

Dear AACA Texas Region Members,

I could write this and tell you all what an adventure it has been marrying into a car club family but some of you have done the same thing. I could write this and tell you how challenging it has been to scrape together meetings during a post covid year but who wants to hear that?

Instead, I'll just say thanks! I've enjoyed getting to know you all over the past few years and giving back to the group of people who are happy to share the hobby.. I am thankful for your friendship, welcoming me into the group, the gift of an amazing baby shower, and humoring my sometimes successful attempts to modernize Bug Tussle and Texas Tour.

As I move into more involvement with Pate this year, I'm looking forward to utilizing my skill set to facilitate registration. I'm so thankful for the opportunity to grow in this capacity and bring our club out of trash duty and into the "air conditioned" splendor of registration.

I am also most thankful for the car club members who reached out to the Charlies during this season of change. We bought the house next to car club member Ann Diltz Reznicek and just spent our first few nights there this week. Since this is in print, I am committing to hosting a meeting in 2023! Ann has been a blessing as a new neighbor and we are most thankful for that.

In closing, I pray that you all have a prosperous and healthy new year. I look forward to the future and of course, seeing a great many of you at Bug Tussle - which is August 26-27, 2023.

In service,
Nichole

AACATR 2022 President

2023 President's remarks:

Jan 2, 2023

Cole's Chronicles:

Happy New Year to a great bunch of old car enthusiasts and an organization that I am proud to be associated with!

I am very excited you elected me to serve as your president in 2023. Those that have come before me have left some very large shoes to fill, both literally and figuratively. Many thanks to 1985 past president Phil Clayton (with his size 16 shoes) for the introduction to the club, and all the rest who have, or continue to support our car club with their hard work and wisdom.

I am sure this will be a great year for our club. We will need to evolve as a club to ensure we retain our members and attract some new members. Covid is over, it's time to get involved. With the activities we are planning – I am sure that will happen.

I would like 2023 to be a year we put the emphasis of the **fun** we have with our treasures, our autos, back into the Spotlight for all to enjoy. We need to drive those old cars, talk to new members, and have a great time doing it.

We have an immediate opening for the first VP position and the Tour director. I sure would appreciate one of you stepping forward to assist the club as VP. Let's work together to make this year one of its best.

The Tour director may be the most important position in the club. The members join a car club to enjoy their cars with all the great car people we have. Nothing is more fun than an interesting and exciting tour! We need a Tour Director with the ability to find us an open road with destinations to explore. This year's tour director will be presented with a specially designated "AACA Texas Region Tour Director" jacket. I know you are reading this, please call me to get the excitement started, we need your jacket size!

I'm revved-up and ready to go. I pray we will have a healthy, and adventurous year ahead. Let's drop the clutch and make time to engage in the hobby we all enjoy so much.

Cole Clayton

AACATR 2023 President

**Phil Clayton,
Cole's Dad, and
Cole in another
classic!**



Christmas Meeting and Luncheon

Roger & Susan and 1953 Packard



Tammy & Kim and 1949 Cadillac

Thanks to **Martha and George Smith**, it was a wonderful and well done Christmas Luncheon and meeting at the Hideaway Club House. Decorations were beautiful and the meal was delicious. As you can see there were a few that braved the cold and distance with their vintage car and beautiful ones they were!! Well, except for **Roger**, who drove all the way from Hideaway...



Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas season and a Happy New Year !!



Xmas "Dress-Up" can mean many things ...

By the level of noise everyone enjoyed the meal and comradery, and after the meal, continued to share holiday cheer for a while. Before we left our tables, **Nichole** conducted the meeting - which was predominately getting approval for the new club officers. Deservedly, she received several rounds of applause for her outstanding contribution this past year as president, and her promises of continued support and participation with Pate and Bug Tussle! Again, thanks to **Martha**, party favors were handed out to all participants – and **Nichole's** last official act was to act as club Santa Claus.

