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The Steering Column

Hello, All! I am surprised to note that just three months remain in 2024. We have enjoyed an activity-filled year to date. Some of the highlights include the recent Spurfest in Gatesville, tour of the San Marcos Amazon distribution center, and the Brunner Ice Cream Social. Also, we have participated in a number of car shows at various retirement homes. These are joy filled opportunities to share car memories with the residents and their families.

Fun times aside, I am concerned that our club is facing declining membership rolls. I mention this not to seem negative but to ask for your assistance to brainstorm ideas on how to boost membership. Perhaps begin a Friends and Family Membership drive. Talk with folks who own a vehicle 25 year of age or older.

Joining our AACA car club, which is both local and national, offers activities such as what we have enjoyed this year. Membership before year end will entitle the new member to join us on December 8th for our 2024 Christmas party – a complimentary evening of dining (with cash bar) and music at a local Italian restaurant. In addition, AACA membership provides exclusive offers to entertainment and travel brands, theme parks, hotels, rental cars, movie theaters, and other offers with special pricing. Details are outlined at https://aaca.org/

Joe Peter, President CTR-AACA





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Secretary's Report

Minutes of Road Relics Meeting September 10, 2024 – Catfish Parlour

By Ronnie Burt, Secretary, Central Texas Region, AACA

Meeting President Joe Peter opened to a lightly attended meeting. It was the night of the Presidential debate and many stayed home to watch. But for those who were at the meeting, Joe did a great job with his fun slides.

The evening started with slides presenting the "least favorite auto smells." Everyone seemed to have an opinion on that, and the discussion got lively with most having a say about their least favorite auto smell. Among some of those smells were cigarettes in the ashtray, and leaky heater coil, overheated engine, and differential oil. The oddest smell suggested was beer in the radiator.

Membership Wayne reported that there were no new members during the month.

Secretary's Report George made a motion to accept the minutes from the August meeting as read. Wayne seconded.

Treasurer's Report Duane reported that we are waiting on the Pate income but that all is well with the club's funds.

Wellness Report Lizette noted that all seems to be well among the members. No illness to report.

Website Rich is doing a good job keeping up with the upcoming car shows. With cooler weather coming, there should be many to send to Rich to add to the website.

Newsletter Leif thanked Wayne, DJ, and Vern for their contributions. Many more would be appreciated.

Upcoming Events

Wendell's Spurfest Mini Tour: September 20-21. Wendell gave more specific directions to Gatesville for those attending the Spurfest with these special attractions:

- Drive-In Movie (Friday night)
- Car Show 8:00 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.
- DJ recommended that if you need cheap gas, stop in Lampasas on the way

George would like some Road Relics to join him in two events coming up:

- Open House at the Brunner Museum on Friday, September 13 for coffee and donuts. Residents of Ledgestone Senior Living will be brought to the museum. Those who have their classic cars there will possibly be shown with a resident on the Ledgestone calendar.
- On Saturday, October 26, we are asked to bring our classic cars for a show at Ledgestone Senior Living benefiting the Alzheimer's Association. More about that at the October meeting.

Secretary's Report

- October 5 Main Street Car Show, Highland Lakes Kiwanis, Marble Falls
- October 19 Leif will lead a mini tour with a start in Georgetown at 9:30-10. Travel to Salado, Temple, Belton.
- November 2 The 6th annual visit by the Road Relics to Belmont Retirement Village Sidewalk Party

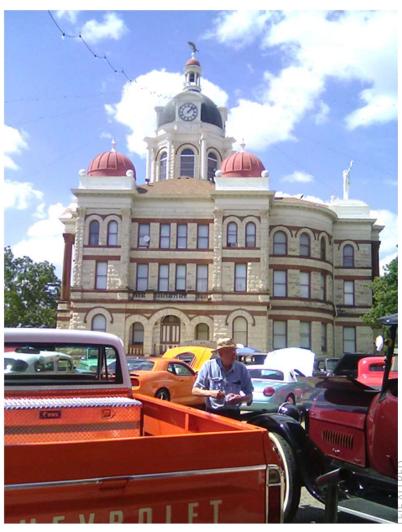
2025 Nominations It's time for nominating club officers for 2025. The nominating

committee consists of Leif, George, and Rich.

