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President's Report

Cole's Chronicles August 2023

Bugtussle is coming and its appropriately themed **Hot Wheels** this year. I realize we are moving into the "hot" time of the year. As a club, lets **show up** for this event and bring a friend. If the heat is too much, drive your air-conditioned everyday car if necessary. **Its ok**, all cars are welcome, including hot rods. Maybe we are all in "hot" rods this year, but I'm still hoping for a cool front to move thru to help everyone out! Remember, the older cars go first, and the modern cars can follow. What's important is, as a club, we have fun. We need to be active together. We can improve our club, our experiences, our events. We need you off the couch, attending these events, and telling us what you want. It's all about you, baby!

How many members would support moving Bug Tussle **next year** to an October date? I realize it's been on the same weekend for 55 years. Did you know the high temperature in Paris during October is 78F? I think we should discuss it



My hope STILL is we have 100 cars on the Trek this year. We need your help. Sign up, reserve your hotel and bring the fun! Tell your neighbor you're going for ice cream and don't stop till you arrive in Farmers-ville. Get to https://bugtussletrek.com/registration-information/ and get registered!

July Meeting— by Jerry Smith

Well, we were supposed to meet this month at **Ford's Garage** but evidently, they were too busy for us so we had to scramble and come up with another meeting place. Fortunately, John Richardson found the **Haggard Library** in Plano and we were able to rent a nice room with tables and chairs. Several commented on the feeling of team in this club while setting up for our meeting. It was a bring your own lunch day so everyone enjoyed lunch! Pitching in seems to be a trait of this club!!

It was a busy meeting. **Cole** reported that **Caiden** had worked with the bank and recovered the \$2,000 back into our club bank account. Way to go **Caiden!!**

Kathy delivered printed rosters for everyone present who wanted one. Many thanks to **Kathy** and her team for all the work it took to do all the little things behind the scenes to get rosters printed and to us!! Way to go, **Kathy**!!

Cole announced that we would not have our normal lunch stop in Honey Grove on the **Bug Tussle Trek** due to a vendor going out of business. So, in a deviation from the past, we'll be having **lunch on our own in Bonham**. More about the yummy restaurants available later in this Spotlight.









July Meeting cont'd





Carey chimed in that the Fall Tour would be solidified shortly and it was. (Fall Tour details are covered later in this Spotlight). Dates are now Oct 7 & 8th.

We had a short discussion about contacting **AACA National** about getting some help with the website and potentially the 501C status so **Cole** agreed to make the call. We should hear some news at the next meeting which is at **Nichole and Charlie Gambulos'** house. Details covered in this Spotlight.

On the **Pate** situation, **Charlie** reported that the Swapmeet had already sold about half of its capacity or about 6000 spaces so far which is really great. Just to reiterate, **Pate** is the club's primary funding source.

There were a lot more notes about the meeting that were very interesting, I'm sure, but there was a big dollop of jelly covering them so you'll have to take my word for it that the meeting was very informative and interesting. Hope you can join us next time, 3rd Sunday in August!

Remember, Texas Tour next May in Granbury! Our club is hosting and it's gonna be FUN!!





AUGUST MEETING AND BUG TUSSLE PREP-PARTY

SUNDAY August 20th at the Gambulos House

Prep: 12 PM- 2 PM (we will finish after meeting if needed)

Meeting/Lunch: 2PM—3PM+

We are trying something different this year and we hope you <u>all</u> will come out and join us on Sunday instead of Saturday. Many hands make light work - it's easy! Bag stuffing, name tag assembly, tshirt folding, tour book assembly, list checking - all skill levels in demand!

We will have chicken strips for lunch. Please bring sides (A-M) and desserts (N-Z). We have 8 foot tables, but please bring a chair. Swimsuits are optional.

Please RSVP on the link, so we know how many to order for. All 3 Charlies and I can't wait to welcome the club to see the remodeled house- we even have furniture now!

