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February 2022 General Meeting

The Texas Region held its February meeting at the Schimelpfenig Library in Plano, Texas at 2:00 on February 20. This is the first time we have used this venue for one of our monthly meetings. Thanks to John and Lynda Richardson for hosting! It was a great venue in a central location—plenty of room to park our classics! We had 13 classics on hand and 48 attendees. Lots of folks brown bagged their lunch and many brought snacks and desserts to share. As you can see by the pictures, a good time was had by all and the cars were spectacular! Join us on March 20 in Farmers Branch for our March meeting hosted by Kip and Debra Lankenau (see details on page 5).



February 2022 General Meeting Continued



And their wonderful classics!!



Stathopulo-Velde-Richardson



Brady Richard

February 2022 General Meeting Continued



Kim & Tammy Keith



George & Martha Smith



Mark Tirschler



Ira & Nuris Hester

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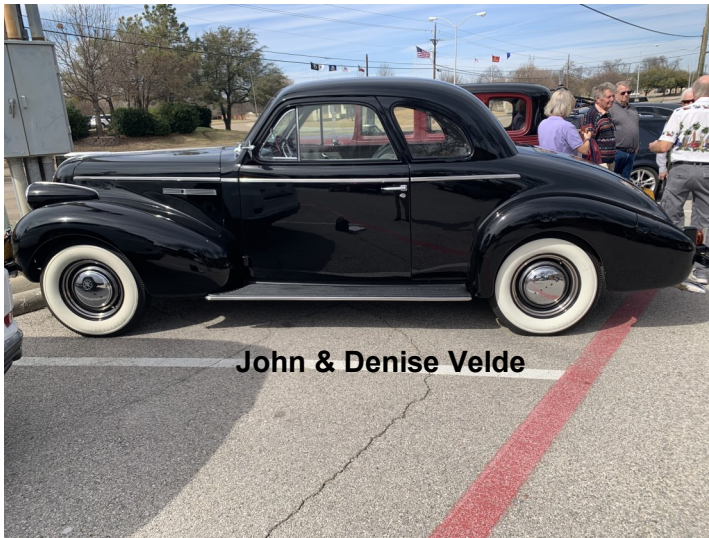


Keith & Carolyn Weiss



Joel Roper

February 2022 General Meeting Continued

**John & Denise Velde****Bob & Gayle MacCleod****John & Lynda Richardson****Kip & Debra Lankenau****Chris & Linda Stathopulo****Carey & Sue Frisby**

March Meeting on Sunday, March 20

Hosted by Kip & Debra Lankenau at Kip Motor Company
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm (Board Meeting at 1:00)

About Kip Motor Co.

Kip Motor Company specializes in parts, service and restoration for vintage British, European and exotic domestic vehicles and vintage aircraft. We make many of the parts we sell for uncommon British vehicles and will have demonstrations or displays of metal casting, plastic lens & emblem production, moulded rubber parts, wiring harness production, metal fabrication, and more. Currently, we have about a dozen projects in the shop ranging from simple tune-ups to frame-up restorations including a pre-war Triumph 1800, 1947 Sunbeam Talbot 10; TR3, and a 1957 MGA; current service projects include 1960 Nash Metropolitan "JAWS" (Return to Service), 1977 MGB (Return to Service); 1976 Jensen Interceptor (A/C and top motor), 1971 Land Rover Series III (brake system and interior cosmetics), 1948 MG TC (engine rebuild +mechanical restoration), 1976 Triumph TR6 (gearbox/overdrive rebuild); 1938 Austin Seven UTE (engine rebuild & brake system), 1973 Dodge Dart (engine rebuild+), and a 1977 MG Midget (switches, radio install, tune up). Needless to say, we are very full and busy and so very thankful!

Where: SW corner of I-35E and Loop 635
2127 Crown Rd, Dallas TX 75229

Coming from EAST Loop 635:

Going West on 635 from I35E, Exit Luna Rd; do U Turn at Luna going under 635 heading back east. At Newberry St (tree farm) take Right. KMC is at the south end of Newberry St and Crown Rd on the west side (right).

