

## President's Report

**Cole's Chronicles November 2023**

**From Las Vegas—SEMA show**

I have nominated Jeff Podmers, Andy Riemitis, and Kip Lankenau to be our nominating committee for the upcoming elections. I am thankful they each were willing to assist our club with this process.

I want to encourage everyone to consider a position within the club. The nominating committee needs to hear from you if you can help. All positions in the club are open for election in our December meeting.

We are thankful that many directors and officers on the board are often willing to do the job another year. We have some great volunteers. However, many volunteers do multiple jobs within the club. We need to promote more members helping the club so the volunteer has only one job each. Many hands make the load light.

Consider taking on a leadership position, officer or director. It would benefit the club to have new officers/directors to get new ideas, and get more members involved in the club.

Cole Clayton

## Handy Information

1. Dec 3, 12:30-3pm, Christmas Party
2. April 25-27, 2024, Pate Swapmeet
3. May 16-19, 2024, Texas Tour
4. September 28-29, 2024, Bug Tussle Trek

AACATRspotlight@gmail.com

## November Meeting

By Judy Kerr-Guysinger

Date: Sunday, November 19

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Palmer, ISD Admin Bldg.; 303 Bulldog Way; Palmer, Tx

Thanksgiving is the theme! Turkey, Ham, and dressing will be provided

A-J please bring sides and appetizers

K-Z please bring desserts

PLEASE RSVP [judyg@ectisp.net](mailto:judyg@ectisp.net) or  
214-399-1117



Directions to Palmer:

Take I-45 south

Exit at exit 259

Take the service road (it is long) under the overpass and follow  
signs to FM 813W

Go through a 4 way stop sign

Cross railroad tracks

Continue through Palmer on FM 813 west (Jefferson St) about .5  
of mile to Beck St on the left (Look for AACA sign)

Turn left and on Bulldog Way turn right

Palmer ISD Admin is on the left. (drive to the back of the building)

There will be lots of parking available

## Editor's Comments

By John Richardson

You will note that this month we've including the participation points status and legend. Not to check out the 'leaderboard', but to recognize those that have participated in at least one or some of the club's various opportunities. You don't have to come to every meeting or join every tour, but can **participate** in lots of ways – write an article to share, help in a club work activity, or encourage others to join the club. The key is **PARTICIPATION**. So, look at the **Spotlight**, see where you can make a difference and 'earn those points'! The more you participate, the more you will find the club is worth your time.

## Member Spotlight

By Jerry Smith



Meet **Fred and Linda Cruz** with their **1956 Ford Thunderbird**. They have lived in Garland, Texas since 1975.

They have 2 boys (men) 42 & 39 and one 17 year old granddaughter who is the apple of their eye. They love to travel, go to church and drive their **T-bird** on really good weather days. They enjoy time with their sweet Maltese dog named **Cooper**. They hope to regroup with DFW Texas Region AACA after being gone for a while. Looking forward to some good times.

**WELCOME BACK FRED AND LINDA!!!**

### Ant intelligence

passed along by *Jeff Podmers*

1. 5 ants + 5 ants = Tenants
2. To bring an ant from another country into your country = Important
3. Ant that goes to school = Brilliant
4. Ant that is looking for a job = Applicant
5. A spy ant = Informant
6. A very little ant = Infant
7. An ant that uses a gun = Militant

Our club needs **YOU** to help in some way with hosting the **Texas Tour** next May. Many opportunities to pitch in so get your pitching clothes on and contact **Charlie Gambulous**.

**70th Texas Tour May 16-19 2024**

**Granbury, TX.** *Mark your calenders.*

<https://thetexastour.com>

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





# 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  
Or USE Credit Card at <https://forms.gle/BpYRK8TKfyXFLNQHA>

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**Nichole and her Dad, Warren Waggoner at the October meeting at John and Lynda's house.**



## FALL TOUR

*By Jerry Smith*



On a beautiful fall morning in the beginning of October, 12-15 antique/classic/modern cars met at Buc-ee's in McKinney for our Fall Tour. It was a hoot! We went the long way to Bonham and then up to Hugo, Oklahoma via the back roads. We let the vehicles gallup most of the way with very few sprints.

There was some sort of rumor that some of the cars got lost/missed a turn because they were 20 or so minutes late to Hugo, Ok. For lunch, but those reports have not been substantiated at this time. However, we can report that the lunch in Hugo was delicious especially the chocolate pie with the mile high marange.

