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LEIF ALLRED



DJ STAMP



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# *The Steering Column*

It seems like the year flew by at a record pace. It is already December and there is a lot to complete before the end of the year. Our Annual Meeting and Christmas Party is Sunday, December 4th. You must be signed up for the party so, if you have not done so, please contact me immediately. The Board will set new and aggressive goals for 2023 in an effort to guide the club forward and make it more prosperous. Please volunteer and do your part to help attain these new goals.

Here's to good health and good friends! Wishing everyone a happy new year.

Greg Herbert, President CTR-AACA



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# Secretary's Report

## Minutes of Road Relics Monthly Meeting

November 8, 2022

*Submitted by Sue Graner, CTR-AACA Secretary*

**Meeting** Greg H. called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**Secretary's Report** The minutes from the October meeting were published in the November Newsletter by our secretary Sue G. Bob R. made a motion to approve the minutes as written. George B. seconded the motion to accept them. All present voted "Aye."

**Membership** Wayne was not present tonight but called Greg to say that 5 members paid their dues this month and that there were no new members. There is a problem with the link in the Newsletter for paying the membership dues and we're all hoping that will be rectified shortly.

**Website** Rich B. said that Allan Walker asked for a membership application. Leif indicated that he had spoken with Allan and Claudette and was glad to hear that they were interested in joining.

**Treasurer's Report** Duane P. gave us the balance in the Club's coffers. There was some discussion about not letting

the balance go too high as per the rules for 301C organizations. Wally G. made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and George B. seconded the motion.

**Sunshine Report** Ronnie was not in attendance tonight because her husband Paul was having difficulty with plantar fasciitis. Rich B., our webmaster, was back with us after a 2-month absence. It was good to see him up and around again.

**Newsletter** Leif said he would welcome some articles for this next Newsletter.

### Past Events

Belmont Retirement Center on November 5<sup>th</sup>: We had approximately 12-15 persons attending, including two visitors, Allan and Claudette Walker ('56 Chevy) and Gerritt Van De Graaf ('66 Mustang), whose grandfather is a Belmont resident and a former executive of Ford Motors. After we drove west on Bee Caves Road to the facility and pulled through their porte cochere, the residents wandered around to see our

cars and visit with us. Once again, there was a three-piece band providing entertainment and an outdoor kitchen was set up providing us with hamburgers and fries. The day was perfect for such an outing. Thank you, Leif, for handling the arrangements for this tour.

We discussed some of the past events like Pistons-on-the-Square where the Triumph Club, Volkswagen Club and Model A Club were there with a great presence.

### Upcoming Events

- Heroes and Hotrods
- Gearing for Gavin Car Show
- Wings & Wheels Fly-in
- \*\*\*CHRISTMAS PARTY\*\*\*  
Date change to 12/4/2022 at Maggiano's Little Italy in the Domain at 1:00pm
- Pate Swap Meet, Fort Worth 4/27-29/2023
- Texas Tour, Schulenberg 5/18-21/2023

### Member's Projects

- Gary is installing a new circuit box
- George drove his Model A to Taylor
- Vic is cleaning up his garage. →



# Secretary's Report

**Club Business** Leif made a motion to have the Club kick in funds to pay for our annual Christmas Party. Wally seconded the motion; the vote carried by a show of hands.

The list of nominees for officers was the same as last year. Bob R. made a motion to accept the slate for officers as listed; Gary B. seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously approved.

Leif A. remains on the Board of Directors as Past President and Gary B. is the Pate Alternate.

**Program** John R. presented us with a great show about the Mercedes Benz Museum in Stuttgart, Germany. He went overseas to spend time with two good friends biking the huge trail system that follows the rivers throughout the country. The trail they chose ran for 270 miles, the temperature ranged from 49 to 103 degrees, and the trail conditions and surfaces varied considerably. They had to use E-bikes because of the elevation changes.

