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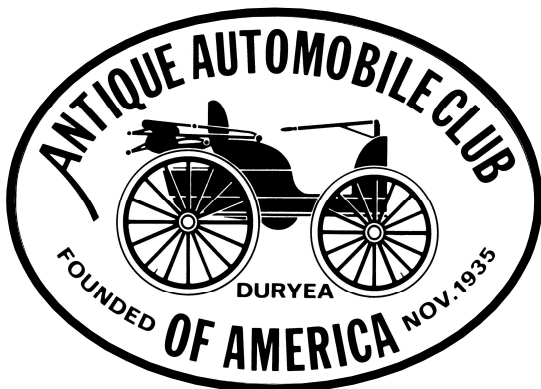


The Steering Column

We had a great group of volunteers from our club to support our efforts at the Pate Swap Meet last week. The weather is always unpredictable and, being in a very open flat parking lot, allows for rapid changes in conditions. This year it was very cold in the mornings and windy most of the time so everyone was bundled up. Then the rain was sporadic a couple days followed by sunshine to end the swap meet on Saturday. Despite all that, our volunteers completed the set up of our spaces, assembled the trailers, hauled lots of car parts and other heavy items, disassembled the trailers, and enjoyed some good food and good times during the week. My thanks to everyone who participated in another successful swap meet.

Hope everyone can make it to the meeting at Catfish Parlour on Tuesday, May 9th. 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 April 11, 2023 – Catfish Parlour

Submitted by Ronnie Burt

Meeting The meeting was brought to order by President Greg H. at 7:00pm. Once again, Greg came up with some humorous slides of unusual cars. One of the most unusual was the English Peel, a half car. Was it sold at half price?

Membership Guest Glenn Reilly was visiting the Road Relics' monthly meeting with Rich Bassemir.

Secretary's Report The minutes from the March meeting were approved as written. Sue G was not in attendance and minutes were taken by Ronnie B. Approved by Bob R. and seconded by George B.

Treasurer's Report Duane presented the treasurer's report. No income, no expenses, so the balance has remained the same. The report was approved as moved by George B. and seconded by Lizette P.

Sunshine Committee Ronnie B. reported that no one has reported any illnesses among

the members. Greg has returned from his knee surgery and is doing well twelve weeks in.

Website Rich B. requests car photos to add to the website.

Newsletter Leif thanked Bob R. for his submission, also to Wayne H., and DJ S. More articles are needed and would be appreciated.

Past Activities Leif reported on Pistons on the Square in Georgetown.

Upcoming Events

- Pate Swap Meet – April 27-29
- Wimberley Car and Art Show – April 29
- Sun City Car show – May 6
- Texas Tour in Schulenberg – May 18-21

Member's Projects

- Joe P said Wendell is sandblasting his REO
- George B – working on his Model T
- Gary B working on his '55 Chevy
- Member Discussion on center door vehicles

Break for cobbler offered by Catfish Parlour.

Program Following the break, DJ talked about the upcoming Pate Swap Meet and reminded everyone that this was the club's fundraiser. He offered his and Pat's 4 bedroom house in Granbury, which is one hour from the Pate Swap Meet, to anyone who would like to use it. No charge. Contact DJ if interested. He asked for members to help at the Meet, one day or whatever you can do, 3 hour shifts available. John A notified the members that he acquired a TV ad for Pate to be shown in the DFW area.

There followed a lot of talk about past Pate Meets until the meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.



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Pate Swap Meet

By Pate Representative DJ Stamp and Lizette Peter

Another one up and another one down and another one bites the dust!! Pate 2023 is in the history books. Of the 11,497 spaces we have available, we sold 9,449 plus 67 car corral spaces. With the weather forecast all over the place the week before, I had no idea what to expect. Most of them were consistent about rain on Wednesday and that was correct. Even with all of the uncertainty with the weather, vendors started showing up early and we were quite full by Wednesday. I spent most of Tuesday doing vendor escort with the exception of some spaces that would have been in the middle of the go kart track, if they existed. Generally, when we make a mistake, we find them a space and comp the cost.

