

# the SPOTLIGHT

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## May Meeting

We enjoyed a beautiful Sunday afternoon in peaceful Hideaway, nestled in the middle of the piney woods of East Texas, about 90 miles east of Dallas, but seemingly light years away from the hustle and bustle and traffic of Big D! The Hideaway Classic Car Club hosted our club. The hosts, Glynne and Linda Mayfield put on a great event—Glynne is president of the Hideaway club and they are also members of our club. Other attendees from the Hideaway club that are also current or recent former members of our club were George & Martha Smith, Chip Neel, Steve & Kathleen Davis, Roger & Susan Dennison, David & Kay Simmons and Jim & Barbara Foy. There may have been a few more, but I lost track. Music was provided by John & Jane Bledsoe from the back of their '65 Ranchero.

The vehicles ranged in age from a '31 Ford Pickup (Steve & Kathleen Davis) to a 2020 Challenger (Mike & Deana Murphy). The most unique vehicle on site was a Cobra GT40 (the real thing, not a kit!) driven by a former race car driver—Wayne Rogers. Quite a variety of vehicle brands/models—Cadillac, Packard, Porsche, Studebaker, Corvette, Mustang, BMW, Jaguar, Firebird, '59 Ford retractable hardtop, Thunderbird, Buick, GMC Pickup, Toyota and Lexus (I probably missed a few!).

You will find the minutes of the May meeting further on in this edition of The Spotlight (page 5). Also you will find the announcement of the June meeting coming up on June 12th, less than 2 weeks from now.

I'm not going to try and identify all the people and their rides, but I am posting what pictures that I have—enjoy and please plan to attend the June meeting to see some of these classics as well as a bunch of other ones.



## May Meeting Continued



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## From the teacher's desk...

Greetings and Salutations, Texas Region!

Phew! Are we ready for summer or what? It really seems like we are all getting back into the swing of things.

Right as we were finishing up Texas Tour, the May Spotlight was going to press. So, here is your abridged version:

We arrived late on April 1 just in time for dinner at a local steak place! We saw members Dwain Epting, LaShanda Epting, and Brady & Vickie Richard. This year's tour was a much smaller one in a new location, Harlingen, Texas. It was such a treat to explore more of our state and the Rio Grande Valley. President (RGV—Rio Grand Valley) Moses Mendoza and his compadres really rolled out the red carpet for us all!

After meeting up with everyone, we ventured back to the hotel. We drove modern because we were unable to take off of work plus we had 5 large trophies to haul down! It worked out though because we were able to get good video of the cars at the different stops and provide support along the way.

The first stop on Saturday was to the battlefields at the Palo Alto Battlegrounds. It was such a treat for all of our history buffs. Mexican and Texas soldiers were fully outfitted and did a short reenactment for our Tour participants. The cannon didn't work as planned but I think everyone still enjoyed parking their cars for a small show and kicking the tires.

Afterwards, we motored together to the city of Brownsville where we had lunch and toured their local museum. The museum is in a century old building that once housed the Southern Pacific depot. The facility has undergone extensive preservation and looks fabulous. There is also an engine on display with a working bell that Charles 3 had to be bribed by the docent to pull.

One of the fun things on the Tour was what we call the vulture wagon. They called it the Chupacabra! It was priceless. The volunteers running it from the RGV were amazing. They were also quite busy as in one day they hauled five cars!

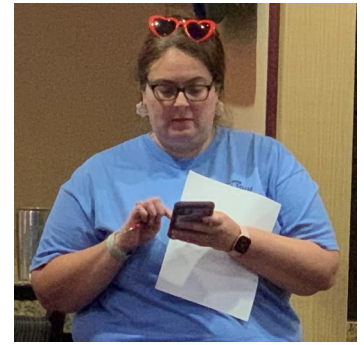


Afterwards we returned to the hotel for more festivities and the banquet. We passed the Chairman's Trophy off to Moses and Claudia Mendoza who did an amazing job on the Tour. The banquet was more like a fiesta with a live mariachi band and dancers from the competitive team from an area high school. On each table were miniature piñatas. Participants could take home a piñata as a souvenir. Guess who dragged one all the way back to Dallas?

