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The Steering Column

I want to devote this column to the 2026 Texas Tour Planning Efforts and solicit volunteers. Wendell Bell, our tour chairman provided the following update. Hillsboro has been selected as the host community and a pre-tour site visit was conducted to confirm infrastructure exists to accommodate the program. A general outline of the two tour days has been designed – one day will head west to Fossil Rim Wildlife near Glen Rose. The second tour day will head east towards Corsicana – home to the Pearce Museum with exhibits of western art and civil war artifacts. Hillsboro has a Roadside America Museum which could be a stop one day of the tour.

Naturally, this is just the very beginning of the tour planning effort. We need to fill in details for each tour day – stops of interest, bathroom stops, and lunch (perhaps a catered lunch at one of the lakes).

Other tasks include:

- Tour logo design/registration packet
- Hospitality Room (Lynda Rankin)
- Silent auction – doing it? Yes? No? If so, theme?
- Project/expense tracking
- Negotiate hotel block
- Develop a Thursday “early bird” activity plan
- Plan Thursday Welcome Meal – location, menu
- Friday Tour – route map, mileages, stops, lunch, etc.
- Saturday Tour – (same as above)
- Evening Meals – Saturday and Sunday – menu, price, locations
- Evening entertainment??

A couple of folks have stepped up to offer help with tour planning. Greg Herbert, registration; Jim Rankin, emcee; Lynda Rankin, hospitality. So . . . take a look at the activities we have ahead of us and think about what role you might enjoy. Then contact either Wendell or me to join the fun planning team.

Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Joe Peter, President CTR-AACA



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Secretary's Report

Minutes of Road Relics Meeting

July 9, 2024 – Catfish Parlour

By Ronnie Burt, Secretary, Central Texas Region, AACA

Meeting President Joe Peter opened the meeting right at 7:05pm.

Membership Wayne was not there but no new members were reported or were visiting.

Secretary's Report Minutes from the June meeting were accepted. JC made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Gary B seconded.

Treasurer's Report Duane reported that it was an easy month – no income, no outgo. The club funds are in good shape.

Wellness Report The only illness reported was John A who is recovering from Covid. We miss John and wish him well and hope he is back among us soon.

Website Rich noted that every page of the website has been updated. The site lists upcoming car shows so check it out. If you know of any in your area, please let Rich know. The address <https://centraltexas.aaca.com> is listed always in the monthly newsletter.

Newsletter The newsletter was sent to Jerry Dixon's Automotive and Klassic Kar Center who have been invited to advertise in the newsletter to reciprocate for displaying AACA membership forms in their shop.

Regarding those membership forms, DJ wrote and sent an article National AACA and it will be printed in the July/August issue of *Antique Automobile*. Look for it in your mailbox.

Previous Events The 4th of July parade held in Wimberley was attended by George Pierce, Doug Wenger and children and Tom Kirkham (Bob and Ceale's son).

Upcoming Events

- AACA Western Divisional Tour – Big Horn Mountain, WY, July 10-13
- Watermelon Festival – McDade, TX, July 13
- Fredericksburg Swap Meet – July 26-28
- Siena Car Show – Buck's Backyard, Buda, TX, July 28
- Spurfest Mini-Tour (Sleepover) – Gatesville, TX, September 21-22
- GSTB Mini-Tour – Georgetown, TX, October 19 (starts at Pistons-on-the-Square)
- Belmont Village Sidewalk Party – Austin, TX, November 2

Member Projects

- A friend of a friend of Joe has a 1934 Plymouth 5-window coupe for sale for \$25,000. If interested, let Joe know and he will pass along the information.

Intermission There was a short break for cobbler before resuming the meeting.

Program Due to a state-wide Spectrum outage there were no slides to be shown. But a photo that DJ showed from 1992 filled a lot of time while long time members present had a good time picking out friends and reminiscing.

Adjourn A motion to close the meeting was made by George and seconded by JC. Joe closed the meeting at 8:00.

