

## Pate Swapmeet



**THE CHALLENGE**

**THE EFFORT**

**THE REWARD**

The AACA Texas DFW Region

## President's Report

### Kip's Cockpit – May

By the time I received my driver's license, we were living on a dirt road, just like the vast majority of Americans at that time. Winter was the best time for dirt roads, the packed snow and ice filled most of the potholes, even if I had to get up early to plow the snow before driving to school. Spring and fall were the absolute worst, with wet mud splashing up into everywhere under the vehicle, making it all rust just that much faster. The deep holes jarred the entire vehicle to the bone, regardless of how slow you drove. My older sister always claimed it was best to fly over the potholes at high speed for a smoother ride, even though I spent many hours pulling her out of the ditch with the tractor.

By summer, the dry weather hardened the potholes and long sections of corduroy like little waves of dirt made the road so rough that you wanted to leave the car at home and ride the horse. If that weren't bad enough, every time a car drove down the road an enormous cloud of rolling dust trailed behind.

Long before the Ten-Minute Oil Change or auto parts stores began collecting waste oil, most people who changed their own oil would dig a hole in their yard or garden, pour in the old oil, then throw the dirt back on top! Oil companies even made informational handouts and TV commercials extolling the method! But for larger generators of waste oil; farmers, businesses, even county and state governments, we used it to combat that rolling dust on the dirt roads. We had a 55-gallon drum and spray bar mounted on a two-wheeled trailer. Fall, winter and spring, waste oil would go into the drum.

In the summer, we'd tow the trailer dripping with oil, all over our driveways. If there was any still left in the drum, we'd oil the county road. I cannot imagine there could possibly be anywhere today where spreading waste oil on the road is still practiced, but I may be wrong. The backroads we have in Texas are much nicer than the dirt roads where I grew up. So much so, that I even enjoy driving on them in my antique car! **Come join us in your antique car as we drive the Texas Tour in just a few short weeks. Centered in Granbury, the scenery will be beautiful, the people friendly, and the roads smooth!**

Kip Lankenau

**MAY 16-19 70th annual TEXAS TOUR—Granbury, Texas**



## Pate Swap Meet – including before and after.....

*By John Richardson*

Pate's the elephant in the room for Texas DFW region. As our largest, and only, external revenue source, we need to be heavily involved and support it as much as possible. This year, again, the members stepped up and helped make Pate 2024 the most successful on record. Starting of course with our own members – Nichole and Charlie Gambulos – the registrar and a director in the Pate organization. Pate continues to improve and grow and they are a very large part of that. But it can't happen without the 'labor' to make it occur, and that's down to the auto clubs that participate. Again, this year, we have contributed at least our share – and maybe more.

For whatever reason, it's always cold and windy during the Pate Tile Prep Party, and 2024 did not disappoint. As shown in the last Spotlight, many members of our club supported the Cadillac and LaSalle club in preparing the tile to be laid out. It's a not fun task, but better organization and preparation means quick and efficient tile 'lay down'.

This year, weather again had an impact on the tile lay down event, which had to be shifted from Saturday to Sunday. But the team responded and pivoted and tiles were down and Pate was ready to go only minutes after the official 'start time' of the event. Fortunately, it was a sunny clear morning and except for some muddy areas in the grass, it was uneventful.



The Pate event itself was a 'sellout'. More spots had been sold on-line in advance of the start date than total spots on any previous Pates. That was very good news for the Registration office, since most had their packets in advance, and knew where they were going. So the job was 'easier' at registration. But with the new system there was another learning curve that Zoom calls just can't quite overcome. However, with the dedication of people like Tammy Keith, Debra Lankenau, Linda Smith and Terry Hrehocik all committed to customer service at the window, it was smooth and efficient.





The greeters outside fortunately had a great tent in front of the connex this year and it made all the difference. Not only were the greeters comfortable – rain or shine – but the vendors waiting were, for the most part, quiet and uncomplaining. And we had 'Rocky' Keith on our side to assure peace.

Post Pate, there is the usual Sunday Clean-up morning. And again, the members turned out and our club 'cleaned-up' quickly and smoothly. And it wasn't easy either, as the torrential rain on Saturday night had not only muddied things up, but had washed tiles around – so they were not in their expected position, or never found at all. It's going to be 'FUN' next year when we dig out those wet and muddy tiles for the 2025 Tile Prep Party!!



