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The Steering Column

I have been asked many times, “How do you find parts for those old cars?” And interesting enough, it’s not so much finding the parts as it is finding and meeting the right people.

On each project, I have found there are one or two guys that you get to know that specialize in a particular make of cars and they have always been very interesting and helpful people.

If you’re working on a Volvo, the guy is Mike Dudek. If it’s a Lincoln convertible, then it’s John Cashman; for a Lincoln Zephyr, the guy is Jerry Richmond; a Packard, then your new best friend is going to be Ross Miller at Speedwell Garage.

This hobby involves more than just the cars; it also includes the support provided by people, whose contributions help make the activity possible. So, get out there and enjoy our hobby and meet some great people along the way. Oh, and also, when you are the one that can lend that expertise, pay it forward for when someone did it for you.

Joe Peter, President CTR-AACA



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Secretary's Report

Minutes of Road Relics Monthly Meeting

July 8, 2025 – Catfish Parlour

By Leif Allred, Secretary CTR-AACA

Meeting President Joe Peter opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

Membership New members Jim and Jan Kimmel from Cedar Creek were welcomed to the club.

Secretary's Report Minutes from the June 2025 meetings, as published in FenderTalk, were accepted as written with motion by Bob Ross and seconded by Gary Baker.

Treasurer's Report Provided by Bob Ross. The club is in favorable financial situation with \$30 coming in and nothing going out. The report was accepted without modification.

Sunshine Report Many members are facing health issues and surgical procedures:

- Paul is getting around better after knee surgery; Ronnie's hip is bugging her
- John did not have the operation but will go back for more
- Vic continues to have pain after the ablation

Newsletter Special thanks to Wayne Heikkila, DJ Stamp, and James Bartlett for their contributions to FenderTalk.

Upcoming Events

- 7/12/2025 – McDade Watermelon Festival
- 7/25/2025 – Fredericksburg Swap Meet
- 8/23/2025 (or 24) – Seat Sweat Mini-Tour to Johnson City
- 9/13/2025 – Cappleman Cars Mini-Tour to Luling

- 11/8/2025 – Heroes and Hot Rods car show and membership drive in Bastrop, TX

Cobbler Break Provided by Catfish Parlour

Texas Tour Meeting postponed from 7/12/2025 to 8/9/2025 – mostly because of McDade Watermelon Festival.

Program DJ presented a model spotlight on the Buick Riviera – offered between 1963 to 1996, with concept versions in 2007 and 2013. His favorite feature is the 1965 clamshell headlights and one he once restored. Bill Mitchell, as General Motors' Vice President of Styling, was instrumental in the design and creation of the Buick Riviera - envisioning it as a personal luxury car. His vision for the Riviera was a departure from traditional GM designs, aiming for a "sheer look" with a focus on aerodynamics and dramatic styling.

Adjourn The meeting adjourned shortly after 7:49pm.



Outside: Member's 1964 Ford Galaxie 500

Upcoming Events

Seat Sweat Mini-Tour – Johnson City, TX

by Leif Allred



LEIF ALLRED

Please join the Road Relics for a “sticking to your vinyl seats” mini-tour on Sunday, August 24. This tour will be just about like my golf game – a long drive followed by 5, 6, or 7 putts.

It begins later than usual because everyone is coming from far away just to get to the starting point, which will be the QT on South Congress (4402 S Congress Ave, Austin, TX 78745). After topping off with Non-Ethanol fuel, the departure is 10:00am.

We'll drive a circuitous path to get around Oak Hill and avoid US-290 and then mostly be on Fitzhugh Rd to Johnson City. The group may stop at the Texas Hill Country Olive Oil Company should we need to restock on supplies or take a quick break. Once in Johnson City, we'll park at the Blanco County Courthouse Square (or behind the museum) and get into Pecan Street Brewing Co for lunch before the drinking church people show up. <https://pecanstreetbrewing.com/>.

After lunch, we'll walk over to the Texas Vintage Motorcycle Museum where there resides an amazing collection of motorcycles

as the manifestation of the owner's boyhood dreams. The museum is housed in what was Johnson City's Ford dealership primarily selling Model A vehicles in the 1930s. The museum has a \$7 per person entrance fee. <https://www.texasvintagemotorcyclemuseum.com/>

There's still more to do in Johnson City with two art galleries nearby and Vintage 205 Antique Store around the block. Then, inside The Old Lumber Yard is Camp Bubba's Antique Store and Hill Country Ice Cream to store up on “cold” for the trips back home.



