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# *The Steering Column*

What can you say about the ever-changing weather in central Texas? Beginning this month, it should be warming and more consistent, so easier to plan an outdoor outing. With that said, this is a perfect time for you to select a month and volunteer to host a mini tour.

Due to a scheduling conflict at the restaurant, our monthly meeting will be the *third* Tuesday of March which is one week later than normal. So, we will be meeting in-person at the Catfish Parlour on Tuesday, March 15th.

Here's to a much happier and more positive year in 2022. Hope to see everyone at Catfish Parlour on March 15th. Here's to good health and good friends!

Greg Herbert, President CTR-AACA



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# Secretary's Report

## Minutes of Road Relics Virtual Meeting February 8, 2022 (via ZOOM)

*Submitted by Sue Graner, Secretary CTR-AACA*

**Meeting** The meeting was officially called to order at 7:10pm by President Greg H.

**Membership** Wayne said there were no renewals in the last three weeks.

**Secretary's Report** Wally G. made a motion to accept last month's minutes and George B. seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the report was accepted as written.

**Treasurer's Report** Bob R. made a motion to accept the report and it was seconded. We all voted to accept the Treasurer's Report as written.

**Sunshine Report** Vic is experiencing some back pain. We'll all send healing thoughts his way.

**Website** Rich was not present at this time for an update. He does try to include lots of photos so feel free to send in your favorite pictures.

**Newsletter** Leif published the Texas Tour Agenda in the most current newsletter. He asked for articles, stories, and contributions. He said that there was also room in the classifieds for ads.

### Upcoming Events

2/12/2022 Burnet, TX  
Motorheads Mini-Tour

2/26/2022 Georgetown, TX  
The Car and Airplane Show will be at the Georgetown Airport. This year it will include a swap meet

3/5/2022 Cedar Park, TX  
Rock n' Rides car show

3/31/2022 Harlingen, TX  
Annual Texas Tour

4/28/2022 Fort Worth, TX  
Pate Swap Meet  
at Texas Motor Speedway  
→



Early Tow Vehicle – 2 Horsepower



# Secretary's Report

## Past Events

The Georgetown "Pistons on the Square" is the 3rd Saturday of every month.

## Pate Swap Meet

There is a campground nearby for those wishing to stay there.

The Pate Directors will meet 4/19/2022 to announce the amount of each Region's check from last year's meet; checks will be issued at the meet and then again for the current year in September.

## Member's Projects

Bob R. knows a guy who has 27 old cars that his wife is trying to sell. They're all from the 40's, 50's and 60's – one being a 465 Oldsmobile with 9,000 miles (year unknown) and original Fingerhut seat covers.

Joe told a story about Joe Thomas and his 200 vehicles who is located about 30 miles past Brenham.

**Presentation** Greg presented a short virtual program titled

"Remembering the Past" that was made up of lots of interesting photos ranging from crash test photos to a coffin nosed Cord, barn finds, and a Valentine's reminder.

