

## The President's Report

### January

So starts a new year with a new president. Let me first say thank you to Kip for leading us through 2024 with great ease, at least he made it look simple. I have big shoes to follow.

I would like to introduce myself to the group. I know some of you from club meetings and events, but there are several members I have never met. I grew up in Connecticut, went to school at Texas A&M, moved back to Connecticut for a short while, and then returned to Texas some 32 years ago.



I have been in the club for a few years now and have been a national member since I was 16 years old. Back a few years ago I struggled to find the club, but I hope with the recent addition of DFW to the name people will be able to find us more easily. On that note, if you were at the Christmas party you heard this, but it's worth repeating. I hope to grow our membership this year. At the present time we have 95 members. I have made it a goal to grow the club to at least 110 members. Ira and Nuris Hester brought 3 new members to the club this year! Thank you to both of you. If each of us could bring at least one new member we would exceed the 110-member goal.

Before I close, I would like to recognize the new club officers and board members. Without their willingness to serve, we would not be a club. I would also like to say thank you to the outgoing Officers and Board Members for their time and service to the club.

*Andy*

Next Meeting—January 19, 2025 !!

Charlie Gambulos Car Barn—Waxahachie

Chili Cookoff



# December Monthly Meeting

*By John Richardson*

Like last year, the Lankenau hosted the club at the Brookhaven Country Club, but this year as President and Treasurer. What a wonderful venue and setting for the holiday party that caps an outstanding year for the club. Excellent tours, Coolest Bug Tussle and a full agenda of meeting venues and activities for everyone. Seriously guys, we can't complain, it's been a good year. We did lose a couple of our most involved and beloved members and they will be sincerely missed. And we have added some new members who will surely make a difference in the club. See the photo recap later in the Spotlight.

We have a new slate of officers and board members, eager to help make this year one of increased membership—it's our lifeblood and keeps us fresh. So, join in, bring in a new member.



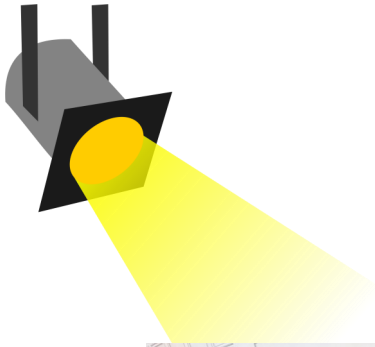
The Holiday Party brought a few of our favorite cars out to the club, along with some very well dressed participants. Everyone seemed to have a good time and the addition of the carolers was outstanding. How can you not 'get in the mood' with such wonderful voices singing our favorite holiday songs?!



The serious part of the meeting was voting in the new board, which turned out to be an easy thing—probably due to the great job by the nomination committee. See the list of the new board later in the Spotlight.

Here are a few of the views of the party for those that may have missed the event:





## December Monthly Meeting—cont'd



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

It has been our pleasure and honor to be your Spotlight Editors this year. For us, it's been a great way to get more involved in the club and familiar with the participating members. We really appreciate the positive feedback and encouragement that we've received. It shows that not only are people reading our work, but they care about the club and what it does—and that's vitally important to all of us.

We look forward to 2025, interacting with club members, participating in events and recruiting others to join us in helping make the Spotlight even better and more interesting!!

***Jerry and John***

# HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

**HEY, HOT STUFF!**

Did we get your attention? **GREAT!**

**CHILI COOKOFF!**

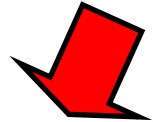
Date: January 19, 2025  
Time: 1 PM Board meeting, 2 PM general  
Where: Gambulos Car Barn  
@ 209 E Light St., Waxahachie, TX 75165  
Bring: Your chili or sign up for sides

Hosted By:  
*Charlie & Nichole Gambulos*

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**RSVP/Food Signup REQUESTED !! Please Click [HERE](#) !!**

Please join us for a Celebration of Life


Charles Rineholt Gambulos  
January 15, 1931-August 11, 2024

at the Gambulos Car Barn  
209 E Light St, Waxahachie, TX 75165

on January 19, 2025  
from 11-12:30 PM

If you cannot attend, we would still love to hear your favorite Charlie story. Please mail us your story to 3102 University Dr, Rowlett, TX 75088

Private interment to follow once UT Southwestern research is done.



