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# The Steering Column

Things are beginning to gradually return to normal, or the new normal, and the future looks bright.

The Pate Swap Meet will take place April 22nd-24th. It will look entirely different this year due to the last-minute requirement to move everything to the opposite side of the racetrack. There is adequate space and the footprint has already been redesigned to accommodate the event. The grounds at TMS where the swap meet is normally held are currently being used for the largest COVID-19 vaccination distribution site in the country, where more than 10,000 vaccinations are administered on daily basis. Moving the swap meet will allow this operation to continue during the swap meet.

Due to constraints with venues and services that are not fully operational in Brenham, the Texas Tour was going to be canceled this year. However, the Texas Region AACA stepped up and found venues in Paris that can accommodate most of the requirements, and they are busily planning a condensed Texas Tour in May 2021. Details will be provided very soon.

We are working on plans to begin in-person club meetings very soon. In the meantime, hope to see everyone at our virtual meeting on April 13th. Here's to good health and good friends!

Greg Herbert, President CTR-AACA



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# Secretary's Report

## Minutes of Road Relics Meeting

March 9, 2021 (via Zoom)

Submitted by Sue Graner, Secretary CTR-AACA

Screen Captures by Leif Allred

**Meeting** Our club president Greg called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Membership Report** Wayne reiterated that there are 27 active members this year.

**Secretary's Report** The minutes of the February meeting were published in the March issue of FenderTalk. There were no corrections or additions to be made; the minutes were approved as published and unanimously approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report** Laura indicated that the bank balances were unchanged from last month; since the Board approved the new budget, we would go forward with those figures.

**Sunshine Report** Ronnie said she was unaware of anyone being sick. Joe and Leif said that Bob K. is not doing well—he is fighting skin cancer and is quite ill. John A. is up and about and doing well after having back surgery a couple of weeks ago.

**FenderTalk Newsletter** Leif sends out thanks to Wayne and DJ for their contributions. Both have interesting stories to share with us. Leif would like to award a prize (club gear) to the winner of the upcoming contest in the Newsletter. No one seemed to object to that.

**Past Events** Rock N Rides Show had the Oscar Meyer Weiner Mobile and the Planters Peanuts Car at the event as well as quite a few Corvettes, Camaros, Mustangs and a few 'gems' as well.

The Georgetown Airport Show was rescheduled due to rain. There was a very good turnout; the show also had flag carrying skydivers during the Star Spangled Banner salute to add to the excitement.

Chester went on a "reliability drive" with about 100 other cars from Wimberly to Blanco to Luckenbach and back. They all had a great time.

**Upcoming Events** Good Guys Show in Fort Worth is this weekend. →



Zoom Meeting 3/9/2021



# Secretary's Report

(continued)

**Pate Swap Meet April 22-24, 2021.** Greg and DJ went to Decatur for the Pate Directors Meeting. The group submitted a COVID-19 Protocol Plan to the City of Fort Worth, which was approved and accepted. There will be a lot of changes this year. Passengers in golf carts will be required to wear masks, which the club will supply if needed. Bob and Karen will be helping at Swap Meet Headquarters rather than being out in the field. Lynda and Jim volunteered to help with the cooking and driving to haul parts.

**Member's Projects** Wayne said he was driving his VW and is checking on the LaSalle engine. He's been working on Joe's stuff for the last couple of weeks. No one else seems to have anything going on.

**Program** Greg presented an interesting program (basically a quiz) relative to historical vehicles. It touched on many kinds of cars from Aston Martins to Duesenbergs to Rambler Metros, Studebakers, Packards, Pierce Arrows and Jaguars, etc.

**Other** Greg said he would look into finding a facility (i.e. the Catfish Parlor) that would be open for club meetings in the 'not too distant' future.

Many of the us have been vaccinated and may be ready to start 'in person meetings' again.

Greg reminded us to send in answers to some 'Car Trivia' questions for another Quiz as well as requested volunteers to present a program or coordinate a Mini-Tour for the club.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.



- Route 66 is one of the earliest and most famous highways. What state was the first to pave its entire portion of this highway in 1929?



