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The Steering Column

Well, summer is clearly upon us. I have been trying to stay in the shop with a little air conditioning running. Good time to just get caught up a some badly needed cleaning and organizing.

But, just because it's been hot, all the more reason to attend a Summer Social mini-tour, on Saturday, the 8th of August at our house.

Mini tour will be a short 45-min drive on country roads over to Speeding Springs in Dripping Springs. Plan to meet at our house (10300 Darden Hill Rd, Austin) at 9ish and we will head out at 9:30. We will tour Jeff's restoration operations and other parts of the facility. Hopefully, the antique shop will be open as well. We will then head back here to our house with a planned arrival of about 11:30 for hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and ice cream. Not to worry, we should be able to have this part of the gathering inside. And if there are enough takers, we may even have a few games of rousing bingo.

Hope to see you all out for either or both parts of this gathering.

All the best,
Joe and Lizette



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Secretary's Report

Minutes of Road Relics Monthly Meeting July 14, 2026 – Catfish Parlour

By Leif Allred

Meeting After some technical difficulties with an online hybrid meeting experiment, President Joe started the meeting at 7:13pm.

Attendance 21 members in person; 8 virtual. Not intended for this meeting, it worked out somewhat. Acoustics are very difficult.

Secretary's Report The June 2026 Meeting Minutes from the July 2026 newsletter were accepted without changes – motion from Gary Baker, second by Jeremy Cameron.

Treasurer's Report Jeremy provided the report that was accepted without changes. Discussion on Texas Tour silent auction.

Sunshine Report Ronnie reported no serious concerns but little annoyances that add up.

Newsletter Leif explained that calendar items get double billing in FenderTalk.

Activities Joe reminded the club that we reap many times more than what we put into it and made a call for action to reinvigorate the activities and responsibilities of everyone to contribute.

Officers and committee chairs were reviewed and requests extended for the following:

- ☐ Monitor activities and nominate for awards
- ☐ Develop new member initiatives
- ☐ Complete plans for Christmas Party
- ☐ Populate the calendar for mini-tours with John Robertson
- ☐ Sign up for Meeting Programs with DJ

Results of the meeting date and time survey were reviewed with many favored responses for a Saturday morning. We were reminded that the Catfish Parlour provides a great service to the club and many would miss the cobbler. As we were coming up on closing time, a motion was made by Gary Baker, seconded by John Robertson, and voted in by the attendees, to start the meeting at 6:30pm.

Upcoming Activities

- ☐ 7/18 – John Anderson parts, tools, books, starts, generators sale (mostly Model A/T)
- ☐ 8/8 – Summer Social Mini-Tour: Speeding Springs, Joe's shop, food, bingo, pool party
- ☐ 12/6 – Annual Meeting and Christmas Party; Chez Zee in Austin (\$500 deposit needed)

Member's Projects

- ☐ Paul fought a fuel delivery issue in which many instructed to make a vented gas cap (by drilling a hole in the existing one)

Dessert Compliments of Catfish Parlour (only for in-person attendees, obviously)

Program *Three Forgetful Men* – By DJ Stamp. Have a sign donated to silent auction, doesn't make it, forgot to bring it, handed off to take it, left in van, shown at meeting. One can make a program out of essentially anything – sign up to deliver a program to the group.

Adjourn The meeting was technically adjourned many times starting at 8:13pm but, like trick candles, discussions continued as enthusiasm could not be contained.

