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# *The Steering Column*

It is already October so, by the end of the month, the temperature should begin decreasing. We have some openings for programs and mini tours the next couple months, so please think about what you can put together for the club, and volunteer. Get your car out of the garage and join other club members for the upcoming mini tours and the meetings.

Our club meetings will continue at the Catfish Parlour on the second Tuesday of each month, and everyone is invited to join the group for dinner prior to the meeting. Hope to see you at Catfish Parlour on October 12th.

Greg Herbert, President CTR-AACA



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# Secretary's Report

## Minutes of Road Relics Meeting September 14, 2021 (In Person)

*Submitted by Sue Graner, Secretary CTR-AACA*

**Meeting** The meeting was called to order about 7:00 PM by our President.

**Membership** Wayne said there were no changes to our membership this month.

It is time for membership renewals. The link in the Newsletter is 'active' for paying membership dues, and since it seems to take forever for the main office to post checks for payment of the dues, it was suggested to make payments online.

**Secretary's Report** Wally

moved to accept the minutes as published and Chester seconded the motion. The vote to accept last month's minutes passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report** Leif handed out Laura's Report that showed no changes in income or expenses from the prior month. Wally moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as written, and Sue seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and was accepted.

**Wellness Chairman** Ronnie is still recovering at home from

her recent surgery. Barbara was doing fairly well with her recovery after back surgery, but Gary has been undergoing testing to determine what was causing his fever.

**Webmaster** Rich indicated that he corrected some issues with the calendar on the site; our meetings now show as "Events," and he is continuing to learn how to operate the site. He published a few photos of the trip to Lampasas and would love it if each member sent him a picture of their car to include it on the website. →



DJ STAMP

# Secretary's Report

**Newsletter** Leif thanked everyone for their articles and contributions.

## Past Events

Corvette Days – no one at the meeting tonight had participated in this event in Marble Falls.

Lampasas Tour – D. J. sent in a report to the Newsletter last month and indicated that the trip was well attended and was a lot of fun. We toured the old courthouse, then had lunch. Wally said that the trip to the car museum was quite interesting and enjoyable.

Chester said that Doug W's son playing the 'player piano' at the county museum was the highlight of the day. Some shopped at the Farmer's Market in front of the Courthouse, then the

group stopped at the local drive-in for ice cream and shakes before breaking up to head home.

Leif suggested that we send Club T-shirts and/or hats to the two gentlemen that gave us the tours (the docent who led us through the Courthouse and the owner of the Car Museum). We all agreed to do so.

**Upcoming Events** On 9/25/2021, we have a Mini tour to the Buda miniature golf course and WWII museum planned. We'll meet up at Cabela's south parking lot for Jim R's group and Leif will come from the North through Creedmoor. There is a sign up sheet on the table tonight or contact one of the 'leaders.'

The Cruise and Car Show

through Belmont is 11/06/2021. We will all assemble at the Palisades Office parking lot (3006 Bee Caves Road) beforehand and caravan over to Belmont.

The Texas Tour in the Spring will be hosted by the Rio Grande Valley AACA Chapter. The dates are April 22-24, 2022 [? see Calendar –Leif].

Pate Swap Meet is a week later, April 28-30, 2022.

**Member's Projects:** (Skipped due to lack of time)

**Presentation** D. J. presented a slide show of curious and unusual motorhomes tonight. We took a short break for dessert about 7:55 PM and then he finished up his show.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.



Lampasas Courthouse and Market



Lampasas County Museum – August 28, 2021



# Past Activities

## Mini-Golf Mini-Tour

*By Jim Rankin*



### Memorial Mini-Golf – Buda, TX – September 25, 2021

The records of Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Sammy Snead, Ben Hogan or any other golf legend are in no danger of being broken; at least not by any of the Road Relics members who were a part of the mini-tour to Memorial Mini-Golf and WWII Museum.

