

The President's Report

by Chris Stathopulo

This month's President's Report will not be by our fearless leader. Andy is out on vacation enjoying his time away from the big city. I hope it is cooler where he is than in the DFW area. This week was our first time we exceeded 100 degrees in the DFW area. It has been a blessing compared to most years.

As we get into the middle of the summer heat wave, cars with air conditioning are a thing to be desired. The first automobile to be offered to the public with air conditioning was a Packard in 1940, though it did not become common until the early 1970's in other manufacturers. The average Packard in 1940 sold for around \$2,000 (\$45,000 today) and to add air was an additional \$300 (**\$6,763 today**) or 15% of the original cost. How many of us would want to spend an additional \$7,000's to have A/C in our cars?

Our family just got back from our driving vacation trip to Cartersville, GA. While there, we went to the Savoy Automobile Museum. If you haven't been to it, it's well worth seeing.



Next Meeting—August 17 2025 !!
Private Car Collection !!



The President's Report cont'd

They had on display two unique vehicles; one is a 1936 Chevrolet Coupe Pickup and the other a 1937 Studebaker Coupe Express. The '36 Chevy is a basic business coupe with the trunk lid removed and a small pickup bed fitted.



The '37 Studebaker is more a full pickup truck, made from the front half of a coupe with a full pickup bed on the back.



As I was looking at these unique vehicles, it reminded me of what was to come over 20 years later and that is the 1957 Ford Ranchero and the 1959 Chevy El Camino. Both are based on a car/pickup concept. Both the Ranchero and El Camino stayed in production for over 22 years.

Next month, we'll all be looking forward to Andy's words of wisdom.

July Monthly Meeting

By John Richardson

July Meeting was another Special Event at Brady and Vickie Richard's spectacular car collection and "workshop". Having had a showing for other clubs the previous weekend, all the cars were on special display and labeled with informational signs. It was hot wandering outside, but the effort was worth it! Inside, his most extraordinary cars were comfortably housed in air-conditioned comfort.

Meanwhile there was a BBQ going outside under canopy but warm never-the-less. But again, well worth it, as the Fajita meat was exceptional. Actually everything was—sides, desserts and a wide selection of drinks. Brady and Vicki are excellent and special hosts and we all appreciate their hospitality and support for the club. As well as those members that brought side/desserts to share.

During the meeting Andy brought up some interesting ideas regarding club leadership tenure and planned direction for the club. I encourage you to review Terry's outstanding minutes and provide at least some feedback to Andy regarding his recommendations. The Board wants to take the club in the direction you would want it to go in, but only feedback can help guide them. Andy's email is aremtr7@gmail.com. Email or call—his info is in the directory.

We have upcoming meeting at another private car collection on the 17th, an invite as a club to the DFW Car and Toy Museum on the 30th, and meeting and Bug Tussle in September. Hopefully you have made your hotel reservations!!

Lastly, we are already looking forward to next year's leadership and Andy needs volunteers to participate in the nomination committee. Make a difference to your club—Volunteer Now !!

So, without further adieu, here are some pics of this last meeting, ENJOY.







On Another Note.....

By Jeff Podmers

On July 12, Brady and Vickie Richard invited several local car clubs to an open house at their shop. About 60 members of these clubs took advantage of this rare opportunity to view this eclectic car collection. None were aware of this collection and most saw cars that they had never seen or even heard of. Everyone was very impressed by this accumulation of esoteric and beautiful vehicles, and appreciated Vickie's supply of cookies and Brady's explanation of some details of many of the cars.

Several guests took home AACA membership applications!



Editor's Note:

It was a great idea of Jeff's (and/or Brady) to have AACA Membership information available. Do keep that in mind...just sayin'. Thanks to Brady and Vickie for sharing with others

New Members !!

By Tammy Keith

It's important that you know and recognize our newest members. They bring new life, interesting stories, and outstanding cars to our club. These are our most recent, along with their Club Sponsors.

Robert Markman from Houston joined. He is new to our club but he hosted the lunch on the 70th Texas Tour in 2024 in Meridian. He had a huge car barn and he had a bbq lunch set up for us there. He said he has over 50 cars, too many to list.

Robert (Robby) Markman

robert@markmanins.com

Duffy & Tina Oyster (Duffy was at the last meeting and joined there) He told me at the meeting he had too many cars to name. (Adrian I think)

Soyoster000@aol.com



Jason Nicholson (online)

jason.nicholson1@outlook.com

1988 Alfa Romeo Spider Graduate Convertible
Family owned since new.



Welcome to the Texas DFW Region Club !!!!

