

The President's Report

So, I think a new tradition is emerging for the club. During the Spring Tune-up tour, I had the pleasure of having a passenger ride along with me in the AMX. At the time he was not a member of AACA or our local club. Since the tour, Floyd Stober joined both the National AACA and our chapter. Maybe this was the beginning of a new tradition of including a potential member in an event so they too can share our fun!



This past week while some 26 members of our club were helping with the Pate Swap Meet, I was on the Hot Rod Tour of Texas. My passenger for this event was a good friend named John Becker. I met John when I purchased my AMX some three years ago. We have travelled to Wisconsin for the AMC Homecoming, gone to National AMC Owner shows and things like that. And yes, here's another example of the new tradition coming into play. John just joined both the National AACA and our local chapter. I learned that John joined our club through some new tools that we are trying to implement as a club. John and I have been very interested in the Hot Rod Tour for the past year. We signed up to take the plunge and try our hand at this event long before he joined our club. But here is where the tradition comes into play. John and I drove 996 miles together over four days. From Victoria to Webster, then on to Conroe and finishing up in Madisonville at the Bray Museum. Now I don't believe that a new member needs to be indoctrinated into the club in such a fashion, but we sure did have a great time driving with some 325 cars along the back roads of Texas.



Next Meeting—May 17, 2025 !!

At the Texas Tour

See You There !!



(President's Report Continued...)

As mentioned above, I want to reach out to the 26 club members who volunteered their time in support of the club at Pate and recognize them for the time and effort spent supporting this event. Thank you again!

Another thank you goes out to Lynda and John Richardson for opening up their lake house after the Medal of Honor Parade. It was a great honor to be able to drive our cars in this special event. Thank you, John, for arranging our entry into the parade.


Hope to see you on the open road!

Andy

Runaway Scrape Registration is LIVE !!

Online Registration is Open for the Runaway Scrape Tour!

Go here: <https://members.aaca.org/> to register. You must know your AACA member number and PIN (on your AACA member card) to login.
Once logged in, select EVENT PRE-REGISTRATION
Then select "October 18-22, 2025 Central Divisional Tour"
Fill out the form
Then make your hotel reservations—don't delay !!








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Welcome
Kip Lankenau
Debra Lankenau

Events List

Click the event you wish to register for:

No	Dates	Description	City	State	-
06	June 19-21, 2025	Eastern Spring Nationals	Beckley	WV	Event Info
07	July 2-5, 2025	Central Spring Nationals	Auburn	IN	Event Info
08	July 24-26, 2025	Grand Nationals	Dayton	OH	Event Info
13	October 18-22, 2025	Central Divisional Tour	San Antonio/Houston	TX	   



It was PATE MONTH, again !

Of course, it all started in March, with the **Tile Prep Party** (not sure why we keep calling them a 'party', but we do have fun). It was actually better weather than we normally have so there was a great turnout and it was all over in a flash. Even before some got there to help. "you snooze, you lose". :-)

This month started with the **Tile Laying Party**, which had the prep party's weather—cold and rainy. But everyone persevered and again it was done fast and furious. I'm proud of those that come out in all kinds of weather to help out the club and share the workload with friends. Kudos to the Caddy and LaSalle Club for their preparation to make it all go smoothly!!



It was fun to see the different rain gear preparation from everyone. The Veldes with your basic drug store rain parka, all the way up to Kathy and Cole that would have been able to go out duck hunting in the Michigan Lakes region in winter. Sorry that there wasn't a picture....

PATE, again, continued...

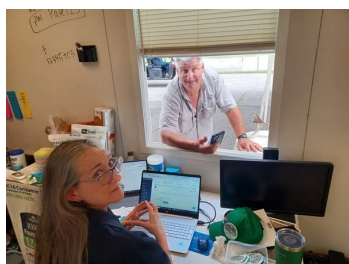
Naturally, PATE itself follows. 4 full days of fun and relaxation in all kinds of weather. This time of year in Texas you can get them all in one day. No Problemo.

As you can see we were INUNDATED, SWAMPED, OVERRUN with vendors clamoring for their turn at the windows—just like years before.



Ok, so it wasn't so bad after all. A much better user friendly system, great preparation by the Registrar, and now 'trained' vendors, all made for a much less crazy work environment. Well, except for those irate vendors that 1) didn't come before 10am, 2) insisted that they be escorted into the selling floor, and 3) were refused a refund for 1 & 2 above. Fortunately we had Waylon,

Linda and Nuris on crowd control!!



