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LEIF ALLRED



# *The Steering Column*

It goes without saying until you wish you had said something. So I'm going to.

We don't drive our antique cars that often, so the likelihood of having an accident or something happening is very low. It can be tempting to save that little bit of expense on insurance. Bad idea. On the way home from the Texas Tour, we had a little incident. Apparently, the convertible top on the Caribbean wasn't quite latched completely and about halfway home it came loose. The wind laid it back against the trunk. To be honest, I did not even notice until we stopped for gas.

Fortunately, the car was fully insured. Within a couple of weeks, we had a check-in-hand and will be able to completely repair and replace the top.

So, point being, keep your antique cars insured. And enjoy early morning drives while we still can . . . before the Texas heat descends.

**Joe Peter, President CTR-AACA**



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# Secretary's Report

## Minutes of Road Relics Monthly Meeting

June 10, 2025 – Catfish Parlour

By Leif Allred, Secretary CTR-AACA

**Meeting** Vice President, John Anderson, opened the meeting at 7:05pm. The meeting coincided almost directly with the death of his phone.

**Secretary's Report** Minutes from the May 2025 meetings, as published in FenderTalk were narrowly accepted as written before the meeting was adjourned.

**Membership** Guests Jim and Jan Kimmel from Cedar Creek were in attendance as was Nicole Gambulous (Texas Tours, Bug Tustle, Pate Registrar) from Texas Region AACA.

**Treasurer's Report** Provided by Bob. Club is in favorable financial situation with dues coming in and some Texas Tour expenses. The report was accepted without modification.

**Wellness Report** Many members are facing health issues and surgical procedures:

- Paul has ablation in the knee as well as multiple issues mostly caught in a hospital
- Vern has had recent illness and is not driving far (interested in north carpool?)
- AM has had a surgery
- John has a scheduled back surgery
- Vic has a scheduled back appointment

### Upcoming Events

- Father's Day Car Show – June 14, Vist Brewing in Driftwood, TX
- Father's Day Car Show – June 15, The Vineyard at Florence in Florence, TX
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade – July 4, 2025, Smithville, TX;

a pre-30's, 10 mph parade, VFW bingo, fireworks. Meet at 9am VFW Post in Smithville at 557 N W Loop 230 #230. It is expected that 5-6 vehicles will be there.

**Cobbler Break** Provided by Catfish Parlour

### Miscellaneous

- Pate Times 2025 magazines are available for hand-out at car shows and gatherings.
- Those interested in creating a Fall (October-ish) car show, please contact DJ stamp who is forming a committee.

**Program** DJ presented, with tangible evidence being demonstrated and passed around the room, *Endless Collection of Old Toys*.



Nicole Gambulous and John Anderson

**Adjourn** The meeting adjourned shortly after 8:06pm.



# Upcoming Events

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade – Smithville, TX

by Britanie Olvera

Attention Road Relics and Friends. You're invited to join us for the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> of July event at the Post.

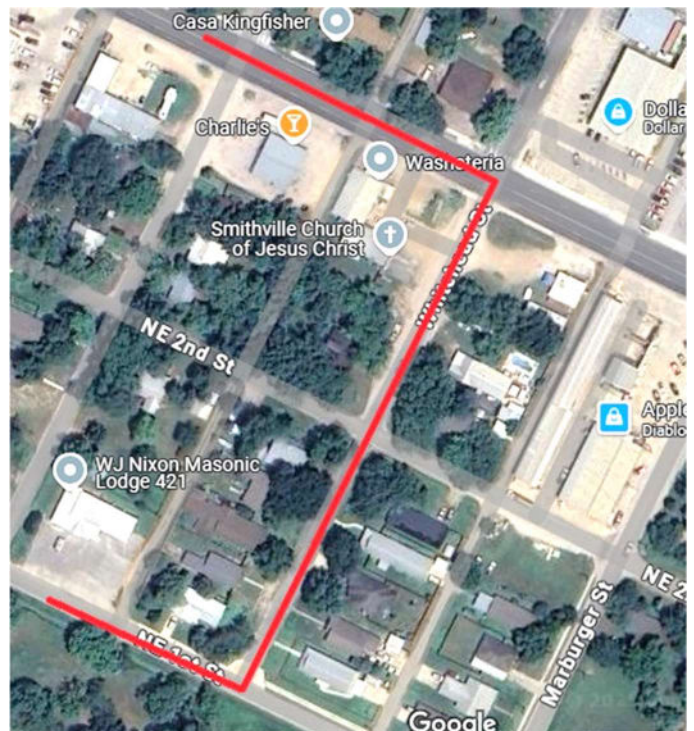


**Veterans of Foreign Wars**  
**557 N W Loop 230 #230 Smithville, TX 78957**

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.