3102 University Dr Rowlett, Texas 75088

RSVP CLICK HERE: https://forms.gle/o8XCYtFmjWaneNQcA

Sam Pack Car Show — by Jeff Podmers

This notice is about a car show at Sam Pack's Museum at 2070 Diplomat in Farmers Branch on September 9. Everyone is invited and will have free admission into his museum. The organizer would like our members to bring their cars and park together and have a personal session with Sam. They are expecting 200-250 cars like the old cars and coffee event. If members would like their car judged there would be a \$25.00 registration fee, but it is not mandatory. Awards would be presented between 1:00 and 2:00 pm. Live music and food trucks will be there.

I thought some of our members may want to attend — JEFF

Because it isn't open to the public, most people don't even know that Farmers Branch is home to Sam Pack's Classic Car Museum, a collection of more than 200 top-notch automobiles that date from as early as 1912. With a focus on the decades between 1930 and 1970, the collection includes many models and manufacturers, muscle cars, cars that were owned by celebrities and one-of-a-kind models.



Sam Pack Museum (classicchevy.com)

Tire Safety—by John Richardson (and Jay Leno)

Continuing on the theme of safety that was introduced last month by Kim Keith's excellent article on fire extinguishers, we have another – tire safety. Kim pointed out that he read an interesting article in Hagerty magazine about Jay Leno and his car collection – and his approximately 1200 tires need. (https://www.hagerty.com/media/opinion/jay-leno-needs-about-1200-tires/) The theme of the article, and of interest to us all, is that tires not only need to be taken care of – filled, checked for bulges/damage/dry rot – but they also have a life span.

According to my research online it used to be conventional wisdom that tires over 10 years old would be considered 'expired', now apparently it is 6 years. Manufactures don't publish an expiration date and there doesn't seem to be a national 'rule' about aged tires.

Each state's inspection criteria is different, and Texas doesn't mention age as part of their inspection requirement. Nevertheless, tires can become unsafe just through age, and for us, since we seldom wear out the tread we must check and potentially replace tires just because of it.

Other than the issue of having a tire failure on the road, a failed tire can cause an accident – potentially a serious one. In addition to damage and injury, my research indicated that there could be a liability associated with an accident caused by failure of an aged tire. Some tire service centers won't work on/repair tires that they consider 'too old', probably because of their potential liability associated with that service.

There is a "DOT" number built into the tire, usually on the inside of the tire, and the last 4 digits are the week (of the year) and year of manufacture. The US mandated a DOT number in 1971, so, if your tires don't have a number, it is either an imported and not federally approved tire, or manufactured before 1971.

Be aware of your tire's age and consider the potential consequences of riding/driving on aged tires.

70th Texas Tour May 16-19 2024

Granbury, TX. Mark your calenders.

https://thetexastour.com

https://www.facebook.com/TheTexasTour

July Meeting Minutes

By Judy Kerr-Guysinger

DATE: Sunday, July 16, 2023

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Haggard Public Library, Plano, TX.

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

He thanked everyone for coming to the last meeting. He also wanted to note that Ira and Nuris Hester along with the Claytons helped to host that meeting. Cole also thanked John and Lynda Richardson for making the arrangements for the July meeting.

The treasurer's report was given by Cole. He noted that the conflict with Frost Bank regarding the fraudulent removal of \$2,000 has been resolved. After four months of ongoing discussion and denial with Frost Bank, an investigation by the CFPB had the situation resolved within a week and the \$2,000.00 was replaced in the club's account.

Kathy Clayton, membership chairperson, said that the new printed rosters were available at this meeting. Those rosters that are not picked up will not be mailed due to the fact that the cost for mailing them is more than the cost of the roster. She requested that any attending members could pick up a roster for a member who is not in attendance.

Carey Frisby, Tour Director, noted that the Fall Tour would be in southern Oklahoma. The dates would most likely be November 4th and 5th. (This has now been updated to October 7/8th, see this Spotlight) He is still working on an itinerary. Some of the delay is due to the cost of motels in the area. They are high and he is continuing to look for reasonably priced ones.

