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DJ STAMP



RICH BASSEMER



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LEIF ALLRED

The Steering Column

Hello Fellow Car Aficionados! Our wild, wacky, winter weather has hopefully passed. Now we can shift our attention to pleasant car rides through the Hill Country to enjoy the sights of the blooming wildflowers, rolling hillsides, old windmills, and baby cows standing at the fence lines or clustered under pasture trees.

Another notable event on our car club calendar in April is the Pate Swap Meet, April 23-27. This is the single fundraiser our club conducts each year. Not only is it financially important . . . it is FUN!!! Pate is a chance to visit with members of other AACA car clubs, meet/reconnect with swap meet customers from previous years, and enjoy the comradery of our fellow car club members and Greg's yummy BBQ.

And as an aside, it is AMAZING how many cookies Leif is able to consume during a parts hauling day!!! May be worth having a guessing "Pate Cookie Pool"! I hope as many of you as are able will plan to attend Pate. It is a great experience!

All the best,

Joe Peter, President CTR-AACA



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Secretary's Report

Minutes of Road Relics Monthly Meeting

March 11, 2025 – Catfish Parlour

By Ronnie Burt

Meeting The meeting was brought to order by Leif Allred in the absence of President Joe Peter at 7:01pm. Leif provided us with observations about human nature, i.e. how the members of tonight's meeting came in just before the meeting began all sat on the left side of the room following those who came in early and who had seated themselves on the left side. It was a follow the leader effect.

Membership No new members tonight; however, the Crawford family joined last month, but was not in attendance tonight.

Secretary's Report The minutes from the March meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report Bob presented the report that was shown on the screen for members' approval of comments. The report was accepted with a motion made by Gary B, and seconded by John R.

Sunshine Committee Ronnie said that get well cards were sent last month to George and Karl. Another card will be sent to George who is in rehab at Stoneridge on Circle Drive recovering from surgery. We hope to see him back in his usual spot at the right side table at the next Relic meeting.

Website Rich said that the website had 1000 visits and he is updating the businesses that members use and approve.

Newsletter Leif said that a guide to the upcoming mini tour mentioned in the last

newsletter will be posted on the website.

Upcoming Events

- Pate Swap Meet – April 24-26, 2025
- Texas Tour 2025 – May 15-18 in Greenville. DJ has a book called the History of Greenville if anyone would like to borrow it.
- Texas Tour 2026 – by Wendell Bell: changed from Hillsboro due to lack of hotels and having nothing remarkable to show the tour attendees. Therefore, the Tour will now be in Waco and surrounding area. Wendell was in Waco all day to ensure that there are plenty of accommodations for attendees.

Member's Projects

- Leif is restoring his Dad's '63 Ford F100.
- Wayne has the transmission back in his '40 Buick that's been out since December. He said that there were multiple improvements to be made – more than expected.
- Bob, on his '38 Chevy, noted that the tires are different, but will see if the axle will work anyway.

Past Events Rich noted that at the Stephanie Nichols' Car and Vintage Airplane Show displayed 446 cars and vintage planes.

