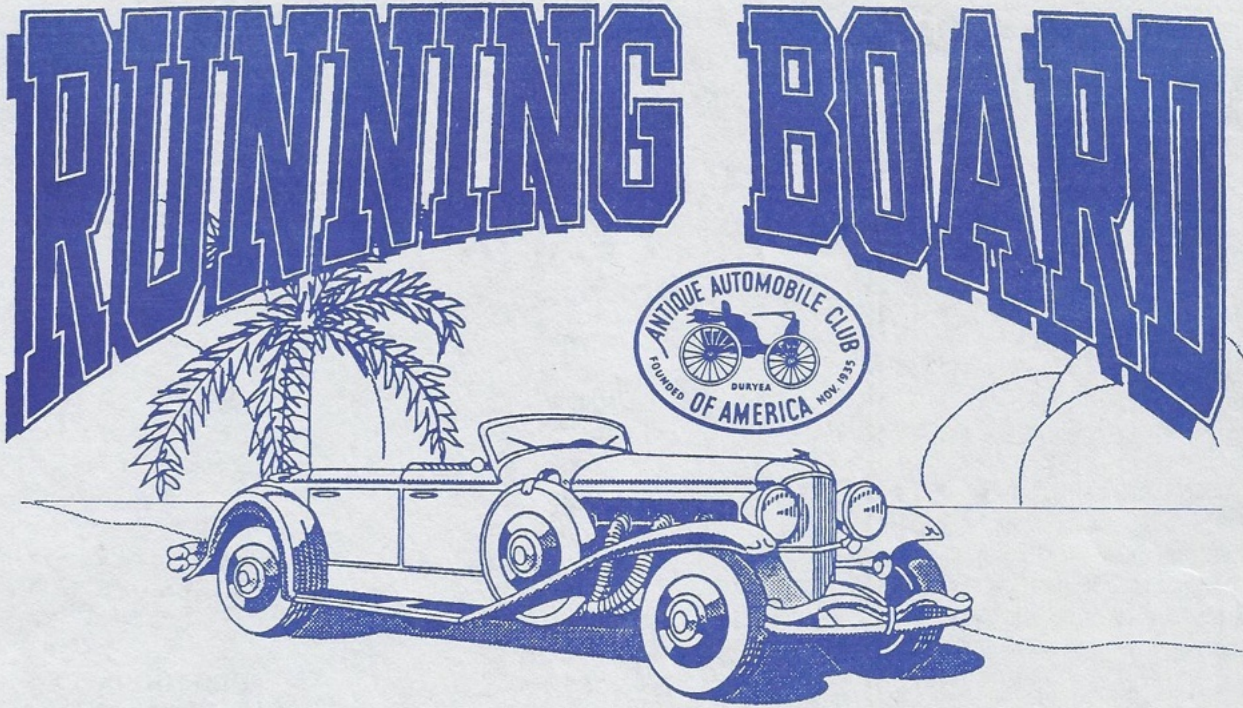


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Regularly scheduled meetings will be held on the 2nd Monday of the month at the Berkshire Lakes Clubhouse, 495 Belville Blvd., Naples. Meeting time is 7:00 pm.

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Cover Photo

This month is our long-awaited Depot Show on the 18th. Make sure you sign up, volunteer, and attend. More details are also included inside. Special thanks to Rudy Socey and his Depot Show team.

Presidents Letter

Hello

I cannot believe how close we are getting to March 18th!! Our SHOW details are coming together quite nicely with one exception..... We still need one to three sponsors who would be willing to spare some loose change and receive excellent advertising for years to come! We would like to advertise their business for as little as \$500.00!! It could be \$500. 00 or more, if you know such a business, please contact me at 239-877-3228 and I shall contact them.

Other than the show most of our attention and time has been spent on what we can achieve behind the scenes

We sure appreciate Rudy Socey for stepping up to the plate and assuming responsibility for being our show chairman!!!!

We have had lots of comments from the general public indicating its about time you guys put on another such show as we always have done in the past!

Hope to see lots of our members at the next club meeting on March 13, 2023

HAPPY TRAILS!!!

Paul and Yvonne Rhoads

From Cars on 5th....



Editor's Note

It's getting warmer here. See the cartoon below if you are thinking about going back north.... Don't leave too early!

The big event this month is our Depot Car Show. This is after a three-year hiatus due to COVID. If you've been following our progress, you know that Rudy Socey and his team have done a great job getting ready. See Rudy's note for more, add your name to the volunteer list, and make sure you register and bring your car(s). Email Beauportjohn@gmail.com to register.

