

Bug Tussle Trek Edition

For the first time in memory, instead of August, on Sept 28, the **Bug Tussle Trek** roared to life in downtown Farmersville, Texas. Advertised as the “coolest Bug Tussle Trek ever” the coffee and donuts were a big hit around 7:30 ish as everyone lined up for the 2024 edition of this fun adventure! And, it was cool enough to be jacket weather as we made our way to the coffee and donuts!



As advertised, we departed sometime around 8 ish or as soon as most of us could down that last donut, napkin our hands, and get the old car running! It was so much fun, that there were several visitors who drove their old cars to the start just to be a part of another fantastic **BTT**, and then returned home. Great to see yall, **John and Denise Velde** and that 39 Buick!! We missed yall on the road!! There were several visitors who also came to see what the ruckus was and those business cards really came in handy!! (Thank you **Communications Committee!**) We discovered at the banquet that there were at least 8 different clubs represented on the **BTT** this year.

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Thankfully, we made a stop in **Ladonia, Tx.** As some checked their cars and found them needing fluids, others rushed to empty bladders only to find lines long enough to cause some anxious moments. Without embarrassment, we departed to **Bonham** and a good Bar B Q lunch. In addition, **Bonham** was able to make us more comfortable with more necessary places so the lines were not nearly as long.

Whew!!!

On to Bug Tussle !

And most of us made it to **Bug Tussle**, the once post office at the crossroads of Texas Hwy 34 and Farm rd 1550. It's now a landmark that many youngsters of today would not quite understand but those of us who made it thru the 40's and 50's understand all too well.



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The city of **Bonham** made their Armory available to us. It was great. Cool and enough room for our 100 plus folks as well as enough restrooms to accommodate our group.

In addition, there was plenty of comfortable parking for our “gems” to get cool and ready for our next leg to Paris!



On to Paris:

On full tummy's, we headed to Paris and took the long way. It was cool and the scenery was fantastic and it was cool. We arrived at the Holiday Inn Express and surprisingly, there were enough parking spaces for us. We checked in and some went to the hospitality suite. After a short stay, we headed to the Heritage Hall with the fantastic museum next door. The highlight of the day might have been the semi “long” drive from Bonham to Paris. It was beautiful and cool.

However, once we got a little rest and got down to Heritage Hall for the museum and dinner, that experience easily edged out the drive. The museum was good but once we got into the dining area, the party started. Everyone seemed to relax and enjoy each other even tho in many cases, there were people that you'd not met before. But we were all on the Bug Tussle Trek together.



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There are so many pictures from Heritage Hall and the dinner and the drawings and the smiling faces. It was truly a fun time. We're going to try to post many if not all of these GREAT, JOYOUS pictures on the website. In this Spotlight, we could only publish maybe 20% of what we took. There are many, many more. It's interesting to note the Joy in these photos. When you think of the times we're living in and the lack of joy that so many are experiencing, it's really great to break away on a little drive in an old car to a funny place in the middle of nowhere and experience the deep joy in the smiles in these pictures.

WE ENJOYED BEING WITH YOU ON THIS YEAR'S BUG TUSSLE TREK!!

Finally, great times with so many people don't happen without a lot, **a lot** of work behind the scenes. For the last few years, it's been **Charlie and Nichole Gambulous II** who have made this event work. Thank you so much **Charlie and Nichole**. Y'all have set a high standard.

This year, it was **Cole and Kathy Clayton** who starting planning early and it all showed as each stop ran according to plan. And the dinner at Heritage Hall was exceptional for that many people. I want some more of those green beans. Thank y'all so much for all your efforts.

And each year, there are helpers helping the planners and implementing the plan. This year is no exception. We know there were many behind the scenes that made this edition of the **Bug Tussle Trek** reach the high standards of the past. People like **Chris and Linda Stathopoulos, John and Lynda Richardson** and so many others. We also know that in each town, there were **champions** that made **our visit great**.

We all say **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU and JOB WELL DONE!!**

President's Report

Kip's Cockpit – October

“Bigger in Texas, Better in a Classic Car!” It's a fantastic tag line and we're proud of who we are, where we're from and what we do. But even Texas DFW Region is part of something even bigger.

