

President's Report

Cole's Chronicles October 2023

Holy smokes, where did September go? We have a lot going on in the club right now. What a beautiful late September weather weekend. I sure hope we have one just like it on the 2024 Bugtussle!

Next weekend, Oct 7th -Oct. 8th is the Fall Tour. I don't think the weather could be any better. The fall tour will include drives from the McKinney area to Hugo, OK. We need more of you guys to join the rest of us to have some fun. Its not too hot, the holidays are still a long way off, and this is the last tour of the year. You can drive any car on the tour, all you have to bring is the desire to have a good time. I see we have lots of old cars that need to be run down the road a little, it's not too late to join us for this tour. Come on!

I spoke to a lot of members on the phone this week that I haven't been able to catch up with in a long time. We have some of the greatest members, but I realized during this process that we normally only see about 45 of our 100+ members in our meetings. I appreciate your patience as we collected the number of votes needed to have a majority voicing their opinion on the Club name change. Currently over 64 have voted 'yes' to the move to AACA Texas DFW Region. I'll report detail results at our October meeting.

We need some input on what we could do to get more participation in club events. Our last meeting at Brady and Vicky Richard's house had neat cars everywhere to look at, superb BBQ, and plenty of room. What a great set up! Please let me know what you think can be done to increase our participation in club activities!!

I will be selecting a nominating committee soon, to discuss opportunities with membership who can run for our various office positions to make our club even better. Consider taking a position and help us make the club even better next year. Our **collective wisdom is massive** in our club, let's make sure we get the opportunity to benefit from it by having **more of you** involved in 2024!

September Meeting

By John Richardson

Once again we had an exciting venue for our monthly meeting at the car barn/workshop of **Brady and Vicki Richard**. Part museum, part workshop and all amazing, Brady and Vicki provided great accommodations for our meeting with excellent and well presented food, table and chairs. As always, members go to see some of the great classics that the Richards have collected, now including a Locomobile – which is also on the AACA National magazine cover this month! Brady started up the beautiful car for the enjoyment of fascinated members. The Locomobile, which started as a steam driven vehicle, was built between 1899 and 1929 and at the time was one of the fastest cars around.

The meeting itself was full of information and activity. As reported by Judy in the minutes (included in this Spotlight) there were proposed and accepted changes to the Club name and date of 2024 Bug Tusle Trek. The change to BT Trek was voted on and accepted in the meeting, but the name change requires a more formal majority vote of all members as it is included in the by-laws.

Breaking News: As of publishing, we have a majority of members voting “yes” to the name change of the Club to AACA Texas DFW Region. This is to distinguish our club from what are now 7 other Texas Region clubs and focus new and non-member interest on the greater metroplex, vs what may be a confusing name of just ‘Texas Region’. This change will take time as it also needs to be accepted by AACA National, and over time our publications, websites, and material will need to be modified.

We also had a good showing of member’s vintage and classic cars this month. The weather was accommodating and the Richard’s place easy to get to. It’s always fun to see our members show in their favorite (or working at the time) cars. And this time, along with Brady’s cars, offered quite the sight.



September Meeting cont'd



We had new guests – always welcome – and members are always encouraged to bring a guest to the meetings. Even if they don't plan on joining, we have plenty of food and love to share our club and fellowship with anyone that has an interest. Also Fred and Linda Cruz are formally re-joining the club and we are glad to see them back.

Please see in this Spotlight information about the October meeting as well as info about the Fall Tour.

ITS NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN US ON THE FALL TOUR!!

Thanks again to Brady and Vicki for the September meeting hosting and we are lucky as a club to have their award winning cars to represent our club.

Please see articles in the Spotlight on the Fall Tour, Christmas Party and October meeting.



AACA TEXAS REGION FALL TOUR

Saturday October 7th — Sunday October 8th

YOU CAN STILL GO ON THE FALL TOUR! JUST SEND AN EMAIL TO DENISE VELDE denisevelde@gmail.com AND MAKE A HOTEL RESERVATION FOR YOURSELF. IT'S JUST THAT EASY !!

