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# *The Steering Column*

It is summer already. If you have school-aged children or grandchildren, summer means three months of kids at home with time on their hands. For the rest of us, our day-to-day routine may not change much the next three months, but “summer” still has a nice ring to it. Check the club calendar for the Chili Cookoff on June 18th and the Ice Cream Social in July. For the Chili Cookoff, you can enter and compete for bragging rights, or just come for lunch and enjoy the food. These weekend events are a great time to get together with other club members and talk about old cars and just relax.

Hope to see everyone at Catfish Parlour on, Tuesday, June 14th. Here's to good health and good friends!

Greg Herbert, President CTR-AACA



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# Secretary's Report

## Minutes of Road Relics Monthly Meeting

May 10, 2022

*Submitted by Ronnie Burt*

**Meeting** The meeting was called to order by President Greg at 7:00pm.

**Secretary's Report** A motion by Bob R. and seconded by George B. to accept the minutes as written from the April meeting was voted on and approved. Ronnie Burt captured meeting minutes.

**Treasurer's Report** Duane reported that the club finances are in very good shape. Two members paid their dues during the month. The motion to approve was made by Karen R. and seconded by Jim R. and the report was approved by unanimous vote.

**Sunshine Report** Ronnie B. reported that, unless anyone had heard otherwise, no members were reported ill or in need of a card from the club.

**Newsletter** Leif thanked all those who have contributed, including Barbara's and Wayne's report on the Texas Tour held in Harlingen.

### Upcoming Events

- A chili cookoff will be held at Greg's house on June 18 beginning at noon. Signup sheets were passed around – one for attendees, one for contestants.
- Independence Day Parade – Wimberley, TX.
- The 2023 Texas Tour will be held in Schulenberg.
- An Ice Cream Social will be at George's house on July 9 at 1:00 pm.


**Member Projects** Gary and Barbara have sold their garage property and have 10-20 vehicles to remove by the end of this month. If anyone is interested in project cars, please contact Gary.

### Past Events

- Gary B. reported on the Lonestar Round-Up held every April in Austin.
- Chester noted that a good show in Shiner called Shiner Under the Trees had about 75 cars.
- Leif reported on the Georgetown Sun City show that was nice in that it had indoor facilities.

**Meeting** We had four member's "Activities Prior to Age 18?" and "Who Am I?" guesses throughout the meeting. We learned that (1) Lynda R. was, among other things, a cheerleader and a 4H member; (2) and that Pat S. collected all things Betty Boop; (3) that Joe P. was in theater (but evidently didn't care for it); and (4) that Greg's grandfather grew up in the same neighborhood with Harlan Sanders and Foster Brooks and Greg remembered meeting them when he was around age 10. Interesting facts all!

**Program** DJ thanked the volunteers who worked Pate this year and showed off various pictures of events taking place prior and during the show. Included were the varied and unusual items sold at Pate.

**Adjourn** There was no break during the meeting. However, cobbler was brought in and enjoyed right after the meeting concluded at 8:00pm by the president. 



## Past Activities

# Pate Swap Meet 2022

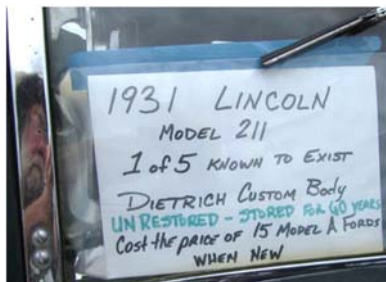
*By DJ Stamp, Director and Pate Representative*

Thanks to all our volunteers!!!!

The 50th anniversary Pate Swap Meet is history. Opening up new spaces in the grass area adjacent to the main swap meet grounds was quite successful and we sold over 9,700 total spaces, which is the most ever. We have already sold over 7,200 spaces for 2023 so we should set another record next year. It may be an automotive swap meet but you can find most anything there.

For those not familiar with Pate, it is one of the largest automotive swap meets in the world. It “officially” runs from Thursday through Saturday on the last weekend in April at the Texas Motor Speedway north of Fort Worth. There are 13 sponsoring car clubs of which Central Texas Region AACA is one of two of those organizations that perform free parts hauling.