The Bug Tussle Trek was discussed. Currently there are 29 cars and 55 people registered to participate. The goal is to have 100 cars at the event. Charlie Gambulos, II coordinator of Bug Tussle noted that the trip route was going to be slightly different this year. At this timeHoney Grove was not particularly receptive to being a lunch stop, therefore, Bonaham will be the lunch stop. There are multiple eating options along with some shops near the stopping point. Cole noted that several members of the Pontiac Club have signed up for the Trek. At this time there are more non-AACA members signed up than there are AACA members. The question was posed of whether or not hot rods and/or modified cars can participate in Bug Tussle. Charlie said that although it is not being advertised that hot rods/modified cars can participate,however, they will be positioned at the back of the group. The point of the trek is to highlight unmodified antique and classic cars.

Cole noted that on the recent Texas Tour that there were many volunteers which certainly helped to make things run smoothly. At this time the Hilton Garden Hotel will be the headquarter hotel for next year's tour which our club is hosting. There continues to be an effort in lowering the nightly rates. Charlie and Nicole Gambulos are working on this as well as are in communication with the city. Charlie reported that Granbury has shown interest and cooperation in the event.

July Meeting Minutes—Cont'd

Cole noted that as of July 6 Roger Dennison has stepped away from being the participation point coordinator, The Spotlight editor will serve this position until the December meeting at which time the position will be filled by a volunteer from the club. (position now filled by the Veldes)

Charlie Gambulos reported that at this time 2,330 spaces have been sold for the Pate Swap Meet, 2024. John Richardson inquired as to the current numbers compared to those at the same time last year. Charlie said that comparison would not be available until September. He went to a Good Guy's event in Columbus and will probably go to Charlotte with some members of the Pate board. This was to see how they can modify and/or improve on Pate. They felt that Pate might need some "refreshing" to keep it competitive and growing.

Texas Motor Speedway wants Pate to have more promotion of the event. TMS has already raised the parking fee to \$10 a day. Pate does not receive anything from the parking fee Pate is considering charging a \$5.00 entrance fee.

By comparison Charlotte charges \$25 a day and \$10 a day for parking.

Chris Stathopulo said that it should be noted that Good Guys events are more like a show and garage sale rather than a true swap meet format.

Cole reminded everyone that Pate is the only source of income for the club, therefore, its success is very important.

The next meeting will be at Charlie and Nicole Gambulo's house in Rowlette. In addition to a meeting it will be a Bug Tussle work session.

John Richarson thanked all those who brought dessert.

The door prizes were drawn. The winners were Terry Plata, Charlie Gambulos, II, and Chris Stathopulo.

The meeting was adjourned

Dates to Remember

- 1. Aug 1 pre registration for Bug Tussle Trek See Bug Tussle details
- 2. August Meeting— August 20 at Gambulos' house
- 3. Aug 26-27, 2023 Bug Tussle Trek
- 4. October 7 & 8th Fall tour (and it's going to be FUN!!)
- 5. Dec 3 Christmas Party at Brookhaven Country Club

Editor's Comments

By John Richardson

Over the last couple of issues we've continued to focus on Safety for your cars, and while Touring. Bug Tussle and Fall Tour are coming up, and we want EVERYONE to participate. Good thing about Tours is usually if you don't have something, someone else does. And we are ALL in there to help our fellow "Tour-ist". :-) So join us in these fun events and don't hold back!

The other theme is recurring is 'bring a friend' - to a meeting, on a tour, to a car show or on a pop-up. The more the merrier as they say, and we ARE a fun group, just ask any of us!

Sunshine Report

By Nuris Lynwood Hester

Thank you to the three members of our TX Region AACA that emailed, and called to let me know of Tom Morey's passing and the information on his life celebration in Dallas. One member was kind enough to obtain the address of Travis Morey, their son, so I could write a note of sympathy from all of us at the AACA. As I stated in the quick note our Editors sent out to the membership (in case you had the opportunity to attend Tom's funeral), this AACA will truly miss the Moreys, Pat and Tom. Many times they offered to host our meetings and were such a delightful couple. We will also miss seeing the several outstanding Rolls Royce autos he would drive on occasion to a meeting or a show. I did extend an invitation to Travis to join us and hopefully drive one of his parents' beautiful Rolls.

