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January 2022 General Meeting

Our first meeting of 2022 was held on Sunday, January 16, 2:00, at the Palmer ISD Administration Building. Thanks to Judy for securing the building for us and to Nichole and Charlie for co-hosting with Judy. It was a beautiful day and we had a good turnout, all things considered. We had 39 in attendance and 7 classic cars. Everyone is tired of being cooped up with Covid and so being able to socialize with others is a real treat! Join us in February for our next general meeting (see details further on in this newsletter).



1939 Buick Business Coupe (Velde)
Door Prize Winner



1951 Studebaker Champion (Kollie)
Door Prize Winner



1982 AMC Concord (David)
Door Prize Winner

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1956 Packard Clipper (Podmers)



1965 Buick Skylark (Mahanna)



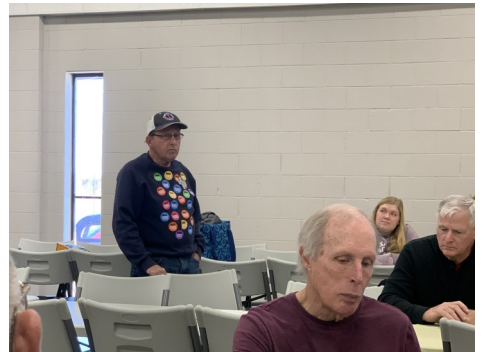
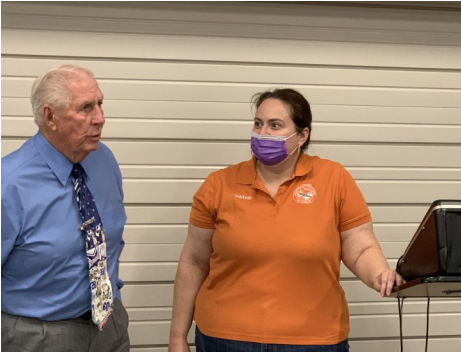
1967 Pontiac Firebird (Stathopulo)



1988 Pontiac Firebird (Frisby)



January meeting continued



From the teacher's desk...

Greetings and Salutations, Texas Region!

It was so wonderful to see everyone at our first general meeting for 2022! Thank you to everyone that used the RSVP form or emailed me. It was very successful and really helped us plan- I bought half the snacks I would have otherwise! A very special thank you to Judy Kerr-Guysinger and Neely Kerr for hosting with us. We are truly lucky to have this brother and sister duo in our club.



As you know, the Pump House is a non starter this year and we will be actively looking for meeting hosts. Judy has graciously offered the Palmer ISD Building for an occasional meeting but we are hoping that YOU (yes, you!) will consider hosting a meeting and giving us a tour around the metroplex. We have many members across the area that might have an option in their locale. This month, John and Linda Richardson have booked us at the Plano Library! We will have a shorter board meeting 1:30- 2 PM since the room is rented from 1:30-3:30 PM. Please use the RSVP form on page 6 or email me directly TexasRegionAACAA@gmail.com and let us know if you are coming. We hope to see more faces!

In looking at the calendar, we are getting really geared up! It's so exciting to see a few tours on the calendar after what seems like the longest winter ever. I don't know about you but I am looking forward to some open roads and less papers to grade!

We are so thankful for good news on several members who have faced challenges recently. Please keep Kathryn Priest, Royce Kidd, and Phil Clayton in your thoughts and prayers. I know Charlie and I are most thankful that Sandie is doing better after double pneumonia. Please make sure and reach out to myself and Nuris Hester (817-846-8995) with requests, if you so choose.

The club had a majority vote to sponsor the 22nd Annual Sweethearts and Orphans Car Show in the Waxahachie square after it became available. Larry and Pat Kollie are huge proponents of this tour and we will help them out in this endeavor. They have put together a great team of volunteers including Betty Dawson, Sam and Charlotte Goforth, Jeff Podmers, and John and Linda Richardson. We look forward to seeing what they come up with and hope that club members will support and participate. I've learned how challenging hosting an event can be and I would never be able to do so without support from our members!

In closing, I hope that you and yours stay healthy. See you all at the February meeting!

Nichole

January General Meeting of the AACA-Texas Region

January 16, 2022 2:00 at Palmer ISD Admin Bldg in Palmer, TX

Nichole Gambulos, president, opened the meeting. She asked if the minutes of the December meeting were approved. John Velde, moved to approve the minutes and Charlie Gambulos, II seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Colin Hiley, retiring treasurer, gave the December financial report.