August 17th Monthly Meeting

We have a wonderful opportunity to visit the private car collection for Ali Sheikh, who is our own Adrian Bordlemay's boss. Adrian is the Chief Mechanic and Technical Advisor for Ali and is hosting the location for this month's meeting.

The collection is housed in a private garage at:

13211 Bee Street in Farmer's Branch

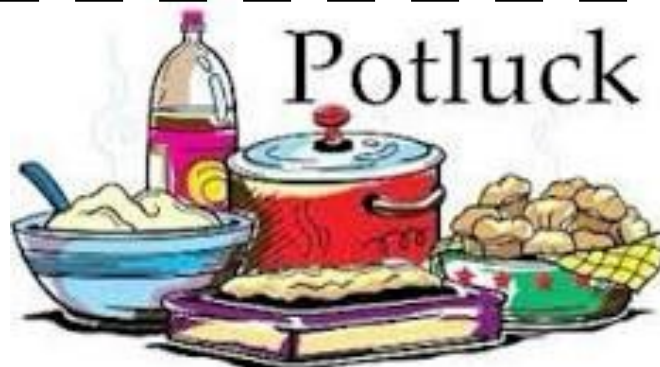
There is road construction at the intersection of Farmer's Branch Rd and Bee Street, so be careful. As you turn onto Bee Street from Farmer's Branch the building will be on the left with only the number on the front of the building. The entrance into the wood gate parking area is on the right of the building, and Adrian asks that only those that drive Vintage cars park in that lot as it's smallish. The rest/overflow please park in the building lot next door to the right, with green awnings.

There is an air-conditioned party room accessed from the car barn that will be our meeting/meal location. Plenty of room to mix and mingle.

Food :

Ok, so we are going to try a true Pot Luck luncheon. Meaning, everyone that brings something, bring what you would like to share most. Main, side, dessert or whatever. Hopefully we won't have too much of one kind of thing, but I'm sure we will survive. Water and Tea will be provided.

Board Meeting at 1, General Meeting at 2



Sunshine Report

By Nuris Hester

We are still very much missing seeing our co-editor of the Spotlight - Jerry Smith and Linda! Continue to uplift him in calls, texts, good wishes and prayers...we hope the Smiths will be able to join us at the August meeting.

George and Dot are both in much better shape after their corrective surgeries. Its been a challenging year for them but they are in good spirits.

Below is a picture of Fred Cruz giving us the thumbs up...one surgery down, therapy to follow and hopefully a comeback in their gorgeous Thunderbird at Bug Tussle if not sooner!

Please keep your Sunshine chair posted on life events.

I recently listened to a lengthy interview on the 8 pillars of longevity (acronym NEWSTART....n-nutrition, e-exercise, w-water, s-sunlight ,t-temperance, a-air, r-rest, t-trust in higher power/GOD) and very prominent was his talk on Sunshine/Sunlight to boost your immune system (15 minutes with no sunscreen for those first 15 minutes).



So keep on the sunny side!!

Happy motoring and keep on the sunny side !

Nuris Hester





AACA Texas DFW Region

Bigger in Texas, Better in a Classic Car!

Communications Committee Report

Website:

New membership page <https://texas-dfw.aaca.com/join-texas-dfw-region-aaca/>

Bug Tussle Page: <https://texas-dfw.aaca.com/bug-tussle-2025/>

Awaiting details and registration information

Host Hotel information is up (make your reservation)

Runaway Scrape Page: <https://texas-dfw.aaca.com/runawayscrape/>

NEED MEMBER PROFILE with photos !

Updated Business Cards:

Terry has ordered new business cards with a QR code that won't expire.

Membership Directory:

Please get any changes to your listing in our 2024 directory to Tammy Keith at aacaTxDFW1@gmail.com.

There has been a request that we include photos in the next directory.

Mail Chimp:

This email program allows us to send emails to current club members, and we are currently reconciling our current paid membership roster to the Mail Chimp email distribution list. If you are not receiving your "Spotlight" email, please:

Check your spam or trash folder

Email Betty Dawson at bedawson@swbell.net and she will check for you.

Wanted ... Reporter!

