

President's Report

Kip's Cockpit – February

These days, it seems like everyone's life revolves around their cell phone. Whether Googling directions, watching YouTube videos, Facebook, Instagram or Snapchat, checking email or messaging, it's (apparently) become an essential part of life, just as radio and TV broadcasts were for earlier generations. So how did we ever survive without it? Most of us learned to read, write, think, and plan. Since the earliest days of elementary school, I could be picked out of a crowd from a mile away, not from the color of my shirt, but from the book in my left hand. From the time I woke up in the morning, until I fell asleep at night, I was totally consumed. Reading two to four history books a week was a full-time job.

However, there were times when reading activities could be challenging. Such was the case when driving at night. With dad driving, my mother and sister asleep, I'd sit in the back seat and hold my book up, tilting it just right, so that the headlights of the car following us would illuminate the pages. In heavy traffic, it was easy peazy. In light traffic, it could be a bit more challenging, and I'd occasionally need to coach my dad to speed up or slow down, kind of like an early type of verbal cruise control. This system remained in effect until high school when I got my driver's license. Common sense at the time seemed to indicate that concentrating on driving the vehicle should be my primary concern, a thought apparently not shared by many of today's drivers.

Go somewhere new, learn something new, and meet someone new. Most of our meetings this year will be in interesting locations where we're much more visible to the public, like the Haas Moto Museum this month. We want you to be excitedly looking forward with anticipation to every meeting, tour, and activity. We want to get out in front of the public and share ourselves, our knowledge and our antique vehicles with others. Bring your cars and share your stories of times long past. We are the first and oldest AACA region in Texas, be proud of it.

Kip Lankenau

January Meeting

By Jerry Smith

On a chilly, windy January day, our AACA DFW club met at Kip's Motor Company. At this meeting, Kip Lankenau began his third term as President of this club. Even tho the day was not very conducive to driving old cars, there were still several who braved the elements. The majority of us however, drove moderns. And the attendance was good probably because the several types of chili and corn-bread were finger lickin good, (pardon us Colonel Sanders).

Everyone seemed very interested in the business and the many projects that were available to review. Many members have had their cars/trucks updated at Kip's and there is the Wagliardo's Cadillac in now for some updating and refreshing.

The new leadership seemed to be functioning seamlessly. Kim Keith, 1st VP, is now in charge of membership so please work with him on any ideas you may have to help us get better.



Also, Andy Riemitis, 2nd VP, is in charge of venues this year. So, if you have some suggestions for venues, or if there's a particular place that you'd like to visit, please check with Andy.

Maybe we're finally getting out of covid stress but there seemed to be a bit more energy and excitement at this meeting, did yall notice? This energy should bode well for Texas Tour and all the other Tours this year.

Thanks again to Kip and Debra for providing the food and the venue!!

When I was a kid, we played spin the bottle with the girls, if they didn't want to kiss you, they would have to give you a dollar. By the time I was 12, I owned my own home.

From Jeff Podmers

January Meeting—cont'd



Jeff Podmers sent an article about comments made in 1957.

- “When I first started driving, who would have thought that gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we’d be better off leaving the car in the garage.”

January Meeting—cont'd

Look who braved the cold and forecasted rain??



This car can go anywhere!!



The Little Car that Could



Well, not far to drive...



The Gangsta



Ain't She a Beaut ?!

New Member—Michael Moyer

Maybe only once in a LIFETIME

On April 8th there will be a total solar eclipse that will pass over Texas. George Lang has a proposal for those interested. I've checked and the path of the total eclipse will go exactly over Lake Tawakoni, so, read-up!!

I am planning to do a trip to East or West Tawakoni to view the solar eclipse on April 8th, 2024. That area will have over 4 minutes of totality. If you have never seen a total eclipse of the sun, you are surely missing one of the most spectacular sights you ever see. Dot and I were fortunate to see the one in 2017 in Oregon on our way home from a trip to Washington State.

TO THE POINT !!

The Big 'D' Little Birds have reserved a pavilion at the City Park in West Tawakoni and have invited us to share. The city of East Tawakoni is planning a Solar Eclipse Festival and plans to have a car show as part of it.

I have an invitation to bring the AACA DFW Region Club to the festival. The car show is in planning stages at this time and may not happen. West Tawakoni will. I would like an indication of how many people would be interested in attending a SOLAR ECLIPSE event.

I have ordered 50 pair of viewing glasses that will be available for about \$1.00 a pair. Please call, text or e-mail me if you would be interested in attending

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DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT LYNDA AND I TOLD GEORGE WE ARE - IN AND PUMPED !!!

TT Auction Donations

We will be at the Texas Tour before you know it and one of our fun and money-making activities is the action of donated items – predominately from members of our own club. SOOOO, Lynda and I are already soliciting you all to be thinking of, and donating, items for the auction. Certainly, anything related to cars, especially vintage cars, is great: signs, tools, books, memorabilia, generic parts. But there are always people interested in arts, crafts, vintage items and collectables, or anything patriotic. Gift baskets, gift cards, or any 2 for 1s. Since people will be coming from all over you have to think that something that's only good for Dallas area may not have as much wide-spread appeal, ie local restaurants.

