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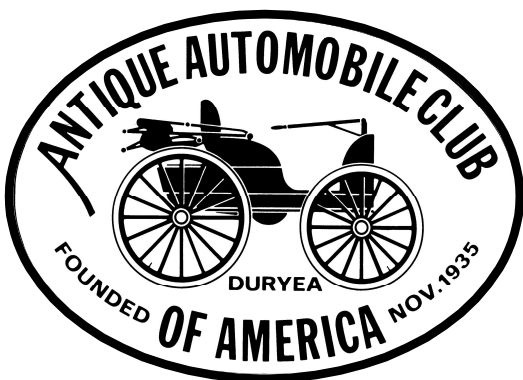
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The Steering Column

In the United States, on July 4th, we celebrate Independence Day which commemorates the passage of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress in 1776. A free and independent nation was born to welcome individuals throughout the world to settle. Almost 250 years later, we can and do still celebrate this great nation and the freedoms that were bestowed upon its citizens. As you gather with friends and family on July 4th, remember the individuals who have contributed efforts to creating this nation in which we still enjoy those freedoms.

Hope everyone can make it to the meeting at Catfish Parlour on Tuesday, July 11th. 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

June 13, 2023 – Catfish Parlour

Submitted by Sue Graner, Secretary, CTR-AACA

Meeting Greg called the meeting to order at approximately 7:06pm.

Membership Chairman Wayne was not in attendance and there was no report. No visitors were present tonight.

Secretary's Report The minutes of the last meeting were published in FenderTalk. No changes were suggested to the minutes; Bob and George made motions to accept the Minutes as published and a unanimous vote to accept the minutes was passed.

Treasurer's Report Duane sent in his report to Greg. There are currently 40 members in the Club. The first wave of bills to Pate Swap Meet started coming in. Jim moved to accept the report and Wally seconded the motion; we voted unanimously to approve Duane's report.

Sunshine Committee

Ronnie had to take Paul to the Heart Hospital today and was on the way to dinner at this

time. We were sorry to hear that Sam Romeo lost his son in a motorcycle accident. He filled in as Pate President for a couple of years.

Website Rich is planning to put an article in next month's newsletter describing our social media presence – the website and our Facebook page. There are currently three different Road Relics sites out there that may be confusing to the public. When a member wants to refer someone to our website, they need to be certain that the correct link is given.

Newsletter Leif mentioned that the article last month about the Texas Tour was authored by Lizette, with additional photos and content by Sue G., Wendell B., and George P. The article worked well with several contributors.

Leif would like someone to provide an article on George's Ice Cream Social on June 10th.

Past Activities

• Texas Tour: Gary said it

was a good tour, with good food. They saw a car museum in Plum, went to the Concert Hall and toured several painted churches in the area. The host club was from Victoria.

- Ice Cream Social: There were about 50 in attendance that Saturday. George said his daughter-in-law spent an entire day cleaning and dusting his Museum before the party. DJ brought a gallon of homemade ice cream, and a good time was had by all.

- Pistons-on-the-Square: Georgetown, TX

Upcoming Events

- 2nd Annual Father's Day Car Show in Florence, TX
- Fourth of July Parade – Tuesday, July 4, 2023, Wimberley, TX
- Belmont Sidewalk Party – November 4, 2023, Austin
- Texas Tour – May, 2024, Granbury, TX →

Secretary's Report

Meeting Throughout the meeting, Greg posted photos of "Mystery Tools." There were quite a few handmade tools, including a 'spoke shaver' and many others, some of which had no identifiable purpose. All the photos were interesting.

Member's Projects

- Bob R. bought a 'new' car – a 1952 2-door hardtop Studebaker. We'd love to see photos and hear what you're doing with it, Bob.

Dessert Break We took a break for complementary cobbler about 7:40pm.

Program DJ brought the program tonight. It was a video from "Top Gear," a British series titled "Why cars don't have three wheels." The video had us all laughing out loud.

Youtube Videos

Top Gear – Rolling a Reliant Robin (Part 1)
<https://youtu.be/QQh56geU0X8>

Top Gear – Jeremy Clarkson Testing The Reliant Robin (Part 2)

<https://youtu.be/DRGuMKVqNzA>

Reliant Robin – Three Wheeler British Cars – 1973
<https://youtu.be/OZCBVxNXrnl>

Adjourn George moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm sharp. See you next month.