Do you enjoy interviewing folks and finding out more about them and their hobbies? Communications Committee is looking for a 'reporter' to call up and interview a new member that has just joined or an existing member. Will only take about an hour each month if you interview just one member! Please contact Debra Lankenau for more information. debra@kipmotor.com

June Monthly Meeting Minutes

DATE: Sunday, July 20, 2025

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Brady and Vickie Richard's

Present: Present: Andy Riemitis, Chris Stathopulo, John Richardson, Debra Lankenau, Terry Hrehocik, Brady Richard, Michael Hrehocik, Jeff Podmers, Doyle Morse, Judy Kerr-Guysinger

Call to Order

Andy Riemitis, president, opened the meeting

Approval of Minutes.

The minutes as they appeared in the June Spotlight were approved

Presidents' Report: – Andy Riemitis

Andy introduced new members Rene Zerfas and Duffy Oyster.

Andy is forming a nominating committee for 2026 officers and BOD members and aims to complete this in the next few months.

It was proposed to offer incentives for serving as a club officer or board member, such as providing one year of free membership dues. Any other suggestions are welcome.

He recommended establishing a Strategic Planning Committee to identify and develop future objectives for the club. Additionally, collaboration with other local car clubs was proposed as a potential avenue for partnership. It was unanimously agreed that pursuing this idea would be advantageous.

Andy recommended revisiting the club by laws to improve them. Currently, officers serve one-year terms, but due to low participation in leadership roles, a change may be necessary. Additional discussion will be necessary. We need more people to become actively involved in the leadership of the club.

June Monthly Meeting Minutes Cont'd

Sunshine Report: - Nuris Hester

Jerry Smith is still working through chemo but hopes to feel well enough to attend the August meeting.

Fred Cruz is in a soft boot after foot surgery.

Dot Lange is almost completely recovered.

Chandler Smith has been diagnosed with pancreatitis.

1st Vice Presidents' report: – Chris Stathopulo

The website is currently up and running. AACA National has a new company handling their website and are still making adjustments

The membership page on the website has been redesigned to be more user friendly.

Chris welcomes suggestions for new website content, such as member write-ups on antique vehicles. He also reminded members that they can post ads on the classified page.

John R. stated that the Spotlight is always posted on the website before it is sent out by email.

2nd Vice Presidents' report: – John Richardson

August 17 – The meeting will be held at the private automobile collection owned by Adrian Bordlemay's employer. Recently, Adrian and his employer took part in The Great Race.

August 30 – DFW Car & Toy Museum – tour at 10:00 am, then meet at Hoffbrau Steak House for lunch after.

September 21 – Meeting held at Ira and Nuris' Workshop

September 27/28 BT

October 12 – Date moved up one week due to Scrape. Location is TBD; suggestions welcome at the general meeting. Backup options are Norma's Café meeting room or Spring Creek BBQ. Debra also offered to host, possibly combining it with a Scrape "work meeting."

October 17-22 – Scrape

June Monthly Meeting Minutes Cont'd

November 16 – Currently scheduled at Palmer ISD – TBC with Judy>

December 14 – Brookhaven Country Club – The party theme and entertainment options are being considered, with suggestions that include 50's or beach/Hawaii themes.

Treasurers' report: – Debra Lankenau

Debra presented the treasurer's report, all accounts are current and good.

Secretary's report: Terry Hrehocik

The minutes were accepted as originally published.

Tour Directors' report: – George Lang

No report. George is absent due to medical reasons.

Bug Tussle Report: Cole Clayton

Andy gave the BT update in Cole's absence.

Confirmed lunch vendors & price.

Heritage Hall is confirmed

T-shirt design is complete

We need club volunteers to be BT cheerleaders.

Registration is not up yet but will be available soon.

Members were encouraged to make their hotel registrations now.

2025 AACA National Tour: – Kip Lankenau – The Runaway Scrape

A total of 18 paid registrations were received, representing 9 vehicles from Arizona, Louisiana, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Texas.

Many additional people have called or emailed to say that they will be attending. Hotel reservations are significantly outpacing registrations, which, at this point, is to be expected.

June Monthly Meeting Minutes Cont'd

Old Business:

Membership:

Tammy and Kim Keith reported an increase of 3 new members, bringing total membership to 89. Year to date, there have been 17 new members.

Eighteen individuals have not renewed their membership. A letter of inquiry was sent to these individuals, but it did not yield useful feedback. Andy plans to investigate this issue further.

At the June meeting, the Board of Directors approved a proposal for the club to fund new member name tags. Andy Riemitis suggested that the membership vote on the proposal during the July General Meeting. John Richardson motioned for the club to pay for the name tags, Chris Stathopulo seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

New Business:

Terry Hrehocik presented the new business card design, which matches the car magnets and PATE banner designs to maintain club branding consistency. Sue Frisby motioned to proceed with the new business cards, Chris Stathopulo seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously. The new cards are expected to be ready for distribution by the August meeting.