Besides our own show, this month locally, there is the British, Italian, German (B.I.G.), show in Cape Coral and the West Coast Muscle show in Bonita Springs. See Events page for details and also note the two local events in April.

In this issue we have a "humorous" guide on how to interpret antique car ads for your next purchase. We have some photos of the Feb. 19 Marco Kiwanis show. There is a story about an Englishman's Ukraine road tour in an MG Midget. He had previously travelled extensively with this car on all continents, except Antarctica. Last summer he elected to visit Ukraine.

Please renew your membership if you haven't already. It was noted that several have not renewed at our last meeting. Contact Drew Johnson (616-308-1326) to renew. It's likely we'll be revising the Running Board distribution list shortly, with an updated membership list.

Thanks to all those that 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, etc.

One thing no one ever talks about when it comes to being an adult, is how much time we debate keeping a cardboard box, because it's you know... a really good box

The biggest joke on mankind is computers asking people to prove they are not a robot.

I've learned so much from my mistakes, I'm thinking of making a few more.

Being cremated is my last hope for a "Smokin' Hot Body".

I'm glad I learned about parallelograms in high school math instead of how to do my taxes. It comes in so handy during "parallelogram season".



Events

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

March 2-5... Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, Amelia Island, FL., See also <https://www.ameliaconcours.com>

March 5... Eleventh Annual B.I.G. European Car Show (British, Italian, German). 10am-2pm. Rotary Park, 5505 Rose Garden Rd., Cape Coral. Limited to 150 cars. Must pre-register \$37. Spectators free. See www.tswfl.org

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

March 18 Naples-Marco AACA Depot Show. 7am gates open for display cars, Show 9am to 2pm. Naples Depot Museum, 5th Ave. S and 10th St., Naples. \$25 registration, spectator \$5 Donation. Email Beauportjohn@gmail.com to register.

March 25.... 19th Car and Truck Show sponsored by West Coast Muscle Car Club. 9am-4pm. Located at former Naples-Fort Myers Dog Track, 28010b Race Track Rd. in Bonita Springs. 300 participant limit. Register at www.westcoastmusclecarclub.com/

March 26... 33rd Annual Venice AACA Car Show in downtown Venice. Over 250 entrants. Must pre-register (\$35). See <https://veniceaaca.com/>

April 1... Cars as Art. 10am-4pm, Marco Island Center for the Arts. 1010 Winterberry Drive, Marco Island. Cars from 1900-1960. \$5 donation. See www.marcoislandart.org/events-calendar/

April 10... Naples/Marco AACA meeting, 7pm, Berkshire Lakes Clubhouse located at 495 Belville Blvd., Naples

April 30... Rev's Institute Cars and Coffee. 8:30-11:30 am. 2500 South Horseshoe Drive, Naples. No charge for showing cars or admission to field. Museum Lobby and gift shop open. Museum tickets for purchase after 9 am.

May 15... Naples/Marco AACA meeting, 7pm, Berkshire Lakes Clubhouse located at 495 Belville Blvd., Naples

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.

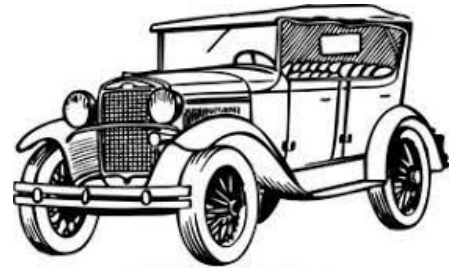
Third Sunday each month... Cars and Coffee 239. 9-11am at Mercato, 9132 Strada Place, Naples. All makes welcome. See <https://carsandcoffee239.com> for details.

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

Show Status Update

Your show Committee has been making great progress and continues to meet and work in an effort to ensure an enjoyable and successful Depot Show.

Registrations have been steadily received, so if you haven't registered yet, please do so as soon as you can. We are now reaching out to all owners who previously displayed their cars, whether Club members or not. Don't miss this opportunity for fun and satisfaction by failing to register your car on time. Space is limited!



Our call for volunteers for Show day has been gratifying. Show your appreciation to the Show Committee members and support the Club by volunteering. We still have "work" slots available- just an hour or two each. If we all do a little, a lot can be accomplished!

Keep active and interested- give me a call.

Rudy Socey, Show Chairman 239-631-5848

Naples/Marco AACA Feb 13 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Two trophies from the AACA for 1st Junior belonging to the Rhoads' and Chynoweth's were displayed. There were no guests and no new acquisitions were made. Two birthdays for Feb were reported.

Membership report - 65 paid members to date. There are 130 on the list. Reminders to go out. A discussion on membership was had but no definite conclusions. The club is looking for a monthly place to meet that is centrally located or a little north that we can drive cars to.

