



As we celebrate our country this year, what better time than to celebrate the winning owners from our club that won at our annual TEXAS TOUR for 2026.

Congratulations!
Everyone!!



Next Meeting Aug 16



The President's Report

Brady's Briefing



Vickie and I always enjoy hosting club meetings at our car barn. Last month's meeting was good for me as it made me clean up and dust off the cars that had been sitting for a while covered in construction dust. One of my employees spent two days dusting and cleaning while I was finishing the air conditioning for the building. He made me promise to never let them get that dusty again.

It was great to see **Nuris** and **Ira** in person at the meeting. They both looked fantastic and I wish **Nuris** continued success with recovery.

This time of year, it's just too hot to even think about driving the old cars. Most of mine do OK with the temperature but after 10 minutes the driver is literally cooked from the engine heat coming through the firewall. That puts me in what I consider to be modern cars from the 60's and 70's with air conditioning. It's hard to believe that people go nuts about cars that were just used vehicles when I was in high school. I will have to admit that the **Buicks** and **Pontiacs** I considered Mom cars in the 70's have great rides, comfy seats and are faster than I thought possible. If I had only known about this when I was younger!

The club is doing well, and we will have more events when the cooler weather gets here. See you down the road.

Brady

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Look !!

August 16th Meeting

Look !!

Change in Location !!



Norma's Café Plano Location

605 West 15th St.

Plano, TX 75075

1pm for Board Meeting

2pm for General Meeting and Lunch

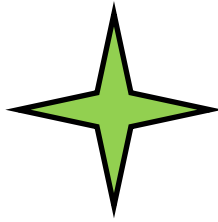
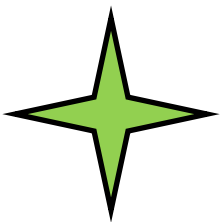
O-Y-O for lunch and dessert. Your orders will be taken before the formal meeting and served as the meeting ends

September 19 in downtown Ft. Worth

Wheels for Wellness Car Show.

See all details at Wheelsforwellness.org

Great venue, great attendance, great cause.... See yall there!!



If you and your car(s) participate in other old car activities, and you want to share those with others, please sent pictures and info into the Spotlight,

aacatrspectlight@gmail.com.

July Meeting Happenings

By Jerry Smith

On the third Sunday of July, the **AACA Texas DFW Region** club met at **Brady and Vicki's**. It's always a treat being there in the presence of so many antique/classic/rare vehicles that could tell the automobile story from the start to now. There are just so many "WOW" moments among the cars that you can't help but be overwhelmed. We never get tired of going there to be among some of the automobile hardware royalty.

Just a few of the many treasures that surrounded us at the meeting! While it was hot as a firecracker outside, inside where the "royalty" is parked, was cool as could be!!

According to **Denise Velde**, there were 45 in attendance and we had 10 classic cars combatting the heat including the **1960 Ford Fairlane** driven by our newest member, **Kurt Wetterling!!**

Ira back and looking healthy!

Marcus and Chandler trying to figure out how to drive one of these home.



July Meeting Happenings cont'd



Everyone please welcome **Kurt Wetterling**, our newest member. He drove to the meeting in his 1960 **Ford Fairlane 500**. Welcome to our club Kurt!!



George and Sara are also newer members so please say hello when you see them next meeting!



Robin Wilson is another newer member so please make sure we make all these newer members feel welcome!!



July Meeting Happenings cont'd



A very high level meeting took place prior to the meeting as you can see. As we waited for the cheeseburgers to finish cooking, **Terry, Lynda and Nuris** discuss the sales going on around town, oooops, I mean the beautiful cars in the building.

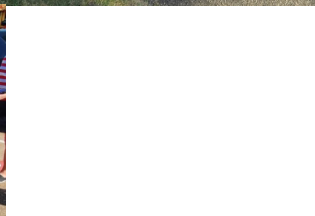
The tater salad, beans and fixins were almost as good as the deserts. We do eat well at these meetings!!



