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# The Steering Column

The Pate Swap Meet was a huge success with more vendors than ever. Our club had over fifteen members there to haul parts and to enjoy meals, snacks, and camaraderie at our hospitality site. A highlight was hearing stories about the wild variety of parts and other treasures hauled out to the buyers' cars and sometimes (often?) getting lost on the way. You can read more about it in this newsletter and hear more at the May meeting.

Our next major event is Texas Tour with final arrangements being worked out with Hilton Waco and venues to visit in the area. It's another opportunity for adventures in old car culture with old and new friends from all around the state.

It's great to sense the momentum in the club, and I deeply appreciate your participation.

**Joe Peter, President CTR-AACA**



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# Secretary's Report

## Minutes of Road Relics Monthly Meeting

April 14, 2026 – Catfish Parlour

By Leif Allred

**Meeting** President Joe Peter started the meeting at 7:00pm with accompanied music drowned out only by the cold air conditioning. Thanks to DJ for being the DJ and dialing it down. Someone took over the thermostat.

**Membership** 29 members; 0 guests present

**Secretary's Report** The March 2026 Meeting Minutes from the April 2026 newsletter was accepted as published from a motion from Bob and second from George.

**Treasurer's Report** Jeremy provided the treasurer's report in advance that was accepted without changes.

**Sunshine Report** John Anderson is recuperating at a rehabilitation center in Hutto. Jim Berkner is having his hip replaced.

**Newsletter** Thanks to DJ for In the Shop article and PBS's Tractor Wars series and James Bartlett's tech tips on fuel pumps.

**Website** >11,000 visitors; ~17,000 views

**Past Activities** The club expressed regrets for not getting The Brunner's Ice Cream Social on the calendar. George reported the Model T club had it figured out.

### Upcoming Activities

- 4/17 – New Braunfels Swap Meet
- 4/23 – Pate Swap Meet (Fort Worth, TX)

- 5/21 – Texas Tour (Waco, TX)
- 6/21 – Father's Day Car Show (Florence, TX)
- Ronnie Burt will be Christmas Party chair

**Pate Swap Meet** See program

**Texas Tour** Silent auction items coming in; tours driven and tested; Registration deadline approaching – need hotel by Saturday 4/21.

### Member's Projects

- Gary's 1937 Chevrolet's overheating turned out to be a timing issue
- Bob had an experience with clogged water jackets on a 1951 Mercury engine casting
- Wendell expects to have the 1929 REO at Texas Tour

**Dessert** Compliments of Catfish Parlour

**Program** DJ outlined the rules and maps for Pate Swap Meet and showed a 2015 aerial video and photos from previous events. He also brought a plethora of random and exciting collectibles, art, and obscurities that he has collected over the years – all found at Pate. Lunch is provided for members and volunteers are needed to operate the hospitality booth. We may bring things to sell in the adjacent space. DJ's lake house is available if needed.

**Adjourn** Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm from a motion by George and second from Bob . . . and then Pate stories ensued until really adjourning at 8:16pm.

# Upcoming Activities

## Texas Tour 2026 – Waco, TX

by Greg Herbert

**Register Today:** Deadline 5/1/2026

<https://www.texasour.co/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/72nd-Texas-Tour-Registration-Packet.pdf>



This year's tour has been designed to take time driving our vehicles (which is the primary purpose of a group tour) and to visit interesting sights outside of the city of Waco, while maximizing the available time. Judging will occur concurrent with other activities to allow more time for touring and sightseeing.

We have planned our tours and routes so that there is sufficient time for all activities without being rushed. None of our routes will ever require a speed greater than 45 miles per hour. Try it at this speed and you will be surprised at what you will SEE that you never saw before. We want to honor the history of the 1<sup>st</sup> Texas Tour that began in Waco in 1954, so we are "Turning Back the Clock" to honor the tradition of a leisurely tour on two-lane roads.