Those who made the trip were Leif Allred and his guest Kurt Edmiston, Karl and Jeanne Frank, Wayne Heikkila, Joe Peter, Chester Toothman, and Jim and Lynda Rankin and their son, Greg. There was also a special appearance by Dan and Alice Marshall to catch up at the meeting point. Rich Bassemir and guest had their morning abruptly interrupted as they endeavored to join the tour.

We teed off shortly after ten o'clock. There were no holes in one but there were a couple of holes in sixteen. There were no records broken but a few golf clubs were badly bent. All in all, however, we did have a lot of fun enjoying the day together and laughing at our feeble attempts at playing the game.

Following 18 holes of our version of golf, we

toured the World War II Museum adjacent to the golf course. It is a small exhibits archive but will grow as more items are found and added to the displays. Currently it contains such things as a 1942 jeep, American, German and Japanese weapons, uniforms, pictures and stories of the Greatest Generation all contained in a military type Quonset hut.

We topped it all off with a lunch of Mexican food at the Texican Restaurant in Manchaca before heading home to tell all our friends and neighbors about our prowess on the links. →



**Jim Rankin sets up for Cinderella Story putt**



# *Past Activities*



PHOTOS BY LEIF ALLRED

WWII Museum and Putt Putt Mini-Tour – Buda, TX – September 25, 2021



# Past Activities

→ [Memorial Mini-Golf: white patches over blue are clouds on the ocean as seen from the cockpit. Hole 11 was Normandy transitioning from ocean to sand (Utah and Omaha Beach) to land (France) – complete with Czech Hedgehogs. Golf tips: the green turf was faster while the blue ate the ball's speed; don't be tempted by the fun ramps – duck and cover and go around; pick a colorful ball that doesn't look like a rock. –Leif]



LYNDA RANKIN

Pacific Islands Campaign (Midway in the background)



MEMORIAL MINI-GOLF SCORE SHEET

Memorial Mini-Golf – each hole had a plaque with historical information of the battle or crucial turning point and color coordinated features that represented that event



# Special Events

## Hayden's Car Parade

*Report and Photos By Mariska Berkley*

The parade was organized by the nurse of a 12-year-old boy living with debilitating spina bifida. The boy, Hayden, is a car nut! Modern, high-performance cars as well as classic cars were asked to participate to brighten his day and to cheer him on after just receiving his 29th surgery. Pim Visser and Wayne Heikkila represented the Road Relics – Wayne having driven 1.5 hours each way in his Speedster – creating a very moving and memorable event.



**Hayden's Car Parade**  
**September 24, 2021 – Lakeway, TX**

Spina bifida literally means “split spine” and happens when a baby is still in the womb and the spinal column does not close all of the way. —The New Times, by Dr Ian Shyaka, February 3, 2019



# In the News

## Lampasas Dispatch Report

By Jim and Lynda Rankin

The club's August 28, 2021 Mini-Cruise was captured and published in the Lampasas online newspaper on September 2, 2021. [This is great visibility for the club! Thanks, Jim and Lynda (on behalf of Gerry), for blocking the damage to the 1966 Cadillac DeVille from the recent semi sideswipe and drive-off! –Leif]



September 8, 2021

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# Lampasas Dispatch Record

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## Austin car club visits Lampasas

By News Staff on Thursday, September 2, 2021



Austin car club visits Lampasas

Jim and Lynda Rankin stand next to their all-original 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air, which they displayed on the courthouse square last Saturday during the Central Texas Region Antique Automobile Club of America/Road Relics visit to Lampasas. The club also visited Storm's Drive-In and Andy Fish's auto museum before returning to Austin. COURTESY PHOTO

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# Technical Corner

## My Engine – 1940 LaSalle

*by Wayne Heikkila*

Hi, everyone. For those that don't know it, I had my 1940 LaSalle engine in Glenn's Machine Shop here in Round Rock. Well, after more than two years, I finally got it back! I picked up the block and pistons about a month ago and the crank and flywheel a few weeks ago. After getting it back to the shop, I verified the clearance in the main and rod bearings and checked the ring gap on all the piston rings. Luckily only a few needed to be filed on. It started with installing all the new valves and springs; which turned out to be more of a job then I had hoped for. I have two different valve spring tools but neither one worked well on my flathead. But, after five hours, I had all the valves and springs installed. This past Thursday I began installing the crank and then assembling the pistons and rods followed by all the pistons and the cam. At this point, everything is going together well and I am looking forward to the day I can put it in the test stand and run it for the first time. More on this as I progress.



