

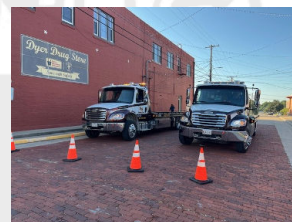
The BUG TUSSLE Edition !!

What you have been waiting for ALL YEAR, finally here, the Annual Bug Tussle Trek Edition. And what a great BT it was this year. Weather was perfect, new records set, fantastic collection of antique cars and a lot of happy Trekers having FUN!! The 57th!! continuous BT was a remarkable success! Kudos to Cole and Kathy Clayton for all their hard work planning and prepping, and the volunteers assisting. And of course to the Bug Tussle Trek CHEERLEADERS (more on that later).



The Tussle started out in the World Famous (now) Farmersville Town Square just after sunrise with lines of beautiful cars streaming in from all over. Registration was fast, easy and FREE! Coffee and Donuts and car viewing to

start the day. Hagarty trucks at the ready—which we were grateful to have and unfortunately had to use.



After appreciation and presentation to Farmersville for their hospitality (and restrooms) the cheerleaders set the tone with a rousing rendition of Chug-a-Lug-a-Choo and the ready horn blew. People scattered to their cars and off we went!



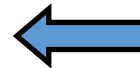
To Be Continued !!



Next Meeting—October 12 2025 !!

Norma's Café Plano !!

Info Inside



The President's Report

Well, September was a very busy month for the AACA Texas DFW Region. The September meeting at Ira and Nuris Hester's car barn was awesome. Wow!! We might have set an attendance record with 58 people in attendance. People really seem to enjoy coming out and seeing what Ira is working on these days.

This past weekend was the 57th Annual Bug Tussle Trek. There again we might have set an attendance record. 100 cars preregistered for the event and I am told by Cole that there were more that registered at the event. It was great to see all these cars lining up in Farmersville and making their way out and heading to Ladonia.

Now looking forward to this month, we will have our next meeting on October 12th. This will be a week early as the Runaway Scrape will be the following week. I hope that many of you will attend. I will not be able to attend the October meeting nor participate in the Runaway Scrape as we have family events those two weekends. I know that Kip and Debra along with others are working hard to make this event as successful as the other events.

Our membership is growing. Before the Bug Tussle Trek we had 99 members. We picked up 2 new members at the Trek. Jon and Michelle Jobe are our 100th member and Ricky and Nancy McClendon are our 101st member. This has been a team effort to grow the club this year. Several existing members have brought in new members and without this effort we would not be up to 101 members. So, a big **thank you** to all that have helped. We still have a couple of months to go, so let's keep this thing rolling.

Now on to the elections. Kip, Brady and Charlie are working to put together a slate of officers for next year. As you can see from what I've discussed above. It takes a village to keep this club running smoothly. We need your help. Get involved. Dip your toes in, volunteer to be a board member. See what the club is all about. You might have a suggestion that we haven't thought of that could become the next big thing.

Safe driving.

Andy

Bug Tussle Trek 57 Cont'd

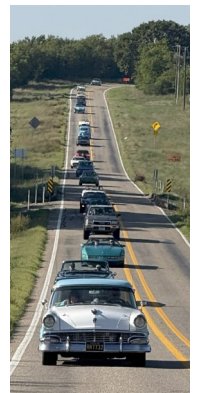
We had a wonderful collection of Vintage Cars in this year's BT. Unfortunately too many to all include in pictures....but here's some highlights...



Our pace car this year was a beautiful 1927 Buick that set a leisurely limit to us on our first leg to Ladonia. Sufficient for us to all relax and enjoy the ambiance of the East Texas country-side and farm-to-market roads.



Our first stop, Ladonia, is always one of our favorites, as they roll out the red carpet. Announcing our arrival in advance to the locals, providing port-a-potties, goodie bags with water and homemade cookies, and opening the town hall for us. We are always appreciative of their contribution to our Trek!!



But then....its off to Bug Tussle.... where magic things happen. I'm

speaking of course of the World Famous BT Cheerleaders, who are responsible for setting the tone for the rest of the Trek. FUN!! Grateful as always to the Mendez Family for allowing us use of the General Store, prepping for our arrival, and joining in on all the FUN.



