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DJ STAMP



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The Steering Column

The Texas Tour has passed and 2026 will be a planning initiative for the club. Our club was represented by 14 members. A total of 113 region club members attended with 57 vehicles on the tour. At the conclusion of the tour, our club members returned home with three trophies.

Now it is time to switch our focus to the 2026 Texas Tour in Waco. Wendell Bell and Wayne Heikkila have stepped up as Committee Co-Chairs. They are diligently working to guide us towards the goal of hosting an interesting, fun tour with friends and visitors. All are welcome to join the planning efforts. This will be an opportunity to make memories for all who attend.

In the meanwhile, I am thankful for recent rain and look forward to summer fun. Best to all!

Joe Peter, President CTR-AACA



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Secretary's Report

Minutes of Road Relics Monthly Meeting May 13, 2025 – Catfish Parlour

By Leif Allred, Secretary CTR-AACA

Meeting President, Joe Peter, opened the meeting at 7:02pm. Intermixed in the agenda were “interesting items” – like a railroad inspection car.

Secretary's Report Submitted by Lizette and published in May 2025 FenderTalk. Minutes accepted as written.

Membership No new members. Guests Jim and Jan Kimmel from Cedar Creek were in attendance.

Treasurer's Report Provided by Bob. Club is in favorable financial situation even with Pate expenses coming in. The report was accepted without modification.

Wellness Report Paul investigating issues with his legs following a collapse. This tragic news had the members aghast. Joe's back recovery is about 93%.

Website Report provided by Rich. 1,200 visits and 4,500 views to our website YTD. Rich has uploaded Pate photos.

Newsletter Leif expressed appreciation to George, DJ, Wayne, and JC for their great contributions to the newsletter.

Past Events

- Ice Cream Social – 35-40 attendees; thanks to Todd and Kirsten
- Belton and New Braunfels Swap Meets
- Pate Swap Meet

Upcoming Events

- 2025 Texas Tour – May 15-18, Greenville, TX
- Siena Car Show – June 1, Buda, TX
- Vintage tour – June 1-7
- Father's Day Car Show – June 15, Florence
- July 4th Parade – July 4, 2025, Smithville, TX; a pre-30's, 10 mph parade, VFW bingo, fireworks
- August Mini-Tour – Johnson City, TX
- Luling Mini-Tour – September 13
- Lost Pines Mini-Tour – October 25
- Belmont Sidewalk Party – Nov 1, Austin, TX
- Christmas Party – same place – December

Member's Projects

- Gary is working on an overheating Buick
- Joe disassembled a perfectly good radiator

Cobbler Break Provided by Catfish Parlour

Program DJ presented photos and memorable events from Pate Swap Meet 2025. In addition to several dog incidents, there was a runaway motorcycle. There were no accidents with parts hauling trailers this year!



Adjourn The meeting adjourned shortly after 8:06pm. Bob moved to adjourn.

Past Events

Texas Tour 2025

by Joe Peter and Greg Herbert (photos)

For me, personally, a notable tour stop this year was the Sam Rayburn Library located in Bonham. The library is architecturally beautiful and full of interesting Texas and federal legislative mementos. Other tour highlights were the presentations provided by the Greenville High School faculty and two groups of students. The first have engineered and constructed a solar powered car which

they are transporting to Australia this summer to complete in a road tour. The students will be competing against college-sponsored competitors. Such enthusiasm and dedication! The second student group was the Robotics team. The students work in teams to engineer solutions to a given task over the course of a year, under the hands-off guidance of teachers.



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Letter From the Editor



LEIF ALLRED

More stories from Pate Swap Meet. This guy was loading a \$1,300 Schwinn into his truck. He settled for the cheaper one that wasn't \$6,000. I made deals happen at Pate: 1) figured a way to tow a Cushman vehicle to the parking lot by dropping the trailer and coming back for it; the son steered it around Gate 3's tent, 2) paired a man and his son on rascals with another guy needing a Corvette front suspension put into an SUV while they needed a ride out to the Good Guys parking area after dropping off the scooters, 3) negotiated to get three more people from where the engine block was sold to where the guy had his truck parked. This is why we need the big trailers and the jump seats in back of the cart. It also helps to carry one's own ratchet strap.

