

President's Report

Cole's Chronicles

The Pate "put out" workday went very quickly this year. The AACA was well represented. The weather at the speedway was excellent with mild temperatures and hardly any wind. Before noon, all the tiles had been laid.

The Pate swap meet is an interesting combination of goods on roughly 10,000 spots being sold. It is amazing what can be found walking the seeming endless rows of goods for sale. Slot machines, police radars, Victorian umbrella stands, airplane engines, 4 wheelers and even some car parts here and there. It's an amazing display of how many extra parts so many end up with after they finish assembling their dream machine! Pate is good for the car hobby and good for AACA.

The Tune Up tour was very nice this year thanks to the efforts of Chris and Linda Stathopulo. The Spring Tour is right around the corner, and we should all be signed up. That only leaves the Bugtussle and the Fall tour remaining for 2023. As a club, we only host these 4 tours. With participation at 15% of membership, we need to hear from **you** on what we can do to boost participation in the future tours. I would like to see over 50% participation in the future. I am willing to explore any suggestions that would get you in your car on a tour with the club this year. Summers coming soon, lets enjoy this mild weather while it's still nice, driving the cars we love!



Remember!! May meeting is happening on the Texas Tour this month.



69th Texas Tour 2023

Below you will see information about the 2023 Texas Tour . We've been notified that the host hotel - Holiday Inn is full, so make reservations in the Schulenburg area fast !! **Also, we are including an RSVP for the Texas Region** attendees, with a two-fold objective: help see how well we are participating, and to help facilitate caravanning to the Tour. You will see in the RSVP questions if you want to participate in a caravan, lead a caravan and what part of town you want to leave from. We hope that this will help those that don't want to drive the distance by themselves, or worst case, not go because of it...

Using this RSVP does NOT register you with the Tour itself, you still have to do that. To RSVP for our club signup and caravan click [HERE](#)

Hopefully we will have a good showing from Texas Region !! See You There

An electric car hit a cyclist the other day. It got arrested for assault with a battery.

Tour Details

Thursday May 18 – Registration will open around 1pm in the host hotel, and early bird tours will be provided to some of the local attractions. The Welcome Party will be provided in the park. The registration fee covers 4 meals, including the Welcome Party at the Park Thursday evening, Friday lunch, and the two nightly banquets, a goody bag with door prizes and expenses for the venue and entertainment.

Friday May 19 – We will start the day off with our car judging and ladies 'event and then off to our planned tour to see a local car collection and have lunch. We will visit one or more painted churches that date back to late 1800's early 1900's. The evening banquet will be at Sengelmann's for some German food, along with a Hobo band. Should be quite an interesting evening.

Saturday May 20 - We will tour more of the back roads to Round Top, a unique small town with many attractions, such as Festival Hill, antique and art galleries for everyone to explore. Lunch will be on your own. The closing banquet with awards will be held at Sengelmann's.

If you have not received your registration packet, contact Gary East.

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SPRING TOUR—JUNE 3-4, 2023

Follow that car!

Please join our Spring Tour to Wichita Falls! We will drive from the Denton, Texas area up to Wichita Falls for an overnight. In the city we have a great lunch stop as well as two interesting “cultural stops” before heading to our lodging at the Hampton Inn which is located near the Sikes Senter Mall at 4217 Kemp Blvd., Wichita Falls, TX.



Saturday night we will have dinner at a nearby Mexican Restaurant that has great food and drinks. On Sunday, we will return to our starting point via some really nice old roads.

Two items for those going on the tour:

1. Make your reservation at the Hampton Inn by calling and giving them the code of AACATR. The room rate is \$109 plus applicable taxes. All rooms are double queens. **Call 1-877-461-1402.** This is probably a national reservation number, so be patient and if you have difficulty, give me a call or text. **Remember, May 5, 2023 is the cutoff date, so don't delay.**
2. Let me know you are going on the tour at cwfrisby@gmail.com or text to (214) 697-9666.

We will meet and start from the Cracker Barrel Restaurant located at the Northeast corner of I-35 N and University Avenue (Hwy 380) in Denton. The restaurant is located just behind the service station (closed) on the corner. Drive up the East side service road past the station and turn right into the restaurant parking lot. We leave promptly at 9:00 AM. The Cracker Barrel is a great breakfast stop, but remember we leave on time. Let me know if you have questions.

Bring Money! This is “pay your own way” at restaurants and cultural stops.

