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DJ STAMP



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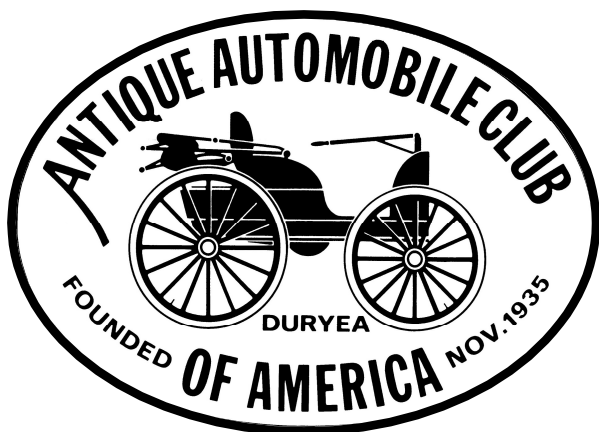
EDGAR FROG

# *The Steering Column*

What can you say about the ever-changing weather in central Texas? Beginning this month, it should be warming and more consistent, so easier to plan an outdoor outing. With that said, this is a perfect time for you to select a month and volunteer to host a mini tour. Just find an interesting location to visit and a route to get there. It is that simple.

Hope everyone can make it to the meeting at Catfish Parlour on, Tuesday, March 14th. Here's to good health and good friends!

Greg Herbert, President CTR-AACA



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# Secretary's Report

## Minutes of Road Relics Meeting

February 14, 2023 – Catfish Parlour

Submitted by Sue Graner, Secretary, CTR-AACA

**Meeting** The February meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Greg announced that this would be a rather short meeting as several of our officers were not in attendance. Wayne was on his way to Europe and Ronnie and Paul were both otherwise occupied.

Throughout the meeting Greg sprinkled "Valentine Humor" and Nancy passed out Valentine Treats to all of us.

**Secretary's Report** The minutes were published in January's newsletter (written by Ronnie). Bob made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Wally seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report** Duane presented his report and said that the Club was in good financial shape. Wally made the motion to approve the report and Bob seconded the motion. A unanimous vote passed the motion.

**Sunshine Committee** Ronnie

could not attend the meeting tonight, but indicated to Greg that she didn't know of anyone who was ill or having surgery.

**Website** Rich was not in attendance but Greg reminded us to keep on sending photos to Rich for publication online. It keeps the site looking fresh.

**Newsletter** Wayne sent in an article on his Speedster. Leif said that mini tours also help fill up the Newsletter. Please sign up for Mini tours and programs. Presenters can talk about anything they think would be of interest to the group.

**Past Activities** Leif gave a brief summary of the visit to Belmont for the new group that was formed called "Men of Belmont." They hope to have recurring speaker events of interest to the guys who live there and still enjoy their favorite past times. Rich Bassemir also attended and said the speaker, John R. was very well received. Leif also commented on "Pistons on

the Square" in Georgetown.

### Upcoming Events

- ☐ 12th Annual Cars and Vintage Planes Show, Georgetown, February 25
- ☐ Rock 'n Rides – Cedar Park, March 4 from 9am-1pm
- ☐ Hendrickson Hawks Car Show, March 11, Pflugerville, TX
- ☐ Pate Swap Meet, Texas Motor Speedway, April 27-29
- ☐ Texas Tour, May 18-21, Schulenberg, TX hosted by Golden Crescent Region of AACA



**Dehydrated Water**



# Secretary's Report

**Pate Swap Meet** The representatives are meeting to discuss sharing duties with the Austin Area Car Club. Since there are fewer clubs, the ones participating will have to share the jobs and alternate times.

## Member's Projects

- Gary B. is putting the original 265 back in his '55 Chevy. It was only getting 4 MPG with the bigger engine.
- Gary P. is working on his Austin Healey.
- Wayne and Wendell are working on a couple of things together.

- Bob R. is cleaning out his garage.
- Apparently, no one had any really serious damage from the Ice Storm.