***Come join us on the Texas Tour May 16-19 down in Granbury. You'll have fun and your car will thank you later!! Lake Granbury is beautiful this time of year.***



## ECLIPSE OUTING

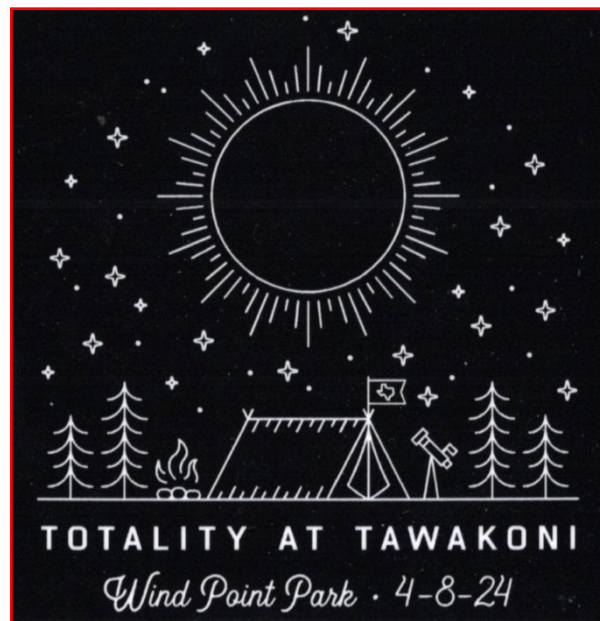
By Carey Frisby

If the news media wasn't full of the Totality Eclipse, one might think the people in the photo are watching an airshow. George Lang orchestrated an eclipse outing with his Little Thunderbirds' Club and members from AACA DFW Texas Region. In the photo, first row is **Travis and Robin Hofstra**, dad **Gordon Hofstra**, **George and Dot** Lang. Second row are **Ken Begley and Betty Dawson**, **Larry and Kathryn Priest**, **Sue Frisby**, and behind Sue are **Lynda and John** Richardson. There were about the same number of the Thunderbird Club members present.



**George, Dot** and son, **Darryl**, were there at the crack of dawn with his Ford Flex full of cooking gear and food. Others brought sides and desserts and we had a feast just before settling down to watch the eclipse. Then, up pulls a County Sheriff's car and the Deputy started handing out decals commemorating the event.

**George** and **Darryl** did the hamburger and hotdog grilling and others pitched in help. In the picture below **George** is manning the charcoal cooker.



**HIGHLIGHT!!!!** The clouds cleared and we had a clear view of the Totality as the sky darkened and the temperature dropped! What a fun day we had at West Point Park. **Thanks to Lang's for hosting!!!!**

As an aside, **George** Lang has hosted two events this year, the Spring Tune Up Tour and the Eclipse outing. So members, don't be bashful about hosting, volunteering, and suggesting club events!





George was THE GRILLMASTER !!



We got to see Larry and Kathryn's beautiful Studebaker

## Fall Tour—Save The Date: November 8, 9, 10

### Hold these dates for the Fall Driving Tour to Tyler and Henderson TX

We will be driving out of east Dallas on the morning of the Friday the 8th, and touring/stopping on the way to our hotel in Tyler. Saturday morning to Henderson to experience the Syrup Festival (<https://www.hendersontx.us/14/Heritage-Syrup-Festival>), and tour back to the hotel. Enjoy group dinners and hospitality room 'experiences'. Return to Dallas Sunday morning.

Rooms are blocked at the Holiday Inn Express 2421 East Southeast Loop 323, Tyler, TX, 75701 Ph 903-566-0600 so call now to hold your reservation!!

Questions: Contact John ([johnhrich@tx.rr.com](mailto:johnhrich@tx.rr.com)) or Lynda ([lyndarich@tx.rr.com](mailto:lyndarich@tx.rr.com))

Checkout all the work that Chris Stathopulo has done on the website at AACA Texas DFW Region! Pretty much all our business, our agenda's, our newsletters, our tours, almost everything is on there with more added each week.

◆ <https://texas-dfw.aaca.com>

thanks Chris for all your efforts!!





## Sunshine Report

By Nuris Hester

Dear TX DFW AACA , We sent animated get well cards to Beverly Podmers( after hospital stay) and Ann Reznicek ( fractured ribs in a fall). We wish them both blessings and best wishes for speedy recovery!

Please let me know asap when a member might be encouraged by card or call from me as your Sunshine chairperson. Excited about our upcoming Texas Tour....its a groovy kind of thing to celebrate the 70th TX Tour!



## Need a new nametag?

Please email Kim Keith ([keithtammy@sbcglobal.com](mailto:keithtammy@sbcglobal.com)) if you need a replacement name tag. They are only \$11.00 each and include our logo and name: Texas DFW Region with a magnate back.