Past Events

Independence Day Parade – Wimberley, TX

By Doug Wenger

The parade was fun. . .and really massive! It took about an hour to drive the full parade route and that's after about an hour of queueing and staging and I couldn't believe how many people turned out. We've been in the West Lake Hills parade, which takes about 7 - 10 minutes to complete so we really felt like we hit the big leagues! It was fun and well organized.

There were a few sightings of friends and family watching the parade so the kids were happy to see them.

Tom Kirkham participated as well as George in his REO Speedwagon with some friends and family. They were behind us coming out of the staging lot, but then I didn't see them after a little while. I wrote George a note asking him what happened and if everyone was ok, and I got this note:

Just now seeing your message The fuel pump on my REO died. There was a tow truck in the parade and he just pulled us along. Was a great parade.

Car folks always find a way!



DOUG WENGER

1961 Ford Galaxie Sunliner – Staging for 2024 Independence Day Parade – Wimberley, TX

Upcoming Activities

Getting Ready for Autumn

By Wendell Bell and others

Spurfest Mini-Tour

September 20-21, 2024

Gatesville, TX

By Wendell Bell

The Cruzin Cruzers Car Show begins at 8:00am, Saturday 9/21 so Road Relics members may want to go up Friday night. I recommend the Comfort Inn for good parking options and onsite restaurant. It is one mile from The Drive-In Picture Show for those who want to participate. Or, there is the Holiday Inn Express which has a free hot breakfast. Both have rooms available now, but probably will be running low in a few weeks.

Car show registration is \$25 in advance or \$30 day of: <https://www.cruzincruzers.com>

The Coryell Museum features 50 exhibits housed in 24,450 square feet and admission is free: <https://coryellmuseum.com/plan-your-visit/#spurfest>

Gatesville has the world's largest spur collection is Wendell's home town.



Gatesville, TX – Seat of Coryell County

GSTB Mini-Tour

October 19, 2024

Temple, TX

By Leif Allred and John Haydon

For those who wake up early or live close by, this tour of the northern area will have an 8:00am meet-and-greet at Pistons-on-the-Square in downtown Georgetown. We'll then gather and depart Georgetown around 10:00am for a back roads tour towards Salado to visit a member's exclusive collection and on towards Temple to the Railroad & Heritage Museum followed by lunch. The tour may then cruise through Belton's antique stores.



Temple, TX – Railroad & Heritage Museum

Special Marques

REO Club's 50th Annual Meet

by Wendell Bell

I had the good fortune to be among about 100 others attending the 50th Annual Meet of the REO Club of America in Ypsilanti, Michigan, June 19-22, 2024. The four-day event included short driving tours with 30-plus pre-war vehicles and visits to several museums and other interesting car-related sites. I took in a few other venues in the Motor City area on my own.

The first stop on the first day of the meet, Thursday, had little to do with antique automobiles. We caravanned about one mile from the host hotel to the headquarters and home shop of Kalitta Motorsports of drag racing fame. We broke up into three groups for guided tours through the design, fabrication, and testing processes for assembling top fuel dragsters and funny cars, including turning

square aluminum ingots into 11,000-horsepower engines. We also saw lots of trophies and memorabilia celebrating national championships and other achievements of the Kalitta family through more than 60 years of competition.

Next, we drove about 8 miles to the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum housed in a building that was a Hudson dealership until 1958 when that line was discontinued. With a focus on the Hudson-Essex-Terraplane vehicles, the museum tells stories of other automotive products with ties to Ypsilanti and the Willow Run manufacturing complex such as the Chevrolet Corvair and the Hydramatic transmission. The museum also houses a Kaiser-Frazer archive with several examples of their vehicles. →



R.E. Olds Transportation Museum – Lansing, MI

Special Marques

→ The final Thursday stop, less than a mile from the heritage museum, was the Michigan Firehouse Museum. We enjoyed a boxed lunch then learned about the progression of firefighting techniques from hand- and horse-drawn equipment through more “modern” fire trucks, including a few REOs. We headed back to the hotel around 3:30 after a very enjoyable day.