Combining the parts hauling with the vendor escort went well with the exception of one major glitch. I had failed to get us both on the same radio channel – didn't even think about it. I did update the info booths they could call channel 2 or 6 for either service. Next year we will be on the same channel. Even with that glitch from the parts hauling perspective, things went very smoothly. The extra help from AACC helped to prevent the huge backlogs we have had in the past. I heard of a few times we had 5 waiting but that was generally taken care of relatively quickly.

The predicted severe rain for Friday and Saturday never materialized and we had our club potluck on Friday evening at which time I got my marching orders for next year – stop driving and start cooking earlier!!



Gargantuan Scooter – because Gary is TALL

Some of our older members (like in their 80's) occupied cart seats for 3 straight shifts. I know they enjoy it but I would prefer to get some more members up there to give them a needed break during the day.

No one took us up on the offer to use the Lake house during the swap meet but that offer will stand for next year so please think about coming up and helping us with our major fundraiser that allows us to sponsor other driving and static events. The lake house is in waterfront on a cool cove in Granbury which is 60 miles south of the →

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→ speedway; so about an hour drive. Very relaxing once you arrive and there are four bedrooms so we can accommodate multiple members at ZERO COST to you. We even have a Mexican restaurant in Granbury that has free margaritas, a great Italian restaurant and several great breakfast joints.

THANK YOU to Leif Allred, John Anderson, Gary and Barbara Baker, Rich Bassemir (who also brought his brother Doug Bassemir and friend Glenn Reilly), Wendel Bell, George Brunner, Vic and Jan Donnell, Vern Hancock, Wayne Heikkila, Greg Herbert,

Jim McMeans, Joe and Lizette Peter, Duane Pufpaff, Jim and Lynda Rankin, Pat and DJ Stamp, and Chester Toothman. If i missed anyone – get over it – I’m a forgetful old man!!

Still have to run this by the TexArk President but we may have stumbled onto a new M/O where we arrive early to get the carts out and put ‘em together and they put ‘em away. That's basically what we did this year.

Hope to see y'all next year.

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Pat Stamp shopping at Pate Swap Meet

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RANDOM PATE THOUGHTS

By Lizette Peter

Random Thoughts about Pate Swap Meet:

- Pate . . . where corn dogs are elevated to fine, street-side dining!
- The joys of underage Pate attendees riding go-carts and scooters after 5 pm
- Smells from pop-up BBQ pits as you drive around the grounds (including our club's)
- Pate Swap Meet brings either frostbite . . . or sunburn – this year was both

Singular items of interest hauled to vehicles:

- Jim Rankin – actual stuffed lions
- Lizette – a wood coffin converted to a free standing bookshelf, painted hi-gloss bright red (not sure the new owners realized it had been a coffin!!)
- A white plastic pool fence . . . to straddle/climb over a barbed wire fence
- Joe – an elephant kiddie ride (the kind you find in front of a grocery store) – usually cost 25 cents
- Signs, signs and more signs! Some shockingly expensive . . . who knew???

Other Anecdotes:

- While searching for a customer's truck . . . being instructed on how to recognize a dually!
- For the vast majority . . . an opportunity to meet and chat with a wide range of interesting, appreciative folks . . . who share common interests
- Visited with customers who had travelled long ways to attend Pate. From overseas: one fellow, named Vince, from England . . . who, by the way, was NOT a fan of the royal family, 2 guys from Belgium, one of

whom bought a football helmet??? and also, Australia, a man who discovered he loved our TX sweet tea!!! And from our side of the ocean . . . various West Texas towns such as Brownwood, Bangs, and Cisco, Hobbs, NM, California, East St Louis, Nebraska, and just around the corner!

