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Hope everyone can make it to the monthly meeting at Catfish Parlour on, Tuesday, April 11th and then to Pate Swap Meet the last week of April. 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

March 14, 2023 – Catfish Parlour

Submitted by Sue Graner, Secretary, CTR-AACA

Meeting Our meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Throughout the meeting, Greg interjected some good old "Car Humor."

Membership Wayne was not in attendance this evening but called and told Greg that there were no new members. There were no guests in attendance tonight either.

Secretary's Report The minutes of the February 14th meeting were published in FenderTalk this month. There were no changes or alterations needed. Bob R. put forth the motion to accept the minutes as written and George seconded the same. All present voted "aye" to accept the minutes.

Treasurer's Report Duane said there was not much activity this month, although he collected \$120 worth of dues. Bob R. made the motion to accept the report and George B. seconded the motion. The vote to accept was unanimous.

Sunshine Committee Ronnie was not present, and no one

else knew of anyone who was ill or having surgery either.

Website Rich indicated that there wasn't much going on with the website; though he could use a few more photos from the members. Thanks Rich, for doing such a good job with the website.

Newsletter Leif said he could always use articles and stories. The publication will be pretty thin if some of us don't send him something in the next 30 days.

Past Activities

The Vintage Airplane and Car Show in Georgetown - only one plane showed up, but the weather was not very good, according to Rich B.

Rockin' Rides in Cedar Park.

Hendrickson Hawks Car Show in Pflugerville (it's a small senior celebration).

Pistons on the Square in Georgetown – see Newsletter for a nice article on this.

No one attended any other events. We still need

someone to volunteer for Mini Tour Chairperson. Currently there are no mini tours on the calendar at all.

Upcoming Events

Pate Swap Meet, Texas Motor Speedway, April 27-29, 2023

Texas Tour, May 18-21, 2023
Schulenberg, TX hosted by Golden Crescent Region of AACA

Pate Swap Meet D.J. spoke about the Swap Meet. He said things would be different this year as the three main clubs TexArk, AACC and AACA, would be sharing responsibilities. There's a new club out of Dallas (Pontiac Club) with 56 members that want to join Pate. We will need help with the information booths. Right now there are 7,800 spaces rented out with close to 10,000 spaces available to rent out. D.J. thought it'd be a good idea to post the information about Pate on the Club website.

D.J. said he had earned his 40 year SDC pin and mounted it on his ND hat. →

Secretary's Report

Member's Projects

Wendell and Joe worked on the Packard, finishing up the continental kit and steering wheel.

Rich said that his garage was finished; it's a steel building with stone on the outside, approximately 30' x 50' and 16' tall.

Break for cobbler at 7:35pm

Program Having scanned bring-a-trailer classified ads and having repeatedly read "Emory Porsche" on 6-digit listings, D.J. searched it out brought us a great video on

the restoration of the #46 Porsche 356-SL that won the 24-hour race at Le Mans in 1951 and signified the beginning of Porsche Motorsports.

The original car was reconfigured many times for different races, brought to the US to be sold as a street car, and, at one point, was made into a convertible and purchased by race car driver Cameron Healy. After two years of research, a breakthrough document proved the cabriolet was actually #46. A painstaking restoration then ensued.

It was displayed in an incomplete state at RennSport amongst other Porsche racers that came after it. From there, they had 11 months to complete the restoration for showing at Pebble Beach in August of 2016. The photos in the program were outstanding and it was a very good presentation. D.J. has done more than his share of interesting programs this year.

<https://www.emorymotorsports.com/356-sl/>

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.



Porsche 356-SL GMUND Coupe – 1951 winner of Le Mans

Upcoming Events

Pate Swap Meet – Final Preparations and Call to Action

By DJ Stamp, Pate Representative

Please come join the fun with your friends at the annual Pate Swap Meet at the Texas Motor Speedway just north of Fort Worth right on I-35W. Jointly sponsored by 14 car clubs, this year we have admitted (on a trial basis) the Dallas Pontiac Owners and they have already assisted with early prep activities. Pate is one of the largest automotive swap meets in the world with over 10,000 available spaces and is the largest fundraiser for our club allowing us to fund events such as car shows, mini tours, Texas Tour and many other club activities.

