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The Steering Column

The seasonal holidays have begun. I hope each of you had a safe and happy Thanksgiving with family and friends. It has been a busy month for Nancy and me. In addition to a house full of family for Thanksgiving, we celebrated our daughter's wedding November 13th. After six years of dating, we are happy to have Christian join our extended family. As we reach the end of 2021, we wish each of you health and happiness in the new vear.

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 December 14th.

Greg Herbert, President CTR-AACA





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Secretary's Report

Minutes of Road Relics Meeting November 9, 2021 (In Person – Catfish Parlour)

Submitted by Sue Graner, Secretary CTR-AACA

Meeting Greg called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Membership Report Wayne stated that we have one new member, Jeremy C, who ioined last month and attended the Belmont Mini-Tour last weekend. He owns a beautiful 1980 Mercedes Convertible. Also, Dani T. just joined today and he brought a guest, Katie. Dani owns a '29 Roadster and a '50 Mercury Coupe.

Secretary's Report October's minutes were published in the last FenderTalk. Bob R. made motion to accept the minutes as published and George B. seconded the The minutes were motion. unanimously approved. Sue acknowledged that Lynda R. had taken the minutes in her absence last month.

Treasurer's Report Laura was not present this evening.

Wellness Report We were all saddened and shocked to learn that Jay Rester had passed so suddenly. Ronnie said that she sent a sympathy card to Kay Rester on behalf of the Club. Ronnie also read a

letter from Lynda R. stating that she was having back-to-back surgeries on Wednesday the 10th – a hysterectomy, and a lumpectomy. Lynda, our prayers are with you.

Election of Officers and Board Since there were exactly as many nominees as there were empty slots, it was suggested that the vote be acclamation. Bob made the motion to accept the action and Joe seconded it. The motion was unanimously accepted. Greg, John and Sue will retain their current offices as President. Vice President and Secretary; Duane P. is the new Treasurer; Gary B. will be the Pate Alternate. The three new Directors will be George B., Wally G., and Joe P., with Leif A. remaining on the Board the immediate as past president. As appointed, Vic D. will serve as director.

Webmaster's Report Rich B. indicated that he was just about ready to post photos and a video from the Belmont Village Show.

Newsletter Leif said he was grateful to DJ, Wayne, and Laura for the articles they sent

in for this month's FenderTalk. He mentioned the 'memorial paragraph' in the newsletter and included a note from Ken Karrer who was a close friend of Jay's.

Past Events Belmont Village Mini Tour -- Leif reported that the turnout was good; we had 12 cars in attendance. He intentionally allowed an extra hour before we needed to be at the facility for everyone to stand and talk a bit amongst themselves. We caravanned on out to Belmont from the Graner's office building on Bee Caves Road and chose a day beautiful to spend outdoors and enjoyed a great hamburger lunch that was catered by "Josephine's" and enjoyed hearing from a delightful jazz trio. The residents there really do seem to enjoy talking about our cars, and the cars they or their families had at one time.

JC reported on the Taylor Car show on October 30th. It started early and by the end there were 840 cars entered. A lot of people showed up; the attendance was estimated to be approximately 10,000 folks.

Secretary's Report

→ They gave out 20 trophies. The first three prizes were awarded to the same car: a 19XX Green Camaro. J.C. won a trophy for his 1915 Model T Woodie Truck.



Gary and Barbara attended the AACA Regional Meet in Oklahoma. They travelled 1,600 miles, using 1 quart of oil and lots of gasoline to get there. There were 50 cars registered. They went to see the local Duesenberg factory and Will Rogers' Ranch. It sounded like a real good time.

