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The Steering Column

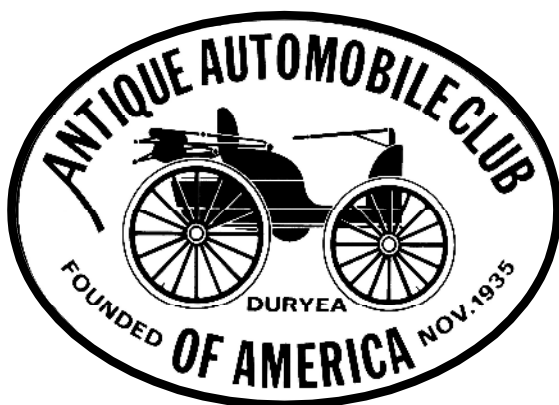
Wow, what a wonderful turnout we had for the Summer Social. I personally had a great time visiting with club members both old and new. More on that in this newsletter.

Ok, so let's keep up the momentum by attending the upcoming Belmont Village Sidewalk Party, November 7th and by putting together a large coalition for a membership drive at the Bastrop Veteran's Day Car Show November 14th. Don't miss out, just click over to their website and get registered now (link on page 14). This is a great show and it really does fill up fast so please don't hesitate. I hesitated last year and ended up missing it.

Have fun touring see you at the meeting on the 8th.

Joe Peter

President, Central Texas Region - AACA



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Secretary's Report

Minutes of Road Relics Monthly Meeting August 11, 2026 – Catfish Parlour

By Leif Allred

Meeting VP Bob Ross started the meeting at 6:29pm. Interesting trucks intermixed a call for volunteers for committee chairs and upcoming positions.

Attendance 20 members in attendance; 2 guests – Kathleen and Troy Reish (familiar from Texas Tour and other gatherings).

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

Treasurer's Report Greg Summarized Jeremy's report: \$500 deposit to Chez Zee and Texas Tour expense consolidated. Accepted without changes – motion by Chester Toothman; second by Gary Baker.

Sunshine Report Jan and Vic out; Jeremy under the weather; George with a broken hand; Bob experienced some falls.

Website Moving houses creating delays to add classifieds and member's private section.

Membership Greg is helping to update the roster and passed around info to redline. DJ brought flyers for handing out to the public.

Past Activities The Summer Social Mini-Tour provided lots of interesting stuff at Speeding Springs, a nice long drive, and lunch at Joe and Lizette's (no bingo). Two hard luck stories of breakdowns and tow trailers and trucks.

Upcoming Activities

- ☐ 10/3 – Marble Falls Car Show
- ☐ Marble Falls Mini-Tour – to be announced
- ☐ 10/31 – Taylor Car Show
- ☐ 11/7 – Belmont Village Sidewalk Party
- ☐ 11/14 – Bastrop Car Show
- ☐ 12/6 – Annual Meeting and Christmas Party

Member's Projects

- ☐ One of the hard luck stories involved breaking down near people selling chickens and honey – and not necessarily getting along. The other involved AAA and MoPac.
- ☐ Downsizing, Rich has an acetylene torch with accoutrements available

Dessert Compliments of Catfish Parlour; Cookies appreciated from Bob.

Program *Old Thresher's Reunion* – By DJ Stamp. A mix of photos, lore, and videos provided all but the smells of fuel, food, steam, and other tractor related fumage. The extra time from starting the meeting early made for very pleasing and unrushed program.



Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm with plenty of time not to be kicked out.

Past Events

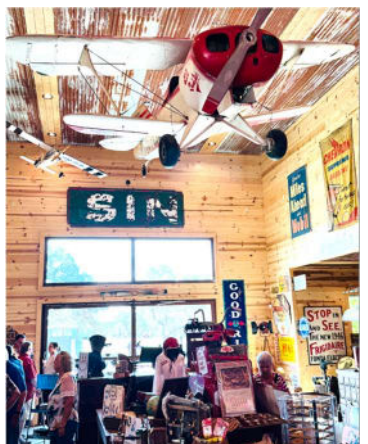
Summer Social Mini-Tour

by Joe and Lizette Peter, Photos by John Robertson

Despite the remarkable summer temperatures, a good number of our car club members arrived for a Summer Social. We assembled at the Peter's house and headed out at 9:30 for a nice drive. There was a good gathering of club members driving collector and modern cars, as well.

