

## The President's Report

### Kip's Cockpit – September

The recent passing of Charlie Gambulos has left me somewhat melancholy. Warm thoughts of long-ago meetings in Waxahatchie at the Car Barn and at the home of Charlie and Sandie come flooding back, along with a whole host of other members no longer with us; Clark (Midway veteran) and Sarabeth Allen, Duane Borden (club cartoonist), Cleon and Doris Eck (Wagliardo's now own their Cadillac), Max and Dorothy Graham (and Bobby), Colin and Viola Hiley, Dan McGrew, Mary and Ray Morey (microcars), Tom & Pat Morey (Rolls-Royce), Travis and Charlotte White, Bob and Bina Young (curved dash Olds), just to name a few.

Meetings, tours, swap meets, car games, divisional activities and Christmas parties bring us together like one big family. Sure, there are times when we might disagree or even argue, and there have undoubtedly been times when you just wanted to bop somebody over the head. But the good times far outweigh the bad, and I can't imagine what it would be like without this family.

Kip Lankenau



Bob Young and his curved dash Olds w/Kip and Vladimir on his lap



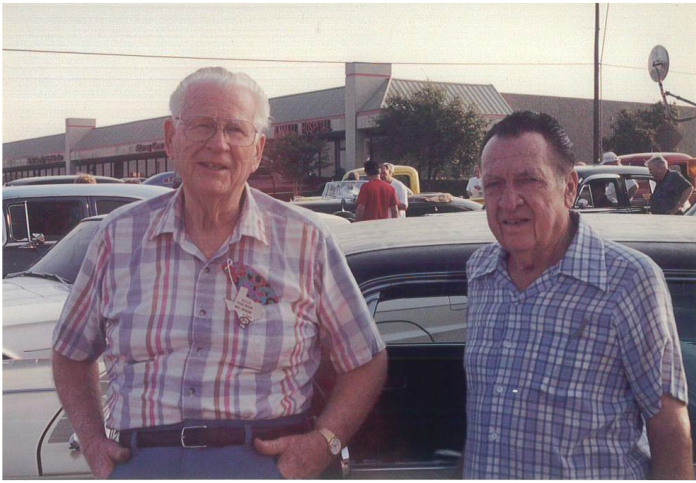
One of the Paris Divisional Meets

**Next Meeting—September 15th**

**Nuris and Ira's Workshop  
812 Katy Rd, Keller, TX 76248**



## Reminiscing—cont'd



Max Graham and Sam Kreitzer



Bug Tussle with David Groves



Bug Tussle, Last Century



On tour with Debra and Jean



Travis and Charlotte White



On Tour with Debra and her Studebaker, Chuck Conrad on the far right



## Reminiscing—cont'd



Kid's judging at one of the divisional meets



Divisional Tour Passing Through Clifton

## September 15th Meeting

The Hesters and Claytons welcome our DFW region AACA to the newly restored Hester Workshop/garage located behind the cottage at 812 Katy Rd, Keller, TX 76248.

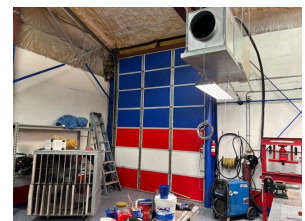


We will be offering chicken tenders as main dish and ***ask members last names A-H bring desserts and I-Z bring sides/salads.***

Those driving antique cars please feel free to park close to garage all others please park vacant lot to right of 812 Katy, across street or at adjacent business park located to left of our garage area. We will need those attending to RSVP thru Evite Cole will be sending or email Nuris ([iranuris@verizon.net](mailto:iranuris@verizon.net)). We hope to see you!



PS: we have seating for 38 but please pack your foldable chairs just in case .





# August Monthly Meeting

By Jerry Smith

Our venue in August was the museum of **Leonard's**, which once occupied 7 blocks of downtown **Fort Worth**. Most people today would liken it to Walmart but it was much, much more than a Walmart. You could buy your farm tractor there, your boat, your Sunday go to meetin clothes, your saddle, your chaw of tobaccy and well almost anything you could think of back in the day. The store opened in **1918** and the museum doesn't quite do justice to the impact that it had on the area for so many years.



