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Next Meeting November 15th

Gambulos Car Barn

RSVP Requested

The President's Report



Greeting from the road again…

All Bug Tussle attendees enjoyed a great tour from Farmersville to Paris. At the end of a fun, long day of driving we were able to relax with old & new friends in the hospitality suite at the hotel. This is the first year I've been involved with the inner workings of Big Tussle. It was great to witness the hospitality of the towns we visited. The town representatives of Farmersville, Bonham, Ladonia, Bug Tussle, Honey Grove, and Paris welcomed tour directors Charlie & Nichole as old friends. Bug Tussle has been an annual tradition for 58 years and they were very enthusiastic to see us.

I'm happy to report the Trouble Truck only had one incident and we repaired it on the side of the road.

Following Bug Tussle Vickie & I traveled to Salina Kansas for the VMCCA Who Knew tour. There were so many surprises in Kansas, Who Knew!

The last tour of the year for us was the Fall Tour hosted by John and Lynda Richardson. They welcomed us all to their house to start the tour. It was a great way to start and we enjoyed the stops along the way to Sulphur Springs. Best ice cream stop ever was at the Cruz's place in Mineola. The Winnsboro fall festival was in full swing when we arrived. After lunch we did two drives through the Piney Woods. As usual, Randall did a great job with entertainment and games Friday evening. What a great tour to end the year with.

I have enjoyed all the activity's our club has sponsored this year. More importantly I have really enjoyed the monthly meetings. Getting to know all of you has been wonderful experience.

I believe our club is posed to have an even better 2027.

See you down the road

Brady

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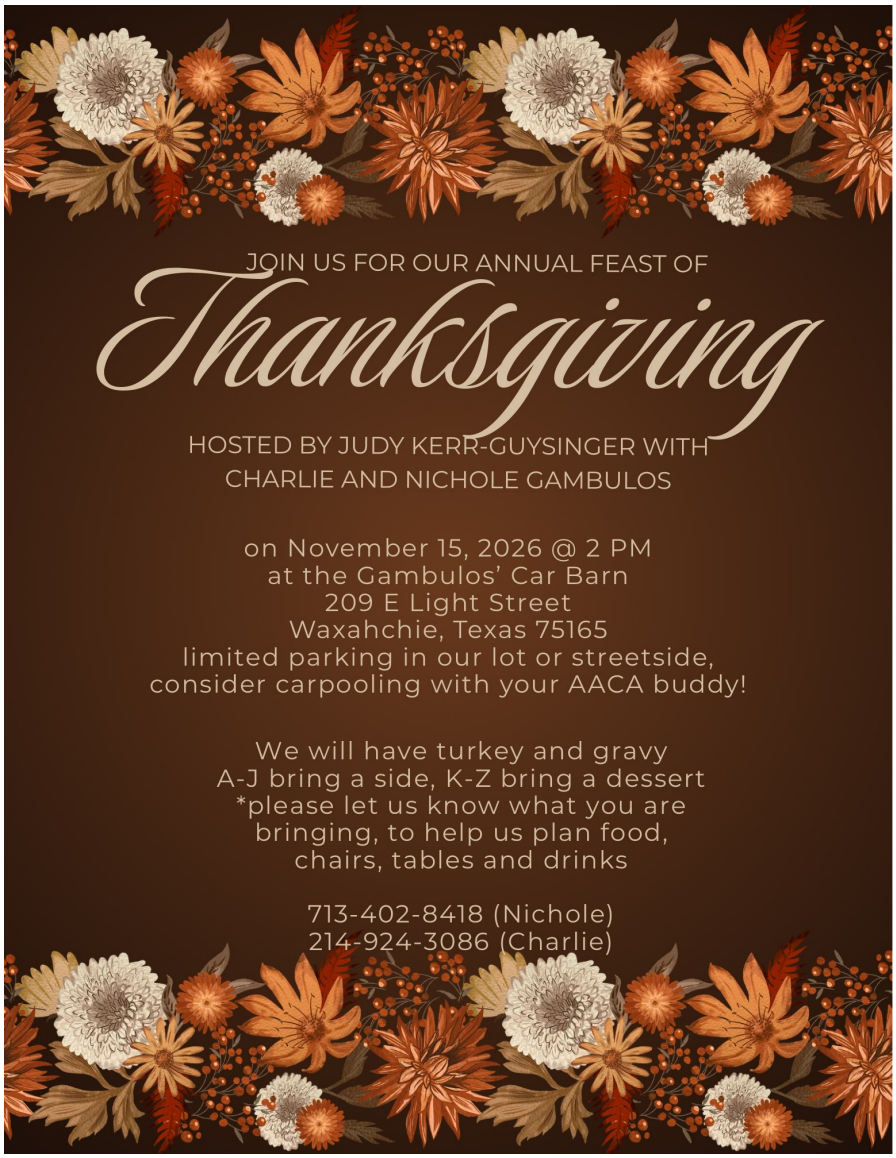
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Bug Tussle Trek 2026: We weren't late for #58!

