

## President's Report

### Cole's Chronicles December 2023

What a fantastic year it has been in the Texas DFW Region! I am so **proud** of our clubs' accomplishments this year. Who could have imagined we could accomplish so much in so little time. The time did fly by.

Our club, with help from the officers and directors, made some very specific changes that will assist new members to find and join us in the future. The old broken Texas Region website linked from the AACA National page has been replaced with a **new link** leading to a **working website**. Thanks to Chris Stathopulo for spearheading this website development and making it happen. See our new website at <https://dfw-texas.aaca.com/>. Chris is continuing to develop the site with more content and features. You can also go to the national AACA site and link to our new website from the regions section <https://aaca.org/list-of-regions-chapters/>

After 55 years, the club voted by a huge majority to add DFW to our name to make us quickly identifiable and distinguish us geographically from the other 8 AACA clubs in Texas. What a win for the club and future members. **AACA Texas DFW Region** is something to be proud of.

As a club, we made the decision to encourage more participation in Bug Tussle by moving the Trek into cooler weather. Everyone would like to see those older, and open cars participate again! September 28th will be here before we know it. With everyone's help and participation we will have the coolest and best attended Bugtussle ever!

Another 55 year first, member **spouses** can officially vote in the club (without having to pay a separate full membership due), even if they want to vote differently! The **AACA spouse's suffrage** movement passed by a huge majority.

Many thanks to all the members who participated or volunteered for the many activities and meetings throughout the year. A big thank you goes out as well to our gracious members who hosted a meeting this year.

The elections are now upon us. We need leaders with an intense desire to **participate** in the club and continue the momentum from 2023. A slate of candidates has been presented, and nominations are allowed from the floor for every position. When you see a candidate, ask them what their vision is for the club in 2024. If you have a different vision, nominate yourself and run as an officer. It's important for members to understand the power of placing people in a role they are passionate about.

And finally, thank you for allowing me to serve the club in 2023. It has been a great honor to represent the AACA Texas DFW Region and walk in my fathers' footsteps, Phil Clayton, President 1985.



# 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>

**Come and enjoy the Club Comradery**  
**There is Reserved Parking for our Vintage Cars**

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

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

***<https://thetexastour.com>***

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

**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**.**

1. Dec 3, 12:30-3pm, Christmas Party
2. January 21. 2024 Club Meeting, location TBD
3. April 25-27, 2024, Pate Swapmeet
4. May 16-19, 2024, Texas Tour
5. September 28-29, 2024, Bug Tussle Trek

## November Meeting

*By John Richardson*

As ever, Judy Kerr-Gysinger hosted one of the most important meetings of the year – Fall and Holiday Kick-Off at Palmer ISD. As you can see from her own minutes, there was a lot of business on the docket which current President Cole Clayton dealt with in short order. Just in time for a lovely Thanksgiving meal provided by Judy, and member provided appetizers, sides and desserts. The decorations were exceptionally nice – lit pumpkins, giving thanks napkins and colorful tablecloths.

Two people braved the cold drizzly rain to bring their vintage cars – Director-Elect Larry and Kimberly Wagliardo with their beautiful Cadillac Eldorado and Chris and Linda Stathopulo in their '67 Pontiac Firebird. As you can see, there were mostly moderns in the lot...





# November Meeting cont'd

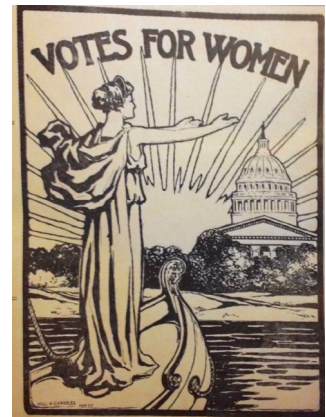
By John Richardson

So, one of the big changes voted on and accepted in the meeting was a FEE CHANGE! Previously the by-laws indicated that only “members” are able to vote on any motions, including those in the meetings. “Members” are defined as the individual (yes, one person) that was the name on the membership record. But we’ve been taking a “show of hands” in the meetings to indicate pass/fail on a motion. That of course includes everyone at the meeting – including Spouses of Members, who aren’t technically allowed to vote. No One wants to be, or should be, left out, so one option is to change the by-laws, but that (as we have discovered through the club name change) is a very difficult process. So, the near term workaround was to pass a motion to charge “Spouses of Members” \$5/year to become members, and “Members with registered Spouses” would be given a \$5 discount on their membership fee



Now both Members and Spouses can vote, we automatically almost double our membership numbers, and the Member/Spouse pay the same overall per year. Win-Win.

