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The Steering Column

Wow! I can't believe that another year is quickly coming to an end. And I think as I am writing this there may be a change for the better in the weather. So, with the end of the year comes new slate of officers and directors, but first I would like to say thank you to all of you that have for so many years supported this club through participation as an officer or director. I'm also happy to report that we have a full slate of new officers and directors prepared to step in. Nominations are as follows:

President – Joe Peter

Vice President – Bob Ross

Treasurer – Jeremy Cameron

Secretary – Leif Allred

Directors – John Anderson, Rich Bassemir, and Paul Price; Wendell Bell (Appointed), DJ Stamp (Pate Representative 2025-2026); Greg Herbert (Past President)

Pate Alternate – Gary Baker (2026-2027)

And now . . . I hope you are planning to attend the Club Christmas Party!!! Sunday, December 7th, 3 – 6:30 pm at Milano Café, Italian Restaurant and Art Galeria, 4601 Southwest Parkway, Austin 78735. RSVPs requested by November 11th! Please call Ronnie 512-284-4443, Ceale 512-644-9664, or Lizette 512-426-7340

Joe Peter, President CTR-AACA



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Secretary's Report

Minutes of Road Relics Monthly Meeting

October 14, 2025 – Catfish Parlour

By Lizette Peter

Meeting Interesting car trivia provided by DJ Stamp: Interesting car trivia – provided by DJ Car Carrier, circa 1955; Pontiac - back seats folded down into a bed, a fond memory for one of our members; Photo of a Duesenberg which was scrapped for WW2 war effort.

Membership Submitted by Wayne. No new members. Two guests in attendance: Troy, guest of Wendell Bell, who owns a 1929 pick-up. Second guest, Bonny from Connecticut.

Treasurer's Report Provided by Bob. Club is in favorable financial situation. Accepted without change. Gary moved to accept. Wendell seconded.

Secretary's Report September meeting minutes submitted by Ronnie. Accepted without change. Moved to accept by JC and seconded by Jason.

Sunshine Report Provided by Lizette. Ronnie under weather as well as Laura. Best wishes for speedy, measured recovery.

Website Report provided by Rich. Rich has added 2026 TX Tour information on the website. Lastly, if there are desired adds to the site, please contact Rich.

Newsletter Terrific as per Leif's standard. No corrections recommended.

Upcoming Events

- 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 followed by an amazing Garage Tour in Elgin, TX – by the Peters and the Potters
- 12/7/2025 3:00-6:30pm – Christmas Party 3-6:30pm, Milano Café and Art Gallery, 4601 Southwest Parkway, Austin, TX – RSVP by November 11, 2025 (See page 16)

Member's Projects

- Wendell's REO is coming along well. Very encouraging.

Nominations Discussion of Officer/Directors Nominations for the club. Bob has indicated an interest in serving as VP. Nominations:

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Note: three other directors are not on the slate: Wendell Bell (Appointed), DJ Stamp (Pate Representative 2025-2026); Greg Herbert (Past President)

Cobbler Break Provided by Catfish Parlour

Program Technik Museum photo display in Speyer Germany, SW Region on the Rhine River by Wendell Bell

Adjourn The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm. Bob moved to adjourn. George seconded.

Upcoming Events

Belmont Village Sidewalk Party

by Wally and Sue Graner

Tour into Belmont Village Senior Living West Lake Hills for a short parade through their front drive, park as a car show for the residents, then enjoy music and a sidewalk lunch. This is always a meaningful event for the residents and the club.