Nuris Hester, Sunshine Chairperson, gave a report.

- Royce Kidd is slowly improving and goes to therapy 3 times a week. Clydette said that he enjoys the cards and well wishes that have been sent.
- Kathryn Priest has had a set back due to complications from her surgery
- Doug Siminoe has had a biopsy for cancer.
- Sandie Gambulos has just recovered from pneumonia.

Kathy Clayton, membership chairperson, reported that there were no guests at the meeting. There are 5 new members. Their names are Michael and Terry Hrehocik, Hank and Melanie Crosby, Bob and Mary Lou Burr, Colin Connery, and Howard and Kristee Westerman. Last year there were 114 members. Currently 93 members have reregistered. There are five non-renewals. There are still 16 members who have not renewed their membership.

Kathy said that handouts will be available at the next meeting. These are to be used to hand to potential new members when members are at car events. Kathy said that she would like to contact the national headquarters to get a list of local members that they have. Possibly there are some national members that we could recruit to be local members as well.

Roger Dennison reminded the membership that the deadline for submitting articles, etc for "The Spotlight" is the third week of each month. Monthly "The Spotlight" for the coming month will be sent out at the very end of the current month. Someone inquired as to how many copies are mailed out as compared to those that receive it on line. Roger said that he mails out 7 copies; all others are e-mailed.

Larry Kollie stated that for twenty-one years the North Texas Hudson Club has sponsored the Orphans and Sweethearts car event annually. Most recently it has been in Waxahachie. An orphan car is any car that was produced in or prior to 1942 as well as all other makes no longer in production (e.g., Packard, Pontiac, Plymouth, ...). In the past this event has been held in the latter part of February. The agenda was Friday, a tour; Saturday, a car show on the square, along with a banquet and awards. Preparation for this event requires that all the shopkeepers on the square have to sign an approval. Larry was proposing that the antique car club (AACA-TR) assume the responsibility for this event. He also proposed that when starting out that the event could be pared down. Registration was the most challenging part of organizing it. There is an opportunity to make a little money such as a raffle, registration, etc. if the club wants to do that.

Nichole asked if the club was interested in picking up this event. Charlotte Goforth presented a cautionary note that Larry and Pat Kollie spent a great deal of time and energy in organizing this event. They loved the tour but it required a great effort. Nichole then asked the membership if they were interested in organizing a pared down version of this event. Jeff Podmers made the motion for the club to take on this event. John Velde seconded it 19 people voted for it and 6 against the proposal. 10 members abstained. The motion passed. There may be a later date for the event so that plans can be made.

Nichole announced that the Texas Tour had changed their plans to have a tour into Mexico. There will be an alternate tour instead. The Texas Tour will be March 31 through April 3 in Harlingen. There is a block of 35 hotel rooms that will be held until March 1. After that rooms will be difficult to find due to the fact that a large number of national guard troops are being sent to the border and many will be lodged in Harlingen.

Charlie Gambulos II said that there was nothing new to report about Pate. It is anticipated that all 10,000 vendor spaces will be sold out. The check for the 2021 swap meet will be issued in April. There is an organizational meeting to be held in Waco at the end of February. After this next meeting it will be decided whether or not Pate will continue with the same webmaster or will develop a new website.

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George Smith proposed having the Christmas party at the Hideaway Clubhouse in Hideaway, TX. He will find out the availability of dates.

Carey Frisby said that Bill Denman has copies of all the tours that he has done in the past and that he is willing to give them to someone in the club.

John Velde noted that vendor spots are being sold for the Southwest Swap Meet to be held in Oct. Colin Hiley said that Tony Farmer, owner of Southwest classic Cars, is the new owner.

The meeting was adjourned.

George Smith said a blessing.

Submitted respectfully by,
Judy Kerr-Guysinger, Secretary

February General Meeting

Schimelpfening Library in Plano - Sunday, February 20 at 2:00



Our February meeting is scheduled for the 3rd Sunday of February (20th). This should be a convenient location for all of you that live in the North Dallas area, so let's get those classics out! **John and Lynda Richardson** are hosting and will have beverages and a few snacks available. They are asking folks to bring something to share with others. The room is reserved from 1:30 to 3:30. There is library parking next to the building and a library lot across the street. Parking along the side street is also permitted.

