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BOB ROSS



DJ STAMP



LEIF ALLRED

# *The Steering Column*

In the past few weeks, we have experienced something that we haven't seen for a couple months - - heavy rain and slightly lower temperatures. Leif is planning a cooler weather mini-tour on October 8th so watch for more details coming soon. Think about serving as an officer or director for next year to help bring new ideas forward for the future of the club. This is your chance to make a difference.

Hope to see everyone at Catfish Parlour on Tuesday, September 13th. Here's to good health and good friends!

Greg Herbert, President CTR-AACA



LEIF ALLRED



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# Secretary's Report

## Minutes of Road Relics Monthly Meeting

August 9, 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. was made to approve the minutes from the July meeting as written. Sue was not in attendance and minutes were taken by Ronnie.

**Meeting** At this point in the meeting, Greg provided a humorous story about his encounter with two black animals with white stripes down their back that he trapped when he was really after an armadillo that has taken to uprooting his yard. It was finally removed from his yard by a pro who was suited up for the occasion and was sprayed several times during removal. Greg said no more trapping for armadillos.

In lieu of member stories, Greg shared several jokes involving cars throughout the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** Duane reported that the club finances are in very good shape and that, financially, it

was a quiet month. Duane requested anyone with receipts to be turned in to please do so. The report was approved by unanimous vote. The motion to approve was made by Gary B. and seconded by Bob R.

**Sunshine Report** Ronnie reported that Karen had successful knee replacement surgery and is recovering nicely according to Bob. Jan reported that club member Roger Spiller has died. Leif reported that former member Mark Fulk has also died.

**Website** Rich B gave an update on the webpage. He

would like pictures and stories to add to the page, and also has plans to reinvigorate the Facebook page.

**Newsletter** Leif had a contest to find DJ in the latest newsletter and it was won by Ronnie B. Ronnie gave her prize to Paul who picked out a club shirt. Leif noted that the next newsletter will be light, but both he and Vic will do write-ups on Roger Spiller and Mark Fulk to be included in the September edition.

**Pate Swap Meet** Greg commented that Pate was having website difficulties. It had been shut down and a →



Paul and his club merchandise award (the shirt, not the Chevy)



# Secretary's Report

→ new webmaster has it up and running. Please go to: [www.pateswapmeet.com/](http://www.pateswapmeet.com/)

## Past Events

- Leif and Wayne attended Pistons on the Square in Georgetown.
- Gary B reported on a car show in Bastrop at the American Legion hall that was attended by approximately 60 cars and motorcycles.

## Upcoming Events

- 10/1 – Marble Falls show
- 10/29 – Taylor show
- 11/5 – Belmont Village
- 11/11-12 – Heroes and Hot Rods Veterans Day Car Show in Bastrop. Registration is now open with suggestion made to enter now as the show is limited to 400 vehicles with no “day of entry” registrations accepted. [bastropareacruisers.com](http://bastropareacruisers.com)
- 11/12 – Wings and Wheels in Kingsbury. This will be a club tour conducted by DJ.
- 12/11 – Club Christmas party at Maggiano's in the Domain at 1:00.
- 4/27-29/2023 – Pate Swap Meet, Texas Motor Speedway
- 5/18-21/2023 – Texas Tour, Schulenberg


## Member's Projects

- Wendell and Joe P have been working on Wendell's '29 Reo.
- John R asked if anyone had experience with odometer and/or speedometer work. He could use help on his '53 Ford F-100 pick-up. Gary B offered to help.
- George B was working on the brake lining on his '75 Corvette.
- Rich – a few months ago he asked for suggestions as to what to include on his new 1500 sq ft workshop. To date the land has been cleared and the permit to build is pending.
- Jim R is looking for a stepside tailgate that he

wants to turn into a bench.

- Also, Jim brought in a very nice Road Relics blanket for sale for \$40. [see Classifieds page 18]

**Program** After a short break for cobbler, the meeting resumed with Bob R presenting a slide show on the DeSoto automobiles from 1928 to 1961, the last year DeSotos were made. It was interesting to note that Chrysler tried out everything on the DeSotos first to see if they would work on the Chrysler. Nice presentation, Bob!

