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The Steering Column

Fall is on the way! Thankfully!! We can begin to look forward to football, caramel apples and pumpkin spice seasonings.

Fall marks the beginning of school, a hallmark of which is the sleepover. Always an opportunity to gather with friends, enjoy a leisurely evening, show our vehicles and have a great outing! I am proposing we embrace that time honored tradition and plan to attend the sleepovers our club membership allows . . . such as the Texas Tour and Pate (there I go again).

The September 20-21, 2024 Car Club "Sleepover" in Gatesville, TX – the Spurfest Mini-Tour – is an upcoming overnight activity. Hotel rooms are still available. Contact either me or Wendell Bell if you are interested in joining the group!

In addition to the sleepover, there are a couple of afternoon outings planned by several of our members such as the following:

- ☐ October 5, Main Street Car Show, hosted by the Highland Lakes Kiwanis in Marble Falls
- ☐ October 19, Temple Mini-Tour starting in Georgetown, Texas

In the meanwhile, enjoy the best our Texas Hill Country offers in the fall season!

Joe Peter, President CTR-AACA





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Secretary's Report

Minutes of Road Relics Meeting August 13, 2024 – Catfish Parlour

By Ronnie Burt, Secretary, Central Texas Region, AACA

Meeting President Joe Peter got everyone's attention with the gavel and opened the meeting at 7:00pm. At intervals throughout the meeting, Joe displayed slides about Restoration Do's and Don'ts. They were comical and hit close to home with most of the members, especially the cost of restoration, much of which it was noted, is not shared with spouses and/or significant others. There was unanimous agreement to that statement.

Membership We had a full house tonight and it was good to see everyone. Wayne was not in attendance, but no new members were reported and no visitors were present.

Secretary's Report Minutes from the July meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report Duane reported that it was a quiet month. The only expense reported was for the ice cream social in June. Money has been set aside for the 2026 Texas Tour, and overall the club funds are in good shape.

Wellness Report Lizette had no reports of any illness among the members.

Website Rich has asked that any additions to the calendar or suggestions to the website be reported to him.

Newsletter As always, the club newsletter, FenderTalk, is so well done and greatly appreciated. Leif does a very good job keeping all of us informed.

Past Events Gary reported on the McDade Watermelon Festival saying there were approximately 70 vehicles along with loads of watermelon; one of which Gary won. There is talk of the Watermelon Festival being moved from August to June due to the excessive Texas summer heat. For the same reason (weather), the Fredericksburg Swap Meet was moved to December this year.

Upcoming Events

- Wendell's Spurfest Mini-Tour Gatesville, TX, September 21-22. Recommended hotel for those overnighting Comfort Inn (254) 865-1207. Special Attractions: Drive-In Movie (Friday night). Car Show 8:00am Saturday morning. Coryell County Museum and Historical Center that houses the extensive Lloyd and Madge Mitchell Spur Collection. Music Festival and Shoot-Out. For those who would like to extend the weekend, take a short drive over to Temple for the Sunday Classics for Caring Car Show, 500 Barton Ave, Temple.
- Main Street Car Show, Highland Lakes Kiwanis, Marble Falls – October 5
- GSTB Mini-Tour Leif will lead a mini tour with a start in Georgetown at 9:30-10:00 and travel to Salado, Temple, and Belton.
- 6th Annual Belmont Village Sidewalk Party November 2 – Austin, TX

Member Projects It was noted that it's been too hot for many projects right now. However, DJ did get the slab down for his new shop. →

Secretary's Report

Intermission There was a short break for cobbler provided by the Catfish Parlor before resuming the meeting.

Program DJ provided the evening's program by showing slides from the St. Catherine of Sienna's car show which had been moved up a week due to rain. There was a nice assortment of vehicles at the show and DJ pointed out the special features of each of the vehicles he photographed.

Urgent Notice! George needs someone to take the club trophy case out of his museum. He has new items to display and needs the room. Joe said he would ask Jesse, the manager of the Catfish Parlor, if he would be open to putting the display case in our meeting room. If that's not possible, if a club member has the room, please help by housing the display case in your home or garage.

