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# The Steering Column

It was great to see club members "in-person" again at our May meeting at the Catfish Parlour. Most of our members arrived early to have dinner and catch up with old friends.

Several of our club members attended the Texas Tour in Paris, Texas this month. The Texas Region AACA (Dallas) accomplished the task of planning a tour in only seven weeks to ensure that it took place this year. The weather was fantastic for a tour, and everyone had a good time.

Our club meetings will continue at the Catfish Parlour, and everyone is invited to join the group for dinner prior to the meeting. Hope to see you at Catfish Parlour on June 8th.

Greg Herbert, President CTR-AACA





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## **FenderTalk**

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# Secretary's Report

## Minutes of Road Relics Meeting May 11, 2021 (In Person)

Submitted by Sue Graner, Secretary CTR-AACA

Welcome Our President Greg called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. We extended thanks to Jesse and Naomi for taking care of us tonight, our first inperson meeting since the pandemic shut us down.

**Membership** Chairman Wayne H. reported that we have 29 members.

Secretary's Report The Report for the April meeting was published in our last Newsletter. There were no changes or additions so Bob R. motioned accept to the Minutes as written; George B. seconded. The Report was unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report Laura P. gave her monthly report and there is only one transaction pending – the annual payment to the Texas Tour from our chapter. Wally G. made the motion to approve the treasurer's report; George B. seconded the motion. The was report unanimously approved.

Sunshine Chairwoman Ronnie B. could not attend because her husband Paul wasn't feeling well (allergies). John A. overdid it at the Swap Meet after his back surgery and is still recuperating. Joe P. said that Bob K. is not doing well either.

Website The Club's new Webmaster, Rich B. was asked to tell us about the website he's setting up. He explained how the links for membership function and that he would like to update it periodically with new photos. Please feel free to send him photos and a brief note about how you became interested in classic cars. The address for the site is centraltexas.aaca.com and the email address is AACARoadRelics@gmail.com. Greg suggested that we each email photos to Rich and Leif so they have a collection and can pick and choose every month to keep the site looking fresh.



*NOT-*Zoom Meeting 5/11/2021 – Catfish Parlour Big Cat Room

# Secretary's Report

**Newsletter** The May FenderTalk was focused on Pate, our club's biggest fundraiser of the year. Newsletter Editor Leif A. indicated that he'd like to have articles related to the upcoming Texas Tour.

Past Activities Pate Representative D.J. talked at length about the Swap Meet. There were just under 9,000 spaces rented out. The team in charge of trailers got them ready Monday and Tuesday and another group showed up late Wednesday. We heard about the challenges because of the change of venue basically, from one side of the track to the Apparently, there were multiple other. activities scheduled on the same weekend, in addition to the COVID-19 vaccination site, which took up our usual spot. We really appreciate all the time and effort that our fearless leader D.J. and the other volunteers put in to make the event successful. Bob and Karen R. took charge of the main office during the show and didn't miss a beat. Many thanks to all of you!

**Upcoming Events** There is a tour in Belterra on May 23rd. Sign up if you are interested.

We need Mini Tours set up in advance. Please offer to host one soon. Next year the Texas Region Tour is in Harlingen. The Club hosting is new and they are quite excited to be the host. On August 14 and 15, 2021, there will be a Corvette car show in Marble Falls. John T., who is a member of that club as well, has invited us to join. Put your name in early because spaces are limited. John said he will send out a flyer with details.

Program D.J. presented our program tonight. He found a really interesting website on the internet about "Blastolene" which is a company that produces custom cars built by an artist. Randy Grubb is the artist's name; he refers to his vehicles as 'sculptures' with one of his pieces recently selling for \$500,000. He started with engines, scooters, and roadsters. Jay Leno has one of his cars powered by a Sherman Tank motor. We saw a video with the artist's DecoLiner, patterned after the GMC travel vans from the past, driving all over town. It was a fascinating program. Thanks, D.J. You keep outdoing yourself.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.







Roadkill Trike and DecoLiner by Randy Grubb – www.blastoland.com

## Texas Tour 2021

#### 67th Texas Tour, 2021 – Leaving Lockdown in the Rearview Mirror!

By Jan and Vic Donnell

Uncertainty prevailed for more than a year since the 2019 66th Texas Tour was conducted in Kerrville, Texas by the Road Relics of Austin. Due to COVID, the year 2020 slipped by with no Texas Tour and no recovery plan. Then, the members of the Texas Region AACA from Dallas took charge (out of the regular tour rotation) and committed to plan the 67th Texas Tour this spring, 2021. They took on a great responsibility and fiscal risk to ensure the continuing series of antique car tours that was begun many years before. With only eight weeks for planning the event, their members, headed by Charles and Nichole Gambulos II, fell to the planning task.

