

## The President's Report

The short month caught up with me. So here I am scrambling to get the Spotlight newsletter editors my article.

February started with Drive Your Triumph Day (DYTD) which is an international event that takes place around the world. Triumph owners take their Triumph cars out for a drive then send pictures in to a website where they are collected and posted for all to see. This year I got the TR7 down off the rack and made plans to have lunch with a fellow Triumph friend. In typical fashion the weather was somewhat misty, similar to England's weather, so the car ran well. We took pictures and submitted them to the website. Mission accomplished.



Your Texas DFW Region board was busy behind the scenes in February. The calendar was worked and reworked, the Runaway Scrape committee continued to refine details for the tour, while John worked hard to put together events for the remainder of the year. I want to thank John for his hard work. I have been a part of event planning for the past three years with other car clubs and I recognize what a challenge it can be.

Please make a note of the dates for our upcoming events and watch for updates as we may need to modify a few dates. Several of our Sunday meetings conflict with other local events and holidays. So again, PLEASE review the schedule and make note of the changes.

March brings us to the Tune-Up Tour and will bring one of the first calendar updates. The tour and the March general membership meeting will take place on the same day. I'm sure Jeff Podmers and his tour team are planning a great event. I understand it will be on the west side of the metroplex. We will end the tour at a meeting spot where we will hold our monthly meeting. Even if you choose not to drive the tour you will still be able to meet us for the festivities and general meeting afterwards.

Again, I reiterate, please check the schedule and mark your calendars with all the club events that are listed here in the Spotlight and also on the website.

I'm going to close so that I can send this off to the Spotlight editors to do their work on publishing the newsletter.

*Andy*



Next Meeting—March 16, 2025 !!

Tune-up Tour

See inside the Spotlight!

RSVP NEEDED !!





## February Monthly Meeting

*By John Richardson*

Well, the Spotlight Editor, and meeting reporter forgot to take any pictures at the Meeting and his co-editor, Jerry, wasn't there to remind him. Soooo, best I have to offer is this exciting prose.

It was a dark and stormy night....Ha

Once again, the Lankenau provided an outstanding space at their shop for the monthly meeting and social meal, and hosted the main dish of lasagna and meat and spaghetti. If you were fast enough you got lasagna, but since I was too slow I can only report that the spaghetti was outstanding. So will assume the same for the rest. The members provided the sides and desserts. Apparently there are many more members in the first half of the alphabet, so we ended up with lots! of desserts—not that anyone complained about that.

Once we got started the meeting was full of exciting information about the busy events we are going to have this year, starting with the **Tune-up Tour and March Meeting**.

We have 3 major tours—**Texas Tour, Bug Tussle and the soon to be famous Runaway Scrape**. Seriously, you can't miss out on any of them!

And of course we have **PATE**; our annual fundraiser and main source of income, with multiple events in both March and April.

We are so busy this spring that our **"Spring Tour"** will end up being in the summer. Probably June, but keep checking at the meetings and Spotlight.

Speaking about meetings.... The **March 16 meeting** will be at the end of the Tune-up Tour. You don't need to participate in the tour (but we want you to :-). Just join us for meeting and our social hour meal. See this Spotlight for details.

**April 27th meeting** will be after the **Pate Tile Pickup "Party" at Hard 8**. And **May 17th meeting** will be at the hotel where we are staying for the **Texas Tour**. Again, you don't have to participate in the Tour, but can drive up to Greenville to join us on Saturday afternoon before the Banquet.

July and August venues are available if you are interested in hosting.

One of the topics and focus this year is increasing our membership, and taking better care of new members. If you bring a new member in you are automatically a sponsor—charged with the care and feeding of the newbie(s) until they are well integrated into our activities. And for holding the rest of the leadership accountable for the same. It's not easy to get familiar with a club when so many members have been so for many years, some for generations.

# *Award Winner !!!*



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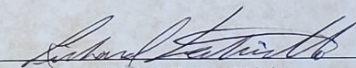
Region President

Chris Stathopulo

Webmaster

For superior achievement in improving relationships with their members  
and other antique automotive hobbyists through internet communications.