As members of **The Antique Automobile Club of America**, we all receive (and some of us read) the outstanding magazine “**Antique Automobile**”. Not only is it probably the finest publication of its' kind, filled with interesting stories and anecdotes, but it is also a window into many activities taking place beyond our region. In recent years, few of us have participated in some of these activities, most have not.

Beginning In **1931**, a small group of individuals who'd been collecting and preserving early automobiles, were invited to drive their vehicles to the annual **Philadelphia Automobile Show**. Just four short years later, these same individuals banded together to form the **Antique Automobile Club of America**. Our club was founded on preserving, driving and showing their early vehicles, just as we still do today. By the mid 1950's, judging guidelines were developed to provide additional emphasis on preservation and restoration. Touring, showing and judging has continued to evolve. With libraries, on-line forums, scholarships and other programs, AACA has continued to support our motoring heritage.

Texas DFW Region AACA must once again engage with our national club. We should take part in annual meetings, national tours and meets. We should also be hosting these same events. There is so much to be gained from others who share our passion. As Texans, let us share our rich history and beautiful state with that same passion.

Kip Lankenau

The October 20 meeting will be held at:

**Master Hatter
2945 Market Street
Garland, Tx 75041**



Board meeting at 1:00p
Membership Meeting at 2:00p
Members should bring lawn chairs as the Board Room has only 8 seats.

Following the meeting we will take a short drive over to the New Garland town square and have lunch at:

**Intrinsic Smokehouse & Brewery
509 W State St
Garland, TX 75040**



September Monthly Meeting

By John Richardson

We had a wonderful meeting at the **Hester's** recently renovated workshop – hosted by **the Hesters and Cole and Kathy Clayton**. And it was awesome !! Not only did it look bright and sparkly, but it was so well organized and already set up for the large group of members that did come. Overall, it was one of the best meetings. We all had places to sit, room to roam and chat and of course a huge table of food brought by our generous members. The **Hesters** put so much time and effort into the renovation and I'm very glad that we were able to share it with them.



Naturally the big topic was the upcoming **Bug Tussle Trek** (see the Spotlight article), but there was more to share – upcoming fall tour (see article) and election (ditto), as well as showcasing the availability of club apparel that so many have been asking about.



Also, **business cards** were handed out to everyone that you should keep in your car(s) and on your person when you are attending another car function. Promote the club – hand out the card and let people know that there is a QR code on the back that will take them directly to our (awesome (again)) website where they can find out much

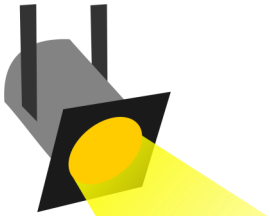
more about us, see what we do, and who to contact if they want more information.

We talked about the **Fall Tour** (ditto again...) which is coming up **November 8,9 and 10th** to the **Henderson Heritage Syrup Festival** – by way of good eats, good museums and good comradery.



Our next meeting should also be an interesting one, and perhaps we will all come away with a plan for a **CLUB HAT!!** ☺
See You There!





September Monthly Meeting—cont'd

By John Richardson



Elections are coming up QUICKLY! And it's a very important part of what makes the club feel good, and/or get things done, and/or helps you feel that the club is working for you. You should care about it, or otherwise "it is what it is...". You don't have to volunteer to run for a position, but you should care about who's running and what they could mean for the club. Maybe not as important as the 'other elections' coming up shortly, but certainly closer to home. So, see the short update in the Spotlight and inquire...



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About another fun time

From Chris Stathopulo:

Mike Jones has invited both the **The Studebaker Club** and **the Packard Club** to join him at the **Peters Family Collection over in Fort Worth.**

He specifically approved the addition of **AACA DFW** members to attend if they wish.

This is a Private car collection with 7- Packards among 33 other cars of special interest. There are also a number of European cars in the mix. XKE Convertibles, BMW - V12's, Rolls Royce, 2 Seat-Mercedes, 7- Porsche's and a Mercedes Bus among others. These cars are all drivable and in museum quality condition. The cars are all indoors so weather will not be an issue. This collection is not generally open for viewing. This is a special invitation showing.

There are enough cars to keep one busy on a Saturday morning.

Where: **Saturday October 19th.**

When **9:30 a.m.**

The Address is: **7655 West Broadway Ave., Forth Worth, TX 76104**

For additional information contact: Mike Jones 954-594-2492

Be sure to RSVP to me at the email below.

