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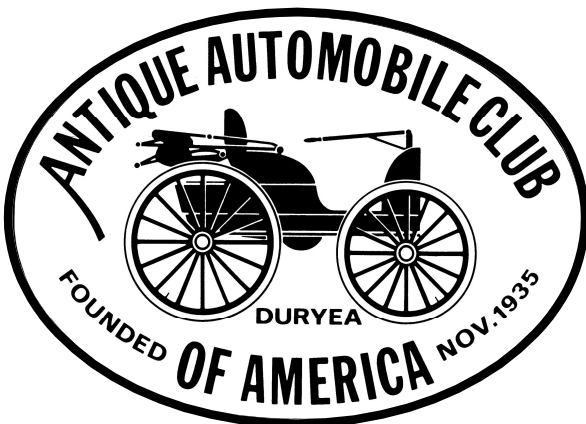


The Steering Column

In the late 1800's, individuals who were way ahead of their time were designing and building electric vehicles. Then, the gasoline powered engine came along and took over the industry. Here we are about 125 years later and the automobile industry is reinventing the electric engine. Nikola Tesla pioneered alternating current electricity in the 1800's and today his name is on the biggest brand in electric vehicles. This is proof that the old saying of "what comes around, goes around" is still valid.

Hope everyone can make it to the meeting at Catfish Parlour on Tuesday, October 10th. 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 September 12, 2023 – Catfish Parlour

Submitted by Leif Allred for Ronnie Burt for Sue Graner

Meeting President Greg opened the meeting at 7:00pm and thanked the small group in attendance.

Membership The club had a special guest – Thorne Smith – traveling in from Dime Box, TX and has rejoined. Mr. Smith was heavily involved in Pate Swap Meet leadership and reinvigorating its website to include car club ads, more vendors, and a demographics study of the 127,000 people that visit the swap meet.

Secretary's Report The minutes from the August 2023 meeting were approved as written following a motion by Gary Baker; seconded by Bob Ross.

Treasurer's Report Duane presented the treasurer's report noting expenses from 2023 Pate Swap Meet and space reservations for 2024. The club is in good financial shape. The report was approved – motioned by Gary Baker; seconded by Bob Ross.

Sunshine Committee Several members were out sick. Our wishes for quick recovery to Vic Donnell and Rich Bassemir.

Newsletter Leif expressed appreciation for those who contributed to the August 2023 FenderTalk. If anyone is not receiving the electronic version (posted on the website) or would like to update their email address, please let Leif know at FenderTalk@outlook.com. →



Horse Drawn Fire Truck – Hoses Drying (not stockings)

Secretary's Report

Past Activities

- The car show in Temple, TX was hosted by two Corvette clubs at the Chevrolet dealer. See *Around Town* page 13.
- Pistons on the Square is every third Saturday in downtown Georgetown from 8:00am-10:00am. Arriving early lets you park actually on the square.
- Mike and Annette Bandy put on a Third Thursday potluck at the old tractor dealership in Plum, TX.



Upcoming Events

- See *Calendar* page 17

Meeting Throughout the meeting, Greg presented the group with photos of fire trucks from all eras – from horse drawn to nearly modern including steam driven [seems like they would use up all the water—ed].


Program The program was outstanding – delivered by Bob Ross – with focus on Raymond Loewy, “the father of streamlining,” in a search for his involvement in the designs for Studebaker. Born in Paris, France in 1893, he moved to the United States in 1919. What started out as a fashion illustrator for Vogue Magazine turned into having a design hand at . . .