John was quite impressed with the museum and wished he had been able to spend

more time there viewing the 150 exhibits, 160 autos and trucks on display, and the progression of design in body style and horsepower. He said everything was in absolute mint condition.

Here is a link to the museum: <https://www.mercedes-benz.com/en/art-and-culture/museum/today-at-the-museum/>. Many thanks to John for the interesting program.

Cobbler break at 7:37pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.



Road Relics Meeting – November 8, 2022 – Catfish Parlour

# Upcoming Events

## Annual Meeting and Holiday Party

by Greg Herbert

The Road Relics' Annual Meeting will held in conjunction with the Christmas Party on Sunday, December 4th. The officers for 2023 will be installed during this meeting.

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

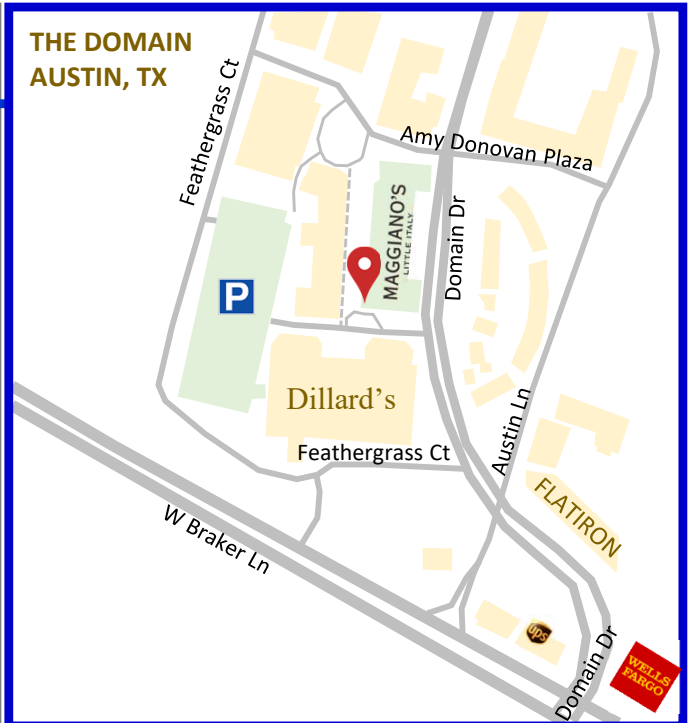
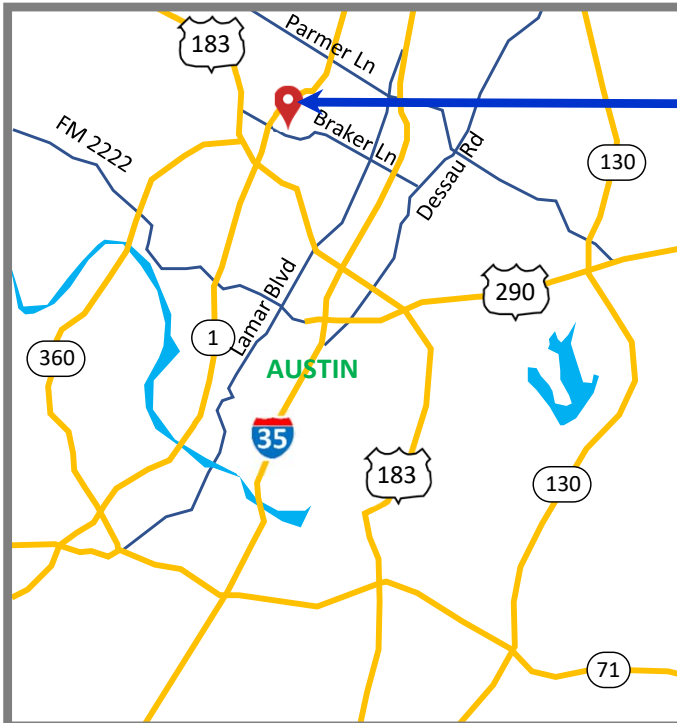
**Sunday, December 4, 2022 1:00pm**