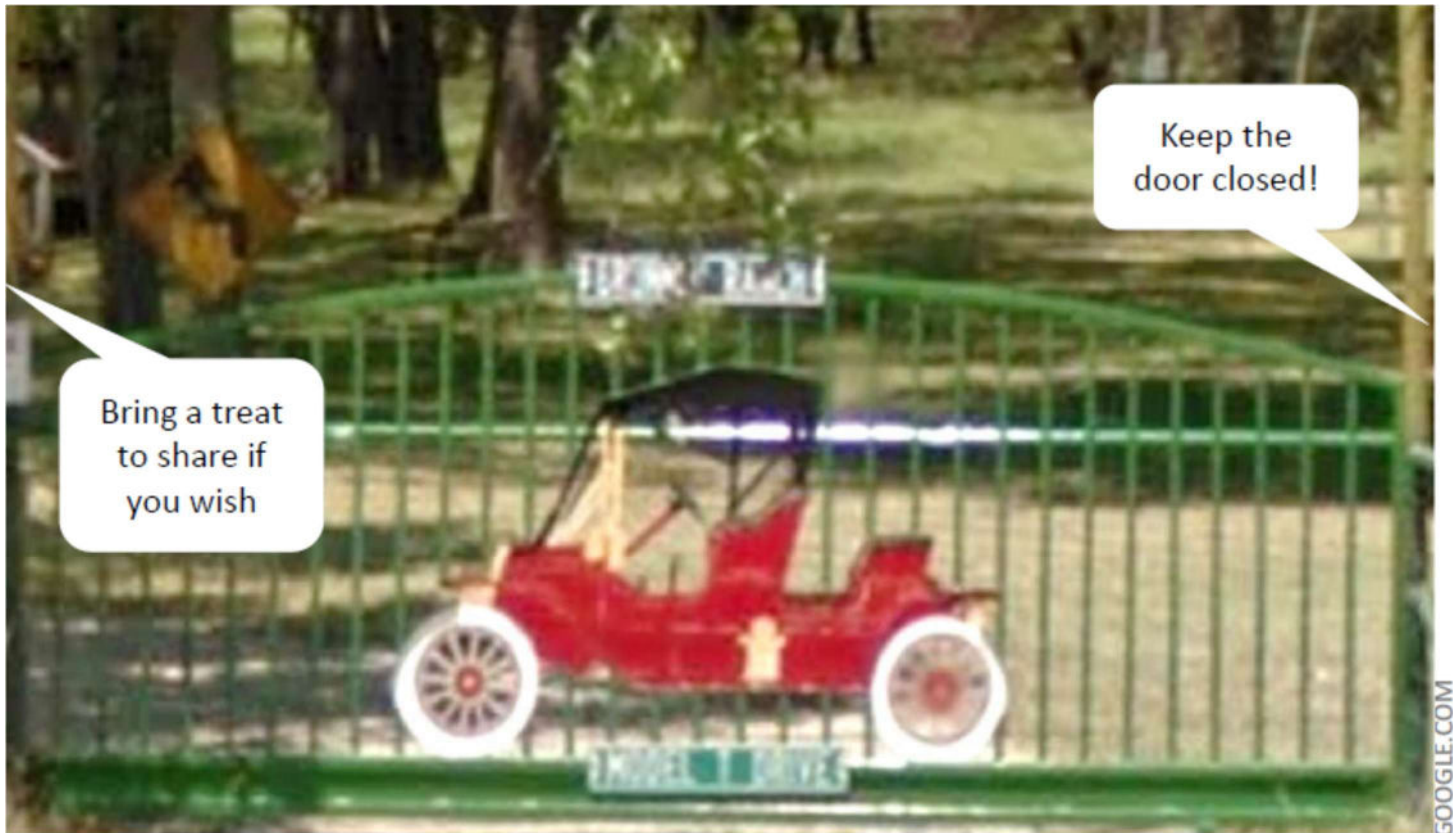
Refreshments Cobbler was provided as complements of Catfish Parlour.

Program DJ presented photos of Interesting Vehicles: 1800s electric cars; build-it-yourself cars, etc. Jim R showed his 40's toy fire truck.

Adjourn The meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Upcoming Events

Ice Cream Social by George Brunner



Tech Tips

The Joy of Old Cars

by Rich Bassemir



When you own an old car, one has to expect every now and then it is going to present you with some challenges. It just comes with the ownership and can be frustrating, but also rewarding to overcome these challenges.

I took my 1935 Ford Convertible Sedan out for a short drive to the QT gas station for some ethanol-free gas. Once on the main road, while in third gear, maybe doing about 40 mph the engine started to misfire and buck (like it was running out of gas). Stepping on the clutch and coasting momentarily seemed to fix the issue so I continued onward despite that small voice that said, "Rich, you should think about turning around and get home." I dismissed that voice and continued the journey. The issue kept coming back and I kept going getting farther and farther from home. I

nursed the Ford to the gas station, thinking maybe my gas gauge was off and I just needed more gas. That was not the case. After filling up and heading home, I got less than a mile from the gas station when I ended up on the side of the road with a car that would not run. AAA to the rescue to get the car and I back home.

