

The President's Report

Kip's Cockpit – December

My earliest memory of the holidays was Christmas 1964. It was evening, and the headlamps of my grandparents Ford Galaxie 500 illuminated swarms of snowflakes. They splat across the windshield and were wiped away just as fast by the rhythmic swoosh of the rubber blades. My older sister sat in front between our grandpa and dad, I was sitting in back between grandma and mom. We were all wearing heavy coats and rubber galoshes, despite that fact that the heater worked much better than the one in Mom's dreary brown Ford Falcon, it was warm and humid.

It seemed like the drive from Dearborn to Frankfort, Illinois lasted all night. With the AM radio tuned to WXYZ, Christmas songs filled my ears, including a new catchy one from Petula Clark called "Downtown". As the snow swirled, my head was filled with music and I was surrounded by love.

May all your holidays be filled with Happy Memories!

Kip Lankenau



Next Meeting—December 15
Brookhaven Country Club
See Detail in this Spotlight!



November Monthly Meeting

By John Richardson

Once again, Judy Kerr-Gysinger hosted a lovely and well decorated pre-Thanksgiving meal to celebrate November and the approaching end of the year. Please review the minutes to get the details on what happened and decided. Although not a pretty day, it was good enough for some to brave the previous rain and bring their vintage cars. Brady brought his Continental from his stable, and what a beaut she is. Ira drove his (reliable) Toyota pickup...



As always Judy (and Ann?) laid out colorful table cloths and hand-made holiday decorations. We all really appreciate the time and effort that goes into planning and assembling these annual holiday warm-ups.

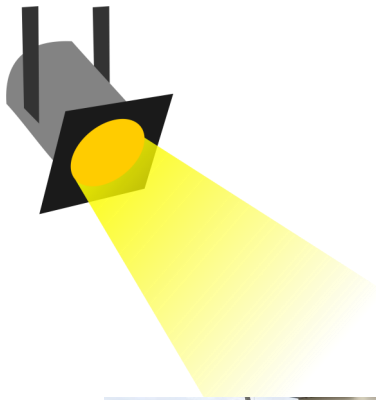
Don't forget that you will be **voting** for the incoming officers and board at this December meeting. As Andy points out, you can nominate from the floor at the meeting, but asks, PLEASE, if you are going to do so let him know in advance!

Also noted was that the January 19 meeting will be at the **Gambulos Car Barn in Waxahachie**. Much more will be distributed in advance about what and where. Just book that date!



Speaking of meetings for 2025, if you are at all interested in hosting a meeting at your workshop or home next year, or have recommendations on where we should meet, please let Andy or the Spotlight know! We will try and mix our meetings between workshops and public places – where we can get visibility for our club and have a nice place to eat as a group.

Don't forget to check out the **Sunshine Report** this month. And keep those emails and texts (really, who does 'cards and letters' anymore) coming to Nuris.



November Monthly Meeting—cont'd



YOU ARE INVITED TO A

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

Holiday Attire Requested!

Fall Tour



The Fall Tour was considered a success by those that were able to attend. Despite rain and cool weather an intrepid crew of 8 cars got started from the Walmart in Mesquite and headed out for a long day's drive. Due to the couldn't be helped scheduling of the service for our long time member Phil Clayton, there were more that were going to catch up to us in Tyler. After a bit of a rocky start on the initial leg (I mean seriously, how could a tour leader take a wrong exit?) everything smoothed out for a leisurely



drive out of town and into some country-side. We cruised past Cedar Creek Lake and into some rolling hills to our lunch location at the Bradford (TX) Café. As you can see from the wall plaques in the pictures, we led the town in Council with representatives from the Table of Knowledge. All that Wisdom in one place!! The Dennisons, Davids and Priests joined us for lunch and the rest of the day tour.

