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The Steering Column

There seem to be a couple of lessons, while restoring a car, that I for one must learn repeatedly:

- ❑ The first one is to do it right the first time. How many times have you thought “that’s good enough” and went ahead and put the part on the car. Then six months, a year later you look and you think that won’t do at all. So, you end up taking the car half apart to get to that part, so you can fix it right.
- ❑ The second happens when you’re getting close to completing a car. You’re so close that you start to take shortcuts. You put that part on just a little while before it’s completely dry and if you look you can see the little fingerprints that you made while putting it on. So again, you’re taking the part off six months later to sand and repaint it.

So, try not to make those mistakes, but either way it’s fun. As it has been said in the shop “it’s not the destination, it’s the journey.”

Joe Peter

President, Central Texas Region - AACA



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Secretary's Report

Minutes of Road Relics Monthly Meeting

September 9, 2026 – Catfish Parlour

By Leif Allred

Meeting President Joe Peter started the meeting at 6:32pm. Topics of meeting were interesting cars and nominations for board and committee positions. It was announced that Gary Potter has accepted a Director appointment for the remainder of John Anderson's term.

Attendance 18 members in attendance; 0 guests (if counting Troy Reish joining tonight).

Secretary's Report The August 2026 Meeting Minutes from the September 2026 newsletter were accepted without changes – motion from Bob Ross, second by Jim Rankin.

Treasurer's Report Jeremy Cameron reported there were no transactions in the month. Report accepted without changes.

Sunshine Report Jan and Vic out.

Website ~30k visitors; working on a classifieds and member's only sections.

Newsletter Thanks for Joe and Lizette Peter, DJ Stamp, Wayne Heikkila, James Bartlett, John Nowosacki for newsletter contributions.

Past Activities The Summer Social Mini-Tour was again reported on.

Upcoming Activities

- ☐ 10/3 – Marble Falls Car Show
- ☐ 10/24 – Kingsland Mini-Tour (WXNW)
- ☐ 10/31 – Taylor Car Show

- ☐ 11/7 – Belmont Village Sidewalk Party
- ☐ 11/14 – Bastrop Car Show and membership drive
- ☐ 12/6 – Annual Meeting and Christmas Party; free but limited capacity; article by Ceale to come; RSVP Ronnie by November meeting

Member's Projects

- ☐ Troy working on 1932 restomod
- ☐ Dripping Springs High School has an auto restoration program and a \$100k budget but no paint experience. Thus, Joe has 3 interns learning to prep and paint.
- ☐ Georgetown High School has received a donated Studebaker project from Bob Ross
- ☐ Joe was looking for a "hide-em" for over a month and ended up finding some elusive dye in his shop that was used on a Volvo.

Dessert Compliments of Catfish Parlour – served by Peyton.

Program

Part 1: "Well, Well, Well, if it isn't the Consequences of my Own Action (or the saga of the leather door restraint)" –By Wendell Bell

Part 2: "Reliant Robin Part 2" –By DJ Stamp
https://youtu.be/DRGuMKVqNzA?si=Jj5_FxMO_SlitmvTo

Part 3: Old Thresher's Tuesday Drone –By DJ Stamp
<https://www.facebook.com/oldthreshers/videos/784310484152678/>

Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm – motioned by Jeremy, seconded by S'mothers