Virtual Zoom Meeting Program – 3/9/2021

## Letter from the Editor

Take an easy errand in an antique vehicle and see how many people it touches. On a Friday before lunch, I fired up the Packard to go to my local small town library. The librarian commented on it and, when I got outside, a young woman with a small child was taking photographs.

Placing the child in the driver's seat, he cranked on the windows and then discovered the melody of the two tuned trumpets horn. A Veteran entering the library said something about it too.

Onto the post office where the car posed for yet

another photograph with a discussion on year and model and color. I couldn't pull away from the post office without another comment from an older gentleman. Then there were at least three waves on the road. I drove it 8 miles and impacted more lives than I know.

*Leif*

# Road Trips

## Vacation with Mom and Dad

*by Wayne Heikkila*

I was reading an article about driving a 1940 Cadillac on a road trip. The gentleman was talking about playing Glen Miller on his blue tooth. This brought back some fond memories for me – even though I didn't really enjoy it at the time.

In the late 70's, I took a vacation with my mom and dad and my younger sister by eight years. We drove my dad's 1976 Eldorado to Sacramento, California to see my uncle Alvin. I was kind of looking forward to the trip; mainly because our old Buick had an 8-track tape player but the Caddy had a cassette player. I would be safe. When dad traveled, he played nothing but big band music. Not that I didn't mind a little, but after hours of it, it wore thin. So, as we pulled out onto the highway and headed south to Chicago to see my sister for a couple days, Dad pulled out his new tapes and the big band fest was on! Luckily, it was only six hours to my sister's house.

The 500ci caddy purred down I-94 at 65mph and never missed a beat. I thought this thing would drink fuel like a race car but I sure was wrong. It was amazing the mileage it got for the size and weight. We spent a couple days at my sister's and left incredibly early the morning of the fourth day. We headed west on I-60 with big band playing all the way. If all went well, our next overnight stop would be close to Denver. After lunch on the road with me driving, Mom, Dad and my sister fell asleep. I hooked up with some truckers heading west on I-70 and opened the Caddy up. At this rate, we would make Denver for sure. After a full day of driving, we did stop outside of Denver for dinner and to spend the night.

In the morning, we had breakfast and then headed for Salt Lake City. This was going to be a short day after our long jaunt from Chicago. In Salt Lake City, we did some sight seeing and enjoyed the slower pace of the day. The next day after breakfast, we headed on to Sacramento where we would arrive at my uncle Alvin's house in time for dinner. We spent five days with my uncle taking in the area sights and enjoying the weather.

Upon leaving my uncle Alvin's, we aimed the Cadillac towards Las Vegas. My mom's uncle Eli lived there and his was our next stop. As we got close, I could see the lights of Vegas in the distance. When I drove into the main drag of Vegas, the neon lights were amazing and a true sight to behold. Staying at Eli's house, I met my cousins for the first time.

As young kids, my sister and I couldn't gamble but Mom played the slot machines and Dad played blackjack. That's when I discovered that Dad was a good blackjack player and he had won enough money to pay for the entire trip plus some. We only stayed a few days with Dad saying it was better to take our winnings and head for home. We headed east on I-40 and stopped for the night in Amarillo. After breakfast, we headed back to Chicago to my sister's house. It had been a long drive to get there so we rested for a day and then drove home. Yes, we did listen to big band all the way. I didn't enjoy the music so much at the time. But later, I would take a trip in search of an old Caddy and I played big band most of the time. I know my dad would have been happy.

Happy Driving, Everyone 

# *Pate Fundraiser*

## **Pate Swap Meet – April 22-24, 2021**

*Announcement and Photos by DJ Stamp*

Please come join the fun with your friends at the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Pate Swap Meet at the Texas Motor Speedway just north of Fort Worth right on I-35. Jointly sponsored by 16 car clubs, this is one of the largest automotive swap meets in the world with over 8,000 spaces. If you walk up and down each aisle once you've done over a half marathon so you shouldn't feel guilty about missing your exercise class – not one bit!!!!

This is the largest fundraiser for our club and allows us to fund events such as our Free Father's Day Antique Car Truck and Motorcycle Show, the Texas Tour and many other club activities. Officially, the meet runs from Thursday to Saturday but you can volunteer anytime Monday to Sunday.