The drive after lunch was rainless, though still cloudy, but were excellent backroads with winding, tree-lined views. Our next stop was the outstanding American Freedom Museum at the Brook Hill School in Bullard. <https://www.brookhill.org/afm/> Established by the founder of the school , it is a mostly private collection of some of the most remarkable memorabilia from each of USA's conflicts in support of our, and the world's, freedom. Beginning with the Revolutionary War through current period, it's an excellent history lesson in America's constant support of democratic freedom. If you haven't been there, it's well worth the trip.



We continued to wind our way to Tyler, and the Holiday Inn Express, passing by the award winning Kiepersol Winery. Fortunately for us Cope and Pamela decided to check it out, and were able to 'share' their experience with others at the Hospitality Room that evening. Speaking of which, after a long day's drive, PIZZA! at the hotel made the most sense – and worked out best with BYOB. Those at the service earlier were able to join us and helped make the evening fun!

Fall Tour



The next morning was an early one – especially for the Dennisons and Davids who bravely held parking places for the rest of us just a block from the Henderson Heritage and Syrup Festival – which of course was the reason for the trip. Although it was cool and overcast it was a lot of fun and full of people, vendors, food, entertainment and of course, the syrup making grounds at the old train depot. Everyone made their own morning whatever they wanted and we all met up at noon to head out to our next location.



Fall Tour

Which was the museum memorializing the 3rd worst disaster in Texas' history, where a school in New London blew up as a result of a natural gas leak in 1937. <http://nlsd.net/index2.html> As a private museum, it successfully educates and remembers the disaster and it's victims – both actual and affected. Another 'must see' if you ever have the opportunity. It was this event that triggered the national requirement to odorize gas that we all love/hate today. A fitting reminder of the impact of things in Texas' history. Though not normally open on Saturday this late in the season, they opened especially for us to share not only the museum but the excellent soda fountain that many of us took advantage of. It was a worthy and memorable stop on the tour.



Next up was Alex McCommas' excellent collection of cars, trucks and even tractors at his private warehouse in downtown Tyler. There was certainly something for everyone there, and we are grateful that Alex offered and came down to share with everyone. The sun came out and off we went back to the hotel – to relax for our dinner evening.

Dinner was at colorful Mercado's and all had a good enough time to rejoin back in the hotel hospitality room for trip recaps. Sunday was 'return when you are ready'.



Fall Tour

Sadly, every trip has some car issues and this one was Ira's Mercedes (did I hear "Again?"). But fortunately for he and Nuris they caravanned with others – always a good idea – and had help getting home, courtesy of Cole Clayton's excellent trailer. Who wasn't even on the trip. So, how did that happen? Ask Ira, Nuris, Jeff, or Mark....



Sunshine Report

By Nuris Hester

As the year is drawing to a close I pause to remember the loss of two very special members...Phil Clayton and Charles Gambulous who gave time, talent and enthusiasm to making this club an amazing AACA club. We are blessed to have their "kids" continue the legacy of enjoying these great old cars, sharing their own passion for motoring in vintage autos! Many "tuned up" their cars at the Spring Tune up and got them ready for big TX Tour. Another marked success for our club was the Pate Swap ably handled by Charlie and Nichole Gambulous... and all those volunteers who worked in chilly, rainy conditions setting down and picking up marked tiles; Charlie thanks for leading us while bringing in the needed income to sustain our DFW AACA.

Our club had the honor of hosting the 70th Texas Tour that was a groovy success due to the tireless work of Nichole Gambulous and all the elves that helped in that workshop, we had the coolest Bug Tussle Trek ending with a lovely dinner in Paris thanks to the hard work of Cole and Kathy Clayton, and last but not least, thanks to John and Lynda Richardson for wonderful Fall Tour...jam-packed with fun stuff and delightful scenic roads to tour on even in the rain! We hope Jerry Smith is doing much better after his heart surgery, sending him blessings and best wishes for super speedy recovery. To all the officers and volunteers that made 2024 a good year for this clubcongratulations ! We look forward to 2025 and more memory making moments with DFW TX Region AACA.