**[Brady & Vickie Richard—winners of 3 traveling trophies!!]**

We were sorry to leave the RGV but hope more people join us on the way down again! When we did leave on Sunday to head back we noticed a broken down vehicle. Charlie recognized it from the Tour. Sure enough, it was a participant and their large trophy box was in the bed of the truck! We stopped and they had a car service coming to assist. It's amazing what kind of community we have within the hobby!

See you all for the June meeting!  
In service,  
Nichole



# Minutes of the AACA-Texas Region May General Meeting

DATE: Sunday, May 15, 2022

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Hideaway Lake pavilion, Hideaway, TX

Nichole Gambulos, president, opened the meeting. The Hideaway Car Club in conjunction with the Smith's, the Dennison's and the Mayfield's from AACA-TR were thanked for hosting the meeting.

There was no treasurer's report due to the absence of the treasurer.

Nichole thanked all the members who devoted hours to the success of the 2022 Pate swap meet. This included the many hands that helped with the tile organization, placement, and removal as well as the registration. Our club did a phenomenal job with no training except a webinar with the now former executive registrar. It was all hands-on-deck for a solid four days in registration and we were recognized by several other directors at the Saturday meeting for it. There were numerous compliments from the vendors about the helpfulness and friendliness of those doing the registration.

Nichole reported for Nuris Hester, the sunshine chairperson.

A thank you note was sent to Chuck Conrad for the wonderful tour of the museum during the Spring Tour. We also sent Alex McCommas a thank you note for inviting John Wampler to join us with his magnificent 1925 Rolls Royce ...a stunning automobile!

Thank you notes were sent to both Chip Neel and Chris Stathopulo for organizing such fun and informative Spring Tours! This is what makes our club wonderful and we certainly appreciate these great efforts to plan and execute delightful AACA car tours! We are starting off well this year with our tours.

A get well note was sent to Royce and Clydette Kidd. Royce made a tremendous effort to honor MaryAnn Denman by attending the memorial service as did Kathryn and Larry Priest.

A condolence note was sent to Steve and Kassie as their precious daughter passed unexpectedly.

Notes of condolence were also sent to Alyson Haltiwanger as Al had an aneurysm and passed. His memorial service is in Denton (see Spotlight for details).

Lift up Bill Denman as he grieves MaryAnn. The memorial service was very sweet and a good number of AACA members we had not seen for awhile attended as a show of sympathy and support. Bill has been a club president and Mary Ann was our past Sunshine Chairperson. Bill called Nuris to say thanks for this support that meant so much to him and his family as an outpour of love from our club was evident.

It was noted that the upcoming June meeting would be held on the second Sunday of June instead of the third Sunday due to Father's Day. It will be hosted by John and Lynda Richardson at their lake home at Lake Kiowa. John invited those who enjoy fishing to bring their fishing gear.

The July meeting will be held at Brady Richard's car barn. More details regarding this meeting will be discussed at the June meeting as well as posted in the Spotlight.

Charlie Gambulos, II reported on the Pate Swap Meet. The final income for our club from the 2021 swap meet was **\$5,785.50**. The number of spaces sold now has surpassed those at Hershey making Pate the second largest swap meet in the country. This year there were 10,000 spaces available and 9,713 were sold.

33% of the spaces have already been sold for next year's swap meet. Vendors are already sending in registrations for next year. Our club is now in charge of registration along with helping the Cadillac LaSalle club with the tiles.

Nichole gave an update on the BugTussle Trek. This year non-members registration for the event will be \$5.00 more. The cost of everything (i.e. tee shirts) will be \$1.00 more. The host hotel, Holiday Inn Express, will be \$95.00 a night and with the rental of 20 or more rooms, the hospitality room will be free to the club. This year's shirts are Cars themed with a caricature of George's truck on them. The theme is "Life is a Highway"!

Respectfully submitted by,  
Judy Kerr-Guysinger, Secretary

## Pate Swap Meet Update

This year our club pulled double duty as assistance with registration was added to our list. Our club had active participants in both the tile party layout and pickup. We had volunteers as young as 4 and as old as 91. Everyone found a way to help. This was so crucial this year since we are down 2 clubs in the volunteer pool.