If you have an RV or tent, please bring it since we have a fenced area for RV parking adjacent to the north end of the Swap Meet. Some of us will be there for the entire run so, even if you can only spare a few hours to help, please join us. Each day a gourmet lunch is prepared by Master Chef and Pate President John Anderson.

**Working** Our job is to drive golf carts with cargo trailers and provide free parts hauling on the swap meet grounds. It's fun and a great way to investigate what's available for when you're off duty. We also have volunteer opportunities available in hospitality and sales in our club area.

The Model A Ford Club has offered to help us drive. We are requested to keep the carts within the swap meet area and drop off at a gate unless we have a very large or heavy load that makes sense to deliver directly to a truck.

**Eating** On Friday we have a potluck dinner which is always a good time with great eats. This is where you can let your talents shine if you bring your RV or pick up some prepared food to share. Some folks explore the local restaurants in Roanoke and Denton in the evenings.

**Protocol** Our Covid-19 protocol has been approved by the city of Fort Worth which means we can proceed with the 50<sup>th</sup> edition of the Pate Swap Meet. A tent will be set up near the main entrance and all shoppers will be →



DJ STAMP

**It's Official – We are having a Swap Meet!!  
Friday Night's Potluck with Club Members (2019)**



# Pate Fundraiser

(continued) temperature scanned as they pass through the tent at the main entrance gate. Folks with high temps will be separated for further evaluation by medical personnel. If they do not pass inspection, they will be asked to leave. I'm not sure we have a plan for entering through the other gates and we're still working out some of the details. Vendors are not part of the protocol. The carts shall post a "MASK REQUIRED" sign and will have a supply of masks and hand sanitizer. If a customer doesn't have a mask, we can offer one. If he or she does not want to wear a mask, feel free to move on to someone else.

**Playing** Bored with the big cars? There's a new go kart race track at the South end of the swap meet that should be open for PATE – so bring the kids and grandkids!!!!

**Shopping** When shopping at Pate, you never know what you will find. We have some fantastic metal sculptures we purchased from a Native American artist who sets up sometimes. There's a guy who always sells out of the chairs he makes from water skis and wakeboards. I've seen engines from military tanks and jet engines to animals from a carousel ride. There's so much it's hard to categorize. Sometimes there are also a few cars and parts!!

**Other** Want to show off your car or just see some cool machines. Make plans to attend the Wheels for Wellness Car Show on Saturday morning. It will happen next to the car corral which is a good show by itself!! The car show is free to attend. The entry fee to show a car benefits cancer research. There are also free PSA cancer screenings on site!! →



Shopping at Pate

Website:

<https://pateswapmeet.com/>

Maps:

<https://pateswapmeet.com/2021-pate-swap-meet-zone-maps>

Road Relics: Block 49 Spaces 601-617 near the bottom or East End of ZONE 2 SOUTH (near WORKERS PARKING/CAMPING).

<https://pateswapmeet.com/Pate-2021-Zone-2-South-Map.pdf>



# Pate Fundraiser

**Selling** Next door is our club sales booth where club members bring items to sell for their own benefit. We've sold everything from antique furniture to sporting goods such as water skis and fishing gear, vintage toys, stop lights, cool clothing and yes even some car, truck and motorcycle parts. No item's too big or small – we've even sold a Model T delivery body!! Sales booth operation may be subject to vaccine schedules.

Got a car you want to sell? Rent a swap meet space or take it up to the car corral where it's viewed by folks from all over the world. We get visitors from Europe, Canada, Mexico, Australia and more. Everyone from private collectors to museum representatives with cash in hand will be there.

**Navigating** The entire swap meet grounds have been digitized and you can now use your smart phone to find vendors and it will give you directions. There will still be printed directories.

We are also going to try and use the smart phones to track the carts so when a call comes in and you are the closest cart you can get the call. We will still have radios. They are still working out the bugs – like if you are the closest but have a customer on board. I am NOT the one to ask how any of this works.

Denton County has Covid-19 vaccination tents set up on site and we are going to try to work with them in place so some vendors may have shade already set up for them – free of charge.