(By Nichole Gambulos)

From Farmersville to Paris: 58 Years of Classic Cars, Country Roads, and Bug Tussle Lore

Our annual Bug Tussle Trek on October 10, was a bit of a throwback this year as the lead car was the 1953 Dodge M37 driven by our past Wagon Master Charlie Gambulos. It was all gussied up and shiny (if you squinted) and ready to lead the way! Cars followed in a somewhat orderly fashion. Farmersville volunteers were pretty stretched that morning as there were other events going on but we were so thankful they managed to squeeze in a few for us. Remember the years of lining up in the high school parking lot with George Smith and Charlie trying to get cars in line? We were almost at that point when Farmersville almost had to back out! Thankfully, it all pulled together because it sure was a stressful couple of weeks until we could get that updated earlier this spring!



Cheerleaders were heavily recruited with everyone who was asked surprisingly agreed to pick up the cause. No doubt our heavenly cheerleaders, Sandie Gambulos, Mary Ann Denman, Phil Clayton and more were cheering them on as well! Special thank yous to Linda Cruz, Pamela and Cope Crisson, John and Lynda Richardson, Susie Siminoe, Denise Velde, and PODMERS! They carefully unwrapped their 'grass' skirts, grabbed their pom poms and donned their homecoming mums as they worked their way through the cheers at the line up. Special thanks to Tammy and Kim Keith, Vickie Richard, and my mom, Yvonne, for dutifully manning the goody bag pick up and VIP mum disbursement.









Bug Tussle Trek—Cont'd

Who got a mum? Well, a few people who have given meritorious service to the Trek over the years including Keith Weiss who for decades has met our little group in Farmersville to hand out a new, coveted, limited edition lady bug each year. How many do you have in your glove box? I know we have a few! Keith is retiring this year and joined us for just a short part of the Trek. We are so thankful for the memories of colorful bugs! Another pair that received a custom mom was Bobby and Ken Bellew. The Bellew brothers have been a staple for the first half of the Trek for about 50 years, give or take. Aged 84 and 93, they have some stories to tell, but it would take up pages! Cheerleaders also had mums to wear but the best one was for PODMERS. I was ready for all of his complaints heading my way, so I made sure his mum was extra special. Thankfully, it appeared he was in jovial spirits, had an ice cream sandwich, and seemed to be content riding shotgun with Markus Tischler. Phew. Crisis averted!

In Ladonia, we were welcomed with a special parking area and mini car show to be a feature at the 20 mile garage sale that passed through the town that day. Many Trekkers made purchases from the local vendors which I believe was a great way for them and us to start our day! They had goody bags ready and luckily, it's been the same chamber for a few years. It was like a mini reunion to see Debbie and Eddie Frye and Jan Cooper, mayor. Club President Brady Richard was on hand to help us present this year's plaque. What a nice collection of plaques they have from the club now for BT and Texas Tour. We are so thankful for these friendships that have been built up over time.



Speaking of friendships, we headed on over to Bug Tussle where the Mendez family was waiting for us with ice cold RC cola and mini moon pies. How is that for a greeting! You may recall the lore of the Bug Tussle origin story. We celebrated it on the 51st when we brought back those delectable treats. Club members traveled on that hot August day in 1968 from Dallas and stopped at the general store in Bug Tussle where they let the cars cool off and they enjoyed a refreshing ice cold RC and a moon pie. While people snacked, the cheerleaders prepared one more round of cheers for all who gathered near! PODMERS was especially noticeable in his color shirt of questionable taste and John Richardson rocked his wig and coconut accouterments. The ladies gave it their all with pom poms and good spirits!





