

# the SPOTLIGHT

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## March 2022 General Meeting



The club met at Kip Motors Company in Farmers Branch on Sunday, March 20. The club has met there in the past on numerous occasions. We always enjoy a visit there as it's fascinating to see what projects Kip has going on. Unfortunately I only got one picture of Kip and it is pretty poor quality due to the distance (I had to zoom in quite a bit) and the background light. Kip is a long-time member of the club and served as Club President in 1994 and 2000

This article will just be pictures of the people and the cars. Be sure and read Nichole's message and the meeting minutes in this edition of The Spotlight as there is more detail there about the meeting.





## March Meeting Continued





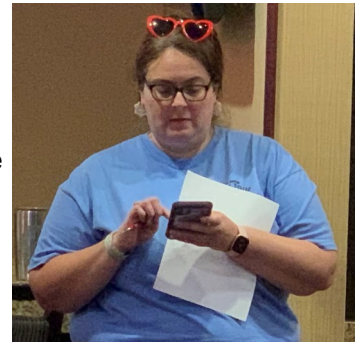
## March Meeting Continued



## From the teacher's desk...

Greetings and Salutations, Texas Region!

March was a great time to get out and see folks! It was nice to visit Kip Motor Company and visit with friends and see all the neat projects Kip and his crew are working on at their shop. I enjoyed seeing the airplanes in the back room of the building. Somehow I had missed that from a previous visit and what a treat it was to see.



This month we have a lot going on with the Pate Swap Meet. As Charlie mentioned in the meeting, we are going to be tracking participation points at each of the events. Our first joint event with the Cadillac LaSalle Club was the tile party. We had quite the turnout with members from both clubs gathering to sort and repair tiles. Many hands always make light work! In April itself, we have lots of opportunities to volunteer, including a new one this year in the registration building during the meet itself. Another club had this assignment for decades and now we have the chance to do it. I will need people to assist me in the registration building from 730-530 (4 hour overlapping shifts). I'll need help with the computers looking up vendors as well as paper organization, such as sorting packets or making copies for the packets. The club will have snacks, water, lunch, and our own locked restroom for our registration team volunteers. After the meet is over, we will have the tile pick up party on May 1 which will also have a short April business meeting afterwards.

Upcoming tours- Chris Stathopulo rescheduled his tour to April 9th. We have 13 cars registered for it so far. Thank you, Chris for persisting with the Spring Tune Up Tour. When this goes to press, hopefully, the Charlies and I will be enroute to Harlingen for the 68th Texas Tour (March 31-April 2). I'll be grading papers on the way down to occupy my time on the route because that sounds more fun than the driving part. Given the short turnaround time, we will be traveling modern. We are also carrying 5 of the traveling trophies with us, so that definitely takes away from the trunk space! It's a much smaller group this year with approximately 23 registered cars from outside the Rio Grande Valley.

There is no RSVP sign up for the meeting this month but there are for Pate volunteers. [Volunteer Interest](#) form. If you need a Pate Worker pass, let me know ASAP. I hope to see many of you all out there!

Be well - Nichole

Here is some valuable information that Nichole has detailed out to help us know what's available to help keep us informed.

The Bug Tussle Trek website is:

<https://bugtussletrek.com/>

Facebook page: BugTussleTrek

The Texas Tour website is:

<https://thetexastour.com/>

Facebook page: Texas Tour

Our new club website (Nichole is working on it but there's a shell of info)

<https://texasregionaaca.org/>

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# Spring Tour (March 23-25)



Happiness is driving on an East Texas back road on a Spring morning and looking into your rear view mirror and seeing a string of Classic cars trailing behind. Gathering in Terrell, Texas, our group headed for our first stop, Athens, Texas. Being a bit hungry, we dropped into Danny's Bar Be Que for lunch. Refreshed with our meal, the group proceeded to the Texas Fresh Water Fish Center. The Center, operated by the Texas Wildlife Department, is a complex of walking trails, fish exhibits and a small fishing pond/park. Leaving the Center, more back roads that lead to Lindale, Texas for our overnight stop. In Lindale, we shared our evening meal at the Italian Garden, a local restaurant.



1925 Rolls Royce—John Wampler



1937 Packard—Alex McCommas

Thursday morning, we awoke to bright sunshine AND a better than new 1925 Rolls Royce Ghost and a big black stately Packard sitting in the hotel parking lot. It seems that two Tyler residents got wind of our little adventure and inquired as to whether they might join us. "Of course," all replied and off we went to the Texas Broadcast Museum located in Kilgore, Texas. The Museum is operated by a lifetime AACA member Chuck Conrad (former club president). The collection included hundreds of various types of communication equipment--radios, cameras, and recording equipment. To top it off, most of the items were in perfect working order. Howdy Doody could be seen on the big 1950's Zenith TV. Want to hear some Al Jolson? Just wind up the Edison gramophone and hear it as it was recorded in 1917.