Upcoming Events

Summer Social Mini-Tour

by Joe and Lizette Peter

Saturday, August 8, 2026 9:00am

10300 Darden Hills Rd, Austin, TX 78737



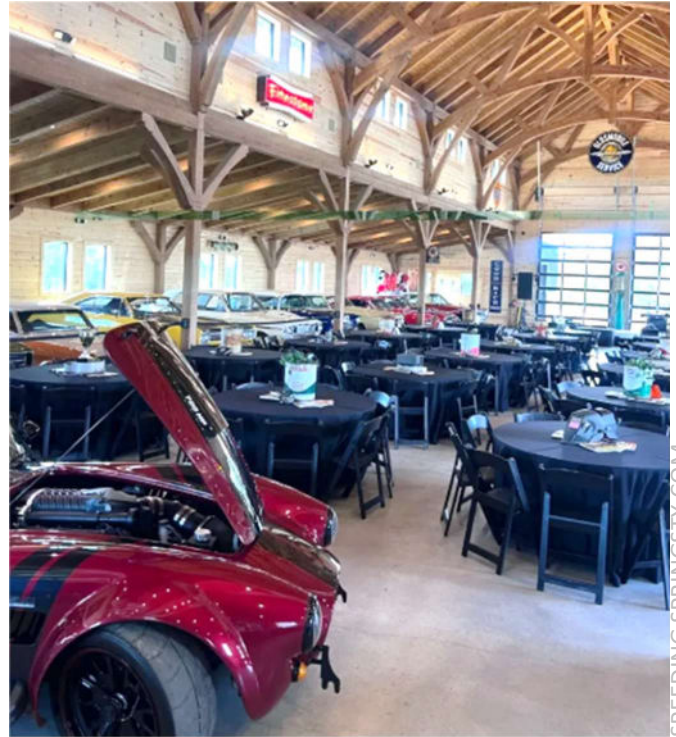
enthusiasts, collectors, and event planners throughout Central Texas.

Meet at Joe Peter's at 9:00am

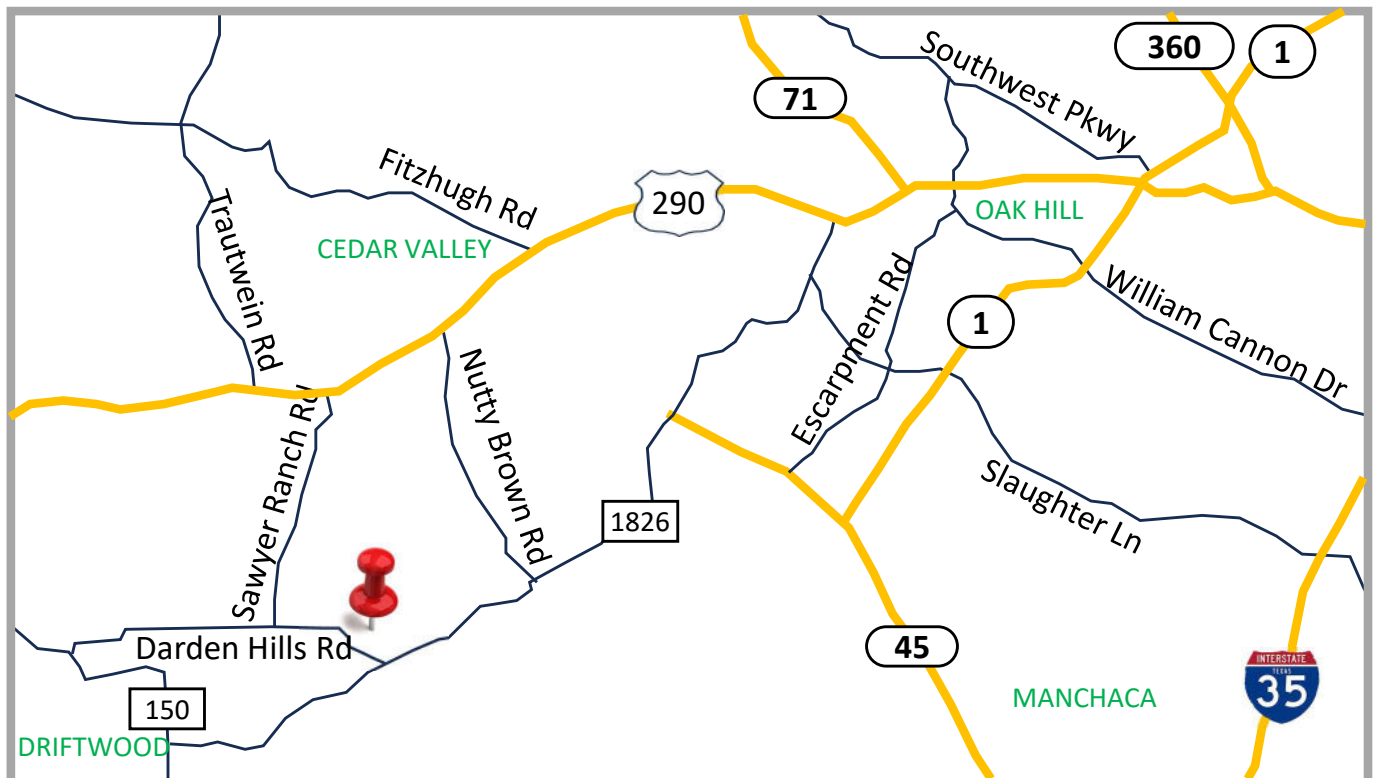
- Depart 9:30am
- Speeding Springs
- Joe's Shop
- Food at Joe's
- Bingo
- Hang out by the pool