Bug Tussle Trek—Cont'd

In Bonham where we were greeted at the courthouse by Melissa Maxwell from the Bonham Visitor Center. The center is under refurbishment, so she was set up at the courthouse instead. After years of construction, it's so nice to be able to park the cars around there again! She had lots of snacks, water, Bonham swag and amazing restrooms. Brady and Vickie Richard were on hand for the plaque presentation. Melissa said next year, we should be back at the visitor center for air conditioning and a nice stop! After lunch, we headed to Honey Grove! Honey Grove has been a long time partner of the Trek and we were so glad to head back down there, even if for a brief stop! Chamber member, volunteer fireman and local business owner Brian Owens was ready for us with ice cream sandwiches. People packed his antique shop and walked out with treasurers. I found a Princess Diana thimble to add to my sewing room and local honey. Ask PODMERS what he had Brady haul back for him from Honey Grove when you see him next. After saying our goodbyes, we left for Paris!

Paris was our goal and we finally made it after a full day of Trekking and seeing old friends. Since our group was more intimate this year, we opted to cancel the banquet hall and host it at the hospitality room. I had a whole set of things to change the room over with but there was so many people in hospitality that I decided people wouldn't be happy if I kicked them out to change our decor. Le sigh. I'll save those for next year or the next meeting at the car barn! You'll never know because you never saw them, lol. I joked we needed dominoes or something because the guys were going through cold drinks and all of the queso so quickly! Thank you Tammy for setting that up! Next time, we need to double it but don't tell anyone! Vickie Richard, Susie Siminoe, Yvonne Waggoner and more helped set up the food on the tables. Doug brought his world famous Cowboy Cookies! Hope you were able to grab one! I had some in a sandwich bag to take home.









Bug Tussle Trek—Cont'd

Scholl's barbecue came out and served the food for us. We had plenty to go around. I don't think anyone could have possibly left hungry after dinner. Some of our parking lot crew came in for a bit. They come on BT, but never come to the banquets. Mike Behrend ventured inside for a cold beverage and regaled his tales of BT's from years past with Vickie and myself. He's been coming since 1984 but usually in that black and white Cadillac. I almost didn't recognize him - see photo with his hot red car!

For the awards, we did an ultra special, never been done before, limited edition mug with the BT general store on the front and the bugs tussling on the back. Recipients included Doug (most experienced driver), Dad (farthest driven), Curren Harris and Matthew Herling (youngest driver), John Richardson (hard luck), and Charlie (most completed BTs). Our guest of honor was Becky Semple who was our long time advocate (18 years!) for BT. We are so glad she was able to swing by and visit.

Charlie and I are so thankful to carry on this fun tradition in our club and sincerely appreciate the support of everyone involved with making this a must do event on the calendar! With that being said, we hope you "get in line for #59" and join us on September 18, 2027!