Officially, the meet runs from Thursday to Saturday but you may volunteer anytime Monday through Sunday. If you have an RV or tent, please bring it since we have a fenced area for RV parking adjacent to the north end of the swap meet. We also have volunteer opportunities available in our club area hospitality where members prepare gourmet lunch every day. Next door is our club sales booth where club members bring items to sell for their own benefit. Volunteer there and do some haggling! Got a car you want to sell? Rent a swap meet space or take it up to the car corral where it's viewed by folks from all over the world.

Our job is to drive golf carts with cargo trailers providing free parts hauling and vendor escort on the swap meet grounds. We are requested to keep the carts within the swap meet area and drop off at a gate unless we have a very large load that makes sense to deliver directly to a truck.

Some club members work multiple shifts but any time you can donate is appreciated. There's everything from set-up on Tuesday to final duties on Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning (variable). This year we will be sharing duties with the AACC – we will help with vendor escort and they will assist with parts hauling. This should work well since they are busy when we are less busy and vice versa. We have both male and female drivers and loading and unloading is the responsibility of the customer and our help with that is optional. We may be assigned to cover a specific gate but, if your gate is slow, you are encouraged to help at other gates, including those covered by the Tex-Ark club. All drivers are equipped with communication radios. Our end game is to help as many Pate customers as possible!!

On Friday we have a potluck dinner which is always a good time with good eats. This is where you can let your talents shine if you bring your RV or pick up some prepared food to share. Some folks explore the local restaurants in Roanoke and Denton in the evenings. The forecast is for sunny to partly cloudy skies and high temperatures in the low 80's with lows in the 60's through the end of April.

Sign up at the meeting or contact me to volunteer to help at Pate. It's not work if you enjoy it!! DJ's phone number: 512-520-7026 and email designstamp@sbcglobal.net.

See you at Pate Swap Meet!



Member Memories

My Love Affair with Old Cars

By Bob Ross

I would guess that my love of old cars started early in the middle '50s when plastic model kits were available in my area of western New York. The majority of cars I saw on the streets were '50s model or the new hotrods of '32-'49 Fords or older Chevrolets. My dad bought a brand new car in 1953 (a 1953 Buick Special 40 4-Dr Sedan) with the straight eight engine and automatic transmission. He had problems with burning out mufflers and, when I took it to my high school auto shop class in 1959, we found that the block had been bored out 80/1000" at the factory. We put a dual exhaust manifold on it and never had another problem. A year later, my dad bought a 1955 Cadillac Series 62 Sedan. Needless to say, I was hooked on old cars from then on. My first car in 1961 was a 1951 Studebaker Champion Coupe. I had it for eight months before I went into the Air Force after graduating.

Being in the Air Force as an enlisted man, not many cars were available to me except older ones so my first car in the military was a 1947 Plymouth 4-Dr Sedan. It had 2 rods knocking and I bought it for \$50. I sold it nine months later for \$50 and it was still running. After Tech School I bought a 1949 Ford 2-door sedan for \$50 and kept it for almost a year.

As I progressed up in rank the cars got a little newer but I stayed with the later '50s and early '60s cars. When I retired from the service, I went looking for an old car to

compliment my newer car and bought a 1951 Mercury 4-door Sedan. I rewired that car and drove it for several years and gave it to my son in high school. He had a ball with it. I bought a 50 Ford Coupe to replace it. Shortly after that I became a member of the Early Ford Club and stayed with it until it folded due to lack of members. I then joined the Central Texas Region AACA. I have had a 1956 Imperial, a 1964 Oldsmobile 98 and a 1984 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz Convertible. However, at the present I am looking for a new car.



RICH BASSEMIR

Lampasas, TX – 8/28/2021

Member's Projects

Speedster Test Drive

By Wayne Heikkila

More on the repairs of the Speedster. As mentioned in the last article, I was waiting on parts. I removed the old brake rods and installed new rods and clevises, which meant I would have to readjust the brakes.

The last time I did this was according to Les Andrews' Handbook but I have recently been watching some videos by Paul Shinn. He and Bob – his Model A mechanic dad – only work on Model A's and the method in which they approach the vehicle is by considering it more of a daily driver and not just a touring car. I really enjoy watching the how to rebuild different items.

So how they adjust the brakes is this: Start by adjusting each wheel until the brakes drag then back the adjuster up by three clicks. Then you use the brake pedal tool but, instead of adjusting the brake wedges, you adjust the clevises. It took a couple of hours to make all the adjustments.