From WEST 635 heading East from DFW airport; Exit Luna Rd. Continue East bound on access road through intersection at Luna Rd. Turn right at Newberry (tree farm). KMC is at the northwest corner of Newberry St & Crown Rd.

From I-35 South:

Exit Royal Lane. Take left (west) at Royal Lane; go west to Newberry (traffic signal); turn Right. Follow dog leg and KMC will be on your left at Crown and Newberry.

From I-35 North: Take WEST Bound Loop 635 headed to DFW Airport. Take 1st exit: Luna Rd. U Turn under 635 heading EAST on access road. Take right (south) on Newberry. KMC at northwest corner of Newberry St & Crown Rd.

Please bring chairs! We have limited supply.

Entree = Raising Cane's Chicken Tenders with infamous sauce

A-J: Bring Sides/Salads

K-Z: Bring Dessert

Questions? Contact: Debra at 214-477-3224 (cell) debra@kipmotor.com or Kip at 214-598-0531 kip@kipmotor.com.

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



From the teacher's desk...

Greetings and Salutations, Texas Region!

It was We had such a great turn out at the February meeting (about 47 people is what I counted from the podium). Special thank you to our hosts, John and Lynda Richardson. That was my first experience at the Plano library. It was a neat location and allowed us all to mingle easily.



Our club is really gearing up for the spring with several tours in the works. Unfortunately the first tour up, the Spring Tune-up Tour, had to be canceled at the last moment due to some really nasty weather. The tour was to be hosted by long-time Bug Tussle participant and new Texas Region members, Chris and Linda Stathopulo. We are so excited to welcome them to our club. They did a lot of work putting this together; hopefully we will consider doing this tour at another time.

Chip Neel is moving right along with the Spring Tour March 23-25. We already have 21 people signed up. Chip is looking forward to getting back out and doing things with the club and we are most appreciative of him putting together this East Texas tour.

The biggest thing our club is getting geared up for is the Sweethearts and Orphans car show in Waxahachie. Larry and Pat Kollie are spearheading this event along with major support from Betty Dawson, John Richardson, and Jeff Podmers. We know that car enthusiasts from around the area are ready to get those beauties out for a little 'show 'n shine' with friends old and new.

As you know, Pate has been such a topic of debate and lively discussion over the past few months. It probably will be for awhile as there are many loose ends to tie up. Charlie and I were in Waco all day for the Board of Directors meeting. It had the most participants to date with 55 Directors, Alternates and Club Presidents in attendance. The discussion isn't over yet but a large amount of territory was covered. There is a full audit going on and a new treasurer with the appropriate amount of experience is firmly in place.

I am VERY pleased to report that after receiving positive feedback from you all, we will be assisting with registration in April. This will be an indoor position and we need to make sure we have plenty of coverage for those three days. Right now, we will still be doing the tile party with Cadillac-LaSalle on the weekend. However, we are not the primary club for this. I would love to have us as the registration team going forward as I will be taking over as registrar at the end of this meet.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting graciously hosted by Kip and Debra Lankenau at Kip Motor Company. More details elsewhere in this Spotlight—be sure and RSVP!. If there is a delay in Pate vendor registration forms, I may schedule a workday that weekend for assistance in packet stuffing. Bonus! If you are a vendor, I can give you your passes that day. Stay tuned and especially right now as I write this - stay warm and dry away from the icy roads. I'm signing off to enjoy the unexpected school holiday.

Nichole

February General Meeting of the AACA-Texas Region

February 20, 2022 2:00 at the Schimelpfenig Library in Plano, TX

The meeting was opened by Nichole Gambulos, president. Kaiden Lenners, Treasurer, presented the financial report.

Chip Neel noted that the Spring Tour would be March 23-25 through East Texas. It will begin at Buc-ee's in Terrell and cover the backroads of East Texas. Stops will include Athens, Lindale (overnight), Kilgore, Marshall and Jefferson (overnight).

There is an upcoming Spring Tune-up Tour with the Packard North Texas Club on Saturday, February 26. It begins in Sanger, TX and will include the back roads to Pilot Point, Tioga, Gunter, Dennison, Van Alstyne, Anna, and Melissa. It includes a visit to a restoration shop, a catfish lunch, and an Air Force Base (former Perrin) museum. It will terminate at the Buc-ee's in Melissa.