Its been a hot few weeks but hopefully it will cool down before our Bug Tussle event. Just in case, Ira and I will be driving our truck with trailer to pick up any over heated cars. Thank you Charlie and Nichole for the great effort you put forth for this Bug Tussle event that many in our club look forward in late August.

Dear members please continue to inform me of life events. Stay cool and be blessed! TX Region Sunshine, Nuris Hester

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

With the rise of self-driving vehicles, it's only a matter of time before we get a country song where a guy's truck leaves him too.

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

Email—<u>TexasRegionAACA@gmail.com</u>

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

Bonham "Eat List" for Bug Tussle Tour

By Jerry Smith and Pete Phillips

Jerry, there is a very good Mexican restaurant, second door south of the square on Main St., called Luna Azul (Blue Moon), 318 N. Main St., open Tuesday through Saturday. Friend of mine by the name of Diego runs it.

There's the Hickory Barbeque Restaurant a few doors east of the square on Hwy. 56, run by my friends Ruth Blevins and her son Phil; cafeteria style, been in business for 40 years there; 208 E. Sam Rayburn Drive.

There's a Japanese restaurant across from the courthouse on the west side of the square, Bamboo House, at 413 N. Main. I have never been there because I don't care for Japanese food.

I'll attach a list of the downtown eating places.

Pete (Bonham Resident and Car Guy)

Historic Downtown Bonham Fat List

Los Amigos 505 N. Main St 903.583.5786 Bamboo House 413 N. Main St 903.583.6969 Luna Azul Mexican Cuisine 318 N. Main St 903-640-4808 Panther Row Eatery 319 N. Main St 903,449,4919 Hickory Bar-B-Que 208 E. Sam Rayburn Dr 903.583.3081 Taco Bell 203 W. Sam Rayburn Drive 903.583.0400 Don Toro Latin Cuisine 408 N. Center St 903.640.6373 Stay Grounded Coffee Bar 316 N. Main St 903.583.0000 Neighbors Place Winery 205 W. 3rd St 469.885.9463 Fruteria Alondra 105 A E. 9th St.

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Apparently I snore so loudly that it scares everyone in the car I'm driving.

Touring with Tools

by Jerry Smith

Linda and I haven't toured much in our old car life. In fact, the only touring that we've done is with this club over the last 5 years. As we've done more, we've learned to trust our cars and our members that somehow we will get home. That's a big worry with old cars.

Recently, we were asked to be the trouble truck on the trip to Schulenburg and back for the Texas Tour. I said "sure" before I had even thought about all that involved. So, during my crash course to learn a little about the duties of the trouble truck, I researched "Road Trip Tool Kit". As you might suspect, there are hundreds of tools offered by just as many opinions. Below is a list, some of which you might consider having in your car for backup.

- 1. Jack
- 2. Magnetic flashlight
- 3. Standard wrenches
- 4. Socket set and ratchet with extensions
- 5. Electric tape
- 6. Electrical wire and twist caps
- 7. Pliers and channel locks
- 8. Vice Grips
- 9. Zip Ties!!
- 10. Screw Drivers—Phillips and flat
- 11. Wire cutters
- 12. Tire tool with multi-size lug socket

- 13. Duct Tape!!
- 14. Towels
- 15. Universal joint (car specific)
- 16. Gloves
- 17. Bunge cords
- 18. Brake parts cleaner
- 19. Crescent wrenches
- 20. Magnet (keep loose parts being lost)
- 21. Volt meter
- 22. Fuses
- 23. Super lube
- 24. Gas can (can be empty)
- 25. And of course, Fire Extinguisher



REALLY cool article - by Ira Hester



Don't miss this article about a 91-year old that gave a Model A engine to a 14-year-old to help him learn about mechanics—then went way beyond that !!