Chris Stathopulo

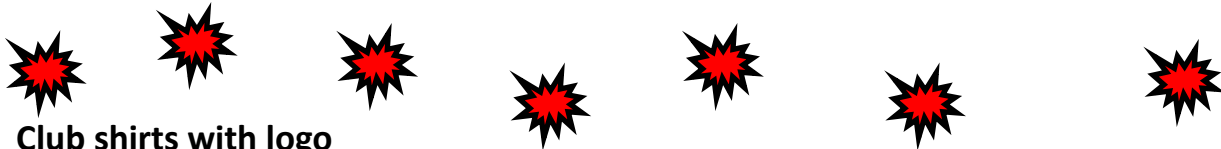
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The Texas Civil War museum in Fort Worth (White Settlement) one the best in US is closing on Oct 31st in case any of our AACA members would like to visit.



Club shirts with logo

We've added TALL and YOUTH sizes for the Polo Shirts and additional colors. Please place your order by October 9^h so we can place ONE CLUB order on the 10th.

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

Thank you,
Communications Committee

Fall Tour



November 8 –10th

We will be leaving the Walmart at Highway 80 and Beltline Road on Friday morning at 9! Current touring is through the backroads south of 20 and looping around Cedar Creek Lake. We'll stop for lunch at the excellent Bradford Café (<https://bradfordcafetx.com/>) then have an exclusive tour of the American Freedom Museum in Bullard (there is an entry fee). After that we'll head directly to the hotel as it will be a long driving day. You can certainly make a quick stop at the **Kiepersol Winery** award winning tasting room on your own, as it's only minutes from Bullard. We will bring in PIZZA to the hotel meeting room that night and will have tea and water available, with donations accepted. BOYL for the good stuff.

Saturday morning will be early, driving to Henderson to experience the Syrup Festival (<https://www.hendersontx.us/14/Heritage-Syrup-Festival>), with lunch on your own at the festival. We'll meet back at parking and (hopefully) make a stop in New London to experience a privately managed museum, and tour back to the hotel with optional visit to the Alex McCommas collection. Group dinner Saturday night. Return to Dallas Sunday morning by the most direct route or as you wish.

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" !!

We have created a registrations page (<https://texas-dfw.aaca.com/2024-dfw-region-fall-tour/>) on the website so that you can let us know:

Going on the whole tour, going only on what days, meeting us where (if not the Walmart), staying someplace else. We'll also use the hotel registration as a cross reference. We'll want your name(s), email (how we are going to communicate early on), cell phone (in case of last minute problems), and any other information for us to know.

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

Editor's Comments

We brought guests with us to **Bug Tussle** – just because we thought they would enjoy it. And they DID! But what they made most comment about were the members of the club, and especially the way that everyone helped out for whatever needed doing. Whether it was helping the **Hesters** continue on with a down Mercedes, or helping in the Hospitality Room (which was awesome by the way) and especially at the banquet – setting up and everyone pitching in to shut down and load up. It's not that way everywhere, and we should feel our club is special in that way. Everyone cares about everyone else, and will do what it takes to help out. Let's remember that other's see what we do, and continue to do what we do so well!

John Richardson (and Lynda)



2024/25 Elections

Coming up in the December meeting will be your opportunity to vote for the board and officers for 2025. **Andy Riemitis** 'volunteered' to chair the nominations committee, sharing with **Linda Cruz** and **Tammy Keith**. According to Andy...

*"Per the bylaws all terms are for one year in the current position. So, with that said, **Kip** will move to a board spot to carry on the momentum. **Kim Keith** will be stepping down. I will be moving somewhere up the chain.*

ALL positions are available to be filled. I am aware that the secretary position is open, as is the tours director position.

I have discussed with a couple of people who are interested in joining the Board.

*So if there is **anyone** who would like to step forward in volunteering please have them call or email at the number below."*

Andy Riemitis
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Christmas Party/Meeting

*Here's the
Scoop!!
(which is what
we call it in the
newspaper
world...)*



Texas Santa Christmas

December 15, 2024

1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Brookhaven Country Club

3333 Golfing Green Dr

Farmers Branch, TX 75234

Online Registration Coming Soon

**\$25.00 - \$30.00 per person (depending
upon entre selected)**

Minutes of the AACA Texas DFW Region September General Meeting

By Judy Kerr-Guysinger, Secretary

DATE: Sunday, September 15, 2024

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Ira and Nuris Hester's; Keller, TX.

