

## The President's Report

### Kip's Cockpit – November

Undoubtedly, most Americans have heard “Remember the Alamo!”. And most Texans have heard “Come and Take It!”. But few understand the background and meaning of these two rallying cries, and fewer still have ever heard of “The Runaway Scrape”. The people and events surrounding the independence of Texas are seared into every corner of our state, affecting our lives to this very day. Yet of these things, most of us have little knowledge.

October 18-22, 2025 you'll have the opportunity to experience the history of those times, as Texas DFW Region hosts the AACA Central Divisional Tour “The Runaway Scrape”. A progressive tour starting from The Alamo in San Antonio, we'll follow the path of the Texian army as they're pursued across Texas by Santa Anna's superior Mexican forces. The trail leads us through Seguin to an overnight in Gonzales, where it all started with the Come and Take it Cannon. Gather by the oak tree where Sam Houston rallied his troops on our way to Washington-on-the-Brazos, where Texas signed its' Declaration of Independence. Historians and re-enactors will bring the stories to life, as we make our way to San Jacinto, where the Texians finally defeated and captured Santa Anna. It will be a bold and engaging experience you won't want to miss.

At tours end, you'll find yourself only an hours' drive from Moody Gardens in Galveston, location of the AACA Central Fall National meet. Stay tuned for more details, and we'll see you at Palmer ISD to share Thanksgiving dinner!

Kip Lankenau



**Next Meeting—November 17**

**Palmer ISD**

**See Detail in this Spotlight!**



# November Monthly Meeting

*By John Richardson*

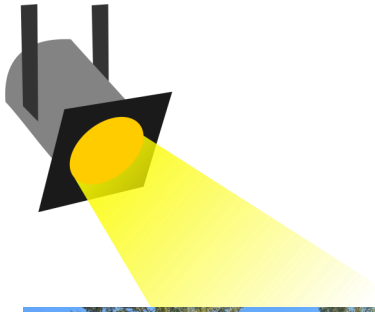
What a great time we had for October meeting's at Mad Hatters of Texas in Garland. Close friends of the Cruz's, Matt Cook, as the 3<sup>rd</sup> generational owner, showed off with appropriate pride the complicated and many stepped process of making today's cowboy (girl) hats.

After a deeply informative club meeting (see the minutes by Judy K-G later in this Spotlight) we took a tour that started at the beginning and walked through each section of the manufacturing process. What a surprise to find out that the best hats are made with equipment built in the 30's and 40's and that mechanics are maintained on staff just to keep them running, and produce parts. Hmm, sounds just like keeping our own cars running, doesn't it.



As it turns out, there are not that many colors produced in true cowboy hats, not that other's don't exist, but more as specialty items and corporate orders. Tradition lives strong in Texas!





# September Monthly Meeting—cont'd



John Wallace and his 36 Ford



Work in Progress

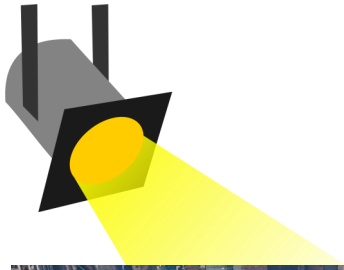


So what's LONGER ? The Hood or the rest of the Car?



It's all about the SHINE!





## September Monthly Meeting—cont'd



After the meeting, many went to Intrinsic Smokehouse and Brewery for a good time. Pictures courtesy of the Texas DFW Region Facebook page!

It's going to be a full couple of months yet this year for the club. Fall Tour is right around the corner, the November traditional feast at Palmer ISD follows shortly; Thanksgiving and then the December meeting will be not far behind. And an exciting new year will surely start right up with the January meeting at the Charlie Gambulos Sr. Memorial Car Barn in Waxahachie.

But not without a great deal of sadness we also are noting the passing of Phil Clayton. As a long time member, officer and supporter of the club and Bug Tussle, we will miss his 'larger than life' presence at our meetings and events. Fortunately for us, we have the entire Clayton family continuing the traditions that Phil has helped establish. Please see further details in the Sunshine Report.



