

# the SPOTLIGHT

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## 2021 Christmas Party!



THE BEAUTIFUL ENTRANCE OF THE HERITAGE RANCH COUNTRY CLUB  
HERALDED OUR ARRIVAL FOR THE TEXAS REGION AACA CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our annual Christmas Party/ December Meeting had nice attendance and the food was excellent. Joel Roper, President, called the meeting to order and the 2022 nominees for leadership positions were voted into office. Colin Hiley, retiring from his long tenure as Treasurer, was presented a plaque for his service to the club.







Officers and directors for 2022 are: Back Row—Left to Right—Joel Roper—Outgoing President and now filling a Director position; Al Mahanna—Director; Jeff Podmers—Director; Colin Hiley—Outgoing treasurer and now 2nd Vice-President; Charlie Gambulos II—Bug Tussle Director; Nichole Gambulos—President; Cole Clayton—1st Vice-President; Kaiden Lenners—Treasurer; and Judy Kerr—Guysinger—Secretary.

First Row—Left to Right—Chris Stathopulo—Director; Charles Gambulos III (Future Officer), and Kathy Clayton—Director.

Not pictured, but volunteered for Tour Director were the trio of Betty Dawson, Pat Kollie, and Charlotte Goforth.



Charlie & Sandie Gambulos I



John & Denise Velde



Linda & Jerry Smith



Carey & Sue Frisby



Claire Clayton & Kaiden Lenners



Al & Debra Mahanna





Gary & Judy Guysinger



George & Martha Smith



Betty Dawson & Ken Begley



Pat & Larry Kollie



Shawn McBride



Charlotte & Sam Goforth



Larry & Kimberly Wagliardo



Linda & Chris Stathopulo



Phil & Sandy Clayton



Colin Hiley



Kim & Tammy Keith



Lynda & John Richardson





Kathy & Cole Clayton



Kip & Debra Lankenau



Colin Connely, Bev & Jeff Podmers



Out-going president, Joel Roper. Thanks for holding us together these past 2 years!



Our new president, Nichole Gambulos with husband Charlie II and son Charles III

**And what would a classic car event be without a few classics in attendance??**



Colin Connely's '49 Packard



Kim & Tammy's '49 Cadillac along with Joel's '31 Chevrolet





Jerry and Linda's '49 Ford Pickup



John and Lynda's '59 Ford Skyliner



Chris & Linda's '67 Firebird



Carey & Sue's '88 Firebird

**And finally, a few random shots...**





## From the teacher's desk...

Greetings and Salutations, Texas Region!

As I write this before Christmas, my hope is that everyone is enjoying some much needed rest and family time. It seems wild that I would be sitting here composing this letter. I certainly did not realize such an enthusiastic group of antique loving car people existed! I really started thinking about all the moving parts to get to this point over the last decade. One little advertisement for Bug Tussle in the AAA Texas Magazine put in by my dad's high school classmate was certainly fortuitous as you'll see.



I would have never gone to Paris, Texas if my dad hadn't briefly lived there in high school after the Ford Tractor Division offered my grandfather an opportunity to come down from Rochester, Michigan. Some years later, my dad and grandfather purchased a mostly restored 1966 Mustang for senior year. I hadn't driven it much since college, so we went to Bug Tussle in 2010 to have some fun and for Dad to see some old friends. We sat in the back where Dad won farthest driver and I beat some guy named the Wagon Master for Youngest Driver. We did not return again for a few years but fondly enjoyed our father-daughter bonding. I had just finished a large civil engineering project and was switching gears to teach a little and do grad school, so Dad had many thoughts on that subject.

After losing our registration information, we found Bug Tussle again in 2014 as I was in my first week of teaching engineering full time at a local high school. Literally, he drove up from Kingwood to my school and picked me up. Dad and I talked the whole way from Garland to Paris about the career change and its implications for my future. As a retired engineer, I assure you he had many thoughts to share on the matter. This time, we participated in more socializing and met some fun people like Doug and Susie Siminoe and George and Martha Smith. They were so outgoing and funny as all get out. Dad wore Doug out talking about his truck! I also saw some guy bouncing all over the place helping people with their luggage or moving vehicles, etc. He seemed to be everywhere but I didn't know his name. We went our separate ways but since he had the registration forms, he was quick to follow up and we were on a date in less than a month. I would have never guessed that Bug Tussle would be such a huge part of my August social calendar at that point! Anyways, a few Bug Tussles and Texas Tours have passed and I think I'm fully entrenched.

Currently, I teach half days for a private, parochial school during the week and drafting design at UTA on Saturdays. I am also starting out as assistant registrar for Pate. It's going to be a busy year and I am looking forward to it. Charles is 4.5 now, for those keeping count. He is full of energy and opinions, not sure which parent he gets that from! Charlie and I enjoy him so much.

I want to conclude by thanking outgoing President, Joel Roper, for his even keeled leadership during the unique time period that has been the last two years. I also want to thank you all for welcoming me into the fold and for humoring my crazy Bug Tussle themes (hello, Moon Pies anyone? Mardi Gras?). Wishing you all good health and prosperity in the new year!

