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The Steering Column



DANIEL LINK

1940 Hudson Coupe



LEIF ALLRED

Young Hobbyists – October 15, 2022



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Secretary's Report

Minutes of Road Relics Monthly Meeting

October 11, 2022

Submitted by Sue Graner, CTR-AACA Secretary

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

Secretary's Report There is a correction to the minutes of the September meeting: Stacy Oliver was a guest of Dani Tristan. We're glad you came, Stacy, and we hope to see you again soon. Bob R. made a motion to accept the September minutes (with the aforementioned changes) and George B. seconded the motion. All present voted "Aye" and the motion carried.

Membership Wayne indicated that one member renewed this month and there were no new members.

Jack Burton, a member before (about 10 years ago) was visiting tonight. He has a 50's Willys. We were definitely glad to have him join us and are looking forward to seeing him again.

Greg interjected some Antique Car Humor.

Treasurer's Report Duane said that the only financial

activity was the one membership renewal and that the Club is in good shape financially. George made a motion to accept the report as stated. Bob R. seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous to accept the report.

Sunshine Report Ronnie wasn't at tonight's meeting but D.J. indicated that Rich B, our Webmaster, had been in the hospital for a pinched nerve in his back, had a tumor removed, and was also dealing with a kidney stone, but was now resting at home and on the mend. Linda R. sent him a card in Ronnie's absence (she was on a cruise up in New England).

Greg also found a few "Old Car Chuckles" to entertain us.

Newsletter Leif sent thanks to D.J., Wendell B. and John R. for their contributions this month. He does need an anchor story for next month. Greg said he had been enjoying Wendell's stories.

Greg inserted another joke

about a man hiring some guy to paint his porch. This was my favorite story.

Past Events Leif's event from the Round Rock QT included 10 members of our Club, with 7 antique cars that traveled 66 miles for the tour. If you add up the total distance that each car traveled to and from the trip, they traveled a total of 994 miles all told. They saw an emu and the Staccato factory in Florence. They went from the QT station to Florence, Wahlberg, Weir and on to Georgetown. Wayne said there was a kid there with a Volkswagen that wouldn't start so Wayne took him back to his car to diagnose the problem. They were able to get it up and running again. There were a lot of cars at the show from Jeeps, to "off roads" to Nissans to Classics, Camaros, and low riders. An older couple asked Wayne about his Model A Speedster, left for a while then came back with a book called *Model "A" Miseries and Cures* and gave Wayne the book. I believe D.J. said it was a good book and still in print today. →

Secretary's Report

(Past Events)

Leif said that Pistons on the Square was not memorable this month. He went to the Marble Falls Show, too. He saw a friend's 1940 Hudson Coupe then enjoyed a trip to Burnet to a farmer's market and El Rancho for lunch.

In Dripping Springs, there was a Rally for Burke Center for Kids.

Website Rich was not able to attend the meeting. If you have any photos of your car, feel free to shoot them along to Rich and/or Leif who would be glad to use them in either the Website or in the Newsletter.

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, November 5th is Belmont Village Sidewalk Party Mini-Tour. Meet at the Palisades at 3006 Bee Caves Rd. at 9:30am where we'll visit, have a restroom break and drive a mile west to Belmont Village, park and have lunch.
- The Taylor Car Show is October 29th.
- The Heroes and Hotrods show will be November 11-12 in Bastrop.
- The Wings and Wheels Show is November 12th. D.J. is putting together a

Mini-Tour to Kingsbury for the Club to make our way down to the museum.

- Our Christmas Party will be December 11th, 2022, at Maggiano's Little Italy in the Domain at 1:00pm.
- Pate Swap Meet next spring will be in Ft. Worth, TX April 27 -29, 2023.
- Texas Tour is scheduled for May 18-21, 2023, in Schulenberg, TX.

Pate Update D.J. and Greg H. attended the Director's meeting in Waco and said that our share of 2022 Pate profits was just over \$2,000. There were quite a few issues that had to be dealt with like legal, internet, and so forth. The total number of booths sold was 9800 spaces.

The Tex-Ark and Austin Area Car Club reps said all 3 Clubs were combining duties, performing "Customer Service" activities like parts hauling and vendor escorts, and working on trailers for hauling stuff and making everyone's efforts more effective. It was mentioned that we don't really need more little trailers for hauling parts as there isn't any room to store them.