JOIN US FOR  
**THANKSGIVING**

**SOCIAL & LUNCH**

November 17, 2024  
2 PM

Hosted by Judy Kerr-Guysinger  
and Neely Kerr

RSVP to Judy  
judyg@ectisp.net or 214-399-1117

303 Bulldog Way  
Palmer, TX 75152



NMWG

**DON'T FORGET THE CLASSIFIEDS - THERE ARE SOME NEW ITEMS TO SEE...**

# Fall Tour



**November 8 –10th**

**It's Not Too Late to Sign-up If You Have Not...**

**If You Have Signed Up and Going to the Phil Clayton Service, You Can Join Us at the Hotel on Friday. Just Let Us Know...**

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:

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

# 2024/25 Elections

## AACA - Texas Region Nominating Committee Report

Per Article VII, Section 3 of the By Laws of the AACA- Texas Region, a committee of three (3) persons was selected by the President.

Andy Riemitis Chair  
Tammy Keith  
Linda Cruz

They convened one (1) in zoom meetings and several phone conversations and email exchanges to prepare the following slate of officers for 2025. By unanimous vote, the Nominating Committee of the Antique Automobile Club of America, The Texas-DFW Region, Incorporated does hereby presents the following slate of officers and directors.

### Officers

|                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| President.          | Andy Riemitis    |
| 1st Vice President. | Chris Stathopulo |
| 2nd Vice President. | John Richardson  |
| Treasurer.          | Debra Lankenau   |
| Secretary.          | Terry Hrehocik   |

### Board Members

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Tour Chair.      | George Lang   |
| Bug Tussle.      | Cole Clayton  |
| Members at Large | Brady Richard<br>Michael Hrehocik<br>Jeff Podmers<br>Doyle Morse<br>Judy Kerr-Guysinger<br>Kip Lankenau Outgoing President / National Divisional Tour |

Per Article VII -Nominations, Elections, Term of Office  
Sub Section 3:

Nominations may be offered from the floor during the election meeting, provided those persons so nominated have agreed to serve, if elected.

On November 17, 2024 at 2pm in the Palmer ISD building. The regular scheduled monthly meeting will be held to present this slate of officers and to receive any nomination from the floor.

The election meeting will take place at 2pm on December 15th at Brookhaven Country Club, immediately following the Holiday Party dinner. Where the proposed slate of officers and directors and any nomination from the floor will be voted upon.

Respectfully submitted your Nomination Committee.

## Editor's Comments

As we come to a year's end it's always time for reflection. This has been a good year for the club—good tours, Great Texas Tour, Coolest Ever Bug Tussle, and new members to help us continue to keep participation fresh and current. By the same token we have lost long time and iconic members who's memories we will continue to treasure. Let's keep the momentum going, continue to bring in new membership and continue to share 'the good times' with each other.