### Schedule at a Glance

#### Thursday, May 21

9:00am-5:00pm Registration, Hospitality, Silent Auction  
5:30pm-7:30pm Hamburger Dinner  
7:30pm-9:30pm Bingo, Silent Auction

#### Friday, May 22

6:30am-8:30am Complimentary Breakfast  
8:00am Driver's Briefing  
9:15am Tour Departs  
Homestead Craft Village.  
Lunch, Hillsboro Roadside  
America Museum  
6:00pm Banquet, Entertainment

#### Saturday, May 23

6:30am-8:30am Complimentary Breakfast  
8:00am Driver's Meeting  
9:00am Tour Departs  
Cody Dragoo Memorial BBQ  
Cook Off and Car Show,  
downtown West, JEA Speed  
Cave in Axtell  
6:00pm Banquet, Awards, Silent  
Auction closes

#### Sunday, May 24

6:30am-8:30am Complimentary Breakfast  
9:00am Texas Tour Business  
meeting; reps from all clubs

If you have questions or issues related to hotel reservations or the Registration Packet, please feel to contact us for assistance.

Greg Herbert  
Registration Chairman  
(512) 923-1505 (Cell)  
[TexasTourAACA@aol.com](mailto:TexasTourAACA@aol.com)

# Past Activities

## Pate Swap Meet

By Pate Participants

### DJ Stamp, Director and Pate Representative

First things first - THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO CAME and HELPED AT PATE. We (even the vegetarians) ate well thanks to Greg, Joe and Barbara. For those who don't know, I'm on the board of directors for the Pate Swap Meet at the Speedway in Fort Worth. What started out as a club sponsored venture in a field off U.S. 377 near Cresson, Texas between Granbury and Benbrook has now grown to over 10,000 spaces and 15 sponsoring car clubs. It's around a mile North to South with 14 rows (not including a couple of new areas) so, if you walk it just once, you've done a half marathon.

Each club has its own duties related to the operation of the meet. As an AACA Life Member and member of the Central Texas Region AACA (Antique Automobile Club of America), my job and our club job, along with two other clubs, is escort duty to help vendors find their spaces and free parts hauling for the buyers. We use golf carts and trailers to transport parts between booths at the swap meet and out to the vehicles in the parking area. The meet lasts three days from Thursday to Saturday but there are people setting up as early as Monday and possibly earlier. Pat and I usually arrive on Monday or Tuesday depending on the weather which in the Fort Worth area is VARIABLE!! Wind is usually an issue with a tornado hitting the meet on a Monday a few years ago. We avoided it by heeding a warning from our daughter Audra and arriving on Tuesday. I'm told it was quite a site seeing porta potties flying in circles. →



DJ STAMP

2027 Featured Vehicle for Pate Times



GREG HERBERT

Hospitality – Lunch, Snacks, and Chillax



DJ STAMP

# Past Activities

→ Our club has several spaces at the meet where we gather for shift change and also have a BBQ grill and feed the crew. There's a club sales area where members bring items for our chief sales lady (Pat) to peddle to unsuspecting passers-by. No rain this year but we did have some high winds on Thursday that destroyed an old pop-up canopy.

One guy had a nice Triumph Stag and said the roof panel ended up somewhere along the freeway in Kansas. There was also a fiberglass Healey copy like a Sebring that had fire damage – I don't believe it sold. There was a 1962 MGA for restoration on a trailer and an XJ Jag coupe that was pretty nice. Might have been more British stuff but, as a director, I don't get to see it all - too busy putting out fires!!

I did get permission to start a new Pate tradition – Feature Car of the Year, which will be featured in the Pate Times. This will appear in next year's issue. It's a nice 1938 Chevrolet rumble seat coupe/convertible with numerous options such as clock mounted on the banjo steering wheel.

You never know what you will find – our bar stools at the lake house came from Pate. Finally, for me, the highlight of the meet was getting to see Vicky and Jeff Stamp (no relation) who have both had serious health problems during the past year. Jeff, who was last year's Pate President, had to quit his job as a pilot to take care of Vicky. When I walked into HQ and saw her sitting there it was a feeling of pure joy for me!!