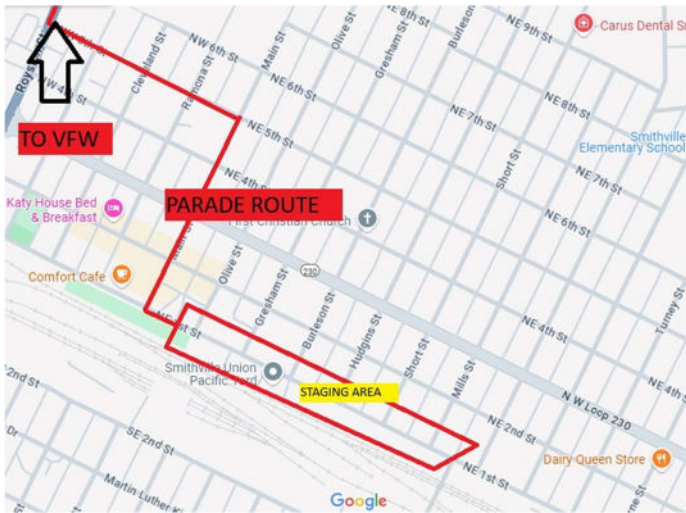
After turning right on Whitehead, you will turn right on NE 1<sup>st</sup> Street and check in at the tent which will be located in the parking lot of

the Smithville Masonic Lodge.



After checking in, you will move to the staging area on 1<sup>st</sup> Street. The parade will move down 1<sup>st</sup> Street, take a right on Main Street, take a left on 5<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> of July in a friendly Texas town. Sign up online at <http://www.stx4th.com/>

A vibrant poster for the 'AMERICANA 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade & Celebration'. The background is dark blue with white stars and red, white, and blue stripes. The text 'Happy 4<sup>TH</sup> of JULY' is prominently displayed in large, stylized letters. Below it, 'Independence Day Celebration' and 'FRIDAY ★ JULY 4 ★ SMITHVILLE TEXAS' are written. A red banner on the right says 'Free Event'. A blue banner on the left says 'Bingo \* Music \* Games @ VFW'. A photo of a young girl in a red, white, and blue outfit holding an American flag is in the bottom left. A blue classic car is also featured. The word 'Activities' is written in a cursive font. A list of activities is provided: Main Street 9a-11am, Kids Bicycle Contest 9:30 am, PARADE 10:30am, Enjoy shopping/lunch, 3:00pm-10 @ VFW Hall: Bingo! @ 3:30, Free Hotdogs courtesy of VFW, food vendors onsite, Beer (cash bar) avail @ VFW, Cake Walk & Fun Games, Live Entertainment 7p-9p, FIREWORKS 9pm.. For More Information: register for parade: [www.stx4th.com](http://www.stx4th.com). The text 'VOLUNTEERS NEEDED' is written in a stylized font.

Trophies for Most Patriotic (or Americana) cars! RSVP so we know to look out for you and to group up as a club.

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# Concours

## Keels and Wheels

*By Wayne Heikkila*

I took the Buick out for another road trip this weekend heading to Seabrook close to Galveston for the Keels and Wheels show that they have. I went with a friend Mike and his son Austin and Austin's daughter having met for breakfast and then drove to the high school to catch the shuttle to the show. As expected, the Buick hummed right along without any issues.

As we stepped out of the shuttle and headed into the show, the first car we could see was a cream and blue Packard. I made a comment to Mike that a fellow club member who has one that looks like that. James Bartlett. Mike said the owner is James Bartlett. James also had his Locomobile there.

They had a tent full of super cars and a lot of very nice original vehicles. I was surprised to see a row of restomods. They were all extremely well done. We then moved over to the boats, which ran from the late '20's to the '70's and they were just as impressive.