Upcoming Events

WXNW Mini-Tour – Marble Falls, TX

by Rich Bassemir

When: Saturday, October 24, 10:00am

Meet: River City Grill (meet – not eat)
700 1st Street
Marble Falls, TX 78654



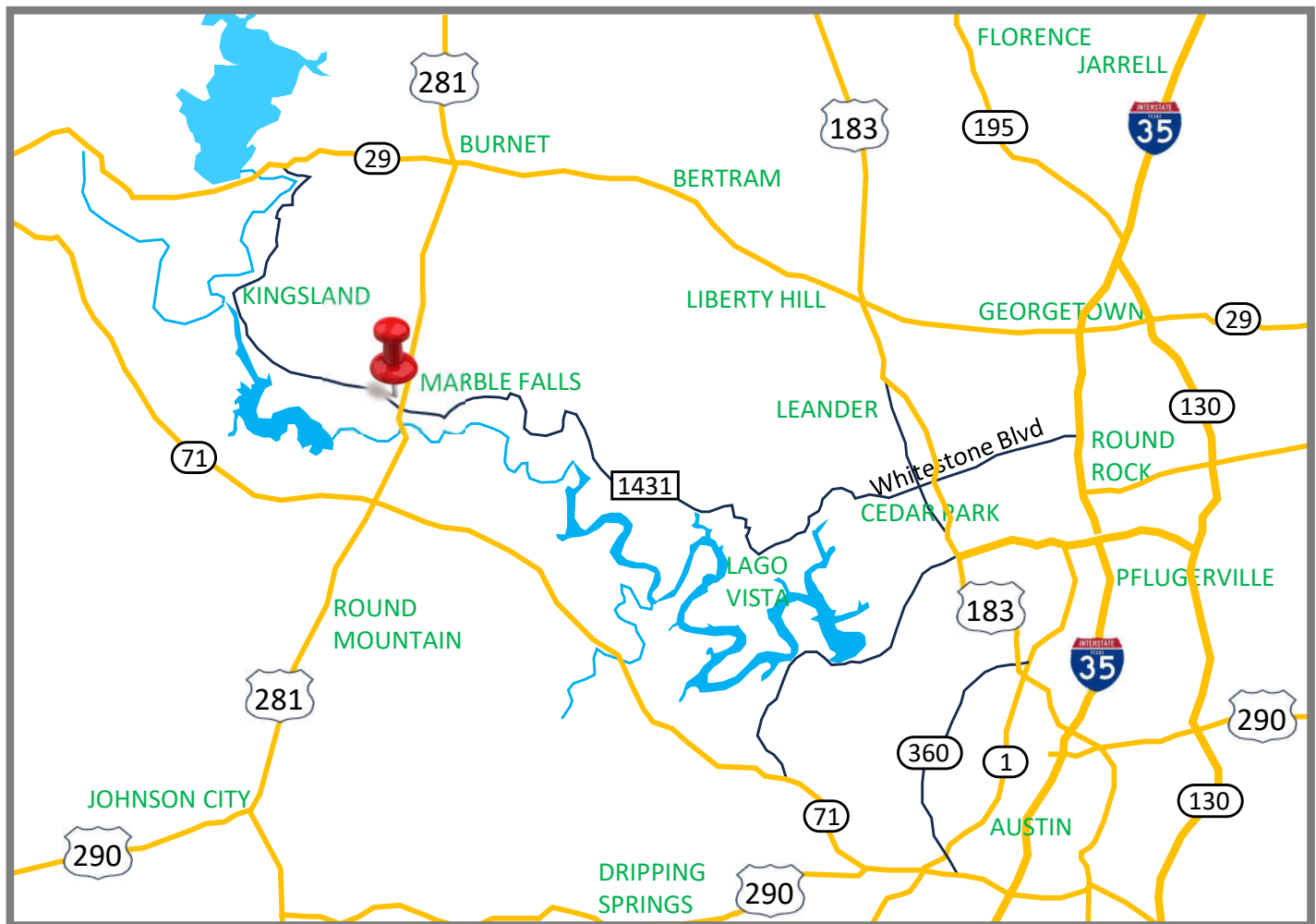
Depart: 10:30am

Come join us for a mini tour in the Marble Falls and Burnet back roads. The tour includes a stop for lunch at Alfredo's (cash only), a visit to the Highland Lakes Squadron CAF and an optional second stop at the Vintage Motorcycle Museum in Burnet.

Features:

- ☐ Back roads passage to Kingsland, TX
- ☐ Lunch at Alfredo's Mexican Restaurant
- ☐ Highland Lakes Squadron Museum
- ☐ Ice Cream Stop
- ☐ Observation Quiz with Awards

Detailed driving instructions will be provided when we gather at the River City Grill parking lot. There will be a fun quiz with your driving instructions to test your powers of observation. Prizes will be awarded.