Upcoming Events

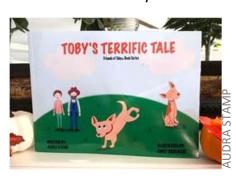
- Veterans Day Show in Bastrop - 11/12 and 11/13.
- The Wings and Wheels show starts at 9 AM on the same Saturday in Kingsbury.
- 68th Texas Tour in Harlingen, TX March 31 to April 3, 2022.
- Pate Swap Meet, April 28 to 30, 2022 Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth, TX

Member Projects Bob's Cadillac is running again. He discovered the wire for the idiot light was not working. It's running perfectly now.

Gary is in the process of letting go of his "junk and project" cars, etc. He doesn't want to junk it all but will eventually. He's also got a Maxwell for sale; just give him a call. [See ad page 18]

George said that he and his son are working on the A/C and found the radiator was leaking too. He's using Vintage Air; it's about \$1,600 for his '75 Vette. Everything they've done is perfect. He highly recommends them.

DJ let us know that his daughter Audra has written a children's book to benefit "Friends of Toby", her animal rescue organization that provides assistance to shelters. He will provide her contact information in the next newsletter so we can order books directly from her.



Program John A. showed us a continuation of his video on drive-in restaurants and car hops. The section on Howard Johnson the was most interesting in my mind. He was one of the first to franchise his restaurants and motels. Thanks, John, for patience with the vour technical problems.

Dessert was served during the program.

"Who Am I?" These questions were interspersed throughout the evening:

- The best job was bailing hay, which turned out to be 'being able to break, then fix' equipment for 4 years. (Chester T.) [many others also bailed hay! LA]
- One of the most embarrassing moments involved a boogey board on Lake Travis. (Lynda R.)
- Began repairing small engines (i.e. lawnmowers) for folks on the 'Next Door' website. (Rich B)
- Worst job was beginning a roofing job with his brother while it was sleeting and almost falling off the roof. (Greg H.)

Adjourn President Greg H. adjourned the meeting at 8:18 PM.

Past Events

Belmont Village Sidewalk Party

by Leif Allred

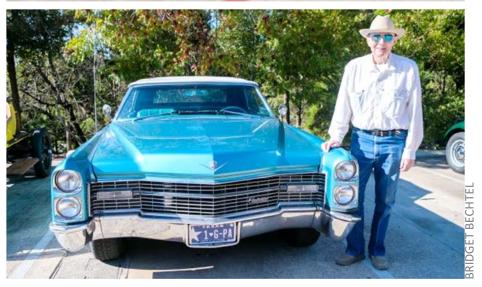
The Road Relics arrived promptly at 10:30am to the waving and smiling residents of Belmont Village Senior Living in West Lake Hills. This sidewalk party has become an annual event for the club and is a wonderful way to wrap up the year with a mini-tour that is impactful to the community and a pleasure to participate in.

Belmont organizes the car show complete with classic cruiser cartons holding a free lunch of hamburgers and French fries cooked outside by their staff. There was also a coffee and drinks bar, classic car cookies, music, and shaded tables to eat and chat with friends. One resident made it a point to wear her red cowgirl boots to show off her Texas style.

A family event, many instances of three generations were there with children buzzing around breathing life excitement and to nostalgic reminiscences of the ever proclaimed: "I had one just like that . . . except it was blue!" After the residents and families came through, the Belmont staff toured the collection to admire the old cars and talk to the club.







Belmont Village Senior Living Sidewalk Party

Past Events

→ Considering a group that came from every far reach of town and with an exact schedule to parade into Belmont, the muster point was given extra buffer to work out any bugs in travel or mechanics. Although some did utilize that for a tour of West Austin, others were even early. It turned out that this hour to do basically nothing but wait was quite cathartic to the club and allowed a reconnection to members we had not seen in a while and time also to focus on new introductions. This doing nothing served more purpose than just timing and the organic reuniting of club friends was truly cherished. A special thanks is extended to Wally and Sue Graner for providing the space to meet and refresh before the show.

We utilized what I've penned the "Allred Block" coming out of The Palisades – I put the big orange truck in the lane to protect the column of cars exiting the lot to start the tour and then fell in line at the back. Very effective!