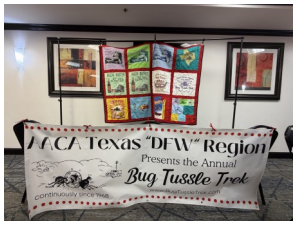


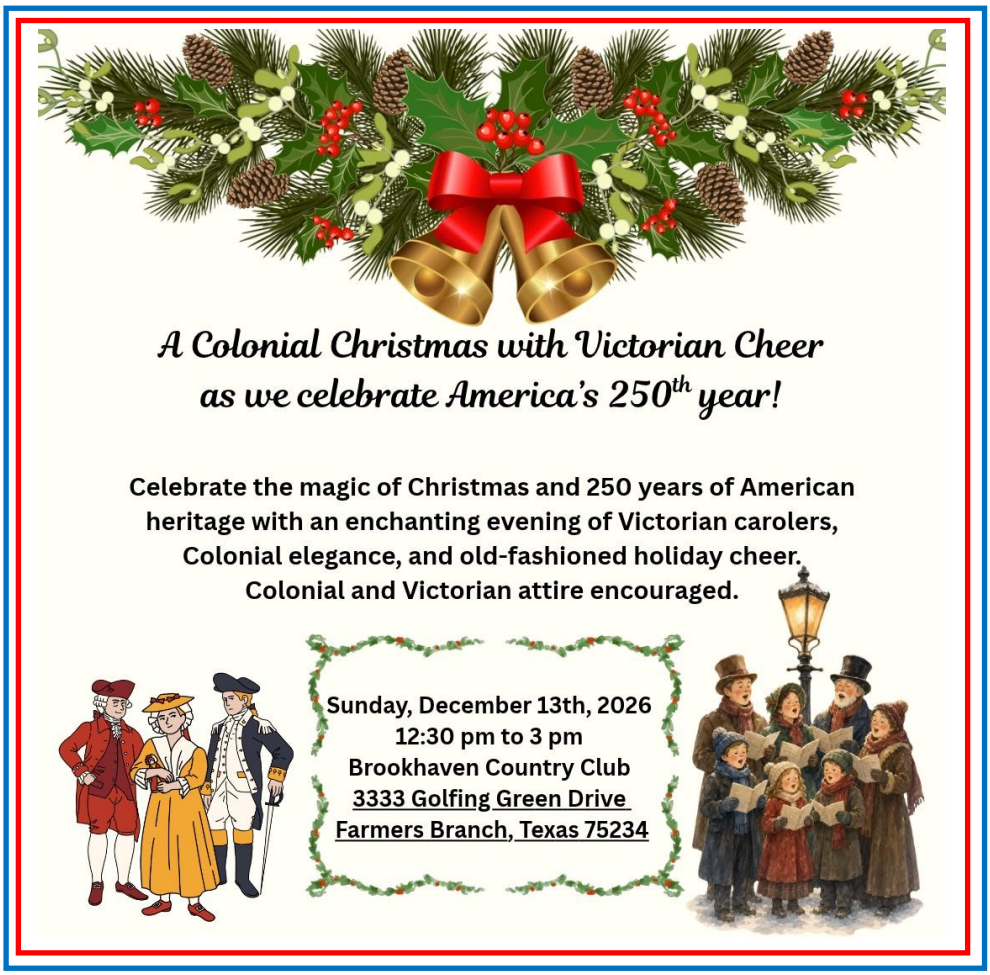












Herb-roasted Chicken Breast

Baby Wedge Salad

Roasted Butternut Squash

Baby Red Potatoes

Turtle Cheesecake

$ 30.0

Hickory Smoked Filet Mignon

Mixed Baby Greens Salad, with Red Wine Vinaigrette

Pure'e Potato

Broccolini

Chocolate Torte

$35.00

Mixed Hors D'Oeuvres

Cash Bar

RSVP Here with your Menu Selection PLEASE !!

Pay online at the website, or

Mail a check made out to "AACA, The Texas Region, Inc", with your selections to

Lynda Richardson, 4111 Pecan Orchard Dr., Parker TX 75002 BEFORE December 1st

Communications Report

By Debra Lankenau

WEBSITE – the site has been tweaked for mobile phone users; the desktop version is being tweaked based on your feedback.

- New CONTACT US form – we are receiving requests for vehicle participation in neighborhood events.

- Our webmaster needs your content! Send your story with a couple of photos to Chris ccstathos@juno.com

- Webmaster is investigating a MEMBER-ONLY website page

PHOTOS – Communications needs your photos. Looking at a central depository for members to upload to: Dropbox, Google Drive Shared Folder, FlickrGroup, or Photobucket. The concept is for members to upload photos to ONE cloud-based program for our Editors, Webmaster, and Social Media admins have access to. If you have a recommendation, please email dlankenau17@gmail.com (Debra Lankenau).

EMAILS – Please, if you are not receiving your SPOTLIGHT or MINI SPOT LIGHT email, please contact our Mail Chimp Queen, Betty Dawson, bedawson@swbell.com

FACEBOOK – YOU CAN POST your photos and story to our Facebook page at **AACA Texas DFW Region**!

POP UP EVENTS – These folks have asked to spread the work in case you want to participate. These are not club-sponsored events.

November 11 - a Veterans Day Car Show on Wednesday, Carrollton, at The Retreat/12 Oaks Senior Living. Lovell Cobbs, rac-activities@12oaks.net



October Meeting

by Jerry Smith

On a very sunny day, our AACA car club met at Adrian Bordlemay's place of business located in Farmer's Branch. He and **Ira** and **Nuris** hosted the meeting. **Mr. Ali Sheikh**, the owner of the business and the fantastic car collection also attended. We had about 30 members and 3 guests. Guests included Mike Berry, George Bergman, and John Denman.

