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The Steering Column

PARTS NEEDED: When you are halfway done with a restoration, you are pregnant . . . and there is no such thing as being half pregnant.

You realize your "baby" is missing parts . . . it needs whatever (a mirror, bumper part, a door handle, etc.). You hunt and you hunt and, mostly by chance, you find the part your baby needs. Now comes the tricky part. "Bob" – the guy who has the part is probably the only guy with it and you are probably the only pregnant guy needing it.

So now, time for negotiations! Hopefully, when you finally found the part, you didn't say to Bob, "OMG! I finally found that part and I need it so badly." Even if you were thinking it. Probably not a good place to start negotiations. So all I can say is, be as nice and sweet to Bob as possible. Maybe he'll realize this might be the one chance he has to sell this part and make you a great deal. Or, if you're like me, Bob is going to tell you that it's off of a complete car and that it kills him to part it out but for half what the car is worth he'll send you the parts. GOOD LUCK!

Joe Peter, President CTR-AACA





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permission.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of Road Relics Monthly Meeting September 9, 2025 – Catfish Parlour

By Ronnie Burt

Meeting With President Joe Peter away, the meeting was conducted by Leif Allred starting at 7:00pm with no gavel to bang. Minutes were graciously captured by Ronnie Burt.

Membership New member Remy Shelton was recognized and reintroduced to the club. Drafts of the Membership Handbook were passed around for redlining to be published electronically and printed. Renewal season is now: \$45 National, \$20 Local.

Treasurer's Report Provided by Bob Ross. The report was accepted by vote from a motion from George Brunner and second from Wayne Heikkila.

Secretary's Report Minutes from the August meeting were accepted as written with motion by Bob Ross and second by Jeremy Cameron.

Sunshine Report Nothing to report.

Website Ongoing updates – Rich Bassemir.

Past Events The Seat Sweat Mini-Tour was great fun with 24 people and 11 antique cars.

Upcoming Events

- 9/13/2025 Cappleman Cars Mini-Tour to Luling, TX by John and Connie Robertson
- 10/25/2025 WXNW Mini-Tour by Rich Bassemir through Kingsland and Burnet, TX
- 11/1/2025 Belmont Village Sidewalk Party by Wally and Sue Graner in Austin, TX
- 11/8/2025 Heroes and Hot Rods car show

and membership drive in Bastrop, TX

12/7/2025 – Christmas Party by LCRA

Texas Tour 2026 May 22-23, 2026 in Waco, TX (Memorial Day weekend). Wayne discussed a great car collection as part of the features.

Cobbler Break Provided by Catfish Parlour

Member's Projects

- Bob's car is out of the shop having fixed leaks in A/C, radiator, and water pump
- Leif has the Packard's intake and exhaust manifolds being repaired for leak
- Gary is working on his 1931 Chevrolet rumble seat alignment and paint
- Rich's 1935 Ford convertible is for sale

New Business It is time to assign a nominations committee for the 2026 board and officers. The Pate Representative Director is not up for election this round but the Pate Alternate role, voted in 2023 for 2024/2025, is.

Program Rich Bassemir found a box of newspaper clippings from his Mother's effects that identified unique car improvement ideas from the 1930s. He presented these aftermarket accoutrements with a nostalgia for the time period along with a modern anecdote that was quite hilarious. Knowing also that his Mom drove a Model A Ford added a special connection as she had included her own snarky footnotes to the collection.

Adjourn The meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

Upcoming Events

NXNW Mini-Tour - Marble Falls, TX

by Rich Bassemir

When: Saturday, October 25th 10:30am

Meet: River City Grill (meet – not eat)

