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## The Steering Column

Recruiting, recruiting, recruiting. What a great job everyone did at the Heros and Hot Rods car show. A total of four new member families joined the club and I believe there are several others thinking about joining.

It was so nice to see new faces at last month's meeting. We have another chance to do the same thing at the Fredricksburg Swap meet on the 7th of December. If I can get several volunteers, I will chase down the banners, table and chairs and will be there to support this effort. So, let's work together to make this club stronger and larger in the upcoming months.

Oh, and Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the Christmas party on the 8th. Lizette says to remember that party attire is encouraged. But don't worry, I'll try to hide the glasses.

Joe Peter, President CTR-AACA





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# Secretary's Report

#### Minutes of Road Relics Meeting November 12, 2024 – Catfish Parlour

By Leif Allred, future Secretary, Central Texas Region, AACA

**Meeting** President Joe Peter opened the meeting at 7:01pm to a full house of members, new members, and guests.

Membership New members Jim and Dot Berkner attended and the club was joined by guests Ken and Suzan Crawford – both families are from Bastrop. The Crawfords intend to join after testing the club out. Other new members from the Heroes and Hot Rods car show include: Sid Lambert (Bastrop), Jeff and Jene Gerlach (Spicewood), and Scott and Sara Sutcliffe (Smithville). The club introduced itself to the new members and was evident how far across town we're spread. It was further explained how Pate payments are directly proportional to membership rosters.

**Secretary's Report** The October meeting minutes were accepted as published.

**Treasurer's Report** Duane presented the income and expenditures for the month. Please submit membership drive registration expenses to Duane. It was noted that the club ought to reimburse a member for the grill purchased for Pate. The report was accepted – motioned by DJ Stamp; seconded by George Brunner.

Wellness Report The club regrets to report the deaths of Barbara's sister, Duane's sister, and DJ's brother and extends our condolences and caring thoughts to our members and their families. We further extend our health wishes to Ronnie Burt.

**Website** Rich has added a traffic counter to the website and continues to add resources and references for automotive support.

**Newsletter** Leif thanked Wayne Heikkila, Britanie Olvera, and DJ Stamp for their contributions to the newsletter.

#### **Upcoming Events**

- Christmas Party December 8, 3:00pm –
   5:30pm (Sunday), Milano Café 4601
   Southwest Parkway, Austin, TX
- Fredricksburg Swap Meet December 6-8 (possibly may utilize George Pierce's booth for a membership drive)

**Elections** The 2025 Officers slate was unanimously voted in as follows:

- President: Joe Peter
- Vice President: John Anderson
- Treasurer: Bob Ross
- Secretary: Leif Allred
- Director: George Brunner
- Director: Vic Donnell
- Director: JC Carter
- Director (Past President): Greg Herbert
- Director (Pate Representative): DJ Stamp
- Director (Assigned): Wendell Bell

**Award Nominations** A call for nominations was placed for annual club awards:

- Technical Achievement Award: Wendell Bell, Gary Potter,
- Preservation Award: George Brunner
- Screw Up Award: Wendell Bell
- Star Award: Leif Allred →

# Secretary's Report

#### **Member's Projects**

- Gary: Buick overheating; 1955 Chevy won People's Choice award at Heroes and Hot Rods in Bastrop
- Wayne: Lost second gear on the way home from getting Best in Class trophy at Heroes and Hot Rods in Bastrop
- Wendell: Putting the body on the frame is getting closer
- Bob: Has a new 1937 Chevrolet Sedan
- George and Todd: Finished Depot Hack
- Joe: The transmission fell out of the Packard Caribbean; recommends Fastenal Shipping for a big heavy transport
- Jim B: 1938 Lasalle is a good housing project for mud daubers have been stored for 50 years in Sealy
- JC: Created a neighborhood book library; Shhh. Don't tell anybody about this talent.