Map to the Start: River City Grille, 700 1st Street Marble Falls, TX 78654

Museums

J.K. Lilly III Automobile Gallery

by Wendell Bell

Lynn and I escaped the September heat in Texas for a cool week around Boston and Cape Cod. Besides visiting multiple historical sites, museums, and other attractions such as Fenway Park, we also saw an excellent car collection (Thanks for humoring me, Lynn).

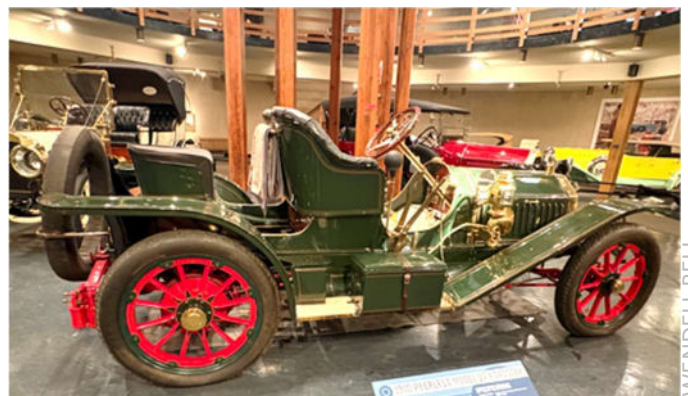
The J.K. Lilly III Automobile Gallery is a prominent feature of Heritage Museums & Gardens, located on 100 lush acres near the town of Sandwich, Massachusetts. The gardens feature magnificent plantings of rhododendrons, hydrangeas, daylilies, and more than a thousand varieties of trees, shrubs, and flowers along beautiful, easily walked paths.

The current exhibit, *From Carriage to Classic: How Automobiles Transformed America*, uses 26 cars from the permanent collection to show how the automobile evolved from a horseless-carriage curiosity to an essential part of everyday life for ordinary families as well as celebrities. Arranged chronologically, working down from the upper level, the exhibit's interpretive narratives explain what early automobiles were like, how gasoline became the fuel of choice over steam and electric power, and how the prices of luxury cars compared with those of cars for the masses. Labels beside each vehicle provide mechanical specifications and historical context. →



**J.K. Lilly III Automobile Gallery
Heritage Museums & Gardens
67 Grove St, Sandwich, MA**

The car gallery is situated near the visitor center in a purpose-built, two-story replica of a Shaker round barn. The 42-car collection is relatively small by major museum standards, but the individual cars are unusually representative, ranging from an 1899 Winton to a 1965 Ford Country Squire station wagon.



1910 Peerless Model 27 Roadster

Museums

→ The remaining 16 cars are visible through large glass windows looking into the repair shop. Each vehicle is kept in running condition and periodically driven in parades, car shows, and other events. Many have won prestigious awards.

At the Road Relics meeting, I will provide more information and lots more photos to go along with a few included here showing the building, galleries, repair shop, and a 1930 Duesenberg Model J (front page) owned and driven by Gary Cooper.



<https://heritagemuseumsandgardens.org/exhibits/auto2025/>

Letter From the Editor



Remember that Belmont Village Sidewalk Party is coming up the first Saturday in November on the 7th. This will be the 8th year we have been the anchor in this community outreach. They do such a wonderful job putting it on – with live music, coffee and cookie bar, burgers grilled outside, shaded picnic tables, and multigenerational participation. It is meaningful to the families, the residents, the staff and workers, and to our club. You won't know the extent of memories created, triggered, or cherished. Please be there.

Leif

Officers and Board

Volunteers and Nominations for Positions

By Greg Herbert

Our club is developing a slate of individuals who are interested in serving the club as an Officer or Director for calendar year 2027. If you are interested in running for any of the positions listed below for 2027, please contact one of the members of the nominations committee by October 15, 2026. The nominations will close on that day. The slate of candidates will be published in the November issue of the *FenderTalk*, and the election will take place at the club meeting on November 10, 2026. In addition to the elected positions, the newly elected President will appoint the various committee chairpersons, so also let us know if you have interest in serving in one of those roles, and that information will be conveyed to the incoming President.

