

The President's Report

So, I just received a note from National. The basic message was, it's spring so let's get out to the car shows, tours, cruiser nights, etc. Well, I've already done two of these things. Last week I went to the first of the summer car shows with the Christian Classic Cruisers in North Richland Hills. They hold this event on the third Saturday of the month, March all the way through November. And the week before that I went out to a Thursday night cruise night at a local BBQ joint.



We held our first tour of the season, The Tune-Up Tour, this month. This event was put together by Jeff Podmers and the Tucker family. They did an outstanding job on this event. We travelled the back roads around Lake Worth and beyond, finishing at the club room at the Tucker's car-condo for a quick meeting and loads of hamburgers and hot dogs. Thanks to both of these members for their hard work. I would also like to note that the Tuckers have only been members for a short time. I believe they joined our club sometime last fall. Thank you for jumping right in and hosting us!

On another topic, I received an email from a friend in another club who shared an article highlighting ten reasons why people should belong to a club. Here's the link to that article: <https://carbuzz.com/why-you-should-join-a-car-club-in-2025>. While I think all of the points made are relevant, here are a few that I feel are very relevant to our club.

- 1). Taking part in meets & events.
- 4). Making new friends with a shared interest.
- 6). Discussing common issues & sharing repair knowledge.
- 7). Keeping the car community alive.

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Next Meeting—April 27, 2025 !!

Hard 8 BBQ in Roanoke

After PATE Tile Pickup

See inside the Spotlight

(President's Report Continued...)

All of these are great, but I feel that item 7 is the most important. I believe we all feel that way. Why would we be so focused on getting new members to join our club. That is why we are always looking for new members.

Number 1 is also important. Let's take our club for example. We have several events coming up within the next couple of months. Pate Swap Meet, Medal of Honor Parade, Texas Tour just to name a few or several in this case. Here is an opportunity for you to get out and meet new people. As a friend of mine in yet another car club will say, 'let's get off the front porch and get involved'.

I hope that all of this will inspire some of you to come out and join us. I would love to meet you and hear your cars story.

See you on the open road!

Andy



I am pleased to announce that we have formally been approved to participate in the 2025 MOH parade on April 12th. I have included a link below to RSVP for the parade and for lunch afterwards. If you even considering participating, please RSVP so that I can establish a distribution list by email that will provide any and all last minute updates, positioning information, and in case of inclement weather changes to the parade plans. You can always contact us if your plans change. You can join us for lunch even if you aren't able to make the parade....

Please RSVP by clicking >> [HERE](#) << and get additional contact information on the web page.

John and Lynda Richardson



March Monthly Meeting

By John Richardson

As mentioned by Andy, the March Monthly Meeting ended up being at the end of the Tune-up Tour at the Tucker's car-dominium club house. And a great one it was. We had a full crowd composed of those on the Tour and those that were able to join the meeting. The Tour, of course, was excellent and we all got to see a lot of Lake Worth area that we didn't know existed. Including—it looked like—someone's back yard enroute to a neighborhood single lane alley-way. All that said, it was an excellent route with minimum stoplights and difficult turns. Well done Jeff and Tuckers!!

BTW, Jeff's so called backyard was a treasure trove of excellent cars sneakily hidden away in normal looking garages. If you were there, I hope you looked in all the corners!

The meeting place was perfect, with just enough room and an excellent kitchenette setup for serving lunch. Which BTW was superior! The entire Tucker family stepped up and made a monumental cook-out meal complete with homemade peach cobbler! And of course, the car shop...or should I say vehicle shop...since there was a treaded John Deere 'tractor' as part of the collection. But the best was the Jaguar E Type under restoration.

When asked about it Kurt said: "As for the E type. My father had owned it for 50 years before handing it off to me a couple of years ago. When I was in grade school, the Jag was our family's daily driver. My mom on a regular basis would drive us three kids to school in it. My brother and I would lay face up in the back while my sister was in the front passenger seat. Fun memories in that car".

Ok, an E Type Jag as a 'daily driver', got it.

You can see in Terry's minutes (below) what happened at the meeting and what was announced. Our next event is the Medal of Honor Parade on the 12th and then Pate Week starting with the ritual of "laying of the tiles" on the 19th. Pate is that week and our monthly meeting is Hard 8 in Roanoke on the 27th. May is Texas Tour, with meeting, and June, so far, only has the meeting scheduled, on the 15th.

As you can see from the Sunshine Report (subbed for Nuris) we've had a rough month with injuries etc. Your thoughts and prayers to your fellow members are always appreciated.