WAYNE HEIKKILA

New Ball Joint



WAYNE HEIKKILA

New Steering Gear Box

With the sun out and the day being warm, I decided to take the speedster out for a cruise. I can't begin tell you all how well this thing runs and drives now and being able to drive the car one-handed without it walking all around the road is such a relief. It just overall feels smother. The brakes feel good and stop better then they ever did. →



WAYNE HEIKKILA

Fuel Pressure Regulator

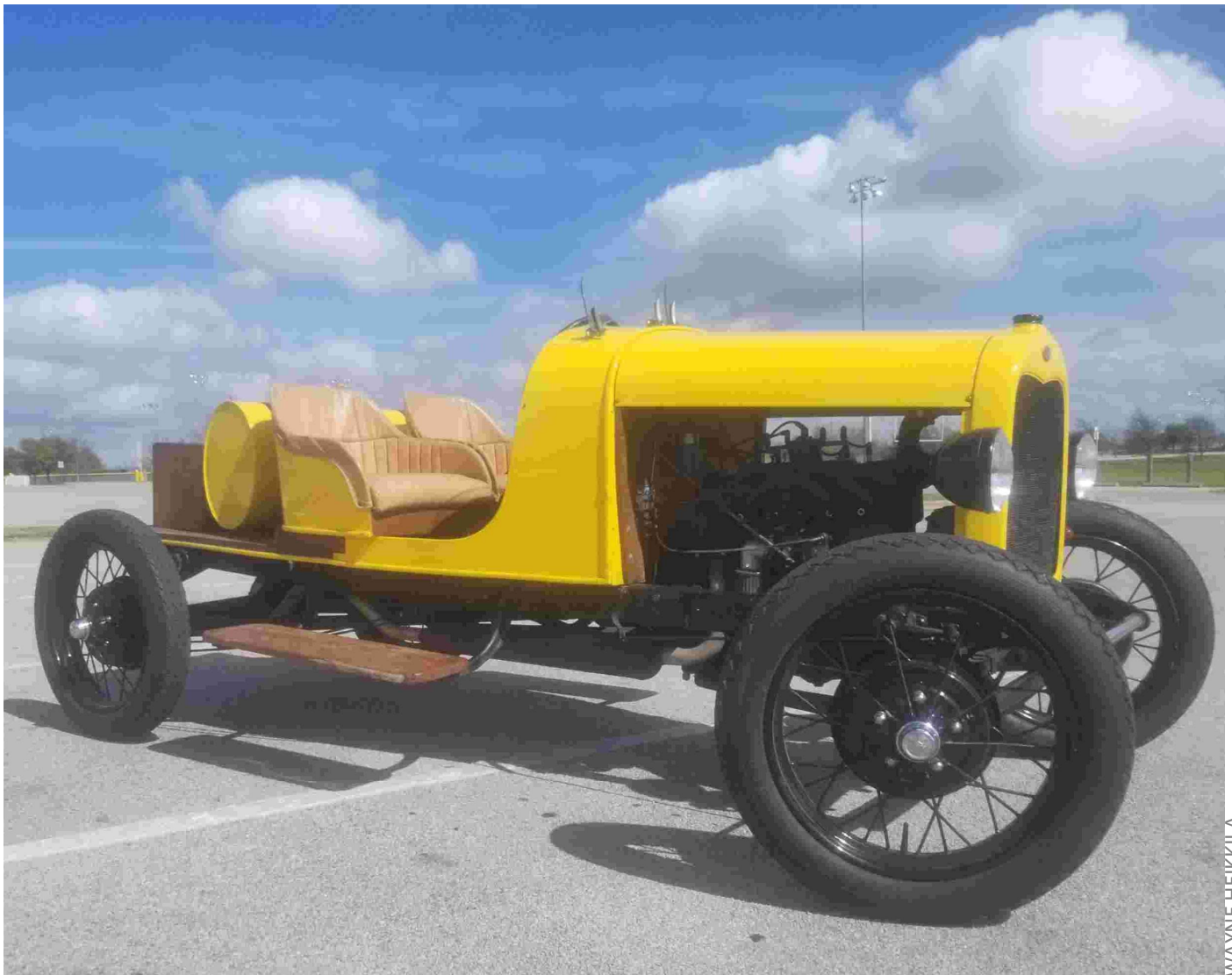
Member's Projects

→ The oil pan gasket and oil pump holder came in and I dropped the oil pan and cleaned it out and was very surprised at how clean the inside was. The rods are tight and everything inside looks good and I was happy things were dropping off the list. The next item on the list was to replace the battery.