Program The program for the evening was presented by Wendell who attended the 50th REO National Meeting in Ypsilanti, Michigan. It was a three day event from June 19-22 with many REO activities.

Adjourn A motion to close the meeting was made by George and seconded by Wendell. Joe closed the meeting at 7:45pm.

Letter From the Editor



George Pierce – Gatesville, TX – Spurfest September 21, 2024

The friends you made in middle school that you hung with throughout high school and beyond . . . do you know what solidified that bond? It was "The Sleepover." College and work created a different type of relationship. called "Trauma Bonding" as you had a shared chore or task. The sleepover, however, is sustained interaction even when you're tired or too exhausted to think it is still fun. It also may be three grown men piling into the single cab of a truck to go to a local homecoming football game and then waking up to rich burning exhaust and pulling antique cars out of trailers and hoping having left the fuel pump on all day didn't kill the battery. Sitting in an assigned seat over a plate of catfish for an hour just really doesn't provide the rich and lasting relationship as does the sleepover. It's sitting out by the tepid 3-foot deep wading pool behind a Comfort Inn with an empty cattle trailer wafting in the breeze and watching TxDOT workers unload a truck that does.

Past Events

Cruzin Cruzers Car Show and Spurfest

by Wendell Bell

On Saturday, September 21st, over 240 cars participated in the 38th annual event hosted by Cruzin Cruzers at the courthouse square in Gatesville. Auto enthusiasts mingled and admired a wide variety of vehicles from pre-WWII days to contemporary more highperformance models. A DJ kept a varied stream of upbeat music going to liven things up and food vendors provided ample refreshments.

Just off the square, the Coryell County Museum and Historical Center had special programs and demonstrations for the annual Spurfest. It highlights the Mitchell spur collection, known to be world's largest. Over 6,000 spurs are on display with another 4,000 in storage. The museum has a wide variety of other artifacts and exhibits and is worth a separate visit on its own.

Leif, Joe, and I met Friday afternoon in Briggs for the 45-mile drive via ranch roads to Gatesville with Joe's 1956 Oldsmobile and Leif's 1970 Chevy pickup. George towed his 1917 REO from San Antonio and met us at the Gatesville Comfort Inn. Rich met us there early Saturday morning, driving his 1965 Shelby Cobra. Jim and Lynda arrived later that day.











Past Events

→ We had hoped to go to the drive-in movie Friday night but a sorority from Baylor University had reserved the whole venue. Instead, went to the high school football game for a while. It happened to be homecoming week, so we found seats on the visitor side the otherwise packed stadium. The game was a blowout, and we left after halftime. A bonus for me was seeing a few locals I knew, including a friend from our Gatesville High Class of 1970.

Saturday morning, our four-car caravan drove the four miles from the hotel to the square. We were there early enough to park strategically by awning covered sidewalks that much-appreciated provided shade. While the food vendors had plenty to offer, we walked a block to a restaurant for a relaxing lunch at The Feed Mill. Around 2:00pm, we called it a day.

After loading George's car, most of us headed home while he opted to stay another night for a more leisurely trip back to San Antonio. All made the roundtrip safely and without incident. The Cruzin Cruzers run a well-organized event, and a good time was had by all.



Rich Bassemir, Leif Allred, George Pierce – Who needs chairs?



Joe Peter explaining the finer points and other usage of PVC



1943 British Welbike Mark I – more on this later . . .

Upcoming Activities

Temple Mini-Tour

By Leif Allred and John Haydon

Saturday, October 19, 2024 8:00am Pistons on the Square 9:30am Mini-Tour to Temple

This is the third Saturday in October. Those that live near Georgetown (or get up really early) may gather at Pistons on the Square. Either way, please be there by 9:30am.