This will take some getting used to and administrative changes we well as membership interaction and support.



Please be patient with the officers and board as this change works its way through.

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## Other important things *'In The News'*:

There is a CD coming due shortly, so if there are those amongst you that are good at this kind of thing, and have a recommendation for an appropriate replacement, please contact Cole ASAP.

Kathy Clayton has run Membership for the past 4 years and is looking for a replacement. It's a great way to get to know ALL the members. Contact Kathy at [Kathy.clayton@verizon.net](mailto:Kathy.clayton@verizon.net) !!

55 have signed up for the Holiday Party hosted by Debra and Kip Lankenau at Brookhaven Country Club.

2023/24 Tour Director Carey Frisby was presented a check for the promised jacket for this year's great job on Tours. He'll get to wear it 'in role' as he has volunteered to direct for 2024! He's looking for help for this coming year's tours, though it's going to be busy with Texas Tour (Gambulos) and Bug Tussle (Clayton). There's still the Tune-up Tour and Fall Tour, with some discussion on whether to also have a Spring Tour, considering that TT is in May already. The Richardsons have volunteered for Fall Tour, and Carey thinks that a great consideration for location is the famous Syrup Festival in Henderson TX in November. Thoughts and feedback are always welcome!!

## **2024 Nominations - by Jerry Smith**

Per Article VII, Section 3 of the By Laws of the AACA- Texas Region, a three (3) person nominating committee was selected by the President; Jeff Podmers Chair, Kip Lankenau, Andrew Riemitis. They convened several times both in person, conference calls and emails. By unanimous vote, the Nominating Committee has recommended the following Officers and Board members for the year 2024.

### **Officers:**

**President - Kip Lankenau**

**1st Vice President - Kim Keith**

**2nd Vice President - Andrew Riemitis**

**Treasurer - Debra Lankenau**

**Secretary - Judy Kerr-Guysinger**

### **Board Members:**

**Tour Chair - Carey Frisby**

**Bug Tussle - Cole Clayton**

**Texas Tour - Charles Gambulos II**

### **Members at Large:**

**Joel Roper**

**Larry Wagliardo**

**Linda Cruz**

**Fred Cruz**

**Nominations may be offered from the floor** during the election meeting, provided those persons so nominated have agreed to serve, if elected.

The election meeting will take place at 2pm on December 3rd at Brookhaven Country Club, immediately following the Holiday Party dinner.

**Want to have more fun in our car club? Throw your name in the hat and run for one of the positions above. It's not hard, it's a lot of fun. You'll make new friends and have the time of your life!**

**It's not too late!!**

## 2023 Car Shows - by George Lang

It's been a 'slow' year for me this year. I only made it to 7 shows this year. The first one was the Jim Bowie show in Bowie, TX. Lots of cars, with several from Vernon and Parker County. I forgot my phone, so, unfortunately no pictures. The next show was American Proud (quad county cruise). It is a cruise through 4 western counties and is a fund raiser for the Wise County Veterans Museum. Then I did the Memories show, put on by Yesterday's Restaurant in Bridgeport (lunch site for 2023 Tune-Up Tour hosted by Chris and Linda Stathopulo). My car won a top 30 plaque.

Next was a small local show in Colleyville near the home of Chris and Robyn Fourment. Then came "Trunk or Treat" at Yesterday's. A fun show with lots of decorated cars and kids. The car got an award from 'First Responders'. I also did the Alex Viola fund raiser show in Keller. Lots and lots of cars. The last show was at Colleyville City Hall sponsored by the city and First Responders. Free food and coffee.



### Editors' Comments:

Jerry and my thoughts this month turned toward the nature of the season – being thankful and generous. We all have much to be grateful and appreciative for: special people in a special club, who share our interests and desire to bond around an activity for which we must be reasonably successful to participate in. We are both thankful for the support and encouragement we have received this year in our Spotlight endeavor, and in turn ask you to be generous in your time and support for the club and its activities. We all want the club to continue to grow and be ever more active in the coming year. Support the people that lead the way, and bring those along that aren't as blessed as we.