Adjourn A motion to close the meeting was made by George and seconded by Gary. Joe closed the meeting at 7:55pm.



100mph Model T — Georgetown, TX August 17, 2024

Letter From the Editor



1953 Mercury - Georgetown, TX - August 17, 2024

If I wanted to take a photo of a car without people in the frame, I would put it somewhere away from people. I love getting shots of people poking their faces in the window, under the hood, or lying on the ground to see under it. Antique cars are good to study for aesthetics, design, and restoration details. The other fun thing to do is take photographs of other people taking photographs of unique features or of their people posing in front of it. How did the car become so photogenic? Leif

Upcoming Activities

Spurfest Mini-Tour and Sleepover

By Wendell Bell

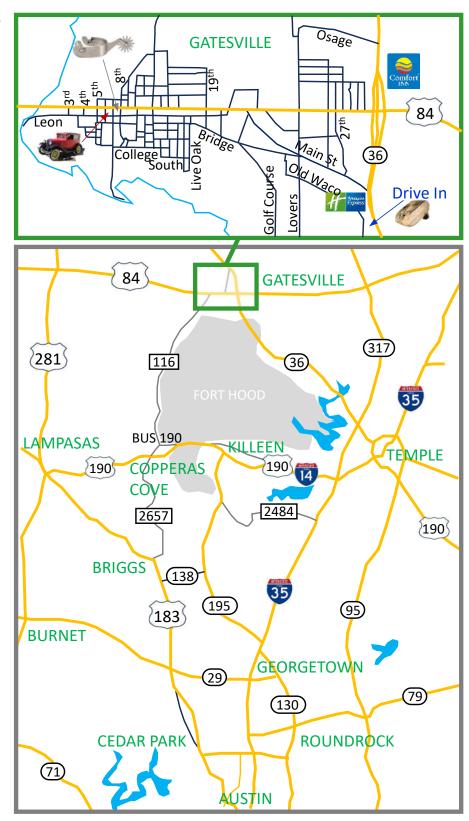
The Cruzin Cruzers Car Show begins at 8:00am. Saturday 9/21 so Road Relics members may want to go up Friday night. I recommend the Comfort Inn for good parking options and onsite restaurant. It is one mile from The Drive-In Picture Show for those who want to participate. Or, there is the Holiday Inn 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 the 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/pla n-your-visit/#spurfest

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

Traveling to Gatesville from the south requires going around Fort Hood – clockwise or counterclockwise. There will be muster points on either side. Sign up at the meeting or online so we know to wait up.



Techical Support

Trevor's '68 Camaro

by Wayne Heikkila

Hi, everyone. My brother-in-law purchased a 1968 Camaro about 9 months ago. It was a one owner gentleman's car out of California with a 327 with a 3-speed on the floor and factory A/C; front disc brakes were added. It has 92,000 original miles and original interior and paint which is very nice. The car shows very well. The motor was supposedly rebuilt at 91,500 miles but the tires were 20 years old with the original spare in the trunk. All this sounded good.

The first thing it got was a new set of tires but it would run hot. We ended up replacing the radiator and fan clutch. Problem solved. The next issue was the engine oil light would come on at idle. We installed a gauge to see what the true oil pressure was. When the engine is cold, it was around 40 but, after it warmed up, it dropped to 5. The engine also started making more and more noises. We decided an inspection was needed and what we found was not good. After removing the valve covers and intake, we noticed some new valves and springs and some new and old

lifters. After cranking the engine over, we found that the new lifters didn't move up and down as much. So, we started removing the new lifters and it only got worse. The cam lobes were flattened out. It was time to step back and think about where to go.

After a couple weeks, Trevor purchased a rebuilt 350 long block and we swapped out the engines. In the process of checking all the fluids, we noticed the brake fluid was low. It turned out there are no disc brakes on the front. It has drums on the front and rear. Everything on the front was new — shoes, springs, drums, wheel cylinders and hoses. Even the rear hose was replaced but nothing had been done to the rear brakes. We replaced the rears with all new parts. The car now runs great and is enjoyable to drive.