Leif

Upcoming Events

July 4th Parade – Smithville, TX

by Britanie Olvera

Attention Road Relics and Friends. You're invited to join us for the 4th of July Parade in Smithville, Texas – a low-key, no-cost, no-fuss celebration with small-town charm and big fun! The parade starts at 10:30am with Check-In between 9:00 and 10:00am – free Donuts and Kolaches provided until they run out.

Parking for the event will be at the VFW Post #1309 in Smithville. There is a large field North of the Post Hall that can be utilized for trailer parking. After the parade, the cars can be parked in the corner of the parking lot, around a large oak tree, for the viewing by the public attending the 4th of July event at the Post.

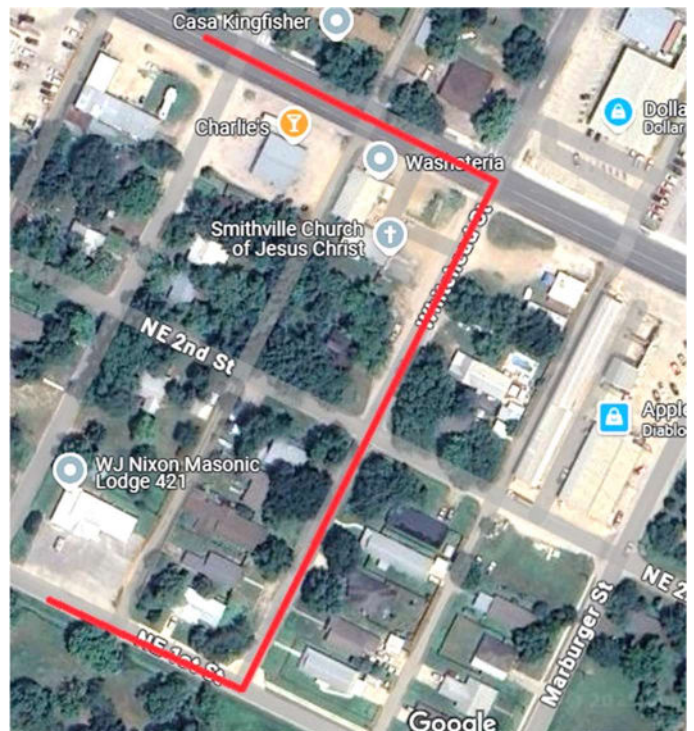


Veterans of Foreign Wars
557 N W Loop 230 #230 Smithville, TX 78957

From unloading at the VFW, the cars will proceed back into Smithville by turning right onto Loop 230, turning left at the light onto NW Loop 230 and turning right on Whitehead.

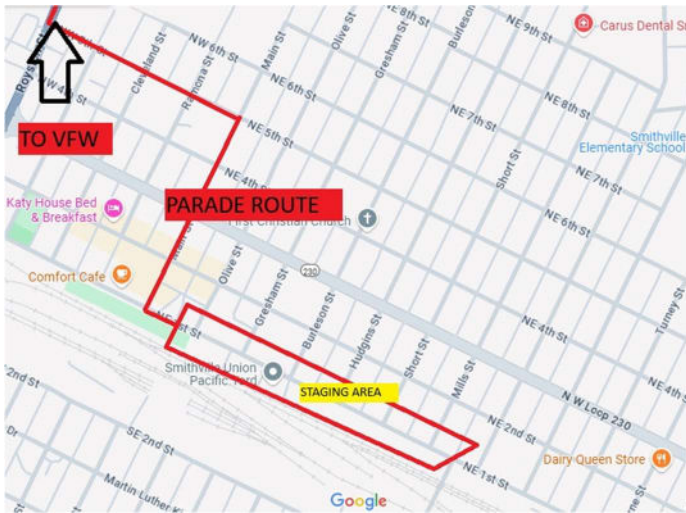
After turning right on Whitehead, you will turn right on NE 1st Street and check in at the tent which will be located in the parking lot of

the Smithville Masonic Lodge.



After checking in, you will move to the staging area on 1st Street. The parade will move down 1st Street, take a right on Main Street, take a left on 5th Street, and take a right on Loop 230 and return to the VFW for the event at the Post. →

Upcoming Events



Hope to see you there! FRIDAY 4th July, 2025!