If you haven't come up to help us and have some fun, please consider it in the future. --DJ



DJ STAMPIP



GREG HERBERT



GREG HERBERT

Trailer Storage Reflection Pool

# Past Activities

## Wendell Bell, Director – Texas Tour Chairman

Pate was great this year, and I enjoyed helping people move their purchases to the parking lot. I am always intrigued by the variety of unique items. Most of it is car related, but the most unusual item I hauled was a stuffed bear.

--Wendell



WENDELL BELL

Thursday, Friday and Saturday along with others from the club. I take my hat off to you all. Great Job! Now to the most important: Everyone that worked in the hospitably area. It was great to come in and get something to eat or drink and take a break. There was always something there.

Mostly I hauled for out-of-staters. They came from California, Missouri, and Indiana; just a few I remember. Most of the people I talked to were old-timers but this year I met a lot of first timers to the swap meet. I have been coming for almost 40 years. Wow, time has passed. I was telling them only 30 years. I lost ten years somewhere. Saturday, we enjoyed a quiet dinner with Joe and Lizette at their camp site across from ours. I look forward to going and working next year, it is always an adventure.

--Wayne

## Wayne Heikkila, Membership Chair

I showed up Thursday morning. This year brought back some found memories. The only thing missing was the mud. It seemed like there were pockets of vendors everywhere. We start at our hospitality tent where we meet and greet. Then we go on to what we came for – moving items! The items I moved most were engine blocks and heads, tires, rims and slicks, lots of sheet metal and seats. I moved a full Model A body and two large trailer loads of gas pump globes. They are headed to Sweden. It seemed like most people came with a list of items they were looking for. I drove all day on



GREG HERBERT

# Past Activities

## Greg Herbert, Director – Past President

I arrived on Monday and set the club's trailer on our spaces. Tuesday morning is usually when we pull the 42 trailers from the storage containers, put them together, and complete minor repair work. The heavy rain began at 3:00am, and it remained steady until about noon. Having dropped seven inches of rain during that time period, the ground was saturated, and a swamp formed in front of the storage containers. With water about shin deep, we decided to delay the trailer project until Wednesday morning when the swamp was only a few inches deep. DJ, Greg, and Chester assembled the trailers, and Pat ferried them to the RV campgrounds. Then we began to set up the club's canopies for the hospitality spaces.

Thursday brought strong winds that shredded one of DJ canopies, and several others near us. However, the overall weather was fairly nice the remainder of the swap meet.

Our club members, one member from the Pontiac Club, and a friend of Greg's filled the parts hauling duties for our club, and kept the carts full throughout the swap meet. Hot lunches were prepared and served each day, and, of course, the never ending supply of homemade cookies keep everyone going. Friday evening, most of our club members went to Justin for dinner in a really packed little Mexican restaurant.

Late Saturday, the trailers were placed back in the storage containers, and our club disassembled everything that was set up for hospitality and loaded everything back in the trailer. The Pate Swap Meet officers decided to sell two of the old parts hauling trailers, and they tasked DJ with placing them on our club spaces and getting them to new owners. Our club went above and beyond and sold five of the older trailers. Over a period of time, most of the older trailers will be sold and replaced with the smaller, lighter new trailers.



GREG HERBERT

[On the radio] *“Central Texas Road Relics . . . get your cameras ready, I’m coming by” --Joe*

# Automotive History

## Lawson's Motor Wheel

Forwarded by John Robertson

### Lawson's Motor Wheel

Here is an interesting article and pictures about the very beginning of the automobile age with an invention that allowed horse drawn buggies and carriages to transform being drawn by horses to being pulled by a gasoline engine powered a single wheeled contraption.