After the business meeting was held, we had a great "potluck" lunch which had so many yummies it made you want to write home to Momma.

Thank you to **Mr. Ali Sheikh** and to **Nuris, Ira and Adrian** for being super hosts!!



The ladies preparing the food presentation.



Classics parked inside the fence.





Next meeting November 15 at the Gambulos' Garage in Waxahachie.

October Meeting Cont'd

Our meeting places are sometimes very unique like here at this car collection. We get to see collections that not many people get to see. Just like at Duffy's and at Brady's, there are so many beautiful cars in our club. We are blessed to have so many members willing to share their collections and facilities with us.

While some of us like to sit and visit, others of us like to walk thru and see up close and dream about driving these fantastic machines with the wind blowing thru our hair (maybe not Carey) and remembering our carefree youth. You too, Jeff!!













October Meeting Cont'd

Finally, Charlie reported that our club made over $10,000 by helping at the Pate Swapmeet. That's just fantastic news. If you don't know how that works, grab a member and get them to explain it to you. it's a great way to fund our club and it started a long, long time ago!! Hope you can make it to Waxahachie later this month. More details later in the Spotlight.



Nuris and Brady presenting their reports.



Cassie and Tammy sharing a laugh at the meeting.



Kim, Chris, Floyd and Brady discussing the state of classic cars!



Steve and Adrian interrupted by the camera.

See Yall in Waxahachie

New Member Spotlight!

by Tammy Keith

Please welcome to our Club...

Michael & Melissa Berry
2878 Selma Ln.
Farmers Branch, TX 75234
mgberry@swbell.net
melberry@yahoo.com

Vehicles
1966 Pontiac GTO
1984 Mercedes 280SL
1984 Mercedes 300 TD



Welcome ! And thanks for joining us !

Who IS this guy ?!?!



Hi, my name is Ethan Reish, I'm 24 and I currently work for Halliburton as an oil rig electrician. My interest with the Crosley actually began when I was about 15 or so. My mom and dad own a Ford Model A Sedan Delivery that has been passed down on my mom's side of the family for 3 generations now. When I'd hear that car start in the garage, you could bet I was the first thing out the door, running to jump in the car. That's really where I caught the old car passion.

Two years ago, I'm scrolling through Facebook Marketplace and see the most whimsical car I had ever laid eyes on. It was green, looked funny and was called a "Crosley". I called up my dad and that weekend we drove down to San Antonio to pick up the strange little vehicle.

Did it run? No.

Did I know what I was doing? No.

Was this financially a good idea? Also no.

And I still regret nothing!

In all honesty. The Crosley has been one of the best things to happen to me.

It brings people together……...



It keeps history alive…….



and it gives me something to be proud of…….



Mark's Mercedes Restoration

When John asked me to write an article about my 1971 280sl restoration regarding authenticity, accuracy and challenges of parts availability, I must say I was a little apprehensive because that defines a very broad spectrum. From Concours d' Elegance to resto mods and everything in between.

My journey began when I was about 5 years old and the Western Service Representative for Mercedes Benz Canada arrived at my father's Mercedes dealership in a midnight blue 280sl with parchment leather interior. My 5 year old brain thought the "Pagoda" to be the most beautiful piece of automotive design ever, and I knew that someday I would own one. Around 1991 I began the search for a W113 (chassis designator for MB 230, 250, and 280sl's). After a chance encounter with Will Samples (a local antique Mercedes specialist) at a Concours d'Elegance charity benefiting the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, I decided that this was a project worthy of consideration.

After finding a suitable candidate vehicle in Arlington, TX the question became what goals was I trying to achieve with my project. A show vehicle that I needed to trailer everywhere for fear of staining the undercarriage? Local club events, resto mods, the list is endless. My goal, originally, was to win Pebble Beach, such was my enthusiasm! As Gottlieb Daimler used to say "Das Beste Oder Nichts". The best or nothing.