**Adjourn** The meeting was adjourned at 8:03. 



The Parlour's Complimentary Peach and Blackberry Cobbler

# *Secretary's Report*



LEIF ALLRED

**Jim and Lynda's 1957 Chevrolet Belair Hardtop at Catfish Parlour  
August 9, 2022 – a nice sunset if not for the sea of power lines**



# Member's Projects

## The Bottomless List

by Leif Allred

As many of us do, I keep a running list of household headaches and honeydooos and also repairs and restorations required on the rolling variety. Some would even say that "What you own, ends up owning you" --Tyler Durden. Regardless, whether truly antique, used, plain ol' old, or just shy of being modern (the newest being 2005), here's my active list.

**Radiator Leak** It has been repaired before by DNT who no longer is in business and extracting the unpressurized radiator requires removing the front apron, the hoods, the braces, and the shroud, which has the headlight and horn conduits routed through it. I know because I've already done this twice – once for the radiator and the other time for the water pump – and the last time the hoods never really lined up well. The price of a new radiator nearing \$800 kind of means I can put \$1 of water in it each time I drive it thus deprioritizing this to the bottom of the list.

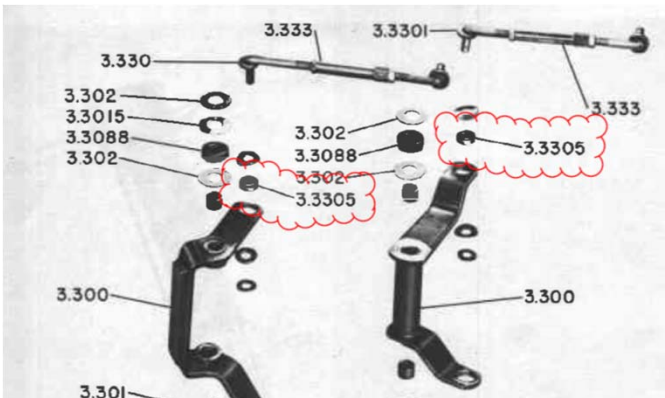
**Shift Linkage Bushing** If one hastily shifts from reverse into first, the shift lever may sometimes get stuck. Turns out the idler arm bushings are missing and who knows what else on this assembly until it is taken apart. Luckily, the parts are available as a kit – for

\$135 – roughly 5% of the car's original MSRP for this puny pack of pieces. I'll let y'all know how this goes in a future report.

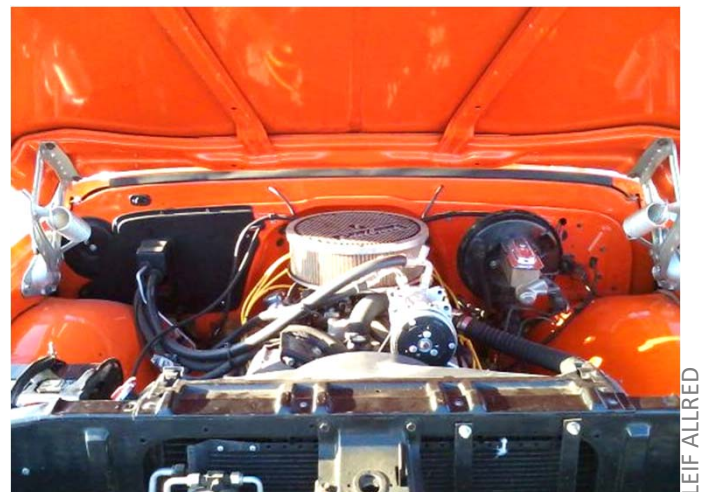


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**Air Conditioning and Power Steering** Apparently the shocks are connected to the power steering fluid because replacing the deflated rear shocks somehow made the radiator leak and then repairing that (and replacing the cracked shroud) led to a fuel pump leak to which replacing that mysteriously bled out all the refrigerant. Snowmageddon originally caused this leak and it has been limping along ever since. It's been a hot summer of topping off power steering fluid – obviously interrelated. →



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# Member's Projects

→ **Antenna Amplifier** I can deal with the big truck's air conditioning being out, but a daily driver with no music – now that's a problem! While waiting on parts, I've finagled some old blown mid-range speakers directly wired into the amp input to get me by.