At 9:30am, we'll meet up on the east side of the Georgetown square and launch by 9:45am. The first 53 miles takes us through Walburg, Schwertner, **Bartlett** Holland then ventures east of Highway 95 into some really pretty farmland – with a grand attempt to stay off of gravel roads. We'll then stop for a break at a member's shop to admire an outstanding automobile collection freshen up. After a stretch, we'll head into Temple for lunch at Bird Creek Brewing. From there, is it a 4-block drive to Santa Fe Depot and Temple Railroad & Heritage Museum followed by refreshments at Helados La Azteca Mexican Ice Cream Parlor.

https://birdcreekbrewing.com/ http://www.templerrhm.org/ https://www.heladoslaazteca.net/









Temple Railroad & Heritage Museum

Member's Projects

Buick Coupe Arrived

By Wayne Heikkila

Hi, everyone. As many of you may know, a few weeks ago I purchased a 1940 Buick Sport Coupe. It arrived this past Saturday morning. The driver and I had to push it off the truck because the battery was dead as my brother had left the interior light on during its shipment. Alvin had already told me that it cranked over very slow. When I was jumping it, I noticed the cable on the starter was loose and, after driving it a mile to the house, I put the battery charger on it and noticed the nut was cross threaded on the starter. I had to remove the starter to chase the threads and replace the nut.

As the battery was charging, I moved to inspect the back of the car. The rear end was low. I investigated the shocks and found that they had a very light oil in them. Luckily, I still had a quart of lever shock oil and gaskets. I removed the tops on both sides and removed this very clean oil and cleaned the insides and filled the shocks with the correct oil and installed the covers and added more oil and then proceeded to bleed the shocks. While I

was under the rear end, I discovered the bumper was loose so I tightened that up. After installing the starter, I found one of the oil pan bolts was loose and remedied that too.

In doing all my checks, I also found that the steering box fluid was low. I had some GM steering lube which is thicker than honey and takes a while to drain in. The rest of the fluids checked seemed to be good. After getting everything back together, I started the car for the first time on her own. After letting it run for a while, I turned it off to let it set for a while.

After about 15 minutes, I took it for my first real test drive. Wow, she drives very nicely and has good power. So far, I'm very impressed with my new purchase. As many of us know, there are always things to do to these old cars. I'm starting my list of general maintenance that I think it needs and am sure there will be more to come as I start to drive it around town.



Car Shows

Classics for CARing Car Show

By John Haydon



A year ago, Our Hospice House began providing no-cost hospice care to central Texans in need. Their mission is 100% funded by donations and their services are 100% free to those who need them. The lease on their current home is nearing the end but the demand for hospice care is not. Harper-Talasek Funeral Home hosted the Classics for CARing car show as a fundraiser to help Our Hospice House in their efforts to buy a permanent home. I decided that a good cause like this deserves as much support as I could give so I entered three cars in the show. My sister kindly flew in from Wisconsin just to help get them all there and Amy took the wheel of the Chrysler.

The show was awesome! Or maybe I was just having so much fun showing three cars at once. The volunteers were all terrific and the planners got a lot of things right and were so well organized that it was hard to believe this was their first year. The turnout of 70+ cars was a little lower than we had hoped but the show drew a huge crowd of spectators — many more than expected. At times it felt like a carnival: Live band, raffles, a good variety of food and beverage vendors, plus arts & crafts. KWTX (CBS-Waco) even came out to cover the event for the Sunday evening news:

https://www.kwtx.com/2024/09/23/templecar-show-raises-money-upgrade-localhospice-house/

Harper-Talasek are hoping to make this an annual event. Amy suggested that since we monopolized a corner of the show field this time, for next year we should just volunteer. I'm in!



John Haydon and Amy Stecker – Temple, TX

Help Wanted

1918 Paige Touring Car

by Bill Roberts

This auto is a 1918 Paige Model 6-55 Larchmont four-passenger touring car, built by the Paige-Detroit Motor Car Company. It has a 300 cubic inch, six cylinder Continental engine (#10D76920, dated 4-11-18). The about compression engine produces 30 horsepower and cruises at about 30 mph. The builder's plate on the frame shows chassis 76986 and motor 76920. It's a heavy car that is stopped by mechanical brakes on the rear wheels.