Speaking of officers, we still need a **VP** and **Tour Director**. Without a Tour Director we may have a dry year on tours, so chip in and help. Tour Director isn't responsible for initiating and directing all tours – just organizing at the top and helping Tour Managers put one together. And maybe doing one...

And again, speaking of tours, Jerry Smith and I wanted to suggest that members think of “Pop-Up” events. Say you wanted to invite the club members to meet at your favorite nearby ‘out of town’ diner or picnic area some fine afternoon. We could, through the newsletter, if planned in advance, or through an email blast, invite everyone to your Pop-Up. No ‘Tour’ planning needed, just some initiative on your part in advance to share with others where you love to go with your vintage cars!



Thanks to **John and Denise Velde**, we have a location and another well planned event for the January meeting. More info in this newsletter. And we will be using the **RSVP** system again to help **John and Denise** plan properly. Please use it!

But, to this reporter’s knowledge we have no other month’s taken for hosting a meeting. Please contact **Cole Clayton** (contact info below) if you would like to reserve a month to host. It is always appreciated by everyone.

And on calendars, Jerry and I would like to include **Crossover** activities in our calendar – meetings or events by other clubs where AACA members would be welcome. It could be a tour, meeting or show that caters to the vintage car set. Please send suggestions to the new Spotlight email address: AACATRSpotlight@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted by John Richardson



What time of day was Adam born?

Just a little before EVE....

What’s so funny about forbidden fruits?.....

They create many Jams....

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Hideaway ClubHouse, Hideaway, Tx.

Nichole Gambulos, president, opened the meeting.

She thanked everyone for their efforts and contributions to making this a successful year.

She presented the roster of nominees for the 2023 board. It was requested that if anyone would like to make an additional nomination to please do so. There were none. The roster was as follows:

President- **Cole Clayton**

First Vice President- **Open**

Second Vice President- **Charlie Gambulos, II**

Secretary- **Judy Kerr-Guysinger**

Treasurer- **Kaiden Lenner**

Directors: **Nichole Gambulos, Joel Roper, Jeff Podmers, Chris Stathopulo, Al Mahanna**

Tour Director: **Open**

Pate Swap Meet/BugTussle: **Charlie Gambulos, II**

Membership Chairperson: **Kathy Clayton**

A motion was made by Kipp Lankennauger to approve the roster. It was seconded by Roger Denison. The motion was unanimously approved.

- A budget meeting will be held in January at which time the 2023 budget will be determined.
- The Velde's are hosting the January meeting in Carrollton. The featured main dish will be chili and hot dogs. If you would like to bring your favorite chili, please let Denise Velde know. Otherwise, bring complimentary side dishes. More details will follow in the Spotlight.
- Charlie and Nichole Gambulos are hosting a spring meeting in their new home in Rowlett.
- Nichole Gambulos is the registrar for the Pate Swap Meet.
- The Pate website should be up and running by the end of the month.
- Nichole was thanked for her hard work as president during this past year.
- George and Martha Smith were thanked for hosting the Christmas meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

A blessing was said.

If you have a car, truck or parts to sell, put them in the Spotlight!

If you're working on something and need parts, put them in the Spotlight!

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January 15, 2023 Meeting Info

The **AACA-Texas Region January 15, 2023**, meeting will be in our neighborhood clubhouse at 2727 Country Place Drive in Carrollton. The Clubhouse has an oven, microwave, refrigerator and ice maker for our use. We will set up tables and chairs and have power strips for crockpots.

Hosts will be **John & Denise Velde**, cohosts will be **Carey & Sue Frisby**.

Parking is limited. The Clubhouse is tucked back from the street so look for our **AACA** signs to help guide your way.

Please bring chili OR if chili is not your thing, bring things to go with chili such as beans, salads, rice, guacamole, cornbread, or appetizers or desserts. We will provide hot dogs, buns, cheese, onions, relish, mustard, and Fritos. Soft drinks, tea and bottled water will also be available.

