

The President's Report

Here we are, I'm writing my second President's Report of the year. When I was talking to John Richardson, one of our newsletter editors, he stated February was a slow month for car events and as such a slow month for articles. As I write this, there are several collector car auctions taking place and of course, I am following along with as many as I have screens on my desk! I have the RM Sotheby's auction on one screen and the Barrett-Jackson auction on my second screen.

On the RM Sotheby's screen, cars are selling for less than the catalog estimate. After all, these are the most pristine examples of these cars. I'm listening to a 1956 Mercedes-Benz 300SL Gullwing. The hammer price of \$1,850,000 is right in the middle of the catalog estimated range of \$1,600,000 to \$2,000,000. Very nicely bought.

Over on the other screen is Barrett-Jackson. As a 1967 Camaro custom coupe crossed the block, the hammer price came in at \$85,000. It was a very nice custom restomod, but quite a difference in what is crossing the block between the two auctions.

And of course, Mecum Florida ended last week. Something like 4,000 cars crossed the block there. All in all, it looks like the collector market is still quite hot. Are the prices slipping a bit? Maybe.

Now to discuss a little club business. At the January meeting the Board and Officers discussed the club budget. We all agreed in principle on the budget but decided to hold a secondary meeting by Zoom on Wednesday night after the Sunday meeting to further discuss specific budget items. What we all agreed on was that we want to return as much to the membership as we can. We want to create the best experience and value that we can. We want to offer more activities to take part in. One of the most interesting ones that we are working on is the Medal of Honor Parade to be held in Gainesville in April. This event will be a great opportunity to get the club's name out in front of people that might not know who we are and to drive your car in a parade, something I have never done. Maybe some of you have, I just think this would be a very interesting thing to do.

This year is also interesting as we have a few months when the monthly meeting conflicts with a holiday and or other AACA events. We are working to coordinate all of this and should be able to announce our solutions soon.

Hope to see you at all the events in the future.

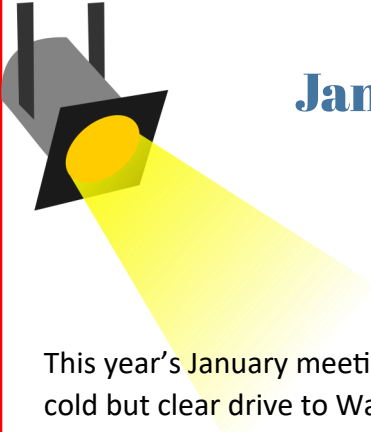
Andy



Next Meeting—February 16, 2025 !!

Kip Motors

2127 Crown Road, Dallas



January Monthly Meeting

By John Richardson

This year's January meeting was a double header - not only did we have a cold but clear drive to Waxahachie for the meeting, but we had Charles Gambulos' celebration of life in one of his favorite hide-a-ways: the famous Gambulos Car Barn.

Rumor has it that the barn got a cleaning up before the events and it looked just fine. A little on the chilly side but there were heaters and a warm-up spot in the kitchen/sitting area. There were some great cars and military vehicles on display, as you would expect from a 'car barn', but some of the best items were memorabilia from the Gambulos restaurants dating back to the 30's. For me the best story was related to the display of menu and picture from the Good Eats Café. Charles II indicated that it was started in the 30's and located behind the Adolphus Hotel—Dallas' pre-eminent downtown hotel at the time. Not only that, but after hours meals ordered for room service came directly from the Café, not the hotel kitchen. How cool is that!



January Monthly Meeting—cont'd

And there was a great pic of Charles I in some sort of business event with his dapper moustache. He always looked good. There were some great stories about the cars in the barn, and when and under what circumstances they were acquired. Back in the day cash wasn't the only medium for trade! Ask Charlie II for more info....



Take a look at the meeting minutes—thanks to Terry—to see that we will have a pretty busy year with lots of activities to choose from and participate in. Tune-up, Pate prep and meet, MOH parade, Texas Tour, Spring Tour, Bug T, and Runaway.

“Bring a Guest” should be our motto of the year. Lynda and I brought a guest couple along with us at Bug Tussle last year and they loved the experience. Not ‘car people’ but they had a good time and, well, they were good sports and drove the trailer truck for us as well. How’s that for contributing?



Celebration of Life—January 19, 2025

*Charles Gambulos—January 15, 1931 to August 11,
2024*





February Club Meeting

Feb 16

2127 Crown Rd, Dallas,
TX 75229



KIP MOTOR COMPANY

Italian Theme Main Dish (Courtesy of Debra and Kip)

Members please bring: N –Z Side Dish, A—M Dessert

Please bring Chairs just in case



2025 Tune-up Tour and Meeting !!

March 16th, Jeff Podmers' house in Ft Worth to locations unknown. More info to be provided.

