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The President's Report

Brady's Briefing

Well, as I sit here at the airport getting ready to go overseas I have time to finish the last minute details. I hope the weather is good for the Pate Swap meet and it is very successful. I want to thank all the volunteers that braved the cold rainy day to place the tile markers for the booth spaces. This is an important job that must be done correctly. I would also like to thank all the volunteers that are working the event. From registration to manning our AACA tent. Your time is greatly appreciated.



After Pate is complete we will get back to normal club business.

As usual I am going to remind everyone that we can never have enough stories, pictures or short videos for the Spotlight and social media.

I am certain there are no antique cars in Africa but I will be on the lookout for some old Land Rover Defenders.

See you down the road

Brady

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All British & European Car Day

Help Recruit New Members!

Sunday, May 3 ~ White Rock Lake Park

Volunteers to Host Texas DFW AACA Booth

All British & European Car Day is celebrating its 41st annual exhibition at the Bath House Cultural Center, White Rock Lake Park. Over 250 vehicles—old and new, driver and show—will be in attendance. Nineteen classes and winners are decided by popular voting.

The club has been invited to display AACA materials and a few vehicles to recruit new members! Remember, the Bug Tussle Trek is an open tour and is a great way to show our prospective members what were all about.

Please contact Manuel Vasquez if you would like to display and recruit new members. Need to be on show grounds at 9 am till noon. Email Manuel at projects@kipmotor.com. For more information go to www.AllBritishCarDay.com.



The Morgan Class at All British & European Car Day 2025

AACA National Calendar

March 19-21
Special Nationals
Puerto Rico

March 26-28
Winter Nationals
Cartersville, GA

April 9-11
Southeastern Spring Nationals
Charlotte, N.C.

April 23-25
Annual Grand Nationals
Las Vegas, NV

May 28-30
Eastern Spring Nationals
Indiana, PA

June 11-13
Southeastern Fall Nationals
Oak Ridge, TN

June 15-19
Sentimental Tour
(1928-1958 Vehicles)
Mechanicsburg, PA

PATE and Pics

by John Richardson



April is Pate month, simple as that. Pate is critical to the club and how and what we can do, so the volunteers that work at Pate are important to our success for the year. We appreciate you! As my Dad used to say – it's the difference between eating steak or hamburger.



As usual, Pate month threw the usual weather challenges at us – freezing rain, gale force winds, smothering heat. The tile lay down day started early with weather alerts and forecasted hail and pouring rain in the DFW area. Fortunately, by the scheduled time for our activity, most had

passed the Speedway and it was only 'light and chilling rain'. Ergo rain covers and winter hats. But the job got done and we were ready for Pate Week to start.



And it did, on Wednesday, with lines in front of the registration building – which fortunately are starting to disappear with the continued improvement of the on-line registration system. But our registrar, Nichole, held it together, and Thursday – first official open day – was relatively light. Ryan, our official window greeter, was on the job as usual, checking applicants for anything suspicious.



Tammy, Terry, and Lynda helped make things happen inside with Pamela cheering on and making food runs. Kim, Mike and Ira manned the outside, and kept the ubiquitous Wayne Bartlett company. Our and Pate's VP, Charlie, flitted between the building and the meet grounds just doin' the job.

PATE and Pics Cont'd

And again, our volunteers. Kip Motors and Prez Brady provided table and chairs along with materials for our booth and a brand new (large) canopy for shade (which is a story in-of itself). John R. brought Stella (1959 Ford Retractable) on Thursday and Friday to attract attention and Randall brought his 1988 BMW M3 on Saturday. And that helped a LOT! But as usual, it was the volunteers that made the effort worth being there.



Doyle, Chandler, Jim Raymond, Judy and Neely, Jeff and webmaster Chris joined John and Randall on each day to greet interested parties and help keep things from blowing away. Oh, did I mention gale force winds? Yes! Of course on Thursday morning, when we were trying to set up the (did I mention large?) canopy, which we were very glad to have with Friday and Saturday's stifling heat and sun. It took four of us, and "instructions" that had only pictures and innumerable nuts and bolts to set it up – along with, fortunately, lots of sand bags to keep it from doing a wizard of oz fly-off.