John

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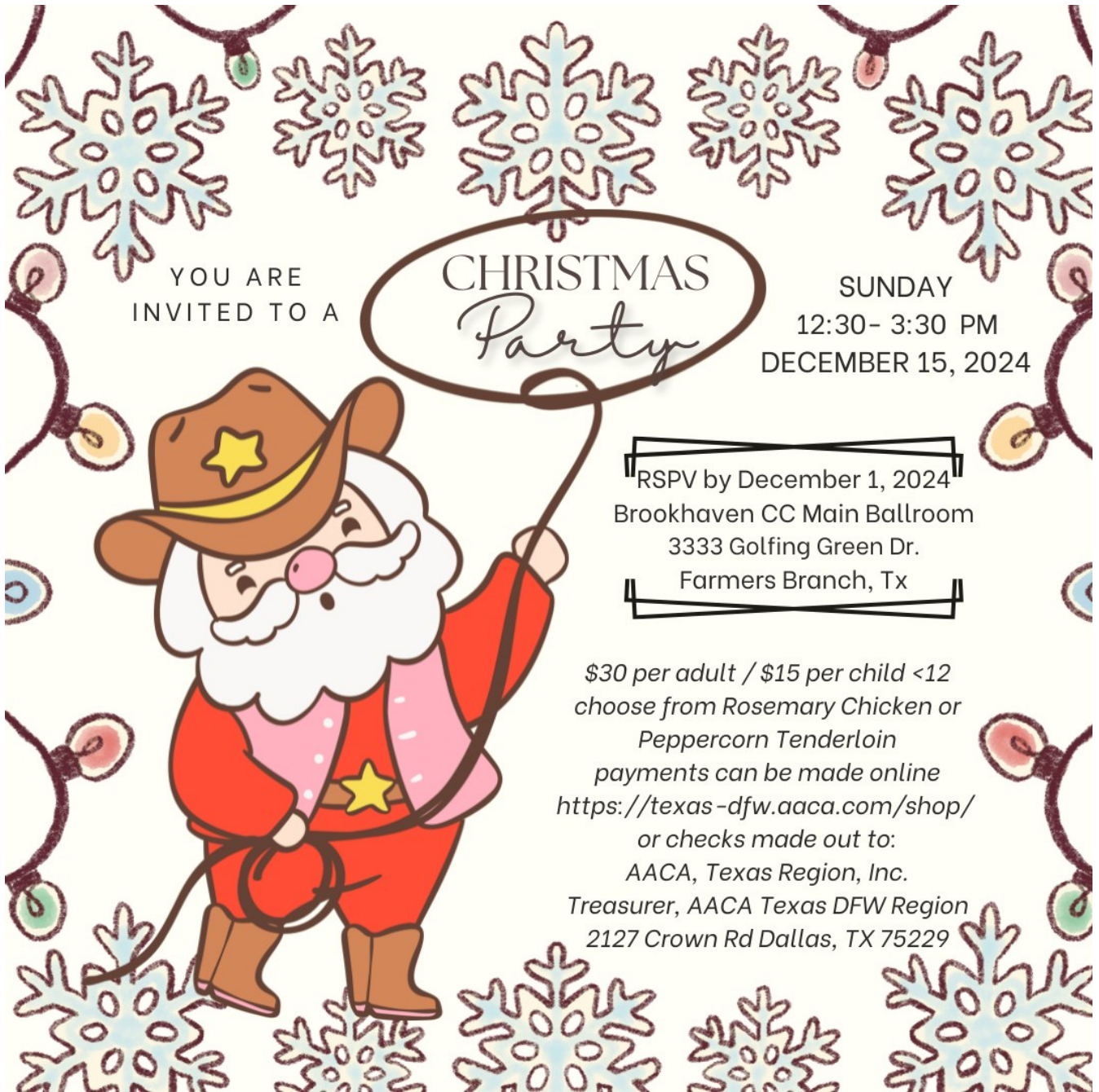
CHRISTMAS  
*Party*

SUNDAY  
12:30- 3:30 PM  
DECEMBER 15, 2024

RSPV by December 1, 2024

Brookhaven CC Main Ballroom  
3333 Golfing Green Dr.  
Farmers Branch, Tx

\$30 per adult / \$15 per child <12  
choose from Rosemary Chicken or  
Peppercorn Tenderloin  
payments can be made online  
<https://texas-dfw.aaca.com/shop/>  
or checks made out to:  
AACA, Texas Region, Inc.  
Treasurer, AACA Texas DFW Region  
2127 Crown Rd Dallas, TX 75229





# A Bucket List visit to Pebble Beach

by Judy Kerr-Guysinger and Neely Kerr

A VISIT TO PEBBLE BEACH CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE, August, 2024

Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, magic words to car aficionados and another check mark on our bucket list. It was the perfect blend of nature and engineering!