Please make check out to “AACA Texas Region” and mail check to:

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Or PayPal \$11.50 to Treasurer  
[TreasurerAACATexasRegion@gmail.com](mailto:TreasurerAACATexasRegion@gmail.com)



Many thanks to Sam GoForth for developing our logo in color. We'll have numerous opportunities to use this symbol for our club.

Thanks Sam!!

# Jeff and Brady WOW highschoolers

By Jeff Podmers and John Richardson

Jeff Podmers and Brady Richard joined other members of the VCCA— Vintage Car Club of America— showing their cars to students of Azle High School Automotive Technology class on April 11th. What a great opportunity for the students to see up close cars that they would normally only see in pictures. See the Tri-County Reporter article here: [VMCCA brings classic cars to AHS - Tri-County Reporter \(tricountyreporter.com\)](http://www.tricountyreporter.com) .



Jeff Podmers



Brady and Vicki

You can just see Brady by the American flag in the background





### ***Editor's Comments:***

We have excellent support from our members for key events that make a difference. Our recent Spring Tour ( a record number of participants ) and especially the latest Pate event are great examples. It takes a village to support a club and everyone contributes in their own way. But we would always love to see more by those that are more infrequent. As they say, you get out only what you put in to anything.

Many thanks to all those that did all the work for Pate— Tile preparation, Tile laydown, Pate Registration days, and Tile pickup. Working in adverse conditions (cold, wet and windy) without complaint and sharing in the comradery of fellow members. We appreciate you!!

And special thanks to the Pate Registrar and Director that help make our only outside revenue to the club grow each year. Doing the registration job is definitely one of the best of all the clubs—so it's worth doing right.

Join in on each event that you possibly can, you will get more out of it than you may think...

*Editors: John and Jerry*

## **Texas Tour Ladies Event—Thursday May 16, 2PM**

### **Making Memories by Susan Dennison and Granbury Art Center Gallery Tour**

Join us for a discussion and exhibition on quilting at the Lake Granbury Art Association Center and Gallery on the TT day of arrival. Hear Susan's personal experience with quilting and see some of her best work. Tour the facility which is both an art class center and gallery for the city. A new exhibition should be in place by our arrival.

The center is located only a short walk from the town square and located at 224 N. Travis St.

Parking is available. Refreshments will be provided.



**Lots of  
FUN in  
Granbury**



# Volunteering for Texas Tour !!

Thanks to the generosity of our members and other friends, we have a good selection of Silent Auction items for the Texas Tour ! Wreaths, books, glassware, shopware, kitchenware, etc. We'll also be doing various baskets and I hear that Nichole has a fine quilt for the Raffle. If you have anything you'd like to contribute please contact John (214-914-6742) or Lynda (214-385-1902). Time is short. :-)

**Now is your opportunity to volunteer for the Texas Tour Preparation and Implementation !! What you have been waiting for...**

**Sign-up NOW on Google Forms to help prepare material in advance and greet our guest before and during the event.**

**Need Folks for Prep—as soon as this coming Sunday, multiple options for days.**

**For arrival—packet handout, directions, information.**

**For Banquet preparation—tables, decorations. For Hospitality Suite—guest support.**

**For the Driving Tours—get on the list to help.**

**Please click on this link to go to the Google Forms for sign-up. Please note the “Notes to Nichole and Charlie” section at the bottom of the form if you have any comments.**

**CLICK HERE: [Volunteer Sign up Texas Tour](#)**

## **Race Track *adventure* during Texas Tour**

**For those of you planning to join us at The Motorsports' Ranch in Cresson to take our cars onto the 2+ mile overland track there, please either meet us at the track at or before 11:30am on May 17 OR meet us at the host hotel ready to depart by 10:45 am.**

**After our race track experience, we will caravan back to a restomod business on Hwy 377 for lunch.**



AACA Texas DFW Region

## General Meeting Minutes

Where: Hard Eight BBQ

Date: Sunday, April 28th, 2024

Time: 1:14 pm

### Presidents Report-Kip Lankenau

2023 Taxes have been filed. Good turnout for Pate workdays. We want to see you all at the Texas Tour.

#### 1. 1st VP Report – Kim Keith

Currently 93 members. New members will have option to purchase name badge as they know cost \$10.25 each. Will charge \$11.00 even to cover taxes.

#### 2. 2nd VP Report – Andy Riemitis

Our next meeting will be after the Texas Tour on Sunday, May 19th before folks depart in the morning. The location to be announced.