Here are the members who have verified to me they are going on the tour:

Kim & Tammy Keith

Mike & Terry Hrehocik

Jerry & Linda Smith

Bill Denman

John & Lynda Richardson

Ira & Nuris Hester

Steve & Cassie Knight

Jeff & Bev Podmers

John & Denise Velde

Chris & Linda Stathopulo

Carey & Sue Frisby

Call or text me if you have questions. Carey Frisby at 214-697-9666

Dates to remember

May 18-21 - Texas Tour and Meeting

June 3,4 - Spring Tour to Witchita Falls

August 26, 27 - Bug Tussle Trek

Tune – Up Tour Saturday April 15

On a crisp and windy Saturday morning, a hardy group of club members took a well planned tour of mostly Montague county, northwest of Denton. Described as one of the prettiest counties in Texas, it proved to live up to the reputation. Starting at the TA truck stop just north of Denton, **Chris and Linda** ✦ lead the group through winding back roads through Forestburg to Sunset where we visited Browne Auto Salvage. We all got to get out, stretch a bit, and see the seemly endless sea of vintage (and other) cars lined up in rows. There were a few interesting things to see near the entrance, so not many wandered out into the lot. No one left with anything, but it was clear that if you needed a part of some sort, that would be a good place to call or visit.

From there, the caravan moved on through smaller and smaller roads until it seemed that we had turned into someone's driveway. It's a good thing that everyone stuck together! But the drive was worth the wait at the end – which was **Yesterday's Diner in Bridgeport**. What a fun place that was!! Of course, you'd have to be vintage yourself to appreciate how the diner had been able to re-create the 50's feel, with aluminum edged Formica countertops and vinyl seats. And the walls were completely covered with memorabilia of the same period. It was very fun to reminisce about the TV shows, movies, and music of the era, and a little bit disconcerting to remember that "you were there"....

The diner had tables already set up for us and it was obvious that they had handled groups before. Order taking was immediate and the good (diner) food was promptly delivered. The tour ended there, and each had an opportunity to design their own way home. There was a car show at 4pm at the diner, but Lynda and I headed back home through Bowie TX, who boasted they had the **Largest Bowie Knife** in the world. As you can see from the pic, it's pretty big! And I'm not sure there may be challenges to that title any time soon.

Chris and Linda ✦ planned a good tour through treed and winding backroads with thanks from the participants.





REMEMBER:

May meeting will be held on the Texas Tour



Editor's Comments:

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It's been a fun beginning for 2023 for your new Spotlight editors and we hope that you have seen a positive and useful newsletter. As always, we welcome feedback and suggestions. One thing tho', is that we sometimes put key information in articles and reports – even classifieds - so it would be helpful if you tried to read everything – even if you don't think it's something that may be of interest to you. We wouldn't want you to miss anything important!

Don't forget to send reports of things/articles that are car related – such as a show, event or pop-up activity that you participated in just to share with the group. Do include a picture or two. We want to hear from you!



You get to visit with great people and see lots of pretty cars when you go on tours!



Texas Tour - May 18-20

Spring Tour- June 3,4

Come caravan with us!



A Truck carrying Vick's vapor rub overturned on the highway the other day and amazingly there was no congestion for 8 straight hours....

Sunshine Report:

No life events were reported to me this month, and I'm off to Israel. Ask me about it at the 69th Texas Tour as Ira and I hope to see you there. Again, please let me know if there is anything going on with Club members that needs to be reported. Good things right around the corner.



Blessings and best wishes, *Nuris*

April Meeting

The April meeting was held in one of Texas' favorite places Hard Eight BBQ!! Well attended, and on a beautiful spring day in Roanoke. It was after the **Pate Tile Pickup Party** that was also very well attended by most of the car clubs. So well attended, that if you arrived only a little after the designated time of 9am, all of the trays for tile pickup were already out being picked up and there wasn't a lot to have to do. Fortunately, the weather made it seem not so bad – aaaand that meant that we were able to go to "The 8" right after they opened. Lynda and I parked in the bank building lot next door and wondered how good/bad it would be to have to work there, and smell that wonderful smokey meat scent every day. Ironically, our own shirts smelled like BBQ after we got home, so it must be tough!