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Member's Projects

Driving My Buick

By Wayne Heikkila

I started working on this article after coming home from the Texas Tour. I needed to change my oil again and, as I did, I had to really step back and look at the mileage I have put on the Buick. I have put an amazing 8000 miles on the Buick in just over a year.

As most of you know. I purchased the Buick almost two years ago. One of the first problems I had was the transmission. I installed the new transmission in the end of march early April last year – just in time to make the Texas Tour. So, looking back at what I did with the Buick: I

made two Texas Tours, two Road Relics mini-tours, a regional Buick meet and tour, five tours in the Beaumont area (with one more in a couple weeks). Every Wednesday are local lunches along with cars and coffee once a month for a year. Also, with quite a few day trips by myself, it seems like the mileage just flew by. It has.

The Buick is a blast to drive. It doesn't overheat in the hot temperatures or in slow traffic. It doesn't vapor lock. It just hums down the road at sixty. To make this happen, I did a lot of items

to the car – some while I was waiting on the transmission and others after I started driving it. Shocks, brakes, fuel and water pumps, adjusted the valves and rebuilt the carburetor. After I installed the transmission, front wheel bearings, rear axles with bearings and seals, alternator and tires. Did every item on this list need to be done? Maybe not. But I had to look forward. You just can't walk into a parts store and buy parts for the Buick. So, I made the decision to do what I thought it would take, to make a good touring car. The Buick and I are now ready for our next tour.



WAYNE HEIKKILA

And don't forget the night photo shoot the 1940 Buick posed for

Car Shows

Lone Star Street Rod Association – Granbury, TX

by DJ Stamp

Pat and I attended the Lone Star Street Rod Association 51st Annual State Run in Granbury on June 13. It was there last year so maybe this is the location every year. There was also a large art show in the downtown area which we did not attend this year due to pressing duties at the lake house. Hopefully next year this time the seawall and dock will be finished.

The rod event was headquartered at the Granbury Convention Center where the Texas Tour was last year. The car show was just across the street in the park. I'd guess there were 80 or so cars in the show. Not all were hot rods as there were a few original cars. There were also a couple of British cars – a local MG TD and a Triumph GT6+ race car.

I'm not a big hot rod fan but I do appreciate the work they put into their cars and most of them have AC which is a plus in Texas. The old Chevy pickup loaded with junk was fun to look at. It even had a guitar made from a bed pan but it sounded like crap. I did take the opportunity to hand out 50+ Pate Times to vendors and participants.

Pat and I agreed on our favorite car – the Edsel wagon. We left when it started to heat up. Nice little show to attend and it's in Granbury which is always fun.



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Technical Tips

Feathered Tires

by James Bartlett

I noticed increased vibration in my tow vehicle, a 2009 Ford F-350 dually pickup. I took it in for rebalancing of the wheels, and my tire supplier pointed out that the two front tires were feathered. The tire ribs were raised on their trailing edges, and depressed on their leading edges (though less

than in the sample picture). There was no feathering on the rear wheels. That indicated a possible front suspension problem. I then took the truck to an alignment shop, but it wouldn't fit on their rack. However, they indicated that the I-beam front suspension on Fords like mine are near-bulletproof, but

that worn front shocks (a minor problem) could cause feathering.

I replaced the two feathered tires and all four shocks, and the vibration was gone. Now that we're back from our travels, I will take the truck in for a full alignment check just to be sure.



JAMES BARTLETT

What Does AI Say? Tire feathering is an abnormal wear pattern where tread ribs become rounded on one side and sharp or raised on the other, creating a sawtooth texture – primarily caused by improper toe alignment or worn suspension parts that force the tire to scrub sideways against the pavement instead of rolling cleanly

Definition: Tread blocks or ribs develop a

directional, jagged profile resembling a saw blade or bird feathers.