The official PATE report from our PATE VP and Registrar is next ...

Lastly we had the **Tile Pickup Party** on the Sunday morning after. Again a great turnout and done almost before **Hard 8 BBQ** opened for our celebratory lunch and meeting. Thanks to all that came!!



THE PATE REPORT

By Nichole Gambulos

The 53rd annual Pate Swap Meet

This year's swap meet was truly one for the books! With over **9,600 spaces sold**, the event was a great success and despite the threats of weather, exceeded expectations and brought together thousands of vendors, shoppers, and car club members from across the country. It cemented our event as the largest meet in the US.

Vendors from near and far showcased everything from vintage collectibles, rusty parts, new OEM parts, tires, and more. If we didn't have it located in one of our vendor spaces then, chances are, you didn't need it! Feedback from vendors was varied- record breaking sales made or money spent buying from their neighbors seemed to be the two extremes.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the **incredible team of volunteers** who worked tirelessly behind the scenes. From the tile parties hosted by NTX CLC to our own registration building, we had many hands to make light work. All of the clubs have their part to play in making the event successful from parts hauling and directing traffic to information booths and coordinating logistics. Our clubs work together to get everything running smoothly and with everyone's hard work and positive attitudes, we can keep this event going for years to come. You are truly the heartbeat of this event—thank you for showing up and giving it your all.

Volunteers in registration included- John & Lynda Richardson (thank you for donuts, water jug), Ira & Nuris Hester (thank you for translating), Fred & Linda Cruz (thank you for translating), Mike & Terry Hrehocik (thank you for donuts), Debra Lankenau (thank you for donuts, especially blueberry ones), and Markus Tischler (bottled water).

Judy Kerr-Guysinger- came out multiple days and helped me pack up registration on Saturday! Tammy & Kim Keith, also Ryan- were a constant **all week long** keeping the inside and outside in order and offering VIP services! Cope Crisson- pinch hit by swinging by our house for late arrival packages. Pamela Crisson- helped with vendor stickers, keeping us in stitches, picking up lunches daily, and filling in wherever needed throughout the whole week.

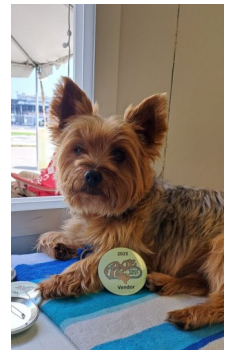
It takes a village to pull off something of this scale, and the collaboration and community spirit were nothing short of inspiring.

As we look back on this unforgettable weekend, there's already excitement building for **next year's swap meet**. We can't wait to do it all again—bigger, better, and even more memorable.

Until then, thank you once again. **See you next year!**

Tile Party Volunteers:

John & Lynda Richardson, Kim & Tammy Keith, Cole & Kathy Clayton, John & Denise Velde, Judy Kerr-Guysinger, Mike & Terry Hrehocik, Steve & Kassie Knight, Cope & Pamela Crisson, Kip & Debra Lankenau, Fred & Linda Cruz, Carey & Sue Frisby, John Wallace, Chris & Linda Stathopulo, Ira Hester & Markus Tischler





April Monthly Meeting

By John Richardson

For whatever reasons, the April Meeting after Tile Pickup Party was lightly attended. We had our usual private room at the Hard 8, but had room to stretch out. You can review Terry's in-depth minutes for the deets. Pate was a success and the busy month of April for the club drew to a close. May is right around the corner with Texas Tour—which I hope that all are going to join.

It seems that this year we've had more months than usual have conflict between activities and meetings. So, based on feedback from those attending we are keeping September's normal date of the 21st as our meeting and the following weekend as Bug Tussle—vs trying to co-mingle.

George Smith provided feedback that the delayed 'Spring Tour' will be only one day, but not yet scheduled. Hopefully not a conflict with another monthly meeting.

We have agendas and hosts now signed up for each month this year, which is greatly appreciated.

Let's all go to TT and see you on the road!



What has 10 letters and starts with G-A-S?

Automobile

In Case Your Were Wondering...