The AACA Texas Region Fall Tour will be a leisurely drive from North Texas to Hugo, Oklahoma via back roads departing from Buc-ee's on US 75, Exit 45, north of McKinney, Texas. Be ready to leave promptly at 9:30 AM. The plan is to have two stops, the first at Bonham, at an Exxon station, about one hour after leaving Buc-ee's. The next stop will be about 75 miles to Boswell, Oklahoma at a nice Choctaw station. From there it is a short drive to Hugo and lunch at Angie's Circus City Diner. Total miles to Hugo from Buc-ee's is about 120 miles.

After lunch we will drive a short distance back through town to the Frisco Depot Museum which is a fascinating array of period items on the history of Hugo and the influence of the circus business and the railroad. Your tour package will include some information on the "Harvey Girls" which will also be well represented in the museum collection.

From the museum we will drive to Paris, Tx and the Holiday Inn for our overnight. At the Inn we will have Happy Hour at 5-6 PM, depending on our arrival time and check in. Later, we will order in pizza and salads for a "stay in" dinner in the hospitality room. Water will be provided, so BYOB, be it soft or hard!

Note: *Hotel Reservations need to be made by September 7* to get the good rate of \$98 (\$113.68 with tax). Rate goes to \$129++ after that. Reservations **MUST** be cancelled by OCT 4 (72 hrs) or room will be charged to your credit card.

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

903-785-0088 will be the best number to call. Please ask for reservations to be created in the AACA Fall Tour group block.

Booking link: [AACA Fall Tour-BookingLink-HolidayInnExpressParisTX](#)

Comfort Inn & Suites (overflow)

903-785-0089 will be the best number to call! Please ask for reservations to be created in the AACA Fall Tour group block.

Booking Link: <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/PD77M2>

September Meeting Minutes

By Judy Kerr-Guysinger

Minutes of the Texas Region AACA September General Meeting

PLACE: Brady and Vicki Richard

DATE: Sunday, Sep 17, 2023

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

[Cole Clayton](#), president, called the meeting to order.

He announced that the treasurer, Kaiden Lenners, could not be at the meeting due to COVID but sent word that the treasury was in good stance. A more specific report will be available next month after the Bugtussle bills are finalized and the Pate check is deposited.

Cole thanked all the people who volunteered for Bugtussle and helped to make it a success.

[Kathy Clayton](#), membership chairperson, announced that there are now 102 members.

Guests included Jack Melton, Kevin Shannon, and Chris and Lee Touseid.

Renewed members Fred and Linda Cruz were also introduced.

The Fall Tour is coming up. John and Denise Velde are the directors of this tour. It will be Oct. 7 and 8. It will travel to Hugo, Oklahoma with a pizza party at the hotel on Saturday night. Thus far, only 10 cars have signed up.

More participation is encouraged.

Denise Velde announced that sheets with member's participation points reported were available at the meeting. The number of points will be made final after the Christmas meeting/party. The number of participation rewards will be determined after the number of points is determined.

Cole suggested that the club name be enhanced by adding "DFW" somewhere in the name. This would save confusion with other AACA clubs in Texas. Originally our club was the first AACA chapter in Texas but now that there are others our club name needs more definition. A significant name change would have to be amended in the by-laws. Kip Lankenau suggested that by placing "DFW" at the end of the current name would not require an amendment to the by-laws.

The proposed enhanced names were "Texas DFW AACA Region" or "DFW AACA Texas Region". It was stated that if we change the name that the change would immediately be sent to the national AACA regional representative who in turn will present it for approval at the October national AACA board meeting.

There was a vote taken and the name "Texas DFW AACA Region" won the majority of the votes. However, John Richardson made the observation that it would be necessary to have a quorum present at the meeting to vote on a name change. There were only 41 members present out of 102 members. This was not a quorum. The by-laws state that all should have an opportunity to vote. It was agreed that a letter/e-mail will be sent out with a survey and opportunity to vote.

September Meeting Minutes

By Judy Kerr-Guysinger

Charlie Gambulos, II was congratulated on being elected to the position of vice-president of the Pate board.

Charlie gave an update on Pate. The club's portion of Pate this year was just received. It is for \$8,500.90. It is about \$1,000 more than anticipated. There are plenty of vendors for Pate but the need is for more foot traffic. Currently the daily attendance is approximately 130,000 people. It was agreed that advertisement was the key to increased attendance. A "bail out clause" was included with the contract with Good Guys.

Cole noted that the use of the extra \$1,000 from Pate will be further determined as soon as the budget is updated with the payment of Bugtussle bills.