Tactile indicator: Running a bare hand across the tread feels smooth in one direction and catches sharply in the opposite direction.

Acoustic symptom: Generates a rhythmic humming or whining noise that mimics a bad wheel bearing while driving.

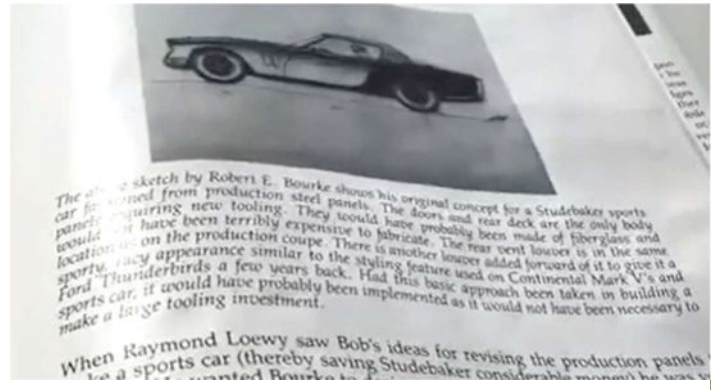
The Internet

A Concept Comes To Life 1955 Studebaker Speedster II

Forwarded by DJ Stamp

"From a drawing and a "what if . . ." to the fields of Hershey, enjoy a look at a concept come to life, the Studebaker Speedster II. A recreation of a prototype. At the 2017 AACA Fall Meet in Hershey."

<https://youtu.be/sxrsz8CD7yc?si=z2b9cK8nno0hTbQd>



Letter From the Editor

At the last monthly meeting at Catfish Parlour, we somewhat successfully (after technical problems with the host computer so that the slides couldn't be shared, using a 6-mic noise cancelling conference speaker, a front camera, a remote speaker, and a second computer for a rear microphone and camera) conducted a hybrid virtual and in-person meeting. The room is really long and noisy and is not best suited for an online meeting. It's a loud restaurant. People complain when they are actually present that they can't hear. Two air handlers are always going no matter what the temperature setpoint. Besides being acoustically limited, there is not convenient power available to run audio/visual equipment without cords strewn all over. I do agree that a virtual meeting is necessary and beneficial and was well attended. It great to have everyone online participating. I deal with this every day with my team in India, Singapore, California, and Texas. Another member commented: if the virtual attendance grows, the restaurant might not be willing to extend this service for free. Let's change the venue.

Leif

Around Town

Independence Day Celebration

Georgetown, TX – July 4, 2026

By Leif Allred

Attended by Susan Lokker, daughter Sophie, Dean Hewitt, Leif Allred, and Laura Pressley. Laura was allowed to drive modern because she brought the pineapple upside down cake. Held at San Gabriel Park, there was a kid's parade, amusement rides, crafts booths, many food trucks, live music, and heat. That being said, even though there was plenty of shade under heritage oaks, all of the show cars had vacated before I was last to leave at 3:13pm.



1930 Buick – New \$2,631



1931 Ford Model A – New \$490

Pistons on the Square

Georgetown, TX – July 18, 2026

By Leif Allred



John Anderson Garage Sale

Pflugerville, TX – July 18, 2026

By Leif Allred

Members from The Lone Star Model A Club joined and Cen-Tex Tin Lizzies-Ford Model T Club joined Central Texas Region-AACA – all passions of John Anderson – to help clean out his shop. He had a car for each club and the parts, tools, and literature for each era . . . in large quantities.

More than a garage sale, there were a lot of friends sitting around chatting, fresh chicken salad for sandwiches, cold drinks, and ice cream. There were great deals to make.



DJ's CarSense®

An Automotive Outlet for Outstanding Observations

by DJ Stamp

Well optioned L-29 1929 Cord L-29 Cabriolet at the AACA 75th Anniversary in Louisville, KY, 2010. Well-equipped with double-sided whitewalls, grille guard, Woodlites, Pilot-Ray Self-Steering Automatic Safety Light and rumble seat windshield.



GAZ The GAZ-SG1, known as "Pobeda Sport", were experimental racing cars produced in the Soviet Union during the 1950s.