Registration was a new addition and will now be a regular assignment of our club. We are thrilled to be indoors for a volunteer gig, lol. I had an amazing core group of people who came out multiple days to assist with that. I cannot thank Cole & Kathy Clayton, Jerry & Linda Smith, Chris & Linda Stathopulo, John & Denise Velde, John & Lynda Richardson, Colin Hiley, Mike & Terry Hrehocik, Kim Keith, Nuris & Ira Hester, Roger & Susan Denison enough for their multiple shifts. This was a new venture—for all of us—and I could not have been successful without the Krewe of Texas Region! At the Board of Director's meeting, it was mentioned by more than one person on how much better registration was this year. Last year, in the wake of Covid they had a group of people who were unfamiliar with the hobby or swap meets working it. This year, our volunteers showed up every day wearing AACA, Bug Tussle, Texas Tour or other model car t-shirts. Conversations naturally sparked as such. It was amazing to watch.

Our volunteers understood what it takes. I had vendors who couldn't explain what they needed but Jerry Smith could straighten them out by showing them on the map where to go and Kathy Clayton had the patience to calm down some very irate vendors. I couldn't have asked for a better team!

We really worked hard to get the jobs done with no idea on what the protocol was from prior years. We have great ideas to make next year even better!

Currently the 2023 Pate Swap Meet is already 49% sold out with 4,945 already claimed. Renewals close on June 6, 2022. Get those spaces reserved post haste!

Nichole





**Mary Ann Denman** passed away May 2, 2022. Mary and husband Bill have been active members of the AACA Texas Region for many years. I know that she will be missed by many.

Below is a transcript of a letter I received from Bill, asking me to distribute it to the club.

*Dear Car Club friends,*

*I want to thank you all very much for the kind sympathy expressed in the many cards I received recently.*

*My sons and I were comforted by each of you who came to Mary Ann's visitation. I enjoyed talking and sharing memories of Mary Ann with you. I really appreciate your coming out considering the Covid-19 situation and that it's not easy for some of us to travel. I am truly honored to be considered your friend and have so enjoyed being a part of the car club. Thank you for your love and prayers.*

*If anyone who could not attend the service wishes to see information about her Celebration of Life service please go to [BluebonnetHills.com](http://BluebonnetHills.com).*

*Bill*

**This information that Nichole put together will be periodically repeated in subsequent editions of The Spotlight.**

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/>

Facebook page: Texas Region AACA

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## June 12th General Meeting

### 1001 Kiowa Drive West, Lake Kiowa

Lake Kiowa is a small, private community southeast of Gainesville TX on FM 902. The address is 1001 Kiowa Drive West, and any map app will get you there quite well.

Assuming the weather is appropriate, I'll plan on having my white Ford Skyliner out front to mark the house. There is parking in our long driveway, but likely not enough for everyone. So, assuming they aren't home, we'll use our next door neighbor's driveway (on the right facing the house) for the moderns. If we fill both, overflow parking will be at the lodge down the street to the right – about an 8 minute walk away.



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You are welcome to come as early as 1pm, but the meeting will begin at 2pm as usual.

From DFW and north Texas there are a number of approaches that offer great backroad drives.

If you are coming up I-35, consider getting off on FM 3002/Lone Oak road north of Sanger.

From Dallas, you can go up DNT extension beyond 380 to 428, right to 455 and left/west to 377, or up Preston road to Gunther and west on FM 121 to Tioga.

If up 75, exit FM 121 at Van Alstyne, and west to 377.

Also FM 902 comes west all the way from SH 75 and is a good drive.

If you were planning on coming west on 82, consider FM 56, which is a nice 2 laner that parallels 82.

We plan to cater a meal in, so no need to bring anything unless you have special dietary needs (or let us know in advance). If you would like, you can certainly bring something to share as a treat for dessert. After the meal you are welcome to stay as long as you like and enjoy the lake view. If you are an avid fisherman feel free to bring your own gear to fish off the dock. It's a stocked lake. And if you are interested in the community, feel free to drive around the lake on Kiowa Drive.

**IMPORTANT:** Since it's a gated community, with security at the entrance on FM 902, I'll need the name of a driver in advance. We will be using the RSVP system for collecting names to give to security or you can email or text that to us at the contact info below. We know that plans change, but please let us know if you are planning on attending the meeting by 2 days before if at all possible. If you are not sure, but hope to, that's fine, just add your name to the list. If you are a last minute addition, that's fine too, just text or call a name to us so that we can let Security know.

