

President's Report

Cole's Chronicles July 2023

July is here and boy it is hot! It seems impossible that it could be any hotter for **Bug Tussle** than it is right now. So, I'm going to predict an early fall and cooler than expected temps for the **Bug Tussle** trek. It may not happen...but it might!

Charly and Nicole have been working hard doing all the things necessary to make this years Trek memorable. This year's theme is **Hot Wheels**.

Last year we only had 54 cars on the Tussle. **Charly and Nicole** can plan it, but it takes the entire club to make it successful. Grab that son, daughter, grandson, or granddaughter and show them we can have a great time **without cell service**! If everyone just brought one additional car with them, we could have one of the largest Treks ever!

Do you have an idea that you think would make Bugtussle better? Want to see something different in the hospitality room? Please share it. I realize after 55 years; we all know how to get from **Farmersville to Paris**. We need to bring the fun! Drive that old car that might not make it, grab that neighbor that has never been and throw them in the car with you. Are you a member of another car club? Invite and encourage that club to come along. It's the things we together than make the best memories. Where did the motorcycles, the model T's and the DeLorean's all go?

My hope is we have 100 cars on the Trek this year. We need your help. Sign up early, reserve your hotel and bring the fun! Get to <https://bugtussletrek.com/registration-information/> and get registered!



Spring Tour Report by John Richardson

On another nice cool late spring morning, the club touring members met at the Cracker Barrel restaurant in Denton for the **Spring Tour**. **Carey**, as the wagonmaster for the tour (as well as club Tour Director), was anxiously waiting everyone's arrival, hoping no one would be late – since he'd clearly specified a 9am departure. As soon as everyone had arrived on time, Carey handed out the tour directions, and everyone sprinted to their car like a **NASCAR start**! Carey clearly meant what he said – and left – but unfortunately Jeff's car was being cranky, so 3 of us were left behind helping him get it started. Fortunately we had directions and caught up to our designated "trailing car" (Jerry and Linda Smith) after only a few dozen miles, and before the first turn.

Not sure how he and Sue were able to do it, but they got all the wildflowers along the well selected backroads to bloom in unison for us. It was a **beautiful and calming** drive winding through the country-side to our first stop at a gas station/country store. Of course **Carey** was clear that we were not going to be there long, and sure enough he waits for no man (or woman in the usual bathroom line), and again there was some catching up to do for some of us. We all **arrived safely in Wichita Falls** however and drove downtown for a delicious lunch at **The Highlander Public House**. The food was good, and plentiful, as you can see by Ira's expression!



Most of the touring members at Cracker Barrel



Ira looks perplexed

From there we all drove (except **Jeff**, who's car wouldn't start again) just a few blocks over to the **Museum of North Texas**, which was a lovely private exhibit of north Texas history and memorabilia from native Americans, Texas state growth and military history. Warned in advance that there would a quiz later, everyone was carefully scrutinizing the exhibits and labels – so the designated hour (and no more!) went quickly! **Carey** rounded everyone up to move on to the next venue, and by now we had learned not to linger, which was a lovely old home near downtown built by one of the founding fathers of Wichita Falls history. **Frank Kell built the mansion in 1909**, which has been purchased from the Kell family and restored. Rich with carved wood and original furniture, everyone loved some aspect of the house visit, led by volunteer docents.

I just backed into a Mazeratti but I left him a note on my bank statement so he knows not to bother.

Spring Tour Report by John Richardson cont'd



The Frank Kell Mansion



Kathy trying to play for her supper.

From there we were to move on to the hotel, **BUUUT**, there's no tour without some sort of mechanical mishap – which is why we all travel together. **John and Denise Velde's** beautiful Buick had a steady stream of antifreeze running out from underneath in the parking lot. Like the Texas Tour recently, we had a lot of heads under the hood and car – ultimately deciding that it couldn't be fixed on-site. So **Carey and Sue** drove the Veldes over to U-Haul where they rented a car hauler and attached to Carey's large SUV. Fortunately the Frisby's Firebird was 'under the weather' before the tour, so they'd brought their modern. **Jeff** had gone back to the museum (as he clearly wanted to ace the test) and **John and Lynda** went back to make sure his car would start (it DID).