**Maggiano's Little Italy**

**10910 Domain Dr, Suite #100**

**Austin, TX 78758**

**(512) 501-7870**



Interstate Speedster – November 12, 2022 – Austin, TX



# Past Events

## Belmont Village Sidewalk Party

by Leif Allred

It was a lovely morning when members Leif Allred, Barbara and Gary Baker, Paul and Ronnie Burt, Karl and Jeanne Frank, Wally and Sue Graner, Gerry Powers, and Jim and Lynda Rankin met up with guests Gerrit Van De Graaf (with father) and Allan and Claudette Walker met up for greetings, donuts, unloading trailers, and catching up. Saturday, November 5, 2022 marked the club's fourth visit to Belmont Village Senior Living in West Lake Hills. For the drive from The Palisades, no one got lost and there were no breakdowns. It helped that the tour was only one mile long, a straight shot, and following a Model A keeps the group crammed together through the many lights.

Weather had threatened the event all week but was nearly perfect for the parade and sidewalk party where a three-piece live band performed for the residents gathered around the eleven antique vehicles on display. Burgers and fries were served in cute little classic car food cartons (link) and I saw hand decorated cookies but, somehow, failed to get my hands on some.

Residents are still talking about the event as this connection with the antique vehicle hobby and the community is very valuable and cherished. Our club's presence and generosity for driving in from all parts of town (and Houston) is greatly appreciated by the residents and families of Belmont – where at least two instances of four generations were there.



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# Past Events



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# Past Activities

## Wings and Wheels Mini-Tour

*Photos and Text by DJ Stamp*

### PART I: THE TEST RUN

When you coordinate a tour, there is quite a bit of planning and testing involved: figure out your route – test your route – revise your route and on and on, test some restaurants, figure out where to stop, etc. The last time I did a tour to Wings & Wheels, we toured a car collection and then an airplane collection and then stopped at a restaurant to eat. It had rained the night before which prevented many airplanes from landing on the grass field. By the time we got there, a lot of vehicles had left but there was still enough going on to impress those who had not previously attended. Because of that result, this year's edition involved no stops – just a 45-mile, 1:15 hour drive to the event to get there early enough to enjoy the event.

My final test run was going just fine until I ran into road construction on two of the back roads. The first spot was one of those with a “follow me” pilot vehicle; the kind where they put a flagger about a mile on each side of a 200-foot section where they are working. Why do they do that? When it was my turn to go, the driver of the pilot truck had the flagger pick up all the warning cones and load them onto his truck and move. We had to sit there while that took place and then trail the slowest pilot vehicle I have ever followed. The next spot was not near as bad and just amounted to slowing down. I neglected to mark how much time I sat there but noted it on the return trip.

I was surprised at the amount of restoration work that was in progress and there were volunteer workers everywhere! One of them was operating a laser cutter that cuts some pretty thick pieces of steel – impressive!! They had a beautiful bi-plane that they had restored for a museum in Virginia Beach. They must be getting a reputation!! →





# Past Activities

## → PART II: THE TOUR

Conditions that were more like winter than fall no doubt contributed to a limited turnout for this fun event involving The South Texas Austin Healey Club and Central Texas Region Antique Automobile Club of America. Meeting for tacos, donuts and OJ were Bob and Tina Adkins in their VW Golf, Leif Allred in his Chevy pickup, Glen Graves in his Porsche Boxster and Wayne Heikkila in his . . . wait for it . . . Model A Speedster – confirming what many have long suspected about his mental state. Adriana proved to be the superior sex by wisely staying home. Wayne set the pace for the tour. We left around 9:45 and took 2001 to Lockhart then proceeded on State Park Road, Cottonwood Creek Road and Prairie Lee Road to Kingsbury arriving an hour and fifteen minutes after we started. Gary and Barbara Baker had finished their duties at the Bastrop Car Show and met us there as did Brett and Julie Miller.