**Meetings** We discussed returning to live meetings at the Catfish Parlour and voted unanimously to do so.

**Adjourn** George made the motion and Wally seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

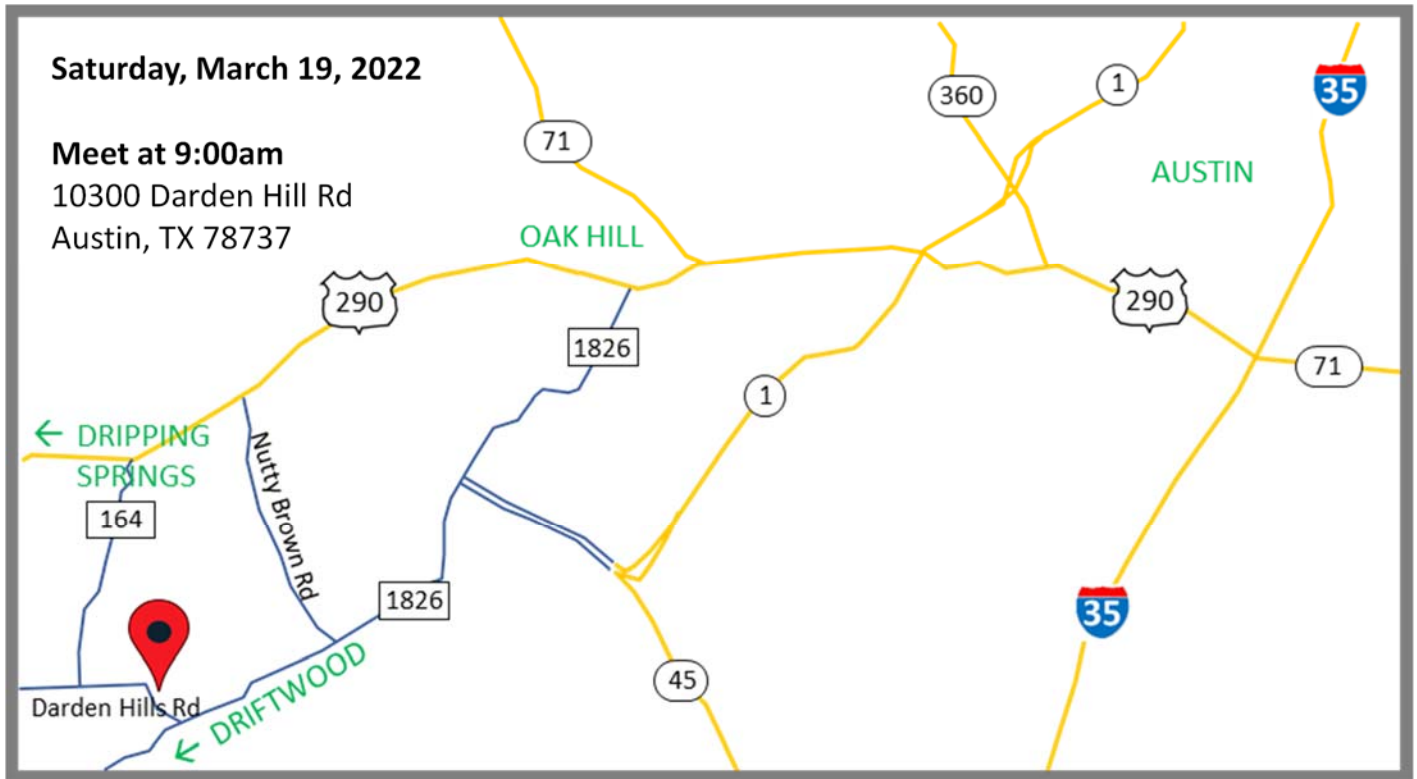


SCREENSHOT BY LEIF ALLRED

Los Angeles Junkyard – 1926

# Upcoming Events

## Bingo Mini-Tour by Joe and Lizette Peter



- ☐ **San Marcos Air Museum**  
Commemorative Air Force Central Texas Wing  
<https://www.centraltexaswing.org/>
- ☐ **Lunch at Whizzerville Hall**  
Texas Pizza Paradise
- ☐ **Bingo Tournament**  
Hosted by Joe and Lizette Peter





# Past Events

## Motorheads Mini-Tour

by Leif Allred

Friday, February 11 was gorgeous! It was clear and sunny and warm enough to work outside in shorts and a t-shirt. Even Sunday, February 13 was quite nice. However, those were not the days of our mini-tour! We ventured out on Saturday, February 12 when it was cold and cloudy and windy and had a slight threat of rain – maybe even sleet in some areas as was reported. The weather did put a cloud over the number of antique vehicles but not the fun. A hush was placed on outward complaining about the freezing winds when Rich pulled up in an open car.

The participants included Leif Allred, Rich Bassemir, Paul and Ronnie Burt, Karl and Jeanne Frank, Vern Hancock, Wayne Heikkila, Greg Herbert, Lizette Peter and her friend Katie, and Bob and Karen Ross. Starting at Liberty Hill's QT (where we can get non-ethanol gas – and refill our gas cans), the tour leader gave most everyone a chance to warm up but then stopped at Shin Oak Observation Deck for a group photo. This is the north side of Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge which has about 10 miles of nature trails and blinds for bird watching. From there, we wound around the hill country through Marble Falls and on Park Road 4's roller coaster ride to Longhorn Cavern State Park where we had about an hour to look around. →



Hill Country Motorheads – Burnet, TX



Temperature Control: On and Off; Too Cold; Too Cold or Roast Your Feet



# Past Events

→ The state park has buildings that were created in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) and features an interesting movie depicting life in the thousands of camps that existed. That worked up an appetite for the dramatic 5-minute trip to Hoover's Valley Café for lunch.