RSVPs are necessary, and we need to know if you are bringing a chili dish so we can supplement if needed.

RSVP to: johnvelde2@gmail.com or click on

<https://forms.gle/72xrY7fuYMCr7kEr5> -

Directions to: Country Place Clubhouse

2727 Country Place Drive

Carrollton, Texas 75006

Approaching from the South:

From LBJ/635, take the Marsh Lane exit heading **north**. Proceed north on Marsh Lane until you cross Belt Line Road. Country Place Drive crosses Marsh Lane, several blocks north of Belt Line Road. There is a signal light at Belt Line, a light at Arapaho Rd, and at Country Place Drive just after crossing a set of railroad tracks.

Turn Left on Country Place Drive and the third right side opportunity to turn is the entry to the office/clubhouse/pro shop area. Bear to the left for parking, and additional parking is at the pro shop. Look for **AACA** signs at the entry and towards the clubhouse.

Approaching from the North:

From George Bush Tollway, take the Marsh Lane exit heading south. Proceed south several miles until you cross Keller Springs Road, which has a signal light.

There will be a light at Carriage Lane, then a light at Country Place Drive. Turn right on Country Place Drive and the third opportunity to turn right is the entry to the office/clubhouse/pro shop area. Bear to the left for parking, and additional parking is at the pro shop. Look for **AACA** signs at the entry and towards the clubhouse.

WE look forward to seeing you HERE!!

Do you have a project that you're working on or have you added to your old car collection lately? Let us know and we'll let the club know. Maybe you can send in a picture and short description?

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Editor's Comments:

new email address: AACATRSPOTLIGHT@gmail.com

As new Co-Editors of the Spotlight, Jerry and John would like to try and introduce some new things into the monthly newsletter, and eagerly await your feedback and comments on our initiatives. As mentioned in the December meeting notes we'd like to include other clubs' activities or shows appropriate to vintage cars and/or which may be of interest to our members in the calendar.

We're including a **Sunshine Report**, since there are many members that don't or are unable to attend the monthly meeting. We would prefer to move the President's Message to the front of the letter, to help set the tone and direction.

And most of all, we'd like to include a monthly "**Member Spotlight**" to share background info on both new and senior members of the club. The objective is to help other's know more about their experiences with vintage cars, and help new members know who's who and vis-versa!

Please give us some (honest) feedback and suggestions to our new Spotlight email address: AACATRSpotlight@gmail.com.

Last, but not least, we would like to thank **Roger Dennison** for his level of commitment and service to the club for being the sole Spotlight Editor for the past 3 years. We are just realizing the amount of work we have taken on, and are in awe of **Roger** (and **Carey Frisby** before him). Many, many thanks!!

Dates to remember:

Pate Swap Meet— April 27, 28, 29

Bug Tussle Trek— August 26, 27

Attending a car show in your area? Let us know so that we can let the club know. Others of us may want to join you or at least be aware of it.

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Dear AACA members, Wishing you all bountiful blessings of health and joy and fun car meetings!

Ira and I were sorry to miss the wonderful Christmas party at Hideaway Bay Country Club but **Ira** was recuperating from Bronchoscopy/lung biopsy from the day before . Know all who gathered were rewarded by good food and great friends.

Just a quick formal note saying we sent Note of condolence to **Charlie Gambulous** on passing of **Sandie** as mentioned at the October meeting but also sent thank you note to **Ann Reznicek** for the life celebration gathering in honor of **Sandie** . It was a sweet time to remember the many fun times we had with **Sandie** at the AACA tours and monthly meetings.

It was good to see **John Richardson** stretching his knee after a successful surgery and are grateful he will be part of our spotlight team with Jerry.

Just last week we were able to visit with **Chad Hannah** after his successful stent surgery of a few months ago; he is recovering strength and hoping he and **Mona** can attend future meetings.

By the time you all receive this report we will be into **2023!** **Happy New Year!** So please don't forget to advise me of life events of your fellow AACA members. Send me email : iranuris@verizon.net , text 817-846-8995 or leave message at home 817-431-8835.