Working on location in North Dallas for June's meeting on Father's Day, June 16th

#### 3. Treasurer's Report – Debra Lankenau

Report Submitted

#### 4. Secretary's Report – Judy Kerr-Guysinger

Not present (downed tree blocking driveway). Linda Cruz volunteered to take minutes.

John Velde made motion to accept the minutes as published in the Spotlight.

Debra Lankenau seconded the motion.

#### 5. Tour Director's Report – Carey Frisby

A. **Bug Tussle Trek** – Cole Clayton: September 28-29th. Host hotel, Holiday Inn Express is secured. Tour will start in Farmersville, lunch at the Armory in Bonham, Dinner at Heritage Hall, and overnight in Paris. **Book your hotel rooms now; special \$99.** Information is on the website. Very cool graphic for Bug Tussle; AI generated. <https://texas-dfw.aaca.com/bug-tussle-2024/>

## Meeting Minutes continued

B. **Texas Tour** – Charlie Gambulos: May 16-19th ; 64-65 persons/33 cars (this does not count what has come in this past week during Pate). Host hotel booked up; use overflow. Finalizing schedule. The schedule, registration form, and judging information is on the website in downloadable PDFs at

<https://texas-dfw.aaca.com/texas-tour-2024/>

C. **Fall Tour** – John Richardson: Going to Tyler, Texas. **SAVE THE DATE:** November 8th,-10th.  
A two-night tour!

6. **Pate Chairman** – Charlie Gambulos

Sold 9,999 vendor spaces plus a few on the grass in 4A. 150 vehicles in the car corral, rented 660 scooters to Pate folks and only 100 to Good Guys. Good Guys attendance down; possibly due to canceling the event earlier in the week? Pate Swap Meet vendor area busy, despite the occasional thunderstorm.

### Old Business

Communications Committee – Debra Lankenau:

Zoom meeting, Terry H. discussed Graphic Standards and reviewed principles. The next Zoom meeting is scheduled for **Monday, April 29th**

. The committee is looking at new options on Facebook and social media to promote tours and events.

**Website:** Chris continues to tweak and add content; next big focus is online payments. The committee is defining a Web Style Guide and a Print Style Guide so our pages, emails, newsletters, and website are consistent.

**Tagline:** Bigger in Texas, Better in a Classic Car!

Announcements

Ann Reznicek fell and broke two ribs.

Adjournment

Jerry made a motion to adjourn the meeting; John Velde seconded it at 1:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Cruz and typed by Debra Lankenau.



# April meeting

By Jerry Smith

It all started picking up tiles that day at Texas Motor Speedway during the aftermath of the very successful Pate Swapmeet. Other clubs were busy picking up trash and sweeping, we just had to pick up all the little 10,000 tiles out on the parking lot and grass beyond, then getting them into organized tubs and then packing them away for next year.

For our volunteer efforts, our AACA club decided to buy us lunch at Hard 8 BBQ in Roanoke. After lunch, we held our monthly meeting. Recent meetings have been in seemingly noisy locations that made it hard to hear and pay attention where there at Hard 8 losing attention to Merle Haggard and Willie Nelson in the background didn't seem that bad.

We heard good news from Charlie that there were lots of spaces sold and TMS seemed to be happy with the results that Pate produced. In the next few weeks, we have the 70th annual Texas Tour down in Granbury and we think everything is going as expected. We seem to be ahead of the planning curve on the Bug Tussle Trek in September. Watch for details in coming Spotlights and on the ever improving website that Chris Stathopulo is diligently working on.





**April meeting continued**



For more details about the meeting, please see the excellent minutes as recorded in this Spotlight.

Our club is starting to know each other well enough to have fun together. Those of us at Pate had fun together and the outlook for more fun on the Tours coming up is fantastic.

So, if you hadn't planned on coming on the Texas Tour or the Bug Tussle Trek or the Fall Tour, change your mind and take a chance. Once you get to know everyone a little better, FUN will follow!!



**SEE YOU IN  
GRANBURY**

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## 2024 CALENDAR

**Every 3rd Sunday at  
2pm**

**Texas Tour May 16-19**

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**May meeting during  
Texas Tour**

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**Bug Tussle Trek  
Sept 28-29**

**Leaving from Farmers-  
ville as usual**

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**Fall Tour to east Texas  
Nov 8-10**



# Spotlight Classifieds

1976 CADDY - Roger Dennison

<https://www.hemmings.com/auction/1976-cadillac-coupe-deville-garden-valley-tx-238309>



Carey Frisby Recommends: Can Do It All Mechanic



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