So, without further ado, here's the jist of the Tune-up Tour and meeting through PICTURES!!



We got started from Jeff's backyard and garages. It was like a neat home-museum of fine cars !



Lead by Kurt Tucker's Bug we caravanned through the countryside—including through covered bridges



Of course there was the obligatory 'pit stop' along the way. Showing off the cars. Buuut why do they all seem to be 'one hole-rs'?



Then the parade of tourers into the car-dominium complex, ready for getting out of the cars and stretching....





The weather could not have been more perfect for touring and gathering



Many fine cars this tour with 'riders'



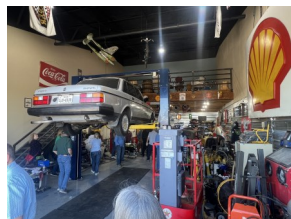
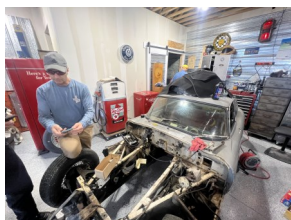
Caught texting!! Tisk-Tisk



The stairs offered the perfect podium for our fearless president



The outstanding cookout lunch served by the lovely Tucker ladies



Post lunch tour to the Tucker Garage, and view of the now famous E Type under restoration. What a great place to hang.

WITH CADILLAC LA SALLE
APRIL 19TH - TILE SETUP @ 9 AM

TEXAS DFW REGION - REGISTRATION BLDG
APRIL 23-26TH PATE SWAP MEET

WITH CADILLAC LA SALLE
APRIL 27TH - TEAR DOWN @ 9 AM

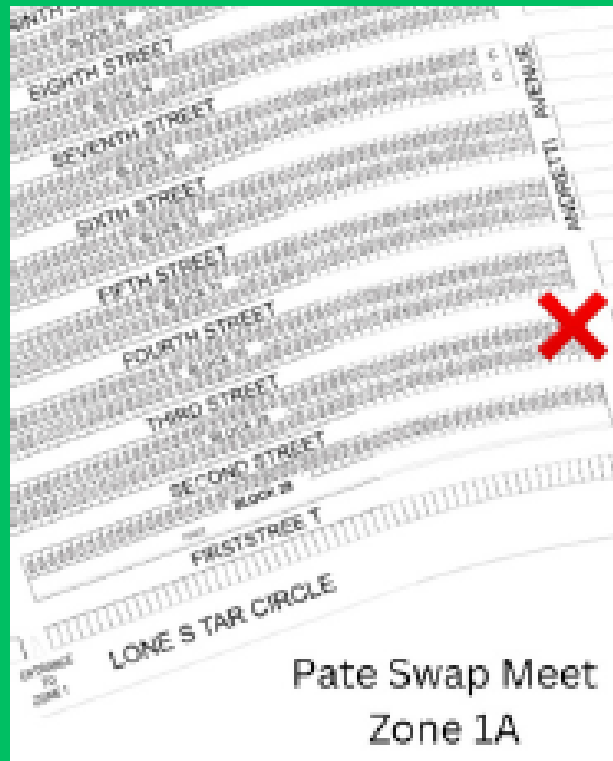
QUESTIONS? CONTACT CHARLIE 214-924-3086
CHARLIE GAMBULOS, PATE 1ST VICE PRESIDENT, CLUB PATE DIRECTOR



APRIL 19, 2025
MEET AT THE CADILLAC LA SALLE
TENT AT 9 AM (RED X ON MAP)
COME IN AT GATE 4, OFF LONESTAR CIRCLE
2 PEOPLE PER GOLF CART
ON THE JOB TRAINING PROVIDED!

APRIL 27, 2025
MEET AT THE CADILLAC LA SALLE
TENT AT 9 AM (RED X ON MAP)
COME IN FROM GATE 4, OFF LONESTAR CIRCLE
CHOOSE FROM TILE PICK UP (GOLF CART)
OR TILE SORTING AT THE TENT FOR
THOSE THAT PREFER TO STAY IN TENT
CLUB MEETING AND LUNCH
AT HARD 8 BBQ TO FOLLOW

APRIL 23-26, 2025
VARIOUS SHIFTS- COMPUTER OR GREETER
BUILDING LOCATED BEHIND BIG HOSS
APPROXIMATELY WHERE GREEN X IS ON MAP



LINE GREETERS OUTSIDE HAND OUT PACKETS / PATE TIMES
INSIDE- COMPUTER OR NON COMPUTER OPTIONS
REGISTRATION, CAR CORRAL, RUNNER
ALL HANDS ON DECK- OUR CLUB STAFFS THIS
LUNCH / LIGHT SNACKS PROVIDED!
ZOOM TRAINING SESSION LINK FOR NEWBIES AND
VETERANS TO BE EMAILED DIRECTLY FROM NICHOLE
(NO CHANGES TO SYSTEM FROM LAST YEAR- YEAH!)