We all eventually made it to the hotel, relaxed a minute (Carey: "we are leaving at 6 for the restaurant!") and headed to **El Tapatio Mexican** restaurant for food, comradery, and slightly **oversized margaritas**. The "comradery" continued after the meal in the hotel lobby with BYOB. **Bill Denman** decided that he wanted to take out an ad in the Spotlight for a "camping tour" and was discussing with **Jerry Smith** and **John Richardson** whether it was a ½ or full page ad and how much we should charge him. **Carey** decided to jump into the discussion, regaling us with an experience he had as a youth canoeing on a bug infected excursion. After only a bit of "BYOB" fueled creative thinking the prospective tour was designed as the **Chigger and Tick Tour**, and prizes would be had for the most bites (showing proof of bites required!). So, keep an eye out in future Spotlights.

Breakfast at the hotel and we were on the road "at 9" through again well-flowered country roads until we hit **Nocona** on Highway 380. While the original home of famous **Nocona boots**, they are no longer there. And unfortunately the Horton car museum is also no longer open. So it was another 'quick' stop. From Nocona there were multiple routes taken home by the participants including the Frisbys and Veldes to take the Buick to its garage. Also unfortunately, **Kim and Tammy** had a scary stop along the way home – and we've asked Kim to share that experience in an article as there is a lesson to be learned.

It was a **great tour**, well planned out (and timed) by **Carey and Sue**, and **A GOOD TIME** was sincerely had by all. We're sure that Carey can't wait to schedule a Fall Tour for even more of us in the club to enjoy!!

June Meeting

By John Richardson

This past month's meeting was hosted by **Kathy and Cole Clayton** in their beautifully renovated home in Keller. The front yard along the street was a grand display of vintage to near modern cars that slowed traffic down getting an eyeful – better than a speed bump! One of the finest being **Bill Newland's red** Buick Roadmaster convertible.



Cole admitted to hours of garage/workshop cleaning and set up to be able to host the **45** or so people in attendance, and **Kathy** had arranged the kitchen well to be able to feed us all with excellent tacos and all the 'makings'. There was no lack of something to eat, and dessert galore. We had exciting new member announcements, guests (think about bringing someone to a meeting this year), and a symbolic 'passing of the torch' with **Joel's daughter Holly** purchasing her first vintage car.

Please review **Judy's excellent minutes** for all the details and announcements of the meeting.

Meanwhile **Cole** happened to mention that in the corner of his garage was a well-kept '30 Packard that had been 'abandoned' and was up for sale. After the meeting there was a number of Lookie Loos, so hopefully **Cole** got some serious interest out of that.



June Meeting Cont'd

by John Richardson

If you are planning on going on the **Bug Tussle** this year NOW is the time to sign up and get your hotel reservation in order. Based on recent experiences we should anticipate that it'll be hot, hot and probably more hot.

Flush with the success of his excellent Spring Tour, **Carey** was already hot after the Fall Tour, and rumor has it that he's already done site scouting with Sue and the Veldes. That's commitment for you! He might be earning that rumored "jacket".

Speaking of Tours, there was a lot of discussion about **next year's Texas Tour**, which we are hosting. It's going to be important that everyone on the club will participate in some way. The recent TT hosted by the Crescent Region set the bar high for hospitality and organization. So, as plans are fleshed out by the Gambulos' please plan on being on, or leading, a committee – and definitely plan on setting the bar even higher for the following year's Tour.