We spent two days prior to the Sunday event browsing vendors, attending a forum on Packard (it is their 125th anniversary year), looking at the Gooding Auction cars (an Alfa Romero was priced at \$14,000,000), and enjoying the magnificent scenery of the Monterey Peninsula. The radiant sunshine combined with a cool breeze from the ocean blended to make it comfortable for the events, most of which were held out of doors.

We arrived at the 18th fairway for the main event of 73rd Concours d'Elegance on Sunday at 6:00 a.m. in order to witness the entries drive onto the show field. The crowd was an interesting blend of ages and nationalities as well as foreign and American press but all were enraptured by the parade of magnificent cars that spanned decades and continents.

The categories of show were:

**A-1:** Antique **A-2:** Packard Early (Pre-Twin Six) **C:** American Classic **D :** Packard 125th Anniversary

**G:** Duesenberg **H:** Rolls-Royce Prewar **J:** European Classic **L-1:** Prewar Preservation **L-2:** Postwar Preservation

**M-1:** Ferrari Grand Touring **M-2:** Ferrari Competition **O-1:** Postwar Sports Racing **O-2:** Postwar Touring

**P-1:** Maserati **P-2:** Maserati Frua **Q:** Frua **R:** 1990s BPR & FIA GT Race Cars **V:** Wedge-Shaped Concept Cars and Prototypes



It should be noted that there were 51 entries from outside of the U.S. including 3 from India and 2 from Japan. An absolutely amazing array of engineering styles and creativity. A one of a kind entry was nine of Queen Elizabeth II's Land Rovers from the "50's and 60's" which were customized for her to sit in the back for public viewing. She had also been known to have driven them for herself when in Scotland.

## A Bucket List visit to Pebble Beach—cont'd

by Judy Kerr-Guysinger and Neely Kerr

As stated in a review of the final judging,

“This year’s Best of Show finalists were an eclectic group. Alongside an impeccably turned out 1934 Packard 1108 Twelve LeBaron Sport Phaeton was a wonderfully preserved 1934 Bugatti Type 59 Sports, a distinctive two-tone 1948 Talbot-Lago T26 Grand Sport Saoutchik Fastback Coupé, and a dark-horse 1970 Lancia Stratos HF Zero Bertone Coupe from the special class of Wedge concepts and prototypes.

With two post-war cars and a preservation car in the mix the odds of a historic victory were looking good. After much deliberation, it was the preservation Bugatti that took home Best of Show. This marks the first time in history that a preservation car drove away with the Concours’ highest honor.”

It has been observed by those who accept and judge the entries that there continues to be an increase in Post War II entries. This year there was a 20% increase in that group. However, the fact that a 1934 unrestored Bugatti Type 59 Sport won best of show (a bit of a shocker to many) indicates interest in and fidelity to the past as we motor into the future.

After hours was a great experience as well. The restaurant cuisine in nearby Carmel was as diversified and interesting as the event itself! In addition to a culinary event and a shopping experience were the innumerable exotic cars cruising the streets in the evening (looking for the phantom parking spaces). Lamborghinis, Ferraris, and Maseratis abound as common as the Toyota, Honda, or Ford would be on an average street.

With all considered, **the Pebble Beach Experience fulfilled every expectation.**



## Sunshine Report

By Nuris Hester

It is with heaviness I write this Sunshine report as another very beloved longtime member of our AACA region, Phil Clayton has passed. Phil had been our president in 1985 and he was such a great promoter of all things AACA...especially Bug Tussle alongside Sandy. We are so glad he made an appearance at the September meeting, rather remarkable at the age of 96, where many enjoyed seeing him and chatting with him, especially my husband, Ira as both were Citadel graduates.

The Clayton family asks no calls at this time but cards and emails are appreciated. We extend to Sandy our deepest condolences and desire to let her know how much Phil and her are loved by this Texas DFW region. When I receive more details on a life celebration I will inform our club membership. Please pray for Sandy and all the Clayton family to feel waves of God's peace and comfort as they navigate this season of grief. We want Sandy to know we all hope she will continue to have a presence at our club meetings and shine with her beautiful and fun personality at Bug Tussle.