We asked to see your participation and especially cars in the 250th Birthday celebration. Thanks to the Wallaces and Stathopulos for sharing and being in vintage car parade shows !!



John and Lisa
Wallace



"Best Dressed" car. Chris
Stathopulo

Happy 250th America

God Bless America

Communications Committee Report

WEBSITE:

Our Webmaster is investigating a 'members only section' to post private information such as the Club Directory.

Check out the **EVENTS** tab on the website www.texas-DFW.aaca.com as this has the most current, up-do-date information on meetings and POP-UPS!

CLASSIFIED ADS – If you have any car parts or cars you want to sale, please send information to **Chris Stathopulo** at ccstathos@juno.com and he'll make it happen.

NEW MEMBER PACKET:

We've been working on this packet with **Jeff Podmer's** assistance. The 5 x 7 branded envelope includes the following:

1. Welcome Letter from the Club President
2. Member Directory
3. An official Texas State ROAD MAP
4. Texas DFW Region cling sticker for automobile
5. Texas DFW Region business cards

RECRUITMENT PACKET

Jeff is working on putting this together since he is the Club's primary recruiter!

1. Texas DFW Region Trifold
2. Texas DFW Business Cards
3. Membership Application
4. State Road Map
5. Postcard with upcoming tour(s) promoting Bug Tussle
6. An issue of The Antique Automobile

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The Texas Travel Guide and highway maps are available FREE. Please go to www.TravelTexas.com > Plan Ahead, and complete the information screen.

Communications Committee Report cont'd

DIRECTORY UPDATE:

To protect members' information, a printed update with the new member's contact information will be available at the next meeting. This page will fit into the back of your directory.

Webmaster, Chris at ccstathos@juno.com. We'd prefer to have tour & meeting information three (3) months in advance, Pop Up events when they Pop-Up!.

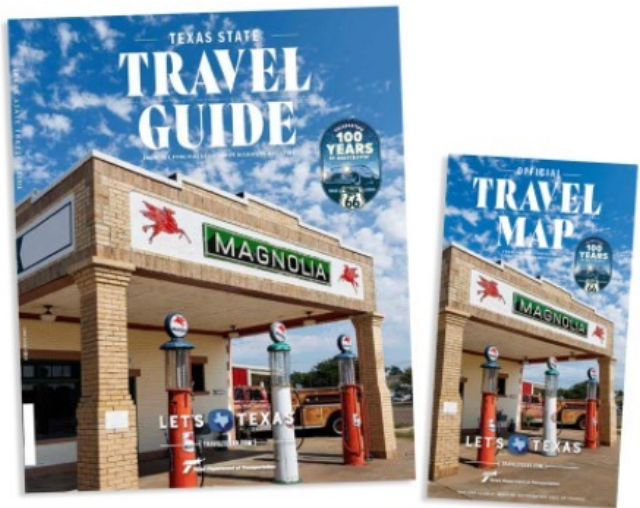
If you have any questions concerning club communications, please contact me, and I'll be happy to help you.

Debra Lankenau

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Special Announcement: You've probably seen something called the "Mini Spot" in your email inbox.

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Details coming soon!!

Cope and Pamela Crisson 'dropped by' our house, after picking up **Randall and Jamie** who live just down the street. This is a replica of a 1929 Ford Model A Phaeton, built by Camelot Motors in the 1980s under license from Ford. It is only 1 of 15 made and they bought it on their Route 66 adventures in June.



They were just out for a drive in the relative cool of the evening. What fun that they did so and we appreciate them thinking of us and sharing their new acquisition !! Beautiful car. Can't wait for everyone else to see...

John and Lynda

Sunshine Report

By Nuris Hester

We were the fortunate ones to enjoy a cool environment with magnificent automobiles to view at Brady's workplace. Thank you Brady and Vicki and all the background helpers for a great July meeting!