Before we knew it, five hours had slipped by and Austin's daughter was getting tired and we were running out of snacks. We shuttled back to the high school and on to a restaurant. After eating, we said our goodbyes and I drove the Buick home. If we could put something together, this would make for a great club event. Well, the Texas Tour is just around the corner. Hope to see everyone out in their cars



WAYNE HEIKKILA



# Concours



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# Local Car Shows

## St. Katherine of Sienna Car Show

*By DJ Stamp*

Pat and I attended the St. Katherine of Sienna Car Show at Buck's Backyard on Sunday June 1. Buck's is down South on FM 1626 near Kyle. The show date had been moved because it was too hot in previous years. Guess what?? – it was too hot!!

There's a disc golf course on the property but, for some reason, these guys didn't want me throwing my discs around their cars.

Looked like around 50 or so vehicles with a mix of hot rods and originals. I placed our club flyers on windshields and passed more out to groups of folks sitting under their shades. Joe had his RR there in all it's white splendor. My favorite was a blue MG TF which the wife brought because hubby was out of town. Next year I'll forward some Pate Times to Joe to put in the entry packets and sit on the registration table at the show.





# Car Community

## Great Sayings from the Old Car Hobby

By James Bartlett

As I said last month, hang around old cars long enough, and you'll hear your share of whoppers. This is a second compilation of some of the best ones I'll share until I run out.

- "Ab Jenkins tested it at 100 miles per hour." – A legend associated with '35 and '36 Auburn speedsters. Each had a plate on the dash asserting the car had exceeded this speed at the hands of the famed endurance driver. Wasn't true. The plates were installed on the assembly line before the cars left the Indiana factory. Jenkins lived in Salt Lake City. And the cars were not speed tested.



- "These really aren't old cars. Rich people bought up the factory dies and reproduced these cars." – Overheard by me at a Houston



AutoRama show in the 1960s, as a man explained to his wife why our 1920s cars looked new. Gee, it would cost billions to pull that one off.



- "I've got 17 Stanley Steamers in a warehouse." – So said a fellow in front of his run-down house when then-teenagers James and Wayne Bartlett stopped to inquire about his Model T truck and mentioned their 1929 Packard. We next brought over the freshly restored, shiny Packard to show him. Of course, he did not offer to actually show us that trove of Stanleys.



Well, that's it for another month. Once again, let me know some of the whoppers you've heard, and we'll add them to future issues



# Around Town

## Father's Day Car Show – Florence, TX June 15, 2025 By Leif Allred

This was the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Father's Day Car Show at The Vineyard at Florence and it just keeps getting better. Two live bands played cover songs while free drinks were given out by the Vineyard. Food was available at the air-conditioned driver's lounge, the restaurant, or from the bar. A light breeze cooled those already sitting in the shade.

Rich Bassemir, Leif Allred, and Laura Pressley participated from the Road Relics and were visited by friends from Austin. A "top ten" voted on by the people were awarded – including a special recognition for a special motorcycle (see page 16). Rich left at the right time as others were caught in a freak rainstorm that challenged vacuum wipers.



## Pistons on the Square – Georgetown, TX June 21, 2025 By Leif Allred

Apparently, DJ showed up while we were still enjoying breakfast at the Gold Burger Diner but had vamoosed by the time we had settled up with our bill. The group that owns the diner also has several other restaurants around town – such as Camp Brightside, a fun place where children can run amuck.

Corvettes hugged the shade on the east side of the square while The British Car Club lined Austin Avenue and left PoTS for a tour following the monthly gathering. This is a launching point for many car club events.

A lady near my age reminisced her father's 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation C10 (also orange) so I let her get in for a while. She was near tears.



# The DJ Page

An Automotive Outlet for Outstanding Observations

by DJ Stamp

## Dog Sack



## Steeplechase Mechanical Horse Ride

"Because it gives them a chance to hug the girls" . . . "Because it gives them a change to be hugged" . . . "Everybody likes it" . . . "Because it's cheap fun, real fun, lively fun". The motto: Half a mile in half a minute and fun all the time.



<https://youtu.be/IRiwXzgCaVQ?si=Kz1PthNKQRiz1ZwO>



**1935 Georges Irat MDS Cabriolet** If something breaks parts acquisition should be no problem! Check out the shifting on the driving video.



