

President's Report

Kip's Cockpit – January 2024

Growing up in southeastern Michigan, life just seemed to revolve around the automobile industry. If you couldn't identify the specific year and model of any Chevrolet, Pontiac, Mercury, Plymouth or Rambler from a brief glance as it drove quickly past from fifty feet away, it was a dead giveaway that you were born somewhere else. Edsel hired my grandfather in the depths of the Great Depression, so we were a Ford family. Those driving General Motors products were respected, especially while John DeLorean was riding his wave at Pontiac. And back when it was still "The Big Four", everyone was sympathetic to AMC owners, because everyone adored their former president, Governor George Romney. What about Chrysler you ask? Well, let's just say that you were either a Chrysler person or you weren't.



Moving to Texas in the early 1980's was a complete culture shock. Cowboy boots and hats, people driving pickup trucks, chicken fried steak (Hey, it's not chicken OR steak!), and everyone talking with a twang and saying "y'all" or "all y'all", that I can take. But what happened to the newspaper? There's national and international news on the front page! Doesn't anybody know that "Section A" stands for AUTOMOBILE?

Come join us at our January meeting and learn about the interesting year we have coming up! Y'all need to synch up your calendars and get ready for the ride, 'cause we're going places! (Ok, I've been in Texas more than forty years now, so what did you expect?)

Kip Lankenau

January 21, 2024 Meeting:

Kip Motor Company, 2127 Crown Road, Dallas, TX 75229

Board 1pm, General meeting 2pm **Chili Cookoff**

Last Names: A-L please bring a side or appetizer for chili, N-Z – dessert. If any of you want to show off your chili, please bring a pot! Let me know at debra@kipmotor.com I'll have chili with beans, and a vegan chili available. **Debra**

December Meeting

By John Richardson

What a great Holiday Party hosted by our now new President and Treasurer, Kip and Debra Lakenau at the Brookhaven Country Club. So well planned and executed, with wonderful decorations and table adornment. After greeting by the adorable Nuris Hester, members were invited to get their picture taken with the beautiful Club Christmas tree and view the great poster that the Lakenaus assembled of pictures of club members from “only” 25 years ago. It showed a wonderful history of continuous and generational membership in our club. Some, like Joel and Charlie have hardly changed a bit - still youthful looking – while some have matured gracefully.

There were a few members taking advantage of the cash bar, but all were involved in comradery and conversation.

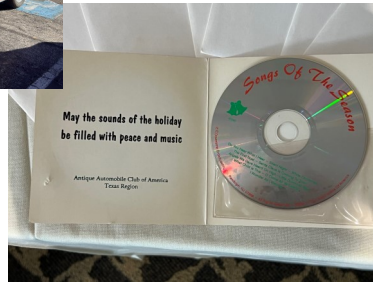


The ladies were of course gorgeous and a few of the men showed off Holiday Ties and accessories. Quite a few vintage cars were in the lot as it was a picture-perfect day for cruising.



December Meeting—cont'd

Debra had also assembled a table full of vintage and club related items that were available to those that were interested. Charlie III kept guard at the table lest anyone got greedy. 🗄



The big event at the meeting was election of officers and board members, voted on according to recommendations from the nomination committee. There was one additional nomination from the floor as you can see in the Minutes.



All committee nominated members were elected by popular vote.

We also got our updates on the website, financial status and membership. (BTW, as far as we know Kathy is still looking for a volunteer to take over Registration for the Club. Think about it!!)

It has been a good year with much activity, tours, meeting participation and name change. Final approval by National for the name change is simply waiting on their review of our proposal in their board meeting.