Monthly Meeting – September 12, 2023 – Austin, TX

- Pennsylvania Railroad’s streamlined engines
- Greyhound buses
- JFK’s Air Force One exterior graphics and interior
- Frigidaire refrigerators, ranges, and freezers
- Boats, pens, and Howard Hughes’ Boeing’s interior
- TWA coffee shop
- US Coast Guard racing stripe logo
- Electric razors, toasters, and floor polisher
- 1946 Lincoln Continental
- 1948 Television (5” screen)
- 1950 Street car
- 1955 Coca-Cola bottle
- Rosenberg China set
- 1950 Leisurama® Homes (available through Macy’s)
- 1966 Exxon logo
- NASA Skylab interior
- 1963 Studebaker Avanti
- 1970 USPS Eagle logo
- Lucky Strike carton
- Hupmobile
- 1953 Studebaker Commander Starliner . . . the reason for the search

Thanks, Bob, for a very intriguing presentation that spawns more interest and the desire to read more about Raymond Loewy!

Dessert of peach and blackberry cobbler was provided by Catfish Parlour.

Adjourn Greg closed the September meeting at 8:00pm, which was then posthumously motioned by Karen Ross to adjourn. 

Upcoming Events

Belmont Village Sidewalk Party

by Leif Allred

Tour into Belmont Village Senior Living West Lake Hills for a short parade through their front drive, park as a car show for the residents, then enjoy music and a sidewalk lunch. This is always a meaningful event for the residents and the club.