Click **HERE** to read the article

I've never once been able to explain my car trouble to a mechanic without resorting to sound effects.

Fall Tour 2023 by Denise & John Velde



Saturday, October 7th – Sunday, October 8th



The AACA Fall Tour will be a leisurely drive from the McKinney area up to Hugo, Oklahoma via back roads. Current plans in Hugo include a Train Museum, lunch at Circus Café and a visit to an Elephant Sanctuary. Then it's on to Paris for our overnight at the Holiday Inn Express (same Hotel as Bugtussle). Big Pizza Party is planned at our hotel. For Sunday, we have found some different scenic roads to tour back to Bonham and on to McKinney. More details will be in the September Spotlight.

Note: **Hotel Reservations need to be made by September 7**th to get the good rate of \$98 (\$113.68 with tax). Rate goes up to \$129++ after that. Reservations MUST be cancelled by Oct 4th (72 hours) or room will be charged your credit card.

Please email: <u>johnvelde2@gmail.com</u> or text (214) 354-3404 or <u>cwfrisby@gmail.com</u> or text to (214) 697-9666

Please see below for the best tips for calling to create reservations. You will also see booking links for each hotel.

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

903-785-0088, will be the best number to call! Please ask for reservations to be created in the AACA Fall Tour group block.

Booking Link: <u>AACAFallTour-BookingLink-HolidayInnExpressParisTX</u>

Simply click the link, select dates of event 10/7-10/8, choose desired room type, then lastly reserve!

Comfort Inn & Suites (overflow)

903-785-0089, will be the best number to call! Please ask for reservations to be created in the AACA Fall Tour group block.

Booking Link: https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/PD77M2

Participation Points by Jerry Smith

Long ago, members of our club decided that we should have a way to reward those who participate in club activities, such as driving their classic vehicles to the meetings and on tours. In the past, the Board has decided the level of participation required to receive an award. Over the years, awards for an expanded list of activities have occurred. For example, you can get rewarded for sponsoring a new member. At almost every meeting, shirts, jackets, patches, etc., can still be seen among those who have won awards in the past and they're quite nice looking!

The legend below indicates points that can be earned and how. Each year, the Board will determine points required for rewards. It will vary year to year due to activities and budget. The Board will strive to announce and deliver awards as soon as possible into the new year.

Activity	Points	Explanation
Meetings		
Host	20	Host receives 20 pts for hosting
Drive an Antique	10	10 pts for driving an antique
Drive a Modern	5	5 pts for driving a modern
Tours		
Tour leader	20	Receives 20 pts and does not matter what he
Drives an antique	10	drives.
Drives a modern	5	
Work Projects	10	10 pts to work at Pate Swapmeet
Spotlight article	10	Max 3 articles; must be car related
Straggle Master	10	Required for Spring and Fall Tours
New Member Sponsor	20	Each new member, member gets 20pts

John and Denise Velde have taken over the Participation Points administration for the remainder of the year after Roger Denison stepped down last month. They will have current lists and points at each meeting for the remainder of the year. So, please stop and check with them to make sure that your point total is accurate. The Board is working on awards, shirts, etc.. And will present results in the near future.

Sneak Peek: Chris and Lynda Stathopulo are in the 'lead', but there are others in close contention. Check with the Veldes at the August meeting and Bug Tussle Prep-Party, and see how you stack up!!



We think he's SERIOUS!! So Call Bill!

Wanted - those car/truck enthusiasts who want to attend a "Roughing It" tour where we go offroading 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 1951 Studebaker Champion 2-door

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

Bob MacCeod





Please contact: Chuck Geserick 817.401.2844

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



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 CLydette or Royce at

682-472-4812



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2023 CALENDAR

3rd Sunday at 2pm Monthly

August Meeting:

At Gambulos

Aug 1—Bug Tussle preregistration

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 ClubHosted 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 **AI** did. Can't wait to hear more about their trips!!