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# The President's Report

Well, here we are again. Last month I was out of town for several weeks. Our first trip was to the American Motors Homecoming in Kenosha Wisconsin, a once every three-year event that is a gathering of 1,200+ cars. After the weeklong gathering, we took some personal time and went up to Sister Bay, Wisconsin, to kick back and enjoy Lake Michigan with some boating and swimming.

If you missed the August meeting at Ali Sheikh's car collection you missed a good one. Our member Adrian Bordlemay hosted us and shared his boss's collection of cars. He also explained the process involved with participating in the Great Race. Just listening to him explain what is involved in running the race was tiring. The format for the meeting last month was a little different as some of you might have noticed. A Potluck Dinner was tried. Several people men-

tioned to me how much they enjoyed the format and the variety of food served.

Kip Lankenau has stepped forward to be this year's Nomination Committee Chair. So, please volunteer to Kip before you get a phone call from him making you an officer of the club.

The Bug Tussle and Runaway Scrape are right around the corner. Get your registration in. A lot of work is going into the planning of these tours, and you don't want to miss them.

We will have already been to the DFW Car & Toy Museum by the time you read the Spotlight, but I hope that we have a large turnout. It's well worth the time to visit.

Hope to see you at the September 21 meeting at Ira and Nuris' Workshop. This is always a special place to visit. It's an extra special place to me as they hosted the first meeting I ever attended.





Next Meeting—September 21 2025!!
Ira and Nuris Hester's Workshop!!
Info Inside



# **August Monthly Meeting**

By John Richardson

What a great time everyone had at the private car collection of Ali Sheikh, hosted by his Chief Mechanic, Adrian Bordlemay (with cohorts Mike and George). If you didn't make the meeting or hear about it, Ali entered two cars this year in The Great Race. One of which was in the collection's garage, waiting for our viewing. The collection was a wonderful mix of mostly European cars (I hear that the American side of the collection is at the east Texas ranch), all in exceptional condition. I think everyone there had a favorite, and very unlikely were all the same. I know for me, it was the Studebaker Hawk. But of course, the Jag E came in very close second...

Andy and Mike shared some of the challenges associated with the Race, of which I was totally unaware. It's not really a 'race' per se, since you aren't speeding along the road. But the objective is to hit certain points enroute at very specified times established for each leg. Not only do seconds (not minutes) count, but you don't know exactly where you are going until a little before you have to take to the road and someone hands you a set of very specific instructions. The driver is very important, but the navigator is equally, or more, important a member of the in-car crew.

Also, it's an endurance race. 2,300 miles over 9 days without break. So your 'pit crew' is also critical. Multiple states, back roads, timed potty and eating breaks, whew!

And, the older the car, the better your handicap. So there's an incentive to use vintage. Of course there is a minimum age car—only 50 years! In 2011 a 1911 car won, and as old as a 1907 Renault has participated and <u>finished</u>.

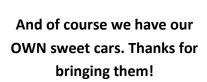
The venue for the meeting was no less than perfect. A great place to look at beautiful classics, but also a great meeting/party room for the meeting. Even a private room for the BOD. Adrian and crew were great hosts, ably assisted by Nuris (mostly) and Ira. Who BTW are also hosting this month's meeting. And with the experimental Pot Luck food venue, it couldn't have been better!! There was more than enough food and a great variety provided by our outstanding membership.

Please review the Meeting Minutes later in the Spotlight for all the business details and info about the things coming up, now pretty quickly! The Club's annual Bug Tussle Trek is right around the corner and we need everyone to register asap, so our host cities will know what to expect in the way of visitation. While last year's BT was the "Coolest Ever", we're hoping that this year's is at least as 'cool'. Based on this summer's weather, it should be. We can only hope.

Now, for the part you've been waiting for: The Pictures!!







Adrian, Mike and George helped us better understand the complexities of the Great Race—in addition to being a Great Host.

And the venue could not have been more perfect. Thanks to Adrian and Ali Sheikh!













Of course, once 'business' was completed we had to get down to the business of eating and talking. The Pot Luck approach worked out this time...