Once there, everyone was free to explore the many displays which included antique airplanes and cars, running and working hit-and-miss engines, WWI bivouac area and shooting demonstrations, WWI tank, museum and workshop displays and several food trucks. The weather also affected the number of airplanes which appeared to be around half of what we usually see. It had warmed into the fifties by the time we arrived and was just about perfect – as long as you were in the sun. Pat and I had to leave early and didn't see everyone but I suspect Bob Chamberlain was there in his Aero Morgan and John Anderson, Vic and Jan Donnell, George Bruner and JC Carter probably arrived later with the Model T club. It was Wayne's and Leif's first time and they were duly impressed. Veterans mostly knew what to expect but there were numerous new surprises including free rides in the Model T School Bus and Harley sidecar.



# Museums

## Ferrari Forever

*Report and Photos By Wendell Bell*

Lynn and I recently spent three weeks in Italy where we were awed by architectural and artistic masterpieces spanning fifteen centuries and enjoyed ample quantities of great pasta, gelato, and wine. After a week visiting Lucca, Pisa, and Florence, we settled for two weeks in Bologna, the historic capital of the Emilia-Romagna region in northern Italy. We used the very efficient network of high-speed, regional, and local trains to visit several other towns in the region.

Our travels included a day trip to Modena, a town of about 185,000 population with deep ties to the automobile industry. The factories of the famous Italian upper-class sports car makers Ferrari, De Tomaso, Lamborghini, Pagani, and Maserati are (or were) located there. All except Lamborghini have headquarters in the city or nearby.

The Ferrari brand was founded in Modena by legendary native son Enzo Ferrari and today has its manufacturing plant and test track in the nearby suburb of Maranello. I managed to get to just one car-related facility: the Ferrari Museum in Modena.

Enzo Ferrari was born in 1898 and at age 10 was smitten with car fever after his father took him and his brother to see a race in Bologna. After World War I, Enzo found work as a test driver and race car driver for a couple of small companies before starting a twenty-year run with Alfa Romeo, ultimately as head of their racing division.



**House where Enzo Ferrari was born**

In 1939, Enzo left Alfa Romeo with the understanding that he would not use the Ferrari name in association with races or racing cars for at least four years. World War II interrupted his plans, but he built his first car under the new Ferrari marque in 1947. →



**Enzo Ferrari Museum – Modena, Italy**

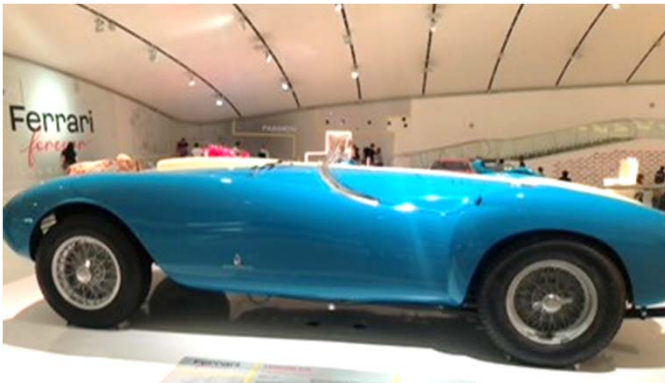


**Main Gallery**



# Museums

→ The focus remained on racing, but Enzo wanted to produce street-legal cars for high-end buyers that could, with only minor modifications, be at home on a race course. Output grew gradually, with a total of 26 vehicles produced in 1950. By 1960, the total was up to 306 per year. In the 1970s, Ferrari was producing over 1,000 cars annually. With some ups and downs, Ferrari production has increased to around 8,000 to 10,000 in recent years. Total output from 1947-2019 amounts to approximately 220,000 vehicles.