- Having the opportunity to haul parts for customers who remarked I had helped them last year too! Amazing!
- The sheer necessity of functional seat coils in the parts hauler golf carts — for driver comfort!!
- Tasty, tasty snacks and lunches at our CTR-AACA base tent
- And, most especially, Pate is a terrific gathering allowing us to enjoy spending time with car club friends.

With many ways to contribute and the great fun to work along side each other while meeting people from all over, participating in Pate Swap Meet is a very rewarding event. If you missed out this go around, please consider joining us in the fun for the next fundraiser in 2024.



Sharing Duties – Escort and Parts Hauling

Treasure Finds

New Braunfels Swap Meet

By DJ Stamp

Mama told me not to go so please don't tell her. I don't buy much anymore but it's still fun to go look. Saw several club members there including George Brunner, Gary and Barbara Baker and Chester Toothman. Loved the little gas powered boat. I said I had seen one like it at the Coles Antique Show during Antiques Week in Warrenton a few years back and the owner said that's where they bought it.

Didn't buy a thing at the swap meet but went downtown to Naegelin's Bakery and filled up a box to take home. I had also heard about a taco trailer in Wimberly across from the hardware store so, instead of Mima's, I got some tacos at Rosita's – they passed the test!! →



DJ STAMP

Treasure Hunter: George Brunner



DJ STAMP

New Braunfels Swap Meet – April 21-23, 2023

Treasure Finds



→ MY STORY

"I am a carnival ride boat used circa 1932 in Dreamland Margate Amusement Park located in Kent, England. I am called "Middy" and am 8 feet long and currently 85 years old. Some say a few of us were shipped to Pennsylvania for use in an amusement park there prior to World War II. Perhaps that is why I exist today.

I am pure British, including my engine which exists in its original form. My steering mechanism allows me to go forwards or backwards with the aid of a foot pedal accelerator.

There are very few of my kind left in the world. Please enjoy the photo line-up of the little boats like me from long ago." 🚗



History

Horatio's Drive: America's First Road Trip

Reported by Edgar Frog; Photos from the Documentary

Directed by Ken Burns and distributed by Public Broadcasting Service, the 2003 Documentary *Horatio's Drive: America's First Road Trip* chronicles the 1903 trek from San Francisco to Manhattan in a 1903 Winton. Nelson Horatio Jackson was an eccentric Vermont doctor and was married to Bertha, the daughter of a very wealthy man, for only a few years before setting off on mostly a whim and a \$50 bet that he could make it across the continent in a horseless carriage. The caveat to the bet was that he had to complete it in less than 90 days.

Previously having been attempted by another who got stuck in the Nevada desert and abandoned the folly after only 10 days, Jackson hired a mechanic named Sewall Crocker to travel with him in a used 20-horsepower Winton open touring car (with no top or windshield). Then, after only four days of planning, he removed the back seat in order

to carry more gear and set off on the adventure. Most of their equipment – cooking gear, supplies, a jacket with money in the pockets, etc. – fell off during their bumpy travel that ate up tires, broke springs, and wreaked other havoc on the vehicle. The doctor remained optimistic throughout despite being stranded for days waiting for spare parts to be delivered by train and stagecoach. This wouldn't be the first time they were rescued by the horse as a cowboy once roped them back into town. →



Dr. Horatio Nelson Jackson



Sewall K. Crocker



Bud

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Almost daily, Horatio would telegraph his wife, who had smartly traveled home by train, telling her of his daily tribulations and how he intended to persevere. These letters were found by the producers to be in the hands of Horatio's granddaughters who said that they have sat in the seat of the Winton currently located in the Smithsonian. Along the way, he also picked up a bulldog named "Bud" who, equipped with goggles to protect his eyes, made a lot of the excursion and became the topic of "dinner" after 36 hours of not eating because their food fell off the back.