## **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.

#### 1. Denny & Lori Hunt (referred by Jeff Podmers)

1957 Ford Thunderbird Convertible, 1970 Jaguar XKE Roadster, 1932 Packard 902 Coupe Roadster.

#### 2. Merle & Myra Schwalen (referred by Cole Clayton)

I am forwarding you information on my classic cars. I have five cars at this time. They include a 1974 Pontiac Formula that I bought brand new and is my first new car purchase. I have owned it 51 years now and received the Original Owner award at the 2024 POCI Convention. I also have a 1979 Pontiac Trans AM that spends most of its time at the drag strip while competing in the Texas Muscle Car Club Challenge (TMCCC.org) racing circuit. I have a 1990 Pontiac GTA, and a 1993 Pontiac Firehawk with just 12,000 original miles. I drove the Firehawk on the 2024 AACA Texas Tour in Granbury. My last car is a 1997 Mercedes Benz SL500. I bought the Mercedes for my wife to use in attending car shows with me.











Welcome to the Texas DFW Region Club !!!!

## **New Member Interview:**

#### By Debra Lankenau

## **Randall and Jamie Pfleuger**

Current driver 1988 BMW M-3; project car 1964 Ford Galaxy 500 Convertible

#### What's influenced your interest in vintage/classic cars?

I've always been interested in cars; have had many different cars over the years. When I was younger, I had the opportunity thru a college buddy to run a Formula Ford at Willow Springs and fell in love with racing. First raced with the Corinthian Vintage Racing group, and later competed for a National Championship in SCCA Formula V class. Currently run several road racing endurance events in Champcar Series, including a 24 hour race at Virginia International Raceway and am also a Level 1 Driving Instructor.

Jamie and I attended the Mille Miglia 2 years ago – the ultimate car rally in the world. A 1,000 mile five day rally in Italy from Brescia to Rome and back. Started in 1927 as a road race, this week long event passes through the most unique and beautiful Italian landscapes. To enter the race you have to own and race in one of the original makes that is on the Miglia registry from 1927 to 1956. \$\$\$\$ [https://1000miglia.it/en/]

#### How long have you owned this car?

Owned the BMW for 10 years, this is the 3rd E30 M3 we've owned and since we regretted selling the first two, we will be keeping this one to the end. My kids drove the M3 to high school so my daughter had to learn to drive a stick. [editor – a necessary life skill for young ladies].

#### Why did you buy or how did you acquire this vehicle?

Not particular about BMW's, but as a racing enthusiast the E30 M3 is an iconic classic having won the European Touring Car Championship. It was hand built by BMW Motorsports for racing and not only is a beautiful car I just love to drive it. We have had vintage Jaguars and Porsches many years ago and unfortunately did not keep any, however Jamie still wants a 356 Coupe but they are getting a little pricey.

#### What do you like about this vehicle?

I just love the way it drives. To me, it's one of the best handling cars out there and such a fun car to drive. Ours was the 289<sup>th</sup> M3 built (out of 5,000 total produced between 1988 and 1991). It's such a thrill to drive. We did have a 2007 M6 Convertible with 500+ hp up until last year – but parted ways with it (along with a 1969 Plymouth RR convertible and 1957 Chevy Cameo truck) to thin the herd.

#### What are the engine, transmission specifications?

Powered by a 2.3-liter, 16-valve, DOHC inline-four engine (S14) producing around 192 horsepower, paired with a 5-speed manual transmission and rear-wheel drive. It features MacPherson strut front suspension, a semi-trailing arm rear suspension, power-assisted rack and pinion steering, and four-wheel disc brakes with ABS. With a curb weight of about 2,857 pounds (1296 kg), it boasts a 0-60 mph time of under 7 seconds and a top speed of around 141-146 mph. [Al generated]

#### Any special features or modifications?

None, it is original. Doesn't need any.