Club Business


Greg

apologized for not having the list of nominees for next year's officers ready. Call him this week if you are interested in holding your office again or want to run for an office. Greg will get a list of nominees for office, except Gary Baker, who was elected last year for a 2-year term as the Pate Rep alternate.

Member's Projects Joe P. has been tinkering with a triple chrome plating project and offered to show any members how to do it. The size of a piece to be chromed is limited to the size of a shoebox.

We broke for Cobbler at 7:50pm.

Program Bob Ross had the program tonight: a video of Red Skelton performing entitled "Two Highway Patrolmen and Two Texans and Frogs." We all thoroughly enjoyed the video, especially the skit of Clem Kadiddlehopper reciting a poem. I can't remember when I've heard the group laugh so hard. Good job, Bob!

George made a motion to adjourn, and J.C. seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm. 

Upcoming Events

Belmont Village Sidewalk Party

by Leif Allred

Tour into Belmont Village Senior Living West Lake Hills for a short parade through their patio, park as a car show for the residents, then enjoy music and a sidewalk lunch. This is always a meaningful event for the residents and club.

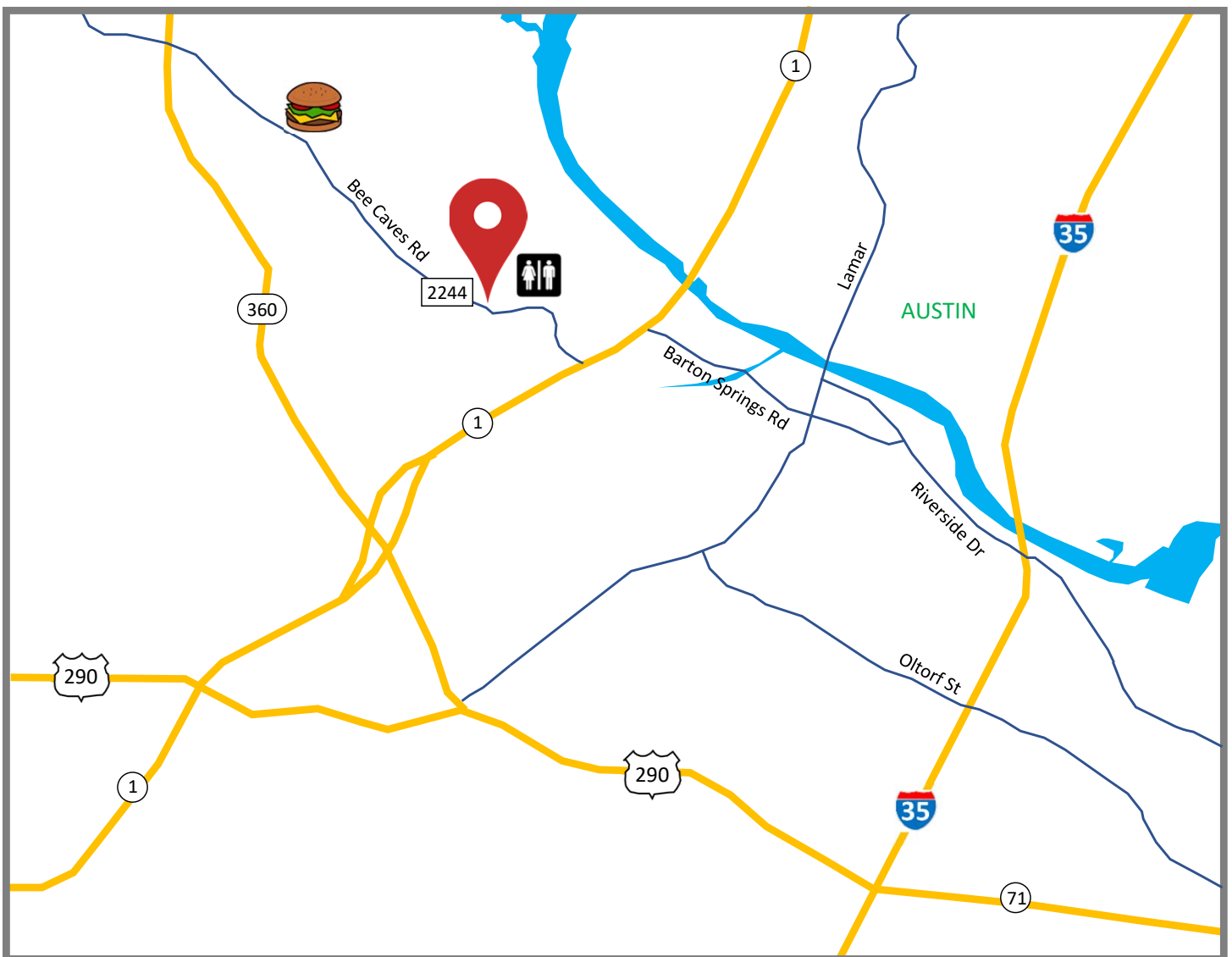
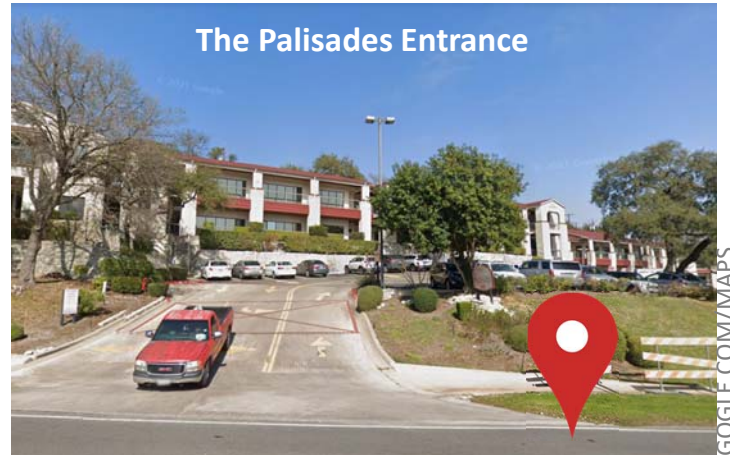