Now that the car starts and runs, the first thing I did was set the timing as I thought it would be a great place to start. Next, I let the engine warm up. Now, because of the

thermostat, it took no time to get it up to operating temperature where I was then able to adjust the carburetor. The weather was too cold to really take it for a drive but I did putter around the block to check the brakes. Wow, do they work great!

With the engine getting to operating temperature so much quicker, I am now able to drop the RPM's and have it idle much lower, which really makes the car easier to drive. I'm now looking forward to our next tour! 🚗



WAYNE HEIKKILA

1929 Ford Model A Speedster

Around Town

Local Shows and Cruise-Ins

Report and Photos by Leif Allred

ROUSE HIGH SCHOOL "Rock'N'Rides" Cedar Park, TX – March 4, 2023

Being at a high school and a fundraiser, there were a lot of children, families, and dogs present. The Leander Police brought their own pet: McGruff the Crime Dog. HEB drove in their grocery basket vehicle thing and the Oscar Meyer Weinermobile also made an appearance. There were two food trucks and the Donut NV trailer at the show. Another very interesting booth was a hobby shop selling radio controlled cars and had this obstacle course built up for kids to test their skill and subsequently beg for toys.



Mobile 4x4 RC Car Obstacle Course

Hundreds of vehicles were shown and music played in the background. There had to be 50+ Corvettes grouped as if they had organized their appearance – almost like a club. If I was the judge, the award would have to go to the 1961 Chrysler 300 G Convertible out of Belton and the runner up a 1938 Ford Standard out of Cedar Park. It was a beautiful clear day and the high school had all of the elements of a great show. →



1961 Chrysler 300 G Convertible

Around Town

HENDRICKSON HIGH SCHOOL CAR SHOW Pflugerville, TX – March 11, 2023

A much smaller show but a way prettier day. There were probably only 50 or so vehicles but with owners much more engaged with the spectators, the Kona Ice truck, Donut

NV, a lunch truck, and indoor restrooms. The car show is a way to help pay for their 2023 Senior Celebration – an alcohol and drug free event designed to give HHS seniors a safe place to celebrate and enjoy a variety of entertainment, food, and prizes on their graduation night. →



1973 International Travelall – surf style with hula girl and pineapple door lock knobs



1954 Dodge – with a very well spoken and knowledgeable young owner



Hendrickson High School – Pflugerville, TX – March 11, 2023

Around Town

PISTONS ON THE SQUARE Georgetown, TX – March 18, 2023

The monthly cruise-in is really where it is at. Even talking with people showing a vehicle at an actual car show, they like the freedom of coming and going when they want to and

being on their way before lunch. Besides that, organizing and coordinating it is way easier as all that is really needed is an approved place to gather, coffee or snacks nearby, and a restroom. Pistons on the Square has all of that in a convenient and expandable venue. It's just they can't control it being cold! →



1953 Mercury Monterrey parked next to a modern Ferrari (and holding its own)



This Studebaker has shown up on rainy days too




Pistons on the Square – Georgetown, TX – March 18, 2023

Around Town

TEXAS THUNDERSTIX FUNDRAISER Georgetown, TX – March 26, 2023

Trucks and Tacos started at Mas Fajitas in Georgetown then moved to Hardtails during 'rona but the lack of tacos sort of lost its charm. It is now Trucks and Tri-Fives and they meet the 4th Sunday in Georgetown. The Texas Thunderstix piggy backed onto this monthly cruise-in for a Spring BBQ Fundraiser event to sponsor their trip to Oklahoma City. They are a non-profit select softball organization with under 8 to under 16 girls

teams. This car show was mainly trucks and tri-five Chevys but had a mixed of other original vehicles. There was a 50/50 raffle that raised \$450 for the club (the winner was a ticket bought for "the team"), a live DJ mixed a vast assortment of music, and the BBQ plate was awesome! A note on my third place trophy: it helps to let the teenage "judges" get inside the truck. 