The Sunshine office is back to business and reporting. We sent get well cards to Richard Cross as he recovers from surgery with upcoming cancer treatments . Also sent a get well to Mona Hannah after her successful surgery, with hopes she and Chad will be able to travel to meetings without pain radiating from neck and back. We sent a "belated " get well to Jeff Podmers. He had fallen and had a wound on a leg for which the Dr. found no infection, but gave him antibiotics just in case. Knowing Jeff, there could have been others and the antibiotics were probably a good idea anyhow. This happened the day before our mtg! Like a brave soldier he dismissed the pain and came with smiles to our July meeting.

We don't give out above and beyond rewards with little stars next to our names like our kindergarten teacher used to do, but I think Debra deserves one for the great idea of having " welcome packages



Sadly, another one of our own, Royce Kidd passed on July 26th. He was a long time member and avid part of our tour community. Please review the following Obituary and send Clydette your condolences as you wish.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/royce-kidd-obituary?id=62055206>





The Studebaker International Driver's Club is having their annual meeting and show in **Waxahachie** !! The meetings are during the week and if you are interested you can go to their website. But the Car Show, open to the public, is on **Saturday September 26th** from 9am to 4pm in the parking lot of their host hotel, Residence Inn, **275 Rae Blvd.**

September One Day Driving Tour - So, the club Tour Director is looking at two options for a one day tour in later September. **Option 1** is a drive down to Waxahachie for the Studebaker Car show as shown above. The other **Option (2)** is a drive out to **Weatherford** and visit the town, their well known garden(s), a lunch and visit to the Vintage Car Museum. Which is a privately own museum of personal and rotating cars from other car owners. You can check it out by clicking [HERE](#) .

Send your preference to **John at 214-914-6742 or AACASPOTLIGHT@GMAIL.COM**

We Want to HEAR from YOU!!!

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Brady's Car of the month

By Brady Richard

1927 Chrysler Model 50.

In **1925 Walter Chrysler** bought the **Maxwell Chalmers** automobile company. The product line for 1927 was the **Model 50**, Model **60** and Model **70**. The model number was the top speed of the car.

The **Model 50** in our collection came from a gentleman in Houston. I bought the car because of its rarity. These cars competed with the **Ford Model A** and were not quite as successful. I believe that is a holdover from Maxwell as it does not have any of the Chrysler refinements. Models 60 and 70 both had 6 cylinders and hydraulic brakes. The **50** has a 4 cylinder engine and rear wheel mechanical brakes. The cabin is larger than the **Ford Model A** and the seats are a little more comfortable. The engine and braking system are not as good as Fords so driving it is not quite as enjoyable. It will do 50MPH, but it takes about a mile on level ground to get there. It also takes about a half mile to stop from that speed! Overall, it's a very durable car that was in some very tough competition for its year. I believe most of the cars like this were scrapped out during WWII for the war effort.