**Oil Service** Of all the vehicles I've ever taken to a gas station, this is the one people most often offer to purchase. When I bought it new, it came with free oil changes for life. Little did they know that 19 years later I'd still be bringing it in for free service while never being upsold on other work and not trading it in for a new one. I once tried to get them to buy me out, but they declined.



**VIP Card: Lifetime Free Oil Service  
September 8, 2003**

**Passenger Mirror** The story is that a massive hawk took out the mirror. It was a raccoon that purportedly tore out the engine compartment screen, a feral pig that totaled my black BMW and a deer that ran into the Land Rover driver's door. At some point, one of our drivers is going to need a hunting license! This repair is waiting on parts.



While the list never really gets shorter, my experience with antique vehicles broadens as does my library, resources, and toolbox. Also expanding is my list of accomplishments and challenges overcome with gratitude to the club for encouragement and advice. 





# *In Loving Memory*

## **Roger Spillers**

*by Vic Donnell*

A few words about Roger Spillers . . .

Roger was a businessman, a soldier, a craftsman, father, and mentor to many of us. Once upon a time, he and I worked together (after hours) in my shop for several members of our club and other collectors at large. He had more restoration experience than I (and I had been at it for more than 25 years at that time), and we worked well together. After that experience, he and I continued together for another few years. He knew that I had (forever) wanted a dual cowl phaeton, Classic Car. One day, a fellow club member who hailed from Dallas told me of such a car, owned by a deceased Dallas-ite, that I might be interested in. Roger and I followed several good and some useless leads but finally were able to schedule a visit to the heirs of the car. It was a 1929 Stutz – extended wheelbase, dual cowl phaeton – a monster car. The only problem was that the car had been disassembled by the owner with the parts distributed through several buildings on the property, and, after a few decades, he had died without ever starting restoration or assembly. All the chrome trim parts were missing when we tried to conduct an inventory. Roger agreed to partner with me in the purchase and we marched off to Dallas to collect the car.

The parts inventory, the collection and transport of the car, and the meticulous assembly are all interesting stories, but the skills of Roger make a more interesting story. For example: the phaeton top assembly

consists of several bent wood bows and some metal hinge components. The front bow, which fastens to the windshield when the top is up, was rotted and mostly missing. Roger steam bent and fabricated a replacement bow, from white ash wood, and installed it to the top mechanism. You would swear it was original to the car. Cars of this vintage didn't use thermostats to regulate water temperature. Thermostats had not yet been invented. Instead, the cars were equipped with shutters in front of the radiator to restrict airflow and raise the water temperature. This was called a Pines Winter Front. The Stutz had one of those with vertical blades. These blades were all twisted out of shape due to being walked on while laying on the ground. That winter, Roger took the front home for repair. When he brought it back, it looked like new. Detail work like that is what Roger did and enjoyed. →



BOB ROSS

**Carolyn and Roger Spillers**



# *In Loving Memory*

→ Together, we got the Stutz together and running, but without any top material. We determined that we didn't want to invest any more time or money into this car and we couldn't afford to buy the other out. Thus we decided to sell it. What to do?

When I told him about the Hershey Swap meet in Pennsylvania, he decided that was the place to take it. He had never been to Hershey. We got the car into one piece, loaded it into one of my trailers, and planned the trip to the annual Hershey Swap Meet in Pennsylvania. What an adventure.

Roger and Jan and I drove up to Pennsylvania pulling the trailer while Roger's wife flew and met us along the way. We put the Stutz in the car corral of the swap meet and watched over it. It drew an unbelievable crowd even though it was in primer and had no interior. It did, however, run and drive. Roger had never been to Hershey and he couldn't stand around and just watch after the Stutz. He just had to walk through the rest of the swap meet. When returning to where Jan and I were with the Stutz, Roger noticed people in the crowd walking the other direction talking about the Texas Stutz. He said they were amazed at the spectacle and couldn't imagine it hadn't sold.

