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General Meeting:

General club meetings are planned for October thru May. For the most part, these will be luncheon meetings targeted for the second Saturday of each month.. See inside for date, location, and time for the September luncheon meeting.

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From the President

The end of summer will be with us soon...but so far, no sign of reduced temperatures here in Naples. Hopefully it's pleasant where you are.

We had our third Saturday luncheon meeting August 9 at the Wild Berry Cafe. We will again meet there on September 13, so let Peter know if you can make it. Since our seasonal members will soon be returning, we needed to select the timing and location of future meetings.



Several of you responded to the "survey" about when/where we could have meetings. Choices were to have 1) Saturday luncheon meetings, 2) evening dinner meetings, and 3) evening meetings without dinner. The majority (over two to one) of respondents were in favor of Saturday luncheon meetings. Consequently, starting in October, we'll start having club meetings on Saturday, with lunch, at the Perkins Restaurant. Perkins was selected based on size, private seating, parking, etc.

At the July AACA Nationals in Dayton, G. Seibert and S. Sammons 1987 Lincoln Town Car was a Senior Grand National Award Winner. Congratulations to Jerry and Sue. See the cover photo and page 7 for more on this. Also...if you get a chance, visit the Air Force Museum in Dayton...it was quite a venue for the meet.

A few other items which may be of interest....If you are looking for a weekend trip in October, visit the Best Car Show in the US as ranked by USA Today. It's in Gulfport MS (near FL panhandle). See page 7 for more. Another item...the Pebble Beach Best of Show winner(1924 Hispano-Suiza H6C) was shown by Naples residents Richard and Penny Anderson. Revs Institute had 5 cars there(Pebble Beach, Laguna Seca) for Monterey week. See page 6.

If you haven't checked out our website (https://naplesmarcoaaca.org/) please do so. Also, please provide me with any newsletter material or ideas you have.

Take care- Ron

Reminder.... Luncheon September 13, 12pm-2pm

Wild Berry Cafe 1100 Commercial Blvd., Unit 103 Naples, Fl

Contact Peter <u>priuspete@gmail.com</u> or 239-592-9814, if planning to attend.

Also note...we will begin meeting at Perkins, Saturday October 11, 12-2pm

Events

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

- Sept. 13... Naples-Marco AACA Luncheon meeting 12pm-2pm at the Wild Berry Café, 1100 Commercial Blvd., Unit 103, Naples.
- 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 26th 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...7th 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/

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/

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 2nd 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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Volunteer Needed

For several months now, our club has needed a Secretary to replace Rudy. This will become more important as the season begins and our meetings will include several business topics. An important function of the secretary is to document the discussions and decisions through published minutes, and retain these for future reference. This is an important position, yet requires minimal time. If you are interested in helping our club with this, please let me know.



Thx-Ron

History

This month we will continue the story of the car tour to Key West in 2006, planned by Todd and Brenda Pulis. On Februry 8 the group traveled to the Crown Plaza/LaChoncha Hotel on Duval Street in Key West. There were no planned activities for this day, but being on Duval Street there were plenty of things to do right outside the hotel. Everyone visited Mallory Square for sunset and saw the entertainers with their various acts. Most of those people are amusing and enjoyable.

The next day the group took a high-speed catamaran for the 70 mile trip out to the Dry Tortugas National Park. It was a two hour boat ride and the water was very rough, so many seasick passengers. The history of Fort Jefferson on the Dry Tortugas was very interesting. The beautiful water off the Fort Is the Gulf of Mexico and the Straits of Florida. The boat trip back to Key West was very smooth and beautiful.

After a farewell banquet at the hotel and a good night's sleep, the group headed out the next day for the 235 mile trip back to Naples.





Noah had whiskers/In the ark/But he wouldn't get by/On a bench in the park......Burma Shave

Kathy Hollis, Historian September 2025

Ten Best Car Shows in the US

In the May USA Today's 10Best series, they identified the 10 Best Car Shows in the US. These were selected by USA Today editors and readers. Here is what they came up with...

- 1 Cruisin' the Coast. Mississippi Gulf Coast. 9000+ cars
- 2 Triple Crown of Rodding. Lebanon, TN
- 3 MSRA Back to the 50's Weekend. St. Paul MN, 10000+ cars
- 4 The Amelia Concours d'Elegance. Amelia Island FL
- 5 NSRA Street Rod Nationals, Louisville KY
- 6 Renaissance Euro Fest, Ridgeland.MS, 150+ European cars
- 7 Iola Car Show, Iola WI, 2500+ cars, 130,000 attendees
- 8 Woodward Dream Cruise, Detroit MI, ~40000 cars

Cruisin' the Coast



You can visit the #1 show (Cruisin' the Coast) from Oct. 5-12. It is is just west of the Florida panhandle (Gulfport). See below for more...

https://10best.usatoday.com/awards/best-car-show/

https://cruisinthecoast.com/

2025 Pebble Beach "Best of Show"- Naples Winner

Surprising that the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance didn't make the list above, as its often recognized as the "premier" collector car event. This year, August 17, the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance Best of Show Award went to a 1924 Hispano-Suiza H6C Nieuport-Astra Torpedo shown by Naples residents Penny and Lee Anderson Sr., of Naples.

Note also, that the Revs Institute also had five cars participating in Monterey Car Week which includes Pebble Beach and Laguna Seca Raceway events

https://www.pebblebeachconcours.net

https://revsinstitute.org/blog/revs-institute-hits-the-road-for-monterey-car-week

AACA Annual Grand Nationals in Dayton Ohio

This year's Grand Nationals were held at the National Museum of the US Air Force in Dayton in July. As noted on the cover, congratulations to Gerald Siebert and Sue Sammons as their 1987 Lincoln was a Senior Grand National Winner. The US Air Force Museum was an outstanding venue for the show. See the pictures below, if you get near Dayton (just off I-75) stop by the museum.











Dayton is also home to America's Packard Museum. It's located in a former Packard dealership downtown.