Friday, we boarded two coaches for the 80-mile trip to Lansing and the R.E. Olds Transportation Museum. Along the way, we stopped at a private collection at a rural home near Stockbridge. I was astonished that the owners, members of the REO Club, had two

huge shops filled with a couple of dozen REO vehicles including cars of the very early 1900s to trucks of the 1950s and 60s. I’ll go out on a limb and say they also probably have the largest collection of REO lawnmowers along with advertising signs and related items. Outdoors was an eclectic group of vintage excavating equipment of various brands.

The REO Club has close ties to the Olds Museum, and it was fitting for the 50th club meet to devote most of a day to it. It showcases a diverse collection of Oldsmobiles dating from 1897 to 2004. Of course, it includes a number of REO cars and trucks from the company R. E. Olds formed after →



Michigan Firehouse Museum – Ypsilanti, MI

Special Marques

→ resigning from Oldsmobile in 1904 due to disagreements with majority shareholders and corporate officers.

On Saturday, we held a car show and swap meet at a local park near the hotel. Although it was unusually hot for Michigan (it felt like Austin), the circular display of club vehicles was admired by many locals and tourists. The Firehouse Museum brought over a REO pumper that shot a high stream of water over a pond that helped attract a crowd. It was a relaxing day with time to take closer looks at

the cars and gain helpful advice. Saturday night's awards banquet capped off a successful event.

While in the area, I visited Greenfield Village and The Henry Ford Museum of Innovation in Dearborn and the Piquette Plant in Detroit where early Fords including the first Model Ts were produced.

I look forward to providing additional comments and lots more photos at an upcoming Road Relics meeting.



WENDELL BELL

1915 REO Speedwagon, Favorite Truck Award
Cover Sheet: REO Lawnmower Private Collection, Stockbridge, MI

In the Community

McDade Watermelon Festival 2024

By Vern Hancock

The fest was a little on the muddy side this year, but the attendance was very good due to the moderately cool, for July, weather. My retired law enforcement colleague Wayne, who lives in McDade, carted me around on his Mule to get these pics.

The car show was small but had some unique vehicles with a lot of pickups which usually is common at rural shows. Looks like

Gary B got to the show early enough to get the best and rare shade tree. The fest also included an arts/craft area, live music, parade down Main Street, BBQ contest, melon weigh-in and awards, traveling food cart and food court and all the melons you can eat. Looks like my Grandson was not quite sure what the melons were all about. Wayne texted me later that day and noted large crowds later in the day.



VERN HANCOCK

Melissa, Jake, Avery, Amber, Kacy, Bryan



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Watermelon Festival – McDade, TX – July 13, 2024

On the Internet

Lakester

Forwarded by John Robertson

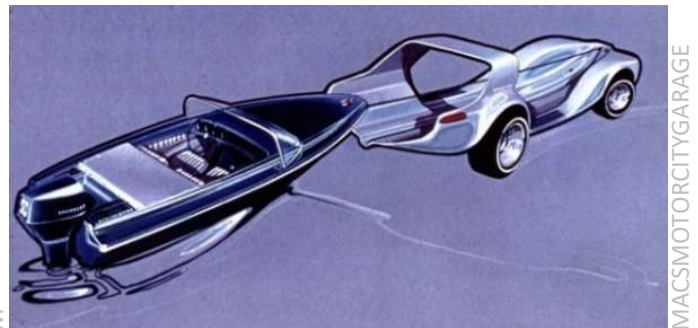
“Is it a speedboat? A sports car? Both? Neither? It’s the fabulous Evinrude Lakester concept created by famed industrial designer Brooks Stevens. Here’s a closer look at this singular machine.”