Saturday, November 5, 2022

Meet at 9:30 at The Palisades Building

3006 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 78746

RSVP: FenderTalk@outlook.com < or >
512-350-3825 (call before texting)



Upcoming Events

Wings & Wheels Mini-Tour

by DJ Stamp

For those of you who have never been to this event, just ask someone who has. The Pioneer Flight Museum in Kingsbury is a true TEXAS TREASURE!! Twice a year they have a gathering of vintage airplanes, cars, motorcycles and more. Attended by many car clubs and enthusiasts, this event continues to grow and you never know what you will see. They even have an operating reproduction WWI tank, hit and miss engines and a WWI bivouac area. They love to give rides in the Model T's. The Kingsbury Fall Festival should also be happening in "downtown" Kingsbury.

This tour will begin Saturday, 11/12/2022 in Buda, Texas at the front of Cabela's parking lot near Freddy's. We will have juice and donuts and there are restaurants nearby for

coffee. Meet at 9am and leave at 9:30am.

We'll arrive in Lockhart and drive past the historic courthouse where there will be Veteran's Day festivities. Stop if you wish but the tour will drive on to Kingsbury and arrive at the museum around 10:45am and proceed to the vintage auto display area.

There are supposed to be five food trucks on site in addition to the museum's hamburger/hot dog stand. I'm told there will be seafood, BBQ, tacos, ice cream and steak on a stick. Once there you are on your own. Pat and I need to leave early to attend memorial services for the parent of some of my swimmers. Some folks may then want to head over to Bastrop for their large car show of around 400 cars.



Sat 11/12/2022 9:00am
Meet at Cabela's
15570 S I-35 Frontage Rd
Buda, TX 78610



Pioneer Flight Museum – Kingsbury, TX

Past Activities

Georgetown ISD Auto Shop Mini-Tour

Story and Photos by Leif Allred

Driving through what is essentially the boundaries of several cities, one can see where new development is headed. We can navigate empty county roads that still have fields or forest on one side and a new housing development on the other. The mini-tour started in Round Rock and made it as far north as Florence for a break at D-Boone's and then continued west touching on Jarell and into Walburg, down through Weir and then ending in Georgetown at a car show put on by Stephanie Nichols and Georgetown ISD's automotive program.