700 1st Street

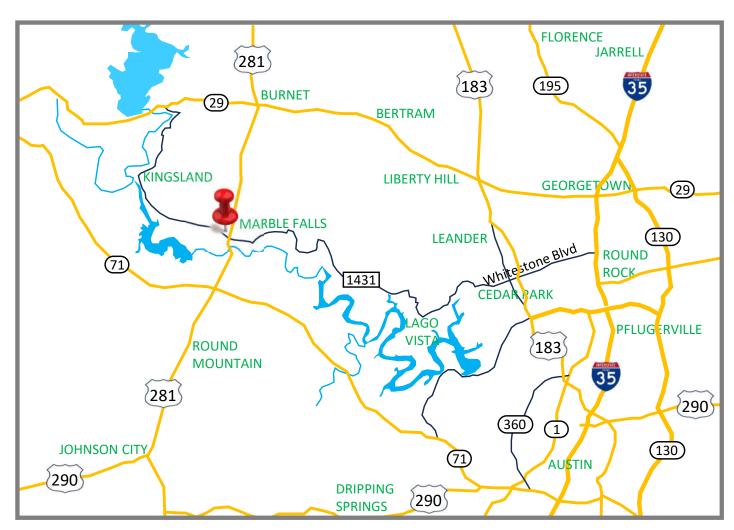
Marble Falls, TX 78654

Depart: 10:45am

Features:

- ☐ Back roads passage to Kingsland, TX
- ☐ Lunch at Alfredo's Mexican Restaurant
- ☐ Fly-by of Longhorn Cavern
- ☐ Highland Lakes Squadron Museum
- ☐ Ice Cream Stop

The Highland Lakes Squadron was founded in 1992 and is a branch of the Commemorative Air Force and has the world's largest flying museum. With more than 165 flying World War II-era aircraft, they have accomplished a great feat of preservation. Donations are accepted and very appreciated to cover the costs of the HLS CAF efforts to Educate, Honor and Inspire the next generation of pilots and mechanics while preserving the precious history of the Greatest Generation to today's Veterans.



Map to the Start: River City Grille, 700 1st Street Marble Falls, TX 78654

Cappleman Cars Mini-Tour - Luling, TX

by John Robertson

Our hopes for a cooler day than what we experienced on our August Mini-Tour started out favorable with a cloud cover as we gathered at Cabela's parking lot in Buda for our tour. As participants arrived, they were given a package of maps and description of the route and activities they would experience.

Before we could leave the parking lot, Joe mentioned issues with his car and the next thing happening was the hood was up and Wayne had the air cleaner off with some hammering and carburetor adjustments that resolved it before we departed. We left on our journey to Luling with 6 antique cars and 11 people. We traveled the back roads to our first stop which was at the Valero Station west of Lockhart, TX for fuel and a potty stop. Photos were taken and a minor vapor lock issue with Dan and Alice's vehicle was resolved before we left to continue our drive. After passing through Lockhart, we drove on FM 1322 north and east of Luling at a leisurely pace, arriving at our first destination - the Zedler Mill Museum on the San Marcos River.



Road Relics Members

Gary and Barbara greeted us in the parking lot and everyone was provided an information package about the history of the mill and how to use the cell phone-based tour app. The Mill has a long history of serving the area around Luling: first as a grist mill powered by a water wheel turned by the San Marcos River. Over time, the needs of the community and the changes of mill ownership brought new uses and opportunities to the area. These changes included adding an onsite cotton gin, machine shop, lumber mill, flour mill, blacksmith shops and other enterprises. The mill survived fires, expansions and changes in use as technology and equipment continued to evolve. The mill converted to steam power in the 1920's and then to electrical generation but succumbed to disrepair and closed in the 1950's after 80 years of service to the Luling community. The Luling Economic Development Corporation purchased the property for the City of Luling and a foundation was established in 2007 to restore and develop it into a museum and a destination place for local events.



Zedler Mill Museum - Luling, TX

→ Leaving the Mill, we continued our caravan through a residential neighborhood of downtown Luling to the Cappleman Cars Museum.



Cappleman Cars – Luling, TX

We gathered at the outdoor display area of the museum and met our host, Mr. Eddie Cappleman and members of the museum support team: Sam Jackson, President of Oil City A's Classics Car Club, along with several members of their club including Carrie Gray, who was our point of contact for coordinating our visit. Many thanks Carrie! The club's primary fund raiser throughout the year is the Oil City Blue Santa Fund which supports the area First Responders. These great teams provided an excellent meet and greet and tours.



Jim Rankin (seated) and Ed Cappleman

The museum building was formally a Ford dealership in the 1920s-1930s and a Chevrolet dealership in the 1950s-1960s. The current museum collection is comprised of over 33 cars, motorcycles, scooters, one tractor, one US Navy aircraft carrier tow tractor, a wall of hub caps, pedal cars and automobile memorabilia. The walls and display areas certainly describe the period vibe for his diverse collection.