Debra Lankenau stated that the Communications Committee is improving the website and exploring ways to audit the Mail Chimp database. She also noted Doyle Morse's effective management of the club's Facebook page.

Pamela Crisson announced the 34th Annual Yellow Rose Classic, a Southwest All Nationals Car Show. It will be held August 9 & 10 at Dallas Market Hall. She also noted that Tulsa, Oklahoma is gearing up to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Route 66 in 2026. They are planning a massive car parade, the Route 66 Capital Cruise: World-Record Classic Car Centennial Parade, on May 30, 2026. Pamela wants to get our North Texas Clubs organized to participate in this event.

June Monthly Meeting Minutes Cont'd

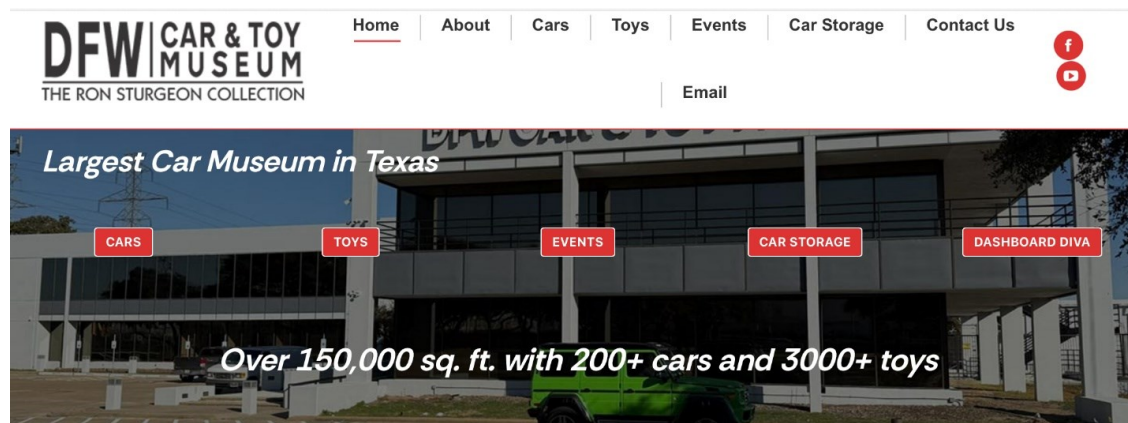
Adjournment:

John Richardson moved to adjourn the meeting, Jeff Podmers seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectively submitted by

Terry Hrehocik, Secretary

Special Club Get Together !!



AACA Texas DFW Region visit to the

DFW Car & Toy Museum

Let's visit the DFW Car & Toy Museum in Fort Worth on **Saturday August 30** at 10:00am to 12:00 noon. This is a great place to visit. So much to see. You can't see it all in one trip (this will be my second). The museum is FREE to visit. Then for those who would like motor on over to Hoffbrau Steak & Grill House have lunch (Dutch treat of course). It is only a two minute drive.

HOST: Andy Riemitis



AACA CENTRAL DIVISIONAL TOUR

THE RUNAWAY SCRAPE TOUR



HOSTED BY TEXAS DFW REGION
OCTOBER 18-22, 2025



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Kip Lankenau
Tour Chairman
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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"

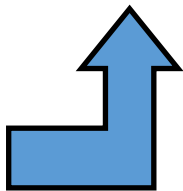
Fill out the form

Then make your hotel reservations—don't delay !!

1. Bug Tussle registration is about to go live.
2. We were able to hold T-shirt, magnets, lunch in Bonham, and dash plaque to 2024 prices!
3. For the first time ever, we will be offering T-shirts in m-xl, 2xl-3xl, Tall, and children's sizes.
4. Rooms are available to reserve in the Holiday Inn Holiday Inn **903-785-0088** and Comfort Inn currently. Ask for the Bugtussle rate.

Follow the [Bugtussle Facebook page](#) or the ONLY official [AACA Texas DFW Region website](#) for the latest info.

[Bug Tussle Trek 2025- Official Facebook AACA page!](#)



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MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATE

If you have made any additions to your fleet of antique vehicles, or if you have sold any, please update your vehicle listing for the 2025 directory stating the year, make and model. Likewise, if you have moved, please send current information to our Membership Chair, Tammy Keith at AACATxDFW1@gmail.com by August 1st.