After lunch, we all gathered at the Railroad Museum at the train station in Hugo. It brought us back to a time when life was slower, simpler, without texts and emails, in fact, it took us back to when snail mail was carried by train. Remember those days?





## Fall Tour cont'd



Did you ever think you'd be able to get this close to a train again, especially one that's moving? This was such a special treat. Inside the train station, was an actual ticket counter and café. You could almost let your mind wonder back to the days when we were younger and this was the real way of life. You could get a cup of real coffee for less than a quarter and it was good. You might even get a morning donut fresh out of the fryer. Along with all that, you'd probably get a smile from everyone in the station. AHHHHHH, those were the days!!

And then on to Paris, Tx. where we settled in for the night. We had pizza delivered and everyone brought their beverage of choice and we really enjoyed each other!!

Many thanks to Carey and Sue and Denise and John for planning this Fall Tour. Your efforts on behalf of the club were outstanding!!





## October Meeting

*By Jerry Smith*



On the 3rd Sunday in October, the “DFW AACA Texas Region” car club met at John and Lynda Richardson’s lake home on Lake Kiowa, south of Gainesville. It was an action packed meeting with over 40 of our members present. We had fantastic lasagna, specially acquired by Lynda, as well as beans and all the good stuff that goes with lasagna. The deserts were.... Well “WOW”.

We had lots of business to attend to with great discussions. Judy Kerr-Guysinger’s minutes are in this Spotlight and we encourage you to read them. They are detailed and have all the information that you need to know about the October meeting. Judy continues to do an outstanding job delivering the minutes. That being said, this reporter would certainly like to nominate her for another term as Secretary of our club.

By the way, nominations will again be discussed at the November meeting so start thinking about who you’d like to see in office or maybe YOU’D like to hold office next year!!



## Sunshine Report

By Nuris Hester

### Beautiful weather...beautiful Fall in Texas!

I found out after our delightful October meeting at Lake Kiowa that **Phil Clayton** has been battling pneumonia...It is my hope and prayer that when you receive this report he will have overcome it and is going to celebrate Thanksgiving with family and AACA Christmas party with all of us!

Its been a long while since we've seen **Royce and Clydette** and **George and Martha** so I sent them a little note of encouragement from all of us.

At our next AACA mtg I'm sure **Nichole** will have sign up sheets for the big TEXAS Tour of 2024 of which we are hosts. Lets make Thanksgiving especially nice for her and **Charlie JR** as many of us take on some of these responsibilities ....many many hands make light work and bring much sunshine!!

**Keep me posted on events so I can represent you well and send notes of cheer.**

## UPDATES:

### **Pate Swapmeet update:** *by Charlie Gambulos II*

We are waiting to have a meeting with **Good Guys** to go over their proposed advertising strategy. They would like us to buy into their advertising which has a large world wide outreach. We are not opposed to putting in with their advertising but need to hear their proposal and what we get and benefit from that before any decisions can be made. But with that we do not plan to put all of our eggs in their basket. **Pate** will have its own separate outreach and advertising campaign as well, so in the future if we are not associated with **Good Guys** we already have the mechanisms in place to have a larger outreach than we have ever had in the past.

### **Website update:** *by Chris Stathopulo*

As of this writing, there is nothing new to report.

### ***Editor's note-***

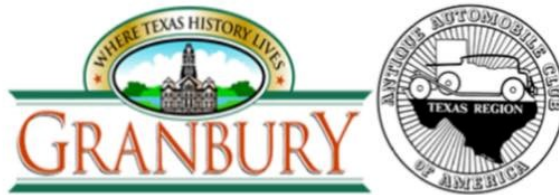
In preparation for future events, you may want to visit **AACA.org**. It's our national club's website and one that **Chris** is working with to incorporate our website ultimately there. If you select "REGIONS", you will see there are many clubs listed according to their REGION. On **page 6** of the listing is where you find "Texas" region. At some point, you will see our website listed along with others. **Check it out** so that you are ready when our website is posted along with so many others.



## **The Oldest Running Antique Car Tour in the State is Celebrating its 70th Year in 2024!**

Speaking of **participation**, now is the time to commit to the club, block your calendars, and send an email to **Nichole (texasregionaaca@gmail.com )** or **Charlie ( nmwaggoner@gmail.com )** Gambulos with **1)** you want to volunteer to help and **2)** what preferences you have in helping, or “anything I do to help”.