**1953 Ferrari 375**



**1953 Ferrari 250 GT Competizione**

The majority of cars made by Ferrari over the years are still fully functional, thanks to their owners' care and extensive maintenance from specialists. Since 2006, the Ferrari Classiche Department has been responsible for preserving and certifying their value. It offers exclusive services to deal with complex restoration projects and all aspects of regular

services and repairs. They can provide a Certificate of Authenticity that proves without question that a vehicle matches the original design in all respects. It is reserved for Ferrari road cars that are over 20 years old and F1, Sportscars, and Sport-Prototypes of any age.



**1956 Ferrari Inter 166**



**1959 Ferrari 250 GT SWB Competizione**

Opened in 2012, the museum is housed in the repurposed Ferrari family home and workshop and an adjacent futuristic 65,000 square-foot gallery displaying about 25 of the most noteworthy Ferrari automobiles. These include prototypes, rare cars of the 1950s, Formula One racers and more recent sports cars. One upper wall of the gallery serves as a large projection screen for a short film depicting Enzo Ferrari's life (1898-1988). →

# Museums

→ One interesting display in the main gallery is the recreation of a body buck used to hammer out sheet metal, mostly aluminum, into the desired form. All parts of a car's surface — hood, doors, nose, and tail — were measured during the hammering process to ensure they matched the design perfectly. The example on display is divided into two sections, one made of wood and the other made of steel wire, to give an idea of the main approaches to this type of body work. It relates to the 1953 Ferrari 500 Mondial.



**Body Buck, 1953 Ferrari 500 Mondial**

The main display area is anything but cramped. The open high-ceilinged gallery feels spacious, allowing easy movement of crowds. Its lighting and interpretive materials are simply Ferrari quality. Near the entrance and gift shop are racetrack simulators that offer 7 minutes of fun for about \$25. I would recommend the museum to anyone interested in automotive history, and especially the Italian racing scene.



**Ferrari biopic projected on gallery wall**



**Main Gallery – “Ferrari Forever”**



# Around Town

## Taylor Car Show

*Reluctantly Submitted by JC Carter*

I woke to the 4:00am alarm having loaded the Model T on the trailer the night before. It was dark! I left the house in Drippin' around 5:30am and headed for the town of Taylor, TX. Traveling around 60mph, it seemed slow but I was pulling Woody. Surprising how many cars were on the road at that time of morning on a Saturday. It was very dark!

Arriving in Taylor around 7:00am and parking along 2nd Street to unload the vehicle, it was still dark! I put the ramps down and

drove the woody off and left it running while putting the ramps and straps up. The truck died! I restarted it and it ran for maybe 30 seconds before dying again. This went on maybe 6 or 7 times before I decided this wasn't gonna work! I got it running long enough to get it back on the trailer and re-tied it down. It was still dark! I walked over to 4th Street where my brother Ken was parked with his '59 Ford Galaxie 500 and a spot reserved for Woody. It was now starting to get light and it was also cold with a wind blowing. →



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**George Pierce Representing Road Relics**



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**Packard Darrin**



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**Cars that made it "under the pavilion"**