There really are some nice back country roads left just west of Dripping. And there is a new, to most of us, great Car Campus that can be driven to just 20 miles away.

Our destination is called a campus because there are several buildings ranging from an antique store and antique car collection display. In addition, the owner, Jeff Peterson, opened up the restoration shop on the property. He gave us a guided tour and described some of the many projects he has underway. They include a rest-o-mod '67 Lincoln Convertible to a torpedo race car with a V-8 Cadillac engine. This is truly a car heaven. If you haven't taken the time to run out there, you might enjoy it very much. →



Past Events



→ After an hour or so of admiring the cars and projects, we returned to our house for a summer bbq – hotdogs, hamburgers, and a number of side dishes and desserts contributed by club members.

Club members pitched in to help BBQ, serve, pick up and, most importantly, enjoy visiting with new and long-time members.

To be honest, we planned to serve ice cream for a dessert. Had so much fun visiting that we forgot!!! (DUH!!!)

It was truly an enjoyable gathering.

Regards,
Lizette and Joe



Letter From the Editor



The new meeting time is great. I mean, we were sitting there anyways so might as well start. It made for a less rushed atmosphere giving people time to talk about their projects and participate in planning activities. It also gave ample time to have a more in-depth and meaningful program. Kind of like sitting on the porch with a hillbilly jam session. Those of us who had to rush a presentation before can volunteer again and share our experience and knowledge with the rest of the club. Come out to the meetings. It's worth the drive. *Leif*

Day Trips

Ford's Garage – Plano, X

by DJ Stamp

Pat and I visited Audra in Allen. She had quite a list of jobs for me (trimming doors and windows, setting gate post and gate, general repair, etc.). During a period of downtime, she took us to see her office, meet her cohorts and treated us to a meal at Ford's Garage in Plano.



Interesting place with decent food and worth a visit if visiting the Metroplex. They have 32 locations in 8 states – mostly Florida. The Model A's in front have no interiors. The speedster inside has won some races – hill climbs as I recall. They also have a cool cutaway engine which I think operates but I forgot to push the button.

Road Trips

Hot Times in Hemphill

By Wayne Heikkila

As most of you know, I go to lunch every Wednesday with the local car club. A couple of weeks ago, they decided to go to Hemphill to eat at the local Mexican restaurant. Hemphill is a small town about 90 miles away so we left early and worked our way over to 87 to drive through some very scenic parts.

The drive up was fantastic! The temperature was good and rising. We made our first pit stop for gas and a break. Everyone was happy and looking forward to lunch at the El Tio restaurant and we arrived a little past 11:00am. As we pulled into the parking lot, there was already a local car club having lunch there. Going inside, our tables were set up next to the other club and we introduced ourselves and started talking about cars.

While we were waiting for our food and while we were eating, the big conversation was watching people drive in, take photos, and leave. We started to count the number of people but quickly realized there were too many. With around 45 cars there, we guessed most people might think it was a small show.

After we finished lunch, we talked to the small crowd about our cars as most people seemed very interested – most had a favorite. After a while, it was getting too hot to stand in the parking lot and we started thinking we needed to head back. For me, everything was going well. The Buick was running at 180 and just purring down the road. It wasn't until we made our first rest stop that I realized some members were having trouble. We had cars overheating, vapor locking, or other fuel issues. On one car, the transmission started slipping. As we were assessing the cars, our conversation quickly turned to the issue of temperature. On this day it was 116. Most were able to turn off their A/C units and make it home without any more issues – other than they were very hot.