In the end, Trevor is left with more questions: Did the 90-year old man that took exceptional care of his car lie? Or did some shop take advantage of him knowing he wasn't going to drive the car?



Car Shows

St. Catherine Car Show

By DJ Stamp

Pat and I attended St. Catherine Car Show at Buck's Backyard in Buda on Sunday August 4th. We went early to avoid the heat.

Buck's is a country bar with a large outdoor stage and a disc golf course on the grounds. The car show is held in the back yard but you don't access it from the front yard. Look for the Lincoln sedan at the show entrance on 1626 which takes a roundabout way through the woods. It's a nice grass setting with trees around the perimeter but

no shade in the show area. There were around 50 cars — a mixture of rods and original classics with food vendors and other vendors around the perimeter. The only club member we saw was Dan Marshall who was there with his Cool Packard 400.

Pat's favorite car was easily the 1961 Rambler American convertible – maybe mine too, although the Factory Five Shelby Daytona was tempting. Tacos from macho Taco on the way home made for a nice finish.



Car Shows









Car shows are also about the people you meet. The 1965 Factory Five Shelby Daytona was just finished by Doug Stelter — a frequent club guest, good friend, mentor, and a great mechanic to have ride shotgun! He talked with the guy who owned the 356 Porsche and found him to very cool. It turns out that he takes it to Colorado on a charity run. The lady with the Rambler also has an interesting story. She actually bought the car to have the movie companies use it. It has been in at least three different movies and shows already. He didn't recall talking to DJ. Have you seen this man? There's no way you would forget the conversation! It's a small world but you don't want to paint it. --Editor



On the Internet

500cc 'One-Stroke' Engine

Forwarded by DJ Stamp

Company Builds Powerful 500cc 'One-Stroke' Engine, Immediately Installs It in a Miata – The tiny powerplant weighs just 85 pounds but packs a big punch – Posted by Rob Stumpf on Jul 15, 2023.



"I love weird engines—give me a rotary, a turbine, or, hell, even a flat-eight and I'll be happy. That's why I was so excited when I heard that INNengine of Granada, Spain had produced a opposed-piston engine that packed a pretty powerful punch in an extremely tiny package.

There's no cylinder head in this motor. Also no crankshaft, no camshaft, and no valves. That's why it's no surprise that this engine tips the scales at just 85 pounds. Somehow, it still produces 120 horsepower with just half a liter of displacement, thanks to what the company calls a single-stroke combustion cycle. Perfect to throw into a Miata, as it turns out.

Despite having four cylinder banks, the INNengine (depending on its configuration) actually has eight pistons. This is because the engine is an opposed-piston motor, meaning that each piston's compression stroke is

performed against a second piston placed in the same cylinder bank rather than a static cylinder head. It still only has four combustion chambers, though, which means it sounds similar to a four-cylinder engine.

There are no connecting rods to be seen in this motor (at least not in a traditional sense). Instead, the pistons sit on rollers that ride against a lobed circular plate which can be adjusted to affect the engine's timing and compression ratio. As the lobe reaches its peak, the piston rushes towards top-dead-center where fuel is directly injected into the cylinder and a spark plug ignites the compressed air-fuel mixture."



"The mechanical configuration also allows for better engine balance. That means typical drawbacks of an internal combustion motor (often referred to as noise, vibration, and harshness) are minimalized."

https://www.thedrive.com/news/companybuilds-powerful-500cc-one-stroke-engineimmediately-installs-it-in-a-miata/

Member's Projects

Replacing the LaSalle

By Wayne Heikkila

Hi, everyone. A few weeks ago, I was on Facebook Marketplace looking for 1965 Corvette parts for my brother. I do my search within 100 miles of his home. Anyway, I was doing my weekly search when a 1940 Buick Coupe came up that piqued my interest. I read the description which said it was a 6-year-old restoration and driven only in parades and to shows. It had a few photos showing the outside of the car and, after thinking about it for a week, I decided to send a message to the owner. It was a lengthy message with a number of questions.