The focus of the mini-tour was a visit to Hill Country Motorheads Motorcycle Museum where a \$5 group admission is good for a month of return visits. In addition to hundreds of motorcycles, mini-bikes, posters and history, the museum has a "man-cave" with couches, pool table, and coffee bar and will host parties or meetings. Their shop was also open to see some current restorations and future projects. It is really an amazing place!

A small contingent made the final leg of country roads and completed the 86-mile mini-tour. The day was very satisfying and left a desire to return to Burnet for cave exploration, antiques shopping, and more motorcycles.



PAUL BURT

Action Shot



LEIF ALLRED

Motorcycle Museum



LEIF ALLRED

Group Photo: Blustery Morning at Shin Oak Observation Deck

# From the Internet

## A Photo Album of Life in 1940s America

by JC Carter

There's a slide show titled "1940's unseen color photos." It's worth watching. Any of us who were born during that decade know how hard it was for our parents struggling to make ends meet. My father joined the military after working for the CCC and then onto working on the enlistment train traveling across America picking up and transporting inductees for military service.

From the farm workers in Florida in 1941 to 1943 where a sailor and his girlfriend are standing in front of the tomb of the unknown soldier to the crowd of oil field workers in Beaumont, Texas. From the small town of Cascade, Idaho which seemed to have more stores selling beer than anything else. To a beach in Chicago during 1946, where people

were enjoying the war finally being over. And in Clinton, Iowa, where all the 'Rosey the Riveters' were enjoying a lunch in 1943 while their men folks were across the ocean, fighting to keep the world free from communism. And then jumping to Coney Island in 1948 where the bathing beauties were sunning themselves in the warm sand.

And then on to 1944 where a group of soldiers are eating a meal on preparation for the D-Day landing. Then back to some farmers in 1941 enjoying a libation after a hard day's work. The rest you'll hafta see for yourselves by watching the video. I found it enlightening. The site is titled "1940s UNSEEN Color Photos-A photo Album of Life in America." The link is below.



7:35 minutes LINK→ <https://youtu.be/wE7GIDKf9FA>



# Collectibles

## Toy Stories

*Text and Photos by DJ Stamp*

Those who have been to the house know my toy collection is extensive. The Dinky Toys cabinet is just one of the display cases – albeit a rare and desirable one. Although a large portion of it consists of 1/43 scale diecast cars, over the years it has grown to include plastic, steel, wood and plaster cars, trucks, boats, planes and more. As a child, I used to ride my bike down to the hobby shop next to the library in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and look at the Corgi and Dinky Toys through the window. When I made enough money from mowing lawns and shoveling walks, I'd go buy

one. I only wish I had kept more of my original toys. I'm going to try and do some articles on some of my more unique toys. If you have any requests, please let me know.

This month we'll look at a car I believe to be quite rare. Mettoy was a British company established by German émigré Philip Ullmann and South African-born German Arthur Katz who had previously worked for Ullmann at his toy company Tipp and Co. Tipp was a German manufacturer of lithographed wind-up toys. Mettoy produced metal and →



**DJ's Toy Box – Collector Cars in a Collectible Case**

# Collectibles

→ plastic toys starting around 1933 then merged with Playcraft in 1956 and became Corgi. They produced the 1/43 scale diecast cars that I used to play with.

This car caught my attention because I had never seen a tin lithograph Corgi Toy. I believe this to be a transitional vehicle as they moved from producing wind up tin to diecast. Corgi diecast cars can be quite innovative – I have a 1963 Buick Riviera that has working headlights and taillights via an interior mirror and prism system. I have never seen a wind-up Corgi Toy.

The only identification I have for this car is the box as the car is unmarked. The paint fade and rubbing is consistent with the fading on the box. The car is a tin lithographed wind-up. I have shared a picture of it with a 1/43 scale Corgi diecast car for comparison. The Rambler Marlin was produced from 1966-69 and features opening doors and full interior with partially rolled up windows. It was also offered in a gift set with a kayak on the roof and pulling a trailer. I can only guess the vintage of my wind-up car to be circa 1956 – give or take a few years. It could be much earlier. Perhaps the Corgi Toys name was used at an earlier date and resurfaced in 1956. The history of the company is cloudy and we may never know. I have seen similar reproduction cars made in China and I do appreciate them when they are appropriately marked.