[https://youtu.be/yY3\\_mgygWVQ?si=uKVYIG-HwRNGILD9](https://youtu.be/yY3_mgygWVQ?si=uKVYIG-HwRNGILD9)



# 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](mailto:wayneheikkila@gmail.com).



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### Mini-Tour Chair

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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](mailto: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*



### **A Positive AACA Attitude**

*By Phillip Cole*

*2025 VP, SE Regions*

*Development & Support/*

*2024 Secretary/Treasurer*

A popular British car manufacturer has added a new website to their media approach. Their traditional website has always been restricted to owners of their brand, but their new site is for any “car enthusiast”. For us as members of AACA that does not seem like anything new or even different. AACA members do not have to own a car that is “twenty-five years or older” to join. We do need, however, to be an enthusiast and follow our mission of encouraging the old car hobby. Thus, wherever we go and whatever we are doing, we need to bring along our positive AACA attitude.

Sadly, our culture seems to be so divisive nowadays and that, generally, does not cultivate a positive attitude even in our club. At too many of our Board of Directors meetings, one or more of our VPs of Regions Development and Support has to bring up the closing of a region or chapter. That is a sad moment for all of us on your National Board. Equally sad is when the VP of Activities has to report that after dozens of contacts, we cannot find any region or chapter to host one of our National meets or tours. Both such reports generate a lot of discussion and

several suggestions from your Board. Well, I want to suggest that a good place to start is by each of us adopting an AACA positive attitude!

I recently asked a fellow life coach for her suggestions as to how we can put our positive attitude into practice. First, she asked, “What negative attitudes do AACA members have to face?” The following (very familiar to most of you) is a list of some negatives that I lifted up to her and her positive attitude responses:

- “We’ve always done it that way.” To “This is a great opportunity to try something new.”
- “We don’t have the resources.” To “What can we do to gain the needed resources?”
- “That won’t work!” To “What will make that work?”
- “We don’t like change.” To “Let’s take a chance on the needed change.”
- “No one tells us anything.” To “What can we do to keep you informed?”
- “We don’t have enough members.” To “How can we reach out to other car enthusiasts?”

So, from the beginning, all of us need to be car enthusiasts and encourage everyone about the old car hobby.



# Calendar

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

**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 19, 2025 3:00pm to 7:00pm**  
STEW FOR TWO (fundraiser and car show)  
Carrie Gray 512-914-3408  
Zedler Mill, 1170 S Laurel Ave, Luling, TX

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

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

**August 9, 2025 4:00pm to 9:00pm**  
2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL FOUNDERS CELEBRATION  
Heritage House Museum  
901 Old Austin Hutto Rd, Pflugerville, TX

**August 23, 2025**  
SEAT SWEAT 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  
(See Page 16)  
San Antonio, TX

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

**October 25, 2025**  
12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MAIN STREET CAR SHOW  
Taylor, TX

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

**November 8, 2025**  
HEROES AND HOT RODS CAR SHOW  
Bastrop, TX

\*\*\*\*\* 2026 \*\*\*\*\*

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

## LEGEND

- ☐ Monthly Meetings
- ☐ Special Events
- ☐ Road Relics Mini-Tours
- ☐ National Meets and Tours
- ☐ Local (unofficial) Events

[www.motortexas.com/events/](http://www.motortexas.com/events/)

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AACA TEXAS DFW REGION  
PROUDLY PRESENTS



# THE RUNAWAY SCRAPE TOUR



A PROGRESSIVE TOUR FROM  
SAN ANTONIO TO SAN JACINTO



OCTOBER 18 - 22, 2025  
[HTTPS://TEXAS-  
DFW.AACA.COM/RUNAWAYSCRAPE/](https://TEXAS-DFW.AACA.COM/RUNAWAYSCRAPE/)

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# *The Last Page*



LEIF ALLRED

In Loving Memory of Russel Kroening (6/1/1961 – 12/8/2022) – representing 31 years of Sturgis

## *Letter From the Editor*



LEIF ALLRED

Cars and automotive features I'm not supposed to bring home:

- ☐ Corvette
- ☐ El Camino
- ☐ Cars from the '60s
- ☐ Fender Skirts

... in case you're wondering why these always show up in FenderTalk!

Some great mini-tours are shaping up for the club to participate in – 7/4, 8/23, 9/13 – so mark your calendars. Members have gone to great effort to make these events run smoothly and be memorable.

*Leif*