<https://allchronology.com/2024/02/15/title-riding-through-history-two-young-women-journey-in-a-lawsons-motor-wheel-of-1902/>



### Lawson's Motor Wheel of 1902

"In an era where horse-drawn carriages still dominated the streets, two adventurous young women, Clara and Emily, embarked on a remarkable journey aboard a Lawson's Motor Wheel in the year 1902. Their journey wasn't just a means of transportation; it was a bold statement challenging societal norms and embracing the dawn of modernity."

"The Lawson's Motor Wheel, a groundbreaking invention of its time, was a marvel of engineering, promising newfound freedom and mobility. With its sleek design and gasoline-powered engine, it symbolized the transition from the age of horse-powered travel to the age of mechanization."

And some separate articles with additional information about Lawson's motor wheel uses:

<https://vintagenewsdaily.com/lawsons-motor-wheel-1902/>

<https://duckduckgo.com/?q=1902+lawson%27s+motor+wheelandt=newextandatb=v320-1andia=imagesandiax=images>

### The kids motor wheel (1927)



[https://youtube.com/shorts/LlwZFPt5DY?si=PEvVrVP8\\_zx2BPTM](https://youtube.com/shorts/LlwZFPt5DY?si=PEvVrVP8_zx2BPTM)

# Local Clubs

## Texas Healey Roundup

by DJ Stamp

The Texas Healey Roundup was held from April 10-12 in Dripping Springs. Holiday Inn Express was the host hotel and provided a work room and hospitality room. Events included a road trip and tour of West Cave Preserve on Hamilton Pool Road, a car show, and road rally. Back at the hotel there was a Cornish Auction? (aka raffle). I made chocolate chip cookies for hospitality and helped park Healeys at the show. They were divided into 3 classes: Sprite, Roadster, and Convertible (roll up windows). The threat of rain on Saturday morning reduced the car show participation but the rain never developed. There was one Nasty Boy Healey with a Ford 302 driven by an Australian and my favorite which was a well sorted supercharged Bugeye. The supercharger was about the size of the engine block. What a sweet ride!! Many of the Dripping Springs visitors stopped by to admire the cars. A nice opportunity to chat with old friends. Really not a bad weekend considering the threat of rain.



# Car Community

## Great Sayings

by James Bartlett

We may be antique car enthusiasts, but we're also car enthusiasts and just as interested in new-car features and innovations. With that in mind, this month I'll turn our Sayings more toward the modern era, and its foibles.

**There's just too much tech** Naysayers say old-timers like me can't assimilate new ways of doing things. But I've got news – there's so much technology run amok in modern cars, they should come with a grad student strapped to the hood to help owners master it. I drive a 2011 Lexus LS-460 because it allows me to choose radio stations and AC settings without going through menu pages. But even this now-obsolete car had an 820-page owner's manual: 336-page navigation system manual, 41-page Enform safety connection system manual -- 1,997 pages total. Lexus also included a separate 98-page Quick Guide, along with a 77-page warranty guide and 52-page Lemon Law guide. Despite this flood of information, I can't get the seat position memory or garage opener to work. Dealer service advisors say they can't either.

Surveys show declining owner satisfaction with new vehicles due to tech overload, particularly "infotainment" systems. Another overload example is ABS – the antilock braking system. It's mandatory on cars. I was involved in an accident on I-10 when cars in front of me dodged left and right, revealing a car dead still right ahead. I hit the brakes hard, the antilock activated, and the brakes released and pulsated to avoid locking up. If I could have locked the brakes, I'd have stopped in time. That ABS broke down last month, and parts and labor were

\$6,000 – although the brakes worked perfectly, and no wear items like calipers, pads and rotors were touched. The charge was just to get the Check ABS System light to turn off, because it disabled other electronic features. Like I say, too much tech.

**Headlights are too bright** Back in the 1960s, we drove a '29 Packard sedan across Texas to attend tours in Midland, Lubbock and San Angelo. Typically, we'd drive at night. The lights were dim compared to then-new cars, but serviceable. There wasn't anywhere near today's traffic. I wouldn't make those drives today in an antique car. We were recently in north Dallas in our '29 Packard roadster after sundown. The Packard puts out more light than our old sedan, thanks to modern bulbs and replated reflectors, as well as a Tripp driving light. But we couldn't see the road at all, as we were staring into an endless stream of glaring headlights.