Did you know they had cars in Jesus time?

Yep, the Bible says the disciples were all of one Accord.....

Share funnies ... AACATRSpotlight@gmail.com

This Month's Member Article:

by John Richardson



AACA-TR participated in a small way in the annual **Plano Rotary's "Flags of Honor" Stars and Stripes Car Show** on November 12th in Plano. **John Richardson** represented with his 1931 Ford Model A pickup and handed out back issues of **AACA Magazine** and a flyer created by **John** and **Roger Dennison** that linked to a Special Edition of the Spotlight. Created for the Sweethearts and Orphans Car Show hosted by TR in Waxahachie, the edition highlights the club, it's members and activities. The Special Edition and flyer needs to be updated for more generic purposes, which John and Jerry Smith will take on. **John's '31** got a 'Top 15' award, but the top prize was for a 1970 Super Bee. The event was to honor and remember **veterans and first responders** lost in the line of duty. In addition to the car show the Salvation Army Brass Band played, Paws for Patriots displayed their dogs, a children's choral group sang and the Plano JROTC Drill Team put on a show. Be sure and tune in next year at the Plano Oak Point Park near Veteran's Day.

Picture of John by Jerry Smith.

Introducing our new club President:

Cole Clayton and wife Kathy

Please say hello to these two next time you see them!!

Cole and Kathy have been Pontiac people ever since the Trans-Maró. The Trans-Maró story will follow in future Spotlights!!



Member Spotlight—Carey and Sue Frisby



Jerry Smith and John Richardson, new 2023 Co-Editors of the Spotlight, have embarked on a **“get to know you better”** request to the members. Alas, Sue and I have been selected to be the “trial balloon”! So here goes....

During our working and child raising years, I did not have much time to restore or even own an older car. Many years later, both Sue and I had retired and had moved back to the Dallas area. I heard about an auction of a man’s car collection over near Longview. I went with no intention of buying anything, just sounded interesting. The cars were really a bunch of junk, the only interesting car was a 1931 Chrysler CD8 that looked mighty rough, but I fell in love and outbid the guy who was going to use it to make a hot rod. The original car is shown below. Sue wanted to know how much they paid me to haul it away!

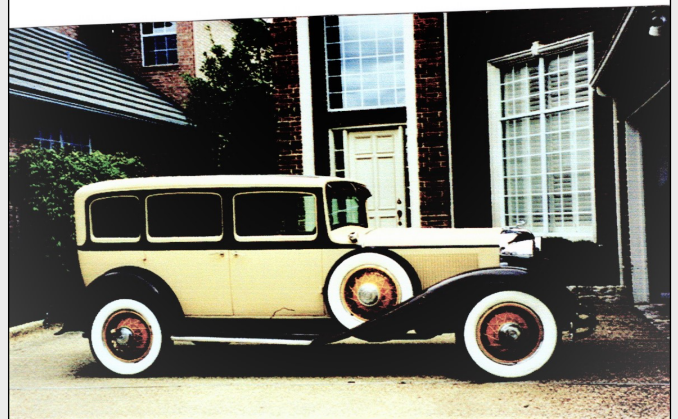
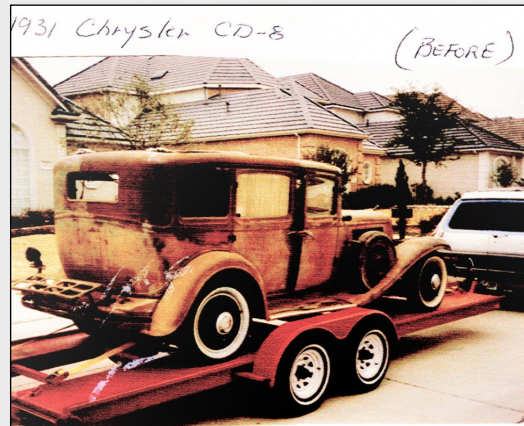
Seven years later I finally finished the car and we took it on our first Bill Denman tour down to Central Texas. I must say it was a scary trip, wondering if it would make tall the way. It didn’t, lost the water pump bearing, ran out of gas, but made it home.