Bug Tussle Trek 57 Cont'd

It was an EVENT at BT this year, with one of the largest (if not the largest) BT Family Picture. Cars were all over, lining the roads in all 4 directions. And as soon as the Cheers were over and pictures taken, it was Car Chaos as everyone headed to Bonham in a mass streaming!!



Bonham, another favorite stop, provided us access to the beautiful courthouse town square, snacks and water (and bathrooms) at the Visitors Center, and then a place for lunch at the Community Center. 2nd year for the lunch there and it's a perfect place for a break before the long afternoon drive through the Caddo Grasslands to Paris.

If you don't think that we're appreciated in Bonham, take a look at this. In the visitor center, we're featured in their article, with a pic taken by the center manager!



Then, on to Paris! Where people relax and

prep for more FUN and good food at the Lamar County Historical Museum. So sit back and enjoy some

happy smiling faces.



Bug Tussle Trek 57 Cont'd



Now there are those that enjoy Bug Tussle and those that REALLY get into the mood. Congratulations to the cutest Bug of them all!



No Bug Tussle is complete without awards and a final rendition from the BT Cheerleaders. Then sadly, we have to close the day and another annual Bug Tussle Trek ! But if you think that it wasn't fun ? Then check out these happy Tusslers !!



A thousand Thanks to the Claytons for their hard work and leadership. And thanks to Hagertys for providing the trucks and support not only during the Trek but afterwards. Sadly we had car failures on the way to Farmersville, on the route, a tragic accident—fortunately the Trekers were ok, and failure on the way home. Hagertys to the rescue on all.

We hope to not only see them but all of you NEXT YEAR for the 58th Annual Bug Tussle Trek !!



September Monthly Meeting

By Jerry Smith

Well, if you missed the September meeting at Ira and Nuris' Garage, you missed a good one! From all accounts, it was the most well attended meeting in recent memory. Ira and Nuris have completely refurbished their garage/shop over the last few years and it looks great as you may see in some of the pictures. It was a pleasure to meet there and visit with old friends and some new friends as well.



As you can see, Ira is most comfortable talking to everyone under a car....:-)



September Monthly Meeting cont'd



Once we got thru with all the announcements and business issues, which you can read about in the very well done **minutes of the meeting** later in this Spotlight, we got down to some serious visiting and eating. We had fantastic Chicken Fingers (where do the fingers actually come from on a chicken anyway?), and appropriate sides with a bunch of the best desserts around. One thing's for certain, this AACA DFW club knows desserts!!

There was a bunch of enthusiasm for the upcoming (at the time) Bug Tussle Trek, covered extensively in this Spotlight and the Runaway Scrape in the middle of October led by Kip and Debra. Don't forget to review the Scrape videos before the trip. They are very informative and will help you enjoy more.



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.

David Walsh (father)

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972-268-4482

tony@swclassics.com

We own several classic cars & trucks. 40 Ford Cpe, 60 Chevy PU, 64 Vette, 70 Chevelle SS, 70 GTO, 72 Trans Am

Ricky & Nancy McClendon (Bug Tussle)

rickm6364@gmail.com

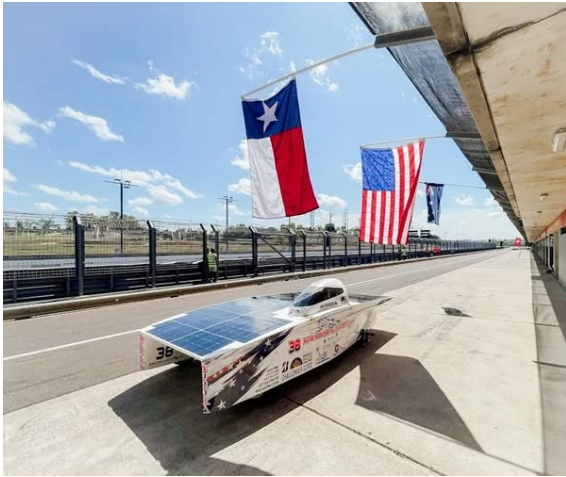
1963 Ford Falcon Convertible and the other one is a 1964 Pontiac GTO

Jon & Michelle Jobe (Bug Tussle)

5jjobe9@gmail.com

Do you Remember....