PATE and Pics Cont'd

Then again on Sunday, there's the culminating activity of volunteers picking up the tiles that we laid down just the week before, packing everything up – now including canopy etc. And moving everything over to the on-site connex – ready to start next year.



Charlie reported at the Sunday afternoon early lunch/meeting that we had another good Pate turnout so all good until next year. Steak vs hamburger at the Christmas Party in December!! Yea.

BTW, we are also trying the club booth at the All British and European Car Day on May 3, so come by, check us out, and help generate interest in our Club.



BUG TUSSLE Trek

ALL ROADS LEAD HOME...
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

Scan Me

WWW.BUGTUSSLETREK.COM

May 17th Meeting



John & Lynda Richardson

Come visit our house on Lake Kiowa for the May 17th meeting. East of Gainesville, it's an opportunity to take some back roads to the north, and relax in the peace and quiet after the meeting and lunch. BBQ and drinks provided, please bring a small side or dessert to share— your choice!

Address is: 1001 Kiowa Drive West, Lake Kiowa

1:00 PM for Board Meeting

2:00 PM for General Meeting

Kick-back time after that....

Some Small Print: Tell the Gate that you are going to Lot 718, if they ask....

John = 214-914-6742 if you are having any trouble or are lost. :-)

April Meeting Recap

by Jerry Smith

Pate Swapmeet season is always a fun season filled with expectation and anxious moments. It was no different this year as Charlie reported a very good turnout! Thanks to those club members who were able to come out and help. **You are special!!**

And to celebrate, we had our AACA club meeting after the “tile” pickup on Sunday at **Hard 8 Bar B Q** in Roanoke. As always, Hard 8 is a tough place to be watching your waistline!! Our attendance was less than normal but probably because most of us were tired with **Pate!** Can't wait to hear the financial results from this year.

Brady and Vicki are off to foreign lands again so our capable Directors handled the meeting. Between mouth fulls, we learned that the rest of the year is going to be active so get those classics ready for some fun activity. The Tour activity dates are later in the Spotlight so be sure to print them and put them on your refrigerator as reminders of very special and fun times to come!!

May 21 is the start of the Texas Tour centered in downtown beautiful Waco this year and hosted by the Central Texas club. These events are always fun and meeting new people is not as terrifying as you might think since they have an old car too and its probably got an issue that y'all can talk about.

And John reported that our Spring Tour will be June 5,6,7 right after we return from Waco but we're going North on that Tour. Lots of fun coming up!!

And **Debra** reminded us of the **English Car Show** coming up at **White Rock Lake** with over 200 cars involved. That should be well worth the time to go see all the pretty cars that don't speak our language. See more later in the Spotlight.



Above- **Nuris and Ira** celebrate Ira's recent fantastic medical reports while in line at Hard 8.

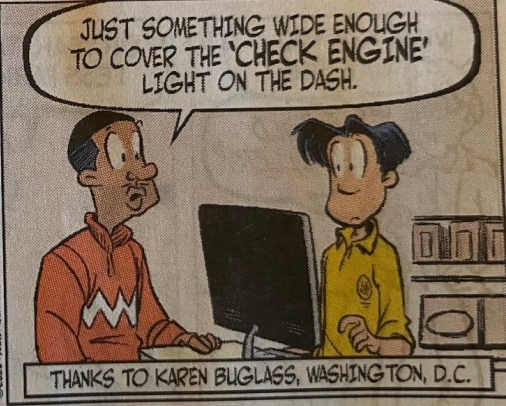
Left—**Chris Stathopulo**, our webmaster, is getting ready to chow down at Hard 8!