Well, it did sell, to a Spaniard who was escorted by a Tex-Mex interpreter. Well, the Spaniard gave us good money and the Tex-Mex interpreter came back to Texas with us to close the deal. The car was shipped and all was good. I miss that old car. There is a lot more to this story.



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# Upcoming Events

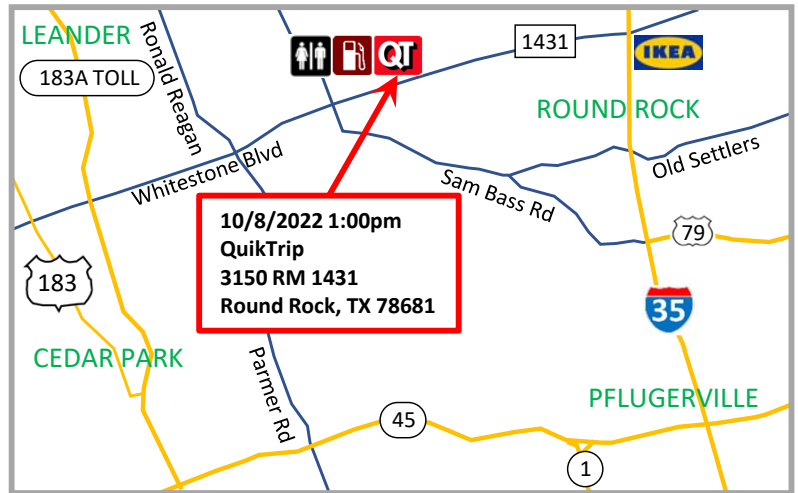
## Georgetown Mini-Tour and Cruise-In

by Leif Allred

Sleep late on your Saturday and then join the Road Relics on a Mini-Tour that doesn't start at the crack of dawn! Enjoy your leisurely weekend and meet after lunch for an area tour with interesting stops that concludes at Stephanie Nichols' Classic Car Cruise-In at the Georgetown ISD Athletic Complex. We'll have a short discussion on classic car insurance and enjoy an afternoon of friends, old cars, music, BBQ, and talking to the students of GISD Automotive Technology and Aerospace Engineering Program.

Meet at the QuikTrip gas station on FM 1431 (Whitestone) in Round Rock at 1:00pm on Saturday, October 8, 2022. From there, we'll sneak up through some of the last undeveloped areas of the boundaries of the northern Austin suburbs of Leander, Round Rock, and Georgetown. There are many interesting stops we may make along this 20-mile scenic tour before arriving with great presence as a club at the Cruise-In.

The Stephanie Nichols' Cruise-Ins are done very professionally and have large participation from GTACC, other local car clubs, and the community. Enjoy an early dinner (for me at least) by Smokey Mo's TX BBQ and expect to disperse about 6:00pm as sunset in early October is at 7:07pm. Feel free to RSVP by phone 512-350-3825 or email: [FenderTalk@outlook.com](mailto:FenderTalk@outlook.com).



*Stephanie Nichols'*  
**CLASSIC CAR CRUISE-IN**



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**Date: 10/8/2022**  
**Rain date: 10/15**  
**Time: 3:30pm - 6:30pm**  
**Cost: FREE**  
**Location: Georgetown ISD Athletic Complex**  
**2275 N Austin Ave Georgetown, TX 78626**



Come out to support the  
Georgetown ISD's  
Automotive Technology &  
Aerospace Engineering Programs



- talk with the students
- music
- fun
- OVER 400 parking spots
- Food by

**SMOKEY  
MO'S**  
TX BBQ



# Yard Sale

## Finding Cool Things in Unexpected Places

by DJ Stamp

I went to a sale recently in the warehouse district off Industrial Blvd looking for some office chairs. I didn't buy any chairs but there were some interesting vehicles to see. This is a car and motorcycle museum that Pat and I went to several years ago on museum day. They are moving somewhere in the same

neighborhood and had a bunch of stuff for sale. None of the vehicles were for sale so someone please tell JC I didn't buy the horny car. Also, they might be handing out COVID in case you're in the market for that else don't let your guard down. No real story to tell – just a bunch of pictures. 🚗



PHOTOS BY DJ STAMP

Car and Motorcycle Museum – South Austin

# Technical Corner

## Vapor Lock

*by Fred Trusty, AACA Executive Vice President*

Did you know that the gasoline of yesteryear had a boiling point of about 180 degrees but our new modern gas boils around 130 degrees? The fuel line of my 1935 Packard 120 runs right by the exhaust manifold just before it goes into the carburetor. On a warm day it would usually vapor lock. When I first bought the car about 5 years ago, I installed an electric fuel pump and filter at the gas tank which helped but on very hot days it would still vapor lock, especially in stop and go traffic or at long traffic lights.