WAYNE HEIKKILA

1940 La Salle – Engine Reassembly



# Around Town

## Georgetown Cruise-Ins

*Text and Photos by Leif Allred*



Jim, from Temple, worked on his 1957 Thunderbird he bought off his grandparents in 2018 who had purchased it in 1968 as her daily driver. Another enthusiast pointed out a loose belt bolt and I loaned him the tools – then we both watched and provided unsolicited encouragement.

Can you get a better mix and range of cars from a free periodic unsponsored morning meet-up? Pistons on the Square in Georgetown, TX had vehicles representing every decade from the 19-teens to the present. The owners of the late-50's Imperial and the '57 Thunderbird are both in their 20's and we might get Jim on the next mini-tour. →



**Pistons on the Square – Georgetown, TX – September 18, 2021**



# *Around Town*

→ Hundreds of vehicles overflowed the dark side of Pok-E-Jo's parking lot for Stephanie Nichol's Cruise-in. *The Rockabillys* provided live music entertainment with 50's rock 'n roll and trophies awarded for trucks, rat rods, and muscle cars.



Stephanie Nichol's Cruise-In – Pok-E-Jo's – Georgetown, TX – September 24, 2021

# *Member Sightings*

**Mercury Truck**  
*by DJ Stamp*



Found on Facebook from a group called Vintage Automobiles & Rare Vehicles



# Membership

## Renewal

It is time to renew your membership. The National AACA dues are \$45 and our Local club dues are \$20. You may pay online or mail two checks. For any questions, please feel free to contact membership chair, Wayne Heikkila at (512) 740-4212.



Pay by Mail:

1) \$45 payable to AACA

2) \$20 payable to CTR-AACA

Wayne Heikkila

3543 Pauling Loop

Round Rock, TX 78665



To pay online, please click on the link below:

## Pay Dues Online

Renew your membership to  
AACA and Central Texas Region  
(Road Relics) today!



## Mini-Tours



LYNDA RANKIN

Sign up today  
Host a Mini-Tour  
Fun for ages 11 to 84!  
[jilrankin1961@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jilrankin1961@sbcglobal.net)

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# National News

## National News, Notifications, and Nudges

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



### Building Membership

By Jeff Oaks

VP – Regions Development  
and Support – SE Division

One of the concerns that many of us have is recruiting new members for our local regions and chapters. The AACA is a great club and has much to offer, but surprisingly, some of the car folks that I run into know little about us. How can that be? We are the largest antique auto club in the world! Have we failed in advertisement and promotion?

Our local chapter decided some years ago that we needed to come up with ways to get the word out about our club and promote the AACA in general. Some of the ideas we have had was to get our old cars out of the garage more often and out in public. We have all had several in the parking lot admiring our car when stopping at a business somewhere. It is prime time to promote the club and the hobby! You can tell them about the local club and the AACA but nothing beats having some sort of an info flyer handy in the glove box to pass along to them. Be prepared! Include an event calendar in there too! Business cards with contact and

website info has also been a success. You can invite them to the next meeting and write the time and location on the back of the card. This has worked well at shows and displays like Cars & Coffee, cruise-ins, and most any event where old car folks are gathered. Local news articles promoting an upcoming event will spark big interest. At our annual chapter show, we have a designated space at the registration area for “Club Information & Membership” with someone assigned to answer any questions and promote the club. We have old issues of the AACA Antique Automobile, along with our Region magazine, and other items club related, recycled from our membership, and available at the show. Potential membership packets and recycled magazines are passed to those that show an interest in the club.