Blessings to all. Keep on the sunny side.

Nuris Hester

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Funeral services will be held 1 :00 p.m. Friday, November 8, 2024, at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, reception to follow. Pallbearers will be his six grandsons.

Graveside Service

NOV 08. 1 :00 PM (CT)

DFW National Cemetery

2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy Dallas, TX 75211

Share a memory of Philip C. Clayton at [resthavenfuneral.com](https://resthavenfuneral.com)

# Minutes of the AACA Texas DFW Region September General Meeting

*By Judy Kerr-Guysinger, Secretary*

Minutes of the October Board meeting of the AACA DFW Texas Region

DATE: Sunday, October 20, 2024

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Master Hatters; Garland, TX

In Attendance: Kip Lankanau, president; Kim Keith, First VP; Andy Reimitis, 2nd VP, Debra Lankanau, Treasurer; Judy Kerr-Guysinger, Secretary; Jerry Smith, Spotlight Editor; Charlie Gambulos, Pate coordinator, Larry Wagliardo, Director and Chris Stathopulo, Director.

Kip opened the meeting.

Kim reported that currently the club has 94 members. We are down one member due to Colin Hiley passing away recently.

Debra Lankanau said that membership applications are now online. There are options such as single, joint, student, etc..

Debra gave the treasurer's report.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the last meeting as they were sent. Kim made the motion to accept them and Charlie seconded the motion. The minutes from the September meeting were unanimously approved.

Cole reported on Bug Tussle:

42 participants had never been to Bug Tussle before

There were 155 participants

The overall expense was \$6,881.

The cost to the club for Bug Tussle 2024 was \$260.74.

\$500 was budgeted for this event. The club was in the black, **ahead of budget \$239.25.**

This was possible with sale of merchandise and food, the grant, donations, and a careful allocation of the budget.

The Paris and Lamar County Chamber of Commerce gave the club a \$1,600 grant.

Reception to the later date for cooler weather was well received.

The towns through which the trek passed were very friendly and giving out prizes, had porta-potties, etc. and were very receptive.

Certificates of participation will be sent out to first timers

Names and emails were collected for followup to possible membership

There is a strong possibility of making the last weekend in September the permanent Bug Tussle date.

Chris Stathopulo reported for the communication committee. He said that the website was up and down due to national's erratic support. They have contracted with a company to manage their website.

Debra said that the club shirts will be ready for pickup the following week.

## Minutes of the AACA Texas DFW Region September General Meeting (cont'd)

*By Judy Kerr-Guysinger, Secretary*

Kip noted that at the November board meeting that the 2025 budget would be discussed and developed.

Debra noted that the theme for this year's Christmas party will be "Texas Santa". She is looking for entertainment that aligns with that theme.

Andy said that he and the nominating committee were recruiting potential board nominees for 2025. The new board will be voted upon at the December meeting.

Kip presented the idea of our club sponsoring a progressive tour that would include national participation. Currently there is only one tour listed in the national publication for 2025. This is partly due to the serious illness of one of the coordinators for national tours. Kip proposed that our club do this in October, 2025. It could be aligned with the national meet that is being held Oct 17, 18, and 19 in Galveston. The tour could originate in San Antonio and follow the historic route of "The Runaway Scrape" (Santa Ana chasing the Texans) and ending at San Jacinto. This could dovetail with the national meet in Galveston. Kip noted that the president of our club should attend this event. Kip is willing to coordinate it. The reason for doing such a tour is for national exposure and to increase membership. Kip recommended hosting a national tour like this every 3-5 years to drive up membership. There was a motion by Charlie to approve hosting the AACA national tour, seconded by Kim, followed by a period of discussion. After which, the question was called by Kim and unanimously approved.