Setting the bar really high kept me focused on paying attention to detail, quality and reliability as limited original parts availability and other realities crept in. For example, this car like most European cars produced in the 70s with the introduction of emissions controls were prone to overheating. Subsequently, my ability to drive the vehicle in Texas became severely curtailed unless modifications to the cooling system, and air conditioning were made. Once those modifications were completed, there went the pipe dream of a Concours d' Elegance but that's OK, because you adapt while still keeping your goals of attention to detail, quality and reliability in focus, plus the added bonus of driving the vehicle in club events rather than sitting on a trailer, or by the side of the road in a cloud of steam. These cars are meant to be driven! Post restoration, the cars' maiden voyage was to San Antonio with the Ft Worth Mercedes club visiting the various Missions, followed shortly thereafter with a sojourn to Vicksburg and Natchez, MS along the Natchez Trace Highway with my daughter Mika.

Mark's Mercedes Restoration

Last month I received an invitation from the Mercedes Benz Club President and Park Place General Manager to show the vehicle at the Grand Reopening of Park Place Fort Worth (after their extensive remodeling) The 280sl was featured alongside a 2027 Maybach convertible acknowledging 140 years of proud automotive heritage for friends of the three pointed star.



It has been a pleasure restoring the 280sl appreciating the engineering and attention to detail available in the 1960s-70s. Mind you that has not been without its challenges and like any good relationship I do declare "Scarlet" still to be a work in progress.

Happy antique motoring and we will see you on the next trip!



Sunshine Report *By Nuris Hester*

We had a wonderful assortment of food items at the October meeting! Thank you to all who brought items to make this a true potluck. We sent thank you notes to Adrian and Ali for graciously hosting the fun meeting and getting all those great cars nicely polished and show worthy. We did miss a few members due to mostly to injuries or recovering from surgeries.

Get well cards were sent to Bryan Howell on his hip surgery and Terry Hrehocik on her knee surgery. Get well cards were also sent to Kathy Clayton wishing her speedy recovery on her broken elbow and foot and to Susan Dennison on her neck injury following a bad car accident that Roger told us about at the Fall Tour. We found out at the meeting that Charlie and Nicholes wonderful neighbor Ann Reznicek had to be taken to ER night prior to meeting . Thank you Charlie for taking her and ensuring she got home in better condition.

And lastly the club was just informed of the passing of Gary Pace that happened in June. We sent a belated but heartfelt condolence card to Helen Pace. If you know Helen please feel free to send her a note of comfort and encouragement as she grieves her hubby.

Please let your Sunshine chair know of life events…we take nice ones too…as significant birthdays and anniversaries.

KEEP ON THE SUNNY SIDE.

Happy Motoring, Nuris Hester



The Importance of Mottos

We had the great fortune of seeing an incredible Military Heritage Museum on the Fall Tour and it reminded me of the days we spent in the UK at RAF Alconbury (about 30 mins from Cambridge).

The motto of that base was **Proud Positive and Professional**. When Ira was the commander of the MOBSS at Holloman AFB their motto was **Unique, Flexible and Mobile** (they were mobile and unique, I was the military wife that had to be flexible.)

During WWII there were a few memorable mottos: Seek Strike Destroy (Army 774th Tank Destroyer Battalion), Rangers lead the Way (D Day landings in Normandy) , Go for Broke (442nd Regimental Combat Team, a Japanese American unit). On the Fall Tour I saw some great motivational mottos: Dream Believe Achieve (Caddo Mills), Empower Engage Excel (Mineola) and the most darling of them all next to a large yellow ducky sculpture near Sulphur Springs **Eat Fish Home**.

But the one I like the best belongs to us….. N.H.

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Fall Tour 2026—A Photographic Journey

By John Richardson

On the morning of October 23, we all began at the home of John and Lynda for a brunch and line-up in the front drive.

















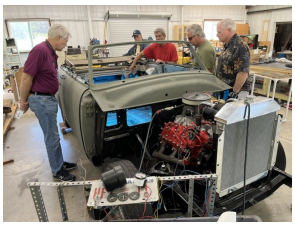




And there was the group that wanted to stroll back to the workshop to see the mess that John calls the Blue Bomb. And listen to the Kip Motor rebuild, courtesy of Chris' homemade Dashboard. (see the Texas license plate?)