Cappleman Cars – Luling, TX (for DJ)



→ A big Thank You to Ashley Flores with the Luling Chamber of Commerce who provided gift bags for all attendees which contained information about Luling and the opportunities available to city visitors.

Many thanks to those who attended the Mini-Tour: Leif Allred, Gary and Barbara Baker Wayne Heikkila with guests Trevor Cole and Linda Watts, Dan and Alice Marshall, Joe Peter, Jim and Lynda Rankin and hosts John and Connie Robertson.

After the Cappleman Cars Museum tour, the group dispersed and were encouraged to visit the downtown Luling area on E. Davis Street to have lunch (excellent BBQ), dessert and shop in the local stores.

By the early-midafternoon, the sun shone brightly and the heat index had risen considerably. For those of us in vehicles without air conditioning, the drive home in 97-degree heat was a long hot drive. Having said that, reports from attendees indicate that the Mini-Tour to Luling was a fun and informative time had by all.

Connie and I thank you for attending and participating in this tour! Our next touring opportunity will be Saturday, October 25th in the Marble Falls area for the WXNW Mini-Tour. Rich Bassemir will be our host and has a great tour planned for us. Hope to see you there.



Connie and John Connie Robertson



Zedler Mill Museum





Dan and Alice Marshall



Joe Peter





Jim and Lynda Rankin



Wayne, Linda, and Trevor



Leif Allred

Cappleman Cars – Luling, TX

Member's Projects

Night Photos

By Wayne Heikkila

I had lunch with the 5th Street who Cruisers meet every Wednesday. I make as many lunches as I can. While we were having lunch, they announced that the local photo club was looking for vehicles to take night photos with. They had some cars scheduled but those canceled and so they were looking for replacements. None of the other members volunteered (due to the threat of rain that night - I was told) so I did. I would receive a text around 5pm if the shoot was going to be held. At 5pm, I got the text that the shoot was on.

I was to be at the Silo – which is where our monthly Cars and Coffee meet - around 8pm. I arrived right After trying several on time. positions, they finely settled on a location. There were 6 cars that We then sat down and night. waited for it to get dark while the five photographers looked at angles to set up their tripods. Around 8:30pm, they started taking photos. Some had assistance while others worked alone. They used different lights, different filters and different colors on each section of the car. Eventually, all the sections would be edited together to achieve the desired photo. The shoot lasted till around 10:30pm and was quite interesting! I would go again – even if it was just to watch.







On the Internet

Lovenesters – The Antique Car Museum of Iowa

Submitted by DJ Stamp

The Lovenesters are found on Youtube and have 10,800 subscribers. They are a Wisconsin couple trying to keep life interesting now that their kids have left the nest.

Join them as they go on adventures big and small looking for the quirky and unique. They especially enjoy seeking out the hidden gems in small towns and looking for vintage treasures.

In this video, they visit The Antique Car Museum of Iowa. Their guide Tom explains that the 1912 Sears vehicles, after ordering them through a catalog, would be just dropped off at the train station. Delivered in a crate, one just had to affix the wheels, add fuel that you brought, and then drive it off.

The museum has a plethora of very early cars. Tom tells stories like the 10-year old and 6-year old Abernathy brothers driving the mostly wooden Brush from New York to Oklahoma in 1910. It took them 23 days to get home — eating mostly rabbits or whatever they could shoot. References like "REO Speedwagon: you can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish" pop up here and there. A great way to spend 17 minutes.

Watch the video and more: https://youtu.be/8VfXgy35dak?si=vI1ShM0uwn4usZIH



The Lovenesters







The Antique Car Museum of Iowa

Car Community

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

By James Bartlett

Hang around the old car hobby long enough, and you hear your share of whoppers. Here are more from my personal list of a couple dozen. I've not quite run out yet.

1) "Mr. Mercedes' personal car" – Statement in a 1990s auction catalog describing a run-ofthe-mill 1970s Mercedes sedan. As collectors know, in 1900 the first Mercedes cars were given the first name of a company founder's daughter. Thus, there was no "Mr. Mercedes." You often see minor errors in auction descriptions, but fears of legal liability over serious misstatements have in recent years forced auction companies to do fact checking, print disclaimers and use such phrases as "the seller states that the car . . ." I remember that before I bought a car at auction, a previous owner's mechanic said, "don't believe anything the auction company tells you." As I later spent several years getting the car in shape, I wished I'd heeded that advice.