  
VP Regions & Chapters Website  
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# *Congratulations Chris!*



# *2025 Spring Tour and Meeting*

**Sunday March 16**

The tour will start at 11AM from 732 Merritt St River Oaks 76114. and cruise around Lake Worth area. On arrival please park in the back yard, with limited trailer parking.

The membership meeting will be at 2PM where the tour ends....1400 N Las Vegas Trail White Settlement 76108. The tour will be slow, so you can bring your most vintage car.

Hamburgers and hot dogs and watermelon will be provided by our hosts for the after the meeting social.

**If you have questions please contact Jeff Podmers**

**817 625 2061 or [jeff.bev50@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.bev50@gmail.com)**

**Kurt Tucker will be the emergency contact at 817 917 9756 during the tour**

**RSVP "[HERE](#)" Please, for going to the tour and meeting, or only the meeting. Need to know how many burgers/dogs we need...**

## *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:***

#### ***From the Lankenau:***

The crew at Kip Motor Company thanks all of you for coming to the meeting we hosted on Sunday, February 16. Hosting the club makes us clean up and re-arrange projects!

For those of you (Doyle) that wanted the recipe for the Spaghetti/Chili Mac, it is from the 1940 US Navy Cook Book. This link provides the dynamic recipe meaning you enter the number of people to serve and it automatically calculates quantities! I did substitute 1/3 amount of ground beef for ground Italian sausage. <https://www.cdktichen.com/recipes/recs/23/USNavyItalianSpaghetti65813.shtml>

Someone left a nice, white round ceramic dish I'd like to get to it's owner and a couple of plastic storage containers. Please email [debra@kipmotor.com](mailto:debra@kipmotor.com) if you'd like me to bring them to next meeting

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

We are so close to that wonderful time of year in Texas....Spring! Our DFW Region AACA sent e-Card to George Lang for his shoulder surgery which was on the 26th hoping his recovery is speedy and will have complete use of his arm for the upcoming Spring Tune- up Tour. It's always nice to see him driving his magnificent Thunderbird.

We also sent a note to Debra Mahanna wishing her well with new treatment plan and so glad she came to Kip and Debra's garage.

A thank you card was sent to the Lankenau for hosting the February meeting. A Thinking of You card was sent to Sandy Clayton hoping she will feel up to joining us at a future meeting ; we truly need her to lead cheers for our Bug TussleTrek in September and a Thinking of You card was sent to George and Martha Smith.

And last but not least a different kind of focus from the Sunshine chair....a big thank you to the a few people that may go unnoticed but make an impact on how well our club runs...our new secretary - Terry Hrehocik, our membership-Tammy Keith, our club greeter-Charlie Gambulous , our treasurer-Debra Lankenau and thank you to all directors! We so appreciate your time and effort to make this AACA one of the best in TEXAS! Plenty of Sunshine anticipated for this year with all the fun tours and meetings!

Please text, call or email your Sunshine chair on life events.  
Keep on the sunny side !!

Nuris



## ***New Members !!*** ***---Email Correction---***

Richard Cross & Karen Phillips    Arlington    [karenroxelana@gmail.com](mailto:karenroxelana@gmail.com)  
(Not karenroxeliana@gmail.com as was reported in the last Spotlight)