If you liked this article and want more toy stories, let me know. On the other hand, if you would rather not see this in the newsletter let me know so I can utilize my spare time on the deck or in the boat of the upcoming lake house. [Ed: keep 'um coming, DJ]



**Corgi Toys in Original Box – Soup Not Included**



**Rambler Marlin in 1/43 Scale**



**The End**



# *In The Garage*

## **Designing a Shop**

*by the club telling Rich Bassemir what he needs to do when constructing a new garage*

If you were challenged with spending someone else's money on a shop, what would you include? During a previous monthly meeting, this question was posed to the members and the answers continued far into dessert time. Here is a list of "must haves" for a workshop:

- ☐ Whatever size you finally decide upon, make it bigger
- ☐ Door in front and back (to allow driving through and good air exchange)
- ☐ 12-foot high ceilings (at least)
- ☐ Roll up doors with a chain loop for manual operation (should you lose power)
- ☐ Partition wall to segregate dusty tools and work from the car garage
- ☐ Two-stage compressor
  - Install the compressor outside of the shop (cuts down on noise and heat)
  - Small overhang over the compressor to keep it out of the elements
- ☐ Vehicle Lift
  - Two-post lift frees the wheels for brake work (four post lift rails offers something to constantly bang head against – although some park another car under it)
  - Suggest a 6-inch thick concrete floor under the lift
- ☐ Consider an I-Beam with a hoist for pulling engines or raising bodies
- ☐ Smooth finished walls and surfaces for easy clean-up
- ☐ Good ventilation (so you can run an engine in it)
- ☐ Air conditioning (it is Texas, after all)
- ☐ Bright lights (LED preferred over old fluorescent)
- ☐ Storage for spare parts and tools
- ☐ Epoxy (coated and sealed) floor
- ☐ Fire extinguishers
- ☐ 220V service



RICH BASSEMER

# Barn Finds

## eBay Barn Find

by Vern Hancock

Yes, it is still possible to locate rust free barn finds. This 1963 Universal CJ-5 Jeep was stored in the Colorado plains. I'm currently compounding the brown paint. The hardtop paint will obviously need updating. I will have more details at the March meeting.



VERN HANCOCK

**1963 Kaiser-Jeep CJ-5 Universal Jeep**

Manufactured by Jeep in United States | 2-door open body type | 4x4 part-time (permanent rear, front engaged manually) | manual 3-speed gearbox | gasoline – naturally aspirated | engine: Willys "Hurricane" F-Head 134 cui inline 4-cylinder | power: 75 hp, torque: 114 lb-ft | length: 135.5 in, width: 71.7 in, height 69.5 in, wheelbase: 81 in | curb weight: 2273 lbs | top speed: 60 mph | acceleration: 0-60 mph in 22.2 s | 1963 base price \$2,109 | CJ = Civilian Jeep

Reference: <https://www.automobile-catalog.com/make/jeep/cj-5/cj-5/1963.html>



# 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



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## Mini-Tours

Lead a Mini-Tour!

Sign up for an open month →

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# National News

## National News, Notifications, and Nudges

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

### Antique Automobile Club of America

America's premier resource for the collectible vehicle community!

New "AACA News" landing page:

Since its inception, there has been something about the sight, sound, and feel of the automobile that stirs the imagination and the desire to experience the freedom of the open road. Whether it's the clatter of the single cylinder brass era car or the heavy thumping of big block Detroit muscle cars that fuels the addiction, we are all kindred spirits. Vintage cars, trucks, buses, and motorcycles are our bond.

Since 1935, AACA has had one goal: The preservation and enjoyment of automotive history of all types. From Nationals (Meets) and Tours to Regional events, AACA is here to bring

enthusiasts together through exciting National activities, friendship, and *Antique Automobile* – an award-winning 100-page full color magazine.