As the photo's show, there was not enough room for chairs and the acoustics were only good for a museum, but our club did the best we could as we worked our way thru the meeting.

Even tho' **Leonard's** is now technically located in **West Ft. Worth**, those driving from the east side of the metroplex thought it could have easily been described as located in "**East Abilene**". Nevertheless, it was a good turnout for such a hot day!!



And, we ended up with a surprising number of classic cars being driven to **Leonard's Museum**, some of which might have seen **Leonard's** original parking lot back in the day.

Many stayed for the Fantastic Burgers at **M&O Grill** next door after the meeting.

The September meeting will be held at **Nuris and Ira's car barn**. Don't miss it!!



## August Monthly Meeting Con't



Did you see the article in last month's **Spotlight** about the **Communications** coming out of the **Communications Committee**? There are a bunch of new things taking place in our club and that article explained a bunch of them really well. If you're not quite sure you're up to speed with all that's happening, look up that Communications Committee article by John Richardson in the August 2024 Spotlight.

If you're struggling to find where you filed last month's Spotlight, you can find it online at the [TEXAS-DFW.AACA.COM](https://www.texas-dfw.aaca.com) website. Chris Stathopoulos is doing a masterful job of putting all our club info within reach.

# June's Meeting Minutes

*Submitted by Linda Cruz*

Meeting took place @ Leonard's Museum & the M & O Station Grill Ft Worth Texas.  
On August 18th 2024. Meeting started @ 2:07 PM.

- 1) President Kip Lankenau welcomed everyone and announced the Nominating committee:  
Andy Riemitis - Chair, Tammy Keith , Linda Cruz  
This Committee will start looking for 2025 Board nominees. Please be open to phone calls and invitations!
- 2) Vice President Kim Keith reported 95 current members and also introduced the Tucker Family.  
Welcome!!
- 3) 2nd Vice President Andy Riemitis report.  
Meetings as follow:  
Sept. - Ira's Car barn. / please bring a chair! Watch for parking instructions  
Oct - Dallas or Garland TBA.  
Nov - Palmer Texas / Thanksgiving  
Dec - Brookhaven Country Club  
Christmas Party. December 15th, 2024. See you there!
- 4) Treasurer- Debra Lankenau reported end of July opened & close with money. A brief description of finances was reported and Debra informed members finances were in good condition.
- 5) Bug Tussle - Cole Clayton  
Cole reported 45 cars and 85 people were registered so far. Cole is asking for Bug Tussle volunteers. Please contact Cole for details.  
Cole also said he would have maps available with details & route information.  
If you need to register please go to AACA DFW Region website. There is No Charge to register.  
Option to buy lunch or bring your own.  
Cole reported that a total of \$16,000 Grant money was obtained for Bug Tussle. Trouble truck for Bug Tussle is being discussed.  
Police escorts have been scheduled.
- 6) Communications /- Debra Lankenau reported that Chris has our website up and running! Please contact Debra if you are experiencing any website problems.  
Please order you branded clothing on the website. [TEXAS-DFW.AACA.COM](https://www.texas-dfw.aaca.com) We will turning in a bulk order by end of September. Also, member Terry Hrehocik displayed samples of branded clothing to be sold. Terry also reported that the business cards will be available by next months meeting.
- 7) Tammy Kieth is updating new membership.
  
- 8) Lastly it was announced that on Sunday August 11th 2024 long time car member Charlie Gambulos Sr. had passed away. Our Sympathies to Charlie Gambulos Jr. and his family.

President Kip Lankenau Motion to adjourn.  
Jerry Smith Motion 1 , Debra Lankenau Motion 2  
Meeting adjourned. 2:45 PM  
Minutes for Judy Kerr - Guysinger by Member Linda Cruz.