"We are dedicated to building young girls into strong confident women both on and off the field!" <http://www.texasthunderstix.com/>



1963 Chevrolet Impala



1969 Oldsmobile 442 W-32



1978 Ford Granada



Texas Thunderstix Select Women's Softball – Georgetown, TX – March 26, 2023

Complementary Clubs

Austin Healey and Studebaker
By DJ Stamp

TEXAS STATE AUSTIN HEALEY ROUNDUP

Pat and I were in charge of the Popularity car show for the 2023 Texas Healey Roundup in Blanco on Saturday March 25. Roundup is a yearly regional event sponsored on a rotating basis between Dallas, Gulf Coast and South Texas Healey clubs. Different locations around Texas are chosen by the sponsoring club. This is a multiday event which includes a car show, a rally or tour and a gymkhana or funkhana and other events as planned by the sponsoring club. Events are often determined by many factors – for instance some towns are ruled out because there is not a large enough hotel or the hotel has speed bumps (Healey exhausts and speed bumps are not friends). Blanco now has a nice hotel, great roads for a rally, not far from Luckenbach or Devil's Backbone, a Courthouse square, and places to eat.



Courthouse Square – Blanco, TX

Saturday morning started with one of my favorite past times – getting up while it's still dark out. We got to the square and it was light but chilly which warmed up quickly as the sun came over the horizon. Set up was easy with a popup tent and a few cones

borrowed from the Oak Hill Fire Dept. I made the class signs based on Healey emblems or grills and mounted them on posts which were placed into the cones. Classes were 100, Roadster, Convertible and Sprite. Not everyone that is registered for Roundup attends the car show but I did see license plates from North and South Carolina and Illinois. We also invited a couple of Triumphs to park in our British Car section – a TR-3 and a V8 powered TR8. There were some very nice Healey 100's with what appeared to be 100M or racing engines but my favorite was the little blue Bugeye. It caught my ear when it pulled in – best sounding Sprite I've ever heard. When I asked about it a gentleman with an English accent stated the engine was a detuned version from one of his race cars.

The club provided free coffee, home made cookies, brownies and snacks and I picked up some tacos from Flores Taco →



DJ STAMP

Blanco, TX – March 25, 2023

Complementary Clubs

→ Stand for the volunteers. We also had some of the very nice Roundup T shirts for sale. The show lasted from 8:30am to 11:00am. Pat and I packed up and went to the hotel to count ballots while others ate and prepared for the next event, which was the rally.

As this year's T shirt states: "Healeys and Hill Country... No place but Texas"



Blanco, TX – March 25, 2023

STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB

This life member just got my 40-year pin from the Studebaker Drivers Club.

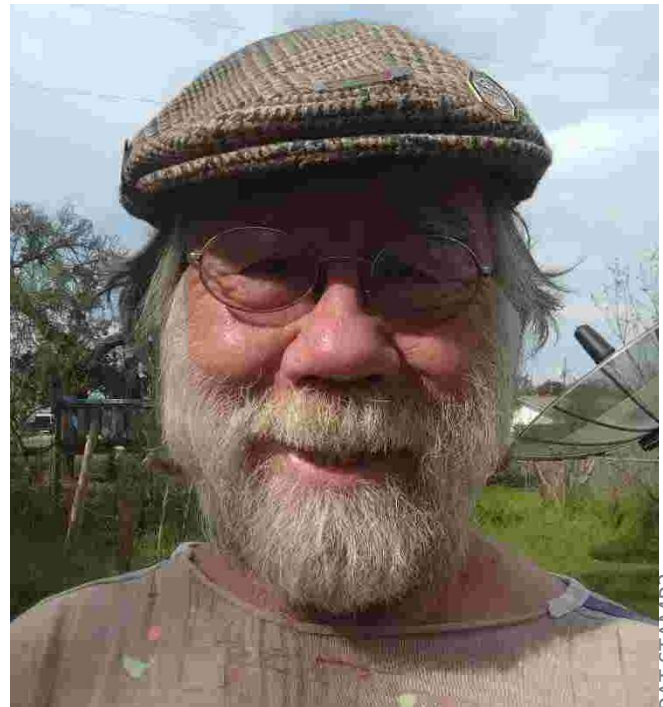


Studebaker Drivers Club 40-Year Pin

The hat was purchased from the campus store years ago when Pat and I attended the SDC International meet. Anyone that knows about Studebaker knows the pin is on the right hat!!



Inside the Hat



Under the Hat

AACA offers a 50-year Membership Pin (years need not be consecutive).



Membership

Dues

National AACA dues are \$45 and our local Central Texas Region AACA dues are \$20 (requires national membership). For any questions, please contact membership chair, Wayne Heikkila at (512) 740-4212 or wayneheikkila@gmail.com.