Total length of tour: 1.8 miles. Once we arrived and parked at the show, the club was split up entertaining the residents and their families, letting children sit in the vehicles, answering questions, and taking turns eating.

There were 19 members in 12 antique vehicles attending with some very bold ones arriving in open cars on a chilly morning: Leif Allred, Rich Bassemir, Mariska Berkley and Pim Visser, Ronnie and Paul Burt, Jeremy Cameron, Karl and Jeanne Frank, Wally and Sue Graner, Wayne Heikkila, Richard Luciano, Joe and Lizette Peter, Gerry Powers, Jim and Lynda Rankin, and Terry Sutton.

I can still hear the aide boldly yelling "Joe Peter!"





















The Pre-Show Gathering - November 6, 2021 - West Lake Hills, TX

Hobby Extensions

Pioneer Flight Museum in Kingsbury

Report and Photos by DJ Stamp

The annual fly-in at the Pioneer Flight Museum in Kingsbury just keeps getting better. They've added the hangar from a WWII airfield in San Antonio where they have several of their early planes and engines on display such as their 1909 Bleriot and that wild twin tail Valkyrie flying machine. There was a wide variety of antique cars from originals and hot rods to displays from the Model A and T Ford clubs.



It included nice WWI bivouac displays and their WWI tank is now running and firing. I didn't get a chance to film it in action but I hope for future opportunities. There was a line of powered paramotors – no thanks!!



I got there early and had to leave early but I did see a couple of car club members. John Anderson came with a Model A club member and was enjoying the show. I thought I heard a motorcycle pulling in but when I looked it was Bob Chamberlain in his Morgan trike which drew a lot of attention. Bob and I had a good chat and when we were examining an early BMW motorcycle with a side car he mentioned that Ural made copies of BMW and had one that had a driveshaft that transferred power to the side car wheel. I made a note to self to look that up but, lo and behold, when I was walking near the other end of the field, I found just such a machine parked. \rightarrow





Hobby Extensions

→ There were a few British cars there in addition to Bob's Morgan and I saw an MGA, MGC, Triumph Spitfire and Nash Metropolitan that was for sale. The Dodge woody was a killer.



There was a food truck in addition to the museum's hamburger restaurant. When scouting my route on Google maps I discovered the La Taco Vida trailer on 1339 just off my route so I found it on my way home. My route there was 1826 to 150 to I35 to 123 to 1979 to 1353 to 90 to 1104 which made for a nice drive.



Kingsbury was having their fall festival with several booths set up and a country band setting up on a large flatbed trailer. If these two events coincide next fall, I might be tempted to do another tour to this event. Next time we would drive there directly and folks could eat on site. If I do a fall tour it would probably be a combo AACA/Healey Club event where we would avoid I-35 between Kyle and San Marcos.







Member's Projects

My Engine Update

by Wayne Heikkila

Hi, everyone. Well, I received my special washer and the gasket required to finish assembling my engine. As stated, it is a washer with a pin in it but is recessed in the center to tighten the gear and a paper thin distributor gasket. After integrating the gear and washer, I had to install the last of the lifter blocks — the last block fought all the way. Thanks to Wendell giving me a hand as we were able to work it into place.

I then primed the oil pump and system and bled the lines that feed the four lifter blocks before installing the top two covers. With the engine on top dead center, I installed the distributor shaft while lined up on the number one cylinder and the shaft dropped all the way onto the block. This startled me as normally you must rotate the engine to get the distributor

shaft to drop into the oil pump drive gear. After fighting the lifter block, it was nice to have something go in easily. I then installed the water pump, intake and exhaust manifolds, and the fuel pump. Now I was ready to install the engine in the run stand.

My friend Tracy (who owns the run stand) went down to Joe's with me so we could make the modifications needed to get my engine set up. During the next couple trips down to the shop, I spent my time designing how to get my engine hooked up to the radiator on the test stand. With plumbing supplies, we got it hooked up. It is not fancy, but it should get the job done.