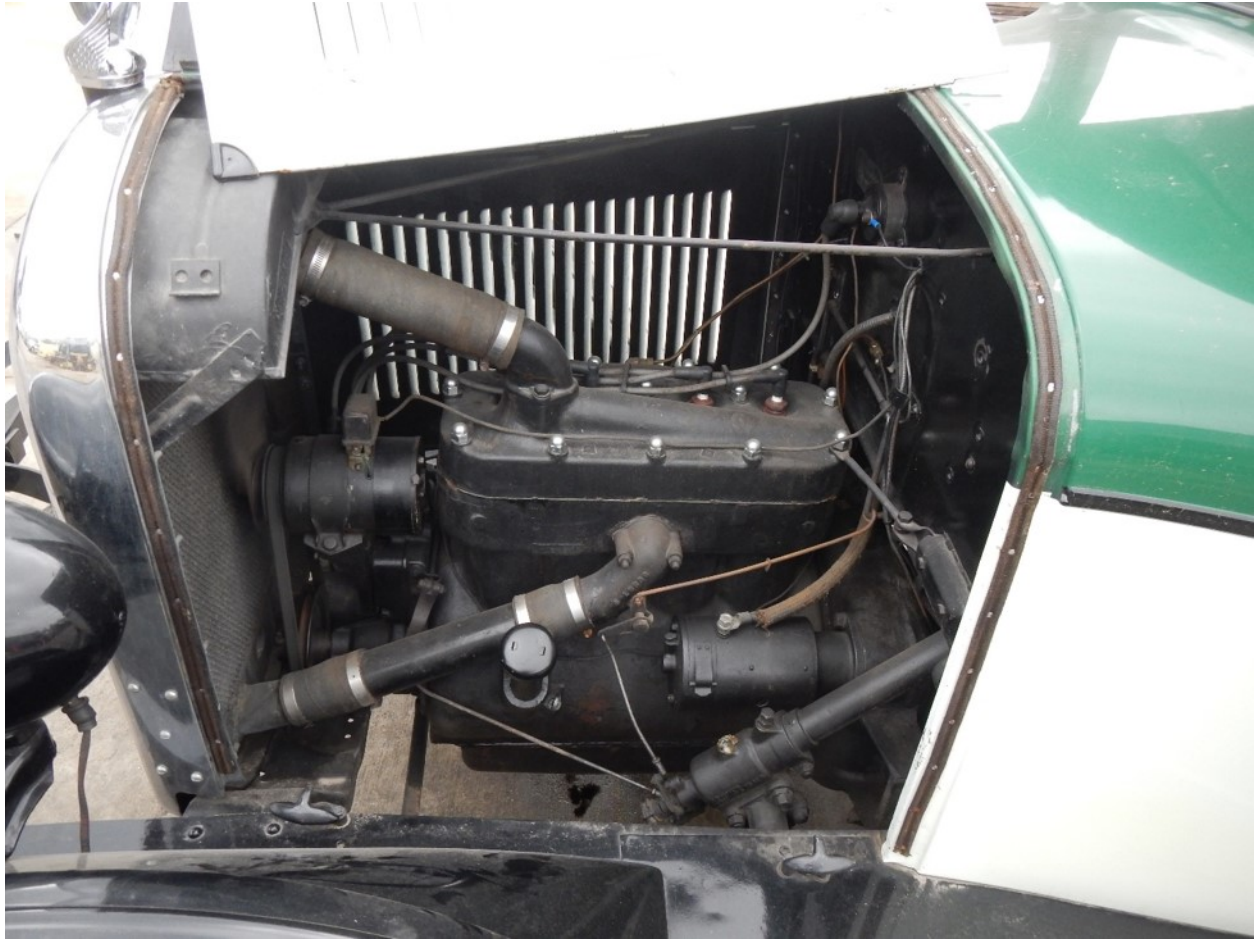
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**1927 Chrysler
Model 50**





1927 Chrysler Model 50 4 cylinder engine

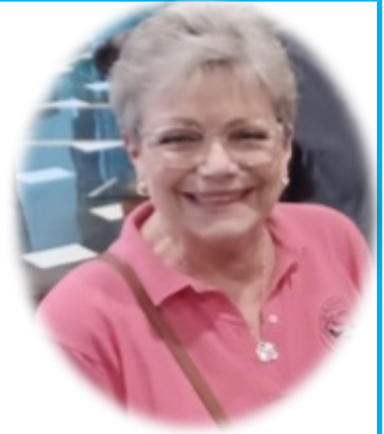
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AACA Texas DFW Region

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Minutes-July 2026 General Meeting



DATE: 7/19/2026

TIME: 2:00 pm

PLACE: Brady and Vickie's Car Barn

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

Call to Order

Brady Richard, President, opened the meeting

Welcome New Members & Guests

George and Sara Lindsay: 69' Fastback Baracuda, 38' Chevy Pick-up,, 35' Plymouth two-door coupe

Kurt Wetterling: 1960 Ford Fairlane 500

Sunshine Report: Debra Lankenau for Nuris Hester

The group was delighted to see Nuris at the meeting, looking lovely as always, and Ira looking well too.