Kip Lankenau, president, opened the meeting.

The minutes as they appeared in the last Spotlight were approved.

Kip reported that national meets and tours and the opportunity to participate in them would be discussed at the October meeting. Budget items will be discussed at the November meeting.

Andy Riemitis announced that the meeting in October would be at the old Resistol hat factory in Garland. It is close to the newly refurbished Garland square. There will be an opportunity to walk around it and eat after the meeting.

The November meeting will be at the Palmer ISD administration building in Palmer, TX.

The December meeting will be the Christmas Party at Brookhaven Country Club.

Kim Keith, membership chairperson, said that currently there were 95 members in the club.

Debra Lankenau, treasurer, gave a financial report. All accounts are current and good.

It was noted that Debra Lankenau assembled the 2024 membership directories and that they would be distributed at the meeting.

[Cole Clayton](#) reported on the BugTussle Tour. Currently there are 65 cars and 125 people registered to participate. The routes will be posted on Google prior to the event. He reminded everyone that participation is free. However, there will be a collection of participant's names and email addresses for follow up as to interest in joining the club. All the information about the BugTussle tour, activities, and apparel/memorabilia can be found on the website.

John Richardson gave information regarding the upcoming Fall tour. It will be Nov. 8 and 9 going to the Syrup Festival in Henderson, Texas. The gathering location will be the WalMart parking lot in Mesquite (@ the intersection of Belt Line Rd. and Hwy 80). The first day drive will include a meal at Bradford's Cafe for lunch and a stop at the American Freedom Museum. The day will conclude with a night spent at Tyler. The second day will be a visit to the Henderson Syrup Festival followed by a second night in Tyler.

Terry Hrehocik gave out sets of the newly designed and printed club business cards. These are intended for members to distribute to potential new members. She also showed apparel with the club logo on it. This should be ordered by September 30. She will send an order every quarter.

Debra Lankenau reminded members that renewal of membership can be found on the website.

Chris Stathopulo, club webmaster, said that the website was up and running well.

Minutes Continued

Nuris introduced a guest, **Adrian Bordlemay**.

Charlie Gambulos, II, the club's board member of Pate, reported that our check for Pate was \$8,096.00. 5% of the profits were held back while expenses were finalized. If there are none then additional checks will be sent to the sponsoring clubs. The Pontiac Club has also joined the Pate Swap meet sponsoring clubs. The Good Guys are interested in participating with our club for another year to get a better feel for it. This collaboration was viewed as a success. The Texas Motor Speedway has shown interest in having a fall swap meet.



[Kim Keith](#) made a motion to close the meeting

[Charlie Gambulos II](#) seconded the motion

The meeting was adjourned. Kip said a blessing before the meal.

Sunshine Report

By Nuris Hester

Welcome to Fall in Texas...plenty of sunshine but cooler so we can enjoy those car tours. Bug Tussle Trekkers were delighted with all the wonderful arrangements Cole and Kathy Clayton did for them and happy to have a cooler temp to drive the delightful back roads of Ladonia, Bonham, Bug Tussle and Paris. Thanks also to the cheerleaders who brought joy to all the participants.

I spoke with Bill Denman about Colin Hiley as his son Todd called to inform him of Colin's passing on Labor Day. I left message for Todd to let us know if there would be a celebration of life ceremony in the future. Very few names have three stars next to their name signifying they were members of the AACA for over 40 years! Colin was a great prompter of all things AACA and a faithful treasurer for many years; he will be missed!

If you didn't make Bug Tussle we have our very own Fall Tour coming up very soon...should be real sweet as its a syrup festival!

Please remember to contact your sunshine person with news on joyous or solemn occasions or let me know if we can send a get well to cheer one of our members .



Keep on the sunny side.

Texas DFW Region Membership Directory



2024

Did you get yours at our recent meeting? If not, contact **Tammy Keith** for your copy!

Phone—**469-338-6358** or email Tammy at keithtammy@sbcglobal.net

God Bless America

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2024 CALENDAR

Every 3rd Sunday at
2pm

October Meeting

Oct 20
Master Hatter
2945 Market Street
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Lunch on the
Square in Garland

Fall Tour

Nov 8-10

November Meeting

Palmer ISD

November 17

Christmas Party

Brookhaven CC

December 15