My next project was to install the new Pertronix ignition in the distributor which was \rightarrow





1940 La Salle – Engine Reassembly and Testing

Member's Projects

→ very easy removing the points and condenser and installing the ignitor. I then mounted the new coil and ran the leads to it and attached the power wire. I turned on the power switch to confirm that there was 12 volts to the coil and, while checking the power, I noticed a dark spot developing on the ignitor. I killed the power and touched the coil which was hot. After realizing what just happened, I decided to consult with an expert on these systems and called Pertronix's technical support line.

After describing what steps I took and what happened, the tech ran down a list of the most common problems people have with installs and asked a few questions. The first was "did the coil get hot?" I said "Yes, it did; very hot for the short time it had power to it." The tech then walked me through how to test the coil before I

go any further and asked what type of plug wires I was going to run. I stated that I had solid copper wires. The tech informed me that I couldn't use those wires with this system. After confirming that the new coil was bad, I ordered a new coil, ignitor, and wire set from Pertronix.

Having received the parts faster than expected, I went down to Joe's and installed the new wires, coil, and ignitor and also made some ground connections. I hooked up a battery and discovered the switch to turn on the ignition was not working but was able to clip a power wire to the coil and jumped the starter to get it to turn over and poured some fuel down the carb and it fired off. One major hurdle almost three years in the making! I have a few loose ends to button up but it will be running soon. More on this as I progress.



1940 La Salle – Engine Test Stand

Around Town

Car Shows and Meet Ups

Text and Photos by Leif Allred

More than one person told me that there were over 800 cars at the Main Street Car Show in Taylor, TX on October 30. There's no telling, however, as we couldn't possibly have seen them all. In 2017, my Packard didn't quite make it into the show area and that street where the points failed is now inside the official grounds. Every little alleyway and parking lot had more pieces of the show. There was a whole section of crafts and booths, a trailer food court, and live music at the park – including an Elvis impersonator. The clear day couldn't be better with plenty of sunshine and highs in the low 80s after a crisp morning and the jerk shrimp plate was delicious.



There were three Ford GT40's (one an authentic original – two modern), and a boattail Auburn Speedster under the pavilion. The Georgetown Model A Ford club made a prominent showing. Representing the Road Relics were the Carter brothers with J.C.'s 1915 Model T truck getting lots of attention from spectators while Ken's original 1959 Ford "Peaches" was noticed by the judges – but it was J.C.'s that won the trophy! Wendel Bell was there with George Pierce in his gem of the 1917 Reo and we met a guy there who has four more. Having rolled into the spot, we hope George made it back to the trailer ok. Sounds familiar.





Main Street Car Show - Taylor, TX - October 30, 2021

Around Town

→ It was clear when I left my home but then arrived in Georgetown to overcast skies and a chilling breeze. Wayne Heikkila was there in his open Speedster who may not have actually ever warmed up from his early morning trek. The Lone Star Model A Ford Club made a big showing and were recruiting members taking up half of the east side of the courthouse square. Another continual presence was a Chevrolet club that must sleep there overnight to get the entire north parking area against the grass. This is a very effective method of creating visibility in the community, spawning interest in club membership, and utilizing the organizing efforts of others to facilitate an informal get together – i.e. restrooms, coffee, land use, etc.





Pistons on the Square – Downtown Georgetown, TX – November 20, 2021

More trucks than tacos at this 3 year old monthly event that used to be at Masfajitas on Williams Drive and has moved to Hardtails (biker hangout and music venue) on I-35 in Georgetown, TX. Although this gathering is mostly a demonstration and information on how to do an LS engine swap to make a truck faster than a Corvette (it is still a truck, mind you), many of the participants own shops including an interiors place in Weir, TX and a collision repair in Georgetown. There's a wealth of knowledge out there but it takes some networking to tap into it.