There will be a short board meeting at 1:30 followed by our monthly general meeting at 2:00

Schimelpfening Library

5024 Custer Rd in Plano

Click [HERE](#) to RSVP to the February Meeting

AACA-TR Joint Spring Tune-up Tour with the Packards North Texas Club Saturday, February 26



This year's tour will be leaving from Sanger, Texas - driving the back roads to Pilot Point, Tioga and Gunter, Texas. While in Gunter we plan to stop to visit an automotive restoration shop and then drive on to Denison for lunch. Lunch is scheduled at Huck's Catfish Restaurant. After lunch we will be driving to Perrin AFB Historical



Museum at what was then called Perrin Field, a WWII Army Air Corps training base. After the Museum we will be driving back south by way of Van Alstyne, Anna and Melissa and end at Buc-ee's off State Highway 75 in Melissa. From there everyone can disperse home by their own chosen routes.

Our tour director is Chris Stathopulo.

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Click [HERE](#) to RSVP the Spring Tune-up Tour

Annual Spring Tour Spring Drive on Scenic East Texas Backroads March 22-24

The spring tour will be a cruise through beautiful East Texas. There may be some early signs of wild flowers and azaleas. The tour will begin Tuesday morning (March 22) at Buc-ee's in Terrell, TX and will meander the back roads to Tyler where we will overnight at the La Quinta in Lindale. Chip Neel is our tour director. Following lunch in Athens on Tuesday at Danny's BBQ, we'll visit the Texas Freshwater Fish Hatcheries (Athens) on Tuesday. Wednesday we will visit the Texas Broadcast Museum in Kilgore. One of our own, Chuck Conrad, is the museum director [Chuck is a past president (1995) of our club]. Following lunch at Central Perks in Marshall we will drive to Jefferson where there are various options for "things to do". Everyone will be on their own for lodging in Jefferson. There are many delightful B&Bs there; you can check them out [HERE](#).

The March Spotlight will have some additional details, but you can go ahead and RSVP now.

Click [HERE](#) to RSVP to the Spring Tour

Editor's Notes:

Wow, it's feast or famine with this club!! We have been cruising along with just a few things going on and suddenly we're back on the road!! We have so many things happening in February and March it is hard to keep it all straight. Hopefully I have documented it sufficiently here in The Spotlight so that you can see what opportunities abound and get these things locked into your calendar. Please be sure to click on the RSVP button for each event where you will participate. This is a huge help to the organizers as they plan the details of their respective events. Here's a quick chronological view of upcoming events:

- Feb 20—February Meeting in Plano
- Feb 26—Spring Tune-up Tour
- Mar 5—Sweethearts & Orphans Event
- Mar 20—March Meeting TBD
- Mar 22-24—Spring Tour
- Mar 31-Apr 3—Texas Tour in Harlingen

Roger Dennison

Editor, The Spotlight

Annual Sweethearts & Orphans Event—March 5

Per the January meeting, our club has voted to host this year's edition of the Sweethearts and Orphans car show. It's a worthy event, and one that will bring needed exposure to our club. Several of our members have been working hard to assemble a well-organized event in a relatively short period of time. Not unexpectedly, your help will also be needed!

A website is established (see next page) and there is a link to registration, since there's only about 80 parking spots. If you have general questions about the event you can send Larry Kollie an email (see next page). There is one last thing that needs to be completed – city council approval on February 7th.



This event is scaled down from that of prior years as we are looking to “restart” it. As you can see from the announcement (next page), it is a one day show in Waxahachie, from 10am – 3pm (March 5th)



We want and need participation from the club – for both attendance as well as help with the event. We need people to help with parking direction, answering questions, manning the club booth, and general all around good cheer and recruiting!

There will be a sign-up sheet at our February meeting (20th) but if you can't make the meeting or have questions please volunteer by sending an email to Jeff Podmers (jeff.bev50@gmail.com) and/or John Richardson (johnhrich@tx.rr.com). We will open doors for parking as early as 8am.

Please help: Talk it up with others, send the link to the website around, and volunteer!! Notices are scheduled to be sent to all the local car clubs we can think of.



Sweethearts & Orphans XXII

March 5, 2022, in Waxahachie, TX

S&O IS BACK FOR IT'S 22nd SEASON IN 2022!!!

The Texas Region Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) invites you to join us for Sweethearts & Orphans XXII. We are back again in historic Waxahachie, Texas!

Registration will open February 9, 2022, at sweethearts-orphans.com. The event is FREE, but everyone must register as space is limited! Do you have an Orphan? Read below to make sure.