The 68th annual Texas Tour is being hosted by the Rio Grande Valley AACA club in Harlingen, TX. The dates are March 31 through April 3.

Pat Kollie announced that the location for the Sweethearts and Orphans in Waxahachie will be relocated to the Coleman Junior High School campus on Hwy 77, north of the square. It will be held on Saturday, March 5. The change is due to construction in the area of the downtown square. Currently there are 52 cars signed up to participate. John Richardson requested that members sign up for jobs related to the event. There was a sign-up sheet at the meeting as well as members can contact John Richardson to volunteer.

Kathy Clayton, membership chairperson, announced that currently there are 94 members which is the number that was turned into the national AACA office. There are new members who are John and Suzi Checki. She also showed two handouts that can be used as handouts to potential new members. One was provided by the national office and the second one was a handout that Kathy designed with local information.

Nuris Hester, sunshine chairperson announced that

- Larry Priest reported that Kathryn's swallowing is doing well.
- Doug Siminoe is having surgery on March 1 to remove a growth
- Bev Podmers broke her hip, had surgery, and will be in rehabilitation for recovery.
- Mary Ann Denman is recovering well from her surgery

A note was received from a daughter of Bob Tarpenting saying that soon there would be an estate sale that will include cars. She would keep the club informed as to the date.

Charlie Gambulos, II reported on the Pate Swap meet. He and Nichole attended a Pate organizational meeting the day before in Waco. Currently there is no check from last year's meet. This is due to an ongoing audit of the financial records and a new treasurer. The accounts are being thoroughly gone through and will then be moved to Chase Bank. With the existing system, it was simply a spreadsheet that continued to grow with each meet. It currently has over 13k lines in it with limited feedback on what transactions were for. The auditor is assisting the new treasurer with creating a QuickBooks account in order to streamline this process in the future and allow for more information to be put into each transaction for more clarity. The current webmaster and registrar contracts end with the conclusion of the 2022 swap meet. At that point, the new registrar (Nichole Gambulos) will take over and begin preparing for the 2023 meet. Website development will continue and improvements will be made to the system. Suggestions are always welcome. This meet, they will potentially be tracking man hours and we need to make sure that our members are showing up in force to contribute to the success of Pate and our club's finances. In the future there is a possibility of a change of jobs based on participation by each of the clubs. The current trend is that the club will receive two checks this year, one in April and one in September (the usual time frame).

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George Lang noted that our club is no longer affiliated with the Southwest Swap Meet. It is now owned and operated by Southwest Classics. The meet is being held at the ballpark in Arlington on Oct. 22.

Martha Smith announced that the Christmas party will be on Saturday, December 17, from 2-4 p.m. at the Hideaway Club House, Hideaway, TX.

Debra Lankenau noted that on May 1 there will be a European car show featuring British and European cars. It will be at White Rock Lake potentially featuring 200-300 cars. There will also be food trucks and entertainment.

Attendance prizes were awarded to Joel Roper, Carey and Sue Frisby and George and Martha Smith.

John and Lynda Richardson were thanked for hosting the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned. George Smith offered a blessing.

Respectfully submitted by,

Judy Kerr-Guysinger, Secretary

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)



All British & European Car Day

Sunday, May 1
White Rock Lake Park, Dreyfuss Club Point
Show field opens at 10am – Awards at 3pm

Come out and join us for our 37th annual celebration of British and European vintage motoring. Bring *any* British or European car or bike, driver or show vehicle over 25 years old to compete for trophies based on popular voting. Any vehicle, new or old, qualifies for Best-of-Show. This is a fun, family-friendly event picnicking and visiting with other antique vehicle aficionados.

Food Trucks ~ Metroplex Car Clubs ~ Local Shop & Restoration Vendors

For more information go to

www.AllBritishCarDay.com

or call Debra Lankenau, 972-243-0440.