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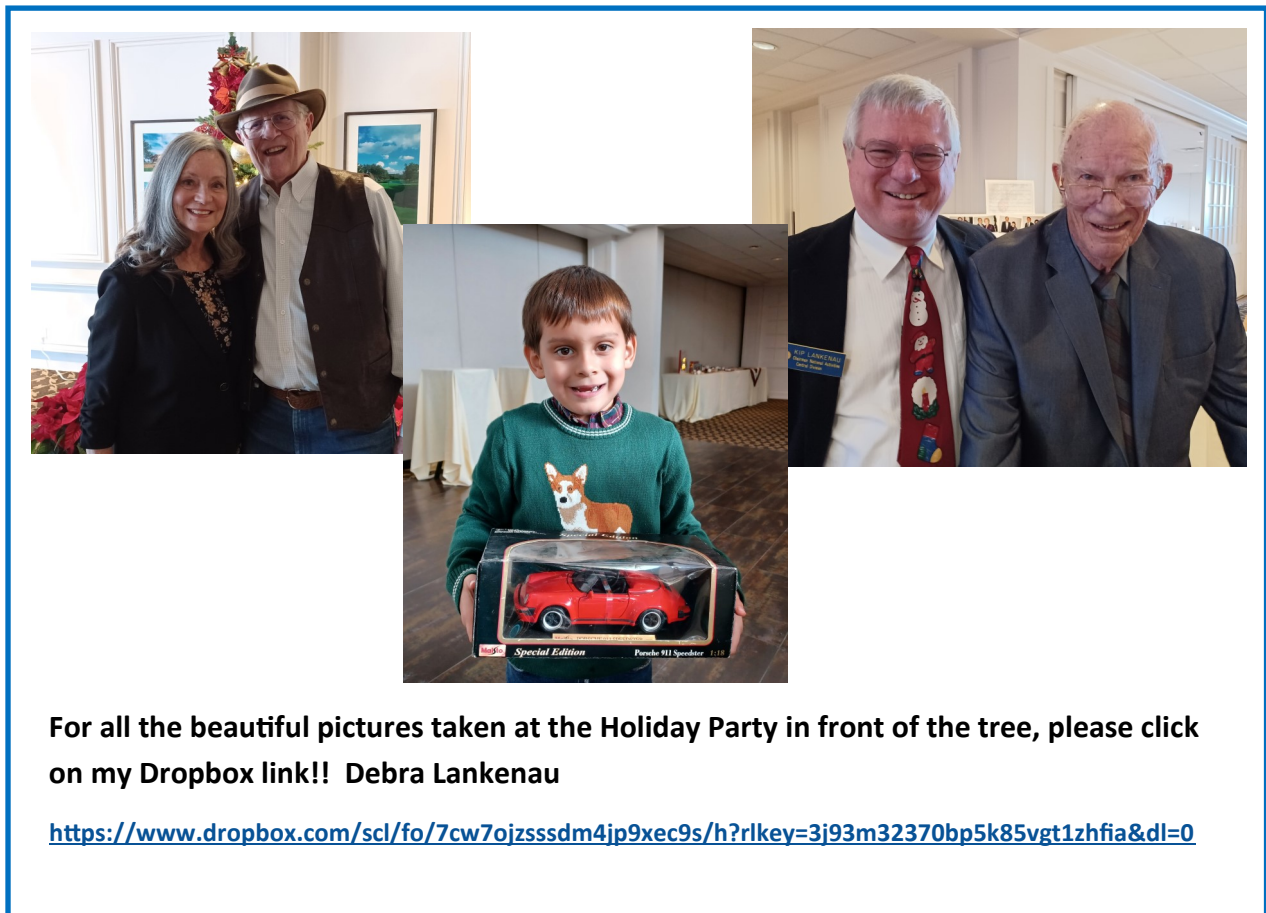
HAPPY NEW YEAR ALL YOU WONDERFUL AACA TEXAS DFW PEOPLE!!

December Meeting cont'd

Next year is going to be even more exciting and busy as our club is hosting the Texas Tour in May. This multiday event will show off (and test) our organization and commitment as a club and of our members. It will take everyone's participation in a volunteer role in some way to make this exceptionally successful.