Saturday, November 1, 2025

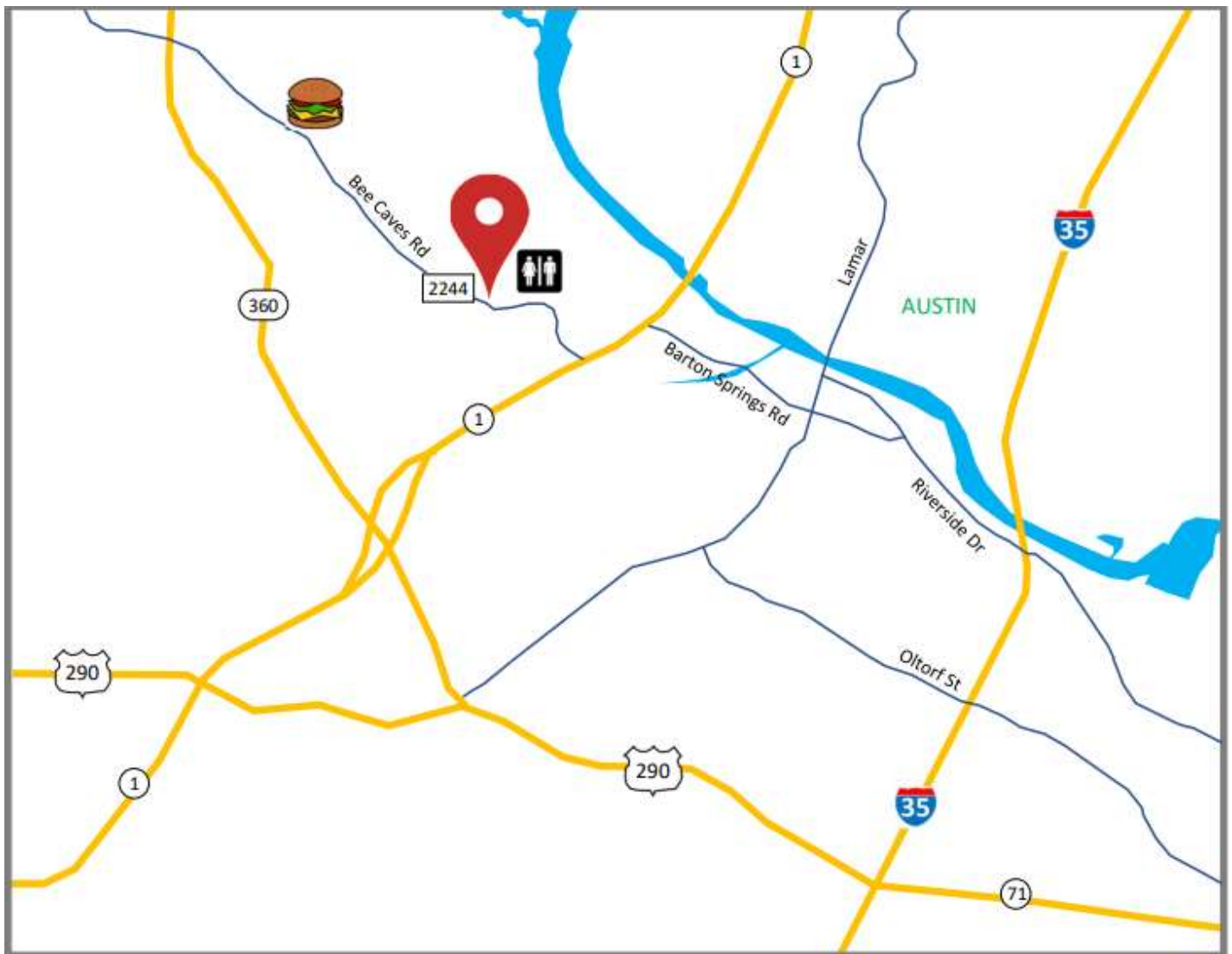
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Upcoming Events

Membership Drive and Garage Tour

by the Peters and the Potters

Saturday, November 8, 2025

6:30am at Tractor Supply Co.