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Membership

Lift Your Voice

Dear Road Relics members, it is time to shift gears! To avoid nighttime driving and create a better atmosphere for mingling and meaningful programs, we are considering changing our meeting venue and day of the week. Please share your ideas so we can find the perfect fit for everyone. Here is why we are exploring a shift:

- ☐ Daylight Driving: Moving to an earlier, weekend daytime slot means safer, easier commutes for all our members and a more relaxed trip to the monthly meeting.
- ☐ Better Mingling: A fresh, quiet, and comfortable venue will give us more room to park our classics side-by-side and chat comfortably. Maybe we'll go back to bringing snacks!
- ☐ Meaningful Programs: Better acoustics, lighting, and temperature will make our guest speakers and programs much more engaging and easier to hear and participate.

We want every member's voice to be heard before we make any changes. Please take five minutes to voice your opinion on the best days of the week and suggest your favorite local spots. How to Share Your Input:

- ☐ Email: Send your venue recommendations and day preferences directly to fendertalk@outlook.com.
- ☐ Phone: Call one of the board and share your ideas.
- ☐ Next Meeting: Bring your ideas to the next meeting.

Let us keep our club driving smoothly into the future. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and seeing you at the next gathering!

Our classic rides were built to be driven, not just admired in the garage. Let's fire up those engines, hit the open road, and share our passion with the community this year!

Leaders

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National News

National News, Notifications, and Nudges

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Sharing Keeps the Story Alive

By Charlotte Dahlenburg
Great Southern Region
Newsletter Editor

There's something special about old cars. It's not just the chrome or the curves, or even the sound of an engine that doesn't quite purr the way new ones do, it's what they represent. These machines carry more than just people, they carry memories. Some are deeply personal, the first time behind the wheel, a long summer road trip, cruising to your favorite diner with the windows down and music up. Others reflect the broader journey we've taken as a society, the innovations that pushed the industry forward, the missteps that taught us hard lessons, and the trends that defined entire generations.

In every restored panel and every original detail, there's a story waiting to be told. Some of those stories are well known: iconic models, historic races, design breakthroughs. But just as important are the stories that live quietly in the hearts of everyday enthusiasts. Stories of rebuilding a car with your grandfather; of breaking down on the side of the road and finding help from a stranger; or of finally tracking down the vehicle you always dreamed of owning.

That's the real heart of this club. Yes, we love the cars. But more than that, we love what they mean. We're memory keepers, in a

way. We help ensure that the past doesn't disappear beneath the dust and rust. can't remember everything. But together, we can preserve the memories that matter most, the ones that connect us, inspire us, and remind us why we do what we do.

So here's my ask to you: send in your stories to your local region or chapter newsletter editor or share with the entire AACA club. Tell us about the car that got away or the one you finally found. Share a road trip memory, a restoration saga, or even a photo with a few lines about what it means to you. Big or small, every story adds to the rich tapestry we're building and once it's shared, it lives forever.



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Lone Star – Granbury, TX

Calendar

August 11, 2026 6:30pm (New Start Time)
MONTHLY MEETING
Catfish Parlour South 4705 E Ben White Blvd

August 5-8, 2026
SOUTHEASTERN DIVISIONAL TOUR
Flat Rock, NC 828-606-2918

August 8, 2026 9:00am-2:00pm
SUMMER SOCIAL MINI-TOUR
South Austin (See Page 4)

August 19-22, 2026
ANNUAL GRAND NATIONALS
Allentown, PA 717-534-1910

September 9-14, 2026
FOUNDERS TOUR (1932-2001)
Williamsburg, VA 757-303-0650

September 23-26, 2026
62nd STUDEBAKER DRIVERS CLUB
<https://ntxsdc.com/international-meet>

October 3, 2026 – Marble Falls, TX
MARBLE FALLS MAIN STREET CAR SHOW
<https://highlandlakeskiwanis.org/car-show>

October 31, 2026 – Taylor, TX
TAYLOR MAIN STREET CAR SHOW

November 7, 2026 9:30am-2:00pm
BELMONT VILLAGE SIDEWALK PARTY

November 13, 2026 – Bastrop, TX
HEROES AND HOT RODS CAR SHOW

December 6, 2026 1:00pm-4:00pm
ANNUAL MEETING AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

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