**Program** The evening's program of "Interesting Cars" was presented by DJ Stamp

- 1890 Morrison (electric)
- 1897 Mercedes Benz
- 1899 Renault

Many of these vehicles utilized early technology like massive flywheels and differentials, leather belts, gravity oilers, etc.

1903 Woolsley – twin cylinder at 10 HP



**Adjourn** The meeting ended just after 8:00pm as motioned by George; seconded by Bob

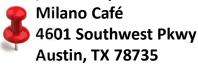


# Upcoming Activities

#### **Club Christmas Party**

By Lizette Peter, Ceale Kirkham, and Alice Marshall

Sunday, December 8, 2024 3:00pm – 5:30pm



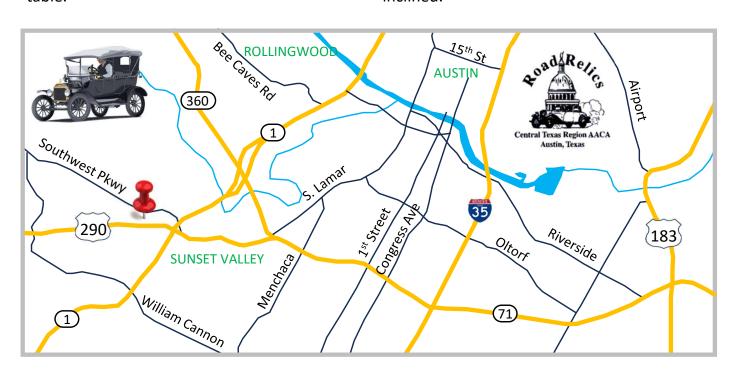
The gathering will begin at 3:00 with a half hour holiday social, cash bar (assorted beers and wines) and an appetizer. A piano bar musician and an acoustic guitarist will be performing a set of easy listening sort of music. Requests are welcome and encouraged!

At 3:30pm, guests will seat themselves (no assigned seats) and will be served an Italian green salad along with a basket of garlic bread. A menu will be placed at each table from which each guest can make their meal selection. Each table orders at once – table by table.

Menu choices:

- ☐ Chicken Parmesan: Breaded chicken breast baked in tomato sauce and parmesan cheese, served with spaghetti in tomato-basil sauce
- ☐ Meat Lasagna: made with beef
- ☐ Alfredo Shrimp Fettuccini (GF)
- ☐ Chicken Piccata: white wine and lemon juice, capers, with seasonal roasted vegetables

Following dinner service, dessert options will be presented. Should attendees desire, the cash bar will remain open during the meal service. Brewed Americano coffee will be available after the dinner service. During the dessert course, end of year awards will be presented by club leaders. We encourage attendees to wear festive Holiday attire. And naturally, our musicians will enjoy tips if so inclined.



### Past Events

#### **Belmont Village Sidewalk Party**

by Leif Allred

Things we've learned by having children, collectible cars, and living in Texas:

- ☐ If they cancel school and it doesn't ice over, the parents are mad. If they don't cancel school and it does ice over, the parents are mad. If they cancel school and it does ice over, the parents are mad (because the kids can't go outside).
- ☐ If you wash a car, it will rain especially if the vehicle is black but just enough to make it spotty.
- ☐ It's not how we drive in the rain, it is everybody else on the roads and it is really hard to clean the underside of a car.

Thus, the 6<sup>th</sup> installment of the Belmont Village Sidewalk Party was cancelled. However, not to disappoint the residents and to keep the antique car hobby fresh, we converted this event to an indoors activity with a program: "Automotive innovations that didn't stand the test of time."



George Brunner, Sue and Wally Graner, Leif Allred, Doug Wenger, and Joe Peter joined the event to support the club and mingle with the residents. There was also a mini car show with a 1961 Ford Galaxie Sunliner and a 1970 Chevy C10 truck parked outside for residents to check out. Several members stayed afterwards to talk for a while as the bingo game was being set up and then we headed out to Hat Creek Burger Company for lunch. And, yes, it rained — coming and going — but was a fun way to spend the morning.