A GOOGLE FORM SIGN UP WILL BE SENT OUT
IF YOU HELPED LAST YEAR AND ALREADY KNOW YOUR
AVAILABILITY, TEXT OR EMAIL NICHOLE
713-402-8418 OR TEXASREGIONAACA@GMAIL.COM



Editor's Comments:

Folks, Pate is our major source of funds other than dues. So it's most important to the club that we all chip in and volunteer to make it the best that we can. And to make it easiest for everyone in the club. Often it's a limited group of people that volunteer, who also then have to carry the load—'cause it does have to be done. Yes it's time consuming, and a long way to get there, but consider it a 'payback' for what the club brings to you. See the Pate announcement flyer in this Spotlight, and volunteer, please.

April 27th Meeting

Once again, our plan is to have the April Meeting at Hard 8 BBQ in Roanoke after the Pate Tile Clean-up activities on Sunday the 27th. Previously, we have finished and are really ready to eat by 11. So, if you aren't joining us for clean-up you can meet us there. 205 Oak Street, Roanoke. Hopefully we'll be able to arrange for the 'private' room as we have done in the past. Not quiet, but not bad either.

If you are joining, you can text me (John) at 214-914-6742 with cleanup progress and expected ETA at Hard 8.



Did you get your directory yet? If not, contact **Tammy Keith** for your copy. **469-338-6358** or email Tammy at **keithtammy@sbcglobal.net**

Sunshine Report

By John Richardson
for Nuris

I hope most of you have seen the email about George Lang and his fight (which he lost) with a trans-mission. I talked to him this week and he's doing much better. Although from a recliner, with Nurse Dot doing his meds and shots. But in good spirits, and recommending never to do heavy car work without help!

Jerry Smith is doing much better from his heart surgery and continues to build stamina and strength. He and Linda were at the last meeting. Unfortunately, he also has another unrelated surgery on April 2, and appreciates your prayers and support.

Now, for our Sunshine Lady, Nuris suffered a severe fall down stairs visiting her sister and is quite banged up with a broken collarbone and a bunch of bruises. She's recuperating nicely, but I hear Ira has to cut her food, drive her around and increase his home-work load. What goes around, comes around Ira. Your turn. :-)

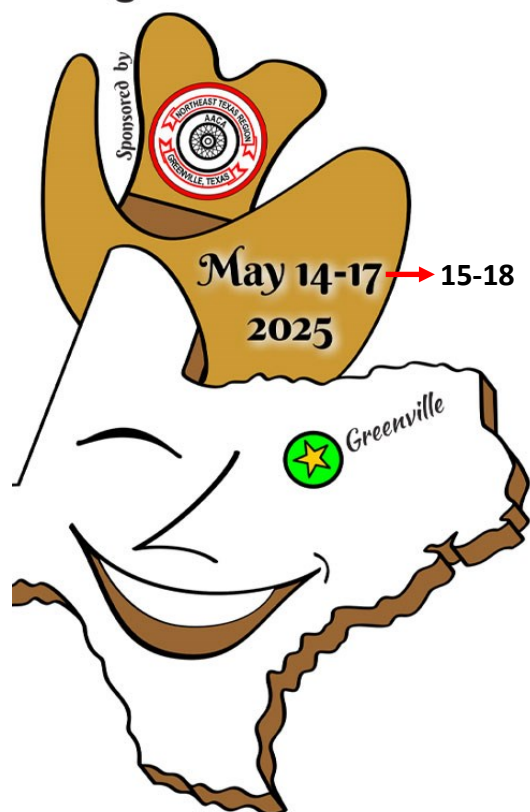
Sue Frisby has had foot surgery so they will be out for a bit, but signed up for the Texas Tour. Cross fingers...

Please text, call or email your Sunshine chair on life events.
Keep on the sunny side !!



71st Texas Tour

Is coming to
Greenville, TX



Tour Chair
David Gish

Co-Chair
Pamela Crisson

Registrar
Roy Studinski
903-454-8575

71st Texas Tour
May 15-18 2025
Greenville, TX

Hosted by - AACA – NETR (Northeast Texas Region) (aka, Greenville Antique Car Club)

We hope to see everyone in Greenville, TX

The registration form is attached please fill out and return to us. You can mail, or e-mail the form or fill out the form on our web page <https://www.netraaca.com/texas-tour-2025/>.