...the excellent presentation done by the Greenville HS solar car club on the last Texas Tour? Not only did they participate, but finished! And even won a prestigious award from the event's sponsor—Bridgestone. Congratulations to the Team and the High School, supporters and sponsors!!



“The Greenville High School Iron Lions Solar Car Team from Texas competed in the 2025 Bridgestone World Solar Car Challenge in Australia, becoming the only high school team (in the world) to participate in the prestigious event. They built their solar car, named "UNLIMITED 6.0", and successfully completed the 3,000 km race from Darwin to Adelaide. “

Be sure to read the Minutes from the September Meeting. Lots of good information in there !!

Sunshine Report

By Nuris Hester

The number 57 when it comes to cars is near and dear to me...who doesn't love a 1957 baby blue convertible Chevy Bel Air or our 57 creamy white Mercedes 190 SL that won the fan favorite at the 70th Texas Tour. This year Bug Tussle celebrated their 57th year and it was a total delight to those who attended, made possible by our amazing Cole and Kathy Clayton!

Huge applause for all the hard work put in to making this 57th Bug Tussle Trek! It was great to see new faces that just joined our club (at Hesters workshop a week before the event- David Walsh and his daughter Madeline), and some familiar faces we've missed Jerry and Linda Smith; also good to see Jeff Podmers help out with the last Bug Tussle cheerleading despite having just had heart surgery.

One of the great things the Clayton's did for the participants this year is to make arrangements with Hagerty insurance to provide towing service. A few people were very grateful for this above and beyond kind gesture! Certainly the gentleman who had the unfortunate accident in his stunning red jaguar but we too were one of those who enjoyed this benefit.

Thru the years I've noticed that these inconvenient breakdowns are actually hidden opportunities for bonding with fellow antique auto enthusiasts! The Schulenburg breakdown of the Keith's very attractive Cadillac was a memorable bonding moment as we rallied around Kim and Tammy to show support, but Ira and I would like to thank two couples who spent hours with us waiting for tow service...The Riemitis and the Claytons....made the waiting a much more pleasant experience. Thank you precious friends from the very best AACA in Texas! I personally would like to thank Kathy for taking me to the ER after tripping on a rock at the CEFCO gas station while we were waiting for tow service. Unfortunately the X-ray revealed fracture on left foot so I'm obligated to wear a cast for awhile.

We sent a get well card to Jeff Podmers on his recent pacemaker surgery that went so well he joined us at the 57th Bug Tussle Trek! Prayers and best wishes are appreciated for Ira Hester as he goes thru treatments for prostate cancer these next months (the silver lining here is that it's not metastasized).

Time to rev up the engines again for what looks to be a fabulous Runaway Scrape Tour the Lankenau's have worked so diligently to make our club shine and for all the participants to have a memorable tour. Thank you Kip and Debra and all the club members helping to organize this tour. It's not too early to be thinking about what you can do to help with this year's 🎄 Christmas 🧑🏻🎅 party.

So keep on the sunny side!!

Happy motoring and keep on the sunny side !

Nuris Hester



October 12th Monthly Meeting

October's Meeting will be at a place we've been before.

Norma's Café, Plano.

605 W 15th St in Plano

West of 75/Central Expressway and North of PG&T

North side of 15th

Please don't arrive too early, as the private room we'll use will be for the Board meeting. So please wait in the main restaurant until the meeting is done.

Once everyone is in, the restaurant will take orders as we start our main meeting and plan on serving as we finish.

Board Meeting at 1, General Meeting at 2

Save the Date !!

AACA TEXAS DFW REGION

Christmas Party

Dec 14, 2025

12:30-3:30 PM

Brookhaven Country Club

Seated Dinner, Cash Bar and Live Music !

On-Line RSVP Coming Soon

\$25-30 (est.) PP depending on entrée

Vintage Hawaii Theme + More info on the way



Bug Tussle 57 Fast Facts !!