Local Car Shows

McDade Watermelon Festival 2025

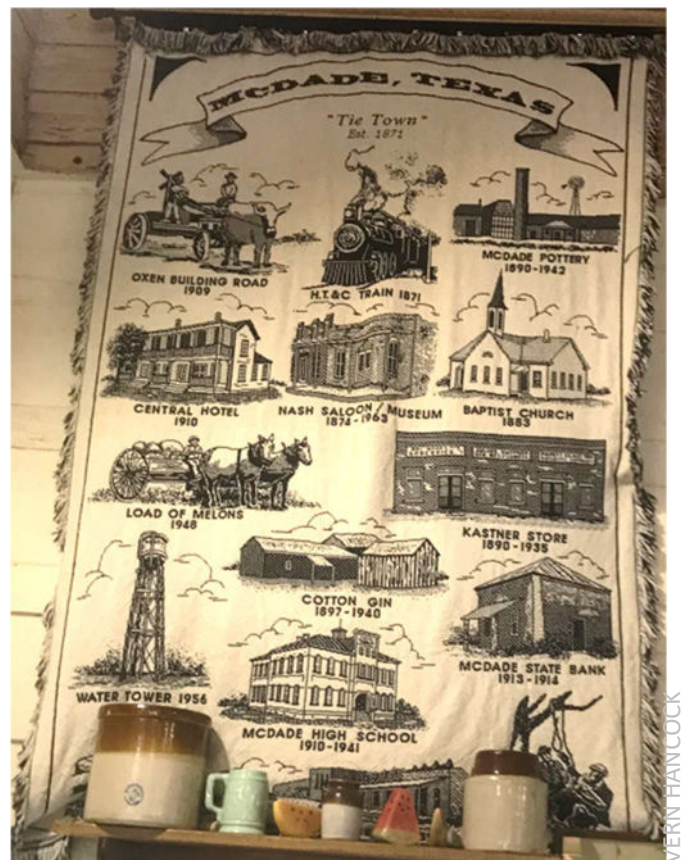
By Vern Hancock

The members who have been with the Road Relics for a while have probably been to this event at least once. The Bakers seem to be there yearly and had their most recent red antique car at the car show. There was a little confusion this year with parking at the car show as the car show and BBQ contest areas changed places.



Main Street is kinda short but there is an antique shop operated by Wayne's wife, Melba. The shop is definitely worth a visit; includes a tapestry of the old McDade Pottery. The Marshall Pottery apparently had some competition many years ago. →

My colleague, Wayne Skubiata (Watermelons goto guy), agreed to drive me via side-by-side around the event this year for photos. The drive-around included a trip to the parade (Wayne and Fred Wilson, Master of Ceremonies) staging area. Many of the surrounding central Texas communities participate; larger parade each year, so it seems.



Local Car Shows



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The fest got a little muddy mid-afternoon with about an inch and a half of rain. Event still fun but next year consider getting there a little early to beat the seasonal heat; rain coat and over-boots suggested.



VERN HANCOCK

If you are hungry and prefer not to dine at the event, there is great little retro restaurant (Scales Cafe) behind the Exxon on US Highway 290 or a, usually open early, breakfast taco stand (no drinks) in front of the Exxon. Wayne and the locals dine there frequently.



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Museums

Technik Museum, Speyer, Germany

By Wendell Bell

Stay tuned for a monthly meeting program. Here's the preview of upcoming attractions!



Technik Museum, Speyer, Germany <https://speyer.technik-museum.de/>

Car Community

Finding Enthusiasts Abroad

By John Robertson



I am on my bike ride along the Mosel River in Germany. We stopped this afternoon in Alf, a small town on the river to spend the night. After we got unpacked, I looked out the window of our B&B to see a black 1975 Cadillac Eldorado convertible parked across the street.

The quick story is the young man pictured with the car is 25-years old and has wanted one of these cars since he was six years old. His uncle offered to help him start looking for one on the internet. Then his

uncle was going to the USA in 2023 and offered to go look at some of the Eldorados they found online. After looking at many in several cities, they all turned out to be junk. When his uncle got to Los Angeles, he began a new search and found this one-owner in Hollywood. The uncle called his nephew who then flew to LA and bought it and shipped it back to Germany. He is one happy car owner!

On our ride out of town, we talked to the owner again and he said he was now looking for a 1965 Mustang! A future collector!



