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The Steering Column

We just had a great time and a little competition at the club's Chili Cookoff. There is nothing better, after a bowl of chili, than some sweet, cold ice cream. And that is up next. It is time for the Ice Cream Social at George's Brunner's museum on Saturday, July 9th, beginning at 1:00pm. If you haven't visited the museum before, you are in for a real treat with an array of antique items that George has collected over many years. There is plenty of room for parking, shady places to sit outside, and air conditioning inside. Looks like another Saturday to get together with other club members and talk about old cars and just relax.

Hope to see everyone at Catfish Parlour on Tuesday, July 12th. 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

June 14, 2022

Submitted by Sue Graner, CTR-AACA Secretary

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

Membership Wayne indicated that 5 members renewed this month. No guests were in attendance this evening.

Secretary's Report Ronnie B. took the minutes in May during Sue's absence. Thanks, Ronnie, for doing such a good job. The minutes were published in this month's FenderTalk. Chester made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded and unanimously approved by the Club.

Treasurer's Report Duane P. said the check from 2021 Pate Swap Meet was received during the month so, with the additional income from renewals, the Club was in good shape for the year. The Club will set aside a sizeable sum for the upcoming Texas Tour in 2023. George B. offered a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Wally G. made the second, and the Club approved the motion to accept the report.

Sunshine Report Ronnie B. reported that Bob K. has been cleared of cancer, but now has a heart valve problem. Wayne H. is recovering from his burns caused by the fire in his garage.

Website Rich B. was not in attendance tonight. Be sure to send photos of your cars to Rich and Leif so they can keep the website and newsletter looking fresh.

Newsletter Leif said he sent emails to members who were behind in renewing their memberships. Wayne will write another article telling the rest of the story of his LaSalle's demise.

Upcoming Events

- June 18, 2022 Chili Cookoff at Greg's home at noon
- June 19, 2022 Car Show at Rockpointe Church – free; had about 150 cars last year in Leander
- July 4, 2022 Independence Day Parade in Wimberley
- July 9, 2022 Ice Cream Social at George's in south Austin 1:00pm – feel free to bring treats, volunteers are

needed, Greg will bring canopies, indoors at the museum or outdoors

- July 29-31, 2022 Swap Meet in Fredericksburg
- Spring 2023 Texas Tour sponsored by Schulenberg Chapter

Past Events

- Redeemer Lutheran Church on May 14, 2022
- Pistons on the Square in Georgetown
- Classic Chevy Show in Bastrop

Member Projects

- Wayne's LaSalle was a total loss; he'll update us on his dealings with the insurance company
- Joe P. just set his '53 Caribbean body on the frame
- D.J. and Pat own a lake house in Granbury and are fixing it up. He lost the clevis pin on his trailer while he was transporting new bedroom sets to the place. (Moral of the story: always carry a spare (or locking) clevis pin!)
- Gary B. is putting a new fuel tank in his '57 Chevy →


Secretary's Report

Meeting During the meeting, Greg decided to change formats from the questionnaire he had been using. The focus tonight was on the “real-world” definitions of a variety of tools, from Vise Grips to Drill Press, to Phillips Screwdriver, and the Wire Wheel.

Break Cobbler at 7:40pm

Program D.J. presented a video on the smallest production car in the World. The video was put out by Top Gear, a British program. The car is called the Peel P50, came out in 1963, would get 100 mpg, and weighed 198 lbs. You could drive it on a sidewalk and take it into some office buildings. I believe it was manufactured on the Isle of Man, just 40 miles off the coast of Wales. This was an excellent program that created a lot of conversation after it was shown. Thanks, DJ! Job well done!

Sign up with DJ to put on a program for the club meetings.

Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm 



Top Gear – Peel P50 – <https://youtu.be/dJfSS0ZXydo>

Past Activities

It was a Chili Day in June

by Greg Herbert

Twenty-six club members and three guests joined Nancy and me at our house for the club's Chili Cookoff. We live in a cul-de-sac, so parking a lot of vehicles is always interesting and usually creative. To create some space, I parked my truck in the neighbor's driveway, two houses over. Leif recognized my truck, so he parked his orange pickup behind mine. Bob recognized the bright orange truck and took the spot next to Leif. My neighbors were out of town, but they sent me a text with a picture from their security camera of Bob, Karen, and John standing on their front porch trying to get into their house. About the same time, Bob called me asking why we won't open the front door. Others tried the same thing without much success. Eventually, everyone made it to the right house. Parked cars sort of snaked through the cul-de-sac. Our neighbors enjoyed looking at the antique vehicles.