Richard Cross recently had a procedure and is currently hospitalized.

Presidents' Report: –Brady Richard

Brady proposed sponsoring a National Tour next year, with the Mineral Wells and Palo Pinto areas discussed as possible destinations. Once a destination is chosen, the board will select a date that does not conflict with other events, such as the Hershey Tour.

Brady suggested a Pop-Up event at the end of August such as the DFW Toy Museum or the Medal of Honor Museum in Arlington. There was more interest shown in the latter because we have visited the Toy Museum in the recent past.

Minutes-July 26 General Meeting cont'd

1st Vice President's Report — Charlie Gambulos

August 16 Meeting – Norma's Cafe

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

Charlie said the Pate check is expected in September.

Charlie announced that his nomination to the AACA National Board of Directors is now official and requested the region's support. He noted that serving on the board would bring greater attention to the Southern Regions and benefit the club.

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

Debra reminded members to send John R. photos from Fourth of July activities to be entered in the July 27 raffle for an O'Riley's gift card.

Debra is working with New Member Ambassador Jeff Podmers on a new member packet that would include a welcome letter, business card, tri-fold brochure, map, travel guide, stickers, and related materials.

She also stated that the Communications Committee continues to support members, tour directors, emails, and printed materials.

Treasurer's Report: — Vickie Richard

Vickie presented the June/July Treasurer's Report,

Vickie reiterated that the CD matures at the end of July and that the club is seeking better rates. Suggestions are welcome.

She also stated that the second deposit for the Christmas Party has been made, with one more to go.

Secretary's Report: Terry Hrehocik

The minutes as published in the June Spotlight were approved.

John reminded the members that a tour leader is still needed for the one-night, two-day Palo Pinto/Mineral Wells tour in November.

Brady shared the history of several cars in his collection.

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2026 Calendar

**Every 3rd Sunday
at 2 PM**

This is a change

August 16 meeting

Norma's Café

Plano

September 20 mtg

Duffy and Tina's

Plano

October 18 mtg

Ira and Nuris'

Keller

God Bless America!!

Minutes-July 26 General Meeting cont'd

Tour Director's Report: John Richardson

John reported that we are getting a good response with the Mini-Spot.

He also suggested considering a one-day tour in September. Jim Raymond proposed the Studebaker Annual Meet in Waxahachie, and Nuris suggested visiting a car museum in Weatherford.

John reminded the members that a tour leader is still needed for the one-night, two-day Palo Pinto/Mineral Wells tour in November.

Membership: Kim & Tammy Keith

We currently have 103 members.

Bug Tussle Report: Nichole Gambulos

Nichole reported that Bug Tussle remains scheduled for October 10. The theme will be red and black, and mums may be included.

The hotel contract link should be in the July Spotlight.

The city order may be changed because Ladonia may host a car show for the group. Final details will be confirmed soon.

Old Business:

Brady shared the history of several cars in his collection.

New Business:

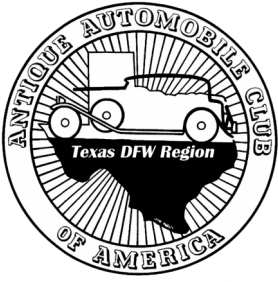
Forty-five members attended the July meeting. Jim Raymond won the \$50 gift card, and the Lankenau's won the \$25 gift card. Ten vintage cars were present, including a 1960 Ford Fairlane 500 driven by new member Kurt Wetterling.

Adjournment:

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

Respectively submitted by

Terry Hrehocik, Secretary



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Spotlight Classifieds

Nothing This Month...