**Program** The program was done by DJ Stamp who brought samples of some of his collections to share with us. He showed us a Silky Saw for trimming trees that cost \$80.00. He had a can of "dehydrated water," a trophy for winning the Pinewood Derby back when he was a scout, a radio that looked like binoculars, a model of the Goodyear Blimp, a Pizza cutter that looked like a

bicycle. He asked if we knew what Barbie's first car was . . . it was an Austin Healey; she also had a GM Motorhome. He also brought a Viewmaster and a Ouija Board. I barely touched on all the items he brought in tonight. D.J. sure has a wide assortment of items in his many collections.

Thanks for sharing with us, D.J. You always provide us with amazing vintage finds.

The meeting broke for complimentary cobbler about 7:40pm and the meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm. 🚗



*"Show and Tell" by DJ Stamp – Tour de France lighting cigarettes and other accoutrements*

# Upcoming Events

## Pate Swap Meet – Planning and Preview

*By DJ Stamp, Pate Representative*

The annual Pate meeting was held at Casa Del Castillo restaurant in Waco with all member clubs represented. Lunch was provided but, since I'm a sprout, I just stop at Taqueria El Mexicano in Belton and picked up some tacos. It's hard for me to pass through Belton without picking up some of their miga and bean and cheese tacos.

This year three clubs will be sharing parts hauling and vendor escort duties. Austin Area Car Club (AACC) will be helping with parts hauling along with us and TexArk Car Club and we will assist with vendor escort. This should work out well since vendor escorts are busier when we are not and visa versa. We should also benefit with some more help on Tuesday when we unload the storage containers and put the carts together. I'm also thinking about getting a stencil which says "REQUEST PARTS HAULING AT INFORMATION BOOTHS" to print this message on the side boards of the trailers. Let me know your opinion of this.

I presented a rough draft of guidelines for parts hauling and vendor escort and hope to refine them with feedback from other directors and club members.

It looks like we will have the special engine hoist and it should have a dedicated cart and driver. They are contemplating adding another gate at the back of the grassy area but it's uncertain if we have enough help to operate it. That entrance was a problem last year and will be redesigned to prevent vehicle entry this year.

Color coded vendor passes are in. Colors will relate to various swap meet zones with colored flags at entrances and should help to get vendors to enter into the proper zone initially. 7,806 spaces have been sold so far. The handicap scooter vendor has requested 3 golf carts to transport handicap persons in addition to taking parts out to fix broken carts and tow broken carts back to their tent. The contract with the speedway is valid through 2027.

There will be a tile party on March 18 10am (rain date March 23) to assist in placing space ID tiles on the spaces through out the swap meet.

I had a brief chat with director Michael Cawley who is heavily involved in scouting to see if scouts would be interested in helping to recycle at the swap meet. Not sure if this will go anywhere but it's a shame for an event of this size not to have a recycling effort.

We do not anticipate any problems with the porta potties this year. A stretch of good weather would go a long way toward avoiding any issues.

Who's in the picture on Page 1? My brother Jack and his wife Nancy who came to Pate from Des Moines a few years ago.

April 27-29, 2023  
PATE SWAP MEET  
Fort Worth, TX  
[www.pateswapmeet.com](http://www.pateswapmeet.com)



# Member's Projects

## Air Conditioning in the Winter

by Leif Allred

Snowmageddon took out the air conditioning on the big truck in February 2021. It was charged up during that summer to keep it bearable. There were a lot of mini-tours and a July trailer glamping trip in 2022 where having air conditioning would have really taken the edge off. It was near impossible, however, to get a reservation at the shop and my Toyota mechanic wouldn't touch it and I was afraid of my BMW mechanic's fees. I searched for a specialized mechanic for Vintage Air/Classic Air and located Martin's Rod and Custom in Lampasas, TX – which also fulfills my desire to go further north instead of back into Austin.