100 Registered vehicles, the largest amount in recorded history!

3 cars registered the day of the event.

2 full size flat bed wreckers that followed the cars.
Thank you Hagerty.

80 Bug Tussle T shirts sold

104 Banquet meals sold

83 purchased BBQ meals

8 Bug Tussle world famous cheerleaders

7hr 15min tour with 4hrs of stops

130 miles of driving in beautiful countryside

35% of the cars driven were first time Bug Tussle participants

Oldest car 1927 Buick Roadster, a first timer

Youngest car: 2025 Chevy Silverado operated by the oldest attending member, Bill Denman.

33 Different car clubs represented

19 AACA volunteers that we could not have done it without them

110 peanut rounders distributed

Youngest driver driving the entire route : 28

Oldest driver driving the entire route: 88

First Time dining in the larger side of Heritage Hall

6 gallons of Gold Margarita consumed in the hospitality room

7 gallons of Shiner beer consumed in the hospitality room

No reports of lost Trekkers

One car accident.

About 5 cars on the wreckers.

Number of free t shirts supplied to sponsors and VIP's (BT owners):12

161 Members in the Bug Tussle Trek 2025 – Official Facebook AACA page

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 ASAP.

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!

September Monthly Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Andy Riemitis, president, opened the meeting

Approval of Minutes.

The minutes as they appeared in the August Spotlight were approved

Welcome New Members & Guests- Andy Riemitis

Andy welcomed guests David and Maddie Walsh and Mike and Audrey Jones.

Sunshine Report: Nuris Hester

Nuris announced that everyone is very happy to have Jerry and Linda Smith back.

Presidents' Report: – Andy Riemitis

Kip serves as the chair of the Nomination Committee. Those interested in officer positions or membership on the Board of Directors may contact him.

Charlie, Brady, Cole, and Andy attended the PATE meeting and collected the club's participation check from last year.

Charlie noted PATE fell 1% year-over-year. Good guys will not take part in next year's Pate.

Charlie said he is promoting our club with a free ad in the PATE Times newsletter, and suggested the Communications Committee create the ad.

Four complimentary AACA National memberships have been received for distribution to potential members. The option of combining these with local club memberships was considered. These memberships will be distributed at Bug Tussle.

First Vice President's Report – Chris Stathopulo

Chris reported that the website is current and fully functional, and he invites suggestions for additional content.

Chris noted that members may post car or part ads on the website's classifieds and in Spotlight.

He requested that individuals inform him or John R. if they make a sale through the website or Spotlight.

September Monthly Meeting

2nd Vice Presidents' Report: – John Richardson

Oct. 12: Meeting at Norma's Cafe—rescheduled one week earlier due to Runaway Scrape Tour.

Oct. 18 – 22: Runaway Scrape National Tour.

Nov. 16: Thanksgiving meeting – Palmer ISD, TBC with Judy.

Dec. 14: Christmas Party at Brookhaven Country Club, 50's Beach/Christmas theme.

Themed attire will be recognized.

A nominal fee will be charged to cover meal costs.

John also reminded everyone who is not yet receiving The Spotlight to check their Spam folder and contact Tammy if necessary.

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 in the Spotlight.

Communications Report: Debra Lankenau

CC members are reaching out to interview our new members.

Working on supporting the Tours, BT and R/S.

Working on having our directory updated by the Thanksgiving meeting, hopefully with photos

Debra is seeking a club reporter to take on certain CC duties. Interested members should contact her.

Tour Director's Report: George Lang

No updates on tours. Support was shown for Bug Tussle and Runaway Scrape.

September Monthly Meeting

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

Current paid registrations stand at 41, although 4-6 additional will likely be added to that total.

Hotel blocks have been released, however most will still honor the contracted pricing on a “space available” basis.

Final numbers and food arrangements are being transmitted to our contracted vendors.

Tour stop host locations have been contacted and confirmed.

Speakers and re-enactors have been confirmed.

Dash plaques, registration bags and tour information have arrived.

Crafts are 75% complete.

Letters have been received from appropriate dignitaries.

Weekly marketing messages with videos to non-registrants have now ended but will continue to be sent to registered tour participants.