Belmont Village Sidewalk Party - November 2, 2024 - Austin, TX

## Past Events

#### Heroes and Hot Rods - Veteran's Day Car Show and Membership Drive

by Wayne Heikkila

Hi, everyone. Let's ride! A group of our club members went to the Bastrop Car Show. I drove the Buick and picked up Wendell on my way to Bastrop. This would be the farthest trip I have driven the car to date. We met the rest of the club at the Tractor Supply around 6:30am. We left Tractor Supply as a group and drove to get in line for the car show. The gates opened at 7:30am and we moved slowly forward until we were parked around 8:15am. I'm sure there were vehicles that had a hard time with overheating during all the idling. Luckily my Buick never went above 180. After parking, we set up the booth with goodies to give away and took turns manning the booth and walking around looking at the cars. There were a lot of very nice cars and trucks and I was told the number of registered vehicles was around 430. In the afternoon, they had a veteran's parade which gave the public a chance to During the honor our service members. parade, there was an aerial flyover. There were also restaurants and shops open and food vendors selling different things. We had a lot of interest in the club and even signed up four new members. Not only was it a great day for a car show with fantastic weather, I won one of the door prizes and chose a white cap. We left around 3:00pm and headed back to Austin and later I found out that my '40 Buick Sport Coupe won a trophy for Best in Class. Gary's '55 Chevy convertible won a trophy for People's Choice. Everyone I talked to was enjoying the show and having a good time. I will put this on my calendar to do this next year.



#### Members Participating:

- Alex Armendariz
- Dan and Alice Marshall
- Gary and Barbara Baker (BAC)
- Gary and Sherry Potter
- James and Eileen Bartlett
- Joe and Lizette Peter
- Leif Allred
- · Wayne Heikkila
- Wendell Bell

This was the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual car show and the Bastrop Area Cruisers announced that over \$50,000 was raised for local veteran's organizations and Bastrop County High School automotive technology scholarships!



Best of Show – 1925 Locomobile 48

# Member's Projects

#### **Buick Coupe – More Repairs**

By Wayne Heikkila

Hi, everyone. Well, I am still doing some checks and maintenance on the Buick. I checked the rear end and transmission fluid and found both to be nasty and needed to be replaced. As I drained the old fluid, the smell of the old fluid was terrible. I flushed both the transmission and rear end with a mineral spirit before I filled them with new gear lube. This is a photo of what came out of the transmission and rear-end. The new I just drained out didn't look much better but at least it smelled like gear oil.



My next project was to pack the front bearings as they had been packed with the wrong type of grease. They were packed with light high temperature grease when what the car requires is thick grease due to the ball bearing style bearings.

Next, I worked on the front shocks. I had to drain, fill and bleed the front shocks. While completing checks on the car, I found that the rear axle bearing will need to be packed as well. I will need to order gaskets and seals to complete this task.

More issues that I found: neither door lock works. I will need to do more research on how to fix this issue. The tires have a manufacturer date of 2009 so, at some point, they will need to be replaced. Most likely I will replace them with a radial tire.

This month's project was rear axle bearings. When I spun the rear wheels to adjust the brakes, the bearings sounded bad so I ordered an axle bearing kit. It included bearings, inner and outer seals, inner race and a cover gasket.

After removing the cover, it was evident that the rear end had water in it at some point but I noticed was that the ring and pinion and spider gears were new.



Next, I removed the screw and pin which allowed the axles to be shoved in to remove the C-clips that enabled the removal of the axles. After removing the axles, I got my first look at the seals and bearings . . . it didn't look good.

# Member's Projects



→ I started by removing the backing plates, seals and bearings from both sides. Then I removed the build-up from inside the tubes and cut the inner races off the axles, cleaned them up and pressed the new races on.