Some of us living in the Georgetown area met at Andice General Store – a tour destination in itself – for a second breakfast before making it down to Round Rock for the actual start. There were ten members (Leif Allred, Jeremy Cameron, Wayne Heikkila, Gordon Logan, Gerry Powers, Joe and Lizette Peter, Duane Pufpaff, and Bob and Karen Ross) with seven antique vehicles spanning 62 years ranging from 1929 to 1991 and one modern – it was a good thing too because we needed the protection from behind on such a long tour. Considering nearly a thousand of miles driven with no incidents or breakdowns, it was a very successful outing. For many of us, the 66-mile tour was nothing compared to the entire day's travels with us scattered from the south near Driftwood and north up to Temple.

The visits to Restivo Racing Engines and Restorations and Fox Auto and Boat Trim will have to be on another event but we had a lot of miles to cover, nonetheless. Our club made a good showing with people filming and taking photos as we paraded through the towns. We also drove by "Staccato Ranch" where the gun factory is going to move to from the Georgetown Airport. →



Past Activities

→ Arriving at Georgetown ISD's Athletic Center found us fatigued from all of that driving on rough and winding county roads; especially the four open cars that were exposed to the cloudless skies and sun. We parked on the far side so that we could be together as, even though we were basically right on time, I was number 110 in the registration of the 171 vehicles that attended. Smokey Mo's BBQ had a tent set up near the air-conditioned locker rooms where we could get refreshed and grab a snack. Most of us did a round to see the cars and then settled in the shade of Duane's open trunk to relax.

The school's automotive program paired students with local businesses such as Fox Auto and Boat Trim and Georgetown Classics while experts from these trades walked the field with future mechanics explaining what to look for like upholstery stitching or gaps in panels and attention to detail on engine and restoration projects. Afterwards trophies were awarded for interiors, paint, and engines along with favorites chosen by the teachers. A final teaching moment came when a young man in search of a Volkswagen expert walked into our little conversation pit. After some discussion about where he was seeing spark but not getting it to start, he rode off with Wayne in the Speedster to find his vehicle that supposedly was miles away. My bet was he was out of fuel but Wayne's generosity is truly commendable and certainly appreciated.



Stephanie Nichols' Georgetown ISD Auto Shop Cruise In – October 8, 2022

Rare Finds

Hurst Jeepster

Tale and Photos provided by DJ Stamp

This is about a vehicle I never knew existed before wandering around the storage yard at Jerry Dixon's Automotive a few doors down from my home. They work on classic cars and there's always something nice to look at in their shop. [That's where I found my '70 truck, actually –ed]

Willys-Overland was anxious to resume automobile production after producing approximately 330,000 Jeeps during WWII. After the war, the ubiquitous Jeep MB evolved into the CJ (civilian jeep) series accompanied by a station wagon and a pickup. Eager to attract more customers, they enlisted Brooks Stevens to design a new "sports car" for them. He gave them the Jeepster that was sold from 1948-51. A sports car it wasn't with a 0-60 time of around 25 seconds. It also wasn't very popular with only around 20,000 units produced.



1948 Willys Jeepster

Jeep was sold to Henry J. Kaiser in 1953. In the mid sixties, vehicles like the Ford Bronco and the International Scout were becoming popular and the Jeepster name was revived to

challenge the new competition. Then in 1970, the Jeep brand was acquired by American Motors Corporation (AMC) and the Jeepster continued in production as the Jeepster Commando through 1973. As for the vehicle I saw at Jerry Dixon's . . . it was a Jeepster . . . a very rare Jeepster!

By the time we hit the 70's decade, the muscle car era was in full swing. We've all heard the name Hurst and a lot of us probably installed Hurst shifters in our hot rods. George Hurst became synonymous with performance cars like the Hurst Olds and the Chrysler Hurst 300. American Motors was not a stranger to performance cars as Javelins and AMXs were a fixture in CanAm events. The drag strips were frequented by the Hurst AMC Scrambler and Rebel Machine but what about Jeep? What could they do to spice up the Jeep line up?

Enter the Hurst Jeepster that was produced for one year only at very low production numbers: 500 units (300 with an automatic transmission and 200 with a manual gearbox) but it's said that only around 100 units made it out of the plant. As opposed to the original Jeepster, these units were indeed 4-wheel drive but they did have something in common: they weren't very fast.