People would line the streets to see what would be, for most, their first ever horseless carriage. They would then radio ahead to the next town what was coming. Jackson also bought a camera to document the trip, which also brings great depth to the show. They took a northern route above Nevada through

Oregon, Idaho, and Wyoming and made many wrong turns logging extra unnecessary miles. When they were about a third through, they learned that two other cars were attempting the transcontinental trip – but both of those came with corporate sponsorship from Packard and Oldsmobile who would deliver parts and supplies along the route, including the driver's luggage. At some point, the Winton Company offered to help Horatio and was dismissed with an appropriately independent "we've made it this far without you . . ." response.

As are most things nowadays, the full film may be seen online but the DVD has extra features – like getting hold of a 1903 Winton from a collector so they can get the sounds of the car and the hood view of dirt paths and watching a cameraman strapped to the hood of a suburban.



The Car: The 1903 Winton had a two-cylinder, 20-horsepower engine directly underneath the driver's seat, chain drive, capable of speeds up to 30 mph; two speeds forward and one reverse

Around Town

Local Shows and Cruise-Ins

Report and Photos by Leif Allred

HOT RODS AT THE HALL

Holland, TX – April 1, 2023

Now here's a great car show idea: 8:00am-11:00am show, breakfast tacos and drinks, 50/50 and raffles, community booths (Veteran services, American Legion Post, Sons of Confederacy, etc.), awards at 11:30am, and dismissed! Home for lunch.

Held at The Hall on FM 2268 in Holland – which is a great venue for a party, live music, bingo or outdoor wedding. The show was hosted by the Holland American Legion Post 526 as a fundraiser for scholarships they offer. It had great community involvement.



1931 Ford Model A – in family since 1934



1959 Triumph Spitfire – Dog Approved

STEPHANIE NICHOLS' CRUISE IN

Georgetown High School – April 1, 2023

With the days remaining lighter later, evening meet ups become more reasonable – especially when the heat is coming upon us. To celebrate the Airport show bringing in more than \$30,000, this cruise-in gave the students an opportunity to thank the community. We watched the sunset and listened to an old guy reminisce about a 1976 road trip he took in a 1972 Camper Special up through Alaska and his adventure with trying to find tires that the gravel road ate up and glacier flour that semi trailers kicked up.



1948 Willys



1953 Pontiac

Around Town

PISTONS ON THE SQUARE

Georgetown, TX – April 15, 2023

What's better than seeing a 1931 Cadillac Boattail at a local cruise-in? Following it to the event and being able to tell just how difficult it is to drive it at slow speeds. The owner had to give it his all to park the V12 and use his arm to signal in such a luxurious vehicle.



1931 Cadillac Boattail Convertible



1965 Cobra – Young Car Enthusiast



COUNTY CITIZENS DEFENDING FREEDOM

Sun City Georgetown – April 16, 2023

The 1940s themed fundraiser was an evening event with a late night drive home exposing the 1931 Model A's dark driving drawbacks: 1) headlights from behind reflect blindingly on a flat windshield, 2) you have to light a match to see if the headlights are on, 3) the taillights are small, and 4) the generator may be set for night driving so the battery doesn't drain but leaving it there full time will overcharge the battery. Pushing the front window open eliminated the glare but let in the chilly night air. Bicycle lights helped create visibility and maintain battery charge as did just turning the Model A headlights off and letting the escort following light the road from under the vehicle.



1931 Ford Model A – Tudor Sedan



1955 Chevrolet "Dairy Queen" Pick-up

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

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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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Think Before You Restore

By Myron Smith
VP - Regions Development
and Support Western Div

“The car is only original once.” This has become the mantra of those of us who have a strong attraction to ‘original cars’. But what about older restorations or semi originals? Many a car has been subject to an overly enthusiastic owner who starts to do a total restoration and then lacks the wherewithal or finances to finish it. I suggest, before you throw yourself into a full-blown project, to sit down and do some serious pondering. What do you wish to accomplish? Are you really wanting to put the time and money into a full restoration? You can climb the ladder of trophy seeking. AACA has 4 advancing show rungs followed by maintenance awards and probably similar awards in the marque clubs. Do you want a car you can put the kids or grandkids in and run down to the local malt shop on Saturday nights, or a car to take to Cars and Coffee? Are you wanting a ‘road car’ that you can do tours and trips over long distances?