Click [HERE](#) to bring up the RSVP link.

For any questions, comments, or directions, feel free to email/text/call us:

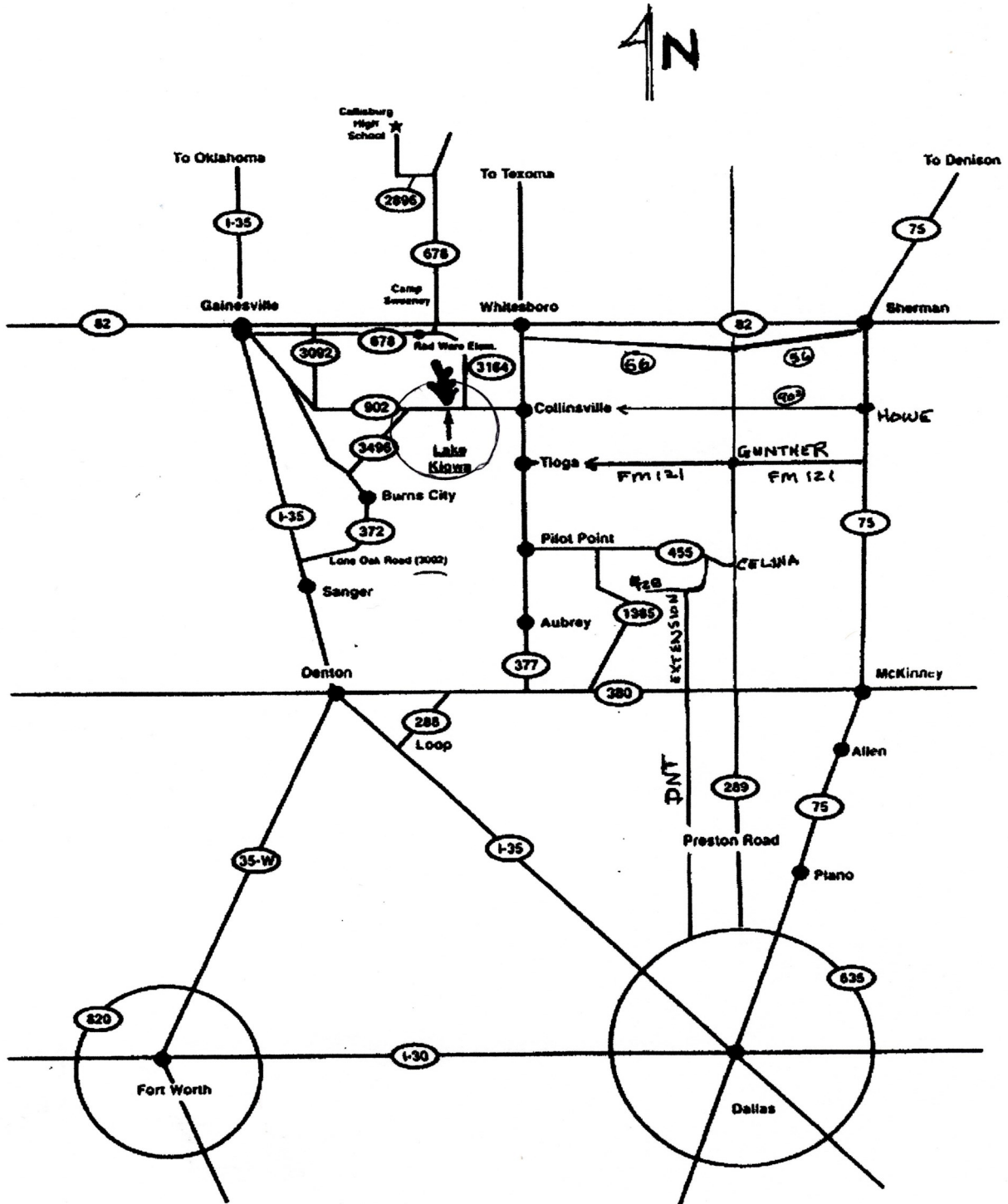
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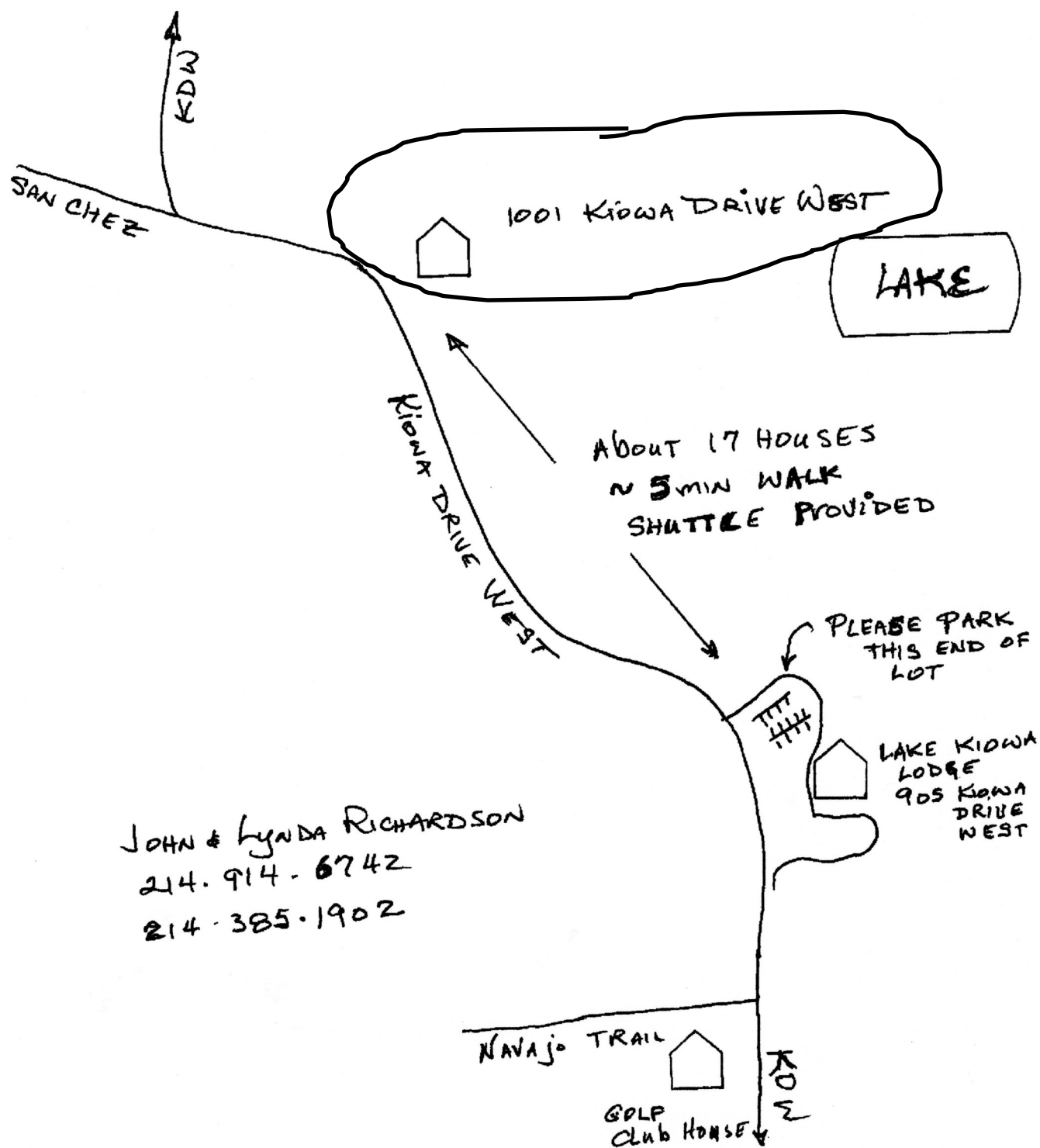
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# Map to Lake Kiowa



LAKE KIOWA IS 7 MILES WEST OF COLLINSVILLE, TEXAS ON FM 902 AND IS APPROXIMATELY 60 MILES NORTH OF DALLAS, TEXAS.