The March 3, 1918 San Antonio Express newspaper, San Antonio, Texas, page C2, has an ad for this car, price \$1,895. The ad was from the Paige and Marmon agency in San Antonio, the Suchy-Wheeler Auto Co., Crockett and Navarro Streets. (In May 1918 it became Wheeler-Lacey Auto Co.)

I am an AACA member and San Antonio is where the "Help Wanted" is needed. My cousin in San Antonio was storing it for me, but he passed away earlier this year. His daughter wants my Paige out of the garage. I want to get it into the hands of a mechanic who can get it running again. My job took me out of Texas. I am now retired and preparing to return—but not soon enough to take care of my car!

My Paige last ran in 1972 but the engine no longer turns. The car is on jack stands but the tubes and tires have deteriorated. It is still on a 6-volt battery. Please let us know if you are aware of a mechanic or shop in San Antonio (or neighboring cities — including Austin or Houston) that would take on the project of getting this car running again. Please email to FenderTalk@outlook.com.



1918 Paige Model 6-55 Larchmont four-passenger touring car – https://wcroberts.org/Paige.htm



Local Shows, Events, and Cruise-Ins

by Club Members

Car Show and Career Technical Education Expo Rouse HS Leander, TX – September 14, 2024 By Leif Allred

This car show was designed as a fundraiser for Leander's Rouse High School CTE program and included a spectator fee. That's not my problem. The issue was that they could take cash but couldn't make change. My antique flip phone also doesn't read QR nor dispense money. Some say it takes only black and white photos. So maybe I started off irritated but the car stereos competing with the DJ's music seemed to take away from the ambiance. Even in the midst of many modern cars, there are always some pure gems to be found and equally as interesting people to talk to. My mind quickly recovered and I did have the most interesting conversation with two high school car fanatics that were maintaining an E36 (like my black BMW that hit 373,000 miles . . . and a feral pig) and an E39 (like my BMW station wagon) on the roads. Keeping these vehicles' dash lights from flashing is the most difficult of endeavors and these kids are applauded for their efforts and passion.



Pistons on the Square

Georgetown, TX – September 21, 2024

by John Haydon

It was a great day. PotS was well-attended as always. As I keep telling people, if you show up early, you're late! We arrived about 7:40am and were fortunate that someone had saved us a spot. As we waited for the coffee shop to open at 8am (the official PotS start time), people were already having to improvise parking spots in the intersections and on nearby streets off the square. I am always surprised by the number of spectators at this event, especially considering that it is an informal monthly gathering and not a once-ayear organized show. People are so welcoming and happy to see and ask about the cars. I have a hard time tearing myself away to take a lap around the square and see all the other cars.



1959 Triumph TR3 Side Screen Roadster 2 litre inline 4, OHV with dual SU carburetors 100 HP, 105 mph top speed, 12.5 s 0-60 mph

The DJ Page

An Automotive Outlet for Outstanding Observations

by DJ Stamp

Bit Holder Floss not included



Panhard For Sale Moped not included





The Sealed Beam Headlamp, a major advance in automotive lighting, was introduced in August of 1939 after three years of development. General Electric, in cooperation with other lamp manufacturers and the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, publicly introduced the new headlamp at Nela Park, in Cleveland, Ohio, the site of the electric company's laboratories and where its lighting research was done. This 1951 photo shows GE automotive lighting engineers, Val J. Roper and George E. Meese, with a Lincoln that the company was using twelve years later to test various sealed beam lamps under actual driving conditions. Nela Park, a very advanced facility, was called The University of Light and was one of the first industrial parks in the country when it opened in 1913.



Note: A headlamp is a lamp attached to the front of a vehicle to illuminate the road ahead. Headlamps are also often called headlights, but in the most precise usage, headlamp is the term for the device itself and headlight is the term for the beam of light produced and distributed by the device.

Membership

Ducs

National AACA dues are \$45 and our local Central Texas Region AACA dues are \$20 (requires national membership). For any questions, please contact membership chair, Wayne Heikkila at (512) 740-4212 or wayneheikkila@gmail.com.