I decided to install a vapor separation fuel filter as close as possible to the carburetor. You say that you've never heard of a vapor separation fuel filter? It looks just like a small inline fuel filter with one 3/8" inlet but it has 2

outlets. The 3/8" outlet goes to the carburetor and the 1/4" outlet (see picture red arrow) goes back to the gas tank – similar to a modern fuel injection system with a return line. I drilled a 1/4" hole in the fuel tank's fuel filler tube and installed a 1/4" bulkhead hose fitting. I then ran a 1/4" nickel alloy line back to the fitting. The nickel alloy line is very flexible which makes bending it much easier than a steel line. The 1/4" line sends vaporized gas back to the tank instead of into the carburetor. Another advantage is that, since more gas is flowing in the main fuel line, it also helps keep it cool. I also wrapped the gas line and filter in the engine bay with aluminized fiberglass insulation to help insulate it from the heat of the engine. I did this about two years ago and have not had a vapor lock issue since then.



FRED TRUSTY



# Around Town

## Car Shows and Cruise-Ins

by Leif Allred

There were a lot of cars we hadn't previously seen that showed up this month at Pistons on the Square in Georgetown, which happens every third Saturday. It rained the day before and Laura's convertible is the only one I'm willing to wash in the rain. Wayne was there in his Model A and said I should have driven mine – even as dusty as it was. If you recall, that's the same issue I had last month with a dirty truck! →



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Pistons on the Square – August 20, 2022 – Georgetown, TX



# Around Town



→ These little boys (above) were happy to not only be able to touch a car but to get in and act like they are driving. Thanks, Wayne, for sharing the antique car experience with the next generation of collector. Now, the 14-year old (below) that got to sit in the Georgetown Police car and run the lights,

siren, and air horn was ecstatic! I suggested he get in the back seat and try to get out once the door was shut. Officer Lewis showed us the cargo area and the 3.7L 475hp engine. He had been a high school teacher before joining the force and commented that he still deals with high schoolers. 



August 20, 2022 – Georgetown, TX



# Membership

## Club Merchandise

## Leaders



### Where's DJ?

The winner of "Where's DJ" is **Ronnie Burt** who found DJ Stamp photo-bombing JC's Carbide Lamps article!



### Gear

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| 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 |



Greg Herbert: [gdherbert@aol.com](mailto:gdherbert@aol.com)

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### Membership Chair

Wayne Heikkila

### Sunshine Chair

Ronnie Burt

### Programs Chair

DJ Stamp

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### Webmaster

Rich Bassemir

## Mini-Tours

Sign up to lead a mini-tour!

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# National News

## National News, Notifications, and Nudges

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



### Change

By Don Barlup  
Vice President – National  
Headquarters and Library

“Change” is probably the most feared and misunderstood six letter word in the English language. When I first joined AACA in 1971, I could not show my 1940 Pontiac (my first antique car) as the cutoff year was 1937. Fortunately, and for good reason, that cutoff date soon changed to the current 25-year rule.

Prior to the late 80’s, when I took one of my original solid tire early trucks to an AACA show, the majority of the comments that I heard was “When are you going to restore it?” My reply was, “Never, I can’t afford it and I like

it original.” Then HPOF arrived and now I hear “I hope you are going to keep it original!” My, how times have changed!

In my 15 years serving on your Board of Directors, I have seen many changes in our hobby, in our club and in our people and the vehicles that they show. I like to think that these changes have been positive. Just visit our new National Headquarters and Library building. We have come a long way, through change, since 1935 and the days of having our offices in the old Hershey Museum building. Change is constant and mostly positive in our hobby. There is more to come, as it should be. Be a positive part of it.