Next, I installed the inner seals, the new bearings and then the outer seals. I reassembled the backing plates and axles by shoving the axles all the way in to allow me to install the C-clips. I had a little problem lining up the spider gears to get the pin back in but, once that was done, it was just a matter of installing the cover, adding fluid and putting the wheels back on.



Overall, the job went without any issues and Adriana and I drove the car to Beaumont for its test run. It seemed smoother and quieter. We are now looking forward to a short trip. Hope to see everyone on one of the upcoming events. With the cooler weather coming, it is time to get out our cars and drive them.

## Barn Find

#### 1918 Paige Larchmont

by Leif Allred

People talk about "barn finds" but I don't know that many people have barns anymore. What we'll report on below is more of a time capsule. Bill Roberts — an AACA member in California — contacted the Road Relics for some remote help with his 1918 Paige Larchmont mentioned in the previous "Help Wanted" article (FenderTalk Vol. 38, No. 10, Oct 2024). George Pierce and I went out to take a look.

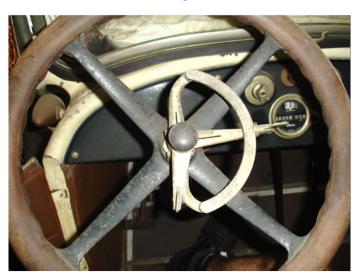
We met at Jim's Restaurant in San Antonio near the extensive construction of Loop 1604. The intent was to devise a plan of attack but that ended up involving coffee, bacon, and enchiladas — which is pretty much the same thing, I guess. After second breakfast, we met up with Bill's niece and were instructed to find the Paige in the exact place it was left in 1972 — and surrounded by many other interesting and for sale vehicles from her Dad's collection.



The overall assessment is that the car is amazingly intact and mostly complete, in really great shape for its age and construction

(meaning the metal is not rusted out and the wood is not deteriorated and nothing else is living in it). In fact, I had fuel, George had a battery, and, if the car had spark plug wires, I bet it would fire up. That it was being used as a storage shelf above and beneath and was backed into the garage was the largest deterrent to experimentation.

This was the first time I have been able to sit in a museum's exhibit so I dusted off the seat and climbed in. Its large wood steering wheel was substantial to hold, the throttle on the center still worked with the aid of some coat hangers but the center thing (spark advance?) was not attached. An aftermarket ammeter had been installed but the rest appeared original. The clutch did clutch stuff and the transmission would accept shifting into each gear while the mechanical brakes and emergency brake also operated their linkages and met with appropriate resistance. Although something from the 70s, the seats were still nicely upholstered with all of the stuffing still stuffed where that stuff goes.



## Barn Find



→ Under the driver's seat is the box where the battery would go. Underneath where the battery should be was a newspaper folded as padding or insulation: *The San Angelo Standard Times* – Thursday, August 10, 1972.





The body seemed to escape damage and all of the doors opened and latched closed – their wooden frames appearing sturdy. I would say the back dash is made of mahogany wood.





The car's only glass is the windshield which is not cracked nor stained. Side curtains were not located but it was expected they would only be good enough to be used for a pattern − like would be the material from the top − which we did not want to move until completely necessary. Cute little storage compartments were located in the front footwell and in the rear doors. In one of those cubbies, a hand blown light bulb was discovered. It probably wasn't smart to blindly feel around in there. →

## Barn Find

→ The engine is cool! George pointed out the gas primer valves on each of the six cylinders. The obvious shortage are the spark plug and distributor wires, some type of air cleaner and some linkages replaced by bailing wire but the robust simplicity is beautiful to behold. Being able to touch what only has previously been behind a velvet rope was a great privilege.

Its wheels rotate and turn, the engine turns over and the drivetrain looks intact with transmission and brake linkages all there. The suspension and chassis has lubrication and oiling points. The tires are shot. Although the fuel tank was not attached, the lines were complete and the pump appeared to be present. The next step is getting it to a shop.