Meal and Meeting will be at the end of the tour, location and time to be provided for those that are unable to join the tour but are able to join the meeting.

Let's Get Ready to Roll in 2025

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....

Editor's Comments:

It was an honor to remember our long time member Charlie Gambulos before the January meeting. He and Sandie had a long and lasting impact on our club. Let's bring in new members and guests this year to honor their legacy and build more memories for our club members to reflect upon and share as we go along. The nice thing about guests is not only may they become members but even if they don't, with a favorable experience, could well recommend our club to others that they know. You have our club cards, great website, and lots of meetings and tours to help you share our club. Take advantage of these great resources!

Jerry and John

Did you get your directory yet? If not, contact **Tammy Keith** for your copy. **469-338-6358** or email Tammy at **keithtammy@sbcglobal.net**

2025 Dues Payment / Club Renewal

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...!

Or, you can print the form on the following page and follow instructions on sending in to Tammy !!

Please Renew

Sunshine Report

By Nuris Hester

Although I missed the celebration for our beloved member Charlie Gambulos I heard it was special time to remember him with fondness. Full speed ahead with our plans for 2025, as many members have stepped up to the plate to volunteer in serving or offering future help with offering to host a meeting...this brings Sunshine to our whole club!! Your Sunshine chairperson sent a thank you to Judy, who for years has done a magnificent job as our secretary and has volunteered to host a good number of monthly meetings. Thank you so much Judy from all of us! We also sent a get well notes to Brady Richard and Jerry Smith hoping to see them both at the Feb meeting. Last but not least we sent a thinking of you to Sandy Clayton.

Be blessed and keep those great old cars in good operating conditions so we can all enjoy viewing them at our next Texas tour.

Keep on the sunny side! Nuris



***Welcome New Members !!
Be sure and look for them at our next meetings and welcome
them to the Club !!***

Richard Cross & Karen Phillips
Currin Harris
Craig Ligon

Arlington
Dallas
Grapevine

karenroxeliana@gmail.com
kj4vcx@gmail.com
lignons@gmail.com

Chase Tucker (student member) Lakeside TX (his parents Kurt and Charmagne joined a few months ago)

From the Cadillac LeSalle Club...

PATE SWAP MEET 2025

March 22nd Tile Party

April 19th Setup

April 24-26 Pate Swap Meet

April 27th Tear Down



2025 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

WITH CADILLAC LA SALLE
MARCH 22ND - TILE PARTY
APRIL 19TH - TILE SETUP

TEXAS REGION - REGISTRATION BLDG
APRIL 24-26TH PATE SWAP MEET

WITH CADILLAC LA SALLE
APRIL 27TH - TEAR DOWN

QUESTIONS? CONTACT CHARLIE 214-924-3086

CHARLIE GAMBULOS, PATE 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

CLUB PATE DIRECTOR



AACA Texas DFW Region Membership Application

Date: _____ New Renewing Need Name Badge (+10.00)

(1) Name: _____ Referred by: _____

(2) Spouse's Name: _____ *

Address: _____

City: _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone : () _____

(1) Cell Phone: () _____ Email: _____

(2) Cell Phone: () _____ Email: _____

National AACCA membership is mandatory to be a member of the Texas DFW Region. You may pay National dues directly or include with this application and the Treasurer will submit them. National AACCA will rescind the Texas Region Charter if we accept members who are not also members of National AACCA.

Have you PAID your NATIONAL AACCA dues for the year? Yes No

If yes, please enter your National AACCA membership number: _____

CARS OWNED: Please list cars currently owned that are 25 years or older on reverse side.

ANNUAL DUES: * Please make check payable to "AACCA Texas Region"

Annual Membership: MEMBER + SPOUSE: Texas Region: \$20 + \$5 AACCA National: \$45 Total = \$70
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Annual Membership: INDIVIDUAL: Texas Region: \$20 AACCA National: \$45 Total = \$65

Annual Membership: Already National Member or LIFETIME Member Texas Region: \$25 Total = \$25

Annual Membership: STUDENT Texas Region: \$5 AACCA National: \$12 Total = \$17
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NAME BADGE: If you would like a Texas DFW Region name badge, please add \$10 to your total.

*NOTE: Dues are for the regular calendar year. AACCA National Annual Membership dues paid in June or after are \$25. NEW MEMBERS joining after October 1st are paid up through the following calendar year.

Texas DFW Region membership dues entitle members of your immediate family to participate in club events, including spouse or significant other, and junior children where appropriate.

Region dues extend voting privileges to individual members (one vote). If the membership registration includes a member plus a spouse, voting privileges are extended to the listed member and to the spouse (two votes).

Mail Form and check to:

TEXAS DFW Region Membership Chair, 14 Halford Drive, Heath, TX 75032 or email aacatxdfw1@gmail.com for more information.