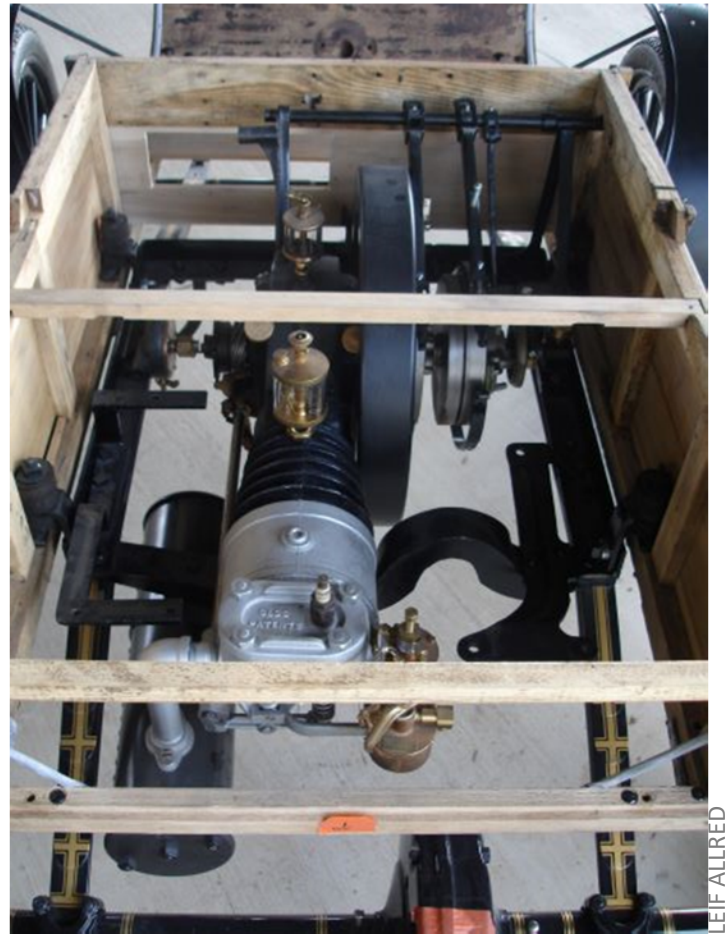


# Around Town

→ The streets were already filling up with cars, trucks, motor bikes and I thought I saw a tractor. Taylor is known for being a farming community. I met Randy Brown and his wife Jody and Don Samang from the T club and Leif from the Road Relics. We walked most of the streets and I met several other previous members from the T club. I noticed the Model A club was there but I missed John Anderson. The music was starting to crank up. There were cars and trucks from every year of manufacturing – cars from stock to highly modified to rat-rods.

It was finally starting to warm up around 10:00am and, about 11:30am, I decided to call it a day and head home; disappointed in not being able to show the woody which won a trophy last year. Later my brother said the official count on vehicles was somewhere around 810.

We'll probably do the same thing next year. P.S. Clogged fuel line.



LEIF ALLRED

**Curved Dash Oldsmobile – Under Restoration**



LEIF ALLRED

**Main Street Car Show – October 29, 2022 – Taylor, TX**



# Membership

## Renewal

It is time to renew your membership. The National AACA dues are \$45 and our local Central Texas Region AACA dues are \$20. For any questions, please feel free to contact membership chair, Wayne Heikkila at (512) 740-4212 or [wayneheikkila@gmail.com](mailto:wayneheikkila@gmail.com).



Pay by Mail:

1) \$45 payable to AACA

2) \$20 payable to CTR-AACA

Wayne Heikkila

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## 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