John Richardson, Co-Editor

## Sunshine Report

By Nuris Hester

Doug Siminoe will be having back to back surgeries to correct spine issues . The dates on these surgeries are Nov 28 and Nov 29th. Please lift him in prayer and best wishes for successful surgeries and quick recovery.

Please hug Susie next time you see her as shortly after our Fall Tour to Paris her cousin Levi was in a terrible multi-car collision that took the life of his wife Emily and sent Levi to critical care in ER. Levi is slowly recovering and the family is so grateful that he is alive as he has a young daughter.

Sent note and called to check on Phil Clayton ...Sandy wrote me he has recovered from pneumonia and they both want to enjoy the AACA Christmas party this year!

Hope all had a Blessed Thanksgiving and hope to see many of you at our AACA Christmas party. Thank you Debra Lankenau for organizing this years Christmas party.

Keep me posted y'all.

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to all our wonderful AACA members of DFW

## 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-***

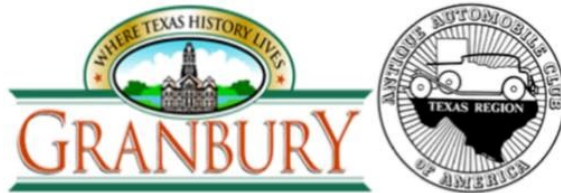
In preparation for future events, you may want to visit **AACA.org**. It's our national club's website and one that **Chris** is working with to incorporate our website ultimately there. If you select "REGIONS", you will see there are many clubs listed according to their REGION. On **page 6** of the 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.

## Texas Tour

### 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!!

The most expensive vehicle  
to operate in 2023.





## November Meeting Minutes

By Judy Kerr-Guysinger

DATE: Sunday, November 19, 2023

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Palmer I.S.D. Administration Building, Palmer, TX

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

He thanked Judy Kerr-Guysinger and Neely Kerr for hosting the meeting.

He reminded the membership that it was time to sign up to host a meeting for next year.

[Kathy Clayton](#) reported for the Sunshine Chairperson. It was noted that Doug Simone would have back surgery later in November. Also, Susie Simone's nephew had a serious vehicular accident in which his wife was killed.

Kathy also reminded the membership that it was time to renew their membership which would be due by the end of December. She also solicited members to consider taking on the Membership Chairperson job. Kathy would be happy to mentor any volunteer as she had been mentored by Sue Frisby when Kathy assumed the position.

Kaiden Lenner, treasurer, gave a financial report. In February, 2024 the club's C.D.'s will reach maturity. Currently Frost Bank is paying 1.01.% interest. Many other banks are paying up to 5% interest. There needs to be consideration given to moving the C.D.'s for a higher interest rate.

Debra Lanknenau gave an updated report on the Christmas party to be held at Brookhaven Country Club. Currently there are 55 places reserved plus one child. The entree choices are pork or salmon. It will be held on Sunday, December 3. The hours will be from 12:30 until 3:00 p.m. It will cost \$25 per person or \$50.00 per couple. Reservations should be made with Debra immediately.

There is a need for tour leaders for the coming year. Carey Frisby will be the tour director but needs tour leaders for the various tours.

Christ Stathopulo has been able to attach our club to the AACCA national website. This will make our club and its activities more accessible and visible. To access it go to AACCA.com region-texas then to TxDFW Region AAC

The national AACCA office will not officially acknowledge our enhanced club name, Texas DFW Region AACCA until February. There will be no difficulty with this and it is simply a formality.

Charlie Gambulos, II gave an update on the Texas Tour. With negotiation the rate for a room at the Hilton Garden Hotel in Granbury (tour headquarters) has been reduced from from \$199 to \$169 a night. An initial block of 100 rooms have been set aside. There continues to be a need for volunteers to plan and participate in

- The Thursday night activity

- The banquet

- The silent auction

- Planning the routes for the tours

- The ladies activities

Charlie encouraged people to sign up at the meeting to volunteer for these or other tour related activities.

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## November Meeting Minutes

*By Judy Kerr-Guysinger*

Cole has proposed the idea that so that the spouses of members can vote on issues that they pay a membership fee. This would mean that the member would pay \$20 local dues and the spouse would pay \$5.00. Sandy Clayton inquired if this would mean more money from Pate because it would significantly increase the membership numbers. Cole said that he is researching this.