# Charlie Gambulos

*In Memory of...*



Greeting Members - our long time AACA member **Charles Rineholt Gambulos** (b. January 15,1931) passed peacefully on August 11 Sunday morning at home with family. We are so thankful he was aware that we loved him and who we were until the evening prior. He even asked for and ate some vanilla ice cream last Saturday morning. Thanks to club member and neighbor, Ann Reznicek, for bringing the ice cream over at 8 AM! He was comfortable with his 15 year old Maltese, Major, keeping watch by his side

We waited to announce publicly as Charles (C3) was starting the first grade the very next day at a new school. We are so thankful to our friend for taking him out all day, so that we could focus on the arrangements at hand. Every day this week, C3 asked when C1 would be back from his doctor visit. We told him this weekend and assured him that Papa Charlie and Yia Yia

were watching over him from above. We wanted to come to the car club meeting on Sunday [August 18] but it was an overwhelming week for all of us.

Even those last weeks in bed, he was arguing with the value of a car on "The Price is Right" or watching car auctions with his son on tv!

We have followed through on C1's wishes with UT Southwestern's willed body program and as such, we do not have arrangements made at this time. We plan to have a celebration of life at the Gambulos' Car Barn in the near future.

Much love, Charlie (C2), Nichole & Charles (C3)



# Meet the Tuckers !!

Kurt and Charmagne Tucker have recently signed on as **NEW MEMBERS** with our club!



Say hello to the Tuckers at our next meeting!!



A little about the TxTuckers:

**Kurt** grew up in California, and started at a young age helping his **dad** buy and restore European and American cars. His love of classic cars grew over the years as he worked at a full service gas station where he gained great knowledge and skills.

**Kurt and Charmagne** met in **Fort Worth, TX** and have been **married for 23 years**. Their first antique car together is the 1967 VW sedan which they are the second owner. They have 3 kiddos **Sophia, Madelyn, and Chase**, who have all grown with a great appreciation for antique



## Their old cars:

1. 1959 VW Beetle Sedan
2. 1967 VW Beetle Sedan ( 2nd owner )
3. 1970 VW Beetle convertible
4. 1967 Jaguar E type 4.2 liter since 1975
5. 1995 Jaguar XJ6 X300
6. 1989 Volvo 240DL



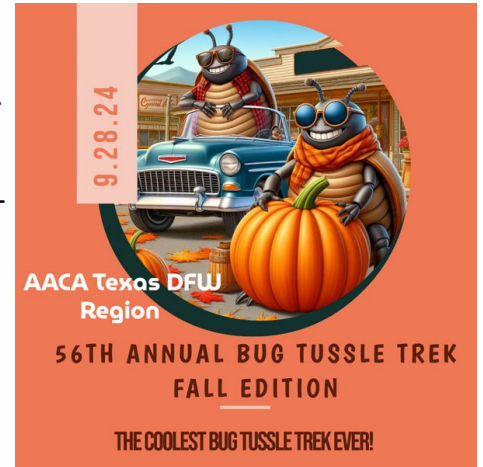
# Upcoming Events

## Bug Tussle Tour

**September 28-29th**

It's not too late to register for the coolest Bug Tussle Trek ever at our club website. [TEXAS-DFW.AACA.COM](https://www.texas-dfw.aaca.com) Please sign up to help Cole at the September meeting as it takes an army of volunteers to pull off a successful event.

For questions, contact WagonMaster, Cole Clayton



## Fall Tour

**November 8-10th**

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.



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Rooms are blocked at the Holiday Inn Express 2421 East Southeast Loop 323, Tyler, TX, 75701. Use this link to book [Antique Car Club Booking Link](#) for only \$112/night (free breakfast) or Ph 903-566-0600 to call and hold your reservation under "Antique Car Club" !!

Questions: Contact John (johnhrich@tx.rr.com) or Lynda (lyndarich@tx.rr.com) And thanks to Roger Dennison for helping!

# Texas DFW Region Apparel

Current Texas DFW Region members may purchase branded apparel at our cost (price includes sales tax plus 2.9% to cover money transaction). Light-colored shirts will be embroidered with our Texas DFW Region logo in BLACK while dark-colored shirts will be embroidered in LIGHT GRAY.

We want to place a large, initial order and will place orders quarterly. Please go to our website, click on "SHOP" and select Club Apparel. You see the selection of items available for purchase. Order by September 30th to receive items by the Fall Tour!

## POLO SHIRTS:

Sizes —a variety of sizes from small to 4XL.