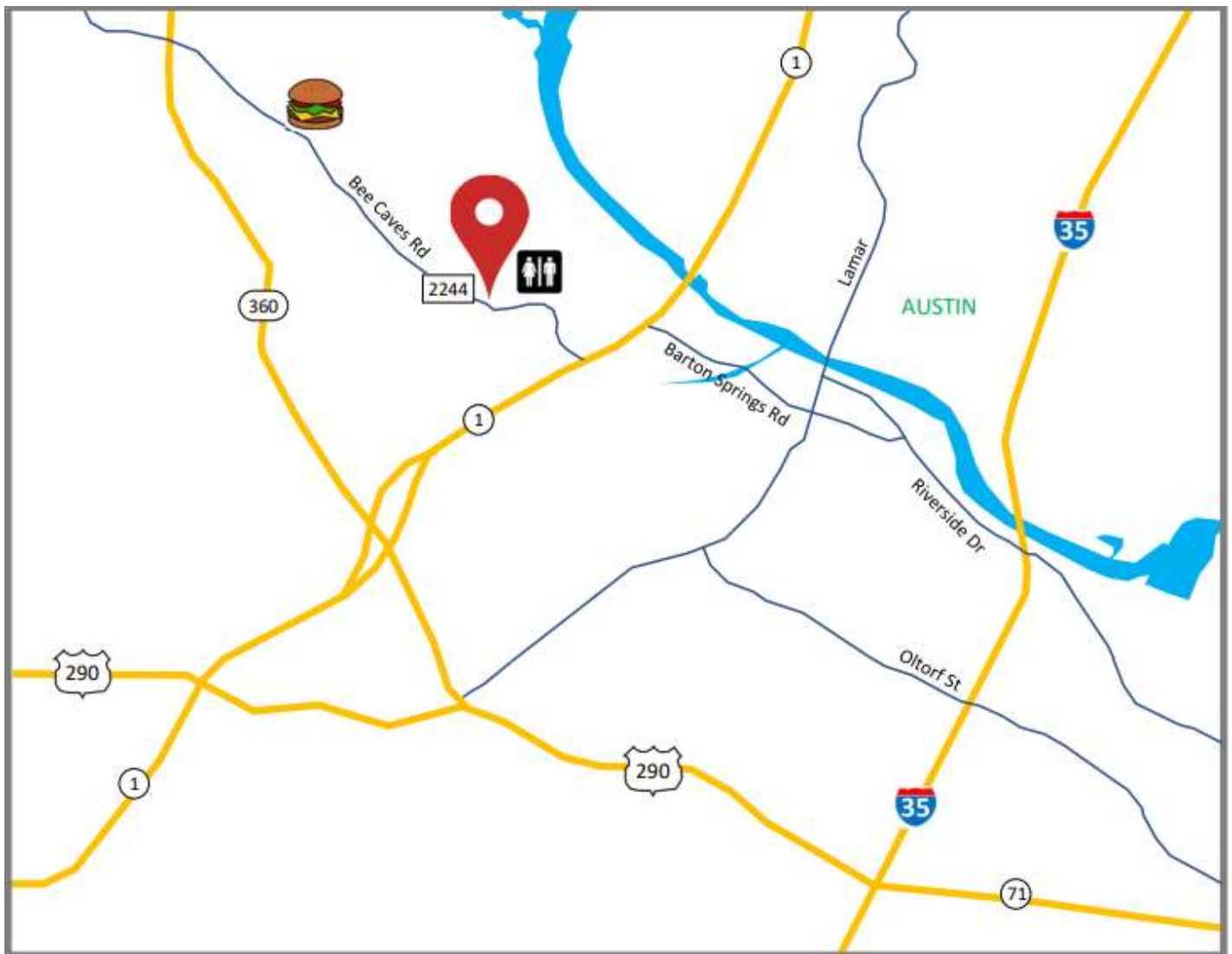
Saturday, November 4, 2023

Meet **9:30am** at The Palisades Building
3006 Bee Caves Rd, Austin, TX 78746

RSVP: FenderTalk@outlook.com < or >
512-350-3825 (call before text)



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Crème de la Crème

Des Moines Concours d'Elegance (2023)

Report and Photos By DJ Stamp

The Des Moines Concours d'Elegance is held each September and features 12 classes of classic vehicles – “A celebration of the Art and Design of the automobile.”

For 2023, it was held on Sunday, Sept 10th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Pappajohn Sculpture Park in Des Moines, Iowa. The event was free to the public, however, they were taking free-will donations to cover their costs and to provide benefits to the Children's Cancer Connection. For more information, see: <https://desmoinesconcours.com/>



1902 Haynes-Apperson Runabout



1905 Stevens-Duryea R



1910 Sears Model K

Crème de la Crème



1933 Morgan Super Sports Three Wheeler



1932 Studebaker Commander Model 71



Packards – Inside and Outside

Crème de la Crème



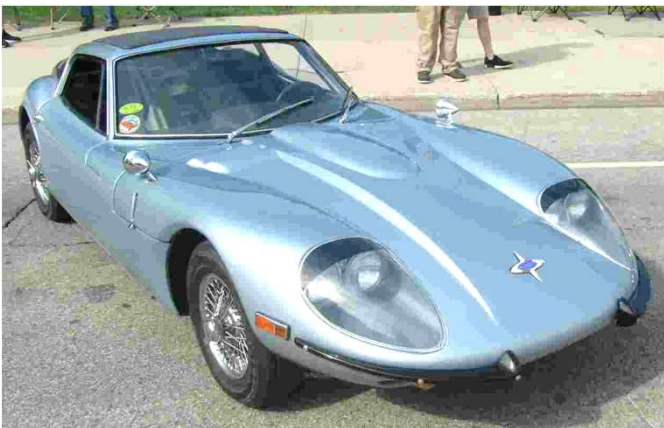
1955 (top) and 1956 (bottom) Dodge La Femmes – Owned by Scott Miller and Hope Miller, Mitchell, NE. Intended to appear to women buyers, the 1955 Dodge La Femme was a specially trimmed Lancer model. It came with a pink leather interior, matching umbrella in a special holder, and fitted purse and compact. Approximately 30 remain that are known. This car is original except the Safire White paint has been repainted and the fabric inserts on the seats replaced. 1956 was the second of two model years for the Dodge La Femme and around 30 total are known to still exist. The cars were marketed toward women and came with a rain coat, hat and matching umbrella, rose leather shoulder bag, and gold-flecked pink upholstery.



1954 Nash NKI Custom (left) – Owned by Mark Grimsley and Carole Grimsley, Ringgold, GA. Initially, the Metropolitan was called the NKI Custom, but the name was changed just two months before its public release. This Nash NKI Customer convertible #3615 in Caribbean Blue was built in February 1954 and wears the original NKI Customer nameplate.

