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"where it all started"

72nd Texas Tour 2026



Next Meeting June 21



The President's Report

Brady's Briefing



As I started off the last meeting I really don't have anything new to report. Pate was very successful and we will find out later how much the club made for all the efforts. I want to thank again the volunteers that worked registration as well as those that took care of the tile placement and pickup.

A special thanks to the volunteers that manned our AACA tent at Pate as well as those that manned the All British Car Day booth. They did get a lot of interest and the club picked up some new members.

The Texas Tour was very good with lots of history. Each tour that is produced sets the bar higher for the next year. Our tour started out great with our 1924 Pierce Arrow. It ran perfectly until we were coming home the first day. All of a sudden the temp shot to the red. I pulled over and checked the water. Radiator was full but there was no flow visible. I drove it another mile and I did it again. We put it on the vulture wagon and took it back. I thought I had lost the drive pin for impeller on the water pump.

When I got home and took it apart that was the problem. Kind of a bummer as this car had been on several early Texas Tours.

I said I would look for old cars in Africa thinking I might find an old Defender. We came out of the Mount Nelson hotel and saw this lovely old Bentley. There were about a dozen old cars starting a 8500 kilometer tour around South Africa! Vickie was really enthusiastic about this and she is looking into the next tour. I think if you have to ask how much you probably can't afford it. More on this trip next month.

As usual we need more content for the spotlight and website. Please send in your pictures and stories.

See you down the road, hopefully at the upcoming spring tour!

See you down the road

Brady



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The 72nd annual Texas Tour from where it all started, Waco, Tx.

By Jerry Smith

The forecast was calling for rain all week prior to the start of the **72nd Texas Tour**. Like most of us, we started thinking about not going at all or taking a modern which is somewhat like kissing your sister. However, when May 21 finally came, we got our courage up and took the old car. It sprinkled a bit on us going down and then at night a little but all in all, it was a pretty dry 4 days in **Waco, Texas**.

And what a fun time the **Central Texas Region**, located in Austin, had planned for us. There were **78** cars signed up for this Texas Tour, 6 of them modern. Of the **72** classics, about **6** of them struggled at one point or another.

The **Hilton** in downtown Waco was our headquarters. When they were chosen, they promised that the construction would be completed in March but alas, construction was still underway while we were there. Nevertheless, our classic car people made the best of the situation and partied down anyway.

The oldest car there was Dwain Epting's (Midland) 1913 Ford Model T Roadster and running like a champ!



Getting there early allowed us the time to go see Chip and Joanna's Silo's a part of the Magnolia property downtown. Chip and Joanna weren't there to meet us tho.

72nd Texas Tour continues

Since the rooms weren't ready when we arrived, we decided to go over to Magnolia to have lunch. We were able to sample multiple food trucks fare before deciding on what each individually wanted. It was delicious food even tho it was out of trucks. There is a standard at Magnolia and it is held very high by everyone there.



We finally got to our rooms and then met for dinner. What a fun time to visit with our other club members as well as some people from other clubs that we'd never met before. We heard some great stories as well.



Done for the day and all ready for Day 1 of the Tour tomorrow!!



Well, almost ... !

72nd Texas Tour continues

On Day 1 of the Tour and after breakfast, we had a driver's meeting. It was short and sweet with notes and a map that we could carry in our cars. Our first destination and where the judging of the vehicles would take place was **Homestead Heritage** just 20 or so miles north of Waco. The Heritage appears to be about 50 plus acres where multiple craftsmen have come to live and work. There's a blacksmith shop with a blacksmith who makes products to sell when not talking to the people who come to watch.

There's a grist mill where products like corn and wheat are ground into meal. The people there sell these products as well as use them in the several restaurants on the grounds.



Loosely held driver's meeting.



Doyle and Randall sitting inside the grist mill just in front of the product side of the mill.



Judging complete so it's time to move on to Hillsboro.