Our returning Tour Director, Carey Frisby, indicated while we may not have a Spring Tour – in observance of the Texas Tour – we definitely will want to have our Tune-up Tour, BugTussle, and Fall Tour. The Richardsons have volunteered to lead the Fall Tour, but we need a volunteer for taking on the Tune-up Tour in early spring '24. Cole has stepped up for the Bugtussle Tour for the new September date, but will also need a few volunteers and helpers as we get closer to the event.

**The Holiday Party was a great closer to 2023 and our success as a club.
And we are all looking forward to an even more fun and engaging
2024!!**



For all the beautiful pictures taken at the Holiday Party in front of the tree, please click on my Dropbox link!! Debra Lankenau

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/7cw7ojzssdm4jp9xec9s/h?rlkey=3j93m32370bp5k85vgt1zhfia&dl=0>

2024 Tune-Up Tour

Every year we have a one day 'tune-up' tour lead by one of our own. Last year **Chris and Linda** Stathopulo lead a great, but chilly, tour to north of Dallas; visiting a vintage car junk yard, a car renovation center, a wonderful military museum and delicious catfish lunch. This year it's (YOUR NAME HERE) that will wow the club with a day trip. Since you (surely) feel the urge, contact our Tour Director, **Carey Frisby**, cwfrisby@gmail.com, to volunteer and discuss your tour idea. He's awaiting your call now!!

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.

Lynda and I will be checking with auto places – maybe like Summit, but you can too.

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!!!

2023 Participation Points - by Denise Velde

Please see the attachment to the January Spotlight email for the 2023 December Final Participation Points. If you need ANY updates contact me immediately at:

denisevelde@gmail.com

Sunshine Report - by Nuris Hester

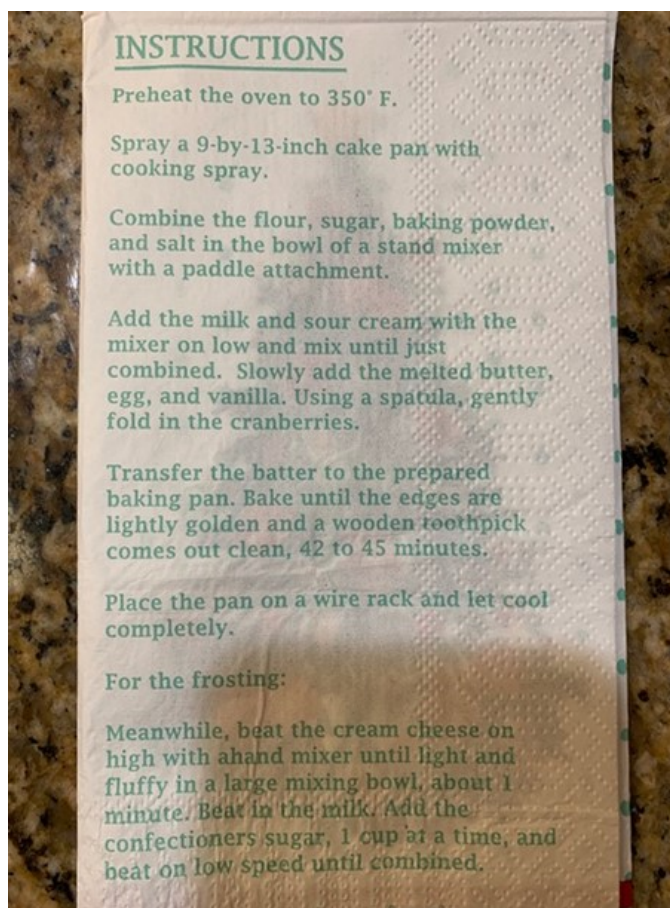
From **Roger Dennison**: Sadly, **Jim Foy** passed away. Jim was in his early 90's. Jim was a member of our AACA club up until recently as his health continued to decline. Jim used to drive his '51 Dodge station wagon on Bug Tussle. Jim was a founding member of the local car club here in Hideaway. He served as president of that club for 7 years.

From **George Lang**: **Dot Lang's** surgery went well. She was up and walking before George left in the afternoon.

