



# 1947 Nash Ambassador Suburban: A tale of luck, perseverance, help and adventure

By Ron Stein



*Or "A mother's nightmare and a teenager's dream..."*

Thirty years ago while driving the same old route on Highway 59 going to my office, I happened to glance toward my left - and behind a gas station and hotel sat a maroon four-door unusually shaped 1940's classic – classic yes, as it had wooden doors and trunk.

The next day, I stopped and asked in the hotel if that "woodie" is a guest's and they reply no. Next stop, the gas station where I inquire and hear "that guy's car is serviced here." I ask, "is it for sale?" They don't know but do know that it is a 1947 Nash and it runs.

"Do you have a number where I may reach him?" "Yes, it's written on the sheetrock wall by the telephone." I call and hear a 'please call back' recording.

The next day, Dan calls me back. "No this car is not for sale, I love it." I say, "If it ever becomes for sale please give me a call as it will go to a good home" (A line that all car people love to hear).

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Lee Brown's 1937 Mercedes Replicar at Emanu El car show recently.

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Two weeks later, Dan calls. "Ron, just got served divorce papers, got to get rid of that Nash." "Sorry, I say," with a wide grin.

We discuss price and I learn that the car is licensed and registered in Alabama. We reach a fair deal with the car being registered, licensed and inspected here in Texas. Four 4 days later, I am on Highway 59 again going south driving to its new home in my garage!

Hold on! What the hell did I just buy?? I never saw, heard, read about or researched a '47 Nash Woodie. Is it for real? Did I make a big mistake? And me thinking, I know about cars??

Upon buying the car, my original thought and grand idea was to have a wonderful, meaningful experience with my 2 sons by restoring it and planning trips throughout the southern states. We'd pull up in small towns, have talks with people about cars, diners, local car collections and junk yards - and sleep in the comfort of the double bed in the rear.

Well, thirty years later, the Woodie is now recently completed and 99% original - all with the help of mechanic, Larry Bennett.

The rest of the story? This Nash has survived five different locations or temporary homes. Two of them with members of the local AACA Houston Area Chapter: Tom Timmins and Sam Romeo. Another location was a swept out to sea boat building repair shop in Seabrook TX. Luckily, the Nash was transported (in pieces) inland to survive a brutal hurricane.

As for perseverance - to make my car complete I just needed 2 items - double bed mattresses and rear window screens. In a matter of 2 weeks in September of 2014, I was so very lucky and so very excited to obtain these oh so rare and oh so original, never used 69 year-old items.

Now if I can convince Kat, my best mate, to at least begin the 30-year old adventure and dream part with me, we could start the second chapter of the '47 Nash Suburban Woodie - on the road.

### Here are some interesting facts I learned along the way:

This Ambassador model was made for 3 years only - '46,'47,'48.

333 were made each year for a total run of 999.

Every piece of wood on each car was numbered for that car. Mine is #665.

Only 6 examples of this model are presently registered with the National Woodie Club and the Nash Owners Club.

### Some standard equipment:

- In line straight 6 cylinder engine
- 3 on the tree with electric overdrive
- safety starter switch on clutch pedal
- "conditioned air" not air conditioning
- automatic radio with country and city settings
- foot operated electric radio station seeker (fun gadget)
- heater, clock, safety glass, hydraulic brakes,
- 2 windshield wipers

Here is the "nightmare or dream," depending on your perspective:

rear seat folds to a 7' double bed

### Additional accessories:

- Front windshield sun visor
- 2 double mattresses in plastic covers
- spotlight
- fog lights
- 2 rear window screens
- wide white wall tires
- back up lights
- rear windshield wiper

Stay tuned - in all aspects.