Martin's Rod and Custom

1010 McLean Street

Lampasas, TX 76550

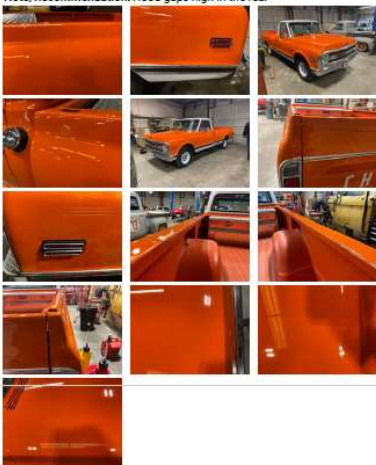
(512) 564-1117

service@martinsrods.com

martinsrodandcustom.com



Part of their “new customer” service is to do a full inspection on the vehicle. It's the vehicle equivalent of asking “does this make me look fat?” Don't ask the question if you don't want to hear the answer! With a stoplight (green, yellow, red, N/A) checksheet, they go over the entire vehicle: panel alignments, latches and doors, lighting, gauges, chassis, wiring, suspension, brakes, fuel, transmission – you get the point. Then they provide an estimate on all of that. After you pick yourself off of the floor, you can then prioritize what you can do yourself, what they should do, or what you can get by with until later. Although shocking, it is a really great service document and would be indispensable to have them do before buying a classic car.

Receiving Pre-Maintenance Inspection		Completed: 01/23/2023			
Item		Green	Yellow	Red	N/A
1	Exterior Functionality/ Condition- Body Panels (scratches, dents, rust, damages), Gaps/ Fitment, Trims, Doors, Trunk, Hood, Bumpers, Roof, Weather Stripping and Glass	✓			
<b>Note/Recommendation: Hood gaps high in the rear</b>					
					
1/23/2023		Martin's Rod and Custom Powered by Shopmonkey.io			Page 1 of 13

### Pre-Maintenance Inspection – 13 pages long

After vacuum and pressure testing the air conditioning freon system and finding no leaks and recharging it once again, I reminded them of SnowVID and told them to leave it outside during the 2023 Arboredgon storm – our recent ice event that took out all of the tree limbs – and they found the leak. →



HVAC Leak at Schrader Valve



# Member's Projects



## Martin's Rod and Custom – Lampasas, TX

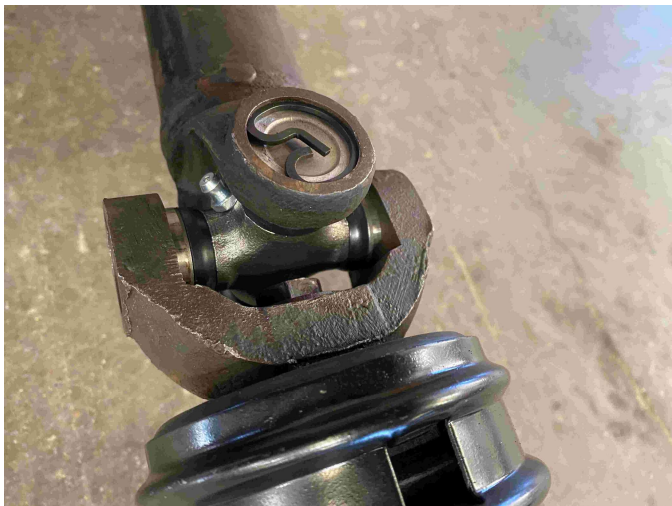
→ It's hard to whine about not having air conditioning when my Dad has lived in Las Vegas for the last 60+ years and drove his 1963 Ford F-100 stepside truck to work every day without it. I mean, it's easy to whine . . . just who is going to listen?

The other item Martin's identified that I did not feel comfortable doing myself at home was that the carrier bearing was no longer connected to the driveshaft. Additionally, once they got it apart, it was discovered that the U-Joints also needed replacement. At least the oil condition and levels were good. That's because one has to continually check and top it off. Someone once told me that if

an old car is not leaking, then it's empty and needs to be refilled. Mine is leaking at the front main seal – which then covers everything else in oil and gunk. The other leaks I can manage at home.

Upon first dropping off the truck, the service advisor offered that I should take a tour of the facility – that has a line of cool cars out front and a lot of space for many projects. However, my ride had an appointment she needed to get to. I did reserve that our club would want to stop in for a complete tour the next time we find ourselves back north in Lampasas.

Another benefit of a car shop in Lampasas is that you get two trips up there to stop in at the Lampasas County Museum (the place we went to where Logan played the player piano). <http://lampasasmuseum.org/> One may also peruse The Trading Post – Antiques and Collectibles. Be sure to sign their petition to prevent the bypass around the city. These small shops depend on the traffic coming through the city on Highway 183 for their livelihood. Make sure you stop at Storm's Drive-In for ice cream. Now you've got a day trip instead of being under the car all weekend long.