These are just a few of the ideas that have worked for us and there are many other options as well. Advertising and getting the word out is the key to a growing membership. Be active! By spreading the word and being public, our local chapter membership and car show attendance has tripled in recent years. All car guys and gals have a bit of salesmanship in their blood somewhere, so get out and promote the club and the hobby that we all love!



## Letter From the Editor

“As a cognitive behavioral neurologist, I’ve been hearing from many individuals who are complaining of ‘brain fog’ after infection with COVID-19. Brain fog is not a medical or scientific term; it is used by individuals to describe how they feel when their thinking is sluggish, fuzzy, and not sharp. But what if your thinking didn’t return to normal? –By Andrew E. Budson, MD, Harvard Health Publishing, Harvard Medical School.” One concern is whether the brain foggers are driving their vehicles around antiques cars. Texas has reported 4.05 million cases of The ‘Rona.

*Leif*



# Calendar

## October 12, 2021 7:00pm (earlier for food)

MONTHLY MEETING (FACE TO FACE)

Catfish Parlour South

4705 E Ben White Blvd, Austin, TX 78744

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

MARBLE FALLS MAIN STREET CAR SHOW →

Marble Falls, TX

<http://www.marblefallskiwanis.org/>

## October 6-9, 2021

EASTERN FALL NATIONALS

Hershey, PA

## October 11-16, 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

<https://www.westlakeclassicarshow.com/>

## October 18-22, 2021

CENTRAL DIVISIONAL TOUR

Broken Arrow, OK

## November 11-13, 2021

SPECIAL WESTERN NATIONALS

Phoenix, AZ

## November 14-17, 2021

WESTERN DIVISIONAL TOUR

Phoenix, AZ and Central AZ

## October 30, 2021 10:00am-4:00pm

MAIN STREET CAR SHOW

Taylor, TX

[www.ci.taylor.tx.us/959/Main-Street-Car-Show](http://www.ci.taylor.tx.us/959/Main-Street-Car-Show)

## 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>

## March 31 - April 3, 2022

68<sup>TH</sup> TEXAS TOUR

Hosted by Rio Grande Valley, AACA

"El Valle: Border, Beach and Beyond"

Harlingen, TX

Host Hotel:

Hilton Garden Inn

751 Harlingen Heights Drive I

Harlingen, Texas 78552

Reservations (956) 428-1400

- "68th Texas Tour"

- Single occupancy \$139 and 1 breakfast

- Double occupancy \$149 with 2 breakfasts

- Deadline for Texas Tour group rates is 2/28/2022

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Registration Questions

### LEGEND

☐ Monthly Meetings

☐ Special Events

☐ Road Relics Mini-Tours

☐ National Meets and Tours

☐ Local (unofficial) Events

# FOR SALE BY OWNER

Club Classified Ads

## 1959 MGA Roadster:

Mostly complete project car!

Engine: Block is good; head is cracked; rebuilt starter; no rust! Firewall and floorboards have been replaced. Too old to finish what started.

**\$2,000**

Anthony Myers 512-971-7655

[anthony@mallettintegrityteam.com](mailto:anthony@mallettintegrityteam.com)



## 1984 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz Convertible:

Engine: 2,500 miles on Rebuilt 4.1L 249CI 135 HP V8. Transmission: 4-Speed Automatic. One of 3,300 built! Contact Bob for lots more photos!

**\$9,000**

Bob Ross

512-619-9136 or [barneyr70@gmail.com](mailto:barneyr70@gmail.com)

**Help Needed:** Body shop recommendation for 1966 Cadillac – sideswiped by a semi!

Gerry Powers

720-979-7729 or [gnpowers@aol.com](mailto:gnpowers@aol.com)

**Notice:** In the September/October edition of Antique Automobile is a postpaid ballot for the 2022 Board of Directors election. It is your ONLY ballot and must be filled out according to the instructions or it will not be counted. Vote for the 7 of your choice (no less or it will be deemed invalid). Your ballot must be postmarked by November 15, 2021.