Our eyes adjusted to the glare, which made us unable to even detect the lighting from the Packard. In my neighborhood at night, with no traffic, I can see fine from the Packard. Add to that, today's jacked-up trucks and SUVs elevate the glare into the eyes of oncoming drivers. So everyone drives with their brights on, often supplemented by fog lights and rooftop accessory lights. We're all driving blind.

**We must all be rich** New car prices are insane. We see top-line pickup trucks with dealer prices of up to \$80,000 for half-tonners, and well over \$100,000 for loaded-out diesel one-ton trucks suitable for heavy towing. →

# Car Community

→ The average term length of a new-car loan today is 72 months to accommodate such higher prices. In contrast, in 1966 my family bought a fully equipped new Volkswagen for \$1,950. Today the cheapest new car, about equivalent to the VW, is about \$30,000. My Dad's new top-of-the-line 1966 Riviera – the one I wrote about elsewhere in this issue –

cost \$6,000. Have you priced a luxury car lately? \$70,000 on up to the mid-\$100,000 range. As a result, the average age of the U.S. vehicular fleet is now 12 years – so my old Lexus fits right in. But there are still more than 3 million new vehicles sold in the U.S. each year. We may not all be rich, but apparently enough people are to keep this ball rolling.

## Letter From the Editor

Customers at Pate Swap Meet constantly reiterated their gratitude for the parts hauling service provided by the club. One guy bought a rusted 1936 Chevrolet body – complete with bullet holes – for his wife's yard art. How touching. Sometimes parts were mostly people with spent rascal batteries or heat exhaustion setting in. They don't realize the wind and weather takes its toll and the trip to the car will be all uphill. They were always relieved to get a soft chair to rest in the breeze from the speeding golf cart. Some questioned the future of swap meets with online competition and a dwindling interest in fixing up old cars but there were plenty of young enthusiasts buying speed parts for souped up Camaros, roll cages for race cars, and even a Model T engine block. But the fading vendors and smaller crowds could be the reason the gates weren't lamenting long wait lines for a haul. Maybe all of the wheeling and dealing on Wednesday is the reason most booths shut down by Saturday at lunch. I am grateful for the club to have this opportunity to serve the car community and meet interesting people – all while being well fed on amazing lunches and assorted cookies and treats.

*Leif*



# Around Town

## Pistons on the Square

Georgetown, TX – April 18, 2026

By Leif Allred

Most people were scared off with the threat of rain so parking was a cinch. The 1937 Cord body swap got a lot of attention – done by Hot Rods and Customs of Andice. On the outside, the modifications are subtle and well done to hide the flathead V8 and rear-wheel drive with independent suspension. The owner didn't even flinch when the dark clouds loomed and the temperature dropped almost instantly. All of the other convertibles fled the scene.



LEIF ALLRED



LEIF ALLRED

## Lone Star Round Up

Austin, TX – April 18, 2026

By Leif Allred



LEIF ALLRED

This set of photos demonstrates the range of vehicles at Lone Star Round Up held annually at the Decker Exposition Center. There were hundreds of cars ranging from gorgeous classics, full customs, rat rods, and original derelicts. A live band shut down in time for the starting of three dragsters (ear plugs were handed out). There was a covered area for swap meet vendors and parking surrounded the facility making every place near an entrance. The weather switched to light rain and a chilly wind for an early lunch.



