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Dick Jones' recently restored 1939 Ford Deluxe Convertible

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General Meeting:

Regularly scheduled meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Berkshire Lakes Clubhouse, 495 Belville Blvd., Naples. Meeting time is 7:00 pm.

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Cover Photo

Dick Jones' 1939 recently restored Ford Deluxe Convertible. Photo taken at Dick's summer home in Pennsylvania. Dick is a member of the Early Ford V-8 club there, having participated in a recent "Drive Your V-8 Day". Their club recently celebrated their 50th Anniversary.

President's Page

Hello to everyone!!

Wow another very hot month in Florida!!
However, I understand that most of the country is experiencing very warm weather.

We had our Bowling Green Kentucky Tri Five Chevrolet show trip. Long way to go. About 1500 cars on display. All 55 to 57's. What a blast!! Beach Bend Race Track had cars eliminations running most of the day. The highlight was Special Professional 1957 Chevys that did the quarter mile run in around four seconds!! Talk about seeing a streak of lightening!!!! Also went to the Corvette Museum.

Heading to a West Palm Beach Show and flea mkt next weekend. Staying at Embassy Suites

Our meetings are starting again at Berkshire Lakes Club House on September 11, 2023. Our meeting will be about 9/11/2001. Anyone with photos, stories, or any memorabilia of the unbearable attack on our country, please bring them along to share.

We are fortunate to have a volunteer who is our new secretary — Rudy Socey.

We need more people to volunteer- anyone interested in learning to be club president can first become 2nd vice president and learn proceedings

Happy Trails 😊

Paul and Yvonne Rhoads



At the Tri Five Chevrolet Show, Bowling Green Kentucky



Editor's Note

Hope things are going well for you this summer.

We had our last summer luncheon on August 14 at Perkins. This month, our regularly scheduled meetings resume at the Berkshire Lakes Clubhouse. As Yvonne announced in her letter, Rudy Socey will take over as club Secretary. Rudy is a Past President of our club, and most recently, did an outstanding job as Chairman of this year's Depot Show.

Inside, on the Events page, you'll see that a few car events are beginning to show up on the calendar during October and November. Two of these are in the Naples-Marco area and have been popular in the past. There are lots of car pictures in this issue. They are mostly from Yvonne and Paul's trip to the Tri Five Chevrolet show, and Malcolm's idea to send in pictures of classic cars that you see around town. (or wherever) There is a note about Toyota's progress in improving EV range that says 2028 looks like the time to buy one.



Rudy Socey and his 1930 Model A at last November's Rookery Bay Show

Thanks those who have contributed this month. Send future articles, comments, pictures, ads, etc. to ron.schlechtweg@gmail.com. Cutoff date is the last Thursday of the month

From Facebook, Twitter(now "X"), etc.

The more I get to know certain people...The more I understand why Noah only let animals on the ark.

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I would like to thank my middle finger for always sticking up for me when I needed it.

What if nobody was president and we all promised real hard to just be cool.

To the thief who took away my anti-depressants...I hope you are happy.

*Why couldn't the British manufacture computers?
Because they couldn't figure out how to make them leak oil.*



Events

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

September 11.... Naples-Marco AACA meeting. 7pm, Berkshire Lakes Clubhouse located at 495 Belville Blvd., Naples

October 3-6....2023 AACA Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey PA, See also <https://aaca.org/events/>

October 9.... Naples-Marco AACA meeting. 7pm, Berkshire Lakes Clubhouse located at 495 Belville Blvd., Naples

October 20-22....Lake Mirror Classic, Lakeland, Fl. Includes Open Car Show, Concours, Road Rally, etc.. For more, see www.LakeMirrorClassic.com/

November 4 San Marco Knights of Columbus Car Show, 9am-2pm, 851 San Marco Road, Marco Island, at the San Marco Church parking lot. \$25 registration, \$10 admission. No pre-registration needed. Contact John 239-272-0816 for more information.

November 13.... Naples-Marco AACA meeting. 7pm, Berkshire Lakes Clubhouse located at 495 Belville Blvd., Naples

November 18.... 5th Annual Rookery Bay Classic Car Show. 9am-1pm at Florida Southwestern State College, 7905 Grand Lely Drive, Naples. Proceeds benefitting education, research, and conservation at Rookery Bay. Over 150 classic cars, arts and crafts, food vendors.

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.

Additional AACA National Meetings and Tour info can be found at <https://aaca.org/events/>



A Tesla roadside assistance vehicle filling up at the gas station.

Submitted by Dick Jones

Legislative

House Committee Passes SEMA-Supported Bills to Protect Vehicle Technology Choice..... By the SEMA D.C. office

The House Energy and Commerce Committee has passed [H.R. 1435](#), the **Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act**, and [H.R. 4468](#), the **Choice in Automobile Retail Sales (CARS) Act**. These SEMA-supported bills seek to preserve vehicle choice for consumers and prevent the federal government and the State of California from choosing only one form of technology (such as electric vehicles) (EVs) over the many others to achieve their emission reduction goals.