We already have a couple of wonderful volunteers contributing items that will appeal, and my designer sister has "volunteered" to make a West Virginia quilt for a raffle. But we need LOTS more. Please check your closets, your talents (everyone has at least one!) and your garage and send an email, call or telegraph. Bring to the next meetings as there are only 2 (TWO) left.

Please contact us directly at johnhrich@tx.rr.com (214-914-6742) or lyndarich@tx.rr.com (214-385-1902) to offer, discuss or recommend a donation!!!

February 18, 2024 Meeting:

Haas Moto Museum, 1201 Oak Lawn Ave. Suite 110

It is **highly recommended** to purchase tickets in advance (<https://haasmotomuseum.com/pages/visit>) or at the door.

Both the 1pm board and 2pm general meetings will be held inside the museum in the sculpture garden.

There is plenty of parking available, so come show off your cars!

For those wishing to eat following (or before) the meeting, El Bolero will set aside some tables for our members. They have outstanding regional Mexican food and are located just a few short steps away from the museum

PLEASE RSVP THE MEETING TO: <https://forms.gle/FAAK8uPacS6xq7n79>

2024 Tune-Up Tour– March 16th 2024

**George Lang volunteered to lead the Tune-up Tour !! Yea, George !!
Instructions below:**

The Tune-Up Tour will be to the No.1 British Flying Training School Museum in Terrell, TX.

The tour will start at the Walmart Parking lot at US 80 and Belt Line Road In Mesquite. Departure will be at 10:00 AM sharp. If you think you might need a restroom before we leave, please arrive earlier.

We will travel East on the US 80 frontage road as much as possible. There may be a traffic delay between Sunnyvale and Forney, Much construction being done in the area.

The Museum will take about 1 1/2 to 2 hours to walk through. It will be a self guided tour, so you can spend as much or little time as you wish.

Admission is FREE !!

Currently our PLAN is to go to Pop's Fish and Shrimp/Holy Smokes BBQ about 25 minutes north after the museum. They have indicated ability to set us up once we have a headcount. (so, RSVP). Route(s) home will be provided at the Walmart.

RSVP required for the Museum, so
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SO SAVE THE DATE, RSVP, AND CLEAN UP THE CAR FLOOR FOR MARCH 16TH



Sunshine Report - *by Nuris Hester*

Chili on a chilly day was served but the fellowship inside was warm so we are off to a good start for 2024!

George Lang let me know Dot is progressing well from recent knee surgery not long after her hip surgery. I chatted with her today and we are hopeful she will make the Tune Up Tour in March that George so graciously has set up for us to enjoy. Entering and egressing from these old cars is a challenge sometimes but , as long as we got the knees and hips in fairly good shape we can enjoy these great tours that make our club so fun!

A few of you have asked about Colin Hiley since they have left emails, voice messages, texts and no answer. Colin has moved from his older sons home to his younger sons home and does not have a cell phone. I left message with Todd Hiley to see how we can connect with Colin. Will keep you posted!

Wonderful news on the Siminoes. Doug went through surgeries and was recovering very well, when he got a flu and UTI which sent him back to hospital, however the Drs are now saying they may need to make him the poster person for bouncing back and continuing great progress. Suzy's hand surgery also went well so both want to say thank you to the AACA for their prayers and well wishes.

Blessings and best wishes for happy motoring, Nuris Hester

P.S. Don't forget to let me know about those "life events" from your fellow AACA members.

Editors' Comments:

What a great 2023!

We had a wonderful year with many memorable highlights: **Chilly but Fun Tune-up Tour**, **Successful Pate** event, **Wonderful Spring Tour** to Wichita Falls and more, **Well Planned Bug Tussle Tour** to Paris, **Memorable Texas Tour** hosted by the Crescent Club, and **Season Highlight Holiday Party**. Each meeting was well hosted and we got a lot done at the Pate Prep/cleanup, and BT Prep activities.

We all pulled together to help when there were (and there were) breakdowns and road mishaps. We were the top award winning club at Texas Tour; doubled the number of registered members (and struck a blow for spousal suffrage); petitioned to change our name; and had a better than budget financial year. What a deal!

Jerry and I are looking forward to an even better 2024.

January Pop-Up Event *by Jerry Smith*

Even tho' it was a cold and rainy Saturday morning, Jan 27th, Larry and Kimberly Wagliardo, Kim and Tammy Keith, John and Lynda Richardson and Jerry and Linda Smith met at the Ballard Street Grill in downtown Wylie, Tx. For breakfast and just get to know each other better. The Wagliardo's travelled almost an hour from Scurry, Tx. south of Kaufman and the Keith's came from Heath. John and Lynda came in from Plano and the Smith's from Wylie, (short drive).

It was a real pleasure to visit with other club members and learn things about driving to Ft. Worth in 3rd gear (only) as well as throwing hatchets into trees with ropes attached. You just never know the things you can learn at a club "Pop Up".