Carrier Bearing and U-Joint Repair



# On the Internet

## Cool Breeze from Kenosha: The 1964 Rambler Typhoon

*Reported by DJ Stamp*

I came across the Rambler Typhoon for sale on Facebook Market Place. Having had never heard of it before, the search continued on the Internet to Mac's Motor City Garage: "Here's your source for industry news and gossip, automotive history, technology, racing, shop talk, hot rods, and collector car news. [mcg@macsmotorcitygarage.com](mailto:mcg@macsmotorcitygarage.com)."

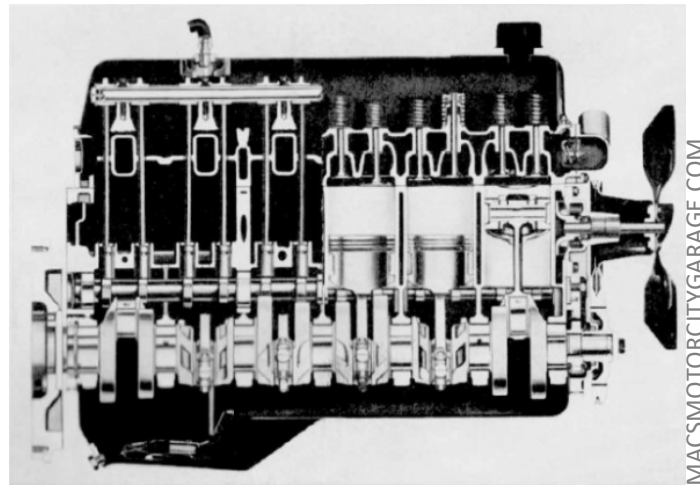
What first sounds like three guys sitting around the shop trying to outdo each other on car stories, one must consider the sources. The contributors are Tony Matthews who worked as a freelance illustrator from 1976 to 2003, Jim McCraw a 45-year writer for automotive magazines, and Rick Voegelin, a PhD dropout who quit school to work on a drag racing magazine. The "Mac" at Motor City Garage is Bill McGuire, vice-president and editor-in-chief who also wore many hats in the automotive magazine industry.



### 1964 American Motors Rambler Typhoon

The article is titled "Cool Breeze from Kenosha: the 1964 Rambler Typhoon" with the claim "To showcase its all-new 232 cubic-inch inline six engine, in 1964 American Motors introduced a limited-production Rambler Classic and called it the Typhoon."

The old inline 6 (still an L-head) had been in production since the 1940s and was replaced by the new state-of-the-art Torque Command Six. It had an initial displacement of 232 cubic inches and 145 horsepower.



### AMC's Torque Command Six engine

The new inline six was a \$59.95 option for the 1964 Classic or Ambassador. Although only 2,520 Typhoons were produced, the article claims that a remarkable number still seems to survive!



<https://macsmotorcitygarage.com/cool-breeze-from-kenosha-the-1964-rambler-typhoon/>



# Around Town

## Georgetown, TX

Report and Photos by Leif Allred

### PISTONS ON THE SQUARE – 2/18/2023

It was the last freeze for the season and, although the air was still, the sun could never quite peek through the clouds and warm it up. Pistons-on-the-Square had more people when it was misting rain but not as cold. Many lamented their thermostat must be low when the heaters never really warmed up but this may also be because each one making this statement had holes in the firewall or their vent (1963 Corvette) was stuck open. This was February 18, 2023.

DJ mentioned the import restrictions lifted on small Japanese cars which is evident by the obscure small gull wing sports cars present. Mentioned last month (but the doors were shut because of rain) is the Autozam AZ-1 looking minute next to a VW Bug. Only 4,400 Autozam AZ-1s were made.



**Autozam AZ-1 (1992-1994)**

The Toyota Sera debuted in 1988 as the Toyota AXV-II concept car and is noted for its mostly glass roof canopy and its butterfly doors, which tilt up and forward when open.

Total of 15,941 were built between February 1990 and December 1995. Being it was only available in for the Japanese market, all Toyota Sera models are right-hand drive.