There were seven entries in the competition, and each was a different interpretation of chili. Some were spicy, one was vegetarian, some had beans, some did not. Everyone had an opportunity to sample each of the seven pots of chili. Then everyone loaded their plates and bowls with whatever they wanted as a →



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Past Activities



NEIGHBOR'S DOORBELL CAMERA VIA TEXT TO NANCY HERBERT

Right Party – Wrong House



LEIF ALLRED

As with many club events, we end up in the garage . . . where we found this beauty of a 1930 Model A Deluxe Roadster. Additionally, there were unicycles and a sweet spot in which to stand where the fan blows – also being the best spot to watch VHS on the CRT TV.

Past Activities

→ meal. There were lots of chili dogs, bowls of Frito chili pie, chili on cornbread, and straight up bowls of chili, with a side of Vern's guacamole and Greg's coleslaw. To top it off, there were numerous homemade cookies provided by Barbara, Jan, Pat, and Shelby, and homemade ice cream from DJ.

I invited a special guest to join us. Many of you have been on mini tours to Jay and Ruthie Burks' one hundred year old farmhouse many times over the past twenty years. Jay and his daughter Donna joined the group for lunch. Beginning in 1987, Jay and Ruthie were active in the club for many years. Jay was particularly excited about visiting with old friends in the club and swapping stories from the past, and he enjoyed meeting the newer members.

Now back to the competition, each of the seven chili entries was really good, and I had a hard time choosing my favorite. The competitors were Bob, DJ, Lynda, Joe, Karl, Shelby, and Greg. Each attendee had an opportunity to vote for his or her favorite. The voting was extremely close. And the winners were (insert commercial here) to be announced at the club meeting on July 12th. See you at the meeting.



1929 Ford Model A Tudor Sedan

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1956
Oldsmobile

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1970
Chevrolet

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Misleading parking: Leif's beacon behind the Host's vehicle . . . but in the neighbor's driveway

Parades

Independence Day Parade – Wimberley, TX

by Leif Allred

When: Monday, July 4th, 2022 7:00am
Meet: Wimberley High School Parking Lot
100 Carney Ln, Wimberley, TX 78676

RSVP: All 8 slots are currently filled. Email
or call me to be on the waiting list.
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Staging begins at 7:00am in the Wimberley High School parking lot where everyone must be there by 8:00am to get lined up. Judging begins at 8:30am so decorate accordingly! Additionally, previous participants advise posting the year and make of your vehicle in an obvious spot as that was a frequent question from parade spectators. No one may get in the line up or parking lot after 9:00am with the parade beginning promptly at 10:00am.