#### Most memorable time in the vehicle.

Ahh, too many memories. This is one of my favorites. When I go to a car show, I enter the vehicle under my grand children's names. This particular show, I entered the BMW under my granddaughter's name Winnie May Hawkins. During the awards ceremony, the M3 didn't place in the class, so I started to leave the show with my grandsons Finn & Hays. My granddaughter, Winnie, wanted to stay to the very end, so Jamie stayed with her. Unbeknownst to me, the M3 won the "Director's Choice" and when they called out Winnie's name as the winner, she ran forward and received a 3' tall trophy! Here is my 7 year old granddaughter being interviewed by the Master of Ceremonies before an entire crowd! Jamie had called me so when I turned around and returned I was able to take a photo of Winnie May, along with Finn, Hays, and the trophy! She was sooo excited. (PICS BELOW)

A little bit about Jamie. In her spare time she gardens and has a blank slate to landscape our new home in Parker. She also enjoys camping with a group of lady friends, "Sisters on the Fly" that take to the road in vintage campers like her 1955 Airstream Globetrotter. Currently, she's working on a 1950 Silverstreak Clipper! Meanwhile, we are very excited to participate in the upcoming Bug Tussle and











## **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 September meeting.

It was great to see George and Dot Lang in better health and able to enjoy the fellowship, food and some fabulous vintage autos.

Thank you to everyone who made the old fashioned potluck wonderful!

We sent get-well cards to Jerry Smith, Doyle Morse and Chandler Smith ( who was much improved and brought a delightful student from Italy who spoke excellent English).

We hope our members who have not been able to attend in the last few months will rally forces and come to the annual Bug Tussle .

Dear members keep me posted so we might send a little sunshine to members who might be under the weather or for some significant event (big birthday, anniversary).

So keep on the sunny side!!

## Happy motoring and keep on the sunny side!

#### Nuris Hester







## **Greetings: Runaway Scrape Tour Participant**

For our next video email, we are focusing on the Mexican National Period, which we touched on in our previous videos: *Land of the Ancestors, The Tejanos,* and *The Lure of the Land, The Texians.* This video is from the University of North Texas, a bit more academia look at Mexico's grand experiment in Tejas. I hope that this series of videos will help you understand the backstory, which will enrich every stop on our tour, from mission ruins to battlegrounds.

Kip Lankenau

Your guide, storyteller, and Tour Chair

Click <u>HERE</u> to see the series of videos in a simple single page for your enjoyment!!

# **September 21st Monthly Meeting**

September's meeting will be the updated and very patriotic Hester Workshop in Keller!!

812 Katy Road, Keller 76248

Workshop is behind the yellow cottage facing the street

Vintage (Antique) cars get to park in front of the workshop paved areas or in the grass (if the ground is dry), but moderns need to park on the street, or even better, at the NBP industrial warehouse parking lot to the 'left' (north) of the workshop entrance. Where there's rows of metal buildings.

#### Food:

Main dish of chicken tenders and yeast rolls are provided

A-M please bring side

N-Z please bring desserts

Water and Tea will be provided.

Board Meeting at 1, General Meeting at 2

#### Don't miss in this issue....

- Special Trip Report by Carey Frisby!
- Link to all the preparation videos for the Runaway Scrape
- New News on FREE towing for Bug Tussle!
- Links to register for BT and Scrape
- A BOLO for a Reporter....
- Call for Nomination Committee

## Special Event—August 30

Well, we had a simply wonderful special event hosted by Prez Andy Riemitis at the **DFW Car and Toy Museum in Ft Worth**, followed by a well attended lunch at a local Hoffbrau. If you missed it—the good news is that it's open to the public and FREE. And AMAZING. Well worth your travel and time if you have ANY interest in beautiful, interesting, quirky, or expensive cars. Interestingly, most of the cars there were of foreign make, but in spectacular shape either original or restored. Cars (or car-like vehicles) that you've not seen before and likely not to again. All in two floors of spotless air-conditioned space.

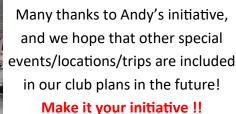




I think that everyone had a good time and it was easy to 'get lost' in the collection. So plan plenty of time to be able to see everything, and yet time to deep dive on whatever 'floats your boat'. Speaking of which—yes they had boats, motorcycles, vehicular



toys of every kind, and quirky galleries of memorabilia associated with \_\_\_\_\_ driving and travel.







## **Communications Committee Report**

Website:

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

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: <a href="https://texas-dfw.aaca.com/runawayscrape/">https://texas-dfw.aaca.com/runawayscrape/</a>

**Updated Business Cards:** 

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

## **Membership Directory:**

Please get any changes to your listing in our 2024 directory to Tammy Keith at <a href="mailto:acatxDFW1@gmail.com">acatxDFW1@gmail.com</a>.