The next day, I started to look into the problem. First off, I notice there was no gas in the carburetor bowl. Perhaps a bad fuel pump? I tested the fuel pump. It was pumping gas. Perhaps a carburetor issue (even though it was just 2 months old). I removed the carburetor and checked it out. It was clean as a whistle. I had added an inline clear fuel filter on the gas tank side of the fuel pump. There was dirt in there but there was also gas in the fuel pump bowl.

Tech Tips

I was unsure the little bit of dirt there could cause the problem.

Even though the installed pump appeared to be working, I thought maybe it was "weak." I bought a new fuel pump from Speedway and later bought a rebuild kit from CW Moss. I decided to try the new fuel pump first, but there appeared to be an issue: it's ability to create a vacuum on the gas tank side of the fuel pump. I decided to use the rebuild kit.

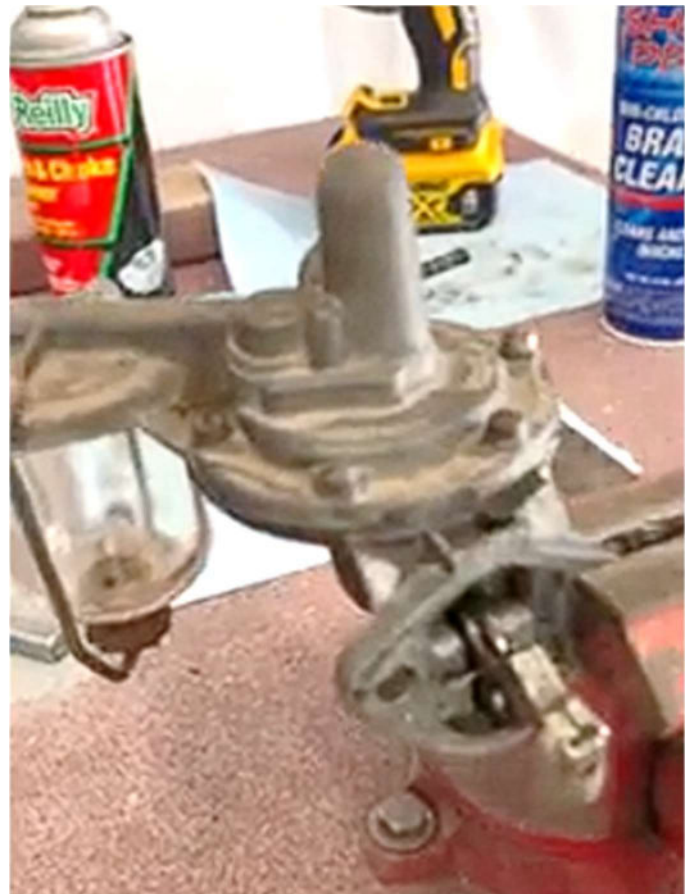


The fuel pump was rebuilt and installed. During the rebuild, I did not see any obvious signs of a problem with the rubber diaphragm, however, the filter screen look a little corroded. Maybe it contributed to a poor flow of gas. The rebuild went well after watching a couple of Youtube® videos on the rebuild

process. The rebuilt pump was installed and tested. It was delivering 2 psi to the carburetor and there was a vacuum on the gas tank side to pull the gas out of the tank.

I decided not to install that second gas filter on the gas tank side of the fuel pump. Maybe having it there contributed to the problem.