Turnout was a little light due to the pandemic fears and the short notice of the tour. But for those who did turn out, there was much enthusiasm and fun to be had. There were 42 registrations and 41 collector vehicles. We saw the Eiffel Tower in Paris, the Paris Historic Railroad Museum. Eisenhower Dwight homestead, Audie Murphy Museum, Cooper Lake/Park, and even crossed the Red River and →



Stopping to see Sherman Museum – Sherman, TX



**Shopping in Ladonia, TX** 



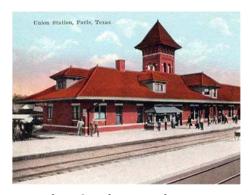
Cooper Lake State Park - Sulphur Springs, TX

## Texas Tour 2021

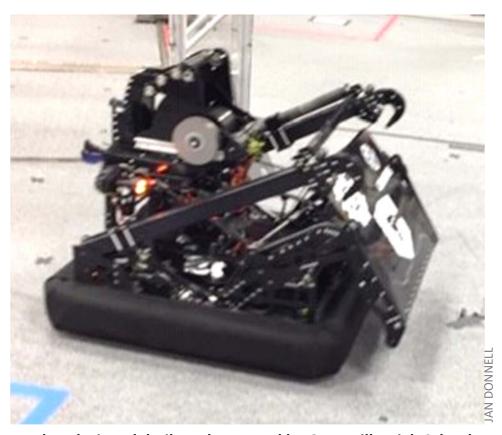
(continued) into Oklahoma (by accident). While in Greenville, we visited the local high school where we were treated to lunch and viewed a dazzling robotics demonstration by some of the high school students and faculty.

Road Relics The were represented by Jan and Vic Donnell, Barbara and Garv Baker. Greg and Shelby Herbert, Duane Pufpaff, Chester Toothman, and Paul Rivera. Wish there had been more.

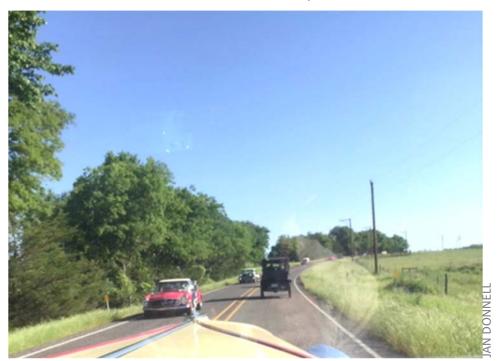
But wait, there is more! Next year's tour will be hosted in Harlingen, Texas. You can't get much more south in Texas than Harlingen. The tour chair is Moses Mendoza who has come to the past two Texas Tours and is anxious to host a tour in his hometown. That should prove to be very interesting and very different from past Texas Tours.



**Union Station, Paris, Texas** 



Robot designed, built and operated by Greenville High School students for national competitions



First of three U-Turns by tour leader Charlie Gambulos II

# Texas Tour 2021



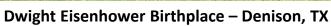




Eiffel TowerParis, TX









Paris Tour Bus - Paris, TX

**Baker Family** 

# Road Trips

#### **Darned Pothole**

By Bob and Karen Ross

This is another adventure we had during one of our trips from Lincoln, Nebraska and Jamestown, New York. It was in the spring of 1965 and we driving 1957 were our Plymouth Savoy. I had owned it once before and the man I sold it to had paid me only about half of what he owed me when he was transferred overseas. So I got the car back from him and now had three cars: the 1955 Pontiac, the 1947 Ford Coupe and the 1957 Plymouth.