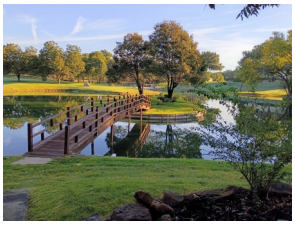




After the driver's briefing, Stella led the way, leaving home sweet home, only stopping every few miles for Ethan to refill oil.









Fall Tour 2026 Cont'd

Our first stop was at Military Heritage Collection of North Texas. And one known to the Gambulos' for many years. They even have a baby picture of Charles 3 on the front of the tank! There are those that relaxed in the atmosphere and other's that wanted to see how things worked. And Ethan was testing an upgrade from the Crosley. A thousand thanks to Mark and Eddie for being excellent hosts and guides.

















It was a great place to visit and highly recommended. Just south of Nevada (Texas).

Next stop was in Mineola to visit Fred and Linda Cruz for an afternoon Ice Cream Social !! Great eats, including lots of cupcakes and decorations. Neighbors were invited and also brought their own classic cars. Many, Many thanks to the Cruzes for being a stop on this Cruise !!!



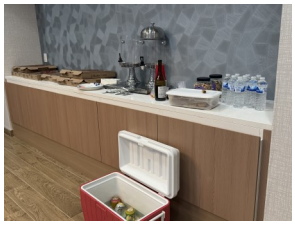








Our last stop of the first day was the hotel in Sulphur Springs, and immediately people wanted PIZZAAAAAA!!! Which came forthwith. We took over a meeting room and started the serious business of eating and drinking. Randall had a couple of games for us and we have NO pictures to prove that it was a LOT of FUN !! Everyone was too busy to take photos.






First thing on Saturday morning, we headed out of the hotel to Winnsboro, originally thinking that we would join the parade into town. Fortunately, more experienced minds suggested that we go on into town and watch the parade—which was by far the best decision. There were hundreds of cars lined up out of town waiting to come in! Even then we had to park blocks away and join the crowd on Main Street. Watched the parade, viewed the cars, ate and watched things like pepper eating contests; then collected ourselves together to tour the local trails. Ethan, ever the opportunist decided just to jump into the parade as it drove into town, catching us all off-guard.













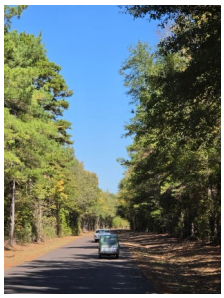


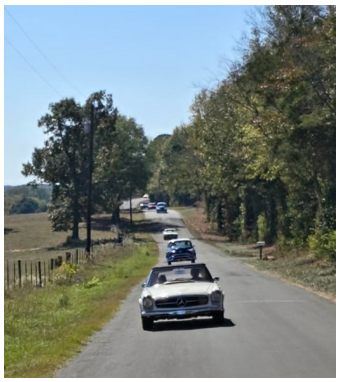



Having had our fill of crowds, led by Stella with Crosley in hot pursuit, we braved the narrow roads of the Piney Woods.



Oh My Gosh, the woods drives were really fun, shaded, narrow, and a hint of fall (some dead pine needles). No traffic, bird noises, and always the hope that nothing big was coming in the other direction.





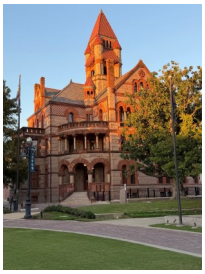
Want to see what it's really like ??? Go to our Facebook page, click HERE and especially HERE ! Thanks to Chris S.

There is a limit to how much 'car time' us older folks can take so...a break stop at Dairy Queen



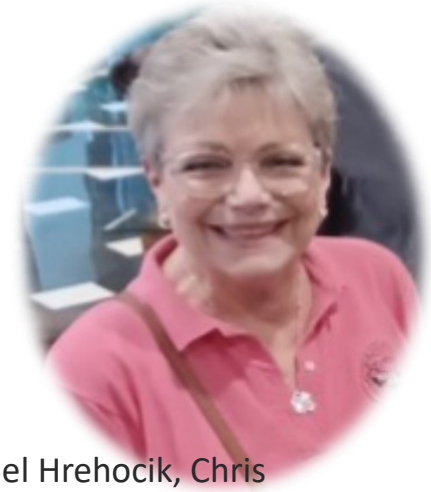


The day culminated in a great dinner in Downtown Sulphur Springs at the Corner Grub House. Good time had by all, and the weather for viewing the beautiful Courthouse under a full moon was perfect. Thanks to all the participants and we hope you enjoyed the show !!