Rudy reported on the show committee meeting every Wednesday at the South Regional Library. We need cars and helpers. Show will be advertised and flyers were printed. Members were asked to distribute them. Volunteers needed for day of show day before to help set up - 15 people would be good. Set up usually at two hour stints. Will have help from Boy Scouts and some Sheriff's deputies on day of show. Trophies will be given. Signup sheets passed around. The Depot will be closed this year. How to count money safely discussed. Tables and chairs will be donated if we pick up and deliver by Taylor Rental. There will be 105 spaces and 35 are registered to date. There will be a DJ and Band Boosters will provide food. \$5.00 donation at the gate. Those who volunteer will have some kind of ID. Idea of after party get together suggested to talk about show.

Naples Engraving was mentioned as place to get name tags. 50/50 was \$41 Ed Chesney won and other prizes were given out. Refreshments served. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Edythe Newbourn ,Secretary

History, March 2023

The March, 1999 issue of the Running Board contains a glowing report of a car cruise in at the Marco Island Town Center Mall. The club had 42 cars participate and there were many spectators looking at the cars. President Dom DiSarro thought the cool weather might have helped the people looking for something to do on a Saturday afternoon. The management of the mall was so pleased with the event he asked if they could come back on another date. Following the show, the group was invited to Dick and Eleanor Rzaca's for a BBQ and to enjoy their garage.

The club also displayed cars at the Carlisle retirement Community and some attended a new car show at the Gulf Coast High School. They had their last meeting at the Depot and starting with the April meeting they would meet at the Pilots Lounge at Naples Airport.

When you drive/If caution ceases/You are apt/To rest in pieces... Burma-Shave

Kathy Hollis, Historian

Legislative

ASK YOUR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO SUPPORT THE REPAIR ACT

As automotive technology continues to evolve, automotive enthusiasts and aftermarket businesses must have access to the tools and information necessary to allow for consumer choice to service and preserve our vehicles. SEMA is committed to protecting your right to these basic freedoms, but we need your help NOW!

The REPAIR Act (Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair), H.R. 906, is bipartisan legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives that would ensure enthusiasts, aftermarket parts businesses, and repair shops have access to the information and tools that are needed to produce and install parts that are used to maintain the cars, trucks, and SUVs we love. Without Congressional protection, access to vehicle data from automobiles and their components may become off-limits.

Don't wait—tell your member of Congress they need to protect the right to modify and repair vehicles before it's too late.

Grant Simon, Legislative

1940's America- Classic Cars, People, and Cities

Malcolm Newbourne distributed this link several days ago so maybe you have seen it. If not, take a look (or look again). These pictures were taken with color film, not colorized from black and white.

<https://1funny.com/1940s-america-classic-cars-people-and-cities-in-color/>

Enjoy!

How to Interpret Antique Car Ads

The following "Official Conversion Chart" appeared in the February St. Louis Triumph Club newsletter.

OFFICIAL CONVERSION CHART	
HOW TO INTERPRET	
ANTIQUE CAR ADS	
IF IT SAYS:	IT REALLY MEANS:
Rare model.....	Nobody liked them when new either
Older restoration.....	Can't tell it's been restored
Needs engine work.....	It's been frozen for 30 years
Uses no oil.....	Just throws it out
No rust.....	Body and fenders missing
Rough.....	It's too bad to lie about
One owner.....	Never been able to sell
No time to complete.....	Can't find parts anywhere
Needs interior.....	Seats are gone
Rebuilt engine.....	Has new spark plugs
May run.....	But it never has
Low mileage.....	Third time around
Many new parts.....	Keeps breaking down
29 coats hand-rubbed paint....	Needed that much to cover rust
Clean.....	It sat out in the rain yesterday
Best offer.....	About what I expect to get
Always driven slowly.....	Won't go any faster
Prize winner.....	Hard luck trophy 3 times in a row
Stored 25 years.....	Under a tree
Real show stopper.....	Orange with purple fenders
Easy restoration.....	Parts will come off in your hand
Ready to show.....	Just washed it
Top good.....	Only leaks when it rains
Good investment.....	Can't depreciate any more

Marco Island Car Show

The Marco Island Kiwanis Club held their annual car show on Feb. 19. The show was well attended and included some AACA cars. Here are a few photos.



Road Trip into Ukraine in a 1979 MG Midget... by Roy Locock

Englishman Roy Locock and his 1979 MG Midget (he named it "Bridget"), have traveled the globe—driving through every continent save for Antarctica. British car parts supplier Moss Motors recently published the following article about Ray's 2022 trip into Ukraine in their magazine MossMotoring. The following is reprinted with their permission.