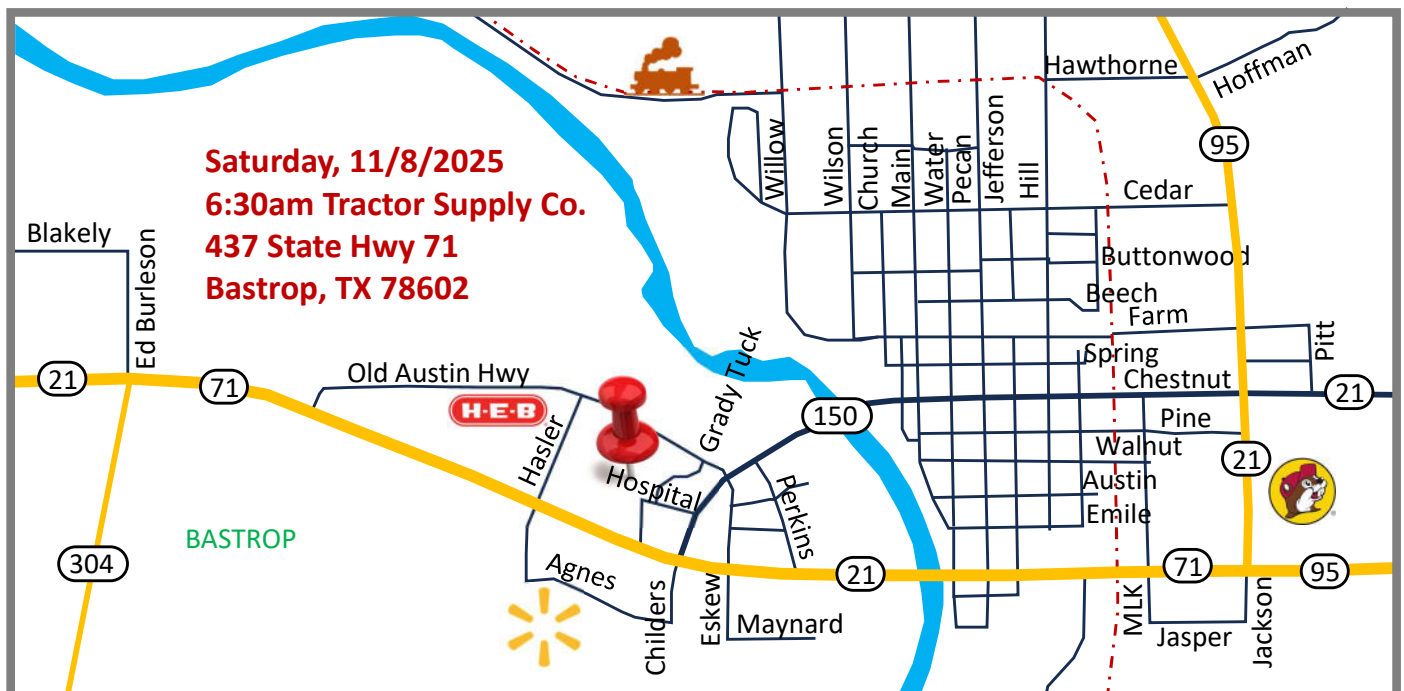
437 State Hwy 71, Bastrop, TX 78602

The Road Relics are planning a great experience and membership drive as part of our participation in the Bastrop Area Cruisers Heroes & Hot Rods Veteran's Day Car Show. This is an opportunity to recruit members from the antique vehicle community by having a critical mass in attendance with pavilions, food, music, and demonstrating the fun of being part of this group.

We will meet at the Tractor Supply Co. at 437 State Hwy 71, Bastrop, TX 78602 by 6:30am on the day of the show. We will then proceed to the west entrance of the show where the club putting on the show has agreed to parking us all together near the main events by the courthouse. This will

require us to all enter the show at the same time. We are encouraging people to put together small treat bags that we can hand out along with a tag with club information.

Following the awards ceremony, the club is invited to the Potters for a garage tour and to see their collection of antique automobiles and auto memorabilia. From Bastrop, they will lead the group to their home – other club members wanting to attend should arrive by 4pm to join the group. Their home is located on the East side of Hwy 95 in The Arbors at Dogwood Creek subdivision, 13 miles North of Hwy 71 in Bastrop and 3 miles South of Hwy 290 from Elgin. Enter the subdivision thru the South gate, Arbors Circle, drive to your first left, also Arbors Circle, and continue past Dogwood Drive, on your left, to the 6th home on the left, 489 Arbors Circle, dragonfly on mailbox.



Car Shows

12th Annual Main Street Car Show – Taylor, TX

by Edgar Frog

Late on Friday evening, as the local high school football game was pulled in an hour earlier, lightning lit up the clouds to the north while the wind blew in gulf moisture from the south. By night, the thunder and lightening kept people awake shaking them from their sleep. The WXNW Mini-Tour to Marble Falls, Kingsland, and Burnet had already been postponed because of the rain threats and low water crossings the route intended. That left the 12th Annual Main Street Car Show in Taylor, TX on the agenda.