Colors – choose from a variety of six colors for easy care polo shirts. Note, men's polo shirts do not have a pocket. Price ranges from \$27.05 to \$30.35 depending on size.

## DENIM LONG SLEEVE SHIRTS:

Colors - select from two colors: Faded Blue (Black logo) and Ink Blue (Gray logo). Men's denim shirts do have a pocket. Price ranges from \$33.69 to \$37.05 depending on size.

## FLEECE JACKETS:

Mens and womens long sleeve fleece jackets with zippered hand pockets are offered in Royal Blue and Black ranging from \$42.05 to \$45.39 depending on the size selected.

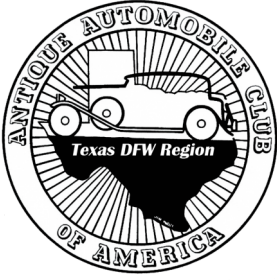
Please order online at our website:

<https://texas-dfw.aaca.com/product-category/branded-apparel-texas-dfw-region/>



**Order online by September 30th to ensure delivery by our Fall Tour!**





# AACA Texas DFW Region

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

## Sunshine Report

We were all made know of Charlie Sr passing at our last AACA mtg. We can't say enough how sorry we are for the loss of Charlie Sr as he was so instrumental in the growth of our DFW AACA! While Sandi was such a great "den mother", Charlie did much to promote our club and many times invited us to his car barn. They have both left a legacy of love! We are blessed that they passed on this special love and appreciation of antique cars!! We sent flowers with all our love and deepest sympathy.

We sent an encouragement card to Royce and Clydette as they have not been in attendance for a long time.

Also a card to Chad Hannah as he recently had knee surgery.

Please continue to contact me with life events of our dear members.



**Blessings and best wishes from your Sunshine chairperson Nuris**

### ***Communications Corner: What's the Latest ?!***

- The Spotlight is shining with new and standard colors and fonts... what do you think?***
- We now have a website for club apparel. Members have been asking, it's finally here!! Order Now!***
- Cards to hand out to people curious about the club — coming soon!***
- The website is soon to win an award for "Best". Have you checked out why?***
- The Spotlight distribution method has changed. See how and why next page....***

# New Spotlight Delivery Method

Texas DFW Region is now using Mail Chimp to let you know when the Spotlight is available for download from our website, <https://texas-dfw.aaca.com/2024-spotlight-newsletters/>.

## Why Change?

Email providers are cracking down on spam and blocking email addresses that send bulk emails with attachments. Therefore, we are using “Mail Chimp” an email and marketing automation platform to ensure we reach our members and target audience.

## What is the New Process:

Once the editors have published the monthly Spotlight to a PDF format, it is emailed to our Webmaster, Chris, and our Mail Chimp Guru, Betty. Once Chris uploads the pdf newsletter to the website, he emails Betty with the link. Betty creates an email using the front cover as the body of the email to send out a notification with a link to the website <https://texas-dfw.aaca.com/2024-spotlight-newsletters/>. When the recipient opens the email and clicks on the link, it will download to your computer or phone automatically.

## New Email Address Header:

Please add AACA-TXDFW Region to your ‘white list’ of contacts. This is what the email header looks like in Outlook.



## *Hey, Hey Hey...*

**Don't Forget That Chris Is Looking For Articles To Publish On Our Website About Us and Our Cars!!**

**If You Have An Interesting Story (like the one on the next page) That You Are Willing To Share With Others Looking At Us, Please Send To Chris at [ccstathos@juno.com](mailto:ccstathos@juno.com) !!**



# The History of one 1968 Ford Ranchero

**By Chris & Linda Stathopulo**

I purchased my 1968 Ranchero in August of 1974 while working summers for my cousin in Tulsa, Oklahoma. My cousin owned a used car lot and the Ranchero was making the rounds of the wholesale dealer market at the time. At that time the Ranchero was a base model with a 3-speed column shift manual transmission, non-power four wheel drum brakes, a radio and dealer under dash add-on air conditioning. Upon purchase from my cousin I added the GT Wheels and center caps, chrome fender well trim, air shocks and the '72 Torino High Top bench seats. The Ranchero was driven for many years in this configuration.