# 2024 in Pictorial Review



**January Meeting—Kip's Garage**



**January Pop-Up Breakfast  
Hosted by Jerry/Linda Smith**



**February Meeting—Moto  
Museum**



**March Tile Prep  
Party and Hard 8  
BBQ and Meeting**





**April Meeting—DIY Garage**



**Spring Tune-up  
Tour at British  
Flight Training  
Museum and  
“lunch” at God’s  
Country Café**

**Lead by George  
Smith**



**April Solar Eclipse BBQ—Hosted by George Smith**





**April PATE Swap Meet by the Gambulos**



**Best Ever Texas Tour—by the Gambulos Family**

**Race Day by Jerry Smith**



**June Meeting at Rick McCommas' Garage**



**July Meeting Hosted by Chuck and Lois Murphy**



**August Meeting at Leonard's Museum in Ft Worth**



**September Meeting Hosted by Ira and Nuris Hester**







**56th Annual Bug Tussle—Coolest Ever**



**October Meeting  
Master Hatter  
and BBQ**



**Fall Tour—Lead by John and Lynda Richardson**



**November Thanksgiving Social and Meeting  
Hosted by Judy Kerr-Gysinger and Neely Kerr**



## Sunshine Report

*By Nuris Hester*

While our Christmas party was so lovely ( thanks to all who went out of their way to make this a fun event), we did miss a few that signed up and were not able to enjoy the festivities; therefore we sent them get well cards.

We missed you Jeff Podmers and Joel Roper, and while Linda Smith was caring for Jerry, Fred Cruz was caring for Linda . We certainly hope all are now feeling up to celebrating the remainder of the Holidays in good spirits.

As we sing Auld Lang Syne to 2024...2025 is expectantly awaited for with exciting possibilities for the DFW Region AACA. The slate was voted on and committee heads have stepped forward, however one thing I've observed this many years our club is better with your investment of time and talents and their are yet talents to be mined in this wonderful group! Have a blessed Holiday Season. As a New Years resolution let's put those great old cars in the "get healthy" category as we endeavor to keep ourselves healthy and happy!

Keep on the sunny side!

## Many Thanks

*by Jerry Smith*

Back in November, I went thru open heart surgery and am recovering nicely. This is just a short note to thank all in our AACA Texas DFW Region car club for your kind thoughts and effective prayers on behalf of Linda and me. Before this situation, I had not been involved with such a debilitating event where you feel cut off from others, almost useless and wondering from one day to the next whether you are getting better or what.

So, what a blessing it was to begin receiving cards and phone calls from some of our friends in AACA. These were very effective and hope that this note encourages everyone to write or call or text when we hear of our friends being ill. It really helps!!

Our deepest thanks go to card sharers **Terry and Mike Hrehocik, Chris and Linda Stathopulo, Lynda and John Richardson, Tammy and Kim Keith,** and **Nuris and Ira Hester!!** In addition, **Roger Dennison** called along with **Carey Frisby** and **Andy Remitis**. These touches were very refreshing and put energy in otherwise blah days.

So, next time you hear of one of our members being sick, etc, please consider a text, an email, a card or a phone call to brighten our club member's day. You'll be surprised at the blessings that you'll deliver!!