### **70<sup>th</sup> Texas Tour May 16-19 2024**



<https://thetexas tour.com/>

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

Seriously, we will probably need many more volunteers than you think. And planning has already started. May seems like a long time away, but from planning something of this scale (up to 100 cars and twice that in people) nothing waits til the last minute. If you have been on a tour, you know what we mean, and if you haven't - well, now's the time to find out!!

**What did one tomato say to the other tomato during a race? C'mon, ketchup!!**

## More Texas Tour

Check out **Judy's** minutes to see what's already on the docket, and who's signed up for what. Just a flavor for activities and opportunities, check this out:

Early Bird Activities

Ladies Event

Nightly Socials

Judging

Tours

Hospitality Room and Greeters

Banquets and Awards

Auction

Registration

Tour Book

Photography

Directions

**You can make a big difference!**

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**You can make a big difference!**

**And you'll have FUN!!!!**

So, commit to Volunteer and join the early fun planning for the **Event of the Year**





## October Meeting Minutes

By Judy Kerr-Guysinger

DATE: Sunday, October 15, 2023

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: John and Lynda Richardson's home, Lake Kiowa, TX.

The meeting was called to order by **Cole** Clayton, president.

He thanked **Brady and Vickie** Richards for hosting the meeting last month and **John and Lynda** Richardson for hosting the meeting this month.

Guests were introduced which included **Warren Waggoner**, **Nicole Gambulos'** father, **David Grant**, guest of **John and Lynda** Richardson, and **Mitch and Colleen Netterville**, guests of **Chris and Linda** Stathopulo.

**Cole** gave the treasurer's report for **Kaiden** Lenners, the treasurer. Currently the month started out with \$14,478.00, however there were BugTussle expenses to be met which left the current amount at \$13,974.00. There are also two CD's which will most likely be moved upon maturation next year due to their current low interest rates.

**Kathy** Clayton, membership chairperson, reported that the current membership was 103. A guest at last month's meeting joined.

**Nuris** Hester, sunshine chairperson, had nothing to report.

**Chris** Stathopulo reported that the webpage with AACA nationals is up but that AT will have to add in all of our activities. **Chris and Nicole** Gambulos will work together on the website. **Nicole** stated that there is already a local website which includes club information along with videos of the Texas Tour, Bug Tussle and other club events.

**Cole** said that a survey of the members was done through e-mail as to the name change of the club from "AACA Texas Region" to "DFW AACA Texas Region". The returned votes were 64 for the change and 3 against. This change has been forwarded to the national AACA for approval.

It was also reported that BugTussle has a new date of September and that the venue has remained the same. Paris and Farmersville have been notified and have put BugTussle on their event calendars.

**Debra** Lankenau reminded club members that the Christmas party is going to be on Sunday, December 3. It will be 12:30 until 3:00 p.m. at the Brookhaven Country Club. The cost will be \$25.00 per person. This fee will have to be paid by November 17 in order to be included.

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**Mustang Sally car show at Ford's Garage in Frisco just off of Dallas north tollway and Parker. 9am til 1pm, Saturday Nov 4th.**

## October Meeting Minutes cont'd

By Judy Kerr-Guysinger

The question of an admission fee to get into Pate was presented. There are 12 clubs that participate in Pate to determine this. However, it is being discussed. Something to consider is that if even a \$1.00 were charged that the overall income from the swap meet would increase significantly. Currently the money generated from the \$10.00 parking fee goes only to Texas Motor Speedway. **John** Richardson suggested blending the parking and entrance fee. **Al** Mahanna noted that that would not work with TMS. They would take the entire amount. **Cole** noted that eventually if an entrance fee was required by TMS then they would keep both the entrance and parking fees. If we began to charge an entrance fee now through our own decision then Pate will keep the entrance fee money and TMS can not claim them. **Jerry** Smith said that many of the economic groups that attend the event may find the additional fee difficult to pay. [Joel Roper](#) said that it was not unusual to pay an entrance and parking fee at such events.

It was noted that **Good Guys** will charge \$25.00 for admittance as well as \$10.00 parking.

An informal vote was taken as to whether or not to charge an admission fee for Pate. 32 attending members voted in favor and 2 voted against. **Charlie** Gambulos II said that more than 50% of the Pate Board were in favor of an admission fee.