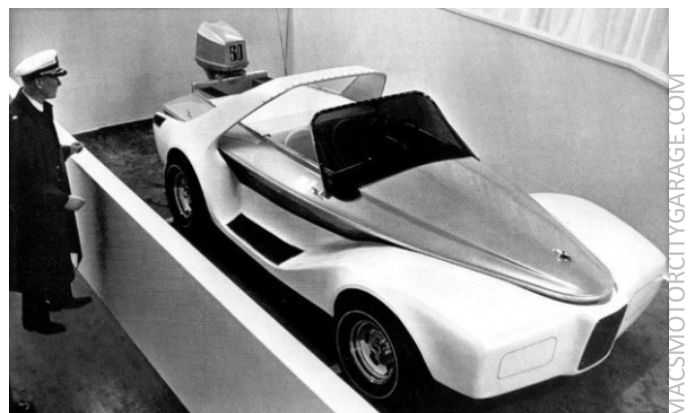
“The late Brooks Stevens (1911-1995) was one of America’s most original and prolific industrial designers. Along with automobiles—Willys Jeepster, Studebaker Hawk GT, Oscar Meyer Wiernermobile, to name but a few—Stevens and his firm, Brooks Stevens Design Associates, designed Harley-Davidson motorcycles, railroad trains, pleasure boats and outboard motors, home appliances, office furnishings, lawn equipment... the list goes on. And on. The New York Times called Stevens “a major force in industrial design.” Here we present one of his lesser-known designs, but a fascinating one in any case: the Evinrude Lakester of 1970.”

“This rendering illustrates the Lakester concept in a nutshell: a conventional fiberglass pleasure boat, more or less, that can be mated to a modular auto chassis for highway travel. A 50-hp outboard motor provides the road vehicle’s power through a

power takeoff unit and coupler driving a hydrostatic CVT transmission. Integrated driving controls allow the Lakester to be operated from the same seat on both land and sea, and a handy electric winch hauls the 14-ft. hull into its docking position.”



“As the story goes, the Lakester project was sponsored by the promoters of the Chicago and San Francisco consumer boat shows, who were looking for an attendance booster for their events. We can presume the concept also received consideration from the Evinrude division of OMC, the Outboard Marine Corporation, a regular Stevens client.”



It was featured in *Popular Science* magazine in 1970.

<https://www.macsmotorcitygarage.com/the-brooks-stevens-evinrude-lakester/>

Around Town

Local Shows, Events, and Cruise-Ins by Club Members

Little Valley Auto Ranch Swap Meet Belton, TX – July 6-7, 2024 by Vern Hancock

This is a 41st annual event. The Little Valley owner always displays about 20-40 restorable antique cars available for sale and 30-40 vendors display as well. This is a small meet but I always find many useful auto and related items. Generally, the meet coincides with July 4th weekend activities. Little Valley also hosts the larger December meet at the Dome in Belton – usually about 150 or so indoor/outdoor vendors on display. Little Valley also has a small antique cars salvage area and repair shop as well.



July 4 Celebration at Gabriel Park Georgetown, TX – July 4, 2024 by Leif Allred

Also a 41st annual event, the Sertoma Club <https://gtxsertoma.org/> with the City of Georgetown coordinates a festival that includes live entertainment, arts and crafts vendors, food vendors, a petting zoo, games, rides for children and adults, and concludes with a fireworks show. It also lets antique and show cars park on the grass in different displays and gatherings. JC Carter's artwork shows up again with the Model A photo booth! An ad-hoc tire change demonstration also was there.



Around Town

Pistons on the Square

Georgetown, TX – July 20, 2024

by Leif Allred

One can get there really early and get a spot . . . or park in a “not a spot” . . . or have someone put out a cone. In that case, you can show up whenever! At any picnic, you risk having unwanted or uninvited guests. In this case, an anti-abortion group posted themselves on the northeast grass and proceeded to bullhorn the monthly car enthusiast gathering. It could be heard anywhere except inside Lamppost Coffee Shop – the one most people choose. Members Alex Armendariz and John Haydon were also there with vehicles.



LEIF ALLRED



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2 the Crack and Back Send-Off

Lampasas, TX – July 26, 2024

by Leif Allred

Apparently, this is also an annual scavenger hunt that departs from Martin’s Rod and Custom in Lampasas to the Grand Canyon and back in a vehicle that cannot cost more than \$500. Talking with a participant, they can make the car safe (tires, brakes) and can then spend \$500 on engine upgrades before embarking on the race while gathering video evidence of 6 challenges. The 7th challenge was drawn from a hat: roadkill. Most applauded that it was a photo holding it and not bringing it back as was done before. The vehicles are hilarious!