## Pate Driver Sign-Up

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DJ Driving Digs and Dogs at Pate Swap Meet

Cars and Trucks at Pate



# Around Town

## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Rock N Rides Car Show

*Photos and Report by Leif Allred*

As a benefit to Rouse High School, this early morning family event, featuring the Wienermobile and Planters Peanuts Truck, displayed easily 400+ vehicles at \$20 donation per entry. That's \$8,000 before one

counts the many sponsors, parking and vendors. Although frequented by a ton of modern Corvettes, Camaros and Mustangs, there were many gems not typically in attendance at community shows.



1939 Chevrolet Master Deluxe



1967 BMW 2000CS



1947 International KB8



1976 Chevrolet Monte Carlo



1957 Chevrolet Belair Wagon



1985 Mercedes-Benz 380SL

Rock N Rides Car Show – March 6, 2021 – Cedar Park, TX



# Around Town

## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Stephanie Nichols' Car and Vintage Plane Show

Photos and Report by Leif Allred



\$425 Rides in the B-25

Over and over was overheard comments like, "This show has grown so big over the years." It was done super well too.

Benefitting Epilepsy Foundation and Epilepsy Together (EFCST.org), this event is really something to mark your calendars to not miss. Spread across the lot were nearly 500 antique vehicles, mopeds, school busses, and airplanes. For \$295 to \$425, you can score a ride in a WWII fighter or bomber. One could actually see the passenger from the ground as the fighter banked a hard left while quickly gaining elevation. Of course there was Smokey Moe's barbecue, kettle corn sweets, and vendor tents.

In true patriotism and over-the-top showmanship, an airplane ejected skydivers from 4,500 feet who trailed a Texas and an American flag as the *Star Spangled Banner* played over the loudspeakers for a heartfelt salute. →



Wayne Heikkila  
Model A Ford Speedster



Boeing-Stearman Model 75 (circa 1936)

March 6, 2021 – Georgetown Municipal Airport



# Around Town



1968 Lamborghini Miura



1954 Bentley R-Type



1970 Maserati Ghibli Spider



Best of Show  
1955 Mercury Montclair Convertible →



**\$22,679 raised for Epilepsy Foundation Central and South Texas**



**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Stephanie Nichols' Car and Vintage Plane Show – Georgetown, TX – March 6, 2021**



# Membership

## Pay Dues Online

NEW!!! Online Payment Method.  
Renew, Join, Send to a Friend.  
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## Club Contest

### Buick Riviera Part II – “Name the Generation” Contest

By DJ Stamp

In last month's *FenderTalk* [Vol. 35, No. 3, March 2021], we traced 50 years and 8+ generations of the Buick Riviera. In there, DJ outlined the evolution of the name and some of the key characteristic of each generation – including his favorite features.

Can you guess which generation of Buick Riviera is depicted in the picture below? Please submit your answer on April 4, 2021 (not before) to [FenderTalk@outlook.com](mailto:FenderTalk@outlook.com). First correct answer on that date wins free club gear!



Club Contest: What generation of Buick Riviera is this?

## Leaders

### President

Greg Herbert

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John Anderson

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Laura Pressley

### Secretary

Sue Graner

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Gary Baker

Rich Bassemir

Wendell Bell

Joe Peter

DJ Stamp (Pate Rep)

Leif Allred (Past Pres)

### Mini-Tour Chair

Jim Rankin

### Membership Chair

Wayne Heikkila

### Sunshine Chair

Ronnie Burt

### Programs Chair

DJ Stamp

### Club Gear

Adriana Meyer-Alonso

### Webmaster

Rich Bassemir

# National News

## National News, Notifications, and Nudges

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



### Duct Tape & Websites

By Fred Trusty

Vice President – Membership

Duck Tape was invented by a division of Johnson and Johnson in 1943 for military use in WWII. They wanted a tape that was waterproof and strong enough to keep moisture out of ammunition boxes. Originally, it only came in army green. It's believed that soldiers started calling it Duck Tape because it was green and shed water like a duck. It was strong, waterproof, and adhesive backed, so soldiers started using it for repairing just about anything; jeeps, guns, aircraft, and in an emergency, to temporarily close up wounds. During the housing boom after the war, soldiers were using Duck Tape that they brought back with them for all sorts of things. Then someone got the idea to market it as a means to seal heating ducts and the name changed to Duct Tape and the color changed to silver. Ironically, you shouldn't use duct tape to seal HVAC duct work. It can become brittle and fail.