Technical Tips

Check Your Electrical Connections

By James Bartlett

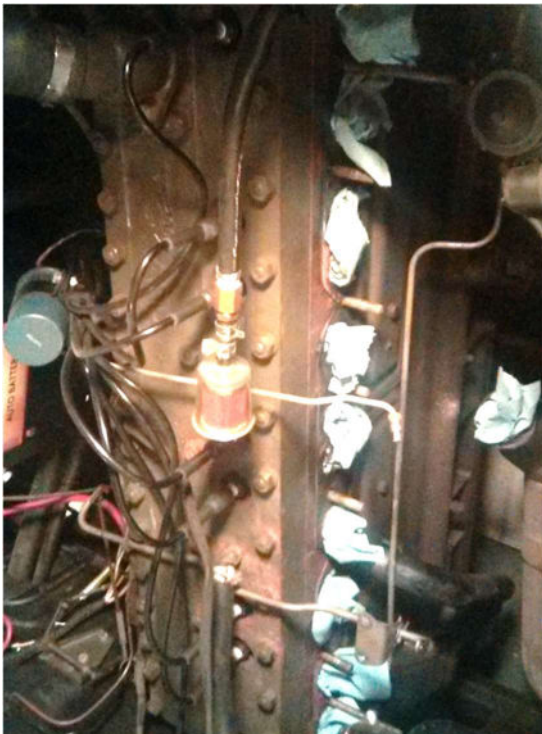
My cars tend to sit awhile, depending on which one I'm taking to an event. That was the case some time back when I took my '35 Auburn to the Wings Over Houston airshow. The car's always been dead solid reliable and predictable – until now. I'd charged the battery beforehand, but the car turned over slowly on the starter. I attributed that to a 10-year-old battery, which I planned to replace after the show. Sure enough, when I got to Ellington Field to unload from the trailer, the Auburn turned over slowly just a few revolutions, then nothing at all. I got it towed to the display area, and after the show winched it back into the trailer.

Later, I finally got around to the repair.

Again, the car wouldn't start, despite the 6-volt battery testing at nearly 6.4. The battery terminals were clean and tight, and the thick cables were cool. But when I felt the starter solenoid, I found high heat on its battery and starter connections. The bolts on both were loose, and that corrosion created electrical resistance. I removed everything and sanded the bolts, cable terminals and copper washers clean and shiny. I reattached everything tightly, and the car now starts immediately, even when hot.

So, here's my tip – heat in the electrical system often means trouble. Keep electrical connections clean and tight, including hot leads and often-overlooked grounds.

Letter From the Editor



I told you I was done with leaks. That meant removing the Packard's exhaust manifold that is buried under the intake manifold further blocked by the carburetor, its linkage and wiring, most of the heater core box, and one of the horns. After leaving part of a bolt in the intake, I got both manifolds to Vilas Motors in Bryan, TX to remove the bolt remnant, delete the heat riser where the exhaust leak is, and mill the 12 ports (x8 exhaust, x4 intake) to one plane. After that, I'll take the exhaust manifold to Highpoint Powder Coating to ceramic coat it.

Leif

Around Town

Pistons on the Square – Georgetown, TX
July 19, 2025 *By Leif Allred*

I had just arrived when a very handsome Model A Ford pulled up . . . and announced its arrival with a hearty backfire that echoed off of the courthouse! Greg has this car he's owned for 47 years back on the road and it was such a hit. The Model A Ford club meets for breakfast at Gold Burger Diner and he hooked up with some people he's known from way back when. Once outside, we saw him teaching a young girl how to climb into the rumble seat. I wasn't there to know if he taught her how to get back out. He told stories, however, of riding in a rumble seat with a crazy driver.



McDade Watermelon Festival – McDade, TX
July 12, 2025 *By Leif Allred*

Like Vern, I was at McDade Watermelon Festival but didn't get the side-by-side tour. My morning started by picking up a chocoflan cake in order to bribe my friend's grandmother that I could park in her driveway to watch the parade and leave it there while I walked over to the show. The guy I know knows the guy Vern knows . . . as well as everybody else in McDade. Then our buddy had his 1965 Factory Five Daytona there. In addition to hanging out with Barbara and Gary Baker, apparently Warren and Lisa Kodosky frequent this event every year. He looks the same except with a gray beard.



Winchester Depot – Winchester, TX



The DJ Page

An Automotive Outlet for Outstanding Observations

by DJ Stamp

1953 Chevrolet 3100 ICON Derelict TR #19
Sold for \$180,000 on Bring-A-Trailer – the automotive equivalent of buying torn jeans at a premium.



Gurney Love it when a car comes back to the original family and what a car!! Dan Gurney's Chevy Impala Race Car Returns Home



https://youtu.be/UFbG_CIDWM?si=35kVblyZ7mZaiB3W

1940 Peugeot 402B Gasifier Limousine
Faced with the threat of a fuel shortage, in 1939 Peugeot studied the possibility of adapting petrol engines to gas made from coal or wood.