**Nichole**

# December General Meeting of the AACA-Texas Region

## December 11, 2021 12:00 at Heritage Ranch Golf Club in Fairview, TX

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Joel Roper, president, opened the meeting. He asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the last general meeting as posted in the Spotlight. There were none and the minutes were approved.

Colin Hiley, treasurer, gave the November financial report.

There were no names given from the sunshine committee. There were members that had previously been on the sunshine committee list that were in attendance and it was noted that it was good to see them.

Kathy Clayton, membership chairperson, said that about 50 percent of the members had sent in their money for membership. She wanted to encourage the rest to send theirs in as soon as possible but certainly before December 31.

Colin Hiley gave an update on the Southwest Swap Meet. All the rights to the name, logos, and any other item attached to the swap meet had been sold to an individual for \$5,000. There were miscellaneous bills and some vendor's deposits to be returned. After that was done it left \$1500 each for the originating clubs to have.

Charlie Gambulos did not have any new information about the Pate Swap meet. There is to be an organizational meeting in February.

Joel noted that there was a need for people to sign up to host a meeting in the coming year. As of now the Pump House was not available for meetings. The January meeting was in need of a host and location.

Joel thanked everyone for the support that he had received during his two years of being president.

He presented the roster of nominees for the 2022 board of directors and noted that it had been posted in the Spotlight. The roster is as follows:

- President - Nicole Gambulos
- 1st Vice President - Cole Clayton
- 2nd Vice President - Colin Hiley
- Treasurer- Kaiden Lenners
- Secretary - Judy Kerr-Guysinger
- Director - Kathy Clayton
- Director - Al Mahanna
- Director - Jeff Podmers
- Director - Joel Roper
- Director - Chris Stathopulo
- Bug Tussle/Pate - Charlie Gambulos II
- Tour Director - open

Nominations were requested from the floor. Pat Kollie said that she would be the Tour Director with the assistance of Charlotte Goforth and Betty Dawson. The nominees were unanimously approved as the board for 2022.

The meeting was adjourned. George Smith said a prayer!

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Kerr-Guysinger, Secretary

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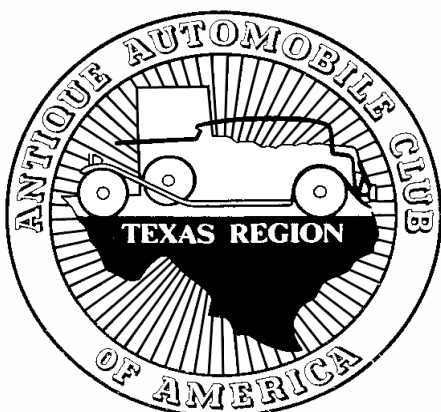
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## 2022 CALENDAR

**January 16**—Monthly Meeting TBD

**March 31-April 3**—Texas Tour (see announcement on page 9)

**2022**—Events and Dates to be announced. Be watching The Spotlight each month.





## Editor's Notes

The club has done great supplying me with articles, classified ads, pictures, etc. these past two years. I hope you will keep this stuff coming my way. I really like original articles that have a personal touch to them. We have many, many members with interesting stories to tell. I hope you enjoyed the series earlier in 2021 about Kip and the Sopwith. While that was not about a classic car, it was about a vehicle, albeit an airplane. John Richardson's story about his '59 Skyliner (The Spotlight, July 2021) was another great contribution to The Spotlight. There are a number of fascinating stories out there waiting to be shared in The Spotlight — send them in to me, along with pictures.

My general monthly schedule for publication is putting the newsletter mostly together the third week of the month and then adding the finishing touches during the fourth week with the goal of publishing by the last day of the month. Send your "stuff" to [roger.c.dennison@gmail.com](mailto:roger.c.dennison@gmail.com).

You will notice on page 8 that the calendar looks a little skimpy. The club has always been dependent on members stepping forward to host monthly meetings. It's a little more difficult since Covid as the Pump House on White Rock Lake is no longer available. We only need meeting hosts 10 times a year [not April due to Pate and not December due to the annual Christmas Party]. This will be a huge help to Nichole!

See the announcement below about the Texas Tour coming up in only 3 months. We always have a good turnout for this.

Don't forget about the Classifieds. If you have a car related item to sell or buy, let me post it in The Spotlight Classifieds.

Finally, keep in mind that our Sunshine Chair doesn't magically know about health issues. Nuris Hester does a great job keeping up with folks, but she can't keep up with what she doesn't know about. Be sure and let her know of what's going on in the lives of our members! Her phone number can be found on page 8.

Roger Dennison  
Editor, The Spotlight

## Texas Tour 2022

**The 68th Annual Texas Tour will be held in  
Harlingen, TX March 31—April 3, 2022**

If you have not already received an email about the tour then please contact the Rio Grande Valley AACA club at [aaca.rgv.chapter@gmail.com](mailto:aaca.rgv.chapter@gmail.com) and they will add you to their Tour mailing list.

The host hotel is the Hilton Garden Inn in Harlingen. [ (956)428-1400 ]. Let them know you are part of the 68th Texas Tour in order to receive the discounted rate.

Single Occupancy is \$139/night (includes a daily breakfast voucher)

Double Occupancy is \$149/night (includes 2 daily breakfast vouchers)



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# Spotlight Classifieds



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