Restaurant, 3585 Gateway Ln, Naples (Pine Ridge Rd., just west of I-75).

**Nov. 15...** 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Rookery Bay Classic Car Show. 9am-2pm. At Florida SouthWestern State College, 7505 Grand Lely Drive, Naples. Over 100 cars, \$30 advance registration, \$40 day of show. \$10 adult admission, age 4-12 \$5. See <https://rookerybay.org/events/classic-car-show/>

**Dec. 20...** Mercato Cars and Coffee 239. 9-11am, 9132 Strada Place, Naples. AACA cars will be featured on the main circle. Contact Peter for questions 239-592-9814

**Jan. 17...** San Marco Knights of Columbus Car Show. 9am-2pm. 851 San Marco Rd., Marco Island. \$25 registration, \$10 spectator. Questions call Tom at 603-502-8396.

**March 21...** Naples-Marco AACA Car show. North Naples Church, 6000 Goodlette-Frank Rd. Lots more info to follow

## 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.

***Second Sunday each month...*** Angelic Bakery Cars & Coffee at Vanderbilt Shoppes, 8-10am. 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Rd [www.vanderbiltcarsandcoffee.com/](http://www.vanderbiltcarsandcoffee.com/)

***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.

***Sept. 14 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday every month...*** Hooters Naples. 11am-1pm, 3625 Gateway (near Perkins), Includes photographer and Hooter's Girls. 20% of food and beverage sales to charity.

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## History

January 26, 2007, 38 members of Naples-Marco AACA left on a 3 day mini tour of the Sarasota-Bradenton area. The morning the group left it was a chilly 48 degrees.

They drove to Arcadia for a coffee stop and then found their way to Ona, Florida to visit Solomon's Castle. Mr. Howard Solomon was a unique "quirky" man who built his place in the middle of nowhere. He and his fellow tour guides told the group about each item in the gallery and a quick joke about each one. Following the tour, the members had a lunch in Solomon's Boat in the Moat, and just looked around the grounds. There was another antique car group there at the same time, so there were new cars to admire.



Leaving the castle, the group headed to Sarasota and stopped at the Sarasota Classic Car Museum. There was also a display of vintage cars for sale next door to the museum.

The day ended at the Holiday Inn at Lido Beach, just past St. Armand's Circle. That evening, the group had a dinner on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor of the hotel and the view of the Gulf was beautiful.



*We know how much/You love that gal/ But use both hands/for driving PAL.....Burma-Shave*

Kathy Hollis, Historian

## Father and Son Set Cannonball Record In Stock Audi A3

A father and son recently set the new speed record for unmodified vehicles for the Cannonball Run from New York City to Redondo Beach Ca. They used a completely stock Audi A3, with no backup fuel tanks, no spotters, airplanes, etc. Their time of 40hrs,23 minutes beat the previous record by 28 minutes. They averaged around 90mph with a peak of 130mph. They were pulled over one time for improper use of turn signals at ~80mph, but received only a warning.

The record time for modified vehicles, with spotters, extra fuel tanks, etc. is reported at 25 hrs, 39 minutes as of August 2025. Note all of this is completely unsanctioned, illegal, etc..



# Ways To Get Into Reverse

Interesting article Peter sent iabout how to reverse old cars (including Model T's, motorcycles, ships, etc.

<https://www.theautopian.com/what-vehicle-has-the-coolest-way-to-get-into-reverse/>

An "Azimuth" pod on a ship at right.



## Second Sunday Cars and Coffee

You can go to both of these Cars and Coffee events on the second Sunday of each month... Vanderbilt Shops (8-10am) and Hooters (11am-1pm). See page 3. (pictures from Hooters 9/14)



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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.

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