Cole brought the meeting to order after a delicious lunch that the club paid for – **Thank You officers and board**. There weren't many things on the docket – mostly Texas Tour and Pate results. Regarding the Tour, **Kim Keith (and Tammy)**, are planning to **host a caravan** to Schulenburg starting from Ferris, with a meeting time of **9am on the 18th**. See the short article about the meeting place and Tour information in this newsletter. There was good open discussion about how to get together with people that aren't on the east side of Dallas (i.e. Jeff and Andy) linked up with the caravan. So Kim is going to map out a route that will help make that happen, with breaks about every 1 ½ hours. Just a reminder that Kathy and Cole are going a day early and visit the Shiner Brewery, so if you have any interest, please contact them. Another Reminder: If you haven't RSVPed on this link [HERE](#) that you are going on the Tour, please do so. It's the Club's RSVP and that helps us know who's going and if you want to caravan or not. I have found at least 2 people that have signed up for the tour that hadn't RSVPd so far.



More April Meeting

Team Gambulos reported a successful PATE event – both for the event overall and for our club’s participation. There was also some lively discussion from some of the club’s volunteers about the registration process and how things can be improved. Nichole indicated that she welcomes any and all feedback, and Jerry suggested supplementing that with a Zoom call or something. So, watch for an email blast when that gets scheduled.

Speaking of Tours, our beloved **Tour Director – Carey** – reminded everyone of the Club’s Spring Tour in June – see the article in this newsletter – and said that if you haven’t, you need to get the hotel reservation on Wichita Falls ASAP.



“While at Pate, I got gas one day at lunch for \$1.99. Unfortunately, it was from Taco Bell.”

Saw on a cap at Pate - “LET’S MAKE LYING ILLEGAL AGAIN”



Some of the Pate Swapmeet and Tile volunteers

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| 1. Denise and John Velde | 6. Susan and Roger Dennison |
| 2. Lynda and John Richardson | 7. Ira Hester -(Nuris was in Israel) |
| 3. Sue and Carey Frisby | 8. Terry and Mike Hrehocik |
| 4. Chris Stathopulo | 9. Tammy and Kim Keith |
| 5. Larry Priest | 10. Linda and Jerry Smith |

Thank everyone for bringing their best to serve others and to put our best up front for our club. It’s a real honor to serve with people that bring their “A” game every day.

The Pate Report



WWW.pateswapmeet.com once again was the forerunner to a great car event at Texas Motor Speedway. After significant changes since the 2022 edition of the swapmeet, the 2023 version seemed to go more smoothly while not without its own problems. There were about 5% more spaces sold this year, 9600+, a new record.

Those clouds behind Carey and Chris actually materialized into a significant wind and rain storm on Wednesday demolishing our 2 tents set up outside at the time. Nevertheless, Charlie and Nichole Gambulos reported at our lunch meeting that the initial feedback that they had gotten from the TMS folks was that this was a very successful swapmeet.

The new website developer, Thorne Smith, was in attendance along with Keri and Neil, computer folks on his team, that were real blessings. They were tremendous helps and brought attitudes that fit the great attitudes of the AACATR volunteers! Unlike last year, with very few exceptions, problems, even impossible problems, were handled with compassion and great attitudes.

There is always room for improvement in an event this big, so we're hoping as the dust settles, that we can have a volunteers' meeting maybe by ZOOM, to work thru some of the issues that we uncovered. There are solutions out there especially with our talented club!!

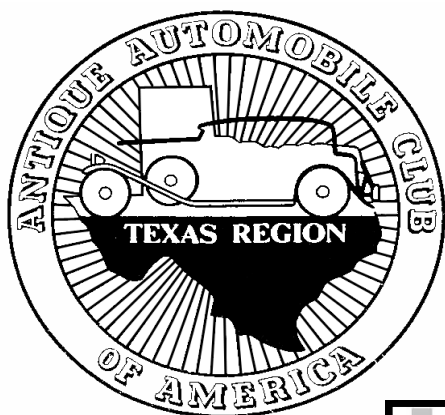




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God Bless America

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2023 CALENDAR

3rd Sunday at 2pm Monthly

May 18-21: Texas Tour

Schulenburg TX

***May 21: Meeting while on
the Texas Tour***

June 3,4: Spring Tour

June 18: Meeting

July 16: Meeting

***Aug 25,26: Bug Tussle &
Meeting***

Sept 17: Meeting

Oct 15: Meeting

Nov 19: Meeting

Dec Christmas Party: 12-3-23

***Hosted by Kip and Debra
Lankenau***

A man came home from work, his wife was waiting. She said I have some good news and some bad news about the car. Right, he said, what's the good news. She said, "the air bag works".