The Hurst Jeepster was a custom-trim station wagon. Transmissions were a three-speed manual or three-speed Hydra-Matic. Every Hurst Jeepster Special came equipped with Jeep's optional 160hp, 225-cu.in. two-barrel "Dauntless" V-6 (an engine originally developed by Buick). Standard equipment included a roof rack, wheel covers, and a →

Rare Finds

→ sport steering wheel. The seats were available in black, blue or buckskin vinyl and the only body color was White with red and blue stripes applied to the cowl and tailgate. Special Hurst equipment included an 8,000-rpm tachometer mounted on the hood and a Hurst T-handle shifter on manual transmission cars or a console-mounted Hurst Dual-Gate

shifter on the automatics that came straight out of the GTO. There were also Hurst badges on the doors and hood sides. Every Hurst Jeepster was a hardtop station wagon.

If you happen to see one of these vehicles, consider yourself blessed and feel free to skip church on Sunday.



Around Town

Main Street Car Show

Report and Photos by Leif Allred



21st Annual Main Street Car Show – October 1, 2022 – Marble Falls, TX

With the cooler weather starting, local cities have been trying to lock in certain weekends for their annual car show. The Kiwanis Club puts on the Marble Falls show during the first part of October, Taylor has solidified the end of October, and Bastrop has cornered the market on Veteran's Day in November. Each of these towns have shows that have grown to nearly busting their downtown borders or limited registration but have expanded to feature live music, food options, and massive attendance and

community participation. The 21st Annual Main Street Car Show was on October 1 in downtown Marble Falls. It was kind of disjointed, however, in that it did not extend the length of its downtown (there was a wedding on the south end) and allowed spectators to use the tributary streets. This forced quite a large contingent into overflow parking that was completely out of earshot of the live singer and announcements. For those of you from large families, it is the childhood equivalent of being at the kiddie table. →



1981 Toyota Starlet



Around Town

Despite outgrowing its geography with two separate entities, the show did have some quite spectacular vehicles and a seemingly limited numbers of modern show cars.

One great thing about the show was coming across a neighbor friend from when we both lived in the 'hood but he had moved

to Burnet about the same time as my exit strategy out of Austin. He drives an unmistakable 1940 Hudson Coupe almost as a daily driver (see page 16).

The best part of my trip to Marble Falls was stopping in at a Farmer's Market in Burnet and then to El Rancho for lunch.



Main Street Car Show – October 1, 2022 – Marble Falls, TX

News from the DMV

Bonded Title Valuations

by Leesy Palmer

Hello, Antique and Classic Car folks! Last fall, the DMV announced that vehicles going through the bonded title process would be subjected to a new valuation process, starting with valuations determined from:

- #1. Standard Presumptive Value (SPV), if the vehicle had a standard 17-digit VIN;
- #2. NADA Guide; or,
- #3. Appraisal - ONLY if #1 or #2 were not available.

As a result, many pre-1981 antique vehicles with non-standard VINs were valued with NADA "average retail" Values – unfairly valuing \$2,500 project cars as if they were fully restored vehicles, with values of \$20,000, \$30,000 or even \$40,000 with the State's valuation.

Here's BIG NEWS for those of you who've been waiting on a follow up to our email from last fall regarding those over-blown values. The State has now determined that antique vehicle owners going through the bonded title process can use an APPRAISAL, if we don't agree with the SPV or NADA value.

From SUBCHAPTER A. MOTOR VEHICLE TITLES; 43 TAC §217.9, §217.9. Bonded Titles: "If a motor vehicle is 25 years or older, a person may obtain an appraisal to determine the value instead of using a national reference guide. (1) The appraisal must be on a form specified by the department from a Texas licensed motor vehicle dealer for the categories of motor vehicles that the dealer is licensed to sell or a Texas licensed insurance adjuster who may appraise any type of motor

vehicle. (2) The appraisal must be dated and be submitted to the department within 30 days of the appraisal. (3) If the motor vehicle is 25 years or older and the appraised value of the vehicle is less than \$4,000, the bond amount will be established from a value of \$4,000."