Kip also suggested that the president of our club should attend the annual national meeting. There should be some consideration of allotting some club funds to help offset the expense of attendance.

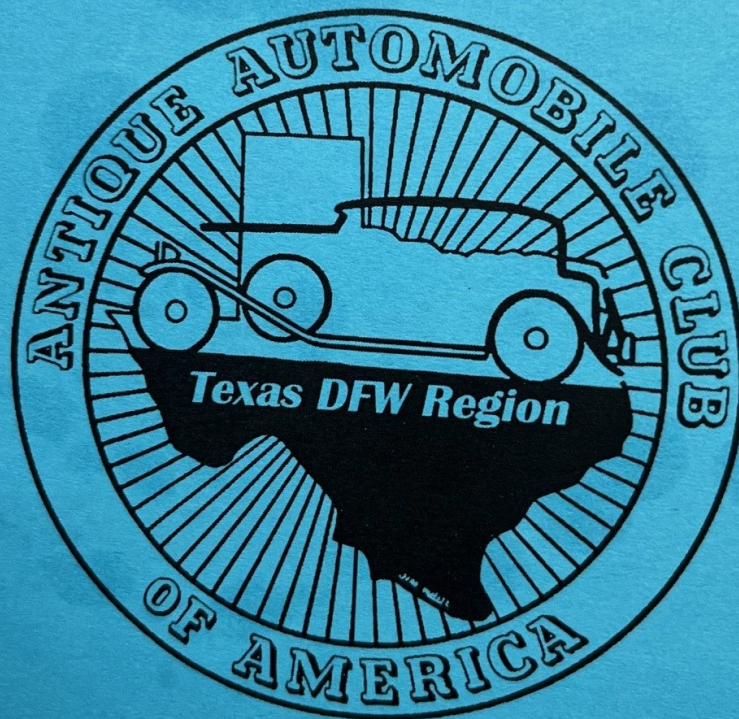
Judy asked about donating some club funds for a scholarship or other charitable cause and if that would enhance the opportunity to be considered a tax free organization and the benefits of being tax free. Kip explained again that to initiate (forms, CPA costs, etc) that would cost \$10,000. Then every year a CPA would have to be hired to check and report our account which would cost approximately another \$5,000 annually. This would not be cost effective for the little benefit that we would gain from it.

Chris made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Kim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by,

Judy Kerr-Guysinger, Secretary

# 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](mailto:keithtammy@sbcglobal.net)

**God Bless America**

# Spotlight Classifieds

For Sale: 1953 Packard Mayfair

This Packard has been in our AACA Club for 20+ years. I've owned it for 10 years or so and Bob Keuster owned it previously. It has been on many tours over that period. It's not a "show" car, but looks great and has many admirers wherever it goes. The engine is strong and the tires are in great shape.

I am getting ready to post it on Hemmings Make-An-Offer Auction, but will hold off until late November in case someone is interested and wants to avoid the Hemmings Buyers Fee (5% of the sale price). I am asking \$18,000 but there is some negotiating room in that

Roger Dennison

903-920-9003

[roger.c.dennison@gmail.com](mailto:roger.c.dennison@gmail.com)



From Jeff Podmers' acquaintance:

I ran into a guy a few blocks from my house here in Forney with a 1976 Eldorado Coupe for sale. He's moving and needs to move this car. Asking \$6800 OBO.

It's a mostly original car with possibly 109k miles. Sounded pretty good, I didn't drive it. . Needs TLC.

Call Willie 469-348-5937



## DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS FOR 2024

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|                          |                                    |   |
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## 2024 CALENDAR

**Every 3rd Sunday at  
2pm**

**Fall Tour**

**Nov 8-10**

**November Meeting**

**Palmer ISD**

**November 17**

**Christmas Party**

**Brookhaven CC**

**December 15**

**January Meeting**

**Charlie Gambulos Car  
Barn**

**Waxahachie**

**January 19 2025!**