The Short Sleeve Polo shirts for DFW Region are BACK on the website Look under 'SHOP' drop-down menu



Editor's Comments: We have all had a busy month and now have a break until the Texas Tour. Spend time with family and get the old car(s) ready for a trek up north. Not far to go this time, which is nice. But also time to get acquainted with our new members—some of whom have already gotten involved and even lead a tour. That's the only way to get a feel for the club—participate. So, as 'old timers', it's up to us to get and keep in contact with those joining and continue to make them feel welcome. It won't happen if YOU don't do it.



PROJECT CARS

Because clean fingernails, free weekends, intact knuckles and financial stability are totally overrated.



On April 12, 11 Model A Ford Club cars and 7 AACA DFW Region cars joined together to celebrate the MOH parade event in Gainesville. It was the first time for the two clubs to have an activity together but it was enjoyed by all !! We were crammed in together between DAV and the Sons of the Confederates. Just in case we moved too slowly the 'Sons' were towing a cannon. There were 58 groups approved for the parade—largest I've seen. And fortunately the weather cooperated and it was a beautiful morning.

Lynda and I appreciate everyone that came out, or tried to come out as the Wallaces had a AAA event on the way to Gainesville :-(. We all have at one time or the other. We also appreciate and enjoyed sharing our family lake house for a relaxing lunch and conversation. Our new pup, Penny, appreciated the Lankenau's bringing theirs to play. Thanks for sharing your time to honor our decorated vets and we hope that we all will do the same next year !!



Sunshine Report

By Nuris Hester

Whatever happened to “there’s good news tonight” or Paul Harvey and “the rest of the story” that assured us that clouds have silver linings!

Well there is plenty of good news to report as several of our members have weathered some storms and are on a pathway to healing and wellness. George Lang mustered up enough energy to actually tackle that fateful transmission and this time he was the winner...he sold the gosh darn thing! And so he could maneuver with greater ease around Pate Swap some friends gave him a fancy electric wheelchair. Dot is patiently waiting for George to be further along in the recovery so she can have a hip replacement on May 29th.

Mona Hannah will be having back surgery on 30th; know she will appreciate prayers and get well wishes.

Jerry Smith is on his journey to recovery after some temporary setbacks (you can’t keep a good man down) but please continue to reach out him to encourage him thru texts, cards and calls.

We sent a card to Cisco (Francisco Arroyo) who had planned on helping with laying down tile markers but he got food poisoning and hurt his back so he was out of commission for several days. Once he recovered he came over to Ira’s garage and kindly helped pull a transmission, a job better done with at least one if not two assistants.

Debra Mahanna is gaining strength after some cancer treatments; she is in good spirits hoping to join us at our next mtg...well wishes and prayers for her continued success in beating this.

Your sunshine chairperson is also recovering from a fractured clavicle and is permitted to be without a sling protection at home but Dr prefers use of sling while in crowded areas and driving is still not possible at moment...but very soon!

So dear readers, fellow AACA members, continue to encourage those members who for whatever reason are not able to enjoy driving their magnificent vintage car to a tour or meeting. We sincerely hope recovery is speedy and they will once again partake of wonderful fellowship and lively exchange of car-centered conversations. Looking forward to the TX Tour in Greenville (May 15-18) and the fun activities put together by this AACA. Ask Pamela (co-chair) if you can be of any help as she has been wonderful to help with our club, most recently at Pate Swap registration. As I close this report I’m sure Charlie and Nichole will have plenty of sunshine to share as they report yearly earnings for us...big thanks to all of you who helped in any capacity to make this year’s Pate Swap a success!

Blessings, best wishes and Happy Motoring.
Keep on the sunny side,

NURIS



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

April Meeting Minutes

AACA Texas DFW Region

Bigger in Texas, Better in a Classic Car!

DATE: Sunday, April 27, 2025

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Hard 8 Restaurant

Call to Order

[Chris Stathopulo, 1st Vice president](#), opened the meeting

Approval of Minutes

The minutes as they appeared in the last Spotlight were approved

Presidents' Report – Chris Stathopulo, 1st Vice president

Andy was not able to attend so Chris facilitated the General Meeting in his place.

Due to many PATE activities we did not have a board meeting this month. We will possibly have a board meeting via Zoom.

Sunshine Report – Nuris Hester

Nuris was also not able to attend, however, her report will appear in this month's Spotlight

1st Vice Presidents' report – Chris Stathopulo

Chris brought our attention to the classified page on the club website. It is a great place to sell items for club members. Chris also reported that the website was still a work in progress.