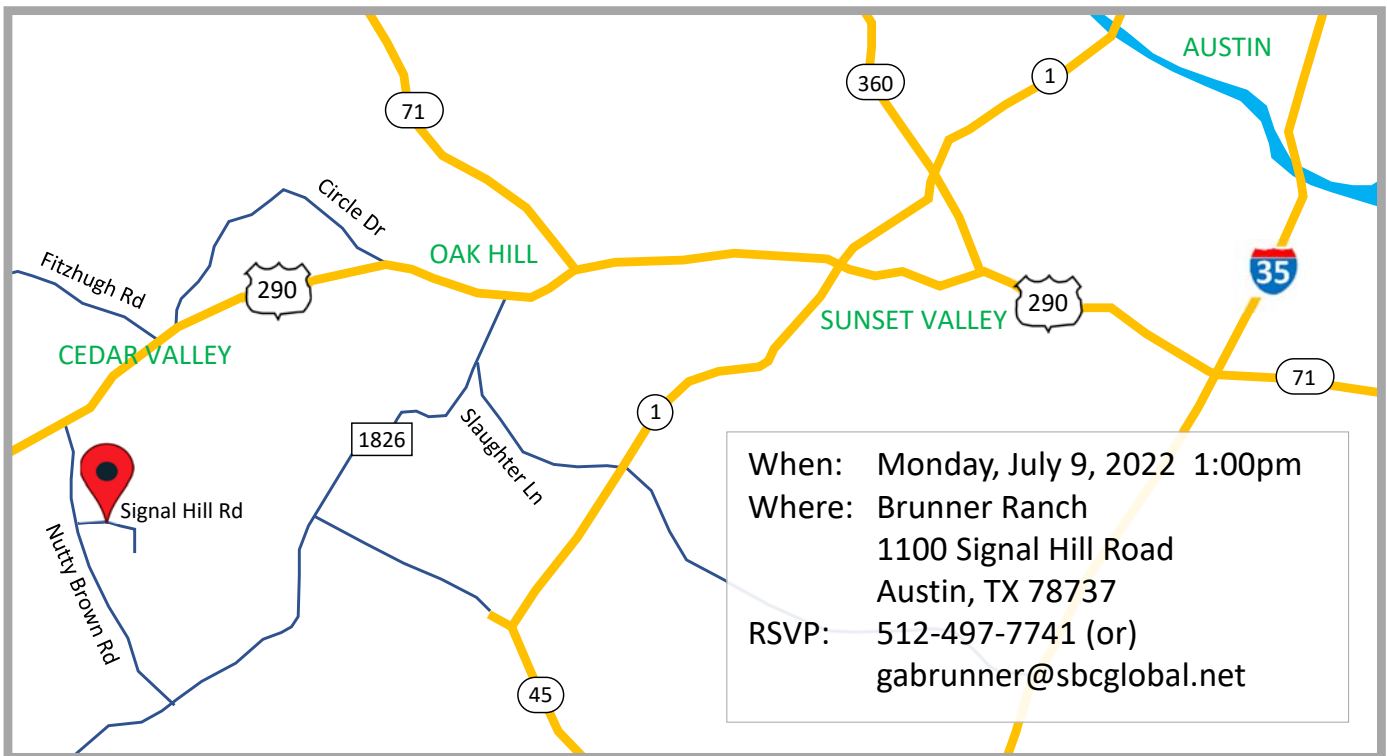
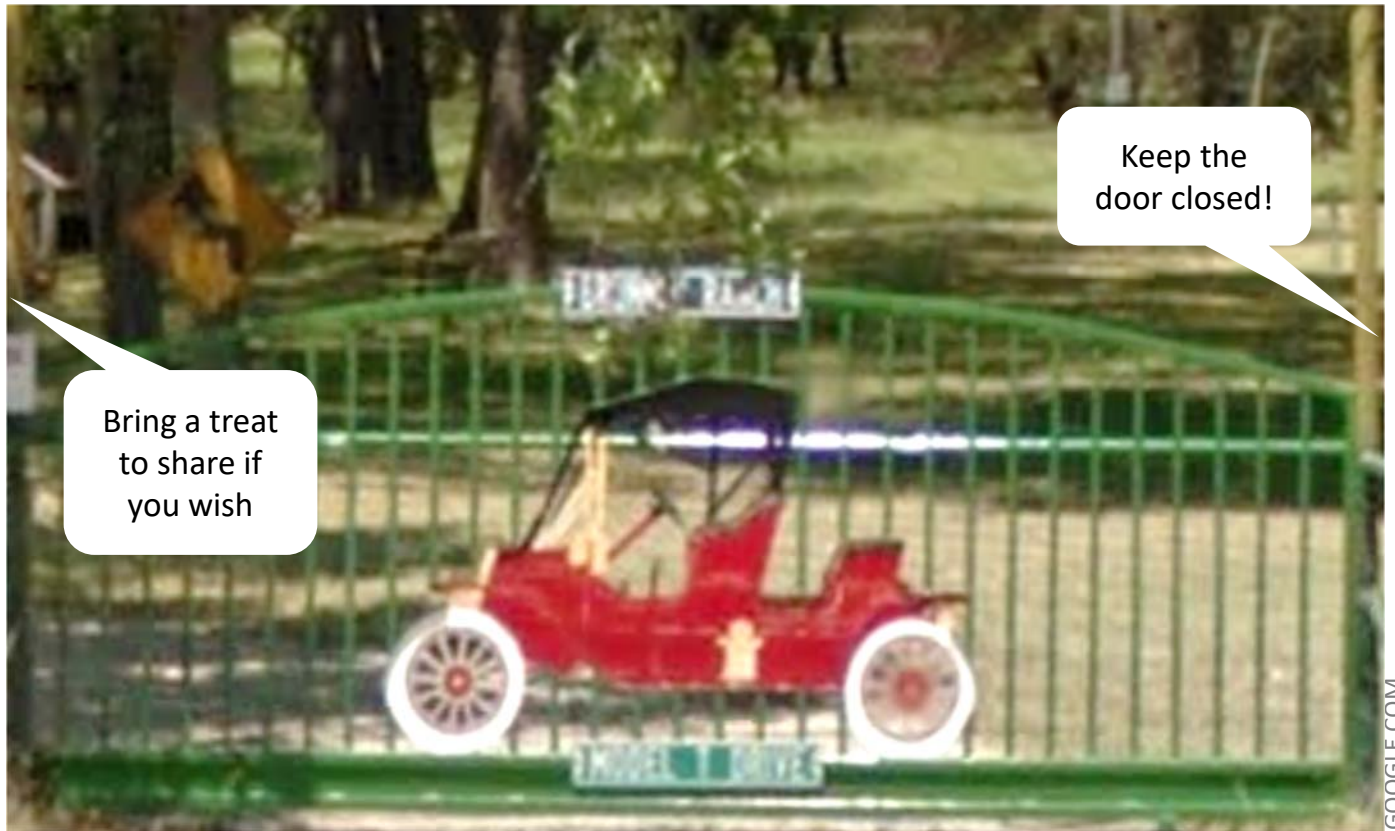
The parade lines up on FM 2325 and progresses south to turn right on RR 12, continues through the Square and ends at South River and Stillwater which is south of the Blanco River. Our club will continue south on RR 12 where it meets FM 32 at Milagro's Hill Country Tex Mex at a reserved table for lunch at noon. Following lunch, we may wind around the town to get back to the start or stop at Jean's Antique Mall (11552 RR 12) and chill while the roads clear.