Again on back roads, we discovered the little town "time forgot" - Jefferson, Texas. The town is filled with hotels that are reportedly haunted, nice little B&B's, brick streets and a General Store. Alas, Jefferson was our last stop. Our Spring Tour was over and it was time to return to the real world.

Article submitted by Chip Neel, the tour director. On the next page view the cars participating in this tour.



## Spring Tour Continued



Refueling stop and checking out a small coolant leakage

Walking the trails at the  
Fish Hatchery



Dinner at the Italian Garden in Lindale



## Spring Tour Continued



Chuck  
Conrad



Kim Keith hamming it up on the news set!



1949 Communications "van"  
A wonderful restoration.



Lunch at the Country Tavern,  
just west of Kilgore





# March General Meeting of the AACA-Texas Region

March 20, 2022 2:00 at Kip Motors in Farmers Branch, TX

Attendees: 32

Nichole opened the meeting with a big thank you to the Lankenau's for hosting the meeting at Kip Motor CO. Great opportunity to see the inside workings of a full auto/aero restoration shop and more.

Kaiden Lenners, Treasurer, presented the annual 2022 budget to the general membership body, highlighting larger items on the budget (Dec. annual meeting \$2,000; 3 Tours combined budget of \$1,000).

Motion to accept the budget, move to accept by Kip Lankenau and second by Martha Smith.

Sunshine Report presented by Nuris Hester. Get well wishes sent to Bev. Podmers, Doug Siminoe, Mary Ann Denman, and Debra Mahanna. The group ask about Phil Clayton who is doing better.

Recently joined Members Mike and Terry Hrehocik were welcomed and introduced.

Roger Dennison reminded members to send information to be published in The Spotlight.

May meeting will be at Hideaway Lake Park Pavilion, on 5/15 hosted by Hideaway Classic Car Club, to include AACA TX Region members Pat David, Chip Neel, Martha and George Smith, and Roger Dennison. Park is located near Tyler, at exit 552 off of I20. The host club will provide hot dogs and fixing's, AACA TX Region members to bring sides.

## Tours:

Chip Neel went over details of **The Spring Tour** (3/23-3/25). Attendees will meet at Buc-ees Wed's. at 9:30 am, and head to Athens for BBQ and the Fishery Center, then overnight in Lindale. Thursday the tour heads to Kilgore for the Broadcast Museum, then Thursday afternoon to Jefferson for an overnight stay, then back home on Friday. Safe travels to the attendees!

Chris Stathopulo announced the re-scheduled date of 4/9 for **The Tune-up Tour**. This is rain or shine tour. If you can't drive your classic, feel free to go modern. Same tour as originally planned. Meet at Buc-ees at 9:00 am, then head to Hup's for catfish at 11:00 am. Use same link sent out before to RSVP.

**Texas Tour** will be attended by Nichole and Charlie.

Kip Lankenau gave details on the **All British and European Car Day** 5/1 at White Rock Lake. This event is sponsored by Kip Motor Co. and has occurred for 35 years with over 300 vintage vehicles or motorbikes expected to attend. Only on-line registration is available so be sure to sign up first before heading to the event if entering a car. Show opens at 10:00 am, popular vote at 2:00 pm and awards at 3:00 pm.

Charlie Gambulos II went over volunteers needed for **Pate 2022**:

- o Need volunteers to help. This is only source of income for club. Pate considering tracking of points as a conglomerate of hours a club works. Clubs with most labor receive most \$. This is a big event to help bring in \$ to club to help fund other club events.
- o TX Region has opportunity to help with onsite registration from **4/26-4/30(1/2 day)**.
  - ✦ Registration volunteers will work two 4-hour shift daily
  - ✦ 8 volunteers needed per day, or 4 total volunteers for each 4-hr. shift.
  - ✦ **Tile Party** to refurbish tiles is 3/26 10:00 am. Restrooms will be available on site.
  - ✦ **Tile Layout** is 4/23 10:00 am
  - ✦ **Tile Pickup** is 5/1 10:00 am, followed by the April Mo. Meeting/lunch
  - ✦ Participation Points will track this year, great way to reward participation if we have the income to support. We will track this year and determine budget in 2023 for allowances.
  - ✦ April Meeting will occur after Pate Tile PU.