Two years ago I decided I wanted to do one more decent drive in Bridget before retiring her from the endurance touring game. Then, on the 24th of February, 2022, Mr. Putin challenged my plans. So, I decided to 'play in the backyard' for three months. I realized that there were a surprising number of countries in Europe that Bridget hadn't driven and many are the countries that make up the Balkans. We might even get close to the Ukraine border to shout rude things at Mr. Putin.



After performing an upgrade to Bridget's suspension and checking over the engine, we left on June 15 and traveled through 16 countries covering almost three thousand miles. Bridget is now on her 59th different country and I have decided that Ukraine is to be her 60th. We leave tomorrow for the border.

I had made my way to Siret, a small Romanian town where one of the border crossings into Ukraine is situated. I found a hotel, within 500m of the crossing, and booked a room for two nights. This would give me the opportunity to determine if I would be able to enter the country or not. At the roadside leading to the border there was a queue of trucks waiting to cross that was more than two and a half miles long. When I remarked upon this, whilst signing the hotel register, the receptionist told me that the previous week the queue had been 15 miles!

At breakfast I met the hotel's owner, a Maltese gentleman, who at the age of 19 bought a brand-new MG Midget as his first car. He was thrilled to see Bridget and learn what we were doing, albeit he questioned the wisdom of crossing the border in the current circumstances.

During the stay-over I chatted with a number of the charity workers that were encamped all along the approach road. Most of the big multi-national charities were represented with row after row of tents. There were tents for adult and children's clothing, medical supplies, food and drink, baby requisites, sleeping bags, blankets, the list went on and on.

I was told that the refugee evacuation was now very organized, with many crossing in official buses, rather than the huge queues that we first saw on television. That said, I was told that ten thousand had crossed at this point in the last month. At the time of this writing, the overall total stands at 6.5 million refugees.

The officials appeared surprised that I felt I had to ask if I would be able to cross the border the next day, and said, "No visa required. The British are very welcome." Then I was questioned where I intended to go in the country. The officials made it clear that there were no

laws barring me from attempting to go wherever I pleased, but it would make things very difficult for the authorities should I go somewhere and get injured. I would also not be able to pass many of the military checkpoints if I attempted to go near the frontline areas. They said that they would prefer me to travel only in the north-west of the country and not venture to Kiev.

After a good night's sleep, Bridget and I left the hotel at 08:30 and drove without incident to the border. Private vehicles are directed past all the stacked lorries so our wait was not too long, and in total it took less than an hour to negotiate Customs and Passport control. However, it took another twenty minutes to purchase the green card for Bridget. I had no local currency to pay for the card and the only ATM at the border was broken. Eventually, the insurance broker and I came to an understanding: I only had 20€, so he would charge me 20€.

As we left the border crossing the line of cars and charity workers waiting to cross the other way was quite short. The queue of lorries however, stretched more than nine miles. The drivers at the back would have to wait two days to cross. I was amazed that the border officials hadn't introduced a streamlined procedure temporarily to get these trucks rolling. They are desperately needing to get goods in and out without delays. To hell with the normal EU paperwork, check that they aren't carrying drugs or illegals and get them moving.

Unusually for me, I set an objective for the day, to drive to the town of Ivano-Frankivsk.

Observing as much as possible whilst driving, and from walking around the town, life generally appears to be what one assumes is quite normal, or perhaps I should say peaceful. We passed through one military checkpoint. There was little in Ivano-Frankivsk to suggest that there was a crisis, until you look closely. The windows of the main railway station were taped up to prevent glass shards flying in the event of an explosion and, on peering through the window, they were sand-bagged inside. When I took a photo of the sandbagged City Hall, I was quickly apprehended, in a very respectful way, and told that such photographs were undesirable.



The following morning, I woke-up a little earlier than normal, startled by the wailing of an air raid siren. Still bleary-eyed, my first thought was "it's a practice" followed by "What? At five o'clock in the morning?" As a post-war baby, I can remember the sirens being tested every so often in the early 1950s and we always waited for the short 'all clear' blast to follow. Do they sound an 'all clear' here? Are we supposed to get out of bed and go somewhere? I decided to go back to sleep. But I would defy anyone not to continue listening for the sound of an aircraft, or roar of an incoming missile, for a few minutes at least.

I saw later in the news that the city of Odessa was hit by two missiles with another two missiles destroyed. If they were fired from a ship in the Black Sea, the trajectory would have crossed us, among many other towns, and there is no way of knowing where the target is, so the alert

must go out along the total path. It's un-nerving, which is probably a secondary objective of the Russians.

