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ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA

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The President's Report

It's hard to believe it's almost March. Now is the time to start getting out the antique cars for this year's driving season. Whether you enjoy long drives touring or just going to a restaurant for a meal, let's get the cars out in front of the public.

Our tune up tour is rapidly approaching. Please consider joining the tour even if you drive a modern car or just want to ride with another member. This promises to be a fun and relaxing experience with a lunch at Robby Markman's collection in Meridian. He has a very diverse collection with something for everyone.

The **goals for the club** this year are starting off well. The communications group has started working on the website refresh. Nichole has added events and videos to her Facebook page and is getting very positive results. As I have stated several times, we need content. Please send her anything you want to add to the conversation.

I ask for volunteers to be on a committee **to host an AACA National meet in 2027**. We need to find a great location somewhere around the DFW area. If you want to help with this, please let me know.

We have had several ideas presented for future pop-up events and are working on a format to get the information communicated to the membership. More on that soon.

Let's get out and drive! Brady

Next meeting—March 15

Vickie & Brady's ***11034 Indian Trail***

Dallas, Tx. 75229

Tune-up Tour March 14th

Meet at Quick Trip — I-20 and Wichita St. (6549 Wichita St, Forest Hill, TX 76119)

Leave at 9am (after your coffee and bathroom break!)

Visit **Old Air Products**— competitor to Vintage Air Products

Backroads to Glen Rose Square

Visit Glen Rose Hot Spots that you prefer, list provided

Drive to Robby Markman's Car Barns in Meridian

Catered lunch provided by **Robby**, so **gotta RSVP** to randallpfluger@gmail.com or johnhrich@tx.rr.com

Questions? Email's above...

As announced at the February meeting, there will be a **game** along the way. You will need to bring along a **navigator** to compete in the "**Mind over Mileage**" Navigator Challenge. Let Randall know at **214-504-8703** if you'd like to go and need a ride or if you need a navigator. This fun challenge pays off with winners receiving Olympic like medals.

Preliminary hint to win challenge: What color crayon will you bring?

Note: Additional navigators per car will also increase chances of medaling in the Challenge!! Likewise: NO navigator = NO medal!

For those participating in the tour, further instructions will be emailed prior to the 14th directly to those signed up. So, make sure your printer is working so that you can print the instructions to take with you.

Extra Copies will be available at QuickTrip!!

Winning Navigators' medals

From left:

Gold medal = Champion AACA Tune up Tour

Chief Navigator

Silver medal = 2nd Place AACA Tune up Tour

Very Good Navigator

Bronze medal = 3rd Place AACA Tune up Tour

Good Navigator

February Meeting Report

By Jerry Smith

We met on February 15 at the El Fenix on Forest Lane. It was great to pull up a bit early and see John and Denise's beautiful 39 Buick in the parking lot. And then, walk in and see John and Denise back with us from their time in Galveston this past year or so. Nichole and Linda were there to welcome them back! Welcome back yall!!

We had 40 attending including 1 guest. There were 10 old cars including a 1950 Mercedes driven by Adrian Bordlemay and Rene Zerfas, Brady brought his recently purchased Auburn, and Randall Pfluger brought his 1988 BMW M3 maybe for the first time.

Brady Richards won the $50 O'Reilly gift card and Currin Harris the $25 O'Reilly gift card.

Our board getting ready to go to work! Bottom left cw, Chris, Debra, Michael, Terry, Vicki, Brady, Charlie, Nichole, Doyle, Randall, and Currin.

More February meeting

In today's world with so much bitterness and divisiveness going on, it's rather calming to get into your old, classic car and drive somewhere. It seems to put your mind back into a much simpler time, a time when you were worried about shifting gears not who's trying to shift into your lane.

An old car just seems to take us back to another moment in time. Even if that feeling is fleeting, it's worth the effort to savor that moment. To remember friends and relatives "back in the day" for just a moment.

Even if the old car has a problem, if you're with another old car enthusiast, you get instant help. The old car problems bring old friends and new friends to help like it used to be "back in the day". So, as Brady said in the beginning, "let's get out there and drive".

February Meeting cont'd

It's fairly obvious that our club's 2026 edition is going to be more active. The 2026 makeup has given us a new feel, a new energy to drive our great cars and trucks and explore more backroads. As you can see from these pics, the proposed schedule, and as we experienced in our first two meetings, we seem to be enjoying ourselves already this year!!