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

-- Declaration of Independence

Let's Pursue happiness in our cars at this amazing parade and day at the VFW #smalltown #Americana Style!

Post-Parade Festivities at the VFW:

- Free Hotdogs (Thank you to the VFW)
- Bingo, Cake Walk, Kids' Games
- Food Vendors
- Beer and wine (sold by VFW)
- MUSIC! Get your dancing shoes on!
- Fireworks Show at night for those who stick around!
- Bring chairs

Make it an overnight stay – contact us and we will send you a list of local AIR BnBs with availability!

Car Enthusiasts (all welcome)

After the parade, head back to the VFW Post and park under the beautiful oak trees. It's a great chance to let folks come check out your car in the shade. Or bring a SMALL table to set up and advertise your CAR CLUB (let us know if you're bringing a small table to set up).

No stress, no hassle – just a fun, laid-back 4th of July in a friendly Texas town. Sign up online at <http://www.stx4th.com/>



RSVP so we know to look out for you and to group up as a club.

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Museums

Morgan Military Aviation Museum Commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day

by John Haydon

I couldn't tell you how I found out about it, but the Cameron Municipal Airpark's Facebook post for the event included the note "We would love to have cars from the '30s and '40s join us!" This resonated with me because my 1939 Chrysler is the car my grandparents drove during the war.

I arrived at the airpark and was greeted by Nanette Morgan, who runs the Morgan

Military Aviation Museum along with her husband. She asked me to park next to the only other civilian vehicle, a beautifully restored 1939 Dodge Truck. The truck's owner and I spent a fair amount of time comparing and contrasting the two Chrysler products, and he pointed out a couple of the visual cues that identify the 1939 straight-6 truck engine from the straight-6 car engine. So many differences, yet so familiar. →



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Museums

→ We were at the end of a row of 4-wheeled vehicles from the era that included a handful of Jeeps, a Dodge ambulance, and a 1941 Ford staff car. The tarmac was ringed with a variety of military trainer planes, but as this is still an active airstrip, a couple of civilian aircraft were also present -- a few even landed briefly for refueling. Attendees had the opportunity to take a ride in one of the Jeeps or even in one of the planes in exchange for a donation to the museum. Dr. Rick Morgan soon tracked me down to introduce himself and to thank me for coming. He explained to me that he founded the museum mostly to preserve and teach history, but because it gave him a great excuse to fly his old warbirds from time to

time. I can relate...

Inside the hangar that houses the MMAM, several volunteers dressed in period garb and uniforms were eagerly teaching about the military artifacts and other historical items they had brought. One young lady enlightened us about the emergency medical training offered to female volunteers (long before EMTs and paramedics were even a thing); a young man in full battle uniform explained and demonstrated several war-era cameras, including a wind-up movie camera which he used to film the planes as they gave rides. We're all praying for that footage to turn out! →



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→ Along the back wall of the hangar, maps documented the final push of the Allies chasing the German army out of France, and a series of art prints illustrated scenes on the outskirts of the battlefields. Some of these were touching reminders that wars are not fought by machines, but by human beings. I had a hard time holding back tears while looking over a print titled "Wounded Aboard" – a badly crippled B-17 flies low over the air base and drops flares to indicate that they have casualties aboard, signaling that they require priority landing and to be met by ambulances. You can almost hear the silence as the ground crews stop working and look up in worry and anticipation. This one hit me especially hard because, while my father was a youngster riding in the back seat of his parents' Chrysler, his older brother was serving as a tail gunner on a B-17. This would have been the exact scene as he returned from his last mission aboard the famed "Little Willie". (Fortunately, he survived to collect both a Purple Heart and a Silver Star.)

At noon, a color guard ceremony presented the stars and stripes alongside a Texas state flag while patriotic music played – the National Anthem, the songs of each branch of the US military, and finally a live singing of "God Bless America". Throughout the day we were treated to wartime music, everything from "Boogie-Woogie Bugle Boy" to songs reminding soldiers not to talk about their activities. I had no idea there was a song with the lyric "even the weather is a military secret!"