72nd Texas Tour continues

Most of us were able to get to the courthouse square in Hillsboro in an hour or so. The **Central Texas club** had done a great job picking smooth back roads to get there. Once there, we hung out at the **Roadside America Museum** just a block or two from the square. Easy walking distance for an ice cream cone..... The Museum has a bunch of memorabilia including a few great looking cars that were either finished or in the process of finishing.

Once we had rest-roomed and refreshed a bit and took in the Museum, we independently started back to the hotel. Some taking different return routes than the one that got us there including a stop on the square for an Ice cream cone...(Jeff are you there?)



1936 Hudson Terraplane, owned by Moses Mendoza, a friend from the Granbury Tx. Tour.

Duffy's Rolls Royce

Ethan's 1948 Crosley



A few of the **Tx DFW club** ready for dinner!!



A few more of the **Tx DFW club** ready for dinner!!



72nd Texas Tour continues

Day 2 of the Tour, we took almost the same route as we did **Day 1**, but turned and took the **West** back road. Again, these backroads were surprisingly smooth and we arrived in West. We drove to a VFW hall which was hosting a car show of its own along with a BBQ cook off. After spending some time there and seeing some new things, we moved on in to **West**, about 1 mile, and parked for the hunt for a place to have lunch. **West** is a **Czech** community with several great restaurants. Unfortunately, our group overwhelmed them so there was a wait. Nevertheless, the food was good and we were on time for our departure to **Axtell** to see the **Speed Cave**.



Chris and Linda waiting on their order (patiently)



Larry and Kim after receiving their order.



John and Lynda waiting on their order (not so patiently)



72nd Texas Tour continues

The JEA Speed Cave in Axtell, is 7000 sq ft of regional racing history, vintage automobilia, and classic car culture. And, it must have a gazillion classic “everything” signs hung on every wall in every spare inch. It’s fascinating and mind blowing.



We returned to the hotel after the Speed Cave, rested a while and then went down to dinner. Besides dinner, there were two main events happening.

1. there was a costume party where people dressed according to a time frame that their vehicle was in.
 2. the announcement of the car judging winners.
- It was a fun, fun time!!



72nd Texas Tour continues



Lynda, with John in the background and Linda flaunt their costumes in this fun time.



Then the results of the car judging were revealed. There were 24 categories in which you took home your trophy and there were other rotating trophies. Of the 24 “take home trophies”, our club won 11. Quite an honor for our club!!



72nd Texas Tour continues



Winners were starting with Duffy in the colorful jacket and going clockwise:

1. Duffy Oyster
2. A young relative of Duffy's
3. Another relative of Duffy's
4. Charlie Gambulos
5. Brady Richard
6. Carey Frisby
7. Jerry Smith
8. Randall Pfluger
9. Michael Hrehocik
10. John Richardson
11. Chris Stathopulo

Hope to see ya'll next year in College Station. It's a fun time driving your old car and visiting with others driving theirs.

June 21st Meeting

Judy Kerr-Gysinger

Address is: Bluebonnet BBQ
(who provides the Thxgiving meeting turkey!)

3291 US 287, Waxahachie

Midway between Waxahachie and Ennis

1:00 PM for Board Meeting

2:00 PM for General Meeting

You are invited and encouraged to bring a dessert to share!!

We will have a private dining area. \$18 for a plate of brisket, BBQ and green beans, bread and drink. Buffet style

PLEASE-PLEASE-PLEASE RSVP

judyg@ectisp.net or jkerr@palmerisd.org or 214-399-1117

I thought you may want to know....