So, which one of your classics are you gonna take on the Tune-up Tour to **Robby Markman's** collection in Meridian? **Randall** has a fun time planned and **Robby** is an excellent host as we found in **2024** during the **Texas Tour** to his place.

Don't forget **April is Pate month** so see the Pate page later in this Spotlight and get involved. Pate's a lot of work and a lot of fun with fun people!!

For specific details of the meeting, please see the excellent **Meeting Minutes by Terry Hrehocik** later in the Spotlight.

Congratulations to Kip and Debra Lankenau for winning the AACA Divisional Tour Award! This award is presented to an individual region in recognition of their outstanding contributions to hosting a divisional tour. (Runaway Scrape) (apologies for no picture)

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2026 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

WITH OUR CADILLAC LA SALLE PARTNERS

MARCH 21ST - TILE PARTY (28TH RAIN DATE) @ 10 AM
OUR CLUB PROVIDES DOUGHNUTS THIS TIME

OTHER DATES:
APRIL 18TH - TILE SETUP

TEXAS REGION - REGISTRATION BLDG
CONTACT NICHOLE TO SIGN UP 713-402-8418
APRIL 23RD -25TH PATE SWAP MEET

APRIL 26TH - TEAR DOWN

QUESTIONS? CONTACT CHARLIE 214-924-3086
CHARLIE GAMBULOS, PATE 1ST VICE PRESIDENT
CLUB PATE DIRECTOR

AACA Texas DFW Region

Bigger in Texas, Better in a Classic Car!

Minutes-February 2026 General Meeting –1

By Terry Hrehocik

DATE: 2/15/2026

TIME: 2:00

PLACE: El Fenix – John & Denise Velde

Present: Brady Richard, Vickie Richard, John Richardson, Randall Pfluger, Debra Lankenau, Kip Lankenau, Doyle Morse, Terry Hrehocik, Michael Hrehocik, Currin Harris, Nichole Gambulos, Charlie Gambulos, Chris Stathopulo

Call to Order

Brady Richard, president, opened the meeting

Welcome New Members & Guests

Marty Gentes' friend, Adam, was welcomed.

Sunshine Report: Nuris Hester

No report

Presidents' Report: – Brady Richard

Brady Richard, Kip and Debra Lankenau, and Charlie Gambulos attended the AACA National Convention in Chantilly, VA.

Brady Richard stated that they all found the Convention valuable, noting its many useful seminars, especially the ones devoted to social media presence.

Brady asked the general membership for a show of hands on the following questions:

How many members read the Spotlight? (most do)

How many get the Spotlight from the Mailchimp email? (about half)

How many go to the website and download it from the website? (about half)

How many members use the website to get meeting and tour information? (most)

How many would go to the National Meet if it were held locally? (most)

Brady announced that our club was asked if we would like to host a National Meet.

Briefly discussed forming a committee to plan site, activities, and date (possibly September). This needs to be put into action immediately.

Minutes cont'd—2

By Terry Hrehocik

1st Vice President's Report – Charlie Gambulos

Charlie noted that the PATE Tile party is coming up on March 21. Also, **Charlie** and **Brady** will represent our club at the PATE Directors meeting on February 28th.

Charlie recommended using YouTube for recruitment and proposed monthly "Pop-Up" activities, which may appeal more to potential members than formal meetings.

Most meetings and events are set up on the calendar:

March 14 – Spring Tune-Up Tour

March 15 Meeting – Brady & Vickie's

March 21 – Tile Party

April 18 – Tile Set Up

April 23-25 – PATE Swap Meet

April 26 – Tear Down/Hard 8

May 17 Meeting – Lake Kiowa

May 21-23 – Texas Tour

June 21 Meeting – Host Needed

July 19 Meeting – Brady & Vickie's

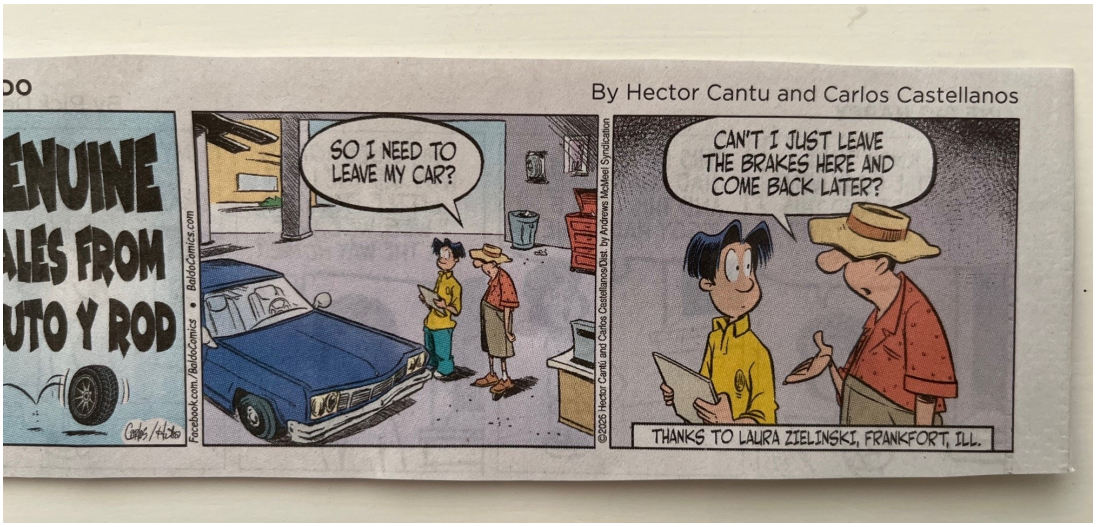
August 16 Meeting – Available

Sept. 20 Meeting – Duffy & Tina's

Oct. 18 Meeting – Ira & Nuris'

November Meeting – Gambulos'

December 13 Meeting - Christmas Party – Brookhaven Country Club – Christmas Party host needed.



Minutes cont'd—3

By Terry Hrehocik

2nd vice presidents'/Communications Report: – Debra Lankenau

Debra led a workshop at the National Convention called "Modern Tools for Timeless Tours: Enhancing AACA Events with Digital Communications."

There was a discussion on the redesign of our website. The plan to go forward has been discussed by the Communications Committee.

Chris Stathopulo is heading up a committee (**Terry H. And Debra L**.) to create a storyboard of our "Ideal" website that coordinates with our brand.

Debra advised carrying old "Antique Automobile" magazines in our car to give to prospective members to highlight the benefits of a National membership.

Debra also proposed making a "membership packet" to help increase membership.

Treasurer's Report: – Vickie Richard

Vickie commended **Debra** for facilitating an efficient and seamless transition during the transfer of treasurer responsibilities to her.

Vickie presented the January Treasurer's Report. The report was accepted as read.

Secretary's Report: Terry Hrehocik

The minutes as published in the Spotlight were approved.

Communications Report: Debra Lankenau

Nichole Gambulos added that her Facebook is celebrating 11 years as of this meeting. She has added a video of members over the last 11 years.

She stated that the FaceBook analytics of the last 28 days showed 4679 views, 30% of which were not followers.

Tour Director's Report: John Richardson/ Randall Pfluger

Randall Pfluger outlined the upcoming Spring Tune Up Tour. We will be driving along the back roads of Ft. Worth to Glen Rose. Then we will travel to **Robby Markman's** Car Barn for a catered lunch.

Randall has also created an exciting in-route navigation game.

Minutes cont'd—4

By Terry Hrehocik

Membership: Kim &Tammy Keith

We are at 99 members and holding (two members have moved)

There are extra Member Directories if anyone still needs one.

Kim reminded members who haven't paid their dues to do so soon.

Bug Tussle Report: Nichole Gambulos

Bug Tussle will be **Oct. 10** this year.

Nichole has the hotel contract in place.

All five destination cities, Farmersville, Ladonia, Honey Grove (lunch), Bonham, and Paris are on board and looking forward to our Trek.

Old Business:

No Old Business

New Business:

Debra requested volunteers for an AACA Texas DFW Region booth at the All British and European Show on May 3rd to promote the club.

Charlie Gambulos extended congratulations to **Kip and Debra Lankenau** on winning the AACA Divisional Tour Award. This award is presented to an individual region in recognition of their outstanding contributions to hosting a divisional tour (Runaway Scrape).