The only hiccup in an otherwise beautiful day was a quick splash-and-dash shower which lasted maybe 5 minutes, not nearly long enough to dampen anyone's spirits. On returning home, I paused to take a couple of photos in the driveway. I finally pulled into the garage, and as soon as I turned off the ignition I heard "pitter-pat... pitter-pat..." on the garage roof. I looked out the door just in time to see the start of a heavy, 20-minute downpour. I was reminded of the minister who once told me, "the Lord seems to have a soft spot for old cars!"



JOHN HAYDON

Member's Projects

Buick 8 Coupe

Turning sweat, silicone, and swearing into tales and trophies

By Wayne Heikkila

I took the Buick out for another try on a road trip and headed to Galveston for brunch with friends. The Buick hummed along around 60 miles an hour without any issues. The trip covered over 200 miles and I was very happy with the results.

The next weekend I drove the Buick to the cars and coffee in Liberty town square. It was a short trip – only about 100 miles all together. I met up with some others to make the trip. It turns out they give out free coffee and donuts and the vendors open early so you can do a little shopping.

My next event was few weeks later when I drove to a car show with some other car owners. It was about 50 cars. There were a

lot of nice hot rods but not many original cars at the show. We had lunch provided for us and it was really good. When it came time to hand out the trophies, I wasn't too surprised when the Buick took the best in show in prewar class but I was surprised when it got the people's choice award!

After taking it on these couple of weekend runs, I now feel like the car is mechanically sound as well as looking fantastic. One other thing the group does is we have lunch every Wednesday. We go to different restaurants each week. At first, I wasn't sure I wanted to go that often But I thought, "why not?" If nothing else, I would enjoy the trips.



WAYNE HEIKKILA

Car Community

Great Sayings from the Old Car Hobby

By James Bartlett



JAMES BARTLETT

As I keep saying, hang around the old car hobby long enough, and you hear your share of whoppers. My monthly account of some of the best ones I've heard is now at Volume 3. I'll keep going until I run out.

1) "I know where there are 20 just like it." – Told me by a knowledgeable onlooker as I backed my 1925 Locomobile out of a trailer in front of a crowd. Well, first, Locomobiles are incredibly rare, and second, I knew the collection the guy referred to, and it held absolutely no Locomobiles, or anything remotely like one. The only similarity was that some of the cars were also from the 1920s.

2) "You don't have to rebuild those old engines. Just start them up and they'll run, although they may smoke a little." – Said one of my father's antique car friends, who was legendary for never managing to complete a restoration, or for that matter having a car

that was fully assembled or would run.

3) "I can take it to the Ford dealer right now and trade it for a brand-new car." – Said a farmer in Giddings during the 1960s, when asked if he wanted to sell a rusted-out Model T. This was a common rural legend and negotiating ploy among country folk trying to put one over on city-slicker car collectors who stopped to inquire about an abandoned car slowly sinking into the dirt. Ford never had such a policy.



JAMES BARTLETT

The DJ Page

An Automotive Outlet for Outstanding Observations

by DJ Stamp

Tucker Radio For sale on Facebook Marketplace for only \$9,500. Don't dawdle!!



DJ'S FACEBOOK SEARCHES

the US government and military, astronauts, foreign dignitaries, and celebrities. Finished in Pitcairn Blue over blue leather, the car is powered by a 462ci V8 paired with a three-speed automatic transmission and has been modified with a removable clear hardtop, 1968-style front and rear design elements, articulating spotlights, flag holders, and flashing red lights on the front bumper. Additional features include a power-operated black soft top, rear-hinged rear doors, air conditioning, power windows, a power-adjustable front bench seat, vacuum-operated door locks, and an AM/FM radio.

1967 Lincoln Continental Convertible VIP and Government Parade Car sold for \$170,000 on Bring-a-Trailer.



BRINGATRILER.COM

It was commissioned as a "marketing car" for use in motorcades and parades and served in New York-based presidential motorcades beginning in 1967 and was also used in the motorcade of Pope Paul VI during his 1968 visit to Colombia as well as the 1969 and 1973 Nixon presidential inaugural parades in Washington, D.C. Through 1975, it was used as a VIP car in events featuring members of

World's Longest Car At Dezerland Auto Museum in Orlando, FL



YOUTUBE.COM

<https://youtu.be/MX6AhmrYrN0?si=2ep7EC7RedSUckim>

Setting the record as the longest vehicle in the world, the "Super Limo" seats 75 people, has 26 wheels, includes a jacuzzi tub, a small helipad, and putting green (with the hole being the jacuzzi). It is 100 feet, 1.5 inches long. The museum has a lot of other prominent vehicles like Magnum PI's Ferarri one of the surviving A-Team vans, and Night Rider's K.I.T.T. car.