Early on, we had visited the local Chrysler Club which was focused on muscle cars and they really were not a “happening” club. We then visited Texas Region AACA and were warmly welcomed and even though we

did not have a finished car to drive, it made no difference. Bill Denman, Chuck Murphy, and Gordon Hofstra were instant helpers over the years and made lot’s of problems an easier fix.

My next project was a 1931 Chrysler Coupe with Rumble seat. Paint job, new tires and a few minor repairs and away we went on our first Texas Tour down in Central Texas.

Unfortunately, as the years have passed by, we found ourselves wanting a better touring car. Our next purchase was a really impressive 1964 Ford Thunderbird. It was supposedly restored, but I never quit working on it. The sensors and convertible top mechanisms were a nightmare!





A car enthusiast friend of mine thought a complete restoration of the T-Bird would be a fun project and make him some money. I readily swapped the car for his 1975 Buick Delta Royal Convertible with only 8000 miles on the odometer. We drove the Buick for many years to meetings and led tours. It was a great car and so dependable. Our member, Chip Neel, should agree as he now owns the Buick.



The following pic is the Edsel Hardtop that I bought thru EBAY (never again). The Edsel was a restored car needing restoration. The body was OK, new paint job and the upholstery was great, but so many little problems.



I eventually replaced all the lower end components and John Velde came over and helped me install disk brakes. It was a fun car, everyone wondered what it was, Edsel being only a three year production car.

So, here we were, club enthusiasts and no car to drive. So, Sue and I grabbed a plane ride to Pennsylvania and spent three days walking the Hershey car corral, searching for a replacement car. I didn't want a car I had to work on because we had sold our farm where I had the shop and living in a retirement community, garage space was limited.

WE found the 1988 Pontiac Firebird with only 3400 actual miles and bought it on the site. I had it shipped back and after a good cleaning we have enjoyed driving it on tours and going to meetings.

Members since the late 1990's, we have enjoyed the friendship with other members, loved the tours, and always looked forward to the club's activities. Sue held the membership position for several years and I have been Tour Director, Board member, Spotlight Editor, and President during our time in the club. I cannot remember why or how I became editor, I just loved the job, enjoyed taking pictures and highlighting the tours and meetings. I always tried to include member's cars in the publication because— "Who doesn't want to see a picture of their car?" I cannot imagine how some members are going to write about their cars because they have so many and have restored so many over the years. But sure would be nice to see and hear about their restorations!!

Directors and Officers 2023

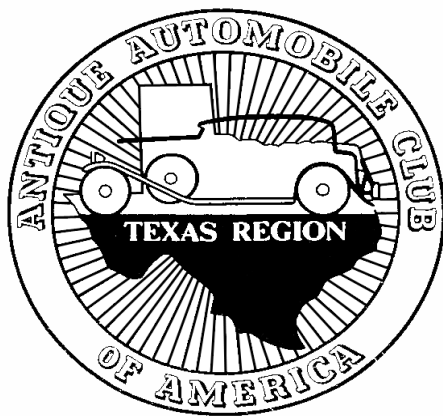
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2023 Calendar

Monthly meetings held on 3rd Sunday at 2PM

Jan 15— monthly meeting	Jul 16—monthly meeting
Feb 19— monthly meeting	Aug 25,26—Bug Tussle Trek
Mar19— monthly meeting	Sep 17—monthly meeting
Apr 16— To be determined	Oct 15—monthly meeting
Apr 27,28,29— Pate Swap meet	Nov 19—monthly meeting
May 21—monthly meeting	Dec Christmas party date to be determined
June 18—monthly meeting	

Spotlight Classifieds



God Bless America

Random Stuff whether parts and/or information, share here.

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