Cole said that he needed volunteers for the nominating committee. Please contact him if you are interested.

The facilitation of the Texas Tour will be discussed in depth at the October meeting.

Cole suggested that the Bugtussle date be changed into the fall due to the extreme heat in August. Considering and not overlapping with other important events which include Hershey and the Coastal Cruise, the weekend of September 28 was suggested. John Richardson inquired as to whether or not that would replace the Fall Tour. The answer was that it would not. Nicole Gambulos suggested the weekend of September 7.

She said that she could not take on the organization of Bugtussle after September 7 due to a weekend teaching commitment. She also noted that lodging in Paris might be difficult in the fall due to their commitment to other events.

Chuck Murphy stated that he did not see a need to change the date due to the heat. It has been done before and can continue.

Nicole made the motion to have the Bugtussle the weekend of Sept. 7, 2024. [John Richardson](#) seconded the motion. The vote for Sept. 7 was 10 and against it was 10.

Kip Lankenau made the motion to change the Bugtussle date to September 28, 2024. Kim Keith seconded the motion. The vote was 19 for the weekend of September 28 and 10 against September 28. It was determined that Bugtussle will be held the weekend of September 28, 2024. This will be tried out and voted on next year as to whether or not to continue in that September time frame.

Debra Lankenau, hostess of the Christmas meeting/party, passed out information regarding the event. It will be Sunday, December 3 at the Brookhaven Country Club in Dallas from 12:30 until 3:00 p.m.

Cole thanked Brady and Vicki for hosting the meeting.

The next meeting will be at John and Lynda Richardson's home at Lake Kiowa. John encouraged people to bring their fishing poles.

Door prizes were drawn and the winners were the Doug and Susie Simone, Jeff Podmers, and Fred and Linda Cruz.

October Meeting Info

This year John and Lynda Richardson welcome all club members, their friends and guests to share in the relaxed atmosphere in their home at Lake Kiowa. Lake Kiowa is a private community lake just east of Gainesville on Route 902 between Collinsville (TX 377) and Gainesville (I-35). Because it is a gated community, we need everyone that may decide to come to **RSVP**, so that we can provide a name for security at the entrance.

DATE: October 15th

LOCATION: 1001 Kiowa Drive West

TIME: 1pm - Directors Meeting & house open to members, 2 - pm Club Meeting, Buffet Lunch afterwards

RSVP: johnhrich@tx.rr.com or lyndarich@tx.rr.com

WHAT TO BRING: We will have the meat, fresh salad, water/tea, etc. If it is convenient for you, please bring:

A-L Dessert

M-Z a SMALL side or salad/fruit

The community entrance is on FM 902 and there are many good backroads to get there. From I-35 you can take the Lone Oak Exit north of Sanger and meander up to 902. If you come up the Tollway, you can now continue north past 380 all the way to FM 455 and turn left to Pilot Point on 377. Up Preston Rd to FM 121 at Gunther and west to Tioga is good, and you can also catch FM 121 at Van Alstyne on 75 and go west.

Bug Tussle Trek 56 - September 28/29 2024

It was confirmed at the last meeting that the club wants to try a later date in the year for The Bug Tussle Trek. Don't know if it's global warming or just our age, but August as the historical month is becoming harder to endure and many are now deciding to drive moderns with AC just to beat the heat. So in 2024 we are going to have The Trek on September 28/29th.

But that's about the only thing that will change. Bonham and Paris venues have confirmed the new date and while there was some concern over a Hershey conflict, in 2024, Hershey will be the week of Oct 6-12. So, let's plan on getting out the older cars (even with no AC) and enjoy a relaxing East Texas drive. Here's another opportunity to **volunteer** for the club: helping to plan BT, route management, venues, and bringing in participants from other clubs. The more the merrier.

The PATE Report

By Jerry Smith

On September 16, 2023, twelve of the thirteen clubs that make up the Pate Swapmeet entity, sent representatives to meet in Waco, TX. The primary purpose of this quarterly meeting was to discuss “Pate” business and for each club to receive its share of the proceeds from the 2023 Pate Swapmeet. I attended for Cole Clayton as President, and Charlie Gambulos rep’d the club as well as his ongoing role in Pate.