SPOTLIGHT CONTENT

Do you have a car story to share? We'd love to get your perspective on attending the Texas Tour or any other event in your classic car. Please send to AACASpotlight@gmail.com with at least two photos. You might even appear on the website or Facebook page!

MAGNETS/BUMPER STICKERS

The club has purchased magnets and bumper stickers to promote our club while driving on tours or to meetings. If you have not received one, please contact John Richardson and choose either magnets or a bumper sticker. Must be a member in good standing (2025 dues paid).

CLUB BUSINESS CARDS

Help us spread the word about our club by passing out club business cards or leaving one tucked beneath a windshield wiper of a classic/antique vehicle. See Terry Hrehocik at our membership meetings to receive your stash!

72nd Annual Texas Tour

Hotel Registration and Information

The Central Texas Region – AACA is pleased to host the 72nd Texas Tour. Lodging will be at the Hilton Waco Hotel, and the dinners and breakfast will be served at the hotel each day.

When: May 21-23, 2026

Where: Waco, Texas

Headquarters Hotel: Hilton Waco Hotel

Link for Hotel Reservations is: [Texas Tour](#).

Headquarters Hotel: Hilton Waco Hotel

The Hilton Waco Hotel is located at 113 South University Parks Drive, Waco, TX 76701, on the Brazos River, and adjacent to the Waco Convention Center.

Make reservations while rooms are still available.

Use this link to complete your reservation for the [Texas Tour](#) to receive the discounted rates listed below. Discounted rates are good until April 19, 2026.

King Bed with Sofa Deluxe Room (2 guests) – Rate \$149 plus 3.6% TPID fee = \$ 154.37

Two Queen Beds Deluxe Room (2 guests) - Rate \$149.00 plus 3.6% TPID fee = \$ 154.37

Room rate includes a full hot breakfast buffet in the restaurant each morning.

Additional Information regarding the tour will continue to be updated and available at the following link: www.TexasTour.co (yes, not “com”)

If you have any questions or need additional assistance with hotel reservations, please contact:

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The Dallas/Fort Worth auction is scheduled for October 29 - November 1, 2025. It will be held at Dickies Arena - 1911 Montgomery Street, Fort Worth, TX 76107.

With this being a first-time auction at the Dickies Arena excitement is high, and we are registering drivers immediately! To register as a driver, email Sharon Rogers at srogers@certifleet.com. We schedule drivers on a first come basis, so ensure you get the shifts you want by scheduling early.

There are two shifts per day. We pay our subcontractors a stipend for food and gas.

Shift Times: Morning (AM) Shift - 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM (Driver meeting 8:30 AM)

Afternoon (PM) Shift - 2:00 PM to 7:30 PM - Approximately (Driver meeting 1:30 PM)

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If you have any questions, please email Sharon Rogers, Director of Administration at:

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Sincerely,

Gary Gilbert

Operations Manager

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Spotlight Classifieds

From Jeff Podmers...

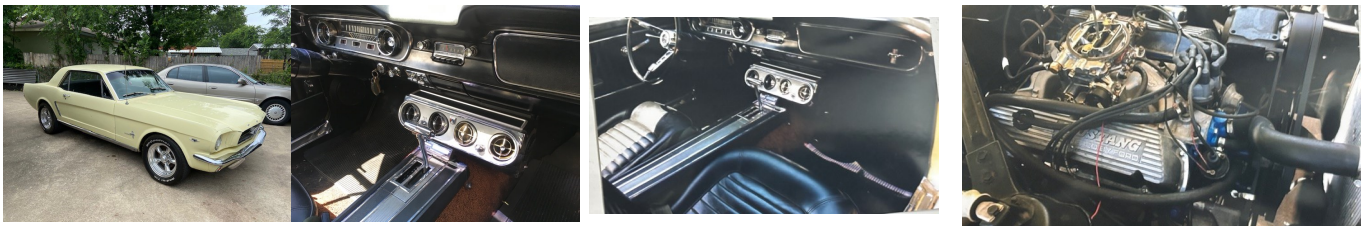
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Two owner, garage kept, rust free, undamaged body with good paint and upholstery
Equipped with power steering, power brakes, dealer installed AC. 302 ci engine
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Tom Brewer 817 838 8703 text or call and leave a message



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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)**

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***August 17 Meeting
Adrian Bordlemay
Hosting***

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August 30

***Special Club Visit
DFW Car and Toy Museum***

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September 27-28***

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***October 12 Meeting
TBD***

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