Scenes from the 4th of July Jubilee Parade – July 5th 2021 – Wimberley, TX

Upcoming Activities

Ice Cream Social by George Brunner



Member's Projects

Tragedy with the LaSalle – Part II

by Wayne Heikkila

Exactly two weeks later, the insurance adjuster came out to assess the damage from the garage fire on the 1940 LaSalle. It was also the first time since that I had been back to look at the car. Together we spent over two hours going over the vehicle to find that the paint had bubbled all the way back to the trunk! All the new wiring, hoses, and belts under the hood were burned. The front bushings, shocks – even the front tires – had blistered from the heat. My newly rebuilt engine was completely seized and it could not moved even with a four-foot long breaker bar. The front headlights separated from the heat, the radiator leaks and I'm sure the water pump does also. It was hard to witness the damage and all the lost effort. I'm still hurting

physically from the burns and emotionally from the tragedy on the LaSalle. It took another two weeks to get the report back from the adjuster in which the damage exceeded the value of the car to be a total loss. I cleaned out the car and removed my 1940 license plates for it to soon be reclaimed by the salvage company. As I am currently looking around and thinking about what to replace it with, I'm reminded all the time that, when you're looking for a car, always purchase the nicest one you can find. I like all-original cars and it is only original once. Seriously thinking about an older restoration as I don't mind a little work, but, at this time, I'm just not ready to start over on a new project. I still am looking forward to our future tours. 🚗



1940 LaSalle's Final Farewell

On the Racetrack

My 200mph Prius

by John Tiemann

This is not a story about old cars or Corvettes but about my life in the fast lane of Open Road Racing.

In the late 90's, I started doing the rally event called Open Road Race and this is where a State Highway is closed off and the course is a check point between a start and finish line 60-100 miles apart. Cars are released one at a time and the object is to drive the distance (both ways) at the exact speed of your speed class.