Pat and I usually arrive on Monday but we held off a day this year due to rain. Delays kept us from arriving early and we finally showed up around noon on Tuesday. Chester Toothman, Greg Herbert, Vic and Jan Donnell and George Brunner had already checked out our carts and were helping get our trailers from storage. Some vendors were already set up on Tuesday and, by Wednesday, the grounds appeared to be over half full. →





# Past Activities

→ The meet was pretty full by Thursday and very busy, keeping our haulers moving all day. Friday was also quite busy – Saturday a little less – perhaps because we had some parts hauling help from the escorts. Weather during the meet was near ideal with no rain. I wasn't able to get over there much but it looked like a couple hundred cars in the car corral. I hauled the largest item I had ever hauled at Pate – a full size metal longhorn steer.

Greg Herbert, Joe Peter and Lynda Rankin did a great job keeping the club fed – cooking on John Anderson's grill. Joe and Greg did double duty by also hauling parts. Other volunteers included: Leif Allred, Adriana Meyer-Alonzo, Gary and Barbara Baker, Rich Bassemir, Wendell Bell, Vern Hancock, Vern's Helicopter flight instructor buddy, Wayne Heikkila, Lizette Peter, Duane Pufpaff and Jim Rankin. Special thanks to Bob Ross for running HQ during the entire meet!!!! →



DJ STAMP



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# Past Activities

→ The club sales booth, ran by Pat Stamp, was quite busy selling things for club members who brought items to offload. The largest sale was Rich Bassemir's go-kart which found a new home to an older guy who drove it away. Pat and DJ sold a bunch of old toys and some of Wayne Heikkila's parts found new homes.

By the time I emerged from the board of director's meeting on Saturday after 5pm, the meet was just about over. We packed up the club spaces into the trailer and then went out to eat. On Sunday morning, we returned the trailers to the storage unit – folded them up and put them away. As we were doing that other members were returning our carts and we had it pretty well licked by 11am.

Although we kept our carts active, some drivers might like a little more break time so please consider volunteering next year. This event is the main contributor to our treasury which allows us to sponsor other events. Even if you can only make a day please come join in the fun!!!!



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# Upcoming Activities

## Club Chili Cook-Off

by Greg Herbert

When: Saturday, June 18th, at 12:00 Noon

Where: Greg and Nancy Herbert's house  
5704 Wilder Ridge  
Austin, TX 78759  
(512) 923-1505 (Cell)

There is always room for a little competition for bragging rights for the best chili. Save room for lunch so you can enjoy a bowl of chili, chili dogs, or Frito chili pie... along with corn bread, side dishes, and all the fixin's. Enjoy the shade and ceiling fans out back or relax inside with the air conditioning. Contact Greg if you would like to enter the competition. Anything goes - - Texas chili, vegetarian chili, chili with beans, and Louisiana chili. See you June 18th.



DANIEL LINK



# Member's Projects

## Tragedy with the LaSalle

*Text and Photos by Wayne Heikkila*

As I write this, I'm nursing my wounds from the incident with the LaSalle. After getting the car running, I had a problem with it jumping out of third gear and needed to remove the transmission. However, to do that, I needed to remove the distributor and shaft to let the engine to drop down. I also wanted to remove the exhaust crossover and build a dual exhaust system for the car. It was just as easy to remove the intake and exhaust to use the manifolds as a pattern to build the new exhaust. After removing and changing the synchro's, I was ready to reinstall the transmission.

I spent several days installing the transmission and adjusting the shift linkage. On a Thursday morning, I went over to button up a few things and install the distributor and

shaft. I was surprised to find my friend Tracy home and wanting to help – and I was glad to have the assistance. The first thing we needed to do was bring the engine to Top Dead Center. I removed the number one plug and Tracy jumped in and pushed the start button to bump the starter over.

On the third bump, the engine started to crank over. As it cranked over, it sprayed gas all over the engine and me. I moved over to the passenger side to do what I could to stop the engine. But just as I leaned over the fender, the engine compartment went up in a big ball of flames. I also went up in a ball of flames! My arms chest and head were on fire! I bolted out the door ripping my clothes off and ran to the garden hose to put myself out. Tracy was busy getting the fire extinguisher →





# Member's Projects

→ to put the fire out. Unfortunately, his 5-pound extinguisher was not enough to put out the fire. When I came back in to help fight the fire, I was able to get to the 5-pound extinguisher from the trunk of the LaSalle. This second extinguisher was enough to put out the flames.

Sadly, we could no longer stay in the garage. All we could do is stand outside and listen to the engine crank away. After the air cleared some, I ran in and hit the starter with a hammer and stopped the engine from cranking. After walking outside, we looked at

each other as we were both covered in a black ash. Upon taking a shower – and for the first time – I started to realize how bad I was burned on my right hand, left arm, chest, neck and scalp.