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## March General Meeting Minutes Continued

Club Greeter Claire Clayton held drawing for \$25 gift cards from a pool of those who drove old cars. Winners were Jeff Podmers, Debra Lankenau, and Ira Hester.

Nichole created a new **TEXASREGIONAACA .ORG** Website for a nominal fee. Information will continue to be added, but off to a great start.

Kip closed with an overview of Kip Motor Co. and the restoration services, parts and support Kip, Debra and their team of Cartheologist provide for British, European, and domestic exotic vintage autos. Kip Aero is an offshoot of Kip Motor Co. where Kip, Debra and team produce and fabricate WW1 aero planes, primarily the Sopwith family of flying machines.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Kathy Clayton, Director/Membership

## 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](http://www.AllBritishCarDay.com)

or call Debra Lankenau, 972-243-0440.





# **AACA- Tune-up Tour - Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Gather at Love's Travel Stop, 8900 N. I-35 Denton, TX -,  
Exit 473, Milam Road. Leave at 9:00 a.m. "Sharp"**

**Rest Rooms available at Love's Travel Stop-Denton, Hickman Creations and Exxon Gas Station-Gunter, Huck's Catfish and The Perrin AF Museum, Denison and Buc-ee's, in Mellissa. Feel free to stop as needed along the way. The turns and estimated arrival times are provided if you get behind and need to catch up with the group. The Total Trip is approximately 115 miles.**

**Chris Stathopulo – Tour Master – 972-931-3767; Linda Stathopulo – Navigator –214-563-5203  
Mark Wilson – Straggle Master – 817-913-6685**

- 1. Start – 9:00 a.m. – Love's Travel Stop, 8900 N. I-35, Denton, TX – 940-302-0111**
- 2. Lunch -11:00 a.m. - Denison - Huck's Catfish, 2811 Trail Dr., Denison, TX - 903-337-0033**
- 3. After Lunch- 12:30 p.m.-2:00 - Denison - Perring AFB – Historical Museum, 436 McCallum Ave, Denison, TX - 903-786-8741**
- 4. Tom Bean, Van Alstyne, Anna, Melissa to Buc-ee's off Hwy75**
- 5. Tour should be completed around 3:30 p.m.**

**First Stop is in Gunter 1 hr. away.**

- 1. Turn Right – North - from Love's Travel Stop on I-35 access road - .4m**
- 2. Turn Right – East - on Cowling Road - 3.4m**
- 3. Merge Right – North-East – on 5<sup>th</sup> Street - .5m**
- 4. Turn Right – East – on East Willow St. – Note: Willow St. has a name change to McReynolds Rd. – 3.3m**
- 5. Turn Left – North – on FM2164 (Stop Sign – Paved Road - No Road Sign) - .8m**
- 6. Turn Right – East - on FM455E – 9.5m – Note: We will stay on FM455E to US Route 377**
- 7. Turn Left - North - on US Route 377 – 7.4m [We will cross railroad tracks and turn Left to the North. We will have to go through a stop light. It may take multiple light cycles for all the cars to get through the light. It may be necessary for the lead cars to pull over on the highway shoulder until all cars get through the light. The Straggle Master will monitor this. ]**
- 8. Turn Right – East – FM121 [Small sign at Farm Road 121 - No street Name "Signature Real Estate" is on the South East Corner] – 11.0m**



## Spring Tune-up Tour Continued

[We will enter Gunter on W. Main St./FR121 - turn left into the parking lot of Hickman Creations 424 W. Main St. Gunter, TX. – This is .3m prior to the HWY289 FR121 Stop Light]

**[We have been offered a tour of the restoration shop. This stop will about 40 minutes. Restrooms are available.]**

There is an EXXON Gas Station with bathroom facilities at 417 N. 8<sup>th</sup> St. , that is .3m North on Preston Road/HWY289, continue to the stop light and turn left on 289 to the gas station.