NKI Custom

Crème de la Crème



1939 Marcos GT 3L



1965 Buick Riviera GS



Sightings

International Antiques
By John Robertson



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Saw this old truck in the mountains of Central Portugal at a winery. It is a 1957 Borgward – made in Germany. Something about wineries and old trucks even outside of the United States – not just towards Fredricksburg.



Member's Projects

Resurrecting a 1965 Stingray – Part I

by Wayne Heikkila

Hi, everyone. My brother Alvin retired this July. Some of you may remember him from a tour he did with the club a few years back. He finally wanted to get his 1965 Corvette running and we have talked about it for years. Alvin has been collecting parts for a while and, in June, we started making a list of items that needed to be purchased. We started with the basics: plugs, cap, rotor, wires, points, condenser, distributor parts, hoses, belts, fuel and water pumps, new exhaust, carburetor, battery – just the normal stuff to get an engine started. I also boxed up some tools and shipped them up to him – things I figured he would not have.

I flew up at the end of August. On our way to his house, Alvin informed me that he could not find some of the parts he had

purchased and secured away. I told Alvin that it would be fine and that we will get it running and work on everything we can while I'm there. During the first day, I removed the plugs, carburetor and starter first thing. Next, I poured transmission fluid down the intake and squirted it into the cylinders. The carburetor was frozen so we dropped it into a bucket of diesel fuel. If it can be saved, then okay. The starter was totally rusted. Nothing moved and the bolt heads rotted away. We didn't plan for this so a new one was ordered. I wanted to remove the distributor but I couldn't get the tach cable loose from the distributor. I ended up disconnecting it from the gauge and pulling it out as one unit. After the distributor was removed, I started to prime the engine with one of the tools I had sent up. →



1965 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray

Member's Projects



The distributor was also frozen but I had expected this and purchased everything I needed to rebuild it along with new tach drive components and cable. Between rebuilding the distributor, priming the engine, and getting it up in the air and tires removed, we lost a full day and more.

While inspecting the car, I found that the floor shifter was frozen and had to be removed. I pulled the carburetor out of its bath and dropped the shifter in the bucket of diesel.

In 2009, Alvin replaced all the brakes: new rotors, calipers, hoses and lines – except for the one that feeds the rear brakes from the front. To do this, the body had to be lifted from the frame. Not telling me this, it would come back to haunt us. To my surprise, the brakes looked good. The rotors and calipers had some light rusting but nothing bad and the hoses and lines looked new. The master cylinder was stuck so I ended up removing it to get it freed. Back when the brakes were done, the gas tank had been cleaned and a new sending unit installed. The gas tank,

sending unit and tank straps all rusted away and we did not have a replacement tank.

The new starter came in and we were able to get back on the engine. While waiting for the starter, I had been priming and rotating the engine. I installed the starter and turned it over to bring it up on number one. The distributor was set in and then I installed the spark plugs along with a new coil. I installed a new carburetor and fuel pump then, running a hose to a one-gallon gas can, I poured gas down the carburetor, and we cranked it over. It fired and spit, popped and backfired. It took four more tries before we got fuel to the carburetor but, with every start, it got better. I don't know how long we were at it.

We stopped and got a cup of coffee. The weather was only in the 50's and I needed to warm up. I think the engine needed it also. When we came back, we pumped the carburetor, hit the key and it fired right off. It was on fast idle but I just let it run. It was blowing stuff out the side pipes and most of it was actually from the side pipes. It was the perfect ending of the day!