On Saturday. We had our monthly cars and coffee. The main topic was my Buick. They could not believe I had no issues with the car at all. I have to say I was surprised as well but very thankful the Buick passed with flying colors. I didn't have to call AAA to take her home. Now I'm looking forward to the next road trip – no matter what the weather!



WAYNE HEIKKILA

Technical Tips

Don't Count on Perpetual Parts Availability

by James Bartlett

As owner of several pre-World War II cars, I've learned that parts that seem plentiful at one time may not be available later. When cars of certain makes and vintages become popular restoration candidates, suppliers may step forward with reproduced parts. Then a decade or two later the restorable cars are finished or collector tastes change, and demand for the parts dries up. Or, the person who reproduced the parts may age out, or the supplier may go out of business. I've seen multiple examples. Like reproductions of the artfully designed door sills for cars from the 1920s and '30s, or beautifully made reproduction Trippe, Pilot-Ray and Lorraine driving lights and spotlights, as well as cast hood ornaments, woven-mesh grill stone guards and chrome-framed wind wings, silk-screened instrument faces, and elaborate acid-etched decorative instrument panels. The

persons who developed the expertise to remake these desirable accessories have in multiple cases passed on. There have been a few attempts by others to carry on, but with mixed success. Meanwhile, prices for the remaining good originals and repops have soared. So, the lesson is, when something you need or even think you'll need in the future is available, buy it now. I learned that on all my older cars. And I recently took my own advice and bought a newly available reproduction gas tank for my 1964 Lincoln. When I first restored the car, I patched up a rusted-out tank, but always mistrusted it. Now I don't have to worry about it. By the way, the picture shows dual Pilot Ray driving lights that turn with the front wheels. These were reproduced until recently, but no longer. And a set like this has an asking price of up to \$20,000.



JAMES BARTLETT

Car Shows

Ads and Artwork

Advertisements Forwarded by John Nowosacki, Article written by AI



How Car Show Flyers Define Our Culture

For generations, the classic car community has gathered under open skies, united by the gleam of polished chrome and the rumble of vintage engines. Yet, long before the first vehicle rolls onto the show field, the experience begins with a single piece of paper: the car show flyer. Far more than a simple notification of time and place, these flyers are the foundational artwork of automotive counterculture and the unsung historians of our hobby.

A Canvas for Automotive Art

The aesthetic of the classic car flyer is an art form entirely its own. In the mid-20th century, the rise of hot rod culture and custom car clubs brought forth a distinct visual language. Artists utilized bold typography, hand-drawn caricatures, and dramatic perspectives to capture the raw energy of the machine. From the wild, Ed Roth-inspired monster drawings of the 1960s to the clean, elegant script font paired with a perfectly airbrushed 1950s lead sled, these designs set an immediate tone. Even in today's digital era, the preservation of this vintage graphic style is vital. It honors the hand-painted sign tradition and the DIY ethos of early garage clubs.

Preserving Club Culture and History

Flyers serve as a permanent archive of our collective history. A stack of old flyers tells the story of local chapters, shifting design trends, and the evolution of the cars we cherish. They celebrate regional identity, showing how a Midwest rod-and-custom meet might differ in flavor from a West Coast lowrider super show. For clubs, the annual flyer is a badge of honor—a visual representation of their dedication to keeping automotive history alive on modern blacktop.

Setting the Show Experience

A well-crafted flyer does more than invite; it builds anticipation. It promises an atmosphere. When a collector picks up a flyer at a swap meet or glances at one pinned to a local garage bulletin board, they are instantly transported to the upcoming event. They can already smell the high-octane fuel, hear the golden-oldies soundtrack drifting from the speakers, and feel the camaraderie of swapping stories with fellow enthusiasts.

Ultimately, these flyers are the physical gatekeepers of our community, transforming a simple parking lot gathering into an unforgettable celebration of rolling art.