Pay by Mail:

1) \$45 payable to AACA

2) \$20 payable to CTR-AACA

Wayne Heikkila

3543 Pauling Loop

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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

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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Consider Strategic Planning

By Mel Carson

Vice President - Legislation

Why is Strategic Planning important? Regions and Chapters need direction and organization goals to work toward. Strategic Planning offers that type of guidance. Essentially, a Strategic Plan is a roadmap to goals. Without such guidance, it is difficult to know if your Region or Chapter is on the right road to reach its goals.

In general, Planning can be considered as three phases:

1 – Strategic Planning is the long-term planning for the achievement and survival of the organization.

2 – Tactical Planning is short-term planning that helps understand and break down Strategic Planning in parts to move forward.

3 – Operational Planning is used to implement Strategic Planning more often in short steps, such as office procedures.

The Strategic Planning process includes: Analyze Requirements; Develop Objectives; Plan the Process with a Budget; Execute with an Approved Budget; Monitor Progress.

Strategic Planning is not a “one and done” process. Any plan must be continually reworked and updated with a regular process. “Sometimes more time is spent discussing and planning than in doing” – to quote one expert. Google ‘Strategic Planning’ to find more information.



Letter From the Editor

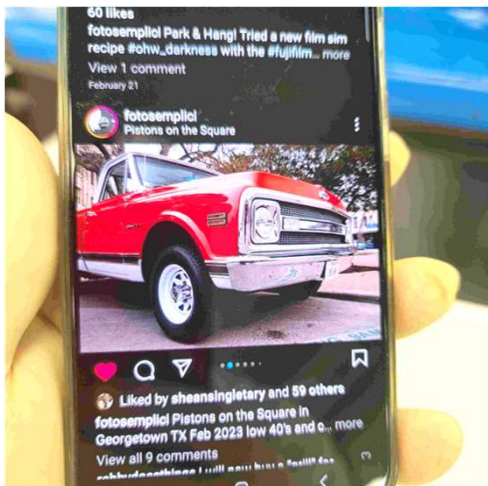


Photo of a Post of a Photo

Two guys I work with were talking about cars and trucks and shows and such. What else is there to have endless discussions about with football season over (football is like soap operas for guys – which, otherwise, they’d have nothing to say to each other)? One of them has a restored 70’s Oldsmobile; the other is building a Factory Five 1965 Shelby Cobra Daytona. So Oldsmobile shows Daytona a post from the February Pistons-on-the-Square with a big orange truck that was “liked” by 60 others. Photographed, shared and reshared – it just goes without saying that you never know what impact dragging your antique vehicle out of the garage has to the community and to whom it touches.

Leif

Calendar

April 11, 2023 7:00pm (earlier for food)

MONTHLY MEETING

Catfish Parlour – South

4705 E Ben White Blvd, Austin, TX 78744

April 1, 2023 8:00am-11:00am

HOT RODS AT THE HALL CAR SHOW

12141 FM 2268, Holland, TX

April 1, 2023 6:30pm-8:30pm

STEPHANIE NICHOLS' CRUISE-IN

Georgetown High School Sports Complex

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/

April 27-29, 2023

PATE SWAP MEET

Fort Worth, TX

Texas Motor Speedway

11st @ Andretti Ave

Spaces #610-618

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 16TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW

2 Texas Drive, Georgetown, TX (Sun City)

www.GTACC.org

May 11-13, 2023

CHICKASHA SWAP MEET

Chickasha, OK

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

July 4, 2023 – Save the Date

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

Wimberley, TX

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/

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

**FOR SALE
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Club Classified Ads

1969 Volkswagen Bug

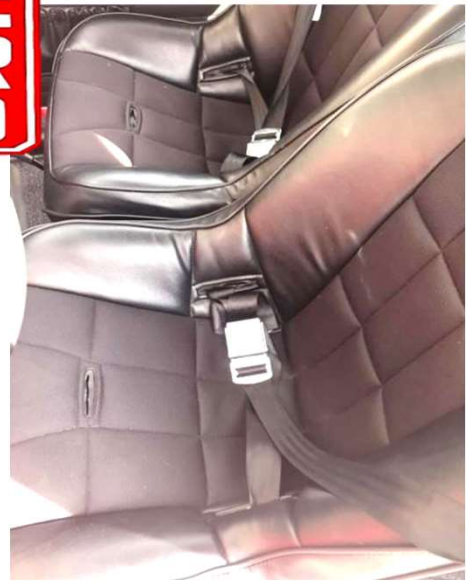
Goes by the name of "Ruby."

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.

\$3,499 OBO

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