Always remember, “you can always count on change unless you are dealing with a vending machine.”



## Letter From the Editor



LEIF ALLRED

Ever feel like you’re looking down the barrel of a gun? Imagine being Greg and having a double barrel of shot! When I was little, I had a black dog named Pudgy. On the last day of being dog sat at Grandma’s in Wyoming, she investigated this striped animal and got sprayed – right in the face. After a good scrubbing in tomato juice, baking soda, dish soap, and *Gee Your Hair Smells Terrific* shampoo, we had to ride 613 miles together in the station wagon back to Las Vegas. We decided to paint a white stripe down her back.

*Leif*



# Calendar

**September 13, 2022 7:00pm (earlier for food)**

MONTHLY MEETING

Catfish Parlour – South

4705 E Ben White Blvd, Austin, TX 78744

**September 10-16, 2022**

SENTIMENTAL TOUR (1928-1958)

Gettysburg, PA

**September 18-23, 2022**

RELIABILITY TOUR (1915 AND EARLIER)

Shepherdsville, KY

**September 24, 2022 10:00am-3:00pm**

CLASSIC CAR SHOW and BIKE RALLY

Hemphill Elementary School

3995 East FM 150, Kyle, TX 78640

Allen Deaver 512-791-4543

**September 25-30, 2022**

REVIVAL AAA GLIDDEN TOUR

Princeton, NJ

**October 4-7, 2022**

EASTERN FALL NATIONALS

Hershey, PA

**October 1, 2022 9:00am-2:00pm**

MAIN STREET CAR SHOW

Marble Falls, TX

<https://highlandlakeskiwanis.org/>

**October 8, 2022 Mini-Tour**

GEORGETOWN ISD AUTO PROGRAM

Organized by Leif Allred

Georgetown, TX

**October 15, 2022 9:00am-2:00pm**

GEARHEADS 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL OPEN CAR SHOW

[www.budagearheads.com](http://www.budagearheads.com)

**October 29, 2022 10:00am-4:00pm**

MAIN STREET CAR SHOW

Taylor, TX

**November 5, 2022 Mini-Tour**

BELMONT VILLAGE SIDEWALK PARTY

Organized by Leif Allred

Austin, TX

**November 12, 2022 Mini-Tour**

WINGS and WHEELS FLY-IN

Organized by DJ Stamp / Austin-Healey Club


Kingsbury, TX – Pioneer Flight Museum

**November 11-12, 2022**

VETERANS WEEKEND CAR SHOW


Main Street, Bastrop, TX

<https://BastropAreaCruisers.com>




**Save these days-**  
November 11 and 12, 2022  
**Veterans Weekend Car Show**  
Main Street, Bastrop

**BASTROP AREA CRUISERS**



Check the club's webpage for updates: <https://www.bastropareacruisers.com>

Or the club's Facebook page: 

**December 11, 2022 1:00pm**

ROAD RELICS HOLIDAY PARTY

Maggiano's (The Domain)

Austin, TX

## LEGEND

☐ Monthly Meetings

☐ Special Events

☐ Road Relics Mini-Tours

☐ National Meets and Tours

☐ Local (unofficial) Events

[www.motortexas.com/events/](http://www.motortexas.com/events/)

[https://www.taillightking.com/swap\\_list.htm](https://www.taillightking.com/swap_list.htm)

# FOR SALE BY OWNER

Club Classified Ads

## WANTED:

1948-51 JEEPSTER

Driver quality to restored condition.

Contact DJ at 512-288-5121.



## WANTED:

Chevrolet Stepside Tailgate. In any condition but preferably not attached to a truck – to be turned into a bench for fundraising auction.



Road Relics Limited Edition Blanket \$40:



Please contact Jim Rankin: (512) 689-3885  
or [jlrain1961@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jlrain1961@sbcglobal.net)

## 1949/1953 Ford Passenger Car Radiator:

Will deliver it to the buyer **\$150**

John Tiemann 512-658-4619



## 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)

Leif Allred 512-350-3825

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