During the time of my ownership it was the car Linda and I used on our first date while in college (all others as well). It was the car we drove away from the church when we were married on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1976.

The Ranchero has served as my work commuter vehicle when I worked for Rockwell International and Nortel. It was also used as my exclusive work truck while owning and operating my own Skylight Sales and Installation business for 20 years. I did retire it from daily activities in 2012 when a Ford F-150 took over most of its duties. I am now retired and it is again back in service as my daily driver truck.

Twenty plus years ago I purchased a derelict 1968 four door sedan that had Factory A/C, Power Steering and a C4 Automatic Transmission. All of those parts were removed and are currently part of the Ranchero. The original four wheel drum brakes have been replaced with power front wheel disk brakes from a donor 1969 Fairlane at Browne's Auto Salvage in Sunset, Texas. I also have a bench seat waiting to be recovered and installed from the same donor car.

Installing factory A/C in the Ranchero required removing the complete dash assembly from both the donor sedan and the Ranchero and then re-installing the complete donor's dash into the Ranchero. After the dash was bolted in, all wiring starting at the fuse box and all the vacuum hoses had to be hooked up like it was when it came from the factory. It certainly helps to have a factory Wiring and Vacuum Diagram Manual to get everything back in order. Linda and I really enjoyed the factory air conditioning on this latest driving tour to Schulenburg from Dallas. I think all the work was definitely worth the effort.

Over the years many of the parts have been changed as needed to keep the Ranchero on the road in good working condition. I don't know how many times the water pump, fuel pump, brakes and various suspension parts have been replaced. I do know, one cannot drive a late 1960's car 200 thousand miles and not do much more than change the oil and tires as can be done in some of the new cars. A couple of years ago the original 302-V8 needed to be overhauled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time. Instead of overhauling it, I decided to replace it with a 351 Cleveland engine. This is the current power source in the Ranchero.

The body was repainted 35 years ago with Sikkens Single Stage Urethane paint. The Ranchero has set outside for all these years and the paint, though showing its age, is still presentable.

Other than the 351C engine, the Ranchero is configured with options that would have been available from the factory in 1968. The only real upgrade that would have been available that is not in the car now is power windows and I'm glad it has manual windows instead. They always work.

As with any old car it is a work in process. Just when you think everything is working as it should it will provide you with the opportunity to have more one-on-one quality time together.



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**2024 CALENDAR**

**Every 3rd Sunday at  
2pm**

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**September Meeting**  
*September 15th*  
**Nester's Car Barn**

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**Bug Tussle Trek**  
*Sept 28-29*  
**Leaving from downtown Farmersville**

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**October Meeting**  
*Oct 20*

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**Fall Tour**  
*Nov 8-10*

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**November Meeting**  
**Palmer ISD**  
*November 17*

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**Christmas Party**  
**Brookhaven CC**  
*December 15*

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## From John Velde...



The 2024 Distinguished Gentleman's Drive, hosted by [The Gentleman Racer](#), promises an elegant journey through the scenic heart of Texas as we join thousands of car enthusiasts around the world. Starting in historic downtown Bryan, Texas, participants will gather in classic cars, dressed in their finest, embodying the spirit of gentlemanly motoring of day's gone by.

The Distinguished Gentleman's Drive is for vehicles 40 years or older. Its purpose is to connect classic motoring enthusiasts around the world to bring about an event that is both unique and spectacular. All vehicles in The Distinguished Gentleman's Drive must be built before December 31st, 1984, with all but a few exceptions of replicas and run-on models.

The drive will wind through the picturesque countryside, with a first stop at Washington On The Brazos State Park, the birthplace of Texas, where history and heritage set the tone for the day. From there, the convoy will continue through Washington County, offering a glimpse into the state's rich past before making its way to Brenham, Texas.

Here, drivers can enjoy a leisurely lunch at one of many restaurants and connect with fellow drivers in the quaint downtown.

There is no cost to register for this drive, we just ask that you donate through the website to support men's health and you can get others to sponsor your drive. Last year we raised a little over \$1,000 with just a handful for drivers, so we hope to more than double that this year.

Michael Satterfield

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