Please get your Registrations in by April 1 2025 so we will have the counts for ordering what we will be enjoying on the tour. If you would like any additional information please contact me. Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Roy Studinski,
Registrar
903-454-8575
TexasTour@netraaca.com

March Meeting Minutes

DATE: Sunday, March 16, 2025

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Tune-Up Tour

Call to Order

Andy Riemitis, president, opened the meeting

Approval of Minutes

The minutes as they appeared in the last Spotlight were approved

Presidents' Report – Andy Riemitis

Andy welcomed new member Mark Wilson.

He also welcomed Jerry and Linda Smith back

He announced that we did not hold a BOD meeting this month because of the Tune-Up Tour.

Sunshine Report – Nuris Hester

Nuris reported that George Lang is home and recovering from his recent accident.

1st Vice Presidents' report – Chris Stathopulo

Andy congratulated Chris on the Website Award from National. Everyone agreed that the website looks great.

2nd Vice Presidents' report – John Richardson

March 22 - Pate Tile Party – Texas Motor Speedway 10:00 am

April 12 - M.O.H. Parade - Gainesville, meet at 9:00 – 9:15. John will send letter with details. He and Lynda will host a luncheon after at their lake house.

April 19 – Pate Tile laydown – 10.00 am Texas Motor Speedway

April 24-26 – Pate – Texas Motor Speedway

April 27th - Pate Tile Pickup - General meeting at the Hard eight restaurant after tile pick-up

May 15-18 – Texas Tour

May 17th – meeting will be held in John and Lynda's hotel suite before the TT banquet

Oct 19 – Runaway Scrape – Details on website

Treasurers' report – Debra Lankenau

No treasurer's report, Debra will send out report later in the week.

Secretary's report – Terry Hrehocik

The minutes of the last meeting as posted in the Spotlight were approved.

Tour Directors' report – George Lang

See Sunshine Report.

2025 AACA National Tour – Kip Lankenau – The Runaway Scrape

It was highly recommended that everyone make hotel reservations soon because the Round Top Flea Market is being held during the same time period.

Bug Tussle Tour – Cole Clayton

Sept. 27 – 28 – Cole announced that plans for the Tour are concluded and information for information and reservations will be posted soon.

Kathy shared some adorable graphics that they are considering for the tour media.

Andy called for volunteers to take over BT Tour director duties for the 2026 season.

Old Business

Membership renewal is down - We are up to 83 members and Kim K reported that we are waiting on 20 members that haven't committed to rejoining.

New Business

Charlie gave an update on PATE. He stated that PATE is providing free 3' x 5' banner space for each club to advertise and asked if the club can approve money to purchase said banner. It was decided that Terry would design a banner based on the magnetic car signs.

Andy announced that he will ask the board members to vote as to whether the club will finance the magnetic car signs later this week.

Car magnet signs 18" x 18" Qty 50 - \$552.34

Bumper magnets 3" x 11" Qty 50 - \$140.73

There was a short discussion on whether the club will or will not buy new member name tags.

Adjournment

Jeff motioned that the meeting be adjourned, Steve K. seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by

Terry Hrehocik, Secretary

AACA TEXAS DFW REGION
PROUDLY PRESENTS



THE RUNAWAY SCRAPE TOUR



A PROGRESSIVE TOUR FROM
SAN ANTONIO TO SAN JACINTO



OCTOBER 18 - 22, 2025
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DFW.AACA.COM/RUNAWAYSCRAPE/](https://TEXAS-DFW.AACA.COM/RUNAWAYSCRAPE/)

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Spotlight Classifieds

I have a complete 332 engine from a 1959 Ford Fairlane, with attached original tranny. All worked as of the time of removal. And kept indoors since. Available for pickup in Murphy storage unit. If you or a friend is interested please contact John Richardson—214-914-6742. \$500 OBO



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2025 CALENDAR

**Every 3rd Sunday at
2pm (mostly)**

Medal of Honor

Parade—April 12

Gainesville

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Pate Tile Lay-down

April 19

***Pate Swap Meet—April
24-26***

April 27 Meeting @

***Pate Tile Pickup and
Hard 8 BBQ Roanoke***

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May Meeting @

Texas Tour—May 17

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June Meeting

Lake House June 15

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Bug Tussle 2025

September 27-28

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Runaway Scrape Tour

Oct 18-22