Again, speaking of Tours.....one of the things that was **noted** on our latest Spring Tour is that it is just fine to drive the tour in a modern, if you don't feel comfortable in your vintage. **It's better to be on the tour**, sharing experiences and comradery with fellow members, than reading about it in the next Spotlight **and wishing you had been there!**



Dates to Remember

1. July 16 - 2-4pm, club meeting at Haggard Library, Program Room. Board mtg at 1pm
2. Aug 1 - pre registration for Bug Tussle Trek - See Bug Tussle details
3. Aug 26-27, 2023— Bug Tussle Trek
4. October— Fall tour (and it's going to be FUN!!)
5. Dec 3 - Christmas Party at Brookhaven Country Club

June Meeting Minutes

By Judy Kerr-Guysinger

The meeting was called to order by **Cole Clayton**, president.

Cole reported that a good time was had by all that participated in the Texas Tour at Schulenburg.

There are five clubs that participate in this annual event. Next year, 2024, will be our club's turn to host the Texas Tour. He advised that different individuals head up different committees i.e. hospitality, tour planning, registration, etc. instead of a few individuals bearing all of the responsibility of the organization and facilitating the tour.

The treasurer's report was given by **Kaiden Lenners**, the treasurer. Expenses for Pate were \$800. This was under the budgeted amount of \$900. The fraudulent withdrawal of \$2000 of club funds from Frost Bank was denied by Frost. A complaint from the club about this matter has been sent to the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau (CFPB). They will have 10 business days to respond.

Cole stated that the directory was difficult to compile. Respondents to the annual questionnaire in regards to their cars, etc. are not always specific in their responses. It was requested that in the future members be clearer in regards to their personal information as well as to the information about their cars. There is consideration of making the directory only digitally accessible. The software currently being used is old and difficult to use. However, this coming year it will be printed.

Hank Crosby and his son, **Henry**, were introduced as returning members of the club. New members, **Fernando Arroyo** and **Philip Speidel**, were introduced. **Nuris Hester** introduced her brother, **Shane Dennis**, who was visiting from Puerto Rico.

Nuris Hester, Sunshine Chairperson, gave a report. It was noted that **Royce and Claudette Kidd** wanted to attend the meeting but Royce was not up to it.

Carey Frisby, Tour Director, announced that the Fall Tour would be in October. It will be in southeastern Oklahoma with the starting point in Denton. More specific details will be in the "Spotlight" as they are developed.

Cole reminded the membership that the **Christmas meeting/party** will be at the **Brookhaven Country Club** on **December 3**.

Nicole Gambulos noted that this will be the 55th anniversary of the BugTussle Trek. Lunch can not be provided at the **BugTussle Trek**. The reason is that there are no options for catering the lunch. The caterer used last year went out of business. The location for bringing your own lunch will either be at Bonham or Honey Grove. This is to be determined.

Nicole also gave an update on the plans for the **Texas Tour in Granbury, May 16-19, 2024**. There are two options for headquarter hotels. One would be the Hilton Gardens for \$179.00 a night. This would not include breakfast. It is adjacent to the conference center which is where some of the activities, including the banquet, will take place. It has adequate parking for cars and trailers. The other option is Comfort Suites for \$149.00. This includes a continental breakfast. There is adequate parking for cars and trailers across the street at the high school. There is a trolley that runs past the conference center. There was a vote from the membership which hotel option would be used for the Texas Tour, 2024. The majority voted for the Hilton Gardens. Tours which are being considered include Dublin, Glen Rose, a Comanche Peak nuclear plant tour, and some car museums in the area. It was also noted that Judy Kerr-Guysinger will be the treasurer for the event as she was the last time that the club hosted the Texas Tour.

Cole announced that the **July meeting will not be held at Ford's Garage**. The time would be too restrictive and the area which we could reserve is too small to accommodate our attendance numbers.

Clare Clayton held the drawing for door prizes. The winners were **Kaiden Lenner, Nicole Gambulos, and Bill Newland**.

The meeting was adjourned.

I have a fear of speed bumps but I'm slowly getting over it.