On the New Years list of To Dos...place (Participate in more AACA stuff on your top ten list).

Ira and I wish everyone good tidings for the holidays, hoping you had a Wonderful Christmas and will enjoy a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Happy Motoring in 2024! Sunshine, **Nuris Hester**



Editors' Comments:

At the end of the year, Jerry and I are appreciative of the club, the friends we now have that we didn't before, and the comradery that we share at our meetings and tours. We hope that everyone had a great holiday season and we look forward to even more fun, activities and laughter with our now Texas DFW Region club.

John Richardson, Co-Editor

More Editor's comments

By Jerry Smith

OBSERVATION:

Until this year, Linda and I were not having much fun in our club primarily because we didn't know many members. Then, we went on the **Texas Tour** to Schulenburg, Tx..

What do you know, while down on the Schulenburg back roads, **Kim and Tammy Keith's** '49 Cadillac had a problem and we got to experience the character of people in our club. 5 or 6 couples ended up helping out. And not just helping out, smiling and really contributing with great attitudes in a very frustrating situation. It just showed the heart of the people in our club. Turned out, something similar happened on the **Bug Tussle Trek** to Lynda and John Richardson's beautiful late 50's Ford. Again, our people gathered together to help.

When discussing our highlights in 2023, Linda and I picked those two moments. They gave us confidence in our people and really confidence that we would make it home from any trip. **What were your 2023 highlights in our club? Send us your highlights of 2023 to aacatrspace@gmail.com.**

UPDATES:

Pate Swapmeet update: *by Charlie Gambulos II*

Nothing new to report at this time. Quarterly meeting scheduled for February and we should have updated information about Good Guys, etc.. At that time.

Website update: *by Chris Stathopulo*

As of this writing, there is nothing new to report.

Editor's note-

visit AACA.org. select "**REGIONS**", On **page 6** , "**Texas**" region. **Texas DFW region.**

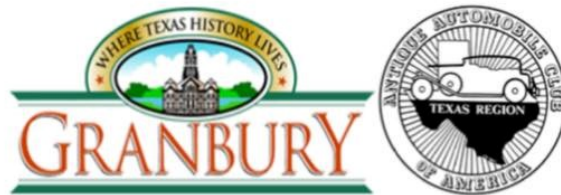
Check out our website as it improves in the first part of 2024!

Texas Tour

The Oldest Running Antique Car Tour in the State is Celebrating its 70th Year in 2024!

Speaking of **participation**, now is the time to commit to the club, block your calendars, and send an email to **Nichole (texasregionaaca@gmail.com)** or **Charlie (nmwaggoner@gmail.com)** Gambulos with **1)** you want to volunteer to help and **2)** what preferences you have in helping, or “anything I do to help”.

70th Texas Tour May 16-19 2024



<https://thetexas tour.com/>

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

Seriously, we will probably need many more volunteers than you think. And planning has already started. May seems like a long time away, but from planning something of this scale (up to 100 cars and twice that in people) nothing waits til the last minute. If you have been on a tour, you know what we mean, and if you haven't - well, now's the time to find out!!

The most expensive vehicle
to operate in 2023.



December Meeting Minutes

By Kathy Clayton

DATE: Sunday, December 3, 2023

PLACE: Brookhaven Country Club

Cole opened the meeting with a welcome to everyone on this beautiful Sunday.

Special thanks to **Debra and Kip Lankenau** for hosting and organizing the Christmas party, along with event volunteers **Nuris Hester and Kathy Clayton**. The party was held at the beautiful Brookhaven Country Club, with a delicious lunch of shrimp appetizers, salad, pork loin, salmon, sides, and bread pudding for dessert. **Debra and Kip** provided a walk down memory lane with photos shared from an **AACA** Christmas party many years ago.

A brief general meeting was held so that we could turn our attention to the election for the 2023 Officers and Directors.

Treasures Report provided by Kaiden Lenners. As **Kaiden** previously announced, he is not pursuing a 3rd term as treasurer. Many thanks to **Kaiden** for his hard work in the Treasurers role the past two years.