If it weren't for the fire extinguishers, we would have lost the whole garage. As for the LaSalle, there is major fire damage under the hood and front end. The engine is locked up at this time and I don't know how bad it is. Currently I'm working with my insurance. There will be more information later for how this works out.





# Around Town

## Georgetown Area Car Club – 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Car Show

*Report and Photos by Leif Allred*

The Georgetown Area Car Club put on their 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Car Show on the first really hot Texas Saturday at the Sun City Community Center. There was plenty of shade and grass in the tree-lined parking lot of this quiet neighborhood. Although overrun by golf cart gangs, this event is done

right with music, sponsors, and food and is purposefully kept small and quaint. The Volkswagen Beetle was an all-original preservation and the Dodge “Lil Red Truck” was probably the most perfect vehicle restoration I’ve ever seen. Dog owners should also have to walk barefoot too. →



**GTACC's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Car Show – May 5, 2022 – Sun City, TX**



# 1931 Cadillac

→ As always, there is a gem that some antique vehicle hoarder has been hiding in their garage and blesses the show by bringing it out. The GTACC show in Sun City had this 1931 Cadillac 370A Twelve Boattail Convertible Coupe unassumingly parked in the shade of an oak. NADAGUIDES.com estimates its value to be somewhere between \$174,400 to \$264,300.

## Specifications:

Wheelbase: 140 inches

Engine: 368 cu in V12, 135 HP

Weight: 5,005 pounds

Price in 1931: \$4,045

Reference: Encyclopedia of American Cars From 1930, 60 Years of Fascinating Automotive History, 1993, Publications International, Ltd., Page 126.



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1931 Cadillac 370A Boattail Convertible Coupe – May 5, 2022 – Sun City, TX



# *In the Community*

## **Clubs and Cars in Community Contact**

*by Leif Allred*

Pistons on the Square was pushed out a week in support of the Senior Parade. With such proximity to Sun City, some joked that the parade was going to last all day long. The Georgetown High School started this parade during the pandemic and has continued the tradition with students sticking out of sun-

roofs, on the seat backs of convertibles, in papasan chairs in the beds of trucks, and a mix waving from other decorated antiques and modern cars. One parent had a sign: "He's now the Navy's Problem!" It was touching to see family and friends and the town support the graduating seniors. →



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**Pistons on the Square – May 28, 2022 – Georgetown, TX**



# *In the Community*



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**1950 Packard Wedding Getaway Car – May 28, 2022 – Florence, TX**

→ Pistons on the Square commenced on the last Saturday of May. Prominently displayed along Austin Avenue were 9 antique BMWs – obviously organized enough to park together and make a big showing. Like a club! On the east side were gathered 4 Volkswagens – our friend Alex's convertible, two bugs, and Russ's bus. These are part of the VW club that always made it to our Father's Day Car Show. I drove my 1970 Chevrolet and parked next to my friend's 1972 Ford Custom Camper truck with his grandfather in a 1983 El Camino and John Hubler's 1967 Camaro. These guys need an active club to join. Many involved that morning moved on to an impromptu Memorial Day Parade for the residents of

Wesleyan Assisted and Independent Living centers in Georgetown. Maybe our club will drive the seniors in 2023!

Meanwhile, the 1950 Packard was all dressed up for its first wedding and served as the getaway vehicle for a young couple that just graduated from Mary Hardin Baylor University. Held at a 6Branch in Florence, the majority of the reception attendees were young college students that swarmed the car for selfies and posts. Others, including the venue, want that car for future events. All of the makings for sustaining the antique car hobby are present – youth, enthusiasm and interest. They just need our club engaged in the community.



## *Letter From the Editor*

It's not just about catfish. *Leif*

# Membership

## Dues

The National AACA dues are \$45 and Region dues are \$20. You may pay online or mail two checks. For any questions, please contact Wayne Heikkila at (512) 740-4212.