I used a service yesterday that was prompt and convenient—called Hoses On The Spot. A mobile based hose and brake line replacement providers. Father/Son, and they came on a Saturday—same day as my call. I needed an AC hose, but they also do hydraulic hoses and custom bend aluminum and steel lines. *John Richardson*

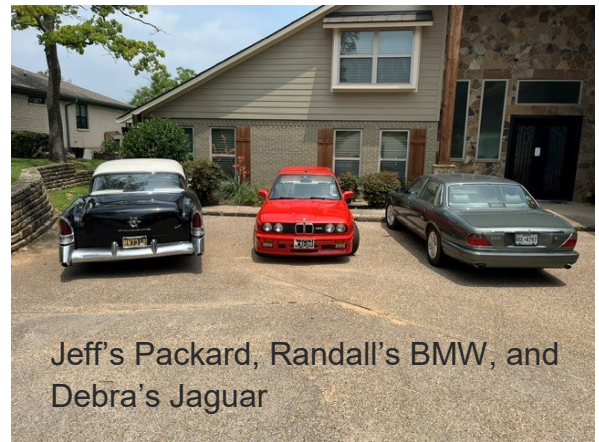
HOSES ON THE SPOT - LEE AND DAVID RODRIGUEZ — 214-578-5701

May Meeting

By Jerry Smith

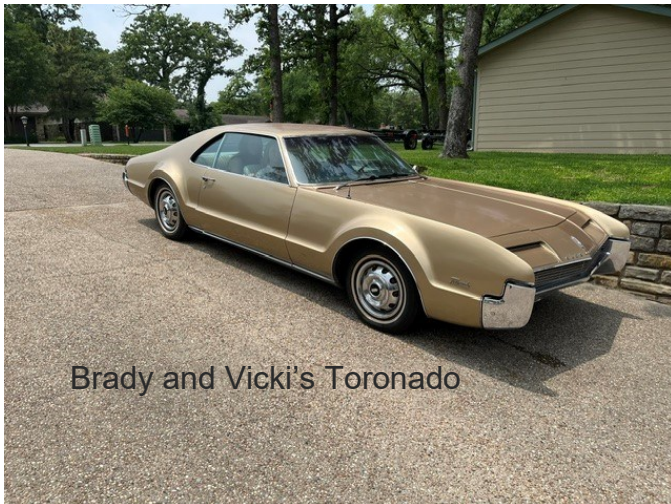


John and Lynda's Ford



Jeff's Packard, Randall's BMW, and Debra's Jaguar

On May 17th, we held our club meeting at John and Lynda Richardson's Lake House on Lake Kiowa. If you got there a little early, this is the view of their house that you came upon.

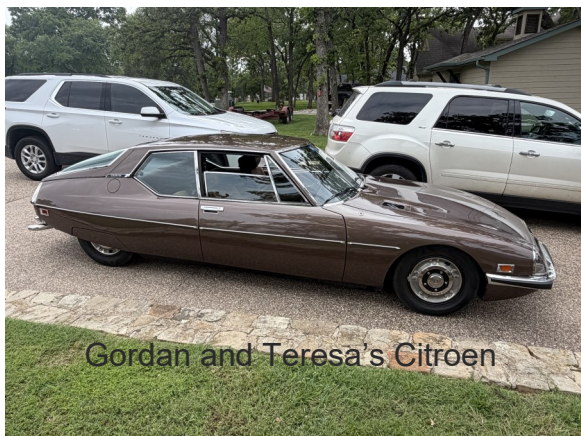


Brady and Vicki's Torino



Chris and Linda's Ranchero

Inside, you can see the lake in full view thru the many windows. It's a beautiful setting to have great conversations like Brady and Jeff are having!! It also had great finger licking BBQ and deserts!!



Gordan and Teresa's Citroën



More May 2026 mtg

Special Announcement— You've probably seen something called the “Mini Spot” in your email.

These are described by the Communications Committee as mid month short emails to keep us informed of coming events. In some cases, they may be reminders or even notices that something has changed in our normal schedule or maybe location. In any case, these are **SAFE** emails to open. If you have any questions about the “Mini Spot”, please contact **Debra** at 214-477-3224 or Debra@kipmotor.com.



Charlie reported that again Pate Swap meet results are not out yet but he expected at least as good as last year.

John and Randall reported that **Spring Tour** (June 5, 6, 7) is on schedule and lots of fun is being planned. So, if you **need** to have some fun in your life, consider signing up for this 3 day tour. It will tickle your tickle box.