Sunshine report from **Nuris Hester** included updates on **Doug**, along with **Susie's** family; and we are keeping the Siminoe's in our thoughts and prayers.

Membership Report provided by **Kathy Clayton**. Members attending the Nov. and Dec. meetings received renewal forms in person. Those not in attendance were mailed renewal forms Dec. 8th. Memberships will be processed by the end of the year for 2024. As previously announced, Kathy will not pursue the membership chair in 2024. Please **contact Kip** if interested in this fun and rewarding position in the club.

Texas Tour update provided by 2024 Texas Tour Chairman Charlie Gambulos. The 70th Texas Tour will be held in Granbury May 16th – 19th. The Hilton Garden Inn on Lake Granbury will be the host hotel.

Cole reminded the group that many volunteers are still needed to make this a fun event for attendees.

Denise Velde provided an update on **Participation Tracking**. Please review your points to ensure you are credited properly. Thanks to Denise for taking this on.

Texas DFW AACA website update provided by **Chris Stathopulo**, Thanks to Chris for getting this up and running and linked from the AACA National site.

Knock, Knock. Who's there? Sherwood. Sherwood who?Sherwood like to wish you a Merry Christmas!

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December Meeting minutes Cont'd

By Kathy Clayton

Election:

The following officers were presented to the membership during the general meeting. The group was polled to determine if anyone had a nomination in addition to the following officers. There were no additional nominations provided from the floor for the following 5 positions, therefore Chris Stathopulo made the motion to accept the slate of officers as presented, John Velde provided a 2nd to the motion.

President - **Kip Lankenau**
1st Vice President- **Kim Keith**
2nd Vice President- **Andy Riemitis**
Treasurer- **Debra Lankenau**
Secretary- **Judy Kerr-Guysinger**

There were however two additional nominations from the floor for director. Chris Stathopulo nominated Brady Richard; and Jeff Podmers nominated Chris Stathopulo. A ballot was shared with membership for 7 parties interested in the Director role for 2024. The votes were tallied, with the top 5 were the following: **DIRECTORS for 2024:**

Joel Roper
Fred Cruz
Larry Wagliardo
Charlie Gambulos
Chris Stathopulo

The 2023 group of officers and directors were thanked for all of their hard work and accomplishments; and the meeting was adjourned.



Check your email for PARTICIPATION POINTS spreadsheet.

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS FOR 2023

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	Chris Stathopulo	ccstathos@juno.com	972-931-3767
TOUR DIR(s)	Carey Frisby	cwfrisby@gmail.com	214-697-9666
BUG TUSSLE DIRECTOR	Cole Clayton	kc5swi@verizon.net	817-313-6661

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2024 CALENDAR

3rd Sunday at 2pm Monthly

Happy New Year 2024

Jan 21: Meeting

Kip Motor Company

2127 Crown Road

Dallas, Tx. 75229

Feb 18: Meeting

Place TBD

March 17 Meeting:

Place TBD

Pate Swapmeet

Texas Motor Speedway

April 25—April 27

Texas Tour

Granbury, Tx.

May 16-19

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

Spotlight Classifieds

For Sale Just in time for Christmas. In addition to antique auto restoration, I have been restoring vintage electric desk fans for several years. In time for Christmas I offer for sale a freshly restored 1920 Century S3C 16-inch fan. It is finished in a red acrylic urethane that sets off the brass blades and hardware. Fully functional on three speeds and oscillates. A great and unique addition to any antique collection. \$480.

Terry Plata

talk or text= 214-930-7877

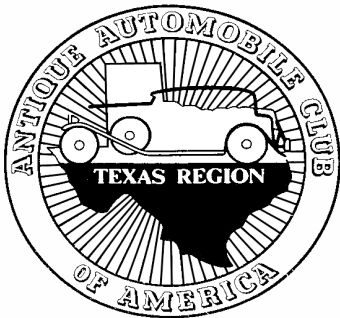
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