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



Looking Ahead

*By Jeffrey Broadus,
2025 Asst. VP Public
Relations, Asst. VP
Marketing / 2024
Membership*

To paraphrase a famous quote, “Ask not what the AACA is doing for you. Ask what you can do for the AACA.”

Membership is the key reason AACA exists. With all the confusion surrounding social media and a digital marketing effort, please know it's only an aspect of building a solid organization. The real effort is a grass roots effort supported by our regions, chapters, who participate in marque events and continually network across all these channels promoting the benefits of AACA. At headquarters we're investing in our future and have our sights set on the collectors of tomorrow. It takes a small platoon to build an army. We need YOU, the collectors of tomorrow. It takes a small platoon to build an army. We need YOU.

Your Board of Directors are committed and investing in building awareness and promoting club benefits in an all-out effort to build membership. We've launched a social media campaign; we're building email list and our resources as well as reaching out to other industry partners asking for their support. With all that said, the key to our success truly lies with member input, new ideas and a

commitment beyond just AACA events.

Many of us belong to multiple clubs for a variety of reasons and we need to explain why they need to join AACA. Did you know if your car is judged by AACA and received a Junior, Senior or Grand National award, collector car insurance providers are more willing to value your car above online value guides. Just one of the many benefits of membership.

If you haven't visited our newly designed club and Library websites recently, I encourage you to do so.

www.aaca.org

www.aacalibrary.org

AACA is America's Car Club. We offer incredible benefits at a very low cost to our members such as:

- a. America's Automotive Library
- b. National Tours
- c. Award-Winning Magazine
- d. Forums covering thousands of topics
- e. A list of local Regions and Chapters
- f. Calendar Filled with Conventions, Shows & Events
- g. Monthly Newsletter — The Speedster
- h. AACA Judging & Guidelines

With unparalleled benefits, AACA membership compliments other memberships one may have within our industry. Act today and add America's Car Club to your social media communications, marque club experience and industry contacts. Help us in letting the world know why the AACA is the #1 club in America.

Calendar

June 10, 2025 7:00pm (earlier for food)
MONTHLY MEETING
Catfish Parlour South 4705 E Ben White Blvd

June 1, 2025
SIENA CLASSIC CAR SHOW
Buda, TX

June 1-7, 2025
VINTAGE TOUR
Southern/Eastern Pennsylvania

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

July 2-5, 2025
CENTRAL SPRINGS NATIONALS
Auburn, IN

July 4, 2025
INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE
Smithville, TX – by Britanie Olvera

July 12, 2025
WATERMELON FESTIVAL AND CAR SHOW
McDade, TX

July 24-26, 2025
GRAND NATIONALS / ZENITH
Dayton, OH

July 25-27, 2025
FREDERICKSBURG SWAP MEET
Fredericksburg, TX

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

October 4, 2025
MAIN STREET CAR SHOW
Marble Falls, TX

October 7-10, 2025
EASTERN FALL NATIONALS
Hershey, PA

October 18-22, 2025
CENTRAL DIVISIONAL TOUR
San Antonio, TX

October 23-25, 2025
CENTRAL FALL NATIONALS
Galveston, TX

November 1, 2025
BELMONT VILLAGE SIDEWALK PARTY
Austin, TX – by Wally and Sue Graner

***** 2026 *****

February 5-7, 2026
ANNUAL CONVENTION / NATIONAL AWARDS
Chantilly, VA 717-534-1910

March 19-21, 2026
SPECIAL NATIONALS
Guaynago, Puerto Rico

LEGEND

☐ Monthly Meetings

☐ Special Events

☐ Road Relics Mini-Tours

☐ National Meets and Tours

☐ Local (unofficial) Events

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