With the rebuilt pump in place, the Ford is starting and running fine. Did I fix the issue? Only some road time will tell. Was the work worthwhile? Absolutely! I learned how the fuel pump worked, how to rebuild a fuel pump, and added some new tools to my collection (low fuel pressure gauge). I also created a Youtube® video of the entire process: <https://youtu.be/jLwly3axlmc>



Member's Projects

Buick 8 Coupe

By Wayne Heikkila

Here we are. More repairs on the Buick. After fixing the carburetor and replacing the water pump, I noticed the front and rear shocks had oil dripping out of them and all I could do is get them rebuilt. So, I sent them to Doug Seybold who sent them back rebuilt and painted with an epoxy paint. They are so nice I almost hate to install them.



I also got my transmission back. They replaced almost everything but the case. Now it looks brand new. When I disassembled the driver side, the outer tie rod

didn't have a cotter pin in it. Before I could start assembly, I had to remove the old cotter pin from the tie rod.

I have spent the last week installing the shocks and transmission. The rear shocks were easy – just 2 bolts. The fronts were a lot more work as they are the upper control arm so the front end had to come apart. After putting it back together, I had to find a place that would do the alignment. After calling around, I was told they didn't know how to work on it. After thinking about it, I copied all the alignment procedures from the manual and visited six different shops. Two said if I didn't find anyone, they would do it.

I'm still waiting on some small items for the doors. I was told they were shipped this week. It sure is starting to look like a car again. I'm getting excited about driving it again. With all the work I have done, it should be like driving a new car.



Fundraiser

Pate 2025: Volunteers Wanted

by DJ Stamp

I'll begin by thanking all of our past volunteers and welcome our new members who want to experience the largest auto swap meet in the U.S. Yes, it's larger than Hershey.



We will not have the services of several of our dedicated members so I am reaching out to our new members to come out and join us. Some of us arrive on Tuesday for set up. The official Pate Swap Meet dates are April 24-26. We provide free Vendor Escort, Parts Hauling and miscellaneous services for our customers and vendors. Our new club member – The Dallas Area Pontiac Club – helped us last year and they raved about how much fun they had.

Most of our volunteer slots involve parts hauling and vendor escort using golf carts and trailers. Volunteers do not have to help load or unload parts. We also have slots available for set up, hospitality, sales and tear down. Friday and Saturday are our busiest days. We have a club area in the swap meet where we socialize, feed the members and change shifts. This area also contains a sales area where members can bring items to sell – they do not

have to be auto related. You can find about anything at Pate.

Pate passes will be available at the next monthly meeting on 4/8/2025.



This is the club's major fundraiser and how we are able to fund the TEXAS TOUR and other events. If you don't have a place to stay, Pat and I are offering free use of our Lake Home in Granbury which is about an hour from Pate. Plenty of places to eat and things to do in Granbury – 4 bedrooms so room for spouses who may not want to go to the meet or several members who do. Our retaining wall is scheduled to be under construction but that should not affect your stay at the house. Contact DJ at 512-520-7026 to set it up.



Community

Great Sayings from The Old Car Hobby – Would You Believe This?

by James Bartlett

I've come up with more of my favorite great sayings and will keep going until the monthly well finally runs dry.

"Custom, one-of-a-kind speedster." Online description of a "legendary" car from the '20s. "Our entire staff was excited when we saw this wonderful car," the dealer claimed. Alas, the car had an ugly homemade body built from two-by-fours, modern anodized aluminum and angle iron. It was on a low-cost, low-power off-brand chassis that was never speedster material. Another time, I saw a so-called "Stutz Speedster, except it now has a cut-down sedan body and Nash engine." There was no sign it had ever been a speedster. And I saw an auction ad for a "Stutz Bearcat" whose "engine was replaced in the past by a Model A Ford engine for reliability." Photos showed the entire chassis and running gear was Model A, with the only genuine Stutz pieces a radiator shell and name badge. I also saw an online ad for a "rare 1925 Packard Phantom," which was in fact a plain sedan; Packard didn't make a "Phantom" in those years. The photo below isn't any of these cars but does illustrate the concept.