## Wanted ... Reporter! (SEE THE CURRENT MONTH INTERVIEW!)

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

## **Important Notice**

"For those attending the AACA Meet in Galveston and Runaway Scrape tour participants, Moody Gardens has confirmed there is <u>no charge</u> for using the back parking lot. However, it is recommended that tow vehicles and trailers display some type of AACA signage. When registering on-line for accommodations at Moody Gardens, continue past the section regarding parking (this is for cruise ship passengers only)."

Kip

# **August Monthly Meeting Minutes**

#### Call to Order

Andy Riemitis, president, opened the meeting

## Approval of Minutes.

The minutes as they appeared in the July Spotlight were approved

#### Welcome New Members & Guests

- Andy acknowledged Adrian Bordlemay and colleagues Mike and George as our hosts.
- Andy formally welcomed the guests, including Denny and Lori Hunt, Merle and Myra Schwalen, as well as Clay Frisbe, who was visiting from Chicago.

## Sunshine Report: Nuris Hester

Jerry Smith is in the process of recovering; both he and Linda plan to participate in the Bug Tussle Trek.

## Presidents' Report: - Andy Riemitis

- Andy notified the members about the Mecum Auction opportunity to drive auction cars in Dallas. After further research, he determined that the role may differ from initial expectations.
- Andy is looking for volunteers for the 2026 Nomination Committee. Kip will chair the group, but more volunteers are needed to help recruit officers and board members. Contact Kip if you're interested.
- Andy is expected to attend the PATE meeting on September 13th, where he will obtain the check pertaining to the club's participation in the prior PATE event held earlier this year.
- Andy informed members of the upcoming club event scheduled for Saturday, August 30th. The group will
  tour the DFW Car and Toy Museum in Fort Worth, with members meeting in the museum parking lot at
  10:00 a.m. Admission is free. Following the visit, members are invited to join for lunch at the Hoffbrau Steak-house.

## First Vice President's Report – Chris Stathopulo

- The website is operational. The Bug Tussle registration became functional last Saturday.
- Let Chris know if anything on the website needs updating.

## 2nd Vice Presidents' Report: - John Richardson

- August 30 DFW Car & Toy Museum
- September 21 At Ira and Nuris' Workshop
- BT September 27/28
- October 12 Moved one week earlier due to Scrape location TBD will take suggestions/offers at the general meeting, backup plan Norma's Café or Spring Creek BBQ.
- Scrape Oct. 18-22
- November 16 Currently scheduled at Palmer ISD TBC with Judy.
- December 14- Christmas Party Will be held at Brookhaven CC Theme (50's, 60's Beach Party) and entertainment has been selected

# **August Monthly Meeting Minutes Cont'd**

## Treasurer's 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.

## Communications Report: Debra Lankenau

- The Bug Tussle registration form is now available on our website, and BT products have been added to the shopping cart.
- Membership has increased to 94 over the past couple of weeks.
- Tammy has emailed individuals with hotel reservations who have not yet registered for the Scrape.
- New business cards are here.
- Betty has updated the Mail Chimp list to match the membership roster. Anyone not receiving emails should check their spam or trash folders.

Doyle shares meeting reminders and updates on our Facebook page.

## Tour Director's Report: George Lang

The Spring Tour has been canceled. George asked everyone to register for the Scrape Tour.

## Bug Tussle Report: Cole Clayton

- There are 34 cars and 40 people registered, with 4 first-time participants.
- Confirmed lunch venders & price.
- Heritage Hall is confirmed. Cole is working on having the museum next to Heritage Hall open before the banquet.
- T-Shirt design is complete.
- Working deals with Haggerty
- All tour cities are confirmed, with a possible additional stop between Bonham and Paris.
- Still need volunteers for BT Cheerleaders.
- Cole launched the "Bring a Friend" initiative, highlighting its role in BT's growth.

## **ACAA National Tour:** – Kip Lankenau – The Runaway Scrape

- Received 23 paid registrations, which represents 13 vehicles coming from Arizona, Louisiana, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Texas.
- Many additional have called or emailed to say they will be attending.
- Reservations close on Sept 2nd.
- Hotel reservations are significantly outpacing registrations, which at this point is expected.
- Kip stated that registering for the Scrape on the National website may be unclear; contact Tammy for assistance.
- Registrants will receive emails and videos about the history of the Runaway Scrape.