Nominations Committee

Leif Allred leif69@startmail.com (512) 350-3825; Wendell Bell wbell22@hotmail.com (512) 694-9803; Greg Herbert gdherbert@aol.com (512) 923-1505

Positions on the Ballot

- ☐ President
- ☐ Vice-President
- ☐ Secretary
- ☐ Treasurer
- ☐ Director (3 positions)
- ☐ Pate Representative (alternate in 2028)

The Awards Committee shall administer the awards program for the club.

The Membership Committee will maintain all applications for membership and perform

other duties that pertain to membership. Other duties include maintenance of a current membership roster and the publication and dissemination of the roster to the club.

The Outreach and Recruiting Committee shall be "Ambassadors" for the club. The committee shall set goals for membership growth and render progress reports at general membership meetings. The committee shall plan membership drives for the year.

The Mini-Tours Committee shall coordinate volunteers and schedule small-scale tours.

The Parades/Shows Committee shall plan for club participation in parades, shows, and displays that feature antique automobiles.

The Programs Committee shall plan for and coordinate volunteers to provide interesting and relevant presentations to be made during the monthly club meetings.

The Publications Committee shall produce the *FenderTalk*, articles for publications and such other publications as the Board may direct.

The Sunshine Committee shall monitor the status of the health and welfare of the club members. When advised of illness, death, or serious stressful conditions of families of the club, the Sunshine Committee shall notify the general membership at the next meeting and shall immediately convey sympathy or best wishes to the family in the name of the club.

Technical Tips

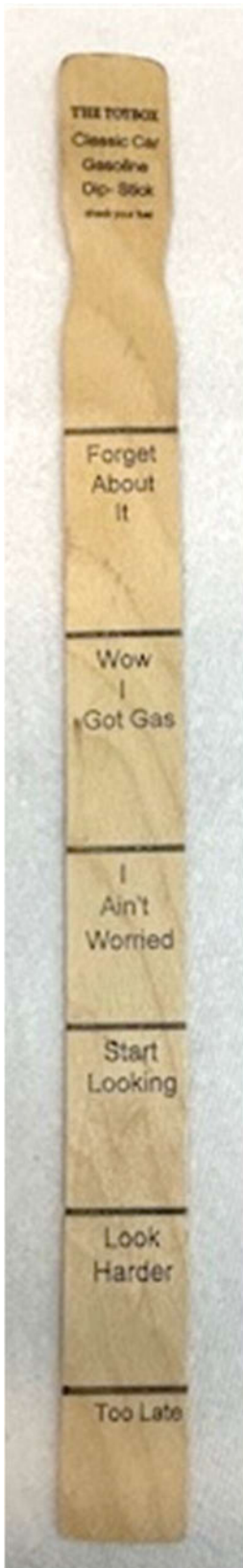
Know When You're Out of Gas

by James Bartlett

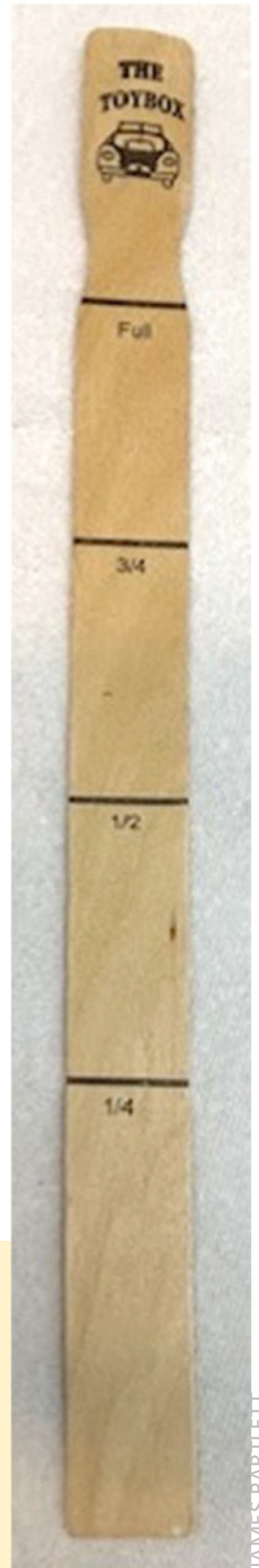
Yeah – just look at the gauge – right? Well, there can be more to it. Even on modern cars, some tanks bottom out on “E,” while on others not until the gauge is below “E.” So get to know your gauge. And check your owner’s manual for the tank capacity and pay attention to how much it takes on a typical fill-up. On antique cars, particularly from the 1920-1930s, the hydrostatic gauges generally don’t work. In fact, I’ve heard they only worked a few months fresh from the factory. Also, something may have changed over the years to impact your fuel capacity. A dented tank or slightly shorter replacement fuel pickup could cut your capacity a gallon or two. I’ve experienced such issues on my ’29 Packard, ’35 Auburn, ’36 Cord and ’66 Buck Riviera (in short, on