When leaving the Restoration Shop:

9. Continue on FM-121 - W. Main St – East – .3m to the HWY289 Preston Road Stop Light
  10. Turn Left – North – on Texas 289/Preston Road – 15.5m
  11. Exit Right – East – Merge on US HWY82 – 2.9m
  12. Take Exit 640 off US HWY82 – Right - to the intersection of Heritage Parkway/FM1417
  13. Turn Left – North – on Heritage Parkway /FM1417 – 1.7m
  14. Turn Right – East – on Plainview Rd – 1m
  15. Turn Left – North – on Whiteway Rd – .5m
  16. Turn Left – North – on FM131/North Travis St - .5m [No Road Sign at Intersection]
  17. Turn Right – East – on FM691/Grayson Dr. – 1.1m
  18. Turn Left – North – on N. Loy Lake Rd./FM131 - .4m
  19. Turn Right – East – off FM131 - to stay on North Loy Lake Rd. -1.8m [Note: Sharp Turn]
- Note: When driving under State HWY 75 - be careful – Cross traffic must stop. There is no stop sign for through traffic. People coming off HWY75 on your left are supposed to stop.
20. Turn Left – North – on South Trail Dr. – 400ft – Huck’s Catfish is on the Left

There is a parking lot located on the North side of the Huck’s Catfish where we can park our cars together.

**We are all to order from the menu and pay for our own lunch directly to the restaurant. Tips are expected based on service.**

**AFTER LUNCH – about 1.5 hrs.**

21. Turn Right – South – on South Trail Dr. – 400ft –
22. Turn Right – West –on North Loy Lake Rd. – 1.1m to FM131 (Keep left at “Y” intersection)



## Spring Tune-up Tour Continued

23. Turn Left – South – on FM131 - .4m – Be careful, traffic from the right is coming over a hill.

24. Turn Right – West – on FM691 – Grayson Drive - 3.5m

25. Turn Left – South – on McCullum Ave. - .1m,

## **The Perrin Air Force Base Historical Museum is on the Right.**

### **Free Admission – Donations Appreciated**

[There is a Parking Lot across the street from the Museum. We will be parking there.]

(We should be at the Museum for about an hour – EST.)

26. Leave – North – on McCullum Ave. - .1m

27. Turn Right – East – on FM691 – Grayson Drive - .7m

28. Turn Right – South – on FM1417-South Heritage Parkway – 2.6m

29. Turn Left – East – on HWY82 – 4.1m [Note: Stay in the Right Lane and allow faster traffic to pass.]

30. Take HWY82 Exit 645 to FM1417 – 4.7m

31. Turn Right – South – on FM1417 – 1.2m

32. Turn Right – West – on HWY56 – 1.3m

33. Turn Left – South – on FM11 – at Stop Light - 10.7m - to the town of Tom Bean

[There is an Exxon station at the 10.0 miles]

34. Turn Right – South – on Britton St/FM902 – 600 ft. – at Flashing Yellow Light

35. Turn Right – West – on Luby Dr. / King St. -570 ft.

36. Turn Immediately Left – South – on FM2729S – 6.0m – at T intersection

37. Turn Right – West – on FM121 – 5.6m to Van Alstyne

38. Turn Left – South – on HWY5 – 5.7m – to Anna

39. Continue – South – on HWY5 – 4.4m

40. Turn Right – West – on W. Fannin Road – at Stoplight. – 1.6m

41. Cross – Melissa Rd/CCR344

42. Turn Right – West – on Buc-ee's Blvd. - .5m – (Buc-ee's is on the right)

**U.S. HWY75 is adjacent to Buc-ee's and is available for your route home.  
Buc-ee's is just North of the HWY-121- HWY-75 junction.**



## The Sweethearts & Orphans Report by Sam Goforth



The Sweethearts & Orphans event has had a loyal following for over 20 years but the most recent change in its schedule proves it's no fluke. In recent years S&O events have started with a hotel gathering on Thursday evening, a county-wide tour with interesting stops on Friday, the car show with shopping and city tours on Saturday, a banquet that evening, and a farewell breakfast on Sunday morning. However, this has always been centered around the main attractions, our Sweethearts who put up with this hobby and the Orphan cars whose manufacturers no longer exist or, more currently, car models that are no longer manufactured.

However, this year (hosted by the Texas Region AACA) proved that all the touring and events are merely icing on the cake. With only a car show on a junior high parking lot, the Sweethearts & Orphans Car Show truly made it about the people, our "Sweethearts" and the "Orphans" as 90 cars filled the parking lot from 10 am to 3pm.

Packard to Hudson, Oldsmobile, Buick, Pontiac, Nash, Studebaker, Mercury, American Motors, Willys Knight, Plymouth, DeSoto, Kaiser-Frazer, Graham-Paige, Essex, Overland, Terraplane, LaSalle, Excalibur, and of course, Model A's and Model T's. Nowhere else during the year will you see cars dating from right after the turn of the last century to 1990 as long as they are not street rods or customs and fill the criteria of model or manufacturer "Orphans" and our "Sweethearts" loved it too.