Classes are based on Miles Per Hour and the speeds start at 100mph and go to a class called Unlimited. As you may guess, the Unlimited class is *How Fast* can you get to the finish. Speed, as with most addictions, ends in extreme behavior and my addiction was running the Unlimited Class over 200 mph in a race car.

I mention this in order to tell you the first part of the story (to quote Paul Harvey). As an upper level manager in one of the Semiconductor companies, I traveled a lot (almost every week) and many times to the head office in California with my admin arranging all my travel. On one occasion, she reserved my car and accepted a Toyota Prius for that California trip.

As was the custom, I would drive the rental car to lunch and one or more of my guys would ride along to save gas.

As a fast car guy, the performance of this electric slug did not go without comment on taking 15 seconds to reach 60mph on the 101 while being passed by every make of generic car and being a road hazard to the big rigs. My instructions to my admin on the next trip is NEVER book a Prius on any future trip. Not only is this an embarrassment to every respectable car guy but dangerous on any highway.

Now for the rest of the story. Several years later I decided to retire and with many mails of congratulations and retirement lunches in Austin and in California, I got multiple cards, gifts and one special gift →



Max Speed of 206mph – Note: photo taken at 0mph

On the Racetrack

→ from the core engineers that worked for me in Santa Clara. The special gift was a Die Cast model of the 2015 Prius (Ages 8+), lots of laughs and poking fun about the lack of performance.

Back to the Open Road Race addiction. In the first race after I retired in the desert of Nevada, I decided to finish the laugh session on the toy Prius. I put the model in the Race Car and took it for ride and get a good top end for the Prius. This event did not end as I intended, my GPS quit working about half-way through the run and my overall time was way off for the intended speed average. Before the GPS stopped working, it did record a top speed over 200mph and, with a quick

photo from the phone, the evidence was recorded for my bragging rights as to having a 200mph Toyota Prius.

The guys in the old office were impressed that the Prius made the ride and I had evidence to show the top speed of 206mph on May 15th, 2016. The pictures show the model with the car and a shot of the GPS. I have since stopped running the Unlimited race car and now I drive my Corvette in a very tame 120mph average and manage to keep the urge to get back in a true race car at bay and still get to see all the people I have raced with for more than 20 years.

So that is how you get a 200mph Prius!



John Tiemann and his 200mph Toyota Prius



Around Town

Father's Day Cruise In and Car Show – Florence, TX

by Leif Allred



Purposefully held to only 50 vehicles, the Stephanie Nichols' Father's Day Classic Car Cruise-In at The Vineyard at Florence was outstanding! Registration was free and the event was so well organized that it led to a very relaxing day of cars, food, family and fun. With staggered arrival times, being placed on the grassy field was simple and uncongested. In addition to having the restaurant for reservations, there was snack bar of hamburgers and hot dogs outside, a popcorn stand, and live music by The Jazz Daddies. The Vineyard also opened their air-conditioned wedding venue to the show as an owner's lounge. Awards of gift certificates

and wine were given out as chosen by the spectators with first place going to the 1959 Cadillac Series 62 Convertible – which was also Laura's choice. Tents were set up for extra shade but most of the people took to the chairs and swings under the many shady trees. Our friend Alex was paid a surprise visit from his son that traveled from Florida to share the afternoon with his dad. One of the best things about the show was that everyone arrived on time and then stayed put until the awards were complete. Parking on the grass with a gentle and constant breeze made the 100-degree day almost pleasant – no asphalt anywhere in sight!



The Vineyard at Florence – June 19, 2022 – Florence, TX

Around Town

Cadillac/LaSalle Club in Lakeway

by Sue Graner

Wally and I attended a Saturday luncheon of the Cadillac/LaSalle Club at MOD Pizza in Lakeway on June 11th. Besides ourselves (in our 1999 Fleetwood extended body), Ken Karrer attended, along with Larry Ross in his '31, Yanni Funk with his '59 Convertible, Mark Abrahams with his 50's Mercury Convertible (his '59 El Dorado is on its way to the shop), and Kurt Edmiston in his '63. We haven't been to a Cadillac Club meeting since the Nationals in 2018 in San Marcos. It was a really hot afternoon, but these folks turned out in their convertibles and un-airconditioned cars. On the way home it became apparent that we had a leak in our cooling system, so we too had to drive back with the windows down. Ugh!