2nd Vice Presidents' report – John Richardson

May 15-18 – Texas Tour - meeting will be held in John and Lynda's hotel suite TBA.

June 15 – Richardson's Lake House

July – Brady's Shop/Museum

August – Adrian's (Ira's friend) boss's

Sept. – Thinking about having the meeting before Bug Tussle

Sept. 27-28 Bug Tussle Trek

Nov.16 – Palmer ISD

Oct. TBD

Dec. 21 – Brookhaven Country Club

Treasurers' report – Debra Lankenau

Debra gave the treasurer's report.

Secretary's report – Terry Hrehocik

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

Tour Directors' report – George Lang

George was unable to attend meeting, but indicated to Chris that Spring Tour, when scheduled, would probably be a 1 day tour vs overnight.

2025 AACA National Tour – Kip Lankenau – The Runaway Scrape

Kip reported that registration goes live on the National website Monday, April 28.

The tour will also be advertised in the Antique Automobile magazine.

Bug Tussle Trek – Cole Clayton

Cole reported that they are finishing up final details on the Trek, including this year's t-shirt design.

He also inquired if anyone would like to take on this tour for the 2026 year. If anyone is interested contact Cole or Kathy.

Old Business

Charlie reported that PATE did very well this year. They were very happy with the numbers. There was a great turnout despite the rainy conditions and all incidents were handled quickly and professionally.

Nichole stated that registration went very smoothly and thanked all her volunteers for making that possible.

New Business

Debra reminded us of the All British & European Car Day to be held on Sunday, May 11 at White Rock Lake by the Bath House Cultural Center.

Adjournment

Judy motioned that the meeting be adjourned, Mike. 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
[HTTPS://TEXAS-
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All British & European Car Day
Sunday May 11th 2025
Bath House Cultural Center
10 am - 3 pm
www.AllBritishCarDay.com

Jump off of life's Merry-Go-Round and spend a relaxing day by the shores of White Rock Lake. Come share your passion and stories with fellow enthusiasts, amongst a wide variety of vehicles in a beautiful, serene setting. Spectators Free.

Vehicles wishing to drive onto show field must pre-register.

All British & European Car Day
Sunday, May 11, 2025
Bath House Cultural Center, White Rock Lake Park
www.AllBritishCarDay.com



The 40th Annual Exhibition of Fine British & European Motoring

Dee Productions

Spotlight Classifieds

1953 Packard - Roger Dennison 903-920-9003 roger.c.dennison@gmail.com
This is an older restoration. It is in excellent overall shape. It is mechanically sound, paint and upholstery is solid. The car has a 327-cubic-inch "Thunderbolt" inline eight, Power Steering, Power Brakes, 3 speed manual overdrive transmission and Air Conditioning with auxiliary electric radiator fan, electric fuel pump only used when starting the engine after setting. It is listed in "make-an-offer" auction in Hemming's Motor News. Offered at \$12,500



GET READY FOR BUG TUSSLE! For sale: A true blast from the past — the 1954 Ford Bug Tussle Truck! This head-turning classic is more than just a ride; it's a rolling time capsule packed with charm and character. With a body that demands attention wherever it goes, this beauty is pure Americana on wheels. Loaded with genuine antiques to sweeten the deal, this truck isn't just transportation — it's an experience. The Bug Tussle Truck is all about fun, flair, and a whole lot of vintage soul. Call Martha and George Smith 214-455-8355



Spotlight Classifieds

1955 Chevrolet Bel Air 8cyl 265/180hp 4-bbl 2 door convertible Fender skirts All original except aftermarket AM/FM radio , not modified or rat rodded. Recently had new battery, brakes serviced, and transmission rebuilt. Interior looks new. Very few miles since older restoration. Starts and runs great. Garage kept. Prior AACA club member owned. You have seen this car on several Bug Tussles. Call Cole Clayton (817-313-6661) to view the car, or with any questions. We prefer to sell it to a AACA member, thus discount available to AACA members. Driver and passenger are not included. \$85,000



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2025 CALENDAR

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

***May Meeting @
Texas Tour—May 17***

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***June 15 Meeting
Richardson
Lake House June 15***

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***July 20 Meeting
Brady and Vicky Rich-
ard***

***August 17 Meeting
September 21 Meeting***

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***Bug Tussle 2025
September 27-28***

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***Runaway Scrape Tour
Oct 18-22***