The raffle for driving an antique car to the meeting went to Brady ($50 O'Reily gift card), and Cullin ($25 O'Reily gift card).

Adjournment:

Carey F. moved to adjourn the meeting; **Doyle M**. seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by **Terry Hrehocik**

Nichole also reported:

Facebook page celebrated 11 years at the February meeting 2/15/2026! In the 28 days leading up to the meeting, we had 4,679 views. Check out the video of members in their younger days that was posted online.

C-O-M-M-U-N-I-C-A-T-I-O-N

By Debra Lankanau

Changes to the Spotlight and Website:

In future editions, small design changes will be made to meet the AACA National judging criteria on newsletters so our editors, John and Jerry, will be recognized as a *Master Editor*. John and Jerry contribute significant time and talent each month to publish *The Spotlight*, so we think they need to be recognized! Stay tuned…

We are also working on a fresh, redesign of our existing website to incorporate AACA National guidelines for websites. In that capacity, we hope that Chris will be recognized as a Master WebMaster. Please be patient with us as we outline the website functionality and create a new, lighter look and feel. If you have any feedback, please send to Terry Hrehocik, artqueenie@att.net.

Debra Lankenau
VP, Communications Committee

Sunshine Report

By Nuris Hester

Is no news good news? I hope so!! With all these wonderful AACA plans revving up sincere wishes from your Sunshine chairperson to all club members to be in good health and prosper

. I did contact our once amazing president Martha Smith and she let me know she has 5 more weeks of rehab and then hopefully try to make a few club activities. Dear members please let me know if you know of anyone in the club that needs card or call from the Sunshine Chairperson.

Blessings abundantly… happy motoring! ***Nuris***

I'm reaching out to invite members of the AACA DFW Region to participate in the **41st Annual All British & European Car Day**, taking place on **May 3, 2025**, at the **Bath House Grounds at White Rock Lake**.

This family-friendly event is open to the public, and we welcome **all AACA members** to attend and enjoy the show. Members who would like to display a vehicle are invited to register—**any British or European car is eligible**.

Established in 1984, All British & European Car Day brings together more than 250 antique and classic British and European cars, motorbikes, and microcars in a relaxed, community-focused setting. The show is judged by popular vote and celebrates both the vehicles and the people who keep this hobby alive.

We are also proud to once again partner with **Buckner Shoes for Orphan Souls**, and we kindly ask attendees to consider donating a **new pair of shoes** to support this meaningful cause.

For event details, registration, and updates, please visit:
https://allbritishcarday.com/
https://www.facebook.com/allbritishcarday
https://www.instagram.com/allbritishcarday/

Thank you for helping us share this event with your members. We'd love to see the AACA community represented at the show.

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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.

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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
TexasTourAACA@aol.com

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Why don't antique cars ever get lonely? Because they always find someone to *Ford* a friendship with……..Unless they Dodge it!

Heard from them lately?

Recently **Nuris** and I have tried to contact members that we haven't seen in a while like former President, **Martha Smith** and Nuris got a response from her as you see in the Sunshine report. Others on our list were **Jeff Podmers, Roger Dennison, and Andy Riemitis.**

We found that we think **Jeff** is in California visiting friends**. Roger and Susan** are doing well and have just had schedule conflicts but look forward to seeing us soon. And former President **Andy** decided not to renew his membership.

If you have not seen someone in our club for a while and would like us to check on them, please either contact Nuris or the Spotlight editors and we'll see if we can find out what's happened to them!! This is a great bunch of people and we need everyone involved to make it the most fun!!

Has anyone heard from former president **Joel Roper** and/or his daughter **Holly**?

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God Bless America

2026 CALENDAR

Every 3rd Sunday at 2pm (mostly)

Tune-up Tour

Mar. 14th

To Robby Markman's

Meridian TX

Details inside

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March 15th Meeting

Vickie & Brady's

11034 Indian Trail

Dallas, Tx. 75229

1pm Bod mtg/ 2pm General meeting

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PATE: details inside

Mar. 21 Tile Prep

Apr. 18 Tile Layout

Apr. 23-25 PATE

Apr. 26 Tile Pickup / Meeting

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MOH Parade with Model A Club

April 18th