After sending the message, I called my brother Alvin to see if he would be interested in looking at it. His wife Deb immediately went to Facebook and looked up the car and they both agreed it would be worth going to look at. A few days passed before I got a message back from Russell the owner with some of the answers and a number to call if I really wanted more information. I guess Russell had been overwhelmed with tire kickers.

It turns out it was a frame off restoration. He drove it almost as a daily driver on weekends and it is a great driving car. He had put about 8,000 miles on the car. I asked why he was selling it if it was such a great driving car. He said he had purchased a new play toy and didn't have any indoor parking for all the cars. I Told him that I wanted my brother to come by to check it over and Russell said that would be an excellent idea. I called Alvin and passed on Russell's contact information.

After arranging a date and time, Alvin and Deb drove the two hours to go look at the car. Alvin and I talked about all the things to look for and what to inspect and what questions to ask while he was there. It turns out the car was super clean inside and out along with the undercarriage with no leaks of any kind. Sadly, it had started to pour down rain and the test drive was canceled. The next morning Alvin and I talked about the car with Deb giving her impressions in the background. The decision was made to make an offer.

I contacted Russell and we negotiated a price for the car. I then made a transfer of funds to Alvin and sent paperwork that I needed signed by the seller. A few days later, Alvin test drove the car and finished the purchase of the car. Currently the car is still in Michigan while I make plans to go pick it up, which I'm looking forward to! More on going to get it and my first impressions coming soon.



Around Town

Local Shows, Events, and Cruise-Ins

by Club Members



Pistons on the Square Georgetown, TX – August 17, 2024 by Vern Hancock

started early Saturday morning to attend the gun show in Belton before the crowds got large. The Pistons on the Square in Georgetown was along the route so I decided to stop by and snap a few pics of some of the more interesting vintage autos and to get an approximate participation count. Sun City Texas is nearby so these folks have found a means to bring along at least one vintage auto when they retire to Texas. The pics are a few of the autos I thought were the most unique for the August meet. I have included a pic of one of our ice cream social participants in his modified brass Yes, you can meet some unique folks and autos in the special needs parking! I left about 8:30 in the morning for Belton but I guess-ti-mate approximately 90 vintage cars were there.





Around Town



Beaumont Cars and Coffee Beaumont, TX – August 17, 2024 by Wayne Heikkila

I recently found out that there was a cars and coffee on the third Saturday of every month and is about 10 miles from the house. I was also told that it starts later in the mornings. So I got up, had breakfast, and headed out just after 8am. After stopping for fuel, I arrived at the shopping center just before 8:30am and was expecting to see some cars but I didn't see anything. I was starting to think it was a different weekend when, at the far end, there was a '63 Impala with the hood open. I parked close to the owner and confirmed it was this weekend. He said they start rolling in around 8:45am to 9:00am which they did. Just like in Georgetown but two hours later. By 9:30am there had to be close to 70 cars with more coming. It was very warm as the temperature was in the mid 90's when I left around 11:30am. On my way out, I passed more cars heading into the shopping center. Maybe next month it won't be guite so hot and I can spend time looking at the amazing cars that showed up.







The DJ Page

An Automotive Outlet for Outstanding Observations

by DJ Stamp

1939 Chevrolet Raft June 21 1955. Sam Gray, David Rutford, and Fred Hallberg begin their cruise down the Mississippi river from Saint Paul, Minnesota on a homemade raft.