# Map to John & Lynda's House



## July Meeting

**Sunday, July 17th at 2:00**

Brady and Vickie Richard are hosting us at their Car Barn. The Car Barn is located at 10931 Indian Trail in Dallas. This is just south of LBJ and just east of Stemmons—directly south of Farmers Branch. The Richards are providing fajitas with all the fixins and they just ask that the members bring desserts. FYI—The car barn is air conditioned!!! Bring chairs!!

Click [HERE](#) to RSVP that you will be there.

### Editor's Notes:

Happy Father's Day! Take your classic out to a local ice cream place to celebrate! ...if you can afford the gas!!!!

Our club is staying busy! There is certainly not a lack of activity. Following a busy spring, here is a lineup of events for the summer:

- June meeting at Lake Kiowa (see page 8-10)
- July meeting at Brady's Car Barn in NW Dallas (see above on page 11)
- August is Bug Tussle month (see page 12)

Thanks in advance to John Richardson for writing the June meeting article for the July Spotlight. Susan and I will be in Tulsa with our grands there for the weekend.

I'm always looking for "filler" for The Spotlight, and don't forget the Classifieds.

***Roger***



## 54th Bug Tussle Trek

August 27 & 28, 2022

Get your olde cars ready!

### Bug Tussle Trek Details:

From Farmersville to Paris. We will meet in the town square in Farmersville at 8:00 AM. Coffee and treats by the Farmersville Center and the Chamber of Commerce will be available. You will also receive your swag bag with your tshirts, tour book, and goodies at that time. There is one bag per car. We will leave at 8:30 AM.

Lunch is optional- you may always bring your own family picnic and you will still have access to the Wagon Master Drink Coolers. Dinner Saturday night is at Heritage Hall (same as past years) and Brunch Sunday will be in the Farmersville Square (also optional, you can still travel back with us in a caravan from Paris that morning)

Click on [THIS LINK](#) to register.

If you want a paper form for registration then click on [THIS LINK](#) and print it.

**PRE REGISTRATION NORMALLY CLOSES AUGUST 1, 2022**  
**TSHIRT ORDERS AFTER AUGUST 5, 2022 ARE NOT GUARANTEED**  
**BUT YOU HAVE FIRST DIBS**

Pre registered vehicles will receive their numbered placard in the mail approximately one week prior to the event. There will be a Texas Region volunteer at the entrance as well doing a limited number of on site registrations.