Around Town

Oil City Blue Santa Fund Raising Event July 18, 2026 – Luling, TX

By John Robertson

Conne and I attended this year's Blue Santa Fund Raising Event "Stew for Two – Christmas in July" at the Zedler Mill Complex in Luling, Texas on Saturday, July 18th. It was a bright, sunny and very hot summer afternoon at the old mill. Upon arrival, and due to the heat, we were provided a complementary golf cart transfer from the parking lot across the street to the mill Event Center. We saw a wonderful display of antique, vintage and late model cars provided by the local Oil City A's Classic Car Club. As we approached the outdoor area in front of the Event Center, we found Mr. Ed Cappleman, owner of Cappleman Cars Museum leading the serving of the stew.



Our portions were very generous and filling. Even on a hot July afternoon, this well-prepared stew was delicious and an enjoyable meal for a great cause. After being served we went inside the AIR-CONDITIONED Event Center to eat and found a variety of cold drinks and a table covered with homemade desserts. Near the dessert table I also found

the Official Blue Santa for this event who was entertaining and only had good things to share with all that would listen.



Pistons on the Square

August 15, 2026 – Georgetown, TX

By Leif Allred



DJ's CarSense®

An Automotive Outlet for Outstanding Observations

by DJ Stamp

Museum of American Speed

The Museum of American Speed in Lincoln, Nebraska, is a non-profit corporation founded in 1992 by "Speedy" Bill and Joyce Smith. This 150,000ft² museum was formed to present a continuous chronology of automotive racing engines and speed equipment development to preserve, interpret, and display items significant in racing and automotive history. The collection results from the Smiths' personal involvement in racing and hot rodding, and their lifelong passion for collecting and preserving racing and automotive history.

<https://www.museumofamericanspeed.org/>



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Cart Before the Horse



DJ STAMP

Beagle vs Great Dane



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Membership

Renewals

National – It's 2027 Membership Renewal Time!

The first renewal notice for 2027 dues will be included in the September/October mailing package of *Antique Automobile*. Starting September 1st, members can also use the online renewal option on our website (link below). Renewing online is quick and easy! Just log in with your membership number and pin, review the information currently listed on your membership record and make changes if necessary. Review your information one more time and click on Credit Card. Payment options include Visa, MasterCard or Discover. Your payment will automatically update your membership record.

<https://members.aaca.org/membership/ReNewMembership.php>

Local

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. Please mail payments to the treasurer, Jeremy Cameron.

Pay both by Mail instead:

- 1) \$45 payable to AACA
- 2) \$20 payable to Road Relics (or Central Texas Region - Antique Automobile Club of America Inc)

Jeremy Cameron
Treasurer, Road Relics
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Temple, TX 76501

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 2027 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.

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National News

National News, Notifications, and Nudges

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



One Man's Junk is Another Man's Treasurer, Part I

By Fred Trusty

I was talking with a friend who said that he finally found someone that would haul his Camaro off for scrap. In the early 1990's he owned a daily driver 1979 Camaro base coupe with a worn out 305 engine.

Since he worked at a Napa Auto Parts machine shop, he could perform machine work on his own car for free, after hours of course. He bought a used Chevy 350 and being young and into cars, he wanted more horsepower so that meant a racing cam, a 750 Holley dual pumper carburetor, and of course a large airhorn. Got to have an airhorn to be cool. He never got around to finishing the bodywork so he drove it for a couple of years with the body in various colors of primer.

The problem was that it was difficult to drive because of the racing cam. He could barely keep it running at stoplights. Pop the selector in neutral, rev the engine up to keep

it running, and then drop it in drive when the light changes. The car needed a stall converter but he didn't have the time or money because by the time Jeremy finished the engine, he had graduated with his engineering degree, had a full-time job, got married, and just bought a fixer upper old farmhouse.

So, he parked the car in the small wooden barn on the property and that's where it sat until he told me about it in late 2018. He said the body was solid with only the usual rusted areas behind the rear wheels. Using a piece of rubber fuel line, we connected a gallon gas can to the carburetor, installed a new battery, and poured a little gas into the throat of the carburetor and it started. It ran very rough but we were able to drive it onto my trailer.