AACA Texas DFW Region

Bigger in Texas, Better in a Classic Car!



DATE: 10/18/2026

TIME: 2:00 pm

PLACE: Ira & Adrian at Adrian's workplace.

Present: Brady Richard, Vickie Richard, John Richardson, Michael Hrehocik, Chris Stathopulo, Charlie Gambulos, Nichole Gambulos, Jeff Podmers, Nuris Hester, Debra Lankenau, Judy Kerr-Guysinger (substituting for Terry Hrehocik)

Call to Order

Brady Richard, President, opened the meeting.

Welcome New Members & Guests

Ali Sheikh, one of the hosts and the owner of the car collection we enjoyed, was introduced. He shared that each car in his collection has a distinct story and history.

Guests Mike Berry, George Bergman, and John Denman were introduced.

The Hesters and Adrian Bordlemay were thanked for hosting the meeting.

Sunshine Report: Nuris Hester

Nuris H. noted that get well cards had been sent to the following people: Bryan Howell, Kathy Clayton, Terry Hrehocik, Susan Dennison, Anne Reznick, and Rebecca Keig.

Presidents' Report: –Brady Richard

John Richardson reported that the "Pop-up" tour to Waxahachie to the Studebaker meet went well.

1st Vice President's Report – Charlie Gambulos

November Meeting – Gambulos' Car Barn, Thanksgiving meeting.

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

Charlie G. reported that the check from Pate for our club was $10,320.30 which came to the equivalent of $101.30 per registered member.

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

Debra L. reported that the Communications Committee is seeking a free or low-cost platform, such as Photo Circle, to store club photos.

She also reported ongoing efforts to make the website's mobile app easier to use.

Treasurer's Report: – Vickie Richard

Vickie presented the September/October Treasurer's report.

Secretary's Report: Terry Hrehocik

The minutes as published in the September Spotlight were approved.

Tour Director's Report: John Richardson

John R. reminded everyone of the upcoming overnight Fall Tour to Winnsboro, Oct. 23 – 25. So far, 16 cars and 24 people are registered, and rooms remain available.

John reported a $5 increase in Christmas party meal Costs to the club: $55 for chicken or $60 for beef. Member prices will go up $5 to $30 and $35. The Victorian carolers from a few years ago will return to entertain. This year's banquet will feature a Victorian theme with patriotic touches honoring the nation's 250th birthday. Terry H. will create the table decorations, and her handmade wreaths will be awarded to the person or people with the best Victorian attire at each table. The party will take place at Brookhaven Country Club on December 13th, 12:30 – 3:00 P.M.

Membership: Kim &Tammy Keith

Kim K. announced that membership has recently reached 109.

Bug Tussle Report: Nichole Gambulos

Nichole said relocating the banquet from its original venue to the hotel was successful. She felt the move boosted attendance at the evening meal and noted that towns along the tour route offered a warm welcome.

Nichole said that tour books are available if club members would like to see them.

Old Business:

Charlie Gambulos II reminded the group that he was running for an AACA National board office. The latest issue of National's magazine, *Antique Automobile,* included a postcard listing the nominees, including him. Voters must select seven nominees for a valid ballot. Replacement ballots must be requested from the National office.

New Business:

John announced the formation of a nomination committee for the December elections, comprising John Richardson, Mike Hrehocik, Randall Pfluger, and John Velde. Members interested in serving on the board should contact the nomination committee. Floor nominations will also be accepted at the Christmas party.

Robbie Markman announced that there will be a Heritage Tour in Tyler, Tx April 4-10, 2027.

A revised AAA Glidden Tour, in partnership with AACA, was also announced for September 19-24, 2027, in Branson, MO.

This meeting was attended by 36 members plus 3 guests. There were 11 antique cars driven. The gift cards were won by Chris Stathopulo ($25) and Floyd Stober ($50).

Adjournment: Debra L. moved to adjourn the meeting; Charlie G. seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by

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2026 CALENDAR

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Nov. 15th

Gambulos Car Barn

December Meeting and Banquet

Dec. 13th

Brookhaven Country Club

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