April Meeting Recap



ALDO

**GENUINE
TALES FROM
AUTO Y ROD**



By Mastroianni and Hart

April Meeting Recap



Maybe one meeting in the future we can get **Curren** to tell us about his Spring Break

If you come across a car show or old car get together, **let us know at the Spotlight** so that we can advertise it and maybe get more folks to drive their old cars to the event.



Spring Tour

June 5–7, 2026 | Texas to Southern Oklahoma Adventure



Tour Highlights

Friday, June 5 – Rolling into Adventure

- Depart from Buc-ee's, Texas Motor Speedway and cruise scenic country roads north toward Oklahoma
- Take part in the **1st Annual "Lollipop Challenge"** (*open to ages 8+*)
- Bring your own picnic lunch at a unique and "unusual" museum (*location reveal coming soon!*)
- **Lake Murray Experience:** Tour the lake and visit historic Tucker Tower (*optional tower climb for great views!*)
- Overnight at Hilton Garden Inn, Ardmore
- Group dinner (oyo), Lollipop Awards, and a lively **Automotive Trivia Challenge**
- If you can't make the Friday tour day, still come up that evening and for Saturday!

Saturday, June 6 – Festivals, Food & Fun Stops

Host Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn, Ardmore

Call Direct 580-226-2223, press "0" for front desk

Ask front desk to res under "Antique Car Tour 2026"

\$99/night, Breakfast Included.

Reserve before May 15 for best rate, OR

Click [HERE](#) to reserve on-line

Tour Hosts:

John & Lynda Richardson, 214-914-6742

Randall & Jamie Pfluger, 214-504-8703

RSVP for TOUR [Here](#)

NO COST FOR TOUR !



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Sunshine Report

By Nuris Hester

I don't have an "official" report this month since I last reported on our newer member Ben Davis' loss of his sweet wife Jan. This gives me pause to say I'm hoping a number of you who know Ben will reach out to him, invite him for lunch and chat about his favorite Jaguar vintage car. Ira and I just visited the car and toy museum in Ft Worth and Ira pointed out a gorgeous Jag that looked just like the one Ben had. (They also had a nice 190SL Mercedes but no car envy here since hubbies restoration of our 1957 model looked more impressive ☺.)

But more to my point, we have two widowers (Jeff Podmers and Ben Davis) who would benefit from a call or lunch invitation to discuss fun car stuff... that's what we do !

A big thank you to Charlie who hauled that heavy AACCA sign (made for past president JC Campbell) to our booth and John Richardson for parking Stella , and Randall for his BMW, next to it making it immediately appealing to everyone. Well done gentlemen!



Happy motoring.

Keep on the sunny side.

Nuris Hester



AACA Texas DFW Region

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Minutes- April 2026 General Meeting

DATE: 4/26/26

TIME: Noon

PLACE: Hard Eight BBQ Restaurant

Board Present: John Richardson, Randall Pfluger,

Debra Lankenau, Terry Hrehocik, Michael Hrehocik, , Charlie Gambulos, Chris Stathopulo.



Call to Order

Charlie Gambulos, 1st Vice President, opened the meeting

Welcome New Members & Guests

George Lang's son, Daryl, was welcomed as a guest.

Sunshine Report:

 Nuris Hester

Nuris reminded us that Ben Davis recently lost his wife and she encouraged members to reach out to him.

Presidents' Report:

 –Brady Richard

Brady and Vickie are on Safari in Africa, so no report is available.

1st Vice President's Report

 – Charlie Gambulos

Charlie reported that Pate did very well this year. They were very happy with the numbers. He stated that he will have actual numbers later this week. There was a great turnout, and all incidents were handled quickly and professionally.

Charlie extended his appreciation to all our member volunteers, whose dedication helps keep Pate running smoothly.

The club's inaugural booth was successful, yielding at least 12 prospective members according to Randall Pfluger.

Most meetings and events are set up on the calendar:

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.