Editor's Comments

By John Richardson

We've received more positive reviews (and suggestions) on the Spotlight, and especially about the June one. We think that, in part, it's because we had so much participation by members in creating content. So we are continuing to solicit articles and input from members about their experiences and insights. So, please share if you think of something that would be of benefit or interest to others. The article in this month's by Kim Keith is a great example.

Once again, we want to encourage you to come enjoy the tours. Drive your modern if you're worried about your vintage making it. And, just fyi, we take potty stops every hour or so. Come enjoy with us!

Sunshine Report

By Nuris Lynwood Hester

It was a joy to co=host the June AACA meeting with the Claytons...tacos were yummy Kathy..thank you!

We introduced our friend **Francisco Arroyo (Cisco for short)** who joined our Texas Region at the meeting and is looking forward to coming to more meetings and tours. And just to make the meeting a little sweeter, my brother (**Shane Dennis**) and his 5 yrs old twins decided to fly in and spend a few days with us before returning to their home in Puerto Rico. **Ira** is already prepping the twins for AACA club activity ; below you will see their Mercedes cars getting charged up. **Joel Roper** is helping his daughter **Holly** with her new vintage mobile so she can join us on future tours. In the past we've enjoyed watching her drive the little 1961 Metropolitan so best wishes to Holly Roper on keeping up the future of AACA.

Although our attendance was fantastic we missed seeing **Clydette and Royce Kidd** who had hoped to drive the shorter distance but **Royce** was a little under the weather. High hopes to make the next one though! We also missed **Dot Lang** who after a prolonged period of time waiting for doctors to decide how to best deal with her pain was able to have hip surgery. She wrote me she is finally able to sit and is counting on accompanying **George** for a drive in their elegant green Thunderbird to our next AACA mtg.

Please continue to send me your life event info to share with club members.

It's July so don't forget to change your blinker fluid.

Horsepower is how fast you hit the wall..... Torque is how far you take the wall with you.

Lessons learned

by Kim Keith

On the way home from the fun tour to Wichita Falls in our 1949 Cadillac, Tammy and I experienced a small fire under the hood. A couple of wires burned up but no other damage was done. I pulled over, opened the hood and saw the flames. Quickly getting my fire extinguisher into service with two bursts the fire was out. The wires were still glowing so I gave it another burst but almost nothing came out. I cut the wires and disconnected the battery. Herein lies **the reason for this article**, { size matters }.

My **fire extinguisher** was made by Shield and tested by ULC { Underwriters Laboratories Canada }. The unit's classification is 1A-10B-C. It weighs 2.5 pounds and is rated for gasoline, diesel, metal, wood, plastic and electrical fires. The most important is the last letter C. This means the unit I frequently see with old cars is rated for only the smallest of auto, marine and household fires. If there had been any gasoline involved the glowing wires would have reignited the fire and at that point I could have only watched.

The letter C means a fire of no more than 10 square feet and the unit contains the equivalent of 1.2 gallons of water. I just assumed the contents of the unit would have lasted longer than it did. Now I know.

I have upgraded to a 5 pound unit and if I have a smaller one I'll always have two. Just subtract the cost of a larger unit from the value you place on your car and it will be worth it. Just food for thought.

Wishing fire free trips for all!!



July Meeting info



Originally the July meeting was scheduled for Ford's Garage restaurant on the North Tollway. However, it has become so popular they can no longer accommodate a large group such as ours on Sunday afternoons. So, we've re-located the July 16th Meeting to the Plano Library Program Room at the Haggard Library location – 2501 Coit Road in Plano. It's large enough for us, has a kitchenette, is air-conditioned, and is available. 😊

Also, since it's last minute, it's BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch). Water, Tea and Ice with Glasses will be there so you only need to bring whatever you may want to drink different than that. Also, if you have a special dessert that you would like to share, we'll have a table set up with plates and utensils.

The room is available at 1 for the director's meeting, the regular meeting starts at 2, and we need to be out by 4pm.

That's not a leak, my car's just marking its territory.

55th Bug Tussle Trek

by Nichole and Charlie Gambulos

August 26-27, 2023

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 8:30am.