Dressed as a Tesla that caught on fire

LEIF ALLRED



Scooby Doo Mystery Machine

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<https://www.facebook.com/CrackAndBack/>

The DJ Page

An Automotive Outlet for Outstanding Observations

by DJ Stamp

Nevada Junkyard Junkyard somewhere North of Las Vegas along state road 375 also known as the Extraterrestrial Highway.



DJ'S INTERNETS

1954 Kom-Pak Sportsman Camper This 1954 Kom-Pak Sportsman is a single-axle camping trailer equipped with a removable boat that forms the roof. Features include two side windows, a rear workstation with a fold-down platform, a wood-paneled interior, and 15" steel wheels. The boat measures 12' in length and is equipped with rear lifting handles and anchor points for securing it to the trailer.



BRINGATRILER.COM

1959 Lincoln Continental Mark IV "Ranchero/El Camino" Pick-Up For sale on facebook marketplace for \$35,000, Brownwood, TX.



FACEBOOK MARKETPLACE

Hood Ornament 1947 DELAHAYE 148 Légère Coupé



PETER BOVYN FOTOGRAFIE

Membership

Trophy Case

We're looking for a new home for the club's trophy case. Help maintain the history and accomplishments of the club . . . and be the keeper of special recognitions – like the technical achievement awards plaque and the coveted "Screw Up Award" and other notable achievements of our members. It stands 7 feet tall, is 4 feet wide, and 2 feet deep. It's the perfect size for your garage, man cave, living room, or museum. Please contact George Brunner to take immediate possession of this club treasure.



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Letter From the Editor



Business in the Front; Party in the Back! Fashion and automotive styles go in and out. There's always something to appreciate at monthly cruise-ins. The biggest thing to be grateful for is the organizers. We just get to show up and have fun walking around talking to friends and meeting people or just relaxing by our own vehicle and talking about how long we've had it, what we've done to it and how their brother had one.

Leif

National News

National News, Notifications, and Nudges

As Reported from AACA emails, Antique Automobile Magazine, Website, and Mailings



The Macungie Truck Show

By John McCarthy
VP—Endowments

The town Macungie in Pennsylvania and surrounding states is synonymous with car shows. From June to September there are several shows each month at Macungie Memorial Park---to name a few the General Motors Show, Antique Truck Show (three days in their 44th year), Das Awkscht Fescht sponsored by the Ontelaunee Region AACA (three days in their 61st year), Corvette Show, Wheels of Time (three days featuring hot rods and customs), plus many cruise nights with a large number of food truck vendors.

Then in mid-June there is the Antique Truck Show sponsored by the Antique Truck Club of America headquartered in Boyertown, PA. Not only is this a large show with close to a thousand trucks, but the trucks are also really BIG. While there may be a couple of handfuls of F-150's, Dakota's, and Silverado's, the vast majority of the trucks are Kenworth's, Brockway's, International's, Peterbilt's, Sterling's, and of course, Mack, whose factory is a few miles away. Many of these trucks are trailered by even bigger trucks for states in the South, Mid-west and Canada. There is also a large selection of orphaned trucks going back to the early 1900's like Autocar, Diamond T, Hahn, Detroit Diesel powered Studebakers, DIVCO, Moreland, REO and even Crosley. Crosley owners should never complain about detailing their trucks---just think about what

the Peterbilt owners have to go through.

Since I don't have a truck, what is nice about this show is that I don't have anything to do other than roam around and enjoy the trucks. There is also a large selection of vendors selling truck parts and truck models and toys. To get a good feel of this show there is an excellent video on YouTube "the trucks arriving at the Macungie Truck Show in 2023".