What will the Sweethearts & Orphans event be like next year? Come join us and find out. It will never be dull or boring because we love our Sweethearts & Orphans. Visit the website to see photos from this year at <https://www.sweethearts-orphans.com/>

### Editor's Notes...

So much to report on! It is great to see all that is going on with our hobby in our area. I hope you are enjoying the various activities! It was a real treat for me to be able to enjoy the Spring Tour (a local event for me here in East Texas) by driving my '76 Coupe de Ville the first day, my '91 Silverado to dinner that evening, and my '53 Packard Mayfair the second day!

Thanks to those that have been contributing articles, pictures and recipes. Keep it coming!!

Chris has a great tune-up tour scheduled for April 9th. Many thanks to him for rescheduling this after the first attempt was cancelled due to weather.

Be sure to support the Pate Swap Meet. Our club has numerous opportunities to help out. Remember that our share of the proceeds is based on our level of participation, and Pate is our only source of income outside of the annual dues.

The May meeting (May 15th) will be held in Hideaway (on I20 just one hour east of Forney). The meeting will be hosted by the Hideaway Classic Car Club, so be sure to come and enjoy seeing some vehicles that you don't see at our regular meetings.

*Roger*



There have been some requests for several recipes used for the smorgasbord at our March meeting. Nuris has been kind enough to share these with us, although I would not be surprised if she's holding out some secret ingredient! Nuris says to all of us,

**“Buen Provecho mis Amigos!”**

### **Spoon Bread/Cornbread Souffle/3 Corn-Cornbread**

1/2 C melted butter  
1C sour cream  
2 beaten eggs  
1(16oz) can creamed corn  
1(16oz) drained whole kernel corn  
1(80z) package of Jiffy corn muffin mix

In large bowl mix the ingredients together in the order above.  
Pour mix in greased 8x11 (2Qt) pan.  
Bake 50-60 mins at 375degree oven.  
Keep warm and serve with spoon!

### **Cowboy Caviar**

2 (16oz) cans of black beans (drained and rinsed)  
1 (15.5oz) can organic whole corn kernel (drained)  
1 bunch of cilantro (remove stems and finely chop leaves)  
1 Lg Red Bell Pepper, diced  
6-7 Green Onions stems, diced  
Approx 2TBLSP apple cider vinegar or white wine vinegar  
3/4 Jar of Cotija Cilantro dressing  
2-3 Avocado (not overly ripe) diced

In large bowl mix beans and corn, red pepper and green onions. In smaller bowl mix dressing, vinegar and chopped cilantro. Pour dressing mix over dry ingredients..taste check for acidity level (just like we check our engines to make sure its well balanced) you may need to add more vinegar or dressing to your liking! All this may be prepared the night before or early morning before an event and placed in refrigerator. An hour or two before meeting mix in diced avocados, seal tightly and keep chilled until serving time. This may be served with corn chips as a dip or just as a side salad.



## **May Monthly Meeting in Hideaway, TX—Sunday, May 15**



Hideaway is a relaxing “bedroom” community in East Texas, about an hour east of Forney just off I20. The May meeting will be held there at Funtier Park. There are a number of alternatives to the Interstate to get there, so hopefully you’ll come in your classic. The meeting will be hosted by the Hideaway Classic Car Club—members of that club will have their cars there for our viewing pleasure and they are hoping to see our cars! **There will be more details in the May Spotlight.**



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## 2022 CALENDAR

**Pate Swap Meet** —See information in Nichole's message (p. 4) and the March meeting minutes (pp 8-9)

**April 9**—Rescheduled Spring Tune-up Tour (see pp 10-12 for details)

**May 1**—April Monthly meeting (short) following the Tile Pick-up Party at Pate [1:00]

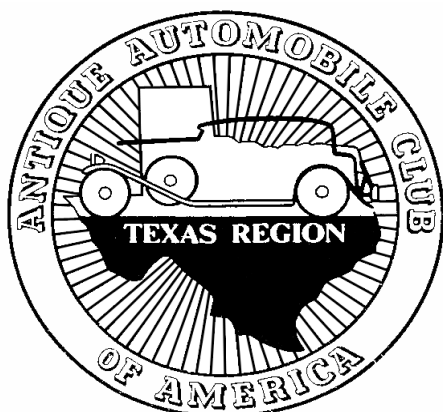
**May 15**—Monthly Meeting in Hideaway (see page 14 for details)

**June 19**— Monthly Meeting TBD

**August 27/28**—Bugtussle Trek

**Dec 17**—Annual Christmas Party/ Dinner at Hideaway Clubhouse

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



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# Spotlight Classifieds



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