Chris Stathopulo made the motion to accept this plan. Kim Keith seconded the motion. A vote was made. There were 23 in favor and 1 opposed.

Jeff Podmers, a member of the nomination committee presented the roster of nominees for offices in 2024. They are as follows:

**President - Kip Lankenau                      1st Vice President - Kim Keith**

**2nd Vice President - Andrew Riemitis              Treasurer - Debra Lankenau**

**Secretary - Judy Kerr-Guysinger**

**Board Members:**

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**Members at Large:**

**Joel Roper, Larry Wagliardo, Linda Cruz, Fred Cruz**

Cole inquired as to whether there were any other nominees from the floor. There were none. Cole reminded the membership that nominations can be made from the floor at the December meeting/party prior to voting for the new officers.

There were questions concerning whether or not the directors of Bug Tussle and Texas Tour were elected. Jerry Smith asked if the position of Tour Director was elected. To these inquiries it was noted that these positions were assigned or volunteered but not elected.

Door prizes were awarded to

Kim and Tammy Keith

Chris and Linda Stathopulo

Kip and Debra Lankeneau

Kim Keith moved to adjourn the meeting and Cole Clayton seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Judy Kerr-Guysinger, Secretary

## DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS FOR 2023

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<b>TOUR DIR(s)</b>	Carey Frisby	cwfrisby@gmail.com	214-697-9666
<b>BUG TUSSLE DIRECTOR</b>	Charlie Gambulos II	cgambulos@yahoo.com	214-924-3086

## COMMITTEES AND CHAIRPERSONS FOR 2023

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## 2023 CALENDAR

**3rd Sunday at 2pm Monthly**

**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***

# Spotlight Classifieds

**For Sale** Just in time for Christmas. In addition to antique auto restoration, I have been restoring vintage electric desk fans for several years. In time for Christmas I offer for sale a freshly restored 1920 Century S3C 16-inch fan. It is finished in a red acrylic urethane that sets off the brass blades and hardware. Fully functional on three speeds and oscillates. A great and unique addition to any antique collection. \$480.

Terry Plata

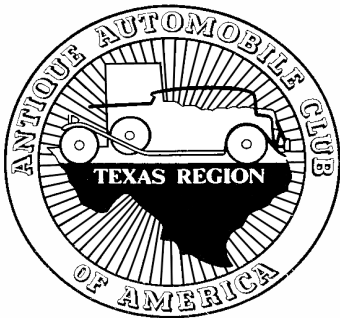
talk or text= 214-930-7877

email=[terryplata@hotmail.com](mailto:terryplata@hotmail.com)



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as reviewed in AACA automobile magazine \$350

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God Bless America



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

**[AACATRSpotlight@gmail.com](mailto:AACATRSpotlight@gmail.com)**



# Spotlight Classifieds

## 1967 Chevrolet Chevelle Malibu

This 1967 Chevelle Malibu was fully restored a few years ago. The chassis is new and undercarriage is rust-free. All body panels are rust-free. Brake pads and shoes, and front wheel bearings were recently replaced. Tires are in like-new condition and within date-code. Located in Fort Worth, Texas. \$56,000.

- 1968-69 Chevrolet 427/435 hp (3935439 casting code)
- Triple induction aluminum intake manifold
- Barry Grant Demon Tri-Power/Six Shooter carburetors
- Polished Demon air cleaner
- Finned valve covers
- Chrome alternator
- Chrome fuel pump
- Braided fuel lines
- Chrome pulley
- Moroso chrome breathers
- Hedman headers
- MSD coil
- MSD billet distributor
- New heavy duty PowerMaster starter
- Aluminum radiator
- Power steering
- Power front disc brakes
- 5-speed Tremec TKO500 transmission
- Hurst shifter
- Butternut Yellow paint
- Black vinyl interior with bucket seats
- Console with working clock
- Modern AM/FM-Bluetooth classic look radio
- Column mounted tachometer
- American Racing Torque Thrust wheels
- Bilstein shocks
- Full dual exhaust with mufflers
- Hotchkis trailing arms and large sway bars
- SFI bell housing
- Chrome oil pan
- All new rubber seals



**Terry Phillips**

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