2) "Is that the same car in the catalog?" – Overheard by my brother at an auction when

a faded-looking Packard pulled onto the stage. The catalog showed the car with a deep shine, but sure enough, the photo also showed telltale water puddles under the car. It had apparently been photographed wet, which adds shine to dull paint. Other tricks include rubbing oil or furniture polish onto paint. I've also read about online ads that show decades-old photos of cars that were subsequently allowed to deteriorate or had even been parked outside for years.

3) "Great car if you aren't afraid of hard work!" – Told over the phone to my brother in the 1970s by the seller of a "Rolls Royce phaeton" that turned out to be only a bare chassis. The seller never admitted that finding enough pieces to actually build the car might be near-impossible. When, for example, asked about the rare and missing Rudge-Whitworth wire wheels, the seller said, "You can pick those up at garage sales all over the state." By the way, the photo below is not the actual chassis offered.



Around Town

Pistons on the Square - Georgetown, TX -

September 20, 2025 By Vern Hancock

Driving around the square at 7:30am shows completely occupied parking spaces for Pistons on the Square that, technically, doesn't start until 8:00am. See if you can find Greg's Model A or Leif's C10. At this early,

they're sitting in Gold Burger Diner enjoying breakfast. It was the first "not already hot" morning in a long time and a refreshing way to start the morning. It's almost where you need headlights to get a parking spot, though.







Pistons on the Square – Georgetown, TX – 3rd Saturdays 8:00-10:00am

DJ's CarSense®

An Automotive Outlet for Outstanding Observations

by DJ Stamp

1948 Lincoln Continental Club Coupe This 1948 Lincoln Continental is one of 847 club coupes produced for the model year and is powered by a 292ci V12 paired with a three-speed manual transmission with overdrive. The car is finished in black over red and gray upholstery, and features include 15" steel wheels with hubcaps, hydraulic drum brakes, a hood ornament, a rear-mounted spare tire carrier, pushbutton door handles, chrome bumpers with overriders, rear fender skirts, articulated spotlights, power windows, and an AM radio. Sold for \$12,000.



"OK, not as pretty as a Zephyr but I still like the formal styling and I think these are one of the most undervalued cars out there," -DJ

1969 SAMCO Cord Warrior Designed in the style of prewar Cord automobiles and was produced by S.A.M.C.O. of Oklahoma. Refurbished in 2022 with work involving a repaint in cream and a refresh of the interior in black vinyl. Power is provided by a 302ci V8 paired with a three-speed automatic transmission, and features include a split

windscreen, a black soft top, rear-hinged doors, and a push-button radio. It rides on 14" wheels with wire-spoke covers and is further equipped with front disc brakes and power steering. Sold for \$15,750.



Replicar Visionary Glenn Pray's Cord 8/10



Glenn Pray, an Oklahoma school teacher, was one of the pioneers of the replicar craze that flourished in the 1980s. He began working on his first replica car in 1963. Before that, he'd already made a name for himself by buying the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Company. At the time he bought it, the assets were mainly a large collection of new, original spare parts for the cars but gave him ownership of the brand names. Read the full article:

https://www.hemmings.com/stories/replicarvisionary-glenn-pray-s-cord-8-10-was-aheadof-its-time/

Membership

Renewal Time

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

Wayne Heikkila 220 Jena Lane

Lumberton, TX 77657

Club-Gear

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/



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Annual Meeting and Christmas Party



4601 Southwest Parkway

Austin TX 78735

RSVP: by November 11, 2025

to Ronnie Burt

ronnieb1129@yahoo.com

Plans are underway for a <u>complimentary</u> holiday party for Road Relics members starting at 3:00pm with a cash bar and appetizers accompanied by live music. Menu will include a selection of Italian entrees and delicious desserts. Guests are \$30. Holiday attire encouraged.

Please RSVP with each member attending or not attending (either way, we want to know) and any non-member paying guests. The attached reservations form may be filled out and emailed to Ronnie and will also be available at the October and November monthly meetings.

Questions?