everything). Also, if I completely fill the Packard, some gas splashes out the overflow. So, to avoid fumes, I fill to only $\frac{3}{4}$ – which cuts my driving range. Brother Wayne ran across a ’57 Chevy that stalled for no apparent reason. It was simply out of gas, deceiving its owner with a gauge that never went below $\frac{1}{2}$. Many car buffs routinely use a “universal fuel gauge” – a wooden yardstick stuck down the filler pipe. On a recent tour – only half in jest – the organizers passed out wooden sticks (shown on left) marked in order: Forget About It, Wow I Got Gas, I Ain’t Worried, Start Looking, Look Harder, Too Late. On the opposite side (right) it said Full, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$. A sense of humor helps, especially if you run out of gas as many times as I have.

More reasons: Hot weather combined with low fuel level in a gravity-feed system (no electric pump pressurizing the line) primarily increases the risk of vapor lock and fuel starvation. A full tank provides more hydrostatic head pressure, helping force fuel down the line. When the tank is low, that slight extra weight/pressure is gone, making it even easier for vapor pockets to stall the gravity flow. –A.J.



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On the Internet

Hybrid From 1916: The Owen Magnetic – Jay Leno's Garage

Forwarded by DJ Stamp



The 1916 Owen Magnetic featured on Jay Leno's Garage is an early production series hybrid that completely lacks a mechanical connection between its internal combustion engine and the drivetrain. The vehicle uses its gas engine to power a magnetic generator that drives the rear wheels and features an early form of regenerative braking.

Commenters express widespread fascination with this century-old technology and praise Leno for his hands-on mechanical knowledge and dedication to preserving obscure automotive history.

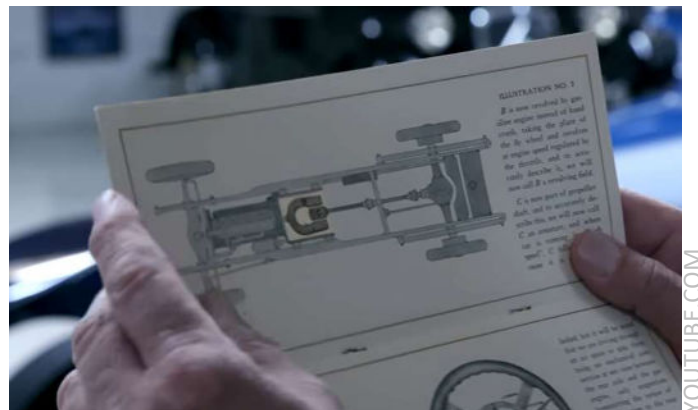


https://youtu.be/LYQ2PiX_Z9o?si=5D89x6oWEeBxo1eo

Long before the modern automotive market embraced the gasoline-electric hybrid, a brilliant engineering marvel quietly predicted

the future of transportation. Introduced to the public at the 1915 New York Auto Show, the 1916 Owen Magnetic stood out as a radical departure from conventional automotive design. Dubbed “The Car of a Thousand Speeds,” this pioneering luxury automobile featured an innovative electric series hybrid drivetrain that entirely eliminated the standard mechanical connection between the engine and the rear wheels.