71st Texas Tour

Is coming to
Greenville, TX



Tour Chair
David Gish

Co-Chair
Pamela Crisson

Registrar
Roy Studinski
903-454-8575

71st Texas Tour
May 15-18 2025
Greenville, TX

Hosted by - AACA – NETR (Northeast Texas Region) (aka, Greenville Antique Car Club)

We hope to see everyone in Greenville, TX

The registration form is attached please fill out and return to us. You can mail, or e-mail the form or fill out the form on our web page <https://www.netraaca.com/texas-tour-2025/>.

Please get your Registrations in by April 1 2025 so we will have the counts for ordering what we will be enjoying on the tour. If you would like any additional information please contact me. Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Roy Studinski,
Registrar
903-454-8575
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OCTOBER 18 - 22, 2025
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January Meeting Minutes

DATE: Sunday, January 19, 2025

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Gambulos Car Barn

Call to Order

Andy Riemitis, President, opened the meeting

Approval of Minutes

The minutes as they appeared in the last Spotlight were approved

Presidents' Report – Andy Riemitis

Calendar of Events: Coordinating with John. If anyone wishes to host a meeting see John Richardson.

Membership: We are discussing ideas for more club exposure in order to increase membership. If anyone has new ideas, please let the board know. We presently have 98 members.

2025 Budget: The Board of Directors approved the 2025 budget. There will be a Board of Directors Zoom meeting Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 7:00 to further discuss expenditures.

1st Vice Presidents' report – Chris Stathopulo

No report at this time

2nd Vice Presidents' report – John Richardson

February meeting will be at Kip Motor Company

Potential future meetings are at a firehouse, at Summit racing, Richardson lake house or new home, Plano community outreach, public parks (when the weather is good), and the usual museum(s).

Other suggestions: a movie theater in Bishop Arts or meeting at the Cowgirl Museum in Fort Worth

It was also suggested that we consider meeting with other clubs, such as Model A, Pontiac etc.

If anyone wants to host a meeting or has a future meeting idea see John.

John reminded the group that we are invited by the Model A Club to join the Gainesville *Medal of Honor Parade* on April 12th. This will be a wonderful opportunity to gain public exposure and market our club to new members.

Treasurers' report – Debra Lankenau

Debra gave the Treasurer's report Of Dec. 1st – Dec 31st, 2024

Kip motioned that the report be accepted as read and Chris seconded it.

Secretary's report – Terry Hrehocik

Kip motioned to approve the minutes as published in the Spotlight, John seconded.

January Meeting Minutes

Tour Directors' report – George Lang

The Tune-up Tour will be in Southwest Ft. Worth in mid-March.

The Spring Tour will either be the Stage Coach Factory in Weatherford or the State Fishery in Athens in late May or early June.

AACA Divisional Tour – Kip Lankenau – The Runaway Scrape

Kip gave a short history of The Runaway Scrape. He explained that after the fall of the Alamo the Texians fled to escape Santa Anna. Our progressive tour will be following the same historic route that they took from San Antonio to San Jacinto. The tour will take place October 18 – 22. Kip also mentioned that after our tour, if anyone is so inclined, they can drive on to the 2025 Central Fall Nationals in Galveston that takes place Oct. 23 – 25.

Numerous Texas DFW Region members have offered and are already assisting in the planning and execution. Now we have a framework, we're looking forward to many hands and creative minds.

We welcome volunteers, Debra will have a list of the many things that they need help with.

Old Business

Pamela Crisson gave an update on this year's 71st Texas Tour sponsored by the Greenville AACA chapter that will take place May 15th – 18th. She said that they are planning many fun activities which includes bringing back the "Style Show". She also recommended that we make reservations early at the Best Western Plus Monica Royale Inn & Suites.

New Business

Kip and Debra introduced their guest, Marty Gentes.

Adjournment

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

Roger said the blessing before the meal

Respectfully submitted by,

Terry Hrehocik, 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

Roger Dennison

903-920-9003

roger.c.dennison@gmail.com



From Jeff Podmers...

Steve Chapman has a set of six Denman 700 x 18 White side wall tires available. They look nearly new with perhaps 5% wear at most. The rubber is still soft and there are no visible cracks, but they are 15 years old. They would look fine on a top show car and should be safe at any speed. But at that age, they probably should not go to a car that's driven frequently at high speeds. The price is right if a club member can use them. Make an offer to Steve Chapman at 214-354-6960.

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2025 CALENDAR

**Every 3rd Sunday at
2pm**

February 16 Meeting

Kip Motors

***March 16 Meeting
@Tune-up Tour***

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Pate Tile Party -

March 22

April Meeting—TBD

***Pate Swap Meet—April
24-26***

Medal of Honor

Parade—April 12

Gainesville

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May Meeting &

Texas Tour—May 15-18

Greenville

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Bug Tussle 2025

September 27-28

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Runaway Scrape Tour

Oct 18-22