SEMA has strongly supported H.R. 1435, the "Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act," a bill prohibiting the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from issuing a waiver to California for regulations that would ban the sale or use of new motor vehicles with internal combustion engines (ICE) in the state by 2035. Rep. **John Joyce's** (R-PA) legislation is essential to stopping California's plan to ban new ICE vehicles, which requires the EPA to waive provisions in the Clean Air Act for the mandate to go into effect. **U.S. Senator Markwayne Mullin** (R-OK), the co-chair of the Congressional Automotive Performance and Motorsports Caucus, recently introduced S. 2090, a Senate companion bill to H.R. 1435. [Click here](#) to send a letter to your Congress members asking them to support the Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act by co-sponsoring the bill.

U.S. Rep. **Tim Walberg** (R-MI) introduced H.R. 4468 in response to the EPA's proposed [federal emissions standards for motor vehicles model years '27 to '32](#), which is designed to result in EVs making up 67% of all new vehicles sales by 2032. The SEMA-supported CARS Act would prevent the EPA from finalizing the proposed emissions standards on light- and medium-duty vehicles.

The EPA's proposal intends to lower carbon emissions in a way that essentially forces battery-electric vehicles (BEVs) to become the only option for automakers to produce. Given the subsidies in place for EV purchases and production, EVs become the de facto choice to achieve the rulemaking's climate goals, as other options, such as hydrogen, new synthetic fuels, and multiple renewables, do not enjoy a level playing field of subsidies.

SEMA and more than 100 stakeholder organizations recently sent **President Biden** a letter expressing concerns about the EPA's Multi-Pollutant Emissions Standards. The letter stated, "EPA's proposals inhibit the marketplace from identifying the most efficient, lowest-cost opportunities to reduce GHG [greenhouse gas] emissions from vehicles and greatly restrict consumer choice." SEMA will continue to engage in any proposed regulatory action that may lead to ICE bans. You can read the joint letter [here](#).

SEMA President and CEO **Mike Spagnola** provided [official comments](#) to the EPA in opposition to the agency's proposed new federal emissions standards for motor vehicles model-years '27-'32. In addition, SEMA's grassroots efforts have generated more than 7,700 comments by our member companies and enthusiasts from around the country.

History, August, 2023

Made to Order or Kit by Mail... The following information was in the March, 1999, issue of the Running Board.

Pick up most any '50s or '60s issue of magazines like Popular Mechanics or Mechanics Illustrated and you were very likely to see a quarter-page ad for the KING MIDGET, America's most successful mail order and kit car. The Midget Motor Company was founded in Athens, Ohio by Claud Dry and Dale Orcutti. The '47 and '50 King Midget was a single-seater with one-cylinder, air-cooled, six horsepower Wisconsin engine. Sold for \$270 in kit form. They called it the World's Lowest Priced Car! In '51 the King Midget was up-graded to a two passenger roadster and the one-cylinder engine horsepower increased to 7-1/2. In '58 they added doors and tailfins for the tail lights and went to 9 1/2 horsepower. The price also went up to \$950.

Production ceased in 1969 after 5,000 King Midgets were sold. Their 24 years of continuous production is still a record for a mail order car company.

Kathy Hollis, Historian

Toyota's work on Improving EV batteries

Toyota recently discussed their work on providing longer range and reduced charging times for electric vehicles (EV's). To do this, they are working on both improving today's Lithium-ion batteries and on a more radical "solid-state" battery design. As reported in the references below, the targeted improvements are quite dramatic.

Toyota's EV Battery Improvement Plans...

<u>Technology</u>	<u>Timing</u>	<u>Range(miles)</u>
Today's Lithium-ion	2023	330
Improved Lithium-ion	2026	621
Solid State	2028	750



A solid-state battery replaces the electrolyte in a conventional lithium-ion battery with a "solid". This type of battery offers big improvements in battery life, reduced charging time, and is expected to be significantly safer. A solid-state battery powered EV, "could" have a range of 750 miles and be charged in ~15 minutes.

A huge challenge of introducing solid-state battery technology is its cost and producibility. Today, they are far more expensive than a lithium-ion battery. Toyota is not alone in pursuing solid-state batteries. Ford, GM, BMW, Volkswagen, and Stellantis are all active. Hyundai has said it plans to produce solid-state batteries by 2030.

[The above was a summary of information from Reuters.com and Yahoo.com \(below\)](#)

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/toyota-newest-breakthrough-could-kiss-130000193.html>

<https://www.reuters.com/business/autos-transportation/toyota-market-next-gen-battery-evs-2026-built-by-new-ev-unit-2023-06-13/>

Photos from Tri Five Chevrolet Show

Yvonne and Paul Rhoads



Pictures from the August Tri Five Chevrolet Show in August in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Yvonne reports a '57 Chevy ran around ~ 4 seconds.



Cars around town....

If you see an old or classic car around town, (or wherever), take a picture and send it in





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