I shot some cleaner on the engine plate and cleared off the window to the oil level gauge to find it just didn't all leak out. It would be hard for me to say that about my cars. The engine was manufactured by Continental Motors Company on April 11, 1918 in Detroit.

Now, the niece is also caretaker of some other unmolested vehicles she wants to sell: 1984 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz (triple white), 1949 Studebaker Land Cruiser, 1950 Dodge truck, and a 1960 Studebaker Lark convertible. That might have stories that come with it!

## Around Town

#### Local Shows, Events, and Cruise-Ins

by Club Members

Pistons on the Square Georgetown, TX – November 16, 2024 By Leif Allred

Left home at moonlight – arrived at sunrise . . . that's how to actually park on the square.







Stephanie Nichols' Classic Car Cruise-In Georgetown, TX – November 23, 2024 By Leif Allred

My engineer who lives in Bangalore, India has been in Austin for over a month for work. He doesn't drive here but rides a motorcycle there. In fact, his wife just learned too so that she can take the kids to school. We had spent the day together and dropped in on this cruisein that was also an annual toy drive where they fill the back of a 1966 Chevrolet long bed truck with toys. Rich was there also with his 1935 Ford and toured the Georgetown High School automotive shop and then reminisced with Saravanan on his own adventures riding in a car through the streets of Bangalore. Those who have experienced this know - there's a lot of honking and traffic is made up of trucks, cars, motorcycles, bicycles, oxen pulling carts, people pushing carts, and pedestrians. He was quite impressed with the immaculate restorations and preservations of these old cars.



# The DJ Page

#### **An Automotive Outlet for Outstanding Observations**

by DJ Stamp

Liquid Tire Chains The "V75 Liquid Tire Chain" was a rare option for most 1969 Chevrolets, excluding wagons and pickups. It featured rear nozzles that sprayed a traction fluid onto the tires, improving grip on snow and ice. Though short-lived, this unique system added safety and innovation to winter driving. It is a prized feature among collectors today.





**Didn't Meet Reserve** Two "Bring A Trailer" auctions closed on 5/12/2024 – both at over \$100,000 – but got away because they did not meet the reserve. The seller may lower the reserve while the auction is live. If the reserve is not met, the highest bidder has 24

hours to make their best offer in a secure portal after which the seller has 24 hours to accept, decline, or make one counteroffer.

Bid to \$108,000: 1937 Aston Martin 15/98 Short-Chassis Drophead Coupe by E.D. Abbott



Bid to \$128,000: Cummins-Powered 1967 Dodge D200 Crew Cab 4×4 5-Speed



# 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 <a href="wayneheikkila@gmail.com">wayneheikkila@gmail.com</a>.

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Pay by Mail:

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### Club-Gear

Vests	\$18
Club Shirts	\$15
Rain Ponchos	\$15
Ball Caps	\$15
Texas Flag Badge	\$2
CTR Window Sticker	\$1
2017/2019 FDCS T-Shirts	\$Offer

Greg Herbert: gdherbert@aol.com



### Mini-Tours

All we do is drive around and eat. Doesn't that sound great? Show us something new around your area . . . and eat. Sign up to lead a mini-tour!



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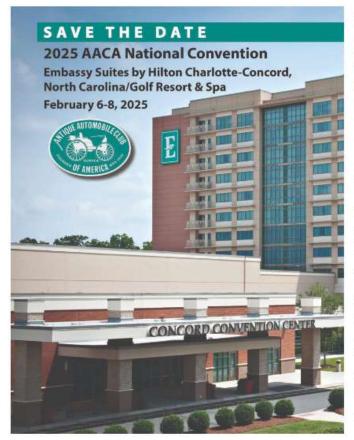
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## National News

#### **National News, Notifications, and Nudges**

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



### 2025 AACA Annual Convention Hotel Reservations Now Open

The 2025 AACA Annual Convention will be held February 6-8 in the Charlotte/Concord, NC, area at the Embassy Suites by Hilton. We are working on one or two exciting pre-convention excursions for Thursday that you will not want to miss, so you may want to consider coming in on Wednesday.