Monthly Meeting – June 13, 2023 – Catfish Parlour, Austin, TX

Past Activities

Ice Cream Social By George Brunner

When the club gets together monthly, we only get to talk to those sitting near us [in our assigned seats at the long tables in the Big Cat Room]. At the annual Road Relics' Ice Cream Social, members had the chance to mingle and talk with many other people – like a party – in a very comfortable and exciting place. They also had a chance to come in from the heat and cool off with a refreshing dessert.

“If you didn’t like the temperature inside, then go outside. Then, when you come back in, it feels real nice!” --George Brunner, June 13, 2023 →



Ice Cream Social – June 10, 2023 – Austin, TX

Past Activities

→ As kids do, they were “ready to go” long before the parents had enough. Funny, though, after Kirsten broke out the player piano, they were still hanging around long after they had said goodbye to everyone.

JC conducted a class on “How to Drive a Model T Ford (and what those three pedals do)” which removed a lot of hesitation and confusion for these early vehicles. Most people give up if the car has a carburetor and points.



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Ice Cream Social – June 10, 2023 – Austin, TX

In Loving Memory

Gerry Powers (February 20, 1946 - February 18, 2023)

By Leif Allred

I met Gerry at the GTACC Sun City car show in 2018 and enjoyed spending time with him. His son had given him the 1966 Cadillac to have a hobby and something to do – like giving someone an unhouse-broken puppy. He was such an interesting man with tons of stories from his childhood in Ontario, Canada, a hockey scholarship to Denver University, his wife dying young leaving him a working, single father with small kids, and his careers in real estate and advertising. Gerry died peacefully just two days shy of this 77th birthday following a 12-year fight with cancer.

Gerry excelled in Men's Ice Hockey, winning National Championships in 1968 and 1969 as the starting Goaltender; named finals MVP in '68 and first team all-star in '69. His

wife passed away from her own battle with cancer In 1983, and Gerry moved to her hometown of New Orleans in 1988. Over time, Gerry returned to his beloved Denver working in real estate and remaining highly active with the Denver Pioneer hockey squad. Upon his retirement, Gerry migrated to a much warmer climate in Georgetown, Texas.

The memories I have of Gerry will be cherished for a lifetime: We huddled against the truck to keep warm at a Liberty Hill car show, he participated in many Road Relics mini-tours, including Belmont's sidewalk party, and I once busted him out of Delaney – getting him his Escalade – against his family's wishes but the envy of the rehab residents who then wished they had their Cadillacs.



Gerry Powers – 1966 Cadillac Deville Convertible – November 6, 2021

Upcoming Activities

Independence Day Parade – Wimberley, TX

By Leif Allred

When: Tuesday, July 4, 2023 7:00am
Meet: Wimberley High School Parking Lot
200 Carney Ln, Wimberley, TX 78676

Staging begins at 7:00am in the Wimberley High School parking lot where everyone must be there by 8:00am to get lined up. Judging begins at 8:30am. The parade begins at 10:00am. That's a lot of waiting. Stop at the restroom before you get to the staging area.

As in years past, we will be directed to line up after our entry is assembled and all

our parade participants are present. We will be assigned a number at the parade.

Those trailering a vehicle are encouraged to park at City Hall and drive up to the starting point. City Hall is located at 221 Stillwater Rd, Wimberley, TX 78676 – south of the Blanco River and the end of the parade. Our regular, pleasantly overly air-conditioned Mexican restaurant is permanently closed and other establishments south of town do not open until late or are closed on the holiday. Make lunch plans or bring a tailgate picnic to join me at City Hall. See you there!



WENDELL BELL

Independence Day Parade – July 4, 2022 – Wimberley, TX

Networking

Road Relics Social Presence

By Rich Bassemir

It is important for the club to have some social media presence for attracting new members and for communicating information about up coming events. How often have you heard the expression “let me google that”? Unfortunately, Google can also provide old, incorrect, or misleading information as well. Let's try to sort this all out so you (or your friends) “Google” the right information. Our social media presence currently is just two forms: We have a website and a Facebook page.