After breakfast, Bridget and I set off for Lviv. There is a good chance many of you will have heard of Lviv, as it was mentioned frequently in the early days of the conflict. Many news reports came from there and it played an important role in the evacuation of many refugees.

Driving steadily, I was able to observe my surroundings more closely. With the absence of any mountains the countryside looks much the same as areas of Britain. There is a considerable variety of trees, not all pine, as is the case in some parts of Europe, and the fields of wheat, maize, and sunflowers look healthy. The villages have a reasonable housing stock, of largely traditional architecture, rather than broken and unkempt barns and outhouses. Plenty of people were working the farms, and it was difficult to believe the carnage happening just a few hundred miles away. The most obvious difference between their villages and those in the UK is the compulsory village church. I know some village churches in Britain have tall spires or towers, but the Ukraine version is an altogether larger building with several onion shaped domes, an architectural feature of the Orthodox Church.



In no time we were on the outskirts of Lviv and as we took a left turn I spied a car wash. We did a U-turn and ran straight into the third bay. I took a good half an hour and Bridget was looking very much brighter. The paintwork on her bonnet was looking lackluster so I treated her to a little wax once I was booked into the hotel. This time the receptionist briefed me on safety measures in Lviv, including what to do in case of air raid warnings and the location of the air raid shelter.

After an uninterrupted night's sleep, I went down for breakfast, and in the restaurant there were several families, including two with babies. On the wall is a large flat screen TV showing a children's cartoon when, without interrupting the show, an announcement, that is transmitted across all channels, in both Ukraine and English, warns of a possible air raid. It is indicative of the normalization effect of the situation that the parents, with babies to care for, hardly look up from their tasks. It is totally understandable why millions have fled.

Two hours on and another air raid warning; I decided to go to the gym for an hour and work off any tensions. Then I wandered into the outside world to explore this city that is rich in culture and history. Lviv was founded in 1250 AD and there have been many periods when it has been under



The photo shows the Lviv Opera House with children playing in the fountains. Six weeks after I left Lviv, the Russian forces made several multiple-missile attacks causing loss of life and destruction of its infrastructure

the rule of others. The main periods were under the Mongols and the Poles. The Polish influence has probably been the strongest in both cultural and architectural areas. Of course the Germans occupied Ukraine in World War II and the Russians since, but there is no confusion over whether or not Ukraine is an independent sovereign State.

Several times I met with a Ukrainian couple and their three-year-old daughter, Sonja, in the hotel. They were taking a short relaxation break from their home in Kiev. They asked if we could meet-up and go for dinner in town, but we couldn't get our timing in sync. We settled for a walk, a drink, and a visit to a playground. Their daughter is a confident, but not precocious, young lady who understands how to get what she wants. Her mother is an IT professional and dad worked for an importing company. I asked how they coped with the situation in Kiev, where you are ill-advised to ignore the sirens' wails. At first they said life was fairly normal, but gradually admitted normal really meant that they had become used to the difficulties. In their daily lives they avoided all public buildings unless they had business there, and whenever going from A to B, plotted a path between heavily built-up streets where missiles find it hard to penetrate.

Life around Lviv was teeming and all the shops, cafes, and restaurants were open as normal. All along the tree-lined pedestrian paths were benches, each occupied by groups of gentlemen watching a pair of men playing chess—and very earnest games they were—with official clocks timing every move.

On the Saturday there were notable numbers of soldiers, with their families, taking in the sunshine and entertaining their children. They clearly had weekend passes and were getting some respite in an area of relative safety.

On the morning I was due to leave, Sonja and her dad met me and invited me to Kiev for a few days to see their city. I had to decline their lovely offer and explained that the border officials had specifically asked me not to go to Kiev, Odessa, or the Donbas region.

The drive to the Polish border was easy and uneventful except for a couple of checkpoints where the soldiers were so excited seeing Bridget they dropped everything else they were doing and came over to have their photos taken.

There was a short queue at the border and, as it was fairly warm, I decided to get out of Bridget and stretch my legs. A people carrier passed by and stopped opposite the customs office. Several officials came out of the office and went over to the carrier, opened the rear doors and there was a family of ten, with all their worldly goods. Customs have to thoroughly search all vehicles including those of refugees. Watching these events was too much for me and I had to return to the car. With my passport stamped, Bridget and I drove off through the barriers, but I had the most awfully mixed emotions. I was happy to have visited their country but couldn't help feeling that I was abandoning them to their fate.



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March 13, 7pm at the Berkshire Lakes Clubhouse, 495 Belville, Blvd., Naples.



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