Last year, this car show drew over 900 vehicles and spilled into every parking space, business, and side street in Taylor. This year suffered much of the same fate of the planned mini-tour as the attendance was scaled back to where it was when the 1950 Packard stalled just outside the gate and Wayne's friend showed up with new points. It was a good show with a variety of vehicles and some amazing ones parked under the pavilion. Next to it – in the amphitheater – live music played. There were vendors set up with booths, food trucks running generators and a small swap meet going on.

Aside from those vehicles parked under the Pavilion – which included an AMC Gremlin and Hornet station wagon (both orange), our friend's Packard Darrin, and my buddy's 1965 Factory Five Daytona (front page) – real vehicles got to occupy the main thoroughfare. These were cars and trucks that could get wet and weren't afraid to get dirty. Survivors and projects and hand-me-downs lined the street as proud as if they were concours restorations.



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Member's Projects

More Issues with the Buick

By Wayne Heikkila

I took the Buick on our “stick to your seat” tour which was a lot of fun. One of our new members Remy rode with me from the Olive oil Company to Johnson City and the Buick drove fantastic – I couldn’t have been happier!

On Monday morning, I had loaded the Buick on the trailer and was about to strap it down when I noticed the right rear wheel showed signs that the axle seal was leaking. If you read my articles, you know I have changed the axle seals and bearings. After getting home and unloading, I started by removing the axles and seals and the first thing I noticed was there was no wear pattern on the axles by the seals. I had to stop and think about this for a while.

The next day, I still really didn’t know what I was going to do so I grabbed my measuring tape and measured the passenger side axle tube. From the inside spider gear to

the end of the axle tube, it measured $27 \frac{1}{4}$ inches. I then measured the same distance on the driver’s side. It measured $26 \frac{1}{2}$ inches. I then installed the inner seals and took measurements: Passenger side measured $25 \frac{1}{2}$ inches; Driver’s side measured $24 \frac{1}{4}$ inches. I then installed the outer seals and took a measurement: Passenger side 27 inches; Driver’s side $26 \frac{1}{4}$ inches. I then measured both axles: Passenger’s side from the C-clip to the end of the machined axle: $27 \frac{1}{4}$ inches; Driver’s side measured $26 \frac{1}{2}$ inches. Next, I measured the passenger’s axle: $25 \frac{1}{2}$ inches. To my surprise, it didn’t make it to the machined surface. I then measured 27 inches for the outer seal and it also landed on a nonmachined surface. I then measured the distance on the driver’s side. $24 \frac{1}{4}$ inches. To no surprise, it didn’t make it to the machined surface either. I then measured $26 \frac{1}{4}$ inches for the outer seal. It also landed on a nonmachined surface. I now know what the problem is. What is the fix? →



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→ Having taken all of these measurements, it turned out they were all needed for Doug – the parts guy and Buick expert. He was impressed that I had measured this out. Initial thoughts were that these are not the original axles because they don't fit the housing.

After speaking with Doug, he said he needed to share the photos with his son Nate. The next day I got a call from Doug and they both agreed with me – I had the wrong axles for the car! Their thoughts were that they are out of a new car but that they have a shelf of axles. It would take time to go through the axles and measure them for the correct length. About a week later, I got a call from Doug and they had found a set of axles that would fit my rear end. Each axle was $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch longer and the inner machined area was

where it needed to be for both axles and the outer seal would ride on the inner bearing race as it should. I ended up purchasing new rear axles bearing kits.

I received the replacement axles with the new seals and bearings. The first thing I noticed was the cage on the new bearings was metal instead of plastic like the first bearings purchased. I also had to replace the rear brake shoes due to the shoes being contaminated with gear oil. I decided to inspect the front shoes as well and you could see that cracks had started to form around the rivets. It would just be a matter of time before I had brake failure so I ordered the front as well. After assembling the rear end and installing the new brakes, the Buick was back on the road again and is ready for our next tour.