"We all know everybody in the old car hobby is honest." Joking statement made at a Pate Swap Meet directors meeting a few years ago, to appreciative laughter. When people ask me

about buying a collector car, I say to remember that it's not a new car, or even a used car, but a "hyper-used" car. So take seller's statements with a grain of salt, unless they know the seller or car personally, or see printed receipts for work done. And use an inspector or appraiser.



"There can't be much wrong, my son's been working on it." So said a customer at our family business, which was business machines. OK, this one's not about cars, but could have been. In her hands was a box of disassembled typewriter parts, and she argued that it shouldn't cost much to put it together since "her son was real smart and had mostly fixed it already." The Old Man's response was, "If he's so blankity blank smart, why doesn't he put it back together?" As for cars, I've seen signs in repair garages that said something like "\$50 per hour, \$75 per hour if you watch, \$100 per hour if you already worked on it."



The DJ Page

An Automotive Outlet for Outstanding Observations

by DJ Stamp

Mobi One, You're Our Only Hope Prototype Vehicle With 4-Wheel Steering (1968). Langley, Buckinghamshire



https://youtu.be/9p_JObIWskc?si=4CM2Vgar7GyBsFVP

1966 AMC Ambassador DPL Sold for \$14,653 on 12/6/2024 on BringATrailer.com. The DPL became the range-topping trim level for the Ambassador line in 1966 and was offered exclusively as a two-door hardtop. What a great interior!



Cars in 1900 Although the caption talks about cars in America. The picture appears to be from Europe.



In 1900, 40% of cars in America ran on steam, 38% used electricity, and only 22% were powered by gasoline.

FIND SOURCES @ UNBELIEVABLEFACTSBLOG.COM

Fordson Snow Motor Fountainhead Antique Auto Museum has the only operational Fordson Snow Tractor in the world. Recently restored in Fairbanks, Alaska. They did this with Model T's too.



<https://youtu.be/n35EpnI03pY?si=5CPSehD0m2vveLXt>

Around Town

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

Stephanie Nichols' Car and Airplane Show Georgetown, TX – March 1, 2025 *By Leif Allred*

Having utilized her “rain date” option, this event was moved from a cold and misting and dreary day to a clear and sunny and warming event. It was perfect.

Six vintage airplanes buzzed over the crowd with several passes in different formations and trailing smoke. The weather this year also allowed for the skydivers to descend while accompanied by “The Star Spangled Banner” with a Texas Flag leading the U.S. Flag towards the landing zone.

Food at the airport venue is notoriously a problem with long lines constantly at the three vendor trailers and the popcorn truck. Maybe it is like the highway system where work being done now is based on the traffic situation of a decade ago. This is a very well attended show – both from participants and spectators – so maybe it continually outgrows its expectations.

Several of our members displayed cars or vintage airplanes – Rich Bassemir, Richard Smith, Alex Armendariz, and John Haydon – with a varied range of years and styles.



Around Town

Pistons on the Square

Georgetown, TX – March 15, 2025

By Leif Allred

Having driven modern in for breakfast at Gold Burger Diner and subsequent meetings and errands all over Austin and Dripping Springs, Pistons on the Square was more of a “drive-by” event. It turned out Wayne and some extended family were also just popping in to see what was going on for the third Saturday in Georgetown. We both were headed to the CTR-AACA Texas Tour planning meeting in Austin.

It really is a “run what you brung” morning as you’ll find very high end exotics, hand built contraptions, and specially preserved hand-me-downs.

We did, however, learn that a certain Model A Ford is local and now running and has been committed to make an appearance at the April 19, 2025 monthly cruise-in. I’ve never seen it running and excitedly await its premiere as it is a beautiful car. Everyone should come on out for this next month.