This is fantastic news for antique vehicle owners who need a bonded title. If you are in process on a bond with Classic Auto Title, please contact us to see how this information could affect your bonded title project. We have all the necessary forms and connections to guide you in obtaining an appraisal to submit with your bonded title paperwork. Just give us a call: 214-697-8948.

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[Submitted by Bob Ross and John Anderson. Used with permission, October 23, 2022]



October 15, 2022 – 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 renew National Membership:



Club Gear

Gear

Vests

Club Shirts

Rain Ponchos

Ball Caps

Texas Flag Badge

CTR Window Sticker

2017/2019 FDCS T-Shirts

Price

\$18

\$15

\$15

\$15

\$2

\$1

\$Offer



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National News

National News, Notifications, and Nudges

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




Hazards of the Hobby

By Wayne Tuck

2022 AACA National President

When we head for the garage to work on one of our old cars, most of our spouses know to have the Band-Aids ready. Most of us that enjoy working on our own cars know exactly what I'm talking about. A slip of the wrench, reaching around a tight angle, cutting or stripping wire or just about anything can result in little cuts and scrapes. A couple of weeks ago I noticed a friend of mine had a nick on his forehead. He credited the corner of the hood on his Packard for the injury. Of course, I had a similar scar from the corner of the hood on my

Hudson to share with him. I guess for some of us it is just part of the price we pay for getting out and enjoying our hobby. I'm sure all of us have had bumps, blisters, bruises and scrapes, maybe even scars in the pursuit of our hobby.

Those are things we grow to expect. We do not expect injuries from more serious activities such as jacking, hoisting, burning, cutting and welding. These activities are to be taken seriously and could result in severe injury or death if all correct procedures are not followed. Remember, there are no shortcuts on safety. We all know the rules and should never ignore them. So let's all get out there and have some fun . . . but keep the Band-Aids handy. 

Letter From the Editor

I drove the 1931 Model A Ford into Georgetown for the monthly Pistons-on-the-Square event. The battery needed a good charging so I drove in the early hours with the lights off when I was alone – which was most of the way in. It always gets a lot of attention at the show even being parked next to a WWII Jeep that has a mounted machine gun. Prominently taking up near the entire east flank was the Corvette Club. On the north side were parked many British cars from the Hill Country Triumph Club with an easel set up talking about their club. Coming back from a walk around the square, I found a three-fold flyer on the seat from the

Lone Star Model A Ford Club that talked about the features, parts availability, value, repair resources, and general interest in Model A Fords. They followed this up with an introduction to their club, who their people are, where their monthly meetings are held and an invitation to visit their website and join. I have AACA/Road Relics cutouts to hand out and helped a guy who is helping his guy troubleshoot a Model A fuel delivery issue. There are many great ways to promote a car club: help and advice, flyers and posters, but mostly . . . its presence.

Leif



October 15, 2022 – Georgetown, TX

Calendar

November 5, 2022 Mini-Tour

BELMONT VILLAGE SIDEWALK PARTY

Organized by Leif Allred

Austin, TX

November 8, 2022 7:00pm (earlier for food)

MONTHLY MEETING

Catfish Parlour – South

4705 E Ben White Blvd, Austin, TX 78744

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>

December 3, 2022 11:00am-3:00pm

GEARING FOR GAVIN CAR SHOW

Cart Castle, 111 CR 214, Liberty Hill, TX 78642

<https://GearingforGavin.org>

December 11, 2022 1:00pm

ROAD RELICS HOLIDAY PARTY

Maggiano's (The Domain) Austin, TX

January 26-28, 2023

WINTER NATIONALS

Miami, FL 305-992-5902

February 9-11, 2023

AACA NATIONAL CONVENTION

Williamsburg, VA 717-534-1910

April 13-15, 2023

SOUTHEASTERN SPRING NATIONALS

Charlotte, NC 704-847-4215

April 27-29, 2023

PATE SWAP MEET

Fort Worth, TX

www.pateswapmeet.com/

LEGEND

☐ Monthly Meetings

☐ Special Events

☐ Road Relics Mini-Tours

☐ National Meets and Tours

☐ Local (unofficial) Events

www.motortexas.com/events/

https://www.taillightking.com/swap_list.htm



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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 jlrakin1961@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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