After being in the hobby most of my life, I’ve done the show route and have several ‘trailer queens’. Once they are restored and gotten their trophies, they do one thing for sure: they deteriorate. So, if you’re committed to the show circuit, unless you sell (which I seldom do), you’re going to have a vehicle subject to the perils of time; just like when the

car was new. Maybe not as fast, but it happens. My 1959 El Camino has been restored since 1975. It needed some work after being a daily driver in Nebraska with salty winter roads and an encounter with another car that ran a stop sign. However, with today’s technology and masterful body men, much of it’s originality could have been saved. But, at the time, I wanted the trophies. Do I regret the restoration? Yes, I guess I do, but we’ve had fun showing it and that is not to be discounted. I am the second-generation custodian of it being purchased new by my family and there is hope the 3rd and 4th generation will appreciate it too.

On the other hand, I have another 1959 which was not ‘restored’ although I collected new old stock pieces for it for years, then decided that, with a little touch up, it could still be an ‘original’ car. Personally, I like that much better. It’s gone the HPOF route and still we are able to drive it occasionally.

So, this brings me back to my original thought, “what do you really want to accomplish with your car?” If it is having a vehicle that is a work of art, restore it, just realizing that you’re probably never going to be completely done with it as shortly it’ll need freshening. If your idea of fun is to get the thing out in public, realize it’ll deteriorate also, but you can have fun playing with the thing. If you have enough originality to be able to keep it that way, it won’t get scratches, it will just get additional patina. It’s a big hobby, find your niche.



Calendar

May 9, 2023 7:00pm (earlier for food)
MONTHLY MEETING
Catfish Parlour – South
4705 E Ben White Blvd, Austin, TX 78744

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 18, 2023 9am-2pm
2ND ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY CAR SHOW
The Vineyard at Florence – Florence, TX
<https://eventbrite.com/e/608728412067>

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

July 6-8, 2023
CENTRAL SPRING NATIONALS
Auburn, IN 727-415-7679

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

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

July / August – When it's Hot
ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Austin, TX

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

September 14-16, 2023
SPECIAL CENTRAL DIVISIONAL TOUR (≤1998)
Piqua, OH 937-689-6901

September 25-29, 2023
WESTERN DIVISIONAL TOUR (≤1998)
Santa Barbara, CA

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

October 28, 2023
TAYLOR CAR SHOW
Taylor, TX

LEGEND

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☐ 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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\$15,000 as is

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Letter From the Editor



Fuzzy's Tacos – Decatur, TX

Having just returned from Pate Swap Meet, the amount of work our clubs puts into this is quite outstanding and much of it is without enough notice or recognition – of which I want to remedy. I spend all of my time on the cart hauling parts making it back hospitality for a quick lunch and little breaks for water and cookies (my favorite this year were the homemade oatmeal and brown sugar, peanut butter, and sugar cookies). When I arrive on Thursday morning, the trailer and club site is set up, many are preparing lunch, and logistics fires have already been extinguished.

The lunches were truly amazing – grilled steaks with mashed potatoes, beef and chicken fajitas, spectacular fried chicken – each day with unique and delicious sides. Did I mention the cookies? Everybody does their part – and someone else's part. For example, I would see Greg setting up, managing people, chopping vegetables, cooking, working hospitality, driving carts, hauling (and repairing) the club trailer, and more. I appreciate everybody's contribution.

Leif

The Last Page



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From todays TRUCKS & TRI-FIVES GEORGETOWN TX fundraiser show for the Texas Thundersticks



Texas Thunderstix Spring BBQ Fundraiser – Georgetown, TX – March 26, 2023