Lunch— 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).

PRE REGISTRATION NORMALLY CLOSES AUGUST 1, 2023. TSHIRT ORDERS AFTER AUGUST 5, 2023 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 and on the left, you will see a parking lot (by Civic Center).

Host Hotel: Holiday Inn located @ 3025 N.E. Loop 286, Paris, Texas 75460. **Phone 903-785-0088.** Rooms are \$97 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 the the code “Bug Tussle”.

Overflow Hotel: Comfort Inn @3025 N.E. Loop 286, Paris, Texas, 75460. **Phone 903-785-0089**

Questions? Please call or text **Charles** Gambulos II 214-924-3086 or **Nichole** 713-402-8418

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REGISTER Here <https://bugtussletrek.com/registration-information/>

Spotlight Classifieds

We enjoyed the meeting at your house. I would like to run a car for sale in the next Spotlight. We received it as part of the Studebaker club so few of the AACA group would know of it. It was sent by the executor of the estate of the owner who has no remaining family, and he is not a car person, but would like to see it go to someone who would appreciate it. Thank you

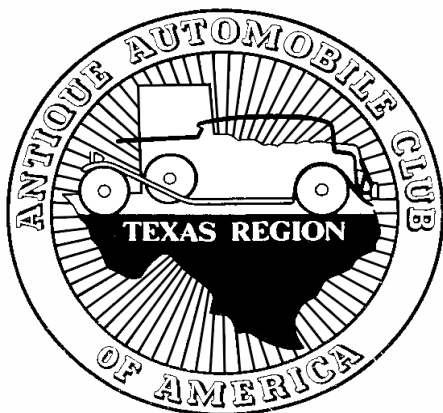
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For Sale 1951 Studebaker Champion 2-door



Please contact: **Chuck Geserick 817.401.2844**

8400 Brookhaven Drive North Richland Hills, Texas 76182 Chuck.geserick@gmail.com \$7500 obo



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Spotlight Classifieds

Wanted - those car/truck enthusiasts who want to attend a **"Roughing It" tour** where we go off-roading in classic vehicles. Preferably, drive to a remote area in our classics and explore it thoroughly before we stop for camp and dinner. We save all that hotel and restaurant money. Preferably, you will be skilled in camping, setting up tents, cooking over open fire, avoiding chiggers and ticks, etc.. Conversations around the campfire can get enthusiastic so BYOB. If interested,

CONTACT Bill @ 817-355-9626

FOR SALE: 1955 Chrysler C 300

Award winning beauty, needs a new home. Someone that cares about the classic car life. Drive away for \$80,000. Anyone knows **Royce Kidd**, understands how he took care of his cars. He is no longer able to keep all, and I only have a little time for starts and driving.

Contact CLydetta or Royce at 682-472-4812

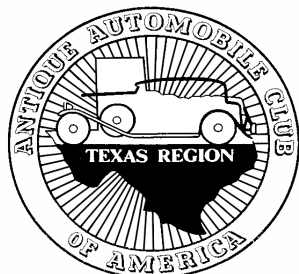


70th Texas Tour May 16-19 2024

Granbury, TX. *Mark your calenders.*

<https://thetexastour.com>

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2023 CALENDAR

3rd Sunday at 2pm Monthly

July 16: Meeting

Haggard Library

2501 Coit Rd, Plano

Aug 1 Bug Tussle pre-registration

Aug 25,26: Bug Tussle & Meeting

Sept 17: Meeting

Oct— Fall Tour

Oct 15: Meeting

Nov 19: Meeting

**Dec Christmas Party: 12-3-23
@ Brookhaven County Club-
Hosted by Kip and Debra
Lankenau**

Thank you for using **AACATRSpotlight@gmail.com** to communicate with us regarding anything that may interest the club, even to say **hello** from **Ireland** like **Nichole** or **Spain** like **Al** did. Can't wait to hear more about their trips!!