Apologies



## 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

# 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.

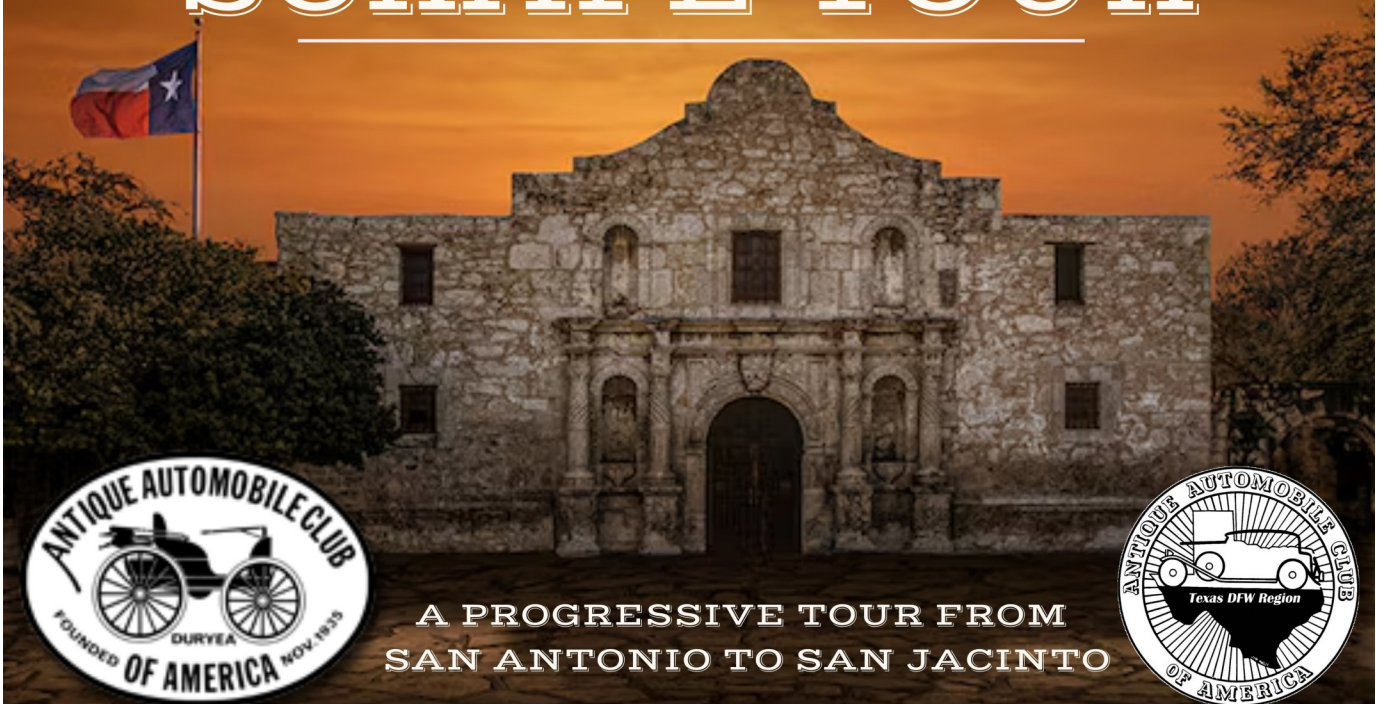
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# THE RUNAWAY SCRAPE TOUR



A PROGRESSIVE TOUR FROM  
SAN ANTONIO TO SAN JACINTO



OCTOBER 18 - 22, 2025  
[HTTPS://TEXAS-  
DFW.AACA.COM/RUNAWAYSCRAPE/](https://TEXAS-DFW.AACA.COM/RUNAWAYSCRAPE/)

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Registrar Tammy Keith  
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## *February Meeting Minutes*

DATE: Sunday, February 16, 2025

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Kip Motor Company

### 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

Membership - Andy recognized new members, Craig Ligon, Marty Gentes, Luke Lindley, Adrian Bordlemay. Tammy reported that as of today we are up to 74 members who have renewed their membership. She is getting renewals in the mail every day. So mailing out self addressed stamped envelopes was the key. She has also gotten back 3 members who have requested to drop out of the club based on health, age and getting rid of their cars. She is expecting at least 3 more to decline renewing also.

Andy announced that the board discussed purchasing a new PA system. Cole made a motion that we purchase a new system. Charlie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### Sunshine Report – Nuris Hester

Nuris made the Sunshine Report

### 1st Vice Presidents' report – Chris Stathopulo

Working website – Chris is supporting the Runaway Scrape with a landing page that contains general information, hotel accommodations, and a contact form.

### 2nd Vice Presidents' report – John Richardson

### Meetings:

Feb – Kip motors

Mar 16 – Tune-up Tour, will have a Zoom meeting for the board meeting earlier in the week. We will have the General Meeting after the Tour.

April 27<sup>th</sup> - General meeting at the Hard eight restaurant after tile pick-up

May 17<sup>th</sup> - before TT banquet – will be held in John and Linda's hotel suite before the TT banquet

June 15 – Richardson lake house

July, Aug, Sept – open

Oct 19 – Scrape?