Our Website: <http://centraltexasaaca.com>

Our website is hosted by AACA. This means we don't have to pay a service like GoDaddy™ to provide server space for our website. The downside is we have to use their web management tools for creating pages, uploading pictures, and manipulating how menus, text, and pictures are presented on the pages. We are also limited on what

we can do with the menu bar across the top of the pages when the user wants to hop around to the different pages (e.g. Home, Events, Newsletter . . . etc).

The web page has an “About Us” link (at the top) where a user can send a message to our club email address. In case you did not know it, the club email address is: aacaroadrelics@gmail.com. Visitors have left us messages. Several came in asking about Pate, a few others asking about membership.

On the website, there is a list of upcoming events, past events (often with some pictures), and a page with all our Newsletters (in case you lost your copy). There is a photo gallery of random photos. Our Home page (the first page a visitor would see) changes now and then with recent events related to the Road Relics. The home page is intended to spark interest and attract new members. →

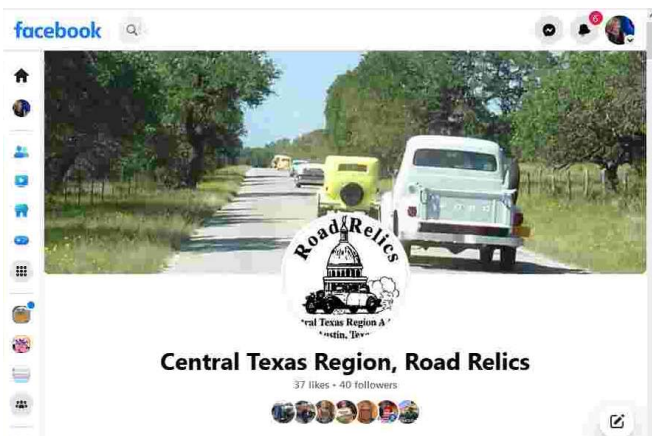


Official Website: <https://centraltexas.aaca.com/>

Networking

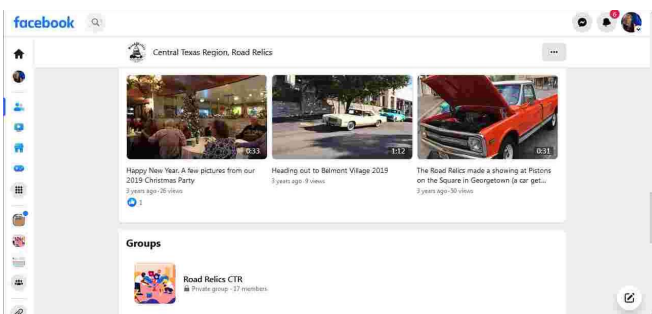
Our Facebook Page

Our Facebook page is another place where we can post the same information that is found on our website. Our Facebook page has 39 followers. Okay, not as many as Kim Kardashian (35 million followers) but that's okay; the bodies of our cars are shinier. When we make a post to our Facebook page, all our followers get a notification in their news feed.

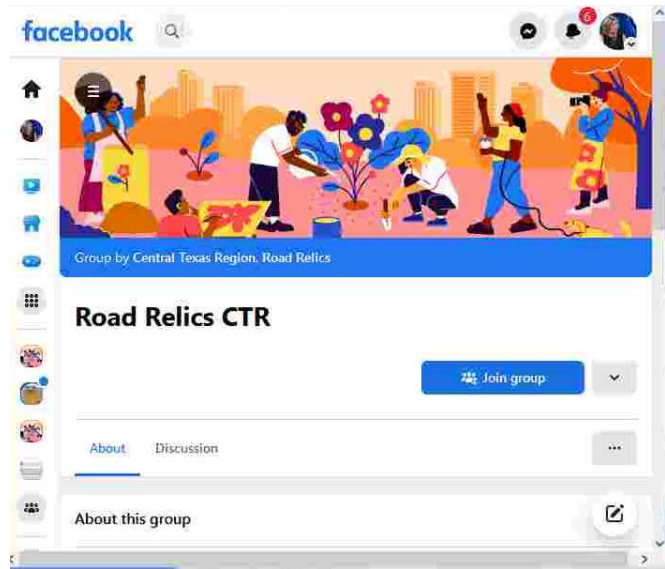


Facebook User ID: CentralTexasRR

We also have a private Facebook Group called Road Relics CTR. There are 17 members in this private group. These 17 members can share information just among the members. We don't use this group much as the last message posted was August of 2021. If you are not a member to the private group, you can ask to join the group from the CentralTexasRR page.