Around Town

Local Shows, Events, and Cruise-Ins

by Edgar Frog

Heart of Texas and Mid Texas Corvette Club
Labor Day Weekend Open Car Show
Temple, TX – September 2, 2023



It was kind of funny seeing pristine, “straight off of the showroom floor,” antique cars and trucks at a dealership. Some were for sale, like the 1968 Corvette that drove in from Killeen. Many sported from Temple and a few made it down from Hewitt. Getting a little further from home, one sees a different set of vehicles than normally show up at local events. Being sponsored by two Corvette clubs at a Chevrolet dealer, there were obviously a lot of ‘Vettes there but the live DJ offered a variety of music choices and four food trucks and vendor tables made the show lively and interesting for all. →



1958 GMC Pick-Up



1966 Cadillac DeVille



1934 Ford 4-Door Deluxe



1980 Chevrolet Camaro

Around Town

Pistons on the Square

Georgetown, TX – September 16, 2023

The first non-sweltering third Saturday in months was a rain day. Well, it started out as a rain threat and was mainly dense fog that cleared out to allow the sun to peek out for about thirty minutes. Then it was overcast. Luckily, I had driven semi-modern (2001) as, approaching home, I was greeted with a heavy loaded diaper wall cloud and it rained so hard the road couldn't clear itself. I sat under an overpass while it completely dumped.



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Pistons on the Square – Georgetown, TX – September 16, 2023

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.



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Vests	\$18
Club Shirts	\$15
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2017/2019 FDCS T-Shirts	\$Offer



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Executive Board

Bylaws (2016) Article III Officers, Section 2: The election of the officers will occur at the regular monthly meeting each November. Notice of candidates nominated for the following year will be published in the FenderTalk preceding the November general membership meeting and the assembled members at the November meeting will be defined as constituting a quorum. The new officers and directors will be installed in December during the Annual General Membership Meeting.

A nominations committee has been selected by Greg Herbert to identify a slate of candidates for the November 14, 2023 election. Nominees are presented at the October 10, 2023 regular monthly meeting. This is your opportunity to give back to the club and help set the direction for future activities and to assist in building it into your vision.

National News

National News, Notifications, and Nudges

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



AACA – It's a Family Affair"

By Vicki Bolton
Director at Large

If you are a member of AACA, then it is probably because you like old cars. You may even own one, or two or three because they seem to have a way of multiplying. But why do so many people go to the shows and continue to go to more shows? I believe that a big reason for that is seeing old friends and making new ones. But there is another very important aspect of AACA and that is family. Our events are more than just family friendly; family is the very backbone of AACA. This is very evident at the Nationals, the local shows, cruise-ins, and tours.

You will see husbands and wives working together as they get a car on the field and clean and prep it for judging. You can also see fathers and sons getting cars unloaded from the trailers and brothers tinkering on the car because for some reason it will not start to get it out of the trailer. Of course, it started at home and ran fine when you put it in the trailer, but now it won't even turn over! There is nothing better than watching the joy on a kid's face when he comes forward at an awards banquet to pick up the trophy. The grin stretches from ear to ear!

You can see the entire family at a local show. We took our grandson to a local show in Mobile where they were having a fish fry.

You would have thought that he had never eaten fried catfish. He said it was the best he had ever had. He wandered around looking at all the cars asking questions about all of them.

Tours are the perfect setting to invite the kids or grandkids. You not only get to spend quality time with them but take them to places that they probably have never seen before. And most importantly, they get to spend time in an old car! Because, after all, the cars were meant to be driven and enjoyed.

We have taken numerous family members with us to a variety of places: a brother-in-law, a sister, grandson, granddaughter, parents and of course, our daughter. We took my parents with us to Hershey one year. I can remember Mother talking about how much she appreciated the fact that this was one hobby where family was always welcome.

Please, the next time you get ready to go to your car event, think about what family member you can take with you. You could take the grandchild who is always eager to go with grandparents, the parent who is now alone and would love to get out of the house, or the sibling who cannot get out by themselves anymore.

This hobby can bring a much-needed smile to someone's face or bring back a long-forgotten memory. Remember, It's a family affair!