Nov 16 – Palmer

Dec TBD - Brookhaven?

## Other events:

Pate tile party Mar 22

MOH Parade Apr 12

Pate Tile laydown Apr 19

Pate Apr 24-26

Pate Tile Pickup Apr 27 – [General meeting at the Hard eight restaurant after tile pick-up.](#)

TT May 15-18

BT Sept. 27-28

Spring Tour will likely be held late in May, after the Texas Tour.

## Treasurers' report – Debra Lankenau

Debra gave the treasurer's report, all accounts are current and good

## Secretary's report – Terry Hrehocik

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

## Tour Directors' report – George Lang

[The Spring Tour is undergoing negotiations with a hotel and with Wilson Coach Works which builds custom horse drawn coaches as well as stage coaches.](#)

Jeff stated that the Tune-Up Tour will start in River Oaks (his house) on March 16<sup>th</sup> (11:00am) and will end at the clubhouse at 1400 N Las Vegas Trail, White Settlement 76108, with our general club meeting afterwards.

## 2025 AACA National Tour – Kip Lankenau – The Runaway Scrape

Kip reported that the National Conference was a positive experience with a lot of interest in the Divisional Tour. He distributed nearly fifty trifolds to those persons who showed significant interest in attending. Everyone was very appreciative that our region stepped forward to host the tour.

A Runaway Scrape committee meeting was held the weekend before the AACA meeting in Charlotte and they have actively filled positions and coordinating activities. Still needed is someone to organize the re-enactors.

Debra reported that the registration for the tour will be on the AACA.org website. Our region website will host tour information.

Kip highly encouraged everyone to make hotel reservations as soon as possible. He will let everyone know as soon as the AACA.org registration is open.

The AACA Antique Automobile advertisement will appear in the March issue.

This is a historical immersion tour and the Tour Book will reflect that.

They haven't set a car limit yet, however, considering a limit of 50 cars.

## Old Business

Pamela Crisson reminded everyone to get their reservations in by April 1, 2025 for the 71<sup>st</sup> Texas Tour on May 15-18 2025, she also asked for volunteers for the event.

## New Business

Cole announced that plans for the Bug Tussle Tour (Sept. 27 & 28) are mostly concluded. The cities have been contacted and permits filed. The hotels have been booked and information on reservations will be posted soon. This 57<sup>th</sup> BT Tour will be entitled "Fall Infestation".

Charlie gave an update on PATE. They approved a 2025 budget of 15% over last year's expenses. They will also put some money in bonds/savings. There have been 700 – 800 spaces sold already. He stated that PATE is providing free 3' x 5' banner space for each club to advertise and asked if the club can approve money to purchase said banner.

Tammy reiterated that 74 people have renewed their membership with 22 people not yet resolved. Pre-addressed envelopes have been sent out to these unresolved. She stated that our goal for this year is to get 100 members, so she encouraged each member to try to sign up at least one new member. Several strategies to boost membership, such as targeting newly retired individuals, were discussed.

## Adjournment

Jeff motioned that the meeting be adjourned, John seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by

Terry Hrehocik, Secretary



**What happens when old car guys  
get sent to the hospital ...**



# **NTHC** **CAR** **SHOW**

Free Sign up



<https://tinyurl.com/2025NTHCarshow>

Scan to be a part  
of New Tech's  
Car Show

**March 28th, 2025**

**9:30am-2:30pm**

Set up at 9:00am

**New Tech High**

**@ Coppell**

113 Samuel Blvd,  
Coppell, TX 75019



**Manual Vasquez**  
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# 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...

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**

***March 16 Meeting  
@Tune-up Tour  
See in Spotlight***

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***Pate Tile Party -  
March 22***

***Medal of Honor  
Parade—April 12  
Gainesville***

***Pate Swap Meet—April  
24-26***

***April 27 Meeting @  
Pate Tile Pickup and  
Hard 8 BBQ***

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***May Meeting @  
Texas Tour—May 17***

***Bug Tussle 2025  
September 27-28  
Runaway Scrape Tour  
Oct 18-22***