Routes are ready and will run again in a few weeks.

# **August Monthly Meeting Minutes Cont'd**

#### **Old Business:**

The new business cards are in, members were encouraged to take some to hand out to recruit potential new members.

#### **New Business:**

- Andy turned the meeting over to Adrian and colleagues who impressed and wowed us with details about the Great Race.
- The Great Race is a time-speed-distance rally for vintage and antique cars, specifically those built in 1974 or earlier.
- The event is held annually and covers a different route each year, allowing participants to experience various scenic locations across the United States.
- The rally lasts for nine days and includes multiple stops in different cities, where spectators can view the cars and meet the drivers.

## **Adjournment:**

Chris moved to adjourn the meeting, and Brady seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously

Respectively submitted by

Terry Hrehocik, Secretary

## Did You Know??

The 2025 Bug Tussle Tour has agreement from Haggarty's to provide FREE on road service and towing up to 100 MILES. First Ever for BT !! Did you note that it was FREE?? Boy I sure could have used that when my alternator died on BT a couple of years ago. Just Sayin'.

So, Don't Delay! Signup for BT TODAY (if you haven't already).



# **AACA Texas DFW Region**

Bigger in Texas .... Better in a Classic Car



Save the Date! 57<sup>th</sup> Bug Tussle Trek September 27, 2025

The Tour begins in Farmersville, then Ladonia, next is Bug Tussle, then to Bonham for lunch & shopping, ending in Paris for the banquet. We love exploring the back roads of Texas to Bug Tussle and beyond. Everyone's welcome and register for FREE to Trek w us! Overnight Reservations in Paris at The Comfort Inn, or Holiday Inn both at 903-785-0088

This tour is open to anyone, prefer a car 25 years old or older Online registrations at ----

https://texas-dfw.aaca.com/bug-tussle-2025/



Dear AACA Member,

This is your **final chance** to be part of the 2025 AACA Central Divisional Tour: *The Runaway Scrape*.

On this unforgettable journey, you'll:

- Trace Sam Houston's retreat and Texas' fight for independence
- Visit historic towns, missions, and battlegrounds
- Share the road (and stories) with fellow antique car enthusiasts
- Enjoy evenings of camaraderie, re-enactments, and socials
- Whether you're driving a pre-war classic or a mid-century favorite, this tour promises scenic roads, living history, and lasting friendships.
- Registration closes September 2nd, 2025. Once it's closed, the road trip into Texas history begins without you.
- Register here: https://members.aaca.org/login.asp
- Registrar: Tammy Keith 469-338-6358 or AACATxDFW1@gmail.com
- October 18-22, 2025
- Tour begins at The Alamo, San Antonio, and ends at the San Jacinto Battlegrounds (only 45 minutes from Galveston for the Central Divisional Meet).
- Questions? Contact Kip Lankenau at 214-498-0531 or kip@kipmotor.com

Don't miss your chance to let your wheels roll through history. (video link)

Warm regards,

Kip Lankenau Your guide, storyteller, and Tour Chair 214-498-0531 <u>Kip@kipmotor.com</u>

https://Texas-DFW.AACA.com/RunawayScrape/

# Runaway Scrape Registration is LIVE!!

Online Registration is Open for the Runaway Scrape Tour!

Go here: <a href="https://members.aaca.org/">https://members.aaca.org/</a> 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 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 <u>Bugtussle Facebook page</u> or the ONLY official <u>AACA Texas DFW Region website</u> for the latest info.

# Bug Tussle Trek 2025- Official Facebook AACA page!



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## **Maine Harbor Cruise**

#### by Carey Frisby

Sue and I just returned from a small ship cruise that followed the Maine coast from Bangor to Portland. Each port visit allowed a selection of excursions. We chose two antique automobile and vintage airplane collections. I took a lot of photos, but I'll just hi-light a few of the large selection of vehicles and aircraft.

The first was the **Owls Head Transportation Museum,** just a short drive from Bar Harbor. Inside this modern museum was a variety of aircraft, automobiles, motorcycles and bicycles. Some of the cars on display

were destined for the annual auction to be held this August.