There were **1330** club members represented. The way the club proceeds are calculated is: **Revenue – expenses = to be shared proceeds/1330**. So, that number this year ended up being about **\$90** per person. Those clubs with the most members received the most money from their Pate efforts. Our club will receive around \$8,500 for work done in 2023. This is considerably above the payouts received over the last few years. Our Pate entity has a very capable treasurer, **Ross Douglas**, in place.

Some other notable points:

1. Our own **Nichole Gambulos**, Pate Registrar, reported that as of that date, there had been about 6400+ spaces sold for next year’s Swapmeet already, totaling over \$390,000.
2. **Thorne Smith**, the new website administrator, reported that the website has been upgraded and seems to be functioning well. There was much discussion about moving more marketing attention to social media.
3. Our own **Charlie Gambulos and Thorne Smith** were sent to Charlotte, N.C. to observe their Swapmeet. They reported that Charlotte had not handled the “COVID” situation well and were struggling now partly because of that. The trip seemed to be valuable experience for our Pate entity to learn from.
4. There was much discussion about different needs to service Pate customers better as well as impact on expenses. Everyone seemed to be very cost conscious.
5. The nominating committee for the officers of 2023-2024 reported and there were elections of several directors. Our own **Charlie Gambulos won the 1st VP position**, in a run off. This is a big deal for our club!! **Congratulations to Charlie!!**
6. Finally, Russ Gruenwald was there. Russ started in 1976 and had a couple of stories that were entertaining. One of the things he suggested/warned was **to keep good records and make sure they exist for the future**. Let’s not take this sage advice lightly.

Since Pate is our club’s only income generator and now Charlie Gambulos is 1st VP, we should expect to hear more insight from Pate at our monthly meetings!



AACA Holiday Party

Sunday, December 3rd, 2023

12:30 pm to 3 pm

Brookhaven Country Club 3333 Golfing Green Drive Farmers Branch, Texas 75234

Fee: \$25 per person/ \$50 per couple Hors d'Oeuvres, Dinner, & Dessert Christmas

Attire Cash Bar

Please make out check to AACA, Texas Region

Mail to: Debra Lankenau 2127 Crown Rd, Dallas TX 75229

RSVP by November 17, 2023

More Car Shows Coming up

BOPC Car Show: Saturday Oct 28, 2023 9am-3pm

The Buick, Oldsmobile, Pontiac, Cadillac Car show will be hosted by the Lone Star Chapter of the Pontiac Oakland Club. For more info contact 972-762-8391.

The Show will be held at Gateway Classic Cars, 1250 Mustang Drive, Grapevine, Tx.

***Shopping at Costco or Sam's Club is like driving a race car.
You go from \$0 to \$60 in a matter of seconds***

***My racehorse's name is Mayo.
Sometimes, Mayo neighs***

Editor's Comments

By John Richardson

One of the things that we do well as a club are support others in the club, and the club itself. We have a good cadre of volunteers, but often it's pretty much the same group each time. Which brings a heavier burden on that group than necessary. But we have an event coming up – The Texas Tour – scheduled for next May, where we are going to need every volunteer than we can get. There will be SO many opportunities for you to help give back to the club, and to the other members. Get in practice now! **Volunteer** to help now and it will be second nature by the time TT comes around.



About our Club Website

By John Richardson

Chris Stathopulo reported at the meeting that he's making progress on the club website that we are receiving FREE from AACA National. We are looking forward to getting it up and running, so that we can develop a better on-line 'face' to our club for non-members and provide a place for members to go consistently for information that may currently be in multiple places. But Chris can't run it all himself, so if you are somewhat computer savvy this is a great place to **volunteer** to help the club. Many thanks to Nichole for creating and administration of our current club website.

70th Texas Tour May 16-19 2024

Granbury, TX. *Mark your calendars.*

<https://thetexastour.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/TheTexasTour>



Sunshine Report

By Nuris Hester

Dear Membership, Some of you will remember former member Claire Crofts; she passed away last Monday. Claire was living at Harbor Chase at Southlake. I do not have any other information at this time regarding services but will pass along as I know. Terry and Renee Plata may have more information as I will be out of town for a week. Please continue to send information on life events (that can include special birthdays, marriage, illness, new destination, passing away) just to mention a few you can forward to your Sunshine chair. Hope to see many of you at our delightful Fall Tour! Blessings and happy motoring!

Did I read that sign right?

TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW.

Outside a second-hand shop:

WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?