Pay by Mail:

1) \$45 payable to AACA

2) \$20 payable to CTR-AACA

Wayne Heikkila 3543 Pauling Loop Round Rock, TX 78665

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" as well as many other notable achievements. It is 7 feet tall, 4 feet wide, and 2 feet deep and the perfect size for your garage, man cave, living room, or museum. Please contact George Brunner to take possession of this club treasure.



Mini-Tours

One way to take home a first place trophy is to be the only one entered in your class. No matter what you roll up in, you win! Sign up for 2025!



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National News

National News, Notifications, and Nudges

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



GROW YOUR REGION AND YOUR CLUB By Dave Anspach AACA Executive VP

Everyone knows that membership has been down over the past few

years. It had gone down a bit pre-covid, dropped a lot more during covid, and has continued a gradual decline since then. There are a thousand reasons why this is happening, but we as a club shouldn't just sit back and accept it. It is up to every one of us to FIGHT this trend!! But HOW?? What can one person do??

Well, first of all, realize that you are NOT alone. The club provides all kinds of materials for you to use to promote membership. Get them from the office in Hershey and USE them. Carry them with you whereever you go. See an old car at the gas station? Give the driver some literature. See someone in the store with a car jacket, tshirt, or hat on? Invite him or her to your next region meeting. Going to a car show? Set up a table with a batch of AACA Magazines and recruit members. Just think, if every member just got one new member a year, in just a few years we would be a massive organization!

I mentioned being part of a region. For many people the social aspect of the old car hobby is the primary factor for joining a club. Use our regions shows, tours, picnics, parties, etc. as a tool to get people to join. Push your region to do things together. A group of AACA show cars together going to a local show will surely dominate the prizes. People want to be a part of a winner and they will want to join your club. Invite every person to your Regional meeting. Carry with you and give to every one an introduction to your Region and the activities you do and the places you've gone to as a group.

Another thing to remember is to get a name and email address. Then send that prospective member an electronic copy of your Region newsletter (which costs you nothing) and have your membership chair send them a reminder before your next meeting!!

And don't forget those free memberships. Who can say no to something free? But please, don't just hand the form to someone. Get their information and have them sign it and take it with you! Then, be sure to mail it in to Hershey. So many forms have just been handed out and gone unused!! Remember we have special free memberships for veterans. Use them!! The fact that veterans are recognized is sometimes the difference that brings someone into the fold.

We ALL must fight this battle of declining membership. Every one of us had a special reason or person who got us involved. Be that person for someone else. It is up to YOU to be the reason or person for the next new member to join!!

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October 8, 2024 7pm (earlier for dinner)

MONTHLY MEETING

Catfish Parlour South 4705 E Ben White Blvd

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 <u>www.highlandlakeskiwanis.org</u> 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 717-566-7720

October 12, 2024

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

October 19, 2024 8:00am (10:00am)

TEMPLE MINI-TOUR

Georgetown, TX (see page 7)

October 19, 2024

LUCKENROD CAR SHOW Luckenbach, TX

October 23-26, 2024

SOUTHEASTERN FALL NATIONALS Huntsville, AL 256-653-4036

October 26, 2024

TAYLOR CAR SHOW Taylor, TX

October 26, 2024

CAR SHOW AT LEDGESTONE SENIOR LIVING Benefiting the Alzheimer's Association 13150 Four Star Blvd Austin, TX 78737 – by Todd Brunner

November 2, 9:30am – 1:00pm BELMONT SIDEWALK PARTY

Austin, TX – by Leif Allred

November 2, 2024 10:00am – 4:00pm 12th ANNUAL TEXAS M/C REVIVAL Hill Country Motorheads Museum 2001 West Highway 29 in Burnet, TX

November 9, 2024 – Membership Drive

VETERAN'S DAY CAR SHOW Bastrop, TX – By Joe Peter

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

December 8, 5:00pm

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Austin, TX – by Lizette Peter and committee

December 6-8, 2024 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM

FREDRICKSBURG SWAP MEET
432 Lady Bird Drive Fredericksburg, TX 78624

February 6-8, 2025

ANNUAL CONVENTION Charlotte, NC 717-534-1910

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- National Meets and Tours
- ☐ Local (unofficial) Events

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

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