SUE GRANER

Cadillac Club Luncheon – June 11, 2022 – Lakeway, TX

Pistons on the Square

by Leif Allred



June 18, 2022 – Georgetown, TX

There was a lot of excitement in Georgetown on the third Saturday in June. I had a colleague visiting from Bangalore, India who met me on the square to get a taste of American car culture. And what does he see? A partially restored tractor that apparently drove on down to the show. Afterwards, the fire department responded to a car fire which had flames spewing from under the engine compartment. It left on a tow truck. John Hubler made it almost home before losing all his coolant in a gas station parking lot. Now, aren't you sad you stayed home? 🚗

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

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National News

National News, Notifications, and Nudges

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



History of Auto Touring – Celebrating Women in History

By Jeff Broadus
Vice President - Marketing

They say behind every good man is a good woman. Did you know the first documented trip in a motorized vehicle was completed by a woman, not a man? Thanks to the absolute confidence of Bertha Benz in her husband and his invention, Karl Benz continued his work regardless of repeated setbacks. On January 29, 1886 his efforts were crowned with success: Karl Benz filed a patent application for his three-wheeled “vehicle powered by a gas engine”.

The world’s first long distance automobile journey, of sixty-two miles, was completed by Bertha Benz (wife of Karl Benz), inventor of the three-wheeled Patent motor car in 1888. The trip had proven the safety of the automobile

for travel. Although the automobile was still a novelty in America, Europeans were beginning to venture out in motorized vehicles. In doing so, they explored and considered several factors that influenced their routes and stops along the way. Important considerations included where fuel was available, what if the car required maintenance or needed repairs or what do to do to resolve something as simple as a flat tire.

Touring today takes into consideration many of the same factors. Today, tour groups around the world must consider maintenance of vehicles on the tour, fuel, accommodations, meals and entertainment. As early as 1910, several auto clubs had been established in both the United States and Abroad to support and promote these efforts. These clubs worked to improve driving conditions, pass safety laws, map desirable driving routes and, of course promote touring. How can the AACA support your touring efforts? Let us know.



Letter From the Editor

Kiran Shivashankar visited for work. In addition to riding bikes around Town Lake, playing Peter Pan Mini-Golf and hitting Hula Hut, he posted a ton of photos on socials – LOTS of old Mustangs, which apparently are very popular in India. It was like having a child: “don’t touch that, stop leaning on that fender, watch your rings!” – but he did find it fascinating. When’s the last time you asked the owner of a ‘56 Chevy what mileage it gets? I see this truck at Home Depot sometimes like it’s no big deal. We are truly fortunate in the U.S.

Leif



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Calendar

July 4, 2022 7:00am – 2:00pm

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

Wimberley, TX (see page 8)

July 9, 2022 1:00pm

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Austin, TX (see page 9)

July 12, 2022 7:00pm (earlier for food)

MONTHLY MEETING (in person)

Catfish Parlour – South

4705 E Ben White Blvd, Austin, TX 78744

July 30, 2022 9:00am-1:00am

STARS, STRIPES and EXHAUST PIPES

Classic Car Show and Bike Night

American Legion Post 533

3003 Loop 150E, Bastrop, TX

July 29-31, 2022 8:00am-5:00pm

HILL COUNTRY AUTO SWAP MEET

432 Lady Bird Drive

Fredericksburg, TX 78624

August 13, 2022 10:00am-2:00pm

COOL CARS FOR CANCER

Cabela's

15570 IH-35, Buda, TX

<http://www.facebook.com/coolcars4cancer/>

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 13TH ANNUAL OPEN CAR SHOW

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**

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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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Miscellaneous Tools and Stuff:

Tire irons and that thing; brake calipers; Coca-Cola bottle opener (in original box); assorted antique screw drivers, pliers, and wrenches – most with raised *Ford* script but without an actual bolt application size! It's not like you're not going back and forth trying to find the correct size anyway.

\$ Donation to the Club (Beebe)

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