**Charlie** also said that TMS is very happy with Pate and that a three year contract has been made. With the current arrangement that the Speedway gets 18% of the intake plus all of the parking fees.

**Cole** said that according to the bylaws that spouses of members could not vote unless they had a separate membership. If the spouse paid a separate fee as a member then they would be allowed to legally vote. This option would be further discussed at the next meeting.

An update on the Texas tour was given. The dates are May 16-19, 2024. It was reminded that seven clubs take turns hosting the event. It is the premier event of the touring season. This May it is our club's turn to host. **Nicole and Charlie** Gambulos, II are the chairpersons. Nicole encouraged everyone to offer to help in some capacity. There are **sign up sheets for many different committees** available. The host hotel will be the Hilton Garden Inn at Granbury. Some of the activities could include visiting a car collection in the area, a visit to Comanche Peak nuclear plant, and use of a race track in the area. Other suggestions are welcomed. A motion to allow \$3200 of club money be used as a deposit to hold the banquet venue was made by **Kip** Lankenau and seconded by **Cole** Clayton. This money will be recovered as people pay their registration for the tour.

**Cole** said that he would put together a nominating committee for the officers of 2024 during the meal. **Kip** Lankenau offered to be on that committee.

The winners of the door prizes were: **Joel Roper, John and Lynda Richardson, and Brady and Vicki Richards.**

The meeting was adjourned.

**Veteran's Day parade, Cook off and Car Show, Roanoke, Tx., Saturday, Nov 11, 9am until everybody goes home.**



## Participation Points

*By John Richardsoon*

Attached to **this month's email** is the **current participation points listing** maintained by **Denise Velde (THANKS DENISE!)**. Please review it and see if it includes all of your activities with the club, including whether you drove a vintage or 'modern' to the event. Below you will see the legend on how points are accumulated. You will see that the most points can be received by hosting a meeting or bringing in a new member – so Get Recruiting!!

Participation Points Legend			
Activity	Points	Explanation	Column
Meetings		January through December	Jan-Dec
Host	20	Host receives 20 points for hosting meeting	
Drive Antique Vehicle	10		
Drive Modern Vehicle	5		
Tours		Tune up, Spring, Texas Tour, Bugtussle, Fall Tour	Tune
Tour Leader	20	Host receives 20 points doesn't matter about vehicle	Spring
Drive Antique Vehicle	10		TxTour
Drive Modern Vehicle	5		Bug
			Fall
Work Projects	10	Texas Tour, Bugtussle, Pate	
Spotlight Article	10	Maximum of three articles (must relate to automotive)	Spot
Stragglemaster	10	Required for Spring and Fall Tours	Srtgl
New Member sponsorship	20	Each new member counts as 20 points	N/M

Please check your email for the up to date **Participation Points Spreadsheet** put together and updated by Denise Velde.

**Our club name has formerly changed to “DFW AACA Texas Region” car club. Our AACA-national club website is [aaca.org](http://aaca.org). Use it, it has a lot of great info there!!**

## Odds and Ends

**-Texas Rangers win the 2023 World Series, first time ever!!**

**CONGRATULATIONS RANGERS!!**

**-Are you ready for Thanksgiving? We in America have much to be thankful for especially as we see what's going on in the world right now!**

**-Are you ready for Christmas? Do you have your lights up? Have you picked out your tree yet? Have you shopped for that special someone and picked out what you're going to get him? (55 Chevy please.....:-)**

**-Have you been thinking about working on the Texas Tour team?**

**-Are you running for office in 2024? If not, why not? If not, who are you nominating to run for what office?**

**-2024 is going to be a fun year for everyone in DFW AACA Texas Region car club!!**



God Bless America





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## 2023 CALENDAR

**3rd Sunday at 2pm Monthly**

**Nov 19: Meeting**

***Hosted by Judy Kerr-Guysinger***

***Palmer ISD***

**Dec 3: Holiday Party**

***Brookhaven CC, Hosted by Kip and Debra Lankenau***

***12:30—3:00 pm***

**Happy New Year 2024**

***Jan 21: Meeting***

***Place TBD***

***Feb 18: Meeting***

***Place TBD***

**Pate Swapmeet**

***Texas Motor Speedway***

***April 25—April 27***

**Texas Tour**

***May 16-19***