Pop Ups are unplanned classic car driving opportunities with friends. Try 'em this year!! (be careful of the flying hatchets tho')



UPDATES:

Pate Swapmeet update— April 25-27

by Charlie Gambulos II

- Next meeting is Feb 10
- Radio advertising has started
- 1500 spaces have been sold to date **

Bug Tussle Trek update— Sept 28-29

by Cole Clayton

- Lots of good things happening
- Promises to be "the coolest Trek ever"

Texas Tour

Texas Tour Update —

by Charlie Gambulos II

- Need more volunteers
- Lots going on —contact Charlie or Nichole to get involved
- **Biggest issue today**

We have an official hotel, **The Hilton Garden Inn**, Granbury, Tx.

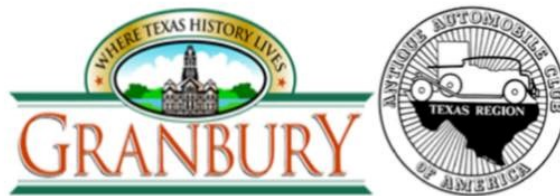
Please **don't wait**, make your reservations asap. Many waited last year and the situation was less comfortable than it could have been.

Hilton Garden Inn in Granbury, Tx. **Front Desk # 817-579-3800**

Ask for the 70th AACA TEXAS Tour rate which is \$169 + tax each night for May 16-19 only.

Oldest running antique car tour in Texas is celebrating its 70th year in 2024!!

70th Texas Tour May 16-19 2024



<https://thetexas tour.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/TheTexasTour>

If you haven't seen the work Chris Stathopulo (cctathos@juno.com) has done on our Club Website

Check It Out!!

<https://dfw-texas.aaca.com/>

January Meeting Minutes

By Judy Kerr-Guysinger

DATE: January 21, 2024

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Kip Motor Company, Dallas, TX

Kip Lankenau opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to Kip Motor Company.

Kim Keith, 1st vice president and membership chairperson addressed the club in regards to attracting new as well as younger members. He welcomed any ideas in regards to how this can be done. One idea was to allow guests to attend multiple meetings before becoming members so that they can have an opportunity to decide about membership.

Guests were introduced. Ira and Nuris Hester introduced Cynthia and David Barr as their guests. Jeff Podmers introduced Michael Moyer as a guest and new member.

Andy Riemitis, 2nd vice president and in charge of meeting locations, stated that the goal this year was to meet in different public locations to be seen and hopefully attract new members.

Any suggestions regarding restoration shops, automotive collections, etc in the metro-plex would be welcomed. Our next meeting will be at Haas Moto Museum in the Design District of Dallas.

Debra Lankenau, Treasurer, reported that she will be the signer on the club bank account and that Joel Roper, a director, will be the secondary signer. She said that the club needed a digital online payment method and that it would be Pay Pal with the denotation of "Friends and Family" to avoid process charges.

Debra also noted that the club's income has dropped considerably with the loss of the Southwest Swap meet, etc.. Therefore, expenses need to be reduced in whatever way possible.

Kip asked whether or not the minutes of the December meeting as published in the "Spotlight" were accepted. Sue Frisby made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

George Lang noted that the Spring Tune Up Tour would be on Saturday, March 16. The destination is a museum in Terrell. The museum is the No. 1 British Flying Training School Museum. The tour will begin at the parking lot of Walmart at the intersection of Beltline and Highway 80 in Mesquite. Details will be in the "Spotlight".

Charlie Gambulos, II, co-director of the Texas Tour spoke. There is still a need for volunteers particularly in the areas of photography, planning Thursday's activities, and planning the decorations and details of the banquet. Please let him or Nichole know if you are interested in doing anything to help. John Richardson said that he and his wife, Lynda, are doing the silent auction so that if any one had a donation to make to see them.

There were no new items or concerns from Jerry Smith, co-editor of the "Spotlight".

Kip gave an overview of Kip Motor Company. They specialize in the renovation of British cars but also have other European car parts and renovation projects. He would be giving an aircraft engine run demonstration in the parking lot after lunch for those interested in watching.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by

Judy Kerr-Guysinger, Secretary

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2024 CALENDAR

3rd Sunday at 2pm Monthly

Happy New Year 2024

Jan 21: Meeting

Kip Motor Company

Feb 18: Meeting

Haas Moto Museum

1201 Oak Lawn Suite 110

March 17: Meeting:

Place TBD

Pate Swap meet

Texas Motor Speedway

April 25—April 27

Texas Tour

Granbury, Tx.

May 16-19

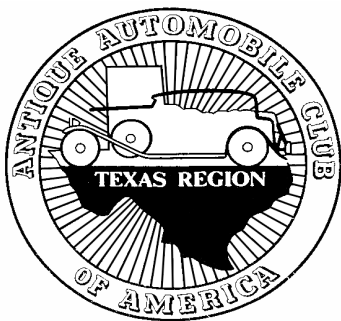
Bug Tussle Trek date changed to September 28-29, 2024

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