Let me explain some things about the Plymouth. I bought it from a close friend of mine who was my best man at our wedding and I was the best man at his. His name was Larry Ross and he had bought the Plymouth when he was traveling back and forth between Lincoln, AFB and a small town just west of Joliet. The car came with a six cylinder with the 2-speed push-button PowerFlite transmission. After the second six cylinder gave out, he sold it to me so that another friend of ours (who was a Nebraska State Trooper) could sell me cruiser his D-500 police

engine. At the time, Nebraska was transferring from the 1962 Dodge Polara to the 1965 Oldsmobile 88s for their new highway car. Tim Granger, the trooper, had rebuilt a 1957 Dodge D-500 with a .0035" over bore and put a large 4barrel carburetor on it. I had purchased a 413-RamCharge 2–4-barrel intake from one of my drag racing friends and put that on the car after the engine swap. After everything was done, I raced the Savoy at our on-base drag strip (and on streets sometimes Shh...you didn't hear that from My roommate had a 1962 Chevy Impala 409/409 2door hard-top. We did race against one another once or twice and we would either dead heat or one or the other would win by a bumper. When Tim had gotten his new Oldsmobile, we went out to the unopened part of Interstate 80 west of Lincoln and tried out both cars. My roommate. David Winter. waved us off and we took off down the straight as an arrow two lanes going west. After about half a mile I was slowly losing Tim at 141 mph. Tim flashed his light and I slowed

down and we turned around to pick up David. That is when I found out about the speed. I just knew that I had pegged the speedometer needle at 120 and was still accelerating. Okay, skip ahead about six months and I had the Savoy back but I put a small 4-barrel carb on it to save gas as I was not into racing anymore.

We packed the Plymouth up for a trip back to New York which was uneventful. However, the trip back was not. In Cleveland, Ohio there was a couple of detours and on one of them my left rear tire hit a huge pothole and I heard something twang and the left rear seemed to have dropped quite a bit. I pulled into the nearest gas station at 4:00 pm on Friday night. Once the mechanic lifted the car, we could see that the rear spring was broken. He called a junk yard down the street where he knew the owner. It was now 5:02 pm and the owner of the junk yard locking up when the phone rang. He figured it would be his wife asking him to bring something home for supper so he went inside to answer it.  $\rightarrow$ 

# Road Trips

(continued) The mechanic explained the problem and our predicament and asked if he had a spring he could buy. The junk dealer said that he had that day taken a rear axle out of a Fury and the spring should be the same. Thirty minutes later the dealer came to the gas station with a spring. asked what he wanted for the spring and he said, "How about twenty, I can see you kids need help and it's Friday so we can call it a done deal." And he

held out his hand. I graciously took it and handed him a \$20 bill and thanked him.

An hour later we were pulling out after paying the mechanic another \$20 for changing the spring and with a full tank of gas we had \$56 and some change left to our name. We stopped at a grocery store and I bought a package of black and a pack of red licorice and 2 drinks and we got on our way to Nebraska. I kept my driving

as steady as I could and didn't go over 60 mph the whole way back to Omaha, NE. In Omaha we stopped on the west end of town to fill the tank with what money we had left. I bought a Coke first and then the rest went into the tank. We drove back to Lincoln sick of licorice and very hungry for real food. We drove to Karen's folks' house and begged her mom for some food. Since then, Karen still can't stand any licorice – red or black.



1957 Plymouth Savoy - March 1965

## Barn Finds

#### 1958 Chevrolet Yeoman 2-Door Wagon

Story and Photos by DJ Stamp

I found this rare 1958 Chevrolet Yeoman 2-Door Wagon for sale at Pate with an asking price of \$10,000 at the beginning of the swap meet and best offer on Saturday. It is not known if it changed hands but it sure got my attention.

The Yeoman was a one year production model that was available in 2- and 4-door wagon variations. This was the entry level wagon meant to be a no-frills workhorse for farmers, outdoorsmen and tradesmen. Vinyl upholstery, rubber floor mats and linoleum floor in the cargo area made the interior completely washable. The 2-door retailed for \$2,520 and the 4-door was priced at \$2,574. There were two trim levels: the 1100 series was equipped with the 235 ci 140 hp Blue Flame straight six while the 1200 series carried the 283 ci 185 hp V8.

A two-tone paint scheme, using the stainless trim along the belt line, and maybe the roof, could produce a very attractive wagon.









1958 Chevrolet Yeoman Wagon

## Around Town

#### **Car Shows and Cruise-Ins**

Text and Photos by Leif Allred

One might think a new trend has developed with younger bearded car enthusiasts finding the largest, quite unique, and most outrageously styled late 50's and early 60's land yachts to tool around in. They arrived together and then some made it to the GTACC show.



1961 Dodge Polara



Pistons on the Square – May 15, 2021 – Georgetown, TX



1926 Ford Model T

There was more room available at Pistons on the Square with such tremendous competition from the GTACC Car Show and Charity Benefit held at Sun City in Georgetown. Nestled under a canopy of shady oaks with music playing, Chick-Fil-A could be purchased and the organizers had a golf cart going around selling water and sodas.