Trucks and Tacos - Hardtails in Georgetown, TX - November 21, 2021

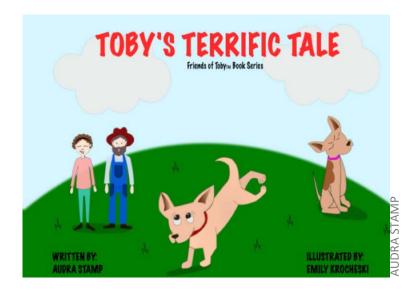
In the Community

Toby's Terrific Tale

by D.J. Stamp with Facebook Post from Audra Stamp

Our daughter Audra has been active with pet shelters and rescues since she attended the University of North Texas. She was active and eventually became President of APO – a service fraternity. (https://apo.org/)

She and her friends have formed an animal advocacy group called "Friends of Toby" that helps shelters and rescues find homes for pets that may be harder to adopt such as older animals or animals with three legs, and including rescued race horses, etc. (https://friendsoftoby.com)



Audra has written a children's book to raise money to continue their work with animals. The story is about Toby, a chihuahua Pat and I adopted from the Justin Animal Alliance when Audra was at UNT. Toby was partially crippled and eventually totally blinded but we never told him he was handicapped. He always had a smile on his face and led the way when we went for a walk. We eventually lost Toby to a brain tumor and miss him still.

If you want to support animal adoptions or have kids or grandkids who might enjoy the book, please consider ordering some for Christmas. Sincere thanks for your support.

"Toby's Terrific Tale is a triumphant story about a young rescue dog named Toby, who despite having back legs that were a little different, was still able to find an amazing family to adopt him! This story will show you and your children the importance perseverance, of determination and that being different is a wonderful thing! The book is available website: on our http://contactaepublishin5.wixsite.com/ website or on Amazon. This will make a great holiday present for those animalloving children in your life! Plus, stay tuned for more books in the Friends of Toby Book Series coming in 2022!"

--Audra Stamp, via Facebook





Member Sightings

Festive Calliope Truck

By Jim Keller, guest



Calliope Truck - San Antonio, TX - November 12, 2021

Public Service Announcement

By DJ Stamp

Tailgate thefts are on the rise. With all the extras in new tailgates such as cameras, locks and more, new tailgates are quite expensive so there's quite a market for them. Replacements can run from \$1,000 - \$3,000. San Antonio is the #2 city nationwide for tailgate theft. Tailgates are incredibly easy to steal but there's an easy solution to make them move on to easier prey. Simply put a hose clamp over the mount. Yes, they can remove it but hopefully it will cause them to move on to easier prey.



September 18, 2020 - Georgetown, TX

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:

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National News, Notifications, and Nudges

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



Fond Memories of AACA Touring
By Wayne Tuck
Executive Vice President

As I'm dusting off the Model A, checking all the fluid levels, tire

pressure, lights, horn, lubrication and getting in that test drive, I can't help but to reflect on all of our past tours.

Remember that stop in front of the U.S. Capitol Building to have our car's photo taken with the building in the background? Who would have thought you could arrange such an event for pre-1932 vehicles in a busy city? That feat was only topped off with an old time silent movie, accompanied by a live organ performance. What a great tour!

The Johnstown Flood Museum, Flight 97 Crash Site, a Mulch processing plant, Horseshoe Railroad, Ferry rides, private car collections boat rides on Raystown Lake, ice cream stops, coffee stops, caverns, museums, historical sites, I could go on endlessly with fantastic events provided by our regions sponsoring National Tours.

All of these events while enjoying the delight of driving an old car. Yes, there is

something about double clutching, manual spark advance, open windows, large steering wheel, engine noise and whining gears that is invigorating. A step back in time.

All of this while meeting new friends and enjoying the company of old friends. One of the most enjoyable parts of touring is spending time in the hospitality room. Then there is the time spent walking around the parking lot full of old cars. As soon as someone sees a hood raised there is a gathering to see what the problem might be.