HAPPY MOTORING, and keep it on the sunny side. Nuris

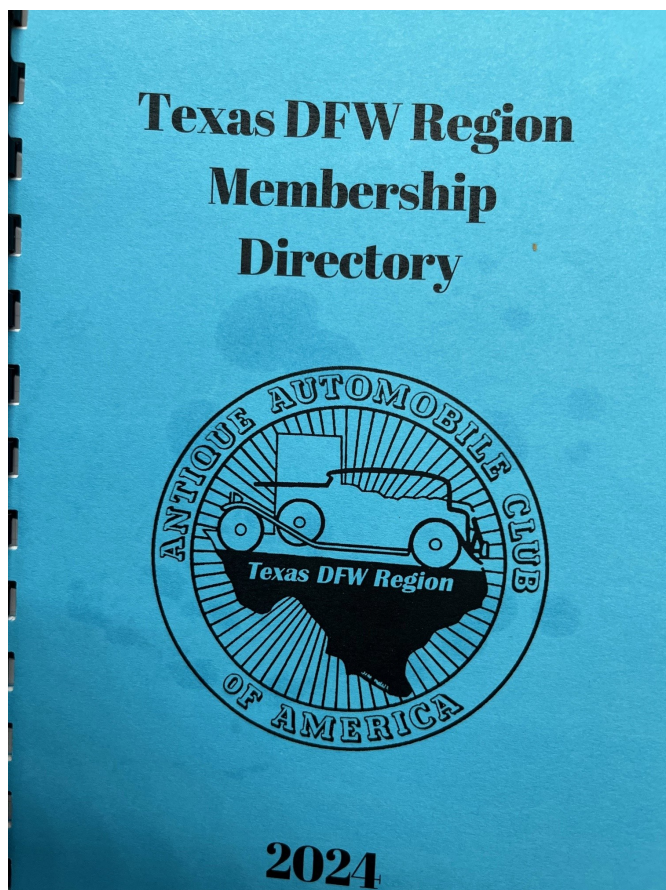
Editor's Comments :

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?:

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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 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 Michael Hrehocik Jeff Podmers Doyle Morse Judy Kerr-Guysinger 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.

Minutes of the AACA Texas DFW Region November General Meeting

By Judy Kerr-Guysinger, Secretary

DATE: Sunday, November 17, 2024

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Palmer Admin Building; Palmer, TX

Kip Lankenau, president, opened the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting as posted in the Spotlight were approved.

Debra Lankenau, treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. It was noted that a budget for the coming year was in draft form and that the new board for the coming year would tweak it before finalization.

It was reported that currently there were 95 members.

Andy Riemitis, 2nd vice president, announced the locations of the upcoming meetings.

- December 15th-Meeting/Christmas party @ the Brookhaven Country Club
- January 19th-Meeting/Chili cookoff @ The Gambulos car barn; Waxahachie, TX.

As a member of the nomination committee, Andy also said that the roster of nominees for the 2025 board were posted in the November Spotlight. And additional nominations could be made from the floor at the December meeting before the membership vote for the 2025 board was made.

John Richardson reported that the Fall tour to the Henderson Syrup festival was very successful and well attended.

Kip announced that plans continued to be made for the "The Runaway Scrape" national tour which we are hosting from San Antonio to San Jacinto next October. The tour has been approved by National and will be posted in their publications.

Debra asked that acknowledgement through payment of \$30.00 per person for the Christmas party, December 15, be sent to her by December 2. She has to turn in the final count to the Brookhaven Country club by then.

Debra reported for the communications committee. They meet monthly to develop plans for outreach for new members and to keep the public at large aware of our activities and meetings. This is to increase interest in the club and increase membership.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and passed.

Carey Frisby said a blessing before the meal.

Respectfully submitted by,

Judith 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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2024 CALENDAR

Every 3rd Sunday at
2pm

Christmas Party

Brookhaven CC

December 15

January Meeting

Charlie Gambulos Car
Barn

Waxahachie

January 19 2025!