This 1926 Model T Ford was the oldest vehicle at the event that funds scholarships for the high school automotive program's graduates. The soldier who drove it there was nowhere near being the oldest owner.



14th Annual Georgetown Texas Area Car Club Car Show and Charity Benefit – May 15, 2021

## Technical Corner

#### **Working On Our Old Cars**

By Wayne Heikkila

I have been working on some of our member's cars along with my own over the past year. For the most part it has been great.

With a handful of general tools, we have been able to repair the cars without the need of thousands of dollars of electronic equipment to speak to the computer (or computers) that run everything. For me, it has brought back many memories of my early days working at the Texaco station in the late seventies. If you had compression, spark and fuel, the engine would run. I have a tool bag in all my cars. When traveling, I was always surprised at the repairs I was able to do with my bag of tools. I have installed a temporary electric fuel pump, installed a new alternator, replaced some bent pushrods and broken rockers. I have lost power to the coil, no spark, flooding carbs, and had belts break. A friend and I replaced a broken leaf spring and a smoking wheel bearing on the side of the road.

One time I was not able to make a repair while I was pulling a trailer full of scrap metal with the shop truck that had a tic in the engine. I was headed up a hill when the engine started to rattle. Suddenly it sounded like a diesel. When I pushed in on the clutch pedal, all I heard was a loud bang then the engine died. I pulled over to the side of the road and proceeded to walk to the nearest house, hopefully to use their phone. Yes, this was before cell phones. I must admit the best thing about cell phones is when you need them in an emergency. Anymore we don't think about getting into the car and driving anywhere. We don't need that bag of tools. Just our cell phones to call AAA.

Happy motoring in our old vehicles.





The LaSalle Bag – before the car was converted to 12 Volts

# Membership

## Pay Ducs Online



## Club-Merchandise

Vests \$18
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## Mini-Tours

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## Leaders

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#### **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



Does Anybody Know Our Name? By Mary Bartemeyer VP – Regions/Chapter Websites

Being from the Midwest, it has occurred to me that the acronym

AACA has little or no meaning to the average car collector in our part of the country. region is starting to work on our 2022 National Fall Show and, talking to those who might assist with our costs or participate in such an important event, they don't know who we are or what we stand for. Yes, every 4 or 5 years, we host a National Show to bring into our community that piece of history that is sometimes forgotten. There are car clubs in our area that cater to modified vehicles and those for low riders etc. but those who wish to preserve the history of the automotive industry are getting fewer and fewer. Looking at my own region, we lost six very supportive members of our club just over a two-month period. Our condolences go out to those families but what can we do to honor those who have staunchly supported our hobby?

The answer is quite simple, actually. Get the word out about the Antique Automobile Club of America, (AACA). Shout it from the roof promote it at local events tops, membership tables, and, most importantly, get your region on social media. Look at your children, grandchildren, or any youngster around you - they are glued to social media. We need a heavy presence out there to get our organization recognized. WE MUST make AACA the first name that is thought of when it comes to automobiles 25-years old or older. What a history we have in our vehicles and that needs to be taught to new generations. Talk to them about your vehicle – they are interested. Let them know how AACA can help them if they choose to restore, preserve, and, most importantly, help them have fun with an older vehicle. Welcome the changes they can bring to get those younger folks into our hobby. Don't expect them to do things the way they have been done for the last 50 years. Let their new ideas flow. If we don't, we will die, and I don't think any of those we lost would be very happy if we allowed that to happened.

## Letter from the Editor

I once needed some fender washers to attach a toolbox into a truck bed and the parts store clerk asked me what year of vehicle it was for! Gerry and I were sold a universal electronic fuel pump (probably by the same clerk) that failed after 10 miles. The manager who processed the return told us "that one is junk and he wouldn't have sold it to us." However, the lifetime warranty one he ordered came in as "wrong part in box." Amazing these are very profitable companies. Lamenting on the time we had spent just getting the correct part, we acknowledge the need to find the experienced and knowledgeable parts expert at the start of any automotive repair endeavor.