Ceale Kirkham 512-644-9664
Lizette Peter 512-426-7340

☐ Alice Marshall

☐ Ronnie Burt

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Reservations: Road Relics Holiday	Party
(Deadline November 11, 2025)	
Milano Café 4601 Southwest Parkway, Austin TX	78735
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Please help the planning committee by indicating your attendance:	
Member #1	YESNO_
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Non-member attendees are welcome subject to available seating plus 830 payable at the door.	a cash payment o
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Special thanks to the Annual Meeting and Christmas Party planning committee who have coordinated this event which includes other surprises. Make sure you attend. RSVP today!

National News

National News, Notifications, and Nudges

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

Where's the Starter?

By Dave Bowman, VP - Judging

There have been many articles about where is the hidden gas filler, so what about starting the car? It's not just about where is the key fob.

Early cars, as we know, were crank started from the front of the engine. Set the timing, set the throttle or you will break your arm. So what came after that? I'm going to miss a few and get some years wrong, but stay with me.

In the 1930's, Chevrolet and others adopted a mechanical starter with a pedal above and to the right of the accelerator pedal to press and engage the starter gear and then the starter. A little difficult at times; left foot on the clutch, choke and throttle set, toe pushing the starter pedal while the heal of the right foot pumps the gas.

Buick, on the other hand, chose an almost automatic starting system in 1936. With a switch on the carburetor, all you need to do was turn the ignition switch to on and press the accelerator pedal. Very convenient when you stall the car, as all you need to do is depress the clutch enough so it doesn't engage and the engine will restart. This was continued through 1960.

Starting a 1940's Studebaker with manual transmission, you press the clutch pedal to the floor and engage a button under the clutch to start it. If you own a 1954 Nash with automatic transmission, shift to Neutral and then pull the gearshift lever towards you and the car will start. On many other cars of the 1940's, it was: turn the key to the "on" position and then find the starter button somewhere on the dash.

Last on the list is the 1957-58 Chrysler products with automatic transmission. These were the push button shifters, but you had to push the Neutral button in farther to actuate the starter.

Now that you know how to start it, where does the gas go?



Calcudar

October 14, 2025 7:00pm (earlier for food) MONTHLY MEETING

Catfish Parlour South 4705 E Ben White Blvd

October 4, 2025 9:00am - 2:00pm

MAIN STREET CAR SHOW
Marble Falls, TX
www.highlandlakeskiwanis.org/car-show

October 4, 2025 8:00am - 3:00pm

HILL COUNTRY RALLY FOR KIDS
Dripping Springs, TX
www.hcrally.com/

October 7-10, 2025

EASTERN FALL NATIONALS Hershey, PA 717-566-7720

October 11, 2025 10:00am – 3:00pm

DAY FOR KIDS CAR SHOW 206 Laura St, Copperas Cove, TX

October 18-22, 2025

CENTRAL DIVISIONAL TOUR
The Runaway Scrape – by DFW Region
San Antonio, TX 214-498-0531

October 23-25, 2025

CENTRAL FALL NATIONALS
Galveston, TX 832-693-4008

October 25, 2025 10:30am

WXNW MINI-TOUR
Marble Falls, TX – by Rich Bassemir
(See Page 4)

October 25, 2025

12th ANNUAL MAIN STREET CAR SHOW Taylor, TX

November 1, 2025 9:30am – 1:00pm BELMONT VILLAGE SIDEWALK PARTY Austin, TX – by Wally and Sue Graner

November 8, 2025

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AND GARAGE TOUR After the awards ceremony, the club will tour the Potter's garage and collection of antique automobiles and auto memorabilia Bastrop, TX & Elgin, TX – Peters & Potters

December 7, 2025 3:00pm

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND ANNUAL MEETING by LCRA (Lizette, Ceale, Ronnie, and Alice) (See Page 15)

***** 2026 *****

February 5-7, 2026

ANNUAL CONVENTION / NATIONAL AWARDS Chantilly, VA 717-534-1910

March 19-21, 2026

SPECIAL NATIONALS Guaynago, Puerto Rico

April 17, 2026

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Letter From the Editor



"C" is for Cookie . . . also Cruisin', Country, Clouds, Cows, and Cars. That's good enough for me.

Included with this issue of FenderTalk® is the 2025 CTR-AACA Membership Handbook — having been last updated in 2018. It is mailed or emailed to Current members according to membership Chairman Wayne Heikkila's list. Please submit updates to the Awards page to me as a Computer Crash took that info with it.