Don't forget the food. Seems every stop includes some sort of goodies. Most tours include a least a couple of "dinner on your own" opportunities that result in more time with your friends. Someone mentioned that they judge the quality of the tour by how many pounds they gain.

Touring is back. If you have never experienced the fun of an AACA National Tour, you don't know what you're missing. If you are already an avid tourer, look around your region for interesting points. Consider having your region step up to host a tour. Fun times are ahead.

Letter from the Editor

As we wrap up the newsletter year, the contributions of our cherished members must be graciously acknowledged: DJ Stamp, Wayne Heikkila, Bob and Karen Ross, Wally and Sue Graner, Greg Herbert, Jim and Lynda Rankin, Rich Bassemir, Vic and Jan Donnell, Jim Jack,

John Robertson, Ceale Kirkham, George Pierce, Mariska Berkley, and Laura Pressley. Their words, photos and sentiments make this publication worthwhile. I extend my sincere appreciation to their submissions as, without them, this would not be possible.

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December 5, 2021 8am-2pm

TOY DRIVE and CRUISE
Georgetown Police Station to Stiles Switch
3500 DB Woods Dr, Georgetown, TX
Information: crhodesatx@gmail.com

December 14, 2021 7:00pm (earlier for food)

ANNUAL MEETING
Catfish Parlour South
4705 E Ben White Blvd, Austin, TX 78744

February 10-12, 2022

AACA ANNUAL CONVENTION Philadelphia, PA 717-534-1910

February 24-26, 2022

AACA WINTER NATIONALS Melbourne, FL 484-769-7856

March 5, 2021 9am-1pm

ROCK N RIDES CAR SHOW
Gupton Stadium
200 Gupton Way, Cedar Park TX
https://www.rocknrides.org/

March 10-12, 2022

WESTERN SPRING NATIONALS Las Vegas, NV 717-534-1910

March 20-26, 2022

FOUNDERS TOUR (1932-1997) Mobile, AL 251-402-1427

March 31 - April 3, 2022

68TH TEXAS TOUR
Hosted by Rio Grande Valley, AACA
"El Valle: Border, Beach and Beyond"
Harlingen, TX

April 7-9, 2022

SOUTHEASTERN SPRING NATIONALS Charlotte, NC 707-847-4215

April 17-23, 2022

CENTRAL DIVISIONAL TOUR (<1997) San Antonio, TX 832-693-4008



April 21-23, 2022

SPECIAL WINTER AND GRAND NATIONALS San Juan, Puerto Rico 305-978-8037

April 22-23, 2022

LONESTAR ROD AND KUSTOM ROUND UP Travis County Expo Center 7311 Decker Lane, Austin, TX 78724 www.lonestarroundup.com/

April 28-30, 2022

PATE SWAP MEET
Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth, TX
https://pateswapmeet.com/

May 19-21, 2022

ANNUAL GRAND NATIONALS Virginia Beach, VA 618-363-6730

May 22-25, 2022

EASTERN DIVISIONAL TOUR (1997 and Earlier) Johnstown, PA 814-467-9842

June 16-18, 2022

EASTER SPRING NATIONALS Beckley, WV 681-220-8186

August 11-13, 2022

CENTRAL FALL NATIONALS
Bettendorf, IA 319-373-2169

LEGEND

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



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

















1984 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz Convertible:

Engine: 2,500 miles on Rebuilt 4.1L 249Cl 135 HP V8. Transmission: 4-Speed Automatic. One of 3,300 built! Contact Bob for lots more photos! \$9,000

512-619-9136 or <u>barneyr70@gmail.com</u>

Liquidation Sale:



Gary 512-629-7377 or txtns@hotmail.com



Remanufactured GM Starter:

Duralast DL3627S block/offset pattern. New November 2020; installed it, ran for a while, replaced it with mini-starter (due to headers). **\$50** Leif Allred 512-350-3825