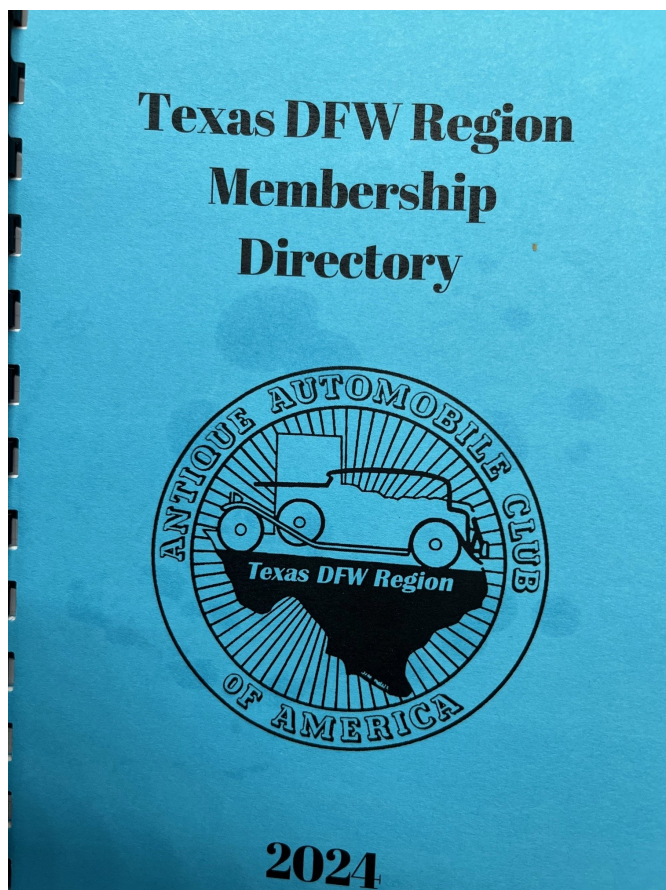
## Editor's Comments :

### 2025 Dues Payment

This year you are invited to send your dues for 2025 in by way of our excellent (thanks to Chris S.!) website. Just click on this link [2025 DUES](#) and you can pay for next year's dues. If you start at the front page of the website, navigate to "SHOP" and put your selection of dues choices in your cart. And off you go...!

Questions?:

Phone—**469-338-6358** or email Tammy at [keithtammy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:keithtammy@sbcglobal.net)



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

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# 2024/25 Elections

AACA - Texas Region New Slate of Officers:

**WELCOME !!**

## **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
	Michael Hrehocik
	Jeff Podmers
	Doyle Morse
	Judy Kerr-Guysinger
	Kip Lankenau Outgoing President / National Divisional Tour

## *We've Been Invited !!*

We have been invited by the Dallas Model A Ford Club to join them in honoring our veterans and Medal of Honor recipients at the Gainesville MOH Parade on April 12th. Gainesville TX is the official host city for MOH celebration in the US and this year's parade will commence at 10am. John and Lynda Richardson will be hosting a lunch after the parade at their lake house only 20 minutes from Gainesville. So, please hold that date—and much more information to come....

# Minutes of the AACA Texas DFW Region December General Meeting

*By Judy Kerr-Guysinger, Secretary*

DATE: Sunday, Dec 15, 2024

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Brookhaven Country Club, Farmers' Branch, TX

Kip Lankenau, president, opened the meeting. He stated what an honor it has been to lead the club during 2024. He thanked Andy Riemitis for setting up the year's meetings in such diverse and interesting venues. It was reminded that the January meeting was to be at the Gambulos Car Barn in Waxahachie.

It would include a chili cookoff.

Kip also acknowledged the passing of members during the past year that had contributed energy and time to the club. They were Charlie Gambulos, Colin Hiley, and Phil Clayton.

Kip also reviewed the events and tours of the past year. They were all well attended and had the potential of attracting new members.

He noted the success of the officers and the communications committee in contributing to the stability of the club finances and in communicating with the club through current technology. The latter has been particularly helpful with the current website and the newsletter, Spotlight.

The current membership is at 95 but the goal for 2025 is 100+.

Kip thanked Andy Reimitis for leading the nomination committee. The nomination committee included Andy Riemitis, Tammy Keith, and Linda Cruz.

The roster of nominations for new officers and board members were published according to the club bylaws in the November Spotlight. There had been no other nominations from the floor. It was noted that Cole Clayton would organize the Bug Tussle tour for the coming year but he is looking for a replacement in the position for 2026. John Richardson made the motion to accept the nominees. The motion was seconded. The roster was approved by unanimous vote.

Andy Riemitis, the new president, stated that he looked forward to an eventful and successful coming year.

Respectfully submitted by,

Judy Kerr-Guysinger,  
Secretary

# 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

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## 2025 CALENDAR

**Every 3rd Sunday at**  
**2pm**

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***January Meeting***  
**Charlie Gambulos Car**  
**Barn**

**Waxahachie**

***January 19 2025!***