To clarify, "orphan cars" are those wonderful, historic automobiles whose manufacturers have disappeared into the mists of time - great American independent marques like Hudson, Studebaker, Willys, Graham-Paige, Nash, Kaiser-Frazer, Packard, AMC and hundreds of others. There are also "corporate orphans" - historic marques from Chrysler, Ford, and GM - such as LaSalle, DeSoto, Edsel, and more. Recent orphans like Plymouth, Oldsmobile, Mercury, Pontiac and others are also welcome, but we ask participation of pre-1990 cars only, original or restored to stock or "stock appearance". **No customs or rods, please!** We love all cars, but S&O's focus is on automotive history, not automotive art!

As usual, S&O is open to ALL marques built prior to World War II. We believe all 1942 and earlier vehicles are of historical significance and want the public to see the cars that changed America and the world.

Sweethearts & Orphans will continue to be a non-judging meet. Join us for this event... From beginning to end, S&O is just fun, fun, fun!!!

The Saturday Car Show N' Shine will be held around the beautiful and historic Ellis County Courthouse in downtown Waxahachie. The show will start at 10:00 AM.

We will have parking helpers onsite around the square. Parking will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis in designated parking slots around the square.

For more information about S&O XXII, call Larry Kollie at (972) 903-9037 or email me at akl011915@gmail.com.

Click [HERE](#) to RSVP to the S&O Event

So, c'mon, join us... Those who have attended in the past will tell you that we have a great time together!

Building Membership

By Jeff Oaks VP – Regions Development and Support - Southeastern Division

[Reprinted from AACA Rummage Box]

One of the concerns that many of us have is recruiting new members for our local regions and chapters. The AACA is a great club and has much to offer, but surprisingly, some of the car folks that I run into know little about us. How can that be? We are the largest antique auto club in the world! Have we failed in advertisement and promotion?

Our local chapter decided some years ago that we needed to come up with ways to get the word out about our club and promote the AACA in general. Some of the ideas we have had was to get our old cars out of the garage more often and out in public. We have all had several in the parking lot admiring our car when stopping at a business somewhere. It is prime time to promote the club and the hobby! You can tell them about the local club and the AACA but nothing beats having some sort of an info flyer handy in the glove box to pass along to them. Be prepared! Include an event calendar in there too! Business cards with contact and website info has also been a success. You can invite them to the next meeting and write the time and location on the back of the card. This has worked well at shows and displays like cars & coffee, cruise-ins, and most any event where old car folks are gathered. Local news articles promoting an upcoming event will spark big interest. At our annual chapter show, we have a designated space at the registration area for "Club Information & Membership" with someone assigned to answer any questions and promote the club. We have old issues of the AACA Antique Automobile, along with our Region magazine, and other items club related, recycled from our membership, and available at the show. Potential membership packets and recycled magazines are passed to those that show an interest in the club.

These are just a few of the ideas that have worked for us and there are many other options as well. Advertising and getting the word out is the key to a growing membership. Be active! By spreading the word and being public, our local chapter membership and car show attendance has tripled in recent years. All car guys and gals have a bit of salesmanship in their blood somewhere, so get out and promote the club and the hobby that we all love.

***Editor's note: Thanks to Jeff Podmers for forwarding this to me to include in 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 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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2022 CALENDAR

February 20—Monthly Meeting in Plano, TX (see page 6 for details)

February 26—Spring Tune-up Tour (see page 7 for details)

March 5—Sweethearts & Orphans (see pages 8 & 9 for details)

March 20—Monthly Meeting TBD

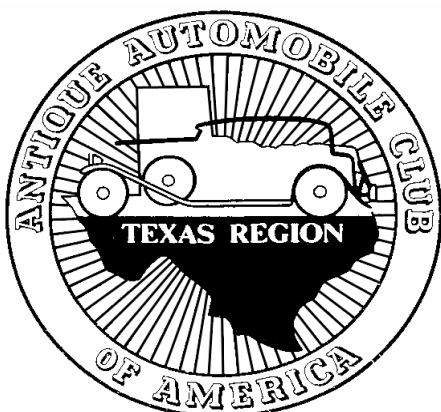
March 22-24—Spring Tour (see page 7 for details)

March 31-April 3—Texas Tour (see page 10 for details)

August 27/28—Bugtussle Trek

Dec—Annual Christmas Party/Dinner at Hideaway Clubhouse (Date TBD)

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



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