JOHN ROBERTSON

Trip Report

What I Did Last Summer

By DJ Stamp

Remember in grade school when you had to write a story every day and usually wrote about what you did yesterday? Not always, though, because sometimes what you did yesterday, stays in yesterday. If you went on vacation, you had a virtual treasure trove of topics. You're in luck as Pat and I attended the 75th anniversary of the Midwest Old Threshers Reunion in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

We started in Granbury and planned on making it to a rest stop in Missouri – until we got there and saw the closed sign – on to Iowa to the first rest stop on I-35. They don't get much nicer – the entire rest stop is an art installation and it's all on one side of the interstate. It has trails, light shades made from agricultural machinery manufacturing scraps, a nod to the Mormon Trail, and more. It's worth a stop if you're passing that way. Around mile marker 8.

We get to Mt. Pleasant early for a good camping spot (1,500+ spaces – they all fill). Old Threshers runs five days and ends Labor Day. The kick-off parade is on Wednesday. We got a kick out of the locals putting their chairs out around noon and waiting for the 3pm parade. There are also things going on in town like city wide garage sale, antique shows, a full town square and more. One day, when we were downtown, we saw a large demonstration at the courthouse against “you know who” (in a small Iowa town). Threshers is located at the county fairgrounds and seems about the size of a state fair. The stars of the show are the giant steam tractors of which there are around 60-70. Also, a couple dozen scale steam tractors (my favorite).



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There are over 1,000 antique gas tractors, maybe 200 antique lawn tractors, a couple of football fields of hit-and-miss gas engines, a 2-story antique car museum, a truck museum, and an old west town with a depot for the steam trains. There's a “drive a tractor” area where kids can drive an antique tractor under supervision. Also, puppet shows and kid shows. There is an operating live theater with fun, corny shows. I usually come home with a treasure from one of the antique buildings or the Trading Post. →



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→ The steam carousel is a story unto itself. I used to ride it as a kid when the owner would tow it in every year and set it up near the old west town. At some point, he stopped coming and the carousel disappeared. Later, it was discovered, I believe, in California in a field. The decision was made to purchase it and it was restored and now lives inside of a permanent building on the grounds. There's as much gray hair riding it as there are kids.



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There are a couple of museums on the grounds with an amazing display of very large stationary steam engines (one powers all the tools in the machine shop from overhead pulleys), a doll museum, early 19th century history, and an area with numerous working printing presses (they have a printing fair after Threshers). Pat and I came home with a print

that was made with a Kelly Springfield steam road roller. These areas also have food vendors like Amish bakery, fudge store, etc. When it's all over, the museum space becomes storage for the steam tractors. Every day at noon the steam power plant and all of the steam engines blow their whistles and you can hear it all over town!! Every evening, after the grandstand concert, some large steam tractors put on a spark show by shoveling sawdust into their fire boxes. The dance barn is usually quite full most nights and may go till late. Some of these old codgers can really lay it down!! →



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→ In addition to all of the steam and gas power, there's also a large area of horse power where they operate threshers, saws, pickers – you name it. Sometimes the horses are attached to a rotary "merry go round" and other times they are on a treadmill. In addition to the tractor pulls, they have horse pulls.



The campground is encircled by trolley tracks carrying restored trolley cars from all over the world. At the far end of the campground, away from the fairgrounds, is the log village which replicates life from the 1850's. The volunteers here are fed by volunteers making all of the food over a campfire. Although it's not from the 1850's, you can get some Sioux City Sarsaparilla. This is where we end our days. Instead of listening to the modern country artists in the grandstand, we go to the log village and listen to old time music played on a cabin porch under hanging oil lamps. They finish every evening with "Down to the River to Pray" and

"Ashokan Farewell". Perfect way to end the evening, then we hop on a trolley back to the campground. I asked about playing with them but the Dobro wasn't invented until the 1920's so . . . no.



There is music everywhere which often dictates our schedule. I encourage you to search Midwest Old Threshers Reunion and check out some of the videos.



Around Town

Marble Falls Main Street Car Show
Marble Falls, TX – October 4, 2025
By Leif Allred

This show is about the right size – not too big and not too small. It's also a nice drive from Liberty Hill the diagonal from FM 1869 to FM 1174 to FM 1431. You pass Sunrise Deuce Ranch. Then a stop at El Rancho in Burnet makes for a perfect day!