Ron Stein, Houston Area AACA, National Woodie Club, Nash Owners Club



## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Barbara J. Wahlberg 2/10 (64!!!)  
 Jim & Cheryl McGee 2/14 (27!)  
 Ron & Donna Sanford 2/16 (53!!!)  
 Average: 48

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Keith Gallagher 2/3  
 Christopher Sokol 2/3  
 Robert Smits 2/6  
 Barney Calvert 2/8  
 Theresa Bartlett 2/10  
 Mary Lou Boggus 2/16  
 Caroline Calistrat 2/16  
 Albert Ramos 2/16  
 Cheryl McGee 2/17  
 Irene Kizer 2/22  
 Dena Doerfler 2/23  
 Rollin Hargrove 2/26  
 Stan Ericksen 2/27



**See you at the Feb. 14th lunch!**



## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Peter & Audi Reinthaler 3/4 (31!!)  
 Wallace & Socorro Wade 3/8

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Karen Sokol 3/6  
 Ashley Griffin 3/9  
 Jennifer Borcharding 3/12  
 Jerria Worthen 3/13  
 Herb Wahlberg 3/15  
 Terry Williams 3/17  
 Robert Bullard 3/20  
 Ollin Willis 3/21  
 Ben Beerbower 3/23  
 Leon Ahlers 3/27  
 Jack Malpass 3/28  
 Verniece Brady 3/30

# From The President

**Javis Boudreaux**

## Greetings and Happy New Year!

As the new President of the Club, let me first say I am absolutely honored to be chosen for this position and look forward to the task ahead. A special thanks is given to our retiring President, Leon Ahlers, his staff that kept things happening in this past term, and especially to the supporting members who chimed in to make all this an enjoyable endeavor. Three cheers for those guys!

The New Year brings some new opportunities for more fun with our old cars. At past meetings there have been several discussions on Club sponsored activities with the general consensus that more events directly involving our antique cars would be an enhancement. After all, it is our interest in antique cars that brings us all together. With that thought in mind, we are looking at mixing things up a bit differently. Presently we have 'car rich' events at distant locations like the Texas Tour, and then, nearby 'car poor' events (meetings) at the Tracy Gee facility. A more accommo dating blend, at least for our monthly meetings, is being considered. What has been proposed is to have our Club meetings concurrent with 'car rich' activities, such as mini-tours, garage tours, restoration shop visits, car gatherings in a park, or even just a get together somewhere to kick tires and tell stories. Several suggestions on what to do have been made by the board, but the success of this will come from the involvement and enthusiasm of the Membership. Your ideas, comments or proposals on how to ramp up the activity level are definitely encouraged. Please see me on that.

Meetings maintain the regiments of an organized Club, but the real core of our Club is having fun with our old cars and sharing that fun with others. Let's do both.

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY  
 TO ALL.**



## Don't forget!

The Antique Expression Publication Changes



After this February - March issue, we will have an AE for April - May. We will be sending a reminder of upcoming club meetings and events in the interim months.

Get your news in early, especially dated information.



## Secretary's Column A.A.C.A. Gulf Coast Region

General Meeting  
11 January, 2016

**Javis Boudreaux** called the first meeting of 2016 to order at 7:45 PM with all the authority of a Cajun calling an alligator to dinner.

### Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Seeking the spiritual before business, Javis asked **John Doerfler** to lead us in prayer. This was Javis's first official act as the GCR *El Presidente* (that's Cajun for "president", I think). He did it so sincerely that he looked just like a saint - but without all the holiness. After the invocation, Javis led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Since the flag was at the back of the room, we all turned around to face it while Javis "led from behind."

**Guests** - There were no guests tonight, but we were glad to welcome two members we've not seen in ages: **John Alkire** and **Nancy Smith**. They're looking good, and we hope to see them more often.

### GCR Reports

**Treasury Report: Ev Timmins** reported that our savings and checking accounts continue to enjoy robust health. That's good, because we'll need their contents when we fully engage our planning for the AACA National Meet we're hosting in October.

**Meeting Minutes:** : There were no meeting minutes to approve because last month's meeting was the Christmas luncheon.

**Sunshine Report:** : **Barbara Wahlberg** was not at tonight's meeting, so **Sandra Johnston** reminded us that several members are still dealing with medical

problems. On a positive note, Don Boggus was here, and he's looking good. Don is my second favorite CPA, and someone from the cheap seats shouted that Don has been working hard on his Boggus tax returns. Sorry about that, Don. It goes with the name, but it's really great to see you!