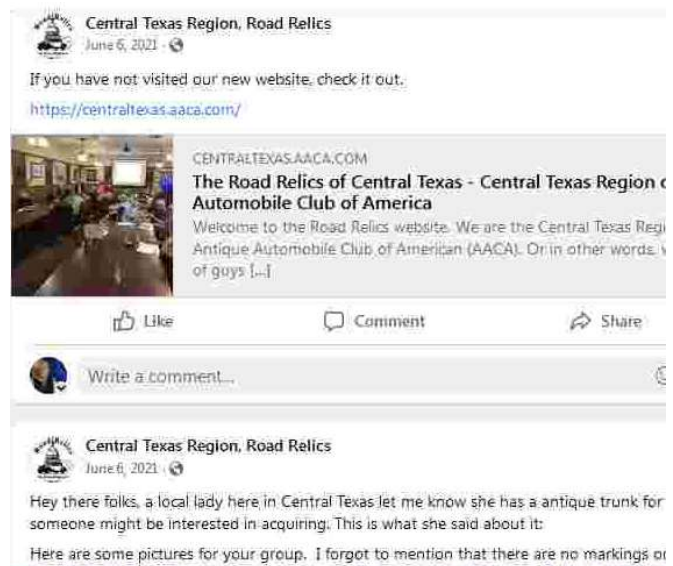
CentralTexasRR >> About >> Groups



Facebook Private Group: Road Relics CTR

Caution

All these social media options can enhance the sharing of information, but one needs to be sure they are on the correct website or Facebook page. For example, there is a defunct website named roadrelics.org and there is a Facebook page for RoadRelics. I also found Road Relics website on main.org/ctraaca. These appear to be old social media pages from the past that will linger until they are deleted. 🚗



CentralTexasRR Facebook Posts

Around Town

Local Shows, Events, and Cruise-Ins

Report and Photos by Leif Allred

FREEDOM RALLY at VFW POST 10376

Marble Falls, TX – June 3, 2023

Nearly 150 cars and motorcycles gathered in the shaded clearing behind the Marble Falls VFW Post 10376 with a live performer and his daughter singing along to country and classic rock music. Since this was a fundraiser, there was a 50/50 and many raffle prizes – including a guitar autographed by Kenny Chesney. Food and indoor seating was available at the VFW and drawings were awarded to participants throughout the show.



1964 VW 21-Window Bus



1970 Chevrolet Corvette – and bike field

LUNCH WITH RICH

Belmont Village Senior Living – June 16, 2023

Rich Bassemir presented his 2016 cross country trip across America in a 1917 Maxwell to a mixed crowd of residents of Belmont Village Senior Living in Austin, TX for a lunch town hall. The presentation chronicles from the decision to do the trek, finding a suitable car, getting it restored, all of the planning necessary, and the actual challenge to beat or match his Grandfather's 1916 time – excluding the three days he had waited for fuel.

Imbedded in the Powerpoint were video footage of riding in an antique Maxwell complete with sound and scary mountain passes offering the full effect of the experience. It was a sell-out crowd ranging from age 13 to 100 with a light lunch provided. Rich also passed around a scale reproduction in the original box and had with him Grandpa's actual diary of the trip and donated a copy of *Chasing Grandpa* for their Belmont library – of which the activities coordinator insisted that she would make it available to the residents *after* she read it! →



Belmont Village Town Hall Lunch

Around Town

PISTONS ON THE SQUARE

Georgetown, TX – June 17, 2023

This monthly event (third Saturday) starts early and ends early and there is always a surprise that shows up. In this case was a massive, light pink 1956 Cadillac with air conditioning from the trunk through transparent tubes into the roof and down through ceiling vents. The girl behind the Caddy is picking up trash – her father brings the family out to clean up the square. Wayne and Leif were there representing the Road Relics – both leaving their mark on the parking lot whether in pools of oil, power steering or differential fluid.