At the heart of the Owen Magnetic's brilliance was an electromagnetic transmission system designed by electrical engineer Justus B. Entz. Instead of a traditional flywheel, clutch, and heavy manual gearbox, Entz coupled a conventional six-cylinder gasoline engine to a massive electrical generator. As the engine crankshaft turned, it spun a horseshoe-shaped magnet around a steel armature attached to an electric traction motor, which in turn powered the driveshaft.



While it attracted high-society elites like Thomas Edison and world-famous opera singer Enrico Caruso, the market remained limited. Production ceased entirely by 1922 after only an estimated 700 to 974 units were ever built across the lifetime of the company.

Around Town

Pistons on the Square

September 19, 2026 – Georgetown, TX

By Leif Allred

Where else can you see a replica 1965 Shelby Daytona, two 60s Camaros (one with a squealing power steering pump), and an early 80s Dodge Rampage all parked together in complete belonging? The square was all kinds of filled up – and early too. Now, the mornings are just cool enough.



LEIF ALLRED

Turns out I was spotted near Dripping Springs by my family who were heading to Fredericksburg for a girl's soccer game. "Dear, I do think that is your grandpa following those old cars on Fitzhugh." There are eyes everywhere! Orange is not a color to hide.



GLENN SCHILLER

Belmont Village Sidewalk Party – 2025

This year is November 7, 2026

By Leif Allred



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DJ's CarSense®

An Automotive Outlet for Outstanding Observations

by DJ Stamp

1985 Ferrari 288 GTO Similar to Tom Selleck's Ferrari in Magnum P.I. I guessed \$125,000. I was a little off. Sold for USD \$6,825,000 7/7/2026 on Bring A Trailer.



https://bringatrailer.com/listing/1985-ferrari-288-gto-2/?utm_source=dm&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2026-07-07

Mercury Turnpike Cruiser One of the coolest Mercury's ever. Turnpike Cruiser, 2-door hardtop in pink and white!!



All original 1957, 368ci Y-block V8 paired with a push-button Merc-O-Matic three-speed automatic transmission. Features include fender-mounted mirrors, roof-mounted air intakes, a power-operated Breezeway rear window, gold anodized quarter panel trim, an

AM radio, and a heater. Power windows, remote mirror, power locks, Rust free car, comes with tons of new parts, does not currently run or drive but will start up with gas down the carb and hot battery needs typical stuff from sitting in storage for long time, don't really want to sell it but it's gonna be while before I can get to it and I don't want it sitting outside for too long, Clean title and keys in hand. Price is \$13,500

Farkle The motorcycle term – not the game.



<https://www.facebook.com/reel/1990538751577603>

"Legend has it that the word "farkle" was invented by, or at least originated with, a Honda ST1100 owner's group, as a way to describe the increasingly esoteric accessories that touring riders "needed" for the most comfortable, convenient ride possible. It has alternately been described as a mix of the words "function" and "sparkle," in reference to the farkle's stated purpose and tendency to look flashy and/or expensive, and as an acronym: **F**ancy **A**ccessory, **R**eally **K**ool, **L**ikely **E**xpensive." --- <https://ridermagazine.com/>

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
1015 N 13th St
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.

Leaders

President

Joe Peter

Vice President

Bob Ross

Treasurer

Jeremy Cameron

Secretary

Leif Allred

Directors

Rich Bassemir

Paul Price

Greg Herbert (Past Pres)

DJ Stamp (Pate Rep)

Wendell Bell

(to be appointed)

Membership Chair

Wayne Heikkila

Sunshine Chair

Ronnie Burt

Programs Chair

DJ Stamp

Mini-Tour Chair

John Robertson

Club Gear

Greg Herbert

Webmaster

Rich Bassemir

National News

National News, Notifications, and Nudges

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



Touring

By Fred Trusty,
Vice President

In a post-Covid world, it is challenging to find regions to host tours. High inflation over the past 4 years has made it difficult to lock in costs. To help regions and chapters host tours, AACA has initiated a grant program to help cover some of the startup costs such as deposits and other up front expenses involved with hosting a tour. Beginning January 1, 2026, AACA is offering grants of \$3,000 for any AACA 3-day divisional tour with a minimum of 30 cars and \$5,000 for any AACA National 5-day tour with a minimum of 30 cars. Note that this is a grant, not a loan, and it applies only to AACA 3-day divisional tours and 5-day tours.