Calendar

October 10, 2023 7:00pm (earlier for food)
MONTHLY MEETING
Catfish Parlour – South
4705 E Ben White Blvd, Austin, TX 78744

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

October 7, 2023 9:00am-2:00pm
22nd ANNUAL MAIN STREET CAR SHOW
Main Street, Marble Falls, TX
<https://highlandlakeskiwanis.org/car-show>

October 7, 2023 9:00am-2:00pm
ROCK THE LOT CAR SHOW (Fundraiser)
458 Turkey Trot Rd, Killeen, TX 76542
Register Day of Event

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

October 14, 2023 10:00am – 2:00pm
CAR SHOW AT OLDE TYME DAYS
Downtown Hutto, TX
g21carbikeshow@gmail.com

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

October 28, 2023 10:00am – 4:00pm
10th ANNUAL TAYLOR CAR SHOW
Taylor, TX
<https://rb.gy/gril1>

October 29, 2023 10:00am – 3:00pm
THE ROLLING SCULPTURE CAR SHOW
Hill Country Galleria, Bee Cave, TX
www.rollingsculpturecarshow.com

November 4, 2023 9:00am-1:00pm
BELMONT SIDEWALK PARTY AND CAR SHOW
Austin, TX (see page 5)

November 10-11, 2023
VETERAN'S DAY WEEKEND
Bastrop, TX (see insert)



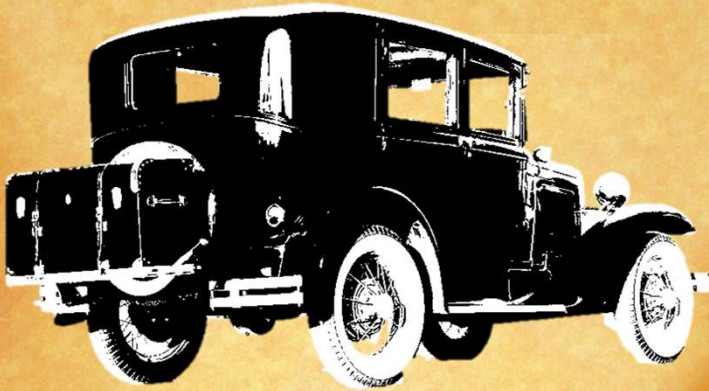
February 8-10, 2024
ANNUAL CONVENTION
Chantilly (Washington, D.C.), Virginia
717-534-1910

LEGEND

- ☐ Monthly Meetings
- ☒ Special Events
- ☐ Road Relics Mini-Tours
- ☐ National Meets and Tours
- ☐ Local (unofficial) Events

Classifieds

WANTED!



Wanted:

1928 – 1931 Model A Ford

Interested in well-maintained, running vehicle – preferably Tudor or Fordor sedan – but buyer is open depending on whims and availability. Searching for a driver – something mostly trustworthy and fun to tool around in and not something that needs an immediate overhaul or full restoration. You know, the one you restored 15 years ago but you seldom drive.

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Letter From the Editor

Does the list ever get any shorter? It turns out a reproduction gas tank is made for a 1950 Packard – otherwise the restored ones at Max Merritt simply say “give us a call and hope” as the quote. See <https://www.moparpro.com/> who also have other odd assortments of parts. Between the varnish, pin holes, and deformity that shorts the sender to the trunk, no one apparently cleans tanks any more. Even the chemist was against the three gallons of carburetor cleaner it was going to take to dissolve it. The tank is the major fix that followed bushings, bearings, and POR-15 for the shift linkages but then there has been a set of rims to replace the square ones on the not-modern daily driver, a steering gear boot and cracked front signals on the little truck, exhaust hangers on the big truck, points and battery on the Ford, and a seemingly endless stream of tires and visits to Discount Tire. This must be why the guys at the car shows are polishing the vehicles there – because their garage time was wholly spent keeping them running with all their fluids inside!



1968 Chevrolet Corvette – September 2, 2023

Leif