1968 Pontiac GTO

The entire GM A-body platform was given a complete redesign in 1968, and GTO was no exception. With a sleek new shape that featured a body-colored Endura front bumper, the 1968 GTO was awarded Motor Trend Car of the Year. 1968 marked the second highest year ever for GTO sales. This GTO featured Hide-Away front lights, Automatic Transmission with Dual Gate (His/Hers) Shifter, A/C, Deluxe Hub Caps, and G70/14 Goodyear Polyglas Thin White Wall tires. Exterior color: "April Gold"

"IT'S ONLY ORIGINAL ONCE"

Purchased new March 25, 1968 in San Marcos, Texas by JOY LANE. Joy and her GTO were well known in Wimberley Texas. Joy passed away at age 94. I intentionally left scratches, dents, and imperfections AS-IS with exception of needed maintenance and repairs. Amazingly, everything still works!! I have been blessed honoring Joy's memory by keeping her GTO original.

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Pistons on the Square
Georgetown, TX – October 18, 2025
By Leif Allred

Still hot – for October. The market taking up the spur of Main Street squeezed the show more than usual with great participation.



Rich



Alex



Stella and Felix

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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, push-button door handles, chrome bumpers with overrides, 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 replicar 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/replicar-visionary-glenn-pray-s-cord-8-10-was-ahead-of-its-time/>

Membership

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Renewal Time

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Ball Caps	\$15
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CTR Window Sticker	\$1
2017/2019 FDCS T-Shirts	\$Offer

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National News

National News, Notifications, and Nudges

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



FUN AT THE 2023 VINTAGE TOUR

*By Fred Trusty, 2025 VP
Touring & Legislation*

I arrived in Presque Isle, Maine on Wednesday evening and was picked up at the airport by tour coordinator, Craig Green. While walking out of the terminal, Craig explained that there was a problem with my hotel room but not to worry. They had secured a mobile room for me. So, I'm thinking of a small travel trailer or maybe a motor home but parked right in front of the terminal was an old Cadillac hearse. Craig opened the rear door and inside was an air mattress. I immediately knew this was going to be a fun tour. We visited the AVCC Country Club with part of it being in the US and part in Canada. The parking lot and pro shop are in the US, but the clubhouse is in Canada. There is a tapered steel monument about three feet tall between the parking lot and the clubhouse which marks the border between the US and Canada. Another lingering effect of Covid is, if you play golf there, you must clear customs and have a passport.

The tour book and signs were very clear. "DO NOT WALK PAST THE MONUMENT. YOU WILL BE ARRESTED".



Some golfers on the Canadian side stopped their golf carts close to where we were standing next by the monument, so I asked them how the weather was in Canada. They said it was cloudy and cool. I told them that it was sunny and warm on the US side. These are just a few of the highlights of the tour. There were many more venues and adventures, too many to mention in a short article. The point I'm trying to make is that touring is not only fun but educational. You have the chance to drive your car and/or ride in other old cars but the best thing about touring is the people you meet.

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Calendar

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

November 8, 2025 (see page 5)
HEROES AND HOT RODS CAR SHOW
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 and Elgin, TX – Peters and Potters

November 11, 2025 7:00pm (earlier for food)
MONTHLY MEETING
Catfish Parlour South 4705 E Ben White Blvd

December 7, 2025 3:00pm
CHRISTMAS PARTY AND ANNUAL MEETING
by LCRA (Lizette, Ceale, Ronnie, and Alice)
Milano Café
4601 Southwest Parkway
Austin TX 78735

RSVP: by November 11, 2025
to Ronnie Burt
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My new tires came in and I have them installed. Someone in the club asked for my old tires but I don't remember who it was (it was quite a while ago). Anyway, I want to offer them to the club first. They are good tires for rollers.

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Letter From the Editor



At car shows, there are a lot of photo opportunities – the best being someone's child in the driver's seat. Little boys tend to turn the steering wheel, grab the shifter, and push anything they can get to. Many photographers wait for the perfect light, for people to be out of the way, or not catch themselves in the chrome. I prefer capturing people with their beak poking inside.

Leif