The raft was built of barrels and planks. Power for the propeller was provided by a 1939 Chevrolet they had paid \$15 for. The car had 172,000 miles on it. The rear wheels of the car ran against another set of wheels which turned the propeller. The car's steering wheel turned the raft's rudder. In Saint Louis Missouri, the men had a delay as the Chevy's valves needed to be ground. Outside of Memphis Tennessee, a bearing on the propeller shaft burned out but the men were able to repair it with tools borrowed from a barge crew. The men ran low on food as they discovered a stowaway was eating their food. The stowaway was a rat. The men tried fishing for food but caught nothing the entire trip. Other problems encountered included mosquitoes, driftwood in the river and backwash from passing barges. On July 25, 1955 the trio reached New Orleans. They planned to drive the Chevrolet back to Minnesota. Epilogue: The three men made it back to Saint Paul driving the Chevrolet in 49 hours. The car used five gallons of oil for the return drive.

VW Accessory In 1959, a coffee maker was an optional extra in Volkswagen cars. The Hertella Auto Kaffee machine was the first and only known dashboard-mounted coffee maker. Manufactured in 1959 specifically for the Volkswagen Beetle, it came with porcelain cups which could stick to the machine magnetically.



Automotive Trivia Encyclopedia of American Coachbuilders and Coachbuilding – Over 1200 Auto Body Builders Represented. http://www.coachbuilt.com/ provides information on North American coachbuilders and features material unavailable elsewhere.

Membership

Trophy Case

Leaders

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 take immediate Brunner to possession of this club treasure.





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Mini-Tours

It used to be that those that lived up north had to always travel down south for a good mini-tour and to exercise their old cars. Now it seems that even those living south coordinate tours up north. If you're wanting to tour the south near your home, it's time you coordinate a mini-tour.



National News

National News, Notifications, and Nudges

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



AACA Youth Scholarships
By Greg Jackson
VP – Youth Development
and Awards

As we head into the full swing of summertime, our thoughts turn to beach

trips, family vacations and weekend car shows. The long days and warm nights make it feel like December is forever from now. However, it's not too early to start thinking about the December 1 deadline for AACA Scholarships.

AACA has a strong commitment to students who have demonstrated an active interest and participation in the antique car hobby through restoration, preservation and/or ownership of antique cars. AACA awards three types of \$1500 scholarships. In addition, privately funded scholarships are awarded as funds become available. Awards will be presented in February 2025 at the AACA National Convention in Concord NC. **Applications** available online are at aaca.org/scholarships with full details on each award available, as well all requirements. Completed applications must be received by December 1, 2024 in order to be considered. Please note the below summaries are just that - summaries. Full details and requirements are available online.

The Young People's Award requires that the applicant be nominated by a Region or Chapter of AACA. Children and Grandchildren of AACA members are eligible, who are

enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning for either a bachelor's degree or vocational program.

The AACA Scholarship Award is granted to encourage individuals to further their education and stimulate interest in AACA and the history of vehicles in general. This award has the same requirements as the Young People's Award, except nomination by a region or chapter is not required.

The John and Janet Ricketts Leadership Scholarship is for a child or grandchild of an AACA member that is enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning for either a bachelor's degree or vocational program. The applicant must demonstrate active interest in AACA through participation in it's programs or interest in the hobby of antique vehicles.

The Susquehannock Region Automotive Technology Scholarship is a cash award to a student currently enrolled in an institution of higher learning leading to a degree in antique auto restoration or automotive technology.

Hershey Region AACA Automotive Restoration Scholarship is granted by the Hershey Region AACA to students to further their education and stimulate interest in AACA and automotive history.

Scholarship is based on the same rules as the AACA Automotive Technology award and is awarded as funds are available.

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September 10, 2024 7pm (earlier for dinner)

MONTHLY MEETING

Catfish Parlour South 4705 E Ben White Blvd

September 12-14, 2024

WESTERN FALL NATIONALS Loveland, CO

September 14, 2024 9:00AM-1:00PM

CAR SHOW AND CAREER TECH EXPO Rouse High School

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

September 28, 2024 7:00am - 10:00am

CLASSIC CAR MEET UP (Free – 4TH Sundays) Live Music – Breakfast Food Truck – Coffee 103 Forrest St, Liberty Hill, TX

October 5, 2024 9:00am - 5:00pm

RIBS AND RODS <u>www.RibsAndRods.org</u> 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

Classificds

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