What does Duct Tape have to do with AACA? The antique car hobby has had declining membership for several years now. Older members are passing on and, even though we do a fair job at recruiting new members, we aren't keeping pace with the rate of attrition. We need a recruiting tool that is strong and sticky.

Let's say that I need to find a company that can rebuild the power brake booster on my

1962 Oldsmobile Super 88? On my computer, in the Google search bar, I type in "power brake booster rebuilding service" and voila, pages of companies. What if I want to find an antique car club in Louisville, KY? In the search bar I type, "antique car clubs near Louisville KY" and guess what comes up? A list of car clubs in the Louisville area with Kyana Region AACA in the number one slot at the top of the page. There's a reason why it's number one. It's called Search Engine Optimization (SEO), which could be a future article in itself. A couple of years ago, The Kyana Region updated its website, kyanaregionaaca.com. We added lots of pictures of events and a page on how to become a member of Kyana plus a link to the AACA website, aaca.org. In 2020, we signed up 19 new members and, for 2021, we have 29 so far. Guess where most of the new members found out about Kyana? Could websites be our digital Duct Tape? Some regions have great websites. Some don't have one at all. Think of the potential if every AACA region and chapter had a great website?

If we want the hobby to continue, we have to go digital. If your region or chapter doesn't have a website, AACA has a team of webmasters that are ready to help you build one. We have a free website template and, with the help of our webmasters, you can quickly have your own website up and running. Just contact Mary Bartemeyer, VP of Website Development or me. You don't have to be a computer whiz to do this. Give it a try and see how a website can help your region's recruiting effort.



# Calendar

## April 9-10, 2021

SOUTHEASTERN SPRING NATIONALS  
Charlotte, NC

## April 10, 2021

LAKE AREA RODS & CLASSICS ANNUAL SHOW  
Burnet, TX  
<https://www.lakearearodsandclassics.com/>

## April 13, 2021 7:00pm

MONTHLY MEETING (ONLINE)

## April 19-22, 2021

SOUTHEASTERN DIVISIONAL TOUR  
Central Florida

## April 22-24, 2021

PATE SWAP MEET  
Fort Worth, TX

## April 30 – May 2, 2021

NEW BRAUNFELS SWAP MEET and CAR SHOW  
New Braunfels, TX  
<https://www.newbraunfelsareacarclub.com/>

## May 1, 2021

SPRING WINGS & WHEELS FLY-IN!  
Pioneer Flight Museum, Kingsbury, TX  
<http://pioneerflightmuseum.org/>

## May 20-25, 2021

FOUNDERS TOUR  
Davis, WV

## June 2-5, 2021

EASTERN DIVISIONAL TOUR  
Eastern Shore of MD

## June 17-19, 2021

EASTERN SPRING NATIONALS  
Saratoga Springs, NY

## July 1-3, 2021 (rescheduled)

CENTRAL SPRING NATIONALS  
Auburn, IN

## July 11-16, 2021

VINTAGE TOUR  
Wellsboro, PA

## July 22-24, 2021

GRAND NATIONALS  
New Ulm, MN

## August 13-14, 2021

WESTERN FALL NATIONALS  
Loveland, CO

## September 9-11, 2021

SOUTHEASTERN FALL NATIONALS  
Greenville, SC

## September 12-17, 2021

REVIVAL AAA GLIDDEN TOUR® (VMCCA)  
Saratoga Springs, NY

## October 6-9, 2021

EASTERN FALL NATIONALS  
Hershey, PA

## October 11-15, 2021

SOUTHEASTERN DIVISIONAL FALL TOUR  
Mt Airey, NC

## October 18-22, 2021

CENTRAL DIVISIONAL TOUR  
Broken Arrow, OK

## November 4-6, 2021

SPECIAL WESTERN NATIONALS  
Phoenix, AZ

## November 6, 2021

BELMONT VILLAGE MINI-TOUR  
West Lake Hills, TX

### LEGEND

☐ Monthly Meetings

☐ Special Events

☐ Road Relics Mini-Tours

☐ National Meets and Tours

☐ Local (unofficial) Events



# FOR SALE BY OWNER

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