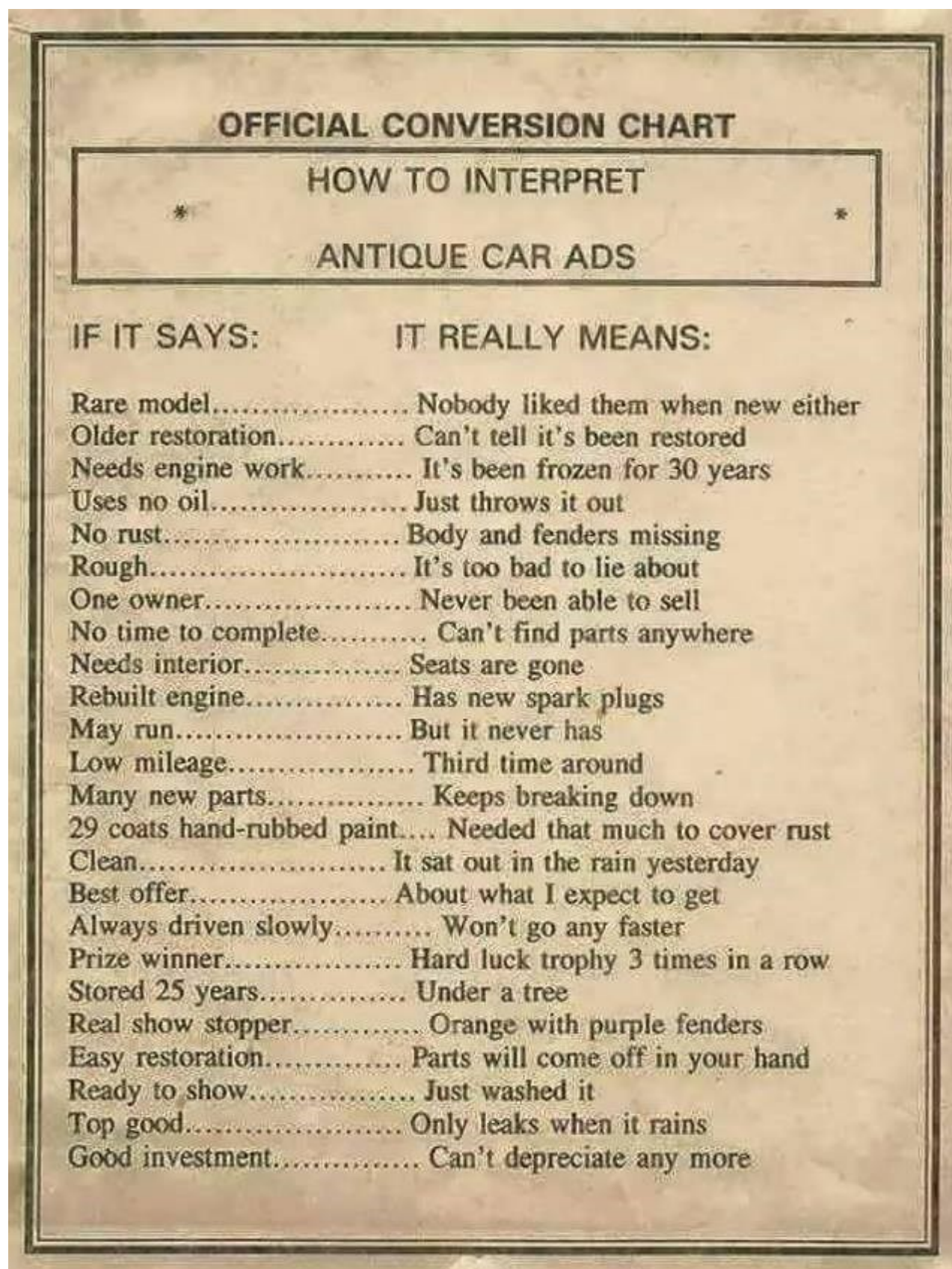
Trailer parking is available one block behind the town square- if you are facing Main St. turn right and continue down Main St. past the Visitor Center on the left you will see a parking lot (by CivicCenter).

Sunday brunch will be at the civic center (by trailer parking), so join us for door prizes, camaraderie, and lunch!

Host Hotel: Holiday Inn located @ 3025 N.E. Loop 286, Paris, Texas 75460 phone 903-785-0088  
 Rooms are \$99 to \$119 and there are several options available from King Size to Double Queen. Please call the front desk directly to make your reservations and use the code "Bug Tussle".  
 Overflow hotel: Comfort Inn @ 3035 N.E. Loop 286, Paris, Texas 75460 phone 903-785-0089

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This was submitted by Chris Stathopulo. Enjoy!!



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## 2022 CALENDAR

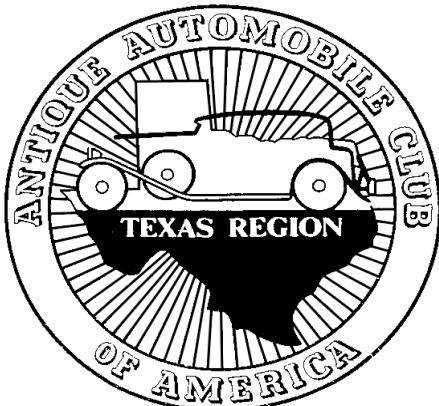
**June 12**— Monthly Meeting at Lake Kiowa (Richardson's hosting). See page 8-10.

**July 17**—Monthly Meeting hosted by Brady & Vickie Richard. See page 11.

**August 27/28**—Bugtussle Trek. See page 12.

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

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



# Spotlight Classifieds

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214-562-9879 or if I don't answer try Gayle at 214-562-9841



1958-1959 Chevrolet Parts Catalogue No 591

1958 Chevrolet Shop Manual 85-62-S&M

1959 Chevrolet Shop Manual Supplement S&M 15



Four 1968 Camaro Rallye wheels, 14 x 6, were bead blasted and painted some years ago, with trim rings and center caps in fair to poor condition



GM 14"



Rambler 14"



Nash 15"





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