The routes will be run one last time before the end of the month.

The tour book is being compiled.

Old Business:

John V. asked if it would be possible to get a list of those in our club going on the Runaway Scrape. Kip said this was possible.

New Business:

The slate of Officers for next year is to be completed for the November Spotlight per Bylaw's.

The nominations committee will be calling/talking to prospective candidates.

According to Tammy, our current membership stands at 95, with an objective of reaching 100 members by year-end.

Adjournment:

John V. moved to adjourn the meeting, and Nichole G. seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously

Respectively submitted by

Terry Hrehocik, Secretary

New Member Profile

Name: Ben and Jan Davis Jr.

Vehicle Make & Model 1974 Jaguar XKE Series III

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

It started in Junior High with my first car – an old 1963 Ford Galaxy. At the time, pre WWII cars were popular as well as muscle cars. I upgraded to a 1969 Mustang Mk I in high school and college – that was a sweet car!

So how did you get into British vehicles?

I met my wife, Jan, twenty five years ago and she had a Jaguar Vanden Plas. Unfortunately, it was in a garage fire and was totaled. Jan loved Jaguars – I thought they were a 'rich man's car' and were out of my price range. However, I shopped around and found a 2003 S type (modern) and bought it. Then came the Jaguar XKR convertible, and we joined the Jaguar Owners Club of the Southwest. Jan won the Grand National Champion with the XKR V8 turbo charge. (The "R" stands for racing}). Anyways, since then, we've owned 13 Jaguars.

Ok, so what cars are in your stable now?

1957 Jaguar XK 140 FHC (fixed head coupe) 1954 XK120 (came with a Ford 351) 1967 Jaguar 420 1974 Jaguar E Type Series III 1998 Land Rover Defender 90 (most recent purchase in August 2025)

What's your favorite to drive?

Well, my favorite to drive is the 1957 KX 140 but my real love is, or was the E-type Series III V 12. [Ben was in an accident driving on BT Tour crossing Hwy 82 and was hit front left fender – knocked the bonnet clean off. Thank goodness Hagerty had a tow truck follow the tour! Ben and his grandson, Gibby, walked away from the incident, a bit shaken up and sore. The E-type not so good].

What's a fond memory you have with one of your vehicles?

Well, I was on my way (driving) the XKR to the National Concours meet in San Antonio and a rock hit my headlight lamp and shattered the glass. I couldn't put it in the show, but afterwards, purchased a replacement. The replacement had a black housing where the original had a silver housing. I showed that vehicle for two years and none of the judges caught that. I finally found an original silver replacement and swapped it out. I find that kinda humorous that these judges missed that!

Most memorable time in the vehicle.

When I finished restoring my Jaguar 420, I drove it for a couple of weddings and donned my chauffeur outfit: black suite, white shirt, and chaufferus hat. I had a blast driving the happy couple around and the photo shoots. The 420 is a classy, 4-door sedan vehicle with curvy lines.

I know you are active in several car clubs now that you are retired. Is this your new daytime job?

Pretty much so, yes. I've been serving as VP for the Jaguars Owners Association of North Texas for several years and have served in every position. Currently, I'm in charge of programming. I'm also a member of the "Jaguar E-type Car Club" as well as the Jaguar Enthusiast Club, both are UK based. Now, I'm a member of AACA, thanks to the Keig's. They told me how much fun they had on Bug Tussle last year, so we joined. It's great to see the variety of vehicles in the club. I'm also a Preservation Colonel in the Confederate Air Force, Red Bird airport. Our primary mission is to educate and preserve WWII vintage airplanes. I've managed to hold our Jaguar Concours out at Red Bird along with the vintage planes as it's a nice mix. In fact, On October 4, CAF is having their Aviation Discovery Fest with FiFi, Diamond Lil and a vintage Stearman giving rides. Come on out!

What do you do in your spare time?

I'm currently serving on the Dallas County Real Estate Appraisal Appeal Board since I've been a real estate appraiser for most of my adult life. Great so let me talk to you about my appeal!