LEIF ALLRED

# DJ's CarSense®

## An Automotive Outlet for Outstanding Observations

by DJ Stamp

**Ford Charcoal Briquettes** Models T's used about 100 board feet of wood per vehicle. Ash was used for floorboards, hard maple for frame work, oak for body trim and truck beds, pine for truck beds, sometimes from recycled sources. If a material was scarce one type of wood was sometimes substituted for another. Henry's cousin, Minnie Flaherty, was married to Edward Kingsford who was a real estate agent and a Ford dealership owner. Kingsford helped Ford acquire massive amounts of timber in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. They were friends, often going on hunting trips together, and Edward became one of Ford's confidants. Henry disliked waste and suggested the scraps from the mills be made into charcoal briquettes. Originally briquettes were marketed as a more even heat source in stoves, but eventually were put in Ford dealerships, along with grills, to promote car trips. In 1951, the company was sold and became the Kingsford Chemical Company. Today the Clorox Company owns Kingsford Charcoal, and has 80% market share.



**Subjective Value** This 1953 Austin J-40 pedal car recently sold on Bring-A-Trailer for \$6,100. To put that into perspective - that's about what I paid for my 1951 Studebaker Starlite Coupe, 1957 BMW Isetta 300, 1959 Jaguar XK150 roadster, 1960 Jaguar MKII sedan, 1960 Triumph TR3, 1960 Austin Healey Bugeye Sprite, 1965 Buick Riviera. Not individually mind you - more than I paid for the lot! Other than the Riviera and the MK II Jag the pictures represent original condition when purchased. How times have changed!



# Membership

## Mini-Tours

One of the most rewarding activities in old cars is parading around town as a group on a mini-tour. Now is the time to sign up and fill the 2026 calendar with excursions. Please let John Robertson know which month you wish to coordinate a tour. Karl and Jeanne Frank have a paper map whereupon they highlight the obscure back roads they've explored. Let's help them fill it up.



## Membership

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](mailto:wayneheikkila@gmail.com).



Pay by Mail:

1) \$45 payable to AACA

2) \$20 payable to Road Relics

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## Club Gear

Vests	\$18
Club Shirts	\$15
Rain Ponchos	\$15
Ball Caps	\$15
Texas Flag Badge	\$2
CTR Window Sticker	\$1
2017/2019 FDCCS T-Shirts	\$Offer



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# National News

## National News, Notifications, and Nudges

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



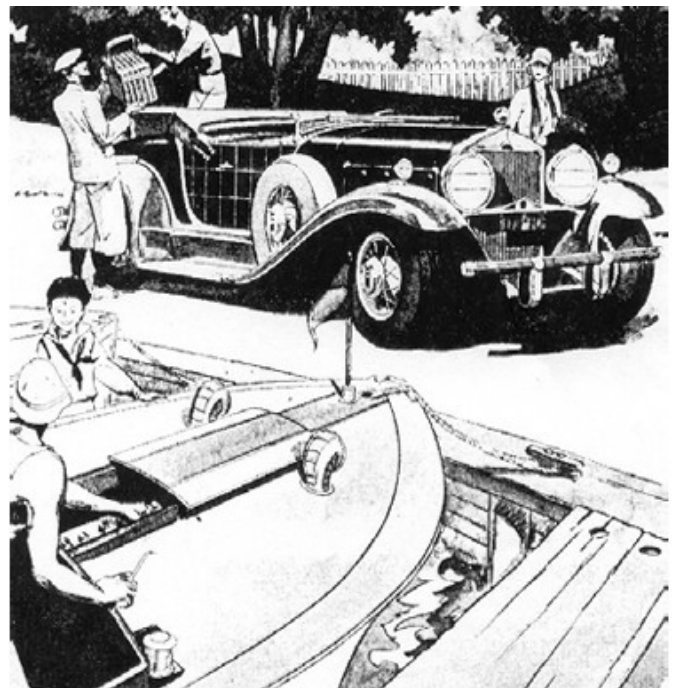
**Events-R-Us  
Winter 2013  
By Chuck Crane  
VP of National Activities**

After 40 wonderful years of enjoying activities across AACA, I've observed that a large portion of our members are enjoying events in their local area but have never attended anything of a national nature. We have nearly 400 Regions and Chapters around this country who do a great job locally and with statewide events. We love these regional events because we see new sights, different cars, and make new friends. But, when asked about doing this for out of state members, many say it's too complicated, we don't have judges for meets, we don't know how, etc. Your AACA National folks have worked hard to make National Meets and Tours easy for local groups to put on.