Sue is standing beside the **1928 Rolls-Royce Phantom Tourer** that originally belonged to Clara Bow, the famed movie actress. The next picture is a beautiful **1950's era Chrysler** "Woody" Convertible that was going to the auction. Below the Chrysler is a **1932 Chevrolet Confederate Roadster**, not many of those around to see.

**Below:** One of my favorites was the Charles Cretors Popcorn and Peanut Roaster Wagon. It was on a **1923 Ford T-Model** 

**Chassis** and used a small steam engine to turn the roaster.











Much of the museum's center floorspace housed the vintage aircraft. The museum allows many of them to fly during the auction activities. You can (pay) to go for a ride in an open cockpit. I did not get the names of the aircraft, but I bet Kip Lankenau can identify all of them!









**Below:** Another of the numerous MG's, this being a **1932 MG-D.** It was destined for the auction. A glimpse of the long line of motorcycles displayed by year model. *This museum is a must see if you are in the Bar Harbor area, especially for those whose interest is both aviation and automotive.* 





#### ACL cruise continued......

The **Railroad Museum** is near Bath, Maine and was interesting because you rode a vintage steam (narrow gauge) around the property and up to the auto museum. One individual owns the museum and this was his private car collection. They ranged from a 1902 through the 1960's. All were staged by year. We did not have time to identify each car as we were pressed for time. The cruise ship waits for no one!! The museum featured a railroad museum, an old village, and was worth the visit. The cars were all restored.













#### 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 <a href="mailto:AACATxDFW1@gmail.com">AACATxDFW1@gmail.com</a> by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### 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 <a href="mailto:AACASpotlight@gmail.com">AACASpotlight@gmail.com</a> 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!



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## 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Texas Tour

## Hotel Registration and Information

The Central Texas Region – AACA is pleased to host the 72<sup>nd</sup> 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

<u>Headquarters Hotel</u>: Hilton Waco Hotel <u>Link for Hotel Reservations is: Texas Tour.</u>

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 <u>Texas Tour</u> 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:

Greg Herbert, Registrar Wendell Bell, Tour Chairman TexasTourAACA@aol.com wbell22@hotmail.com

(512)923-1505 (Cell) (512)694-9803 (Cell)



Welcome to Mecum Auctions! Mecum Auctions is a fast moving, highly energized production. Our goal is for our drivers to have a great experience surrounded by like-minded car enthusiasts. In 2024 the Dallas auction welcomed large crowds and competitive bidding all four days, achieving total overall sales of \$47 million and becoming the second biggest Dallas auction in Mecum's decade-plus of holding events in the city.

Certifleet LLC works with car clubs and individuals to provide drivers for Mecum Auto Auctions nationwide. We have worked with Mecum Auctions for over 12 years, providing and facilitating drivers to ensure that the auction runs smoothly and effectively.

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 <a href="mailto:srogers@certifleet.com">srogers@certifleet.com</a>. 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)

We also provide a parking pass, Mecum driver credentials, and a Mecum shirt and hat. Bidder's passes are made available to scheduled drivers.

Safety is our primary focus and we adhere to Mecum's standard of high-quality performance and security. We run a Motor Vehicle Report to ensure that each driver has an active and clear driving record. This report is a one-time pull and is strictly for security purposes, which comes at no charge to the drivers. No special certifications are required, and there are no age restrictions.

Mecum Auctions has live television coverage on ESPN. There is nothing quite like the excitement of thelive-auction experience. There's a sense of camaraderie, connection, and loyalty shared among drivers. Weare always happy to expand the driving team, so we encourage you to invite family and friends to participate. Certifleet is proud to be part of the Mecum Auction team, and we hope you will share the experience with us.

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

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Sincerely,

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From Jeff Podmers...

FOR SALE 1965 MUSTANG \$25,000

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 (about 300 miles since rebuild)

with Edelbrock intake and 500 cfm carburetor. Transmission and differential completely rebuilt.

Pertronix ignition and Flow Master mufflers.

Tom Brewer 817 838 8703 text or call and PLEASE leave a message







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 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)

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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 21 Meeting
Ira and Nuris Hester
Workshop

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Bug Tussle 2025
September 27-28

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October 12 Meeting
TBD

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Runaway Scrape Tour
Oct 18-22