The generator and charcoal are mounted at the rear of the vehicle, allowing a range of 80km without reloading. The fireplace is loaded through a door on the top and its total capacity is 35kg of fuel. The slow and controlled combustion of charcoal wood produces a combustible gas, carbon monoxide (CO), which is used as fuel for the engine.

More than 2,500 Peugeots were equipped with a gas system from 1940 to 1944 – 2.142cc 4-cylinder engine, 40hp, maximum speed: 65 km/h. It is estimated that several million vehicles were powered by wood gasifiers in Germany during the 1940s. Depending on the size of the gasifier, the vehicle's range was just about 50 to 106 miles. The operation of a wood gasifier needed something else: patience. It took a few minutes to move the car or truck at all.

<https://www.fst.com/news-stories/magazine/e-mobility/a-technology-left-behind/>

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.



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



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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



Where Do You Want to Go Next?

*by Greg Jackson, 2025 VP
National Activities / 2024 Youth
Development & Awards*

If you are reading this, chances are you have a love of antique cars and are looking forward to the spring and summer show and tour season. We are blessed again this year to have willing regions and chapters that have stepped forward to host an event. The 2025 Calendar will include nationals in Charlotte NC, Tucson AZ, Beckley WV, Dayton OH, Hershey PA and Galveston, TX. Tour locations for this year will be in Lancaster County, PA, Northern Maine, Owensboro, KY (Glidden tour hosted by the VMCCA), and San Antonio to Gonzales, TX. Always check for up to date event information on aaca.org and make sure to follow the registration deadlines for each! The regions and chapters hosting the events would love to have you - but please let them know by the cutoff for planning and coordination with venues, caterers etc. There are many opportunities to host an event in the future. We have open calendar availability in each region of the country and can schedule up to 3 years in advance. We would love to come visit you in your neck of the woods soon! Please consider the offer the Board of Directors enacted in 2024 to allow a region or chapter that has not hosted a national event in the last 10 years, a grant of \$5000 in seed money to cover up front costs of hosting.

\$5000 GRANTS AVAILABLE TO REGIONS TO HOST NATIONAL EVENTS THAT HAVE NOT HOSTED FOR OVER TEN YEARS

The AACA National Board realizes that the financial risk involved with hosting a national show or tour has caused many regions and chapters to be hesitant to volunteer to host a national event. Some regions simply do not have the funds available.

At the National Board of directors meeting in Hershey PA 2023, the board approved a \$5000 grant to any region receiving board approval to host a national event that has not hosted one for more than ten years. There are many opportunities to host one of these events. We have winter nationals available and will schedule up to three years in advance. Spring and Fall National shows are available to schedule for Eastern, Southeastern, Central, and Western Divisions, also up to 3 years in advance.

Touring Events share the same opportunities. Founders Tour, Sentimental Tour, Vintage Tour, Reliability Tour, Glidden Tour and all four Divisional tours have available openings for your region to reserve for up to three years in advance. Don't miss this opportunity to host a national event. Take advantage while the national board has this offer open! For more information, contact Greg Jackson, your 2025 for VP National Activities.

Calendar

August 12, 2025 7:00pm (earlier for food)
MONTHLY MEETING
Catfish Parlour South 4705 E Ben White Blvd

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

August 12-15, 2025
Eastern Divisional Tour
Northern Maine 207-768-1033

August 16, 2025 8:00am to 10:00am
PISTONS ON THE SQUARE
Georgetown, TX Courthouse Square

August 23, 2025 10:00am to 3:00pm
SEAT SWEAT MINI-TOUR (See Page 4)
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 20, 2025
39th CRUZIN CRUZERS CAR SHOW
Gatesville, TX
www.cruzincruzers.com

September 21, 2025 12:00noon to 4:00pm
CLASSICS FOR CARING CAR SHOW
Temple, TX
Jack: 254-677-7085

October 4, 2025 9:00am to 2:00pm
MAIN STREET CAR SHOW
Marble Falls, TX
<https://highlandlakeskiwanis.org/car-show>

October 7-10, 2025
EASTERN FALL NATIONALS
Hershey, PA 717-566-7720

October 18-22, 2025
CENTRAL DIVISIONAL TOUR
(See Page 15)
San Antonio, TX 214-498-0531

October 23-25, 2025
CENTRAL FALL NATIONALS
Galveston, TX 832-693-4008

October 25, 2025
12th 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

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

LEGEND

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☐ Road Relics Mini-Tours

☐ National Meets and Tours

☐ Local (unofficial) Events

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