Pay by Mail:

1) \$45 payable to AACA

2) \$20 payable to CTR-AACA

Wayne Heikkila

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To pay online, please click [here](#):

## Club Merchandise

Vests	\$18
Club Shirts	\$15
Rain Ponchos	\$15
Ball Caps	\$15
Texas Flag Badge	\$2
CTR Window Sticker	\$1
2017/2019 FDCS T-Shirts	\$Offer



**Contact:** Adriana Meyer-Alonzo  
240-772-0377  
[np2014sa@gmail.com](mailto:np2014sa@gmail.com)



## Mini-Tours

Some would say that we're a food club that drives old cars – going from one restaurant to another along less traveled routes. Sign up to lead a mini-tour! [jlrarkin1961@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jlrarkin1961@sbcglobal.net)



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## Leaders

### President

Greg Herbert

### Vice President

John Anderson

### Treasurer

Duane Pufpaff

### Secretary

Sue Graner

### Directors

George Brunner

Vic Donnell

Wally Graner

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*



### It's Not the Mileage

By Fred Trusty

AACA Executive VP

In December I purchased a 1977 Cadillac with 52,000 miles from an AACA member in Hampton, VA and drove it 647 miles to my home in Louisville, KY. Having no issues on that trip, we decided to drive it on the 2022 Founders Tour in Mobile, AL. All was well until we were about 30 miles north of Mobile on I-65 and the engine died and we coasted over to the emergency lane. I opened the hood and not seeing anything unusual got back in, turned the key, and it started up. The next exit was only about ¼ mile, so we pulled into a gas station. The gas gauge was showing a ¼ tank, so I filled up. The car never died again. Now I know that ¼ tank really means “empty.”

The second day of the tour, we pulled into our first stop and, as I turned into the parking lot, I heard the power steering pump whining. One of the locals said there was a hardware store, grocery store, and a Dollar General store just down the road. All three stores were out

of power steering fluid so I called one of the Deep

South region members. Darrin brought me a bottle of power steering fluid. I Filled the reservoir, started the car, and there was a high-pressure leak in the hose when I turned the steering wheel. As most real men know, duct tape can fix anything, so we wrapped the line so that it wasn't spraying everywhere when we loaded it onto Darrin's trailer. We hauled the car to Darrin's shop about five miles away and luckily, the auto parts store had a power steering hose in stock. Normally, this would have been a ten-minute job, but the open-end wrench couldn't break the fittings loose, so we had to cut the line at both ends and use a 6-point socket with a breaker bar to break the fittings loose.

I learned several things from this adventure. Get to know all the little idiosyncrasies of your car, especially one you have just purchased. Even though you have a very low mileage car, some items like belts and hoses are subject to age rather than mileage so keep spares with you on a long trip. You can always depend on AACA members to come to the rescue.



### AACA Mileage Award Program (MAP)

The Mileage Award Program has been established to recognize AACA members who drive an AACA-approved vehicle throughout the calendar year. Participation is voluntary and tracking mileage is the owner's responsibility; although subject to review. It is

intended that all activity and mileage will be governed by the vehicle's owner. Any time a vehicle is driven – anywhere for any reason – the mileage counts towards the award level. Miles where the vehicle is towed do not count towards the total driving miles. For additional questions, please contact Sherm Carey: [shermcarey@gmail.com](mailto:shermcarey@gmail.com)



# Calendar

**June 14, 2022 7:00pm (earlier for food)**  
MONTHLY MEETING (in person)  
Catfish Parlour – South  
4705 E Ben White Blvd, Austin, TX 78744

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

**June 18, 2022 12:00 Noon**  
CLUB CHILI COOK-OFF (See Page 8)  
Austin, TX

**June 19, 2022 9:00am-2:00pm**  
FATHER'S DAY CLASSIC CAR CRUISE-IN  
Sponsored by Stephanie Nichols  
The Vineyard at Florence  
111 Via Francesco, Florence, TX 76527



**July 4, 2022 7:00am – 2:00pm**  
INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE  
Wimberley, TX

**July 9, 2022 1:00pm**  
ICE CREAM SOCIAL  
Austin, TX

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

**September 10-16, 2022**  
SENTIMENTAL TOUR (1928-1958)  
Gettysburg, PA



**September 18-23, 2022**  
RELIABILITY TOUR (1915 AND EARLIER)  
Shepherdsville, KY

**September 25-30, 2022**  
REVIVAL AAA GLIDDEN TOUR  
Princeton, NJ

**October 4-7, 2022**  
EASTERN FALL NATIONALS  
Hershey, 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

## WANTED:

1948-51 JEEPSTER

Driver quality to restored condition.

Contact DJ at 512-288-5121.



## 1948-1950 Packard Vacuum Tube AM Radio:

Missing the rear panel . . . because that's what I bought it for – to cannibalize the cover! Socket and swivel not included. **\$30**

Leif Allred 512-350-3825

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## 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)**

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## Reman GM Starter:

Remanufactured Duralast DL3627S block/offset pattern. New November 2020; installed it, ran for a while, replaced it with mini-starter. **\$50**

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## Liquidation Sale – Final Notice:



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