We're glad you found us. Stay and "nose" around our website and forums. We have something for everyone. You don't have to own a vehicle or know how to turn a wrench. You can be involved at any level you wish. Whether it's joining our judging teams, doing research in our vast library, or taking the family through the excitement of a National Meet or Tour, the possibilities are endless.

So, spend time with us and others sharing your passion. Join up. It's less than the price of a tank of gas and lasts all year. Then check out our Regions and Chapters to find one near you. Get behind the wheel of AACA. We know you're going to love the ride.



## Letter From the Editor



Georgetown, TX – 2/19/2022

It was another cold morning at Pistons on the Square when my car that has a heater also had a sluggish battery. Next in line was the 1931 Ford – mostly because it was clean. Even after the 23-mile drive, I could still see my breath inside the car. The Model A, however, gets way more attention thus I stayed nearby talking to my neighbors and making new friends. Little children got to sit in the car – except that boy that wouldn't put away his electronic mother (grandma's phone) – including two early teen girls who were ecstatic pretending they were moonshiners. This event is such an easy way to meet up with other car enthusiast – it's all the club benefits without bylaws, dues, or responsibility!

*Leif*



# Calendar

**March 5, 2022 (rain date) 10:30am-2:30pm**  
11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CAR AND AIRPLANE SHOW  
Georgetown Airport

**March 6, 2022 12:00pm**  
CHILI COOK-OFF and CAR SHOW  
Candlelight Ranch – Marble Falls, TX  
[KerryOrr@aol.com](mailto:KerryOrr@aol.com)

**March 10-12, 2022**  
WESTERN SPRING NATIONALS  
Las Vegas, NV 717-534-1910

**March 15, 2022 7:00pm (earlier for food)**  
MONTHLY MEETING (in person)  
Catfish Parlour – South  
4705 E Ben White Blvd, Austin, TX 78744

**March 19, 2022 Bingo Mini-Tour**  
Austin, TX – see page 5

**March 20-26, 2022**  
FOUNDERS TOUR (1932-1997)  
Mobile, AL 251-402-1427

**March 26, 2022 9:00am-2:00pm**  
GRANITEFEST CAR and TRUCK SHOW  
Granite Shoals City Hall Complex  
2221 N Phillips Ranch Road  
Preston Williams 830-613-8911  
<https://granitefest.com/>

**March 31 - April 3, 2022**  
68<sup>TH</sup> TEXAS TOUR

**April 7-9, 2022**  
SOUTHEASTERN SPRING NATIONALS  
Charlotte, NC 707-847-4215

**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  
[www.lonestarroundup.com/](http://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

**June 16-18, 2022**  
EASTER SPRING NATIONALS  
Beckley, WV 681-220-8186

**August 11-13, 2022**  
CENTRAL FALL NATIONALS  
East Moline, IL

**September 10-16, 2022**  
SENTIMENTAL TOUR  
Gettysburg, PA

**October 15, 2022 9:00am-2:00pm**  
GEARHEADS 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL OPEN CAR SHOW  
[www.budagearheads.com](http://www.budagearheads.com)

**November 5, 2022 Mini-Tour**  
BELMONT VILLAGE SIDEWALK PARTY  
Austin, TX

**November 12, 2022 Mini-Tour**  
WINGS and WHEELS FLY-IN  
Kingsbury, TX – Pioneer Flight Museum

## LEGEND

☐ Monthly Meetings

☐ Special Events

☐ Road Relics Mini-Tours

☐ National Meets and Tours

☐ Local (unofficial) Events

# FOR SALE BY OWNER

Club Classified Ads

## 1936 Ford Coupe:

Project Car – Dallas Area

Contact: Steve Radhorn

[radtec10@hotmail.com](mailto:radtec10@hotmail.com)

No engine; needs restoration; all parts are there in buckets and bins; price is extremely negotiable as we are not going to restore it.

**\$\$ Make us an offer!**



## Miscellaneous Tools and Stuff:

Tire irons and that thing; brake calipers; Ford script oil can; 6VDC electric fuel pump; Coca-Cola bottle opener (in original box)

**\$ Donation to the Club (Beebe)**

Leif Allred 512-350-3825

FenderTalk@outlook.com

## Liquidation Sale:



Gary 512-629-7377 or [txtns@hotmail.com](mailto:txtns@hotmail.com)