**Toyota Sera (1990-1995)**

Accessorized only with a child seat, this very low mileage 1963 Oldsmobile Cutlass F-85 Convertible was purchased by this young father from the estate of the original owner. He has repainted it and will eventually get around the updating the upholstery which is original – and looks it. →

# Around Town



**1963 Oldsmobile Cutlass F-85 Convertible – Georgetown, TX – 2/18/2023**

## **SETPHANIE NICHOLS' 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL VINTAGE CAR AND AIRPLANE SHOW – 2/25/2023**

There was a car with registration number 498, which sounds close to correct that there were about 500 vehicles on display at this event put on at the Georgetown Airport.



**Rich's 1965 Shelby Cobra (replica)**

Proceeds of this year's show benefit the Georgetown High School's automotive programs. The event was opened with a tribute to current and past military, first responders, and veterans and a very moving rendition of the Star Spangled Banner. Music played in the background as thousands of people milled around the display of cars, motorcycles, and airplanes.

A low ceiling of cloud cover again (same thing as last year) canceled the sky divers and airplane rides. There was a row of swap meet vendors selling cars and parts and a WWII bomber was available for children to enter the belly and exit out the back. Several food vendors (BBQ, Burgers, Kettle Corn, and a Bakery) didn't prevent the discouragingly long lines for lunch. However, that cleared the parking lot for the extended procession of spectators looking to get into the event. Even though cloudy, at least it wasn't freezing! →



# Around Town



1936 Cord 810 Westchester



1960 Chevrolet Apache 10



1957 Lincoln Premiere



Georgetown, TX – 2/25/2023





# Membership

## Dues

Bring a new member into the club. 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

3543 Pauling Loop

Round Rock, TX 78665



The online registration for paying local dues online is currently undergoing renovation.

## Club 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)

## Mini-Tours

Some would say that we're a food club that drives old cars – going from one restaurant to another along less traveled routes. Sign up to lead a mini-tour!



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## Leaders

### President

Greg Herbert

### Vice President

John Anderson

### Treasurer

Duane Pufpaff

### Secretary

Sue Graner

### Directors

George Brunner

Vic Donnell

Wally Graner

Joe Peter

DJ Stamp (Pate Rep)

Leif Allred (Past Pres)

### Membership Chair

Wayne Heikkila

### Sunshine Chair

Ronnie Burt

### Programs Chair

DJ Stamp

### Mini-Tour Chair

Your Name Here

### Club Gear

Greg Herbert

### Webmaster

Rich Bassemir

# National News

## National News, Notifications, and Nudges

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



### NEW AACA Members

By Mel Carson

Vice President - Legislation

The Antique Automobile Club of America needs members – your help is essential!

Challenge your Region and Chapter Members to find those interested in enjoying family participation with antique vehicles and preserving automotive history.

Often, we see an antique vehicle being driven to the grocery store, the gas station, or just out for a ride. Sometimes we can catch up with the driver and admire their vehicle and strike up a conversation about the car. You can invite them to visit a Region or Chapter meeting and let them know about the benefits

of joining AACA.

The key part of this discussion is . . . the Antique Automobile Club of America needs members – now more than ever! We believe there are a large number of folks who are interested in the automotive hobby but don't belong to AACA. The general belief is that it is more difficult than ever to bring folks into AACA because many folks don't readily join organizations. My thinking is that a personal conversation is the best way to introduce new members to AACA. Folks like to know others with collector vehicles and be able to get together to kick tires and talk about repairs and restoration.

Every Region and Chapter Member can find a prospective AACA member – talk with them, and they will want to join you with the fun of AACA!



## Letter From the Editor



Georgetown, TX – 2/18/2023

Mini-Tours fill so many spaces in the club. In addition to having a monthly event to look forward to, that alone is many a reason to complete some of the repairs and get the vehicles running. The moving car show fills the hearts of the spectators – those giving the “thumbs up” and blocking traffic to take photos. They also fatten the FenderTalk newsletter with the advertisement and sign-up sheets and then the report that follows. I have been asked what software program I use to make maps for the tour – hint: it's the same one I exercise to publish the newsletter. If you schedule a mini-tour and find the route, I'll make the map.