AACA is the premier antique vehicle organization because we know how to do the big things that truly impact our hobby. One has only to look at the Hershey Fall Meet to see how one large Region has figured out how to work together, put on the greatest show on earth, and have a great time doing it since the 1950's. But they started out small just like any other Region that chooses to put on a National event.

AACA has created guidelines for hosting all types of national events—and that's all available online at [www.aaca.org](http://www.aaca.org). The Meet and Tour guidelines are Sections 4 and 5 of

the Policy and Procedures Manual—and that's all available to you to take the guesswork out. Lots of members have had input to these sections with what has worked and what has not in creating events. We have a wonderful computer program that handles registration and judging for our Meets. Don't have a Chief Judge or a Registrar? Let your Headquarters staff know, and we'll find you one. How about negotiating with hotels—we taught a seminar on that at the Annual Meeting this year. We do 10 national meets annually, named 5-day tours, and 2-3 day Divisional Tours. If you can do shows and tours locally, just expand your thinking a bit and show off your area to the greater AACA. Your club will be stronger for the experience and you'll meet a lot of new friends. Properly advertised locally, a national event can really grow your membership!



**In loving Memory of Chuck Crane**

# Calendar

**May 12, 2026 7:00pm (earlier for food)**

MONTHLY MEETING

Catfish Parlour South 4705 E Ben White Blvd

**Program:** Personal Automotive History  
by Susan Lokker

**May 2, 2026 8:00am-3:00pm**

GTACC Car Show and Charity Benefit  
2 Texas Drive, Georgetown, TX

**May 21-23, 2026**

72<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL TEXAS TOUR

Hosted by Central Texas Region AACA (us)

<https://www.texastour.co/>

**May 28-30, 2026**

EASTERN SPRING NATIONALS  
Indiana, PA – 724-783-7140

**June 11-13, 2026**

SOUTHEASTER FALL NATIONALS  
Oak Ridge, TN – 865-803-3412

**June 14-19, 2026**

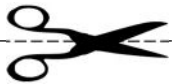
SENTIMENTAL TOUR (1928-1958)  
Mechanicsburg, PA – 717-877-4766

**June 21, 2026**

FATHER'S DAY CAR SHOW  
The Vineyard at Florence  
Florence, TX

**July 23-25, 2026**

CENTRAL SPRING NATIONALS  
Green Bay, WI – 920-819-1407



## Texas Tour Silent Auction Donation Form

During Texas Tour 2026, a silent auction will be presented to raise funds for the tour and/or a charitable contribution. Please donate meaningful items to make the silent auction successful and fun with competitive bids. Please use this donation form to identify your item, donor information, the estimated value, recommended starting bid (typically 35% the value), and what should be done with it in the unlikely case it does not sell (donate it, return it, make trophies out of it for the next Texas Tour).

Description of Item being donated:

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Donor's Name and Contact Information:

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Estimated Value: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended Initial Bid: \_\_\_\_\_

Should item not sell – desired disposition:

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# Classifieds

**Serious Equipment** A friend in my town has some serious equipment that needs move out of his shop. His price would be very reasonable. If anyone in the club is interested, I can put them in touch with my friend.

**Jim McMeans 817-360-0138**



**1932 Chevrolet Confederate Coupe** Restored. Serious buyers only (not related to Serious Equipment). They are asking \$47,500.

**Molly or Jesse at 512-440-0519**



**1965 Pontiac Catalina** A lady at Catfish Parlour approached the group before the monthly meeting and said there is a car for sale available.

**Dixie Dans 210-744-3373**

**1954-ish Willys Jeep** at public auction on Highway 21 (Camino Real) in Kyle