Classified Ads

Services JC’s daughter has a open air car hauling business: S&S Delivery

S&S Delivery

Mike Sargent 512-487-0757
Jill Carter 512-762-8528

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Wanted Pate Swap Meet Volunteers



I WANT YOU
For Pate Swap Meet

For Sale GM Starter Duralast DL36275 block/offset pattern. Installed once and removed. \$50 OBO
Leif Allred 512-350-3825

Membership

Dues

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

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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

The club works at having a "mini-tour" once a month to get our cars out for a drive. Sometimes it is a car show, sometimes it is a drive through the backroads, sometimes it includes historical sites and attractions, and often includes a stop for food or ice cream. If planning a mini-tour, here is a file on our website that has helpful guidelines:

<https://centraltexas.aaca.com/resources/>



National News

National News, Notifications, and Nudges

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

Have you considered being a Judge?

By Vicki Bolton, Director at Large

It takes cars and car owners to put on the AACA Nationals, but it also takes judges and administration staff. AACA has one of the premier judging programs in the country. To be a judge, you first have to take a judging school. Schools are typically offered at all Nationals. After taking the school, your first assignment on the judging field will be to take part in the apprenticeship class. During the apprenticeship class you will be “instructed in judging principles and procedures” as described in the Official Judging Guidelines. You will receive a copy of the Guidelines when you attend the Judging School. It is your responsibility to familiarize yourself with the Guidelines.

Are you thinking about being a judge? You need to be a member of AACA, either have a driver's license or be eligible to get a driver's license and have the ability to be fair and honest when judging a car. Judges must take a school every year to maintain eligibility. Judges are also encouraged to take classes called continuing judges' education (CJE). These classes are offered at all Nationals. CJE's are offered in a variety of subjects. These subjects include Interiors, Exteriors, Model T's, Motorcycles, engines and more.

Judges receive a credit for each judging experience. They also receive a credit for one school per year and one CJE per year. You can also get an additional credit for a CJE when you reach a milestone. Milestone levels are

when you reach certain judging credit levels such as 10,25,50,75,100,125, etc. Judges receive a judging chip for each judging experience.

Judging Schools and Continuing Education Classes are very important to the AACA judging program as they contribute to the education of the judges and the continued level of excellence of the overall judging program. They also contribute to the consistency of the judging and the awards presented to the car owners.

Judges who reach 5 credits are known as a Senior Judge and receive a certificate. Judges who reach 10 credits are known as a Master Judge and Judges with 25 credits or more are known as Senior Master Judges. Pins that signify the specific credit level achieved are awarded to each judge who reaches 10 credits and above.

There are judges that judge the cars on the field and there are judges that are members of the judging administration team that process the judging paperwork. These people follow the same guidelines as field judges. They are also required to take a school every year and take the CJE courses. The team members get judging credits for working in administration.

Even if you are not interested in being a judge on the show field, if you show a car it is very beneficial to the car owner to take the judging school as it will help you better understand the judging process.

Calendar

April 8, 2025 7:00pm (earlier for food)
MONTHLY MEETING
Catfish Parlour South 4705 E Ben White Blvd

April 3-5, 2025
Southeastern Spring Nationals
Charlotte, NC

April 12, 2025 3:00pm
ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Austin, TX – by The Brunner Family

April 24-26, 2025
PATE SWAP MEET
Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth, TX
Pate Passes will be available at the meeting

May 1-3, 2025
Western Spring Nationals / Grand Nationals
Tucson, AZ

May 2-3, 2025
LONESTAR ROUNDUP
<https://lonestarroundup.com/>

May 3, 2025
GTACC 18TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW
2 Texas Drive, Georgetown, TX

May 2025 – May 15-18, 2025
TEXAS TOUR
<https://www.netraaca.com/texas-tour-2025/>

June 1-7, 2025
Vintage Tour
Southern/Eastern Pennsylvania

June 15, 2025
STEPHANIE NICHOLS'
FATHER'S DAY CAR SHOW
The Vineyard to Florence – 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

August 2025
Sweating to the Oldies Mini-Tour
Johnson City, TX – by Leif Allred

September 7-12, 2025
Revival AAA Glidden Tour® (Pre-1943)
Owensboro, KY (VMCCA Hosted)

September 13, 2025
Cappleman Cars Mini-Tour
Luling, TX – by John Robertson

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 Wally and Sue Graner

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