*Leif*

# Calendar

**March 14, 2023 7:00pm (earlier for food)**  
MONTHLY MEETING (in person)  
Catfish Parlour – South  
4705 E Ben White Blvd, Austin, TX 78744

**March 4, 2023 9am-1pm**  
ROCKNRIDES CAR SHOW  
200 Gupton Way, Cedar Park TX

**March 11, 2023 9am-1pm**  
HENDRICKSON HAWKS CAR SHOW  
19201 Colorado Sand Dr, Pflugerville, TX

**March 11, 2023 9am-1pm**  
RIVERROD 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TRUCK / CAR SHOW  
701 Common St, New Braunfels, TX  
<https://riverrodtx.bigcartel.com/>

**April 13-15, 2023**  
SOUTHEASTERN SPRING NATIONALS  
Charlotte, NC 704-847-4215

**April 21-22, 2023 9am-1pm**  
LONESTAR ROD AND KUSTOM ROUND UP  
7311 Decker Ln, Austin, TX  
[www.lonestarroundup.com/](http://www.lonestarroundup.com/)

**April 27-29, 2023**  
PATE SWAP MEET  
Fort Worth, TX  
[www.pateswapmeet.com](http://www.pateswapmeet.com)

**April 30 – May 3, 2023**  
SOUTHEASTERN DIVISIONAL TOUR  
Oak Ridge, TN 865-803-6412

**May 6, 2023 (rain date May 13)**  
GTACC 16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CAR SHOW  
2 Texas Drive, Georgetown, TX (Sun City)  
[www.GTACC.org](http://www.GTACC.org)

**May 11-13, 2023**  
CHICKASHA SWAP MEET  
Chickasha, OK  
[www.chickashaautoswapmeet.com](http://www.chickashaautoswapmeet.com)

**May 18-20, 2023**  
EASTERN SPRING NATIONALS  
Gettysburg, PA 717-582-3209

**May 18-21, 2023**  
TEXAS TOUR – WHEELIN' THROUGH TEXAS  
Schulenburg, TX  
Tour Chairman: Gary East  
361-935-1660 or 361-575-8833  
Email: [infoforthetexas tour@yahoo.com](mailto:infoforthetexas tour@yahoo.com)

**June 25-28, 2023**  
EASTERN DIVISIONAL TOUR  
Denver, PA 717-534-2082

**July 16-22, 2023**  
FOUNDERS TOUR  
Ontario, Canada 905-305-7747

**July 26-29, 2023**  
SPECIAL EASTER SUMMER NATIONALS  
Norwich, NY 607-334-2907

**August 10-12, 2023**  
GRAND NATIONALS  
Bettendorf, IA 309-373-2169

**October 3-6, 2023**  
EASTER FALL NATIONALS  
Hershey, PA 717-566-7720

**October 22-27, 2023**  
REVIVAL AAA GLIDDEN TOUR (PRE-1943)  
Thomasville, GA – VMCCA Hosted

## 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*

**1969 Volkswagen Bug**

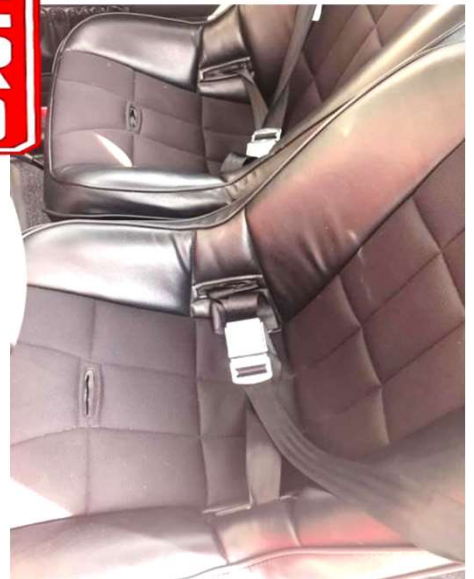
Goes by the name of "Ruby."

Recent engine rebuild. Dual carbs/exhaust. Old tires. No rust – Utah car garage kept and never driven in rain or snow. Manuals and Restoration Log. Suffers from typical long term storage issues.

**\$15,000 as is**

Leif Allred 512-350-3825

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**1973 Ford F-100 Custom**

Original condition. 360 V8 with Ford C6 transmission. Currently parked with a bad distributor – was running in November 2022.

**\$4,000 (make an offer)**

Leif Allred 512-350-3825

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