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\$Offer

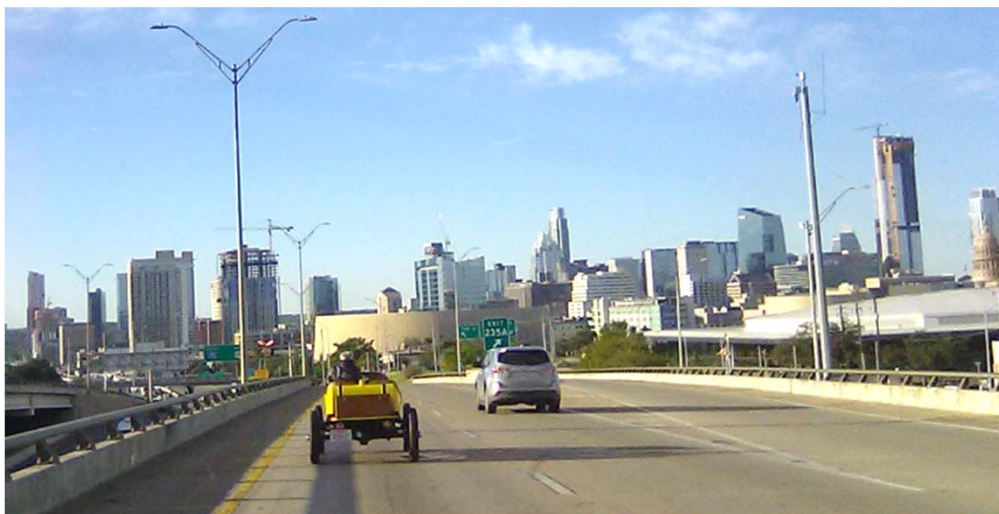


Greg Herbert: [gdherbert@aol.com](mailto:gdherbert@aol.com)

## 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*



### Recruitment is not a Seasonal Job

By Paula Ruby

Vice President - Membership

As we approach the conclusion of the 2022 year of meets, tours and conventions we need to keep in mind that the job of getting new members never stops. Obtaining new members for AACA is a 365-day effort that falls on everyone's shoulders.

With the temperatures being so hot this summer, we will all be looking forward to the cooler fall weather. There are still opportunities for regions and chapters to have many fun activities. Let's think about doing a driving tour to a pumpkin patch or apple festival. Usually at these festivals there will be other vendors set up so check and see if it would be possible for your region to set up a table. Be prepared to have with you some

regular applications as well as Military Sponsorship Program applications. If you have some past issues of Antique Automobile magazine that you can part with, have them available as well. Also look into participating in local Halloween and Christmas parades. We have discovered that the Cars and Coffee events on the weekends have been very well received. It gets people together in the morning for a couple of hours and they still have the rest of their day for family and friends.

Keeping our organization's name in the limelight will give us the opportunity to answer questions all about WHO we are and WHAT we have to offer.

If you have any ideas that have worked for your regions, please share them so that we can help other regions that are struggling to keep their membership growing.



## Letter From the Editor



BRIDGET BETCHEL

Same truck – different driver! Complete with parade wave, Ronnie Burt had added duties of first blocking the lane of traffic so that the column of antique cars could safely turn in and remain together on the short trip to Belmont. One of our guests' grandfather is a resident who was once a Ford executive so that's why I trailered the Model A to the event (with the big truck, of course).

*Leif*



# Calendar

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

GEARING FOR GAVIN CAR SHOW

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

<https://GearingforGavin.org>

**(DATE CHANGE – see page 5)**

**December 4, 2022 1:00pm**

ROAD RELICS ANNUAL MEETING / 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/](http://www.pateswapmeet.com/)

**April 30, 2023**

SOUTHEASTERN DIVISIONAL TOUR

Oak Ridge, TN 704-847-4215

**May 18-21, 2023**

TEXAS TOUR

Schulenberg, TX

## LEGEND

☐ Monthly Meetings

☒ Special Events

☒ Road Relics Mini-Tours

☒ National Meets and Tours

☐ Local (unofficial) Events

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



## ESTATE SALE:

December 3, 2022 9:00am-3:00pm

8101 Hwy 290 W

Dripping Springs, TX.

Dorothy Auldridge is liquidating her late husband Phil's very large collection of garage and shop equipment: 4-post lift, parts washer, blasting cabinet and many rolling tool boxes; various stands and jacks for cars and motorcycles; shop tools include a Delta contractor table saw, bench grinder and numerous small power tools; 1,000s of small hand tools and hundreds of sockets/drivers.

[douglchambers@aol.com](mailto:douglchambers@aol.com)

**WANTED:** Chevrolet Stepside Tailgate.

In any condition but preferably not attached to a truck – to be turned into a bench for auction. [jlrarkin1961@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jlrarkin1961@sbcglobal.net)

**1949/1953 Ford Passenger Car Radiator:**

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

John Tiemann 512-658-4619



# *The Last Page*



Pioneer Flight Museum – November 12, 2022 – Kingsbury, TX