Here is the full hotel and reservation information, so you can book early and start your planning:

Embassy Suites by Hilton Charlotte/Concord Golf Resort & Spa 5400 John Q. Hammons Drive NW Concord, NC 28027

Only 20 miles from the Charlotte Douglas International Airport

Room Rate: \$159 + tax, includes complimentary hot breakfast buffet, Wi-Fi, parking

Reservation Link: AACA Annual Convention (hilton.com)

Reservation Phone: 704-455-8200 (mention AACA Annual Convention)

Reservation Deadline: January 16, 2025

Registration Link: <a href="https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/aacaannualconvention/">https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/aacaannualconvention/</a>



#### Delivered to AACA National 4/16/2024

This beautiful car was owned by a dear friend to many of us, Bob Carnevale – Life member in AACA, extraordinarily successful businessman, and just a fun guy.

Bob regrettably passed away and his wife decided that he would want the car here. A debt of gratitude to Mike Jones and Keith Flickinger who all had a role in getting the car here. Oh, it is a 1948 Chrysler Town & Country – Full classic in CCCA and AACA!

## Calcudar

#### **December 8, 3:00 – 5:30pm**

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY (see page 5)
Milano Café, 4601 Southwest Pkwy
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

#### February 22-ish, 2025

STEPHANIE NICHOLS' 14th ANNUAL CAR & VINTAGE PLANE SHOW Georgetown Municipal Airport

#### April 3-5, 2025

Southeastern Spring Nationals Charlotte, NC

#### **April 2025**

ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Austin, TX – by The Brunner Family

#### April 24-26, 2025

PATE SWAP MEET
Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth, TX

#### May 1-3, 2025

Western Spring Nationals / Grand Nationals Tucson, AZ

#### May 2-3, 2025

LONESTAR ROUNDUP https://lonestarroundup.com/

#### May 3, 2025

GTACC 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CAR SHOW 2 Texas Drive, Georgetown, TX

#### May 2025 - Watch for Details

TEXAS TOUR <a href="https://thetexastour.com/">https://thetexastour.com/</a>

#### June 1-7, 2025

Vintage Tour Southern/Eastern Pennsylvania

#### June 15, 2025

FATHER'S DAY CAR SHOW Florence Vineyard – Florence, TX

#### July 2-5, 2025

Central Springs Nationals Auburn, IN

#### July 12, 2025

WATERMELON FESTIVAL AND CAR SHOW McDade, TX

#### July 24-26, 2025

Grand Nationals / Zenith Dayton, OH

#### September 7-12, 2025

Revival AAA Glidden Tour® (Pre-1943) Owensboro, KY (VMCCA Hosted)

#### September 18-20, 2025

Southeastern Fall Nationals Corydon, IN

#### October 7-10, 2025

Eastern Fall Meet Hershey, PA

#### November 1, 2025

BELMONT VILLAGE SIDEWALK PARTY Austin, TX – by The Graners

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# Classifieds

**2008 Cadillac XLR** V8 Northstar engine, garage kept with 58,886 miles. Light Platinum Exterior with ebony interior. Previous Owner was our dear friend Jay Rester. Offered for Sale by his son. **\$30,000 Matt Rester 512-750-8270 Mrester@asterra.com** 













### Letter From the Editor



The winter season in Texas means doing old car things in the cold. There's really no excuse not to be out.

Thanks to all of the members who newsletter full have kept the throughout the year: Wayne Heikkila, Stamp, Vern Hancock, John Robertson, Wendell Bell, Bob Ross, Rich Bassemir, Paul and Ronnie Burt, Joe and Lizette Peter, Karl and Jeanne Frank, Jim Rankin, George Brunner and Family, Britanie Olvera, George Pierce, Doug Wenger, and John Haydon. Keep 'em coming.