Jeff and Gordon are tickled just thinking about driving their classic cars on the Spring Tour. Don't get left behind.

Nichole reported that the **Bug Tussle Trek** is on schedule for October 10th and no issues so far with details of the trip.



More May 2026 mtg



Welcome new members at the meeting...

Jon and Michelle Jobe

and

Gordan and Teresa Sauer !!

There's Still Time....\$99/night!

Spring Tour

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

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 !

Sunshine Report

By John Richardson

For those that may not have heard, our Sunshine Girl, Nuris has had an unexpected surgery on Friday May 15, which was significant and long. She has been in/out of ICU (currently out) as she has been recovering. Her kidneys haven't yet restarted fully, so it's a major challenge. Please pray for her and her recovery as that's what she does for all of us in need. Thanks!

On another sad side, Debra Mahanna passed on Saturday morning May 30th with Al and her children and grandchildren with her in hospice in Miami. We will miss her and hope to see Al back with us soon.

Despite all this...

Keep on the sunny side.

John



Pictures from one of our newest members !!

Gordan and Teresa Sauer



**Preparation for Spring Tour Automotive Trivia Challenge
(Not to be confused with Lollipops)**

As we welcome new members: George and Sara Lindsay, Gordon and Teresa Sauer, along with Bryan Howell..... Betcha didn't know:

We added a new Marquee (Lotus) to our club - now totaling 64 different makes of autos. We doubled the number of Citroens – now the 1985 2CV6 is not so lonely! We tripled the number of Plymouths and the 1970 Fury is no longer lonely by itself. We doubled the number of Mazdas. 1990 MX5 Miata says “Welcome Brother”! With the addition of the Citroen and Mazda we now have only 29 Marquees with just 1 car (down from 31 previously). “Ho Hum 93 Chevys and Fords”!! The total club car count jumped from 363 to 380! **Can we get a Hundred for Bug Tus-sle!**

PS: Now Buckle Up for the Spring Tour - Club Trivia Challenge!!

See you on the Road! *By Randall Pfuger*

Take a Step Back In Time: Courtesy of Jeff Podmers



From Debra and Kip Lankenau...

Thank you all for making *All British & European Car Day* a smashing success! Couldn't have asked for a nicer celebration!

Randall Pfluger and Doyle Morse staffed the Texas DFW Region booth, recruiting a national member to join our local club plus obtaining contact information from 18 other prospects. Charlie G, Chris S. also showed up to help while Jeff P., Adrian B., Renee Z., Gordon S., Richard C. drove vehicles to the show. Even Joel and Ginger made an appearance proving to us that they are still around!

Around 260 vehicles and motorbikes (?) attended, along with nine car clubs and five vendors, giving us a fantastic showing of fine British, Italian, German, and Swedish automobiles to admire at The Bath House Cultural Center. There were fifty-five winning vehicles, with our Best In Show winning Best in Class! For class winners please go to <https://allbritishcarday.com/abcde-2026-winners/>
For photos of the event, go to Valentine Photography [here](#)



The poster features a red background with a repeating pattern of ladybugs. In the top left, there is a circular logo for the 'ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA Texas DFW Region'. A winding road graphic leads from the logo towards the text. The main title 'BUG TUSSLE Trek' is written in a large, stylized font. Below the title, the text reads 'ALL ROADS LEAD HOME.... SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026'. A QR code is centered on the page, with a 'Scan Me' button below it. At the bottom, the website 'WWW.BUGTUSSLETREK.COM' is displayed.