## Calcudan

#### June 5, 2021 8:00am-12:00pm

ADVANCE AUTO PARTS ANNUAL CAR SHOW 102 E. Highway 190, Copperas Cove, TX

#### June 8, 2021 7:00pm (or earlier for dinner)

MONTHLY MEETING (FACE TO FACE)
Catfish Parlour South
4705 E Ben White Blvd, Austin, TX 78744

#### June 17-19, 2021

EASTERN SPRING NATIONALS Saratoga Springs, NY

#### June 19, 2021

HEMMINGS MOTOR NEWS – GREAT RACE https://www.greatrace.com/

#### July 1-3, 2021 (rescheduled)

CENTRAL SPRING NATIONALS Auburn, IN

#### July 5, 2021 8:00am-2:00pm

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE and MINI-TOUR Wimberley, TX

#### 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

#### August 14-15, 2021

HILL COUNTRY CORVETTE DAYS See Flyer page 16

#### September 2-3, 2021 8:00am-12:00pm

LONESTAR ROD AND KUSTOM ROUND UP <a href="http://www.lonestarroundup.com/">http://www.lonestarroundup.com/</a>

#### September 9-11, 2021

SOUTHEASTERN FALL NATIONALS Greenville, SC

#### September 12-17, 2021

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

#### October 2, 2021 9:00am-3:00pm

MARBLE FALLS MAIN STREET CAR SHOW Main Street, Marble Falls, TX http://www.marblefallskiwanis.org/

#### October 6-9, 2021

EASTERN FALL NATIONALS Hershey, PA

#### October 11-15, 2021

SOUTHEASTERN DIVISIONAL FALL TOUR Mt Airey, NC

#### October 16, 2021 11:00am-4:00pm

WESTLAKE CLASIC CAR SHOW
2902 Sam School Road, Westlake, Texas 76262
<a href="https://www.westlakeclassiccarshow.com/">https://www.westlakeclassiccarshow.com/</a>

#### October 18-22, 2021

CENTRAL DIVISIONAL TOUR Broken Arrow, OK

#### November 11-13, 2021

SPECIAL WESTERN NATIONALS Phoenix, AZ

#### November 6, 2021

BELMONT VILLAGE MINI-TOUR West Lake Hills, TX

#### November 12-13, 2021

VETERAN'S WEEKEND CAR SHOW Bastrop, TX https://www.bastropareacruisers.com

#### LEGEND

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

## Calcudar



Edward Jones

The Longhorn Corvette Club is inviting all the clubs in the area to a weekend of shows and fun. The flyer above gives the basic information and registration open on June 1, 2021. The club will need judges from the other clubs and anyone that volunteers to judge will have a free entry into the car show. The proceeds go to local charities, Humane Heroes, and Southwest Region Corvette Clubs Scholarship Fund. For more info on this and a link to the registration, please call or email.

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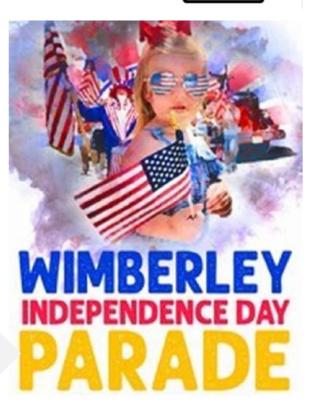
Thanks to the 3rd Oldest Corvette Club in the Nation

San Jacinto Corvette Club

for the sanctions.

There's one parade spot left for the Independence Day Parade and Mini-Tour. There will be a meet up after the parade to putter around the hill country and do lunch. Call for that spot by June 4.

Leif Allred 512-350-3825



Mini-Tour July 5, 2021

# E Y D W N E Club Classified Ads

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Duralast DL3627S Starter Mounts to block / offset pattern. New November 2020; installed it, ran for a while, replaced it with mini-starter (due to headers).

#### Asking \$50

Leif Allred ac-n-a@outlook.com 512-350-3825

#### **WANTED – Enclosed Car Hauler:**

Looking for 18-foot V-Nose Enclosed Trailer or equivalent. Size: Minimum 8.5 feet wide by at least 16 feet but 18 feet is preferred. Weight: Total gross weight should be under 7,000 pounds (project car is 3,000 pounds).

Doug Stelter 512-680-4266 dougstelter@gmail.com



#### 1967 Chevrolet Camaro Convertible:

Original 327 engine block 2V (ME Code) with Powerglide two-speed transmission "Barn Fresh" unrestored and running car. Original black Interior. Original Paint was Butternut Yellow.

\$18,000 Firm. John Hubler 512-426-0704 john hubler@amat.com