The Touring Committee is always looking at ways to introduce members to the “other side” of the hobby. Going on your first tour can be intimidating. Not knowing anyone and driving your old car far from home can be stressful so for those that are new to touring, a suggestion was made to assign a veteran tourer, a mentor, to help new folks navigate this new adventure. This is also a great way to make new friends. Another idea that we hope to implement this year is drawings for door prizes at tours.

If it's been a while since you've been on a tour or if you've never been on one, this is a good year to tour. The Sentimental Tour, June

15 – 19, in Mechanicsburg, PA, is for cars built between 1928 and 1958 and honors the greatest generation. Next is the Southeastern Divisional Tour, August 5 – 8, in Flat Rock, NC, for cars 25 years or older. Next is the Founders Tour, August 9 – 14, in Williamsburg, VA, for cars at least 25 years old. And last but certainly not least is the famous Glidden Tour®, September 20 – 26, in Dover, DE, for cars built before 1943.

The Glidden Tour® is the oldest tour in the U.S., beginning in 1904 and can best be described as a unique touring experience. I have so many wonderful memories of tours plus I've learned so much U.S. history and historical technical information. This is just a drop in the bucket of the many places I have visited while on tours: Gettysburg, Vicksburg, Natchez, Niagara Falls, WWI Memorial, battleships, aircraft carriers, submarines, aviation museums, former nuclear weapons air base, potato farm, breweries, potato chip factories, Tabasco Hot Sauce Farm and factory, Indian mounds, state capital buildings, a mulch factory, small town museums, Brushy Mountain Penitentiary, hydro-electric plant, Airbus plane factory, crawfish farm, and more incredible private car collections than I can remember.

I could describe touring to you all day long but you won't know much fun touring can be until you go on a tour yourself. Cars were built to be driven. If you're interested in touring or have questions please contact me. But be warned, touring can be addicting.

Calendar

October 13, 2026 6:30pm (New Start Time)
MONTHLY MEETING
Catfish Parlour South 4705 E Ben White Blvd

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

October 24, 2026 10:00am – Marble Falls, TX
WXNW MINI-TOUR
Hosted by Rich Bassemir

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 below

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

Mingle and Jingle Holiday Mixer

By Ceale Kirkham



What did the Mustang owner say to the valet?
No horsin' around!

What did the valet say to the Tesla?
Go park yourself

Why did the valet tell Santa and the reindeer
that parking was free on Christmas?
It's on the house

What did Santa say when the valet asked him
about the weather?
Looks like reindeer, dear

Enjoy the valet jokes and enjoy the free valet parking at the charming and eclectic Chez Zee restaurant on Sunday, December 6 at 1:00pm. It's the Road Relics annual get-to-gather centrally located at 5406 Balcones Drive in Austin. Festive holiday dress is highly encouraged. Ugly sweaters, sequins and glitter, humorous shirts or ties, it's all appropriate. Surprise us with something comical or amusing. We all love a good laugh!

Now the important stuff: The buffet dinner is free but you have to act now! Not to sound like a used car salesman BUT the reservation number is capped at 55 people and the deadline for reservations is Tuesday, November 10. You do not want to miss out! SO, click on your computer right now to be sure you have a place at the table. Each Road Relics membership qualifies for 2 people. Chairperson Ronnie Burt is awaiting your reservation at ronnieb1129@yahoo.com.

And then the fun stuff: We will be having a White Elephant gift exchange. Nothing expensive, just something that can generate a few laughs and conversation. Typical White Elephant rules. Each participant keeps the gift they are holding at the end.

Help us make this a memorable event. See you there!



RSVP by 11/10/2026:
To Ronnie Burt at ronnieb1129@yahoo.com