Seen during a conference:

FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND DOESN'T KNOW IT, THERE IS A DAY CARE ON THE 1ST FLOOR.

Notice in a farmer's field:

THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES.

Thanks to Jeff Podmers

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2023 CALENDAR

3rd Sunday at 2pm Monthly

Oct 7, 8: Fall Tour

More details in this issue

Oct 15: Meeting

John & Lynda's: address and directions in Oct issue

Nov 19: Meeting

Hosted by Judy Kerr-Guysinger

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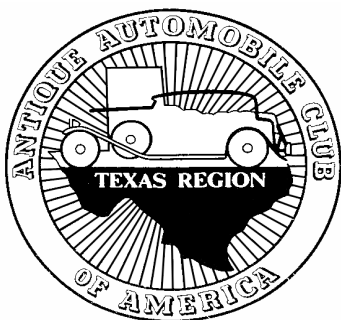
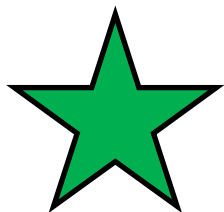
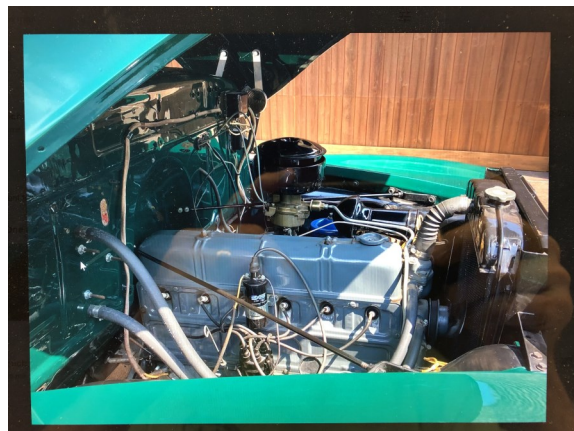
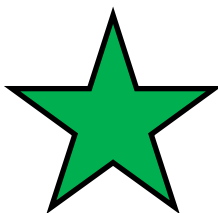
Dec 3: Holiday Party

Brookhaven CC, Hosted by Kip and Debra Lankenau

Spotlight Classifieds

FOR SALE

1. a 1952 Cheverolet pickup, appears to be all original but in great shape, purchased from Barrett-Jackson in 2012. \$42,500 Contact MichaelSmithGreene@gmail.com.



God Bless America



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

AACATRSpotlight@gmail.com

Spotlight Classifieds

2. For Sale 1951 Studebaker Champion 2-door



Please contact: Chuck Geserick 817.401.2844

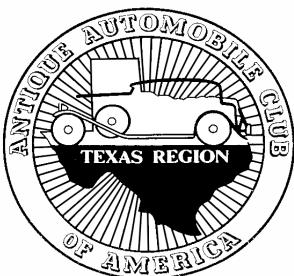
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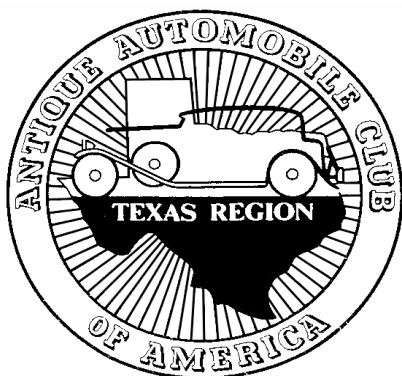
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3. FOR SALE: 1955 Chrysler C 300

Award winning beauty, needs a new home. Someone that cares about the classic car life. Drive away for \$80,000. Anyone knows **Royce Kidd**, understands how he took care of his cars. He is no longer able to keep all, and I only have a little time for starts and driving.

Contact Clydette or Royce at

682-472-5812



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4. For Sale: 1936 Packard looks and runs great: asking \$25,000

Contact David Burleson via contact info below:

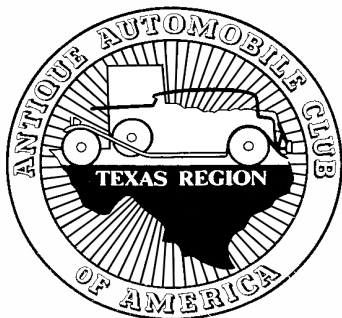


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