**BUG TUSSLE
Trek**

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

Scan Me

WWW.BUGTUSSLETREK.COM



New Member Spotlight

Robin Wilson

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(sample pic only)

Don't know all the cars yet,

But I do know that he has a black 1959 Ford Skyliner !! :-)

Ethan Reish

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1948 Crosley



**Bryan Howell
Enterprises, Inc.**



Bryan Howell

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***Bryan is
registered
for the
Spring
Tour !!!***

- 1949 Cadillac Series 62 Club Coupe
- 1966 Cadillac Coupe de Ville
- 1969 Pontiac Custom S Convertible
- 1971 Chevrolet C-10
- 1985 Chevrolet S10 Blazer
- 1986 Chevrolet C-20
- 1990 Cadillac Coupe de Ville
- 2006 Cadillac STS-V

AACA Texas DFW Region

Bigger in Texas, Better in a Classic Car!



DATE: 5/26/26

TIME: 2:00 pm

PLACE: John and Lynda's Lake Kiowa House

Board Present: Brady Richard, Vickie Richard, John Richardson, Randall Pfluger, Debra Lankenau, Terry Hrehocik, Michael Hrehocik, Nichole Gambulos, Charlie Gambulos, Chris Stathopulo, Jeff Podmers

Call to Order

Brady Richard, President, opened the meeting

Welcome New Members & Guests

Sunshine Report: John Richardson for Nuris Hester

Nuris Hester underwent emergency surgery and remains in the ICU in critical but stable condition.

Duffy Oyster is scheduled for surgery.

Deb Mahanna is in Hospice.

John Velde had dental surgery and is enjoying an ice cream diet.

There are cards available for members to sign after the meeting.

Additional cards and prayers are welcomed for all.

Presidents' Report: –Brady Richard

Brady reported that he and Vicki had a wonderful African trip. They even discovered that there are antique car tours in Africa.

1st Vice President's Report – Charlie Gambulos

Pate was successful. Although final numbers will not be available until September, Charlie reported that sales were in line with last year's and that security issues were handled much better.

All meetings and events are set up on the calendar:

June 5 – 7 Spring Tour

June 21 Meeting – Bluebonnet BBQ – Judy Kerr-Guysinger

July 19 Meeting – Brady & Vickie's

August 16 Meeting – Ford's Garage

Sept. 20 Meeting – Duffy & Tina's

Oct. 18 Meeting – Ira & Nuris'

November Meeting – Gambulos'

December 13 Meeting – 12:30 – 3:30 Christmas Party – Brookhaven Country Club – Christmas Party host needed.

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

Chris and his nephew have worked diligently to update our website to reflect the new brand graphic standards.

Club apparel is once again available in the website shop, with no change in price.

Debra reported that she received the information from National that she had requested earlier in the year.

Debra asked whether everyone is receiving the Mini-Spot, as some members still are not.

Debra said she has copies of the new tri-fold club brochures available for members to review and suggest revisions.

Treasurer's Report: – Vickie Richard

Vickie presented the April/May Treasurer's Report, which covered Pate expenses. Checking, savings, and CD balances remained unchanged.

Secretary's Report: Terry Hrehocik

The minutes as published in the April Spotlight were approved.

Tour Director's Report: John Richardson

John reviewed the upcoming Spring Tour highlights.

Friday June 5th:

Depart from Buck-ees's at Texas Motor Speedway at 9:30 am.

1st Annual "Lollipop Challenge"

Picnic lunch at a unique museum.

Tour Lake Murray and visit historic Tucker Tower.

Group dinner (pizza) at Hilton Garden Inn in Ardmore, Lollipop Awards, Automotive Trivia Challenge

Overnight stay at Hilton Garden Inn

Saturday June 6th:

Visit the Madill Sand Bass Festival & Car Show.

Lunch stop (oyo) in Tishomingo near Blake Shelton's Ole Red Restaurant.

Scenic drive to Sulpher with a stop at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

Back to Ardmore for group dinner, automotive games, social time, and plenty of laughs.

Sunday June 7th:

Head home with the group or enjoy an on your own return at your own pace.

Additional details and hotel registration information are available on the website.

If you can't make it on Friday, please join us on Saturday.

Membership: Kim & Tammy Keith

Membership increased from 98 last month to 100 this month.

Bug Tussle Report: Nichole Gambulos

This year's theme is "All Roads Lead to Bug Tussle."