Annual Spring Tour

Spring Drive on Scenic East Texas Backroads

March 23-25

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 Wednesday morning (March 23) at Buc-gee'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 Wednesday at Danny's BBQ, we'll visit the Texas Freshwater Fish Hatcheries (Athens). Thursday (March 24) 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 Country Tavern in Kilgore 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](#). See full itinerary on page 10.

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

AACA Texas Region

Spring Tour Itinerary

Wednesday March 23rd

9:30 – 9:45 Gathering for Spring Tour. Meet at Buc-ee's in Terrell, Texas Northwest parking lot across the street from Starbucks. Buc-ee's is located on route 148 between the rt 157 spur road and I20 (exit 498 on I20).

10:00 Spring Tour begins

Lunch Stop Danny's Barbecue Athens Texas

Afternoon Stop: Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center \$6.00 Admission ---Wetlands Trail---Alligator Exhibit (do not feed said alligators)---Texas Record Fish Exhibit and other Conservation Exhibits.

Overnight Stop: La Quinta Inn Lindale Texas 903 882 1600 \$89.00 plus tax They do not offer group rates. Nice hotel with limited breakfast. (IHOP across US69; Cracker Barrel just south of I20 on US69)

6:00 Dinner at Italian Garden about one mile from Hotel. Everyone is on their own for their cost of the meal.

Thursday March 24th

8:30 Depart La Quinta Hotel and drive to Texas Broadcast Museum Kilgore Texas

10:00 arrive at the Museum Tour lasts for about two hours. \$5.00 donation requested. AACA member Chuck Conrad will be our Guide

Lunch Stop: Country Tavern Kilgore, Texas

Travel to Jefferson Texas: Everyone responsible for securing their own lodging---there are a number of Bed and Breakfast venues available as well as a couple of Hotels. Suggest using resource such as Trip Advisor in selecting lodging.

Friday March 25th

Members on their own to explore Jefferson---dozens of quaint restaurants, boutiques antique stores to visit. For the more adventurous, Caddo Lake tours are available.

Questions? Contact Chip Neel [903-426-8503

Editor's Notes:

We have lots of activities to choose from in the coming month. Unfortunately the Tune-up tour was cancelled due to inclement weather. But don't be deterred; look at this lineup below.

- Mar 5—Sweethearts & Orphans Event (pages 10 & 11)
- Mar 20—March Meeting at Kip's Motor Company in Farmers Branch. Always a treat to go see his "toys".
- Mar 23-25—Spring Tour in East Texas (page 9)
- Mar 31-Apr 3—Texas Tour in Harlingen (page 8)

See you "on the road"!

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, there will be ample parking available. If you have general questions about the event you can send Larry Kollie an email (see next page).



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!

Contact 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 in the parking lot of Coleman Jr High in Waxahachie on US77 about 1 mile north of the square. The show will start at 10:00 AM.

We will have parking helpers onsite. 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!

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2022 CALENDAR

March 5—Sweethearts & Orphans
(see pages 10 & 11 for details)

March 20—Monthly Meeting in
Farmers Branch (see page 5 for de-
tails)

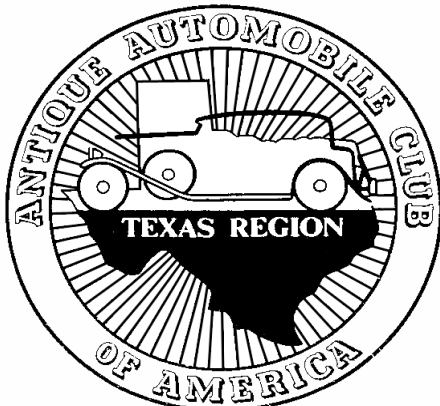
March 23-25— Spring Tour (see page
9 for details)

March 31-April 3—Texas Tour (see
page 8 for details)

August 27/28—Bugtussle Trek

Dec 17—Annual Christmas Party/
Dinner at Hideaway Clubhouse

2022—Events and Dates to be an-
nounced. Be watching The Spotlight
each month.



A decorative header for the 'Spotlight Classifieds' section. It features a black background with four white spotlights at the top, each casting a beam of light downwards. The beams of light create a series of white triangles that point towards the center, where the text 'Spotlight Classifieds' is written in a large, white, serif font.

Spotlight Classifieds



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