1956 Cadillac – with Air Conditioning



1929 Ford Model A Speedster

STEPHANIE NICHOLS' 2ND ANNUAL FDGS

Florence, TX – June 18, 2023

About 100 cars, trucks, and one chopper were spread around the grass at the Florence Vineyard for the 2nd Annual Father's Day Car Show coordinated by Stephanie Nichols. Several of us scored a shady squat spot with a breeze coming off of the water. It was still really, really hot but there was a cool place to eat or rest while a live band played classic rock and country tunes. If there were awards for the oldest vehicles, Leif and Rich would have taken a first and third place. We'd have definitely scored trophies for the red-over-black-with-yellow-wheels car or the "best primer" paint job. Even with two entries (my friend drove 'big truck' in), we didn't make the top ten.



1935 Ford Convertible



1935 Ford Convertible

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.

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Your Name Here

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Webmaster

Rich Bassemir

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

Schedule one – it will make you feel younger



National News

National News, Notifications, and Nudges

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



A True Garage Find – Part I By Fred Trusty 2023 AACA President

About four years ago I heard about a 1962 Oldsmobile Super 88 from a man that I had met at a local cruise in. The next day I called and talked with the grandson of the original owner. His grandfather purchased the car new but passed away in 1966 so his grandmother inherited the car. She didn't drive so it just sat in the garage. The grand kids would get the car out every now and then to take her for a ride but very few miles were logged between 1966 and 1988. She passed away in 1988 and her son inherited the house. He had no interest in the car, so it just sat there until he

passed away in 2018. I met the grandson at the house and, sure enough, it was an all original 1962 Oldsmobile Super 88 with 57,000 miles. It was covered in dust and all four tires were flat and dry rotted. I was able to turn the engine over with a long breaker bar on the crankshaft nut so that was a good sign. The best part was that it had clear plastic seat covers so the seats were like brand new. A deal was made to purchase the car. I loaded it onto my trailer and brought it home to my shop. I knew I would have to go through all systems to make it roadworthy. I figured I'd have the car running and in good shape in a few months.

As usual, life got in the way so here it is four years later, and it's still not finished. That's why this article is titled Part I. Part II will be when I finally finish it.



1962 Oldsmobile Super 88

FRED TRUSTY

Calendar

July 11, 2023 7:00pm (earlier for food)
MONTHLY MEETING
Catfish Parlour – South
4705 E Ben White Blvd, Austin, TX 78744

July 4, 2023 – 8:00am-2:00pm
INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE
Wimberley, TX

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

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

July 23, 2023 8:00am-1:00pm
3RD ANNUAL SIENA CAR SHOW
Buck's Backyard
1750 S FM 1626, Buda, TX
Registration: <https://kofc8156.org/car-show>

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

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

September 9, 2023 10:00am
LUCKENROD CAR SHOW and MUSIC FESTIVAL
Luckenbach, TX
www.luckenrod.com

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 7, 2023 9:00am-2:00pm
22ND ANNUAL MAIN STREET CAR SHOW
Main Street, Marble Falls, TX
Sponsor: Kiwanis Club of the Highland Lakes
<https://highlandlakeskiwanis.org/car-show>

October 14, 2023
ANNUAL FALLFEST IN DOWNTOWN
Clifton Classic Chassis Auto Museum
Clifton, TX

October 28, 2023
TAYLOR CAR SHOW
Taylor, TX

November 4, 2023 9:00am-1:00pm
BELMONT SIDEWALK PARTY AND CAR SHOW
Austin, TX

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 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

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Letter From the Editor



Father's Day Car Show – June 18, 2023 – Florence, TX

Much like the typical Father's Day Car Shows we once put on, it's Dad's day. Other than being hot, what does that mean? He gets to go to a car show and drool over what he once had and talk to other people who understand, listen to live classic rock covers, get a little something to drink with a ribeye, the kids have to show up and act nice and the wife is dressed in *his* favorite outfit.

Leif