A hotel block is available at the Holiday Inn Express in Paris for \$109.00 per night.

Old Business:

Randall shared the large poster he created highlighting members cars and details about the club.

He noted that it attracted significant interest at both the Pate Swap Meet and the All British and European Car show.

New Business:

Renee Zervas has agreed to be a new club greeter. Jeff Podmers called for more greeter volunteers to help out at meetings. If you are interested contact Jeff.

Texas Tour participants gathered after the meeting to discuss a caravan route.

Adjournment:

Jeff moved to adjourn the meeting; Debra seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectively submitted by

Terry Hrehocik, Secretary

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

AACA TEXAS DFW REGION – Summary of Marquees

<u>ALL MARQUEES</u>	<u># of CARS</u>				
Alfa Romeo	1	Packard	11	Nash	2
American Motors	11	Plymouth	3	Oldsmobile	9
AMG	1	Pontiac	23	Packard	11
Auburn	2	Porsche	1	Plymouth	3
Austin	1	Rolls Royce	7	Pontiac	23
Austin-Healey	1	Rover	1	Star	1
Bentley	2	Star	1	Studebaker	7
BMW	2	Studebaker	7	Tomahawk	1
Bugatti	1	Sunbeam	1	<u>Willys</u>	<u>1</u>
Buick	27	Tomahawk	1		
Cadillac	38	Toyota	1	Total American Marqu	36
Chevrolet	35	Triumph	5	Total American Cars	304
Chrysler	16	Volkswagen	6		
Citroen	2	Volvo	1		
Cord	2	<u>Willys</u>	<u>1</u>		
Crosley	1			FOREIGN MARQUEES	
Datsun	1	Total All Marquees	64	Alfa Romeo	1
Dodge	15	Marquees – 1 Car Only	29	AMG	1
Edsel	3	Total Cars	380	Austin	1
Ferrari	1			Austin-Healey	1
Flexible	1	AMERICAN MARQUEES		Bentley	2
Ford	58	American Motors	11	BMW	2
Franklin	1	Auburn	2	Bugatti	1
Frazer	1	Buick	27	Citroen	2
Gerstenslager	1	Cadillac	38	Crosley	1
GMC	3	Chevrolet	35	Datsun	1
Graham	4	Chrysler	16	Ferrari	1
Hudson	2	Cord	2	Humber	1
Humber	1	Dodge	15	Jaguar	10
Hummer	1	Edsel	3	Jowett	1
International	2	Flexible	1	Land Rover	2
Jaguar	10	Ford	58	Lotus	3
Jewel	1	Franklin	1	Mazda	2
Jowett	1	Frazer	1	Mercedes	13
Kaiser	4	Gerstenslager	1	MG	3
Land Rover	2	GMC	3	Morgan	4
LaSalle	5	Graham	4	Porsche	1
Leslie	1	Hudson	2	Rolls Royce	7
Lincoln	9	Hummer	1	Rover	1
Locomobile	1	International	2	Sunbeam	1
Lotus	3	Jewel	1	Toyota	1
Mazda	2	Kaiser	4	Triumph	5
Mercedes	13	LaSalle	5	Volkswagen	6
Mercury	1	Leslie	1	<u>Volvo</u>	<u>1</u>
MG	3	Lincoln	9		
Mitchell	1	Locomobile	1	Total Foreign Marque	28
Morgan	4	Mercury	1	Total Foreign Cars	76
Nash	2	Mitchell	1		
Oldsmobile	9				

Courtesy of Randall Pfluger !!

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2026 CALENDAR

Every 3rd Sunday
at 2 pm

Spring Tour

June 5-7

South OK

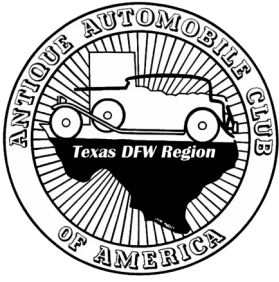
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Spotlight Classifieds

Nothing This Month...