Then Jeremy told me to pull up by his garage because he had some more things he wanted to get rid of. He threw in two already machined small block Chevy blocks and a crank. Then he threw in a set of American Racing aluminum mag wheels.

Stay tuned. More to come in Part II.



More Speeding Springs Photos

Calendar

September 8, 2026 6:30pm (New Start Time)
MONTHLY MEETING
Catfish Parlour South 4705 E Ben White Blvd

September 5, 2026 (First Saturdays)
MEET ME AT THE DEPOT – Music, Cars, Food
Smithville Depot 100 NW 1st St, Smithville
Kathy Danielson 512-237-2313

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 14, 2026 – Bastrop, TX
HEROES AND HOT RODS CAR SHOW
<https://www.bastropareacruisers.com/register>

December 6, 2026 1:00pm-4:00pm
ANNUAL MEETING AND CHRISTMAS PARTY
See Members section Page 12

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May 20-23, 2027
TEXAS TOUR 2027 (Gulf Coast Region AACA)
<https://www.texastour.co/>

www.motortexas.com/events/
https://www.taillightking.com/swap_list.htm

Bug Tussle 2026

By Nichole Waggoner Gambulos

Well, hello there Bug Tussle Trekkers and friends of the car hobby! It has been a hot minute since we have seen you last! I know, we should all be prepping for the hottest Saturday in August but alas, in case you haven't heard, Bug Tussle was moved to the fall this past year. For this year's edition, *Don't be late for #58 - October 10, 2026!*

Charlie and I are thrilled to be back in the saddle and excited to see some familiar faces and meet some new ones! Our theme is... homecoming! All roads lead home to Bug Tussle! You know I love a good theme! World Famous Cheerleader tryouts are open now! Someone needs to hold up the big

autographed bullhorn passed down by Charlie's mom- do you want to carry on that legacy and join the squad on stage?!? Registration has opened and is available on our website for the downloadable form. <https://bugtussletrek.com/>

Returning this year - collectible Rallye branded dash plaques and the thick, uv coated car magnets for each swag bag! Tshirts you might wonder? OF COURSE, we will have the original Bug Tussle general store artwork on them!

Email us back with questions or send us a text. Charlie 214-924-3086 or Nichole 713-402-8418. On behalf of our club, we can't wait to welcome you to this year's Bug Tussle! Happy Motoring!
Charlie II, Nichole, and Charles III Gambulos

Announcements

Here Comes Santa Claus!

By Ceale Kirkham

Rumor has it that Santa and his reindeer have been circling the summer skies of Austin looking for a destination for the Road Relics annual meeting and Christmas party. They have found the perfect place with plenty of free parking and a valet to assist those who need a little extra help. How nice is that!

Get out your big Magic Marker and put Sunday, December 6 on your calendar for a fun afternoon starting at 1:00pm with expected completion time around 4:00pm which allows all of us to get home before dark.

That extraordinary destination is Chez Zee, 5406 Balcones Drive, an Austin institution for over 35 years, that has been the site of weddings, anniversaries, engagements and date nights. Now it's our special afternoon rain or shine; there is a cozy indoor space designated just for us with a warm and whimsical décor featuring rotating art exhibits looking out upon an adjacent cozy patio.

Food? Yes, food! You won't be disappointed! We are featuring a platinum buffet of farm-to-table comfort food and a selection of decadent desserts. Christmas music, compliments of Bluetooth, will play soothingly during the afternoon and the decorations will bring sparkles and glitter to your eyes.

And then there is the White Elephant gift exchange! The goal is to make people laugh or trade playfully for a funny, impractical, or quirky present that each of us brings. Rules will be published next month but it's not too early for you to start looking around for a gag gift, tacky item or useful oddity. Stay tuned!

The best news of all is that this event is FREE to Road Relics members and each membership is entitled to 2 attendees. We will start taking reservations when advertised in the October Road Relics newsletter and will cap the reservations at 55. We look forward to seeing everyone for a really jovial afternoon.



Speeding Springs