2nd Vice Presidents'/ Communications Report: – Debra Lankenau

The committee designed a full-page AACA Texas DFW Region ad for Pate Times and produced a color tri-fold brochure for distribution at our club booth.

Chris S. is refining our website's new design.

Debra reminded members that the All British & European Car Show will be held Sunday, May 3rd at White Rock Lake by the Bath House Cultural Center. We will have an AACA booth there this year.

Treasurer's Report: – Vickie Richard

Brady and Vickie are on safari in Africa, so no report is available.

Secretary's Report: Terry Hrehocik

The minutes as published in the March Spotlight were approved.

Tour Director's Report: John Richardson

May's meeting is at Richardson's Lake Kiowa House. John mentioned that the North Tollway extension goes all the way FM 121. Everyone should bring a dessert or side, with BBQ as the main. See notice in this Spotlight! The Texas Tour is scheduled for May, and there are conversations about organizing caravans and possibly arriving early to explore some attractions in Waco that aren't part of the official tour. Get in on a caravan!

The Spring Tour will be June 5th, 6th, & 7th, and the Hotel accommodations will be at the Hilton Garden Inn in Ardmore with a great early book price of \$99 per night.

The tour starts at the Bucee's opposite Texas Motor Speedway.

More details are posted in this month's Spotlight.

Bug Tussle Report: Nichole Gambulos

No report available

Adjournment:

Kassie K. moved to adjourn the meeting; Debra L. seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by
Terry Hrehocik, Secretary



John and Lynda's Stella and LRT (Little Red Truck) repped the Texas DFW Region at the Gainesville Medal of Honor Parade on April 18th, along with other Model A's in the Dallas club. Proudly wearing the club's Tour Plaque on Stella's doors.

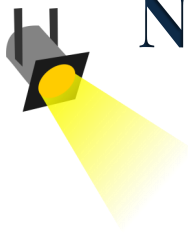


If you and your car(s) participate in other activities, and you want to share, please send pictures and info to the Spotlight, aacatrspotlight@gmail.com.

Be a Club Recruiter !!

Here's the beautiful Tri-Fold that Terry designed with Debra, based on our new look and material that Chris has put into the Club Website. Get copies at the meetings or ask Debra for some. Along with our Club business card, it makes a handy handout....





New Member Spotlight

James Baldwin

261 Rosemont Ct, Coppell TX 75019

baldwinology@gmail.com

(no car info yet available)

*Thank
you*

**2026 PATE WEEK
VOLUNTEERS**



**WEDNESDAY- DEBRA LANKENAU, KIM & TAMMY KEITH, PAMELLA
CRISSON AT REGISTRATION BUILDING**

**THURSDAY- TAMMY KEITH, PAMELA CRISSON, NURIS & IRA
HESTER, MIKE & TERRY HREHOCIK, LYNDA RICHARDSON AT
REGISTRATION**

**RANDALL PFLUGER, JOHN RICHARDSON, CHANDLER SMITH,
DOYLE MORSE, JIM RAYMOND, KIM KEITH AT THE CLUB BOOTH**

**FRIDAY- KIM & TAMMY KEITH, PAMELA CRISSON, MIKE & TERRY
HREHOCIK AT REGISTRATION**

**RANDALL & JAMIE PFLUGER, JOHN & LYNDA RICHARDSON,
DOYLE MORSE, JIM RAYMOND, CHANDLER SMITH, JEFF
PODMERS AT THE CLUB BOOTH**

SATURDAY- KIM & TAMMY KEITH AT REGISTRATION

**RANDALL PFLUGER, JUDY KERR-GUYSINGER, NEELY KERR AT
CLUB BOOTH**

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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2026 CALENDAR

Every 3rd Sunday
at 2 pm

May 17th Meeting
Richardson's
Lake Kiowa

Texas Tour
May 21-23
Waco, Texas

Spring Tour
June 5-7
South OK

June 21st Meeting
TBD



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Spotlight Classifieds

Nothing This Month...