<https://youtu.be/F3e7pmOO6o0?si=L6fcGq2mXi5t4VZb>



YOUTUBE.COM/AUSTINTRAINS



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Calendar

August 13, 2024 7:00pm (earlier for dinner)
MONTHLY MEETING
Catfish Parlour South 4705 E Ben White Blvd

August 22-24, 2024
SPECIAL EASTERN FALL NATIONALS
Hampton, VA

September 12-14, 2024
WESTERN FALL NATIONALS
Loveland, CO

September 20-21, 2024 (SLEEPOVER)
SPURFEST MINI-TOUR AND FESTIVAL
Gatesville, TX – by Wendell Bell

September 22, 2024 12:00 to 5:00pm
CLASSICS FOR CARING – CLASSIC CAR SHOW
500 Barton Avenue, Temple, TX
Jack McChurch 254-773-4564

September 22-27, 2024
REVIVAL AAA GLIDDEN TOUR®
Fairfield, PA

October 5, 2024 9:00am – 5:00pm
RIBS AND RODS www.RibsAndRods.org
7915 S General Bruce Dr, Temple, TX

October 5, 2024 9:00am – 3:00pm
MAIN STREET CAR SHOW
Highland Lakes Kiwanis – Marble Falls, TX
Register at www.highlandlakeskiwanis.org
Food - Live Music - Shopping - Prizes - 50/50

October 5, 2024 8:00am – 2:00pm
HILL COUNTRY RALLY FOR KIDS CAR SHOW
7100 Creek Rd, Dripping Springs, TX
1968 Camaro Raffle!

October 8-11, 2024
EASTERN FALL NATIONALS
Hershey, PA

October 12, 2024
3rd ANNUAL DAY FOR KIDS CAR SHOW
206 Laura Street, Copperas Cove, TX

October 19, 2024 8:00am (10:00am)
TEMPLE/BELTON/SALADO MINI-TOUR
Georgetown, TX

October 19, 2024
LUCKENROD CAR SHOW
Luckenbach, TX

October 23-26, 2024
SOUTHEASTERN FALL NATIONALS
Huntsville, AL

October 26, 2024
TAYLOR CAR SHOW
Taylor, TX

November 2, 9:30am – 1:00pm
BELMONT SIDEWALK PARTY
Austin, TX – by Leif Allred

November 9, 2024
VETERAN'S DAY CAR SHOW
Bastrop, TX

November 10, 2024 10:00am – 1:00pm
GEARING FOR GAVIN CAR SHOW
Cart Castle 111 CR 214, Liberty Hill, TX
Benefits Gavin's Gift of Grave Non-Profit

LEGEND

Monthly Meetings

Special Events

Road Relics Mini-Tours

National Meets and Tours

Local (unofficial) Events

www.motortexas.com/events/

https://www.taillightking.com/swap_list.htm

Classifieds

1972 Ford F250 Camper Special 390 FE V8, C6, power steering, power front disc brakes, 3.73 rear. Rebuilt engine and transmission in 2016. Engine is .030 over, forged flat top pistons, Howard's hydraulic roller cam, dove roller rockers, edelbrock rpm intake, holley 750cfm, hooker headers, pertronix ignition, fully rebuilt heads with cobra jet stainless steel valves. Dual exhaust, magnaflow mufflers. Bed liner, modern radio, new carpet, Grant walnut steering wheel. 17" wheels. New tie rods, I-beam pivot bushings, U-joints and carrier bearing. Completely Overhauled front brakes. New fuel tanks. So much more done . . . this truck is reliable, fast, loud and fun! California truck originally, no rust. More pictures and upon requests for serious inquiries. Only selling because I have another project – owned since 2013. **\$21,750 OBO cash**
Jim Lantis 512-595-2413



1955 and 1959 Ford T-Birds for sale The owner is a non smoker retired veterinarian and life long friend of mine for over sixty years and both cars are in Texas. Please note the '55 has telescopic steering wheel and both have power steering. They have always been kept in an air conditioned five car garage. The cars are unmolested and, except for routine maintenance parts, all original and are operated regularly and well maintained. The '55 has both hard and soft tops – port holes were added to eliminating blind spots while driving. The '55 has been converted to a 12 volt electric system. The '59 has a new power top and power windows. Both vehicles have automatic transmissions. Both priced at **\$32,000** each. **Michael O'Day 832-640-1007**