If you know of anyone that has photos of the incident, please email them to

Ben.davisjr100@yahoo.com



Rolling Back the Years: The Henry Ford's Old Car Days

By Nichole Gambulos

On a crisp September morning in Dearborn, Michigan, the sound of brass horns, the chuff of steam engines, and the faint whir of early electric motors drift through the air. The streets echo with the rattle of wooden-spoked wheels, and people wearing everything from straw boaters and vintage dresses to overalls and jeans walk in a slow pace past rows of gleaming automobiles that once defined the cutting edge of American innovation.

Welcome to the 74th annual Old Car Festival at Greenfield Village, better known among enthusiasts as "Old Car Days." Held every September since 1951, this beloved tradition is more than a car show — it's a living, breathing time machine, transporting visitors to the dawn of motoring. We've heard about this event for years but wondered could we really spend three solid days JUST at Greenfield Village and the Henry Ford? I think that after being there in May for the Thomas the Train weekend, we were going to be up to the challenge. There is no room for boredom at this place, only the will to keep walking and exploring. Our only limitations were a second grader and our wallets, so we carried forth.

We decided to fly in early on Thursday night, so we could be ready to view the cars as they started to arrive on Friday. It was a well-orchestrated machine and most of it was hidden but we were able to catch glimpses as we rode the train multiple loops around the Village itself. A bright red R.E.O. caught young Charles' eye and Charlie had to explain how they came about. The Village closed early on Friday, so that more cars could unload and maneuver safely without the crowds.

The next morning, the phrase "world's longest car parade" came to mind almost instantly. There were cars at our hotel, the historic Dearborn Inn and up and down the street leading to the Village. Every car was built between the 1890s and 1932 with gas powered roadsters and elegant electric runabouts leading the way. All were driven by some very proud owner puffed up and ready to answer questions about their unique vehicle as if they were presenting a speech in front of Congress. Small crowds would gather around a particular vehicle, especially if there was a costumed storyteller in the midst. It was challenging to get photos of some of the cars without too much background because there was a steady stream of enthusiastic onlookers!

We took turns looking at the cars as Charles was very excited about the huge playground and the potential to run amok with other kids. From my vantage point at the playground, I could still catch the gas lamp parade and the fire truck one. Trust me, you did not want to miss these events. We were at the Village from about 11 AM on Saturday through closing, having eaten all day walking around and checking out cars. In a rare moment alone, I was able to attend a lecture hosted by a Village historian about the financing of the various startups Henry Ford had prior to the actual launching of the Ford Motor Company.

One of the most surprising things to happen awaited us in the guest services building. We had crammed into that tiny little room to check in with lost and found when lo and behold who walks through the door while we are in line but fellow club members Judy Kerr-Guysinger and Neely Kerr! What were the chances?! We should have bought a lottery ticket after that! They were doing a road trip that involved seeing the Studebaker Museum but I'll let Judy tell her story at our next gathering. It was a fun surprise and we all kept running into each other throughout the event which added to the amusement to the day.

Beyond the cars though were many period reenactors, ragtime bands, historically inspired foods and carnival games galore. The atmosphere at dusk was straight out of the 1900s with Dixieland jazz music filling the air as headlights from another era twinkled up and down the street. We will go again next year, and we sure hope a few of you will join us for the 75th annual Old Car Festival!



The red REO Charles' favorite!

A complete picnic set up was ready for that roadside lunch



This gentleman commented on our Facebook posts that he was at the Village, so played a game of trying to find his car amongst the crowds. This is AACA Board Member Kyle Blake (VP of Youth Development) with Charles

Charlie's favorites;





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/>

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 aacaTxDFW1@gmail.com .

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 no charge 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



Hope to see you there!!

58th



September TBD,
2026

"Be There or Be Square !!"

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:

Greg Herbert, Registrar
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(512)923-1505 (Cell)

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Spotlight Classifieds

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



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2025 CALENDAR

Every 3rd Sunday at
2pm (mostly)

October 12 Meeting

Norma's Café

Plano

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Runaway Scrape Tour

Oct 18-22

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November Meeting

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Palmer ISD

November 16

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December Meeting and

Banquet

Brookhaven Country

Club

December 14