**Refreshments:** I love the part of the meeting where we get to wipe the crumbs from our mouths and thank the generous members who provided refreshments. Tonight we thanked **Caroline Calistrat** and **Barbara Byrd**. In addition to the "usual" chips and vegetables, we particularly enjoyed the brownies Caroline made and the oatmeal chocolate chip cookies that came from Barbara's oven. Thank you, ladies. It was all delicious! I did my best to shovel a few morsels down the hatch before they all disappeared, but I was a bit late for a third serving of the cookies!

### Where We've Been

Other than the Christmas luncheon, we've not been to any particular events as a Club.

### Where We're Going

**February 14, 2016** - Valentine's Luncheon: **Eileen Bartlett** announced that we're all set to "dine on Valentines" at the Brookwood Café in Brookshire. This is an excellent lunch venue that is sure to please both the glutton and the gourmet. Brookwood also has excellent shopping for gifts and plants.

October 20 to 22, 2016 - National Fall Meet: **Jim Johnston** spoke briefly about some aspects of the National Meet our Club is hosting in Galveston. If you know Jim, you'll understand that "briefly" means he

needs his briefcase to tell us everything! After that, Our Man In National, **Chuck Crane**, spoke about the meet and encouraged everyone to do a good job. He discussed cars that can be judged for Historic Preservation of Original Features (HPOF) status and cars that are eligible for participation as Driver Participation Class (DPC) cars. According to the AACA Judging Guidelines, DPC cars "promote the showing and driving of antique vehicles which are not intended by their owners to be show vehicles and are described as "Drivers." The guidelines also state that "This is a non-competitive or non-judged class and will not be point judged..."

Chuck took a lot of questions about this, and this led him to address the possibility of having a special judging school for us. At the end of this discussion, Chuck awarded **Dean Forbes** a 2015 AACA Judging Handbook.

**Other News** - **Ev Timmins** and **Julia Sharon** have won an AACA Master Editor award again. **Chuck Crane** says a good newsletter is the glue that holds a Club together. Great job, Ev and Julia - and Thank You for all your excellent, hard work!

**Javis Boudreaux** addressed the possibility of moving some of our monthly meetings to different days and times so that it is easier for members to drive an antique car. This would be good for the Club because it will expose the public to our hobby. Javis proposes moving our March meeting to 2:30 PM on the second Saturday of March, which is March 12, 2016. Javis would like this meeting to take place at Carriage Clubhouse. He'd like us to visit different locations throughout the year. For example, in April, we can

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meet at **John Doerfler's** shop. Other suggestions were to meet at the 1940 Air Terminal Museum. **Sandra Johnston** suggested we keep the current location for our second Monday of the month meetings and use the other venues for mini-tours.

Finally, I got an email from **Stan Ericksen** the other day. I won't give you all the details, but if you ever invite Stan and **Ellen** over for dinner, don't let Stan wash the dishes. He nearly flooded his and Ellen's kitchen by putting liquid dishwashing soap - the kind you use to wash dishes by *hand* - in the dishwasher! Perhaps he was listening to a Don Ho recording of *Tiny Bubbles* or was thinking of Lawrence Welk's band playing *Bubbles In The Wine*.

Luck of the Draw

Just to keep things interesting (as if!) until the end, we have two drawings to conclude our regular monthly meetings. The first drawing is for \$10 and is awarded to the member who attends the meeting and stays to the end and who has his or her "red ticket" number drawn. Let's congratulate **Joe Vogt**, who was tonight's winner. Congratulations, Joe!

Our second drawing is for a cumulative prize that grows by \$10 every month until someone wins it, at which point it returns to \$10 again. If **Charlie Worthen** had been here tonight, he would have won the prize - \$110 of Uncle Sam's finest! Sorry, Charlie! The next time we have a meeting, the prize grows to \$120!

By the bye, **Tahl Rozycki** won our own \$100 "driver participation" award at the Christmas Luncheon by driving his Chrysler Imperial to the Club event. He won by default because no one else brought an antique car in the rain that day! Good job, Tahl! The three Club events at which you can win a \$100 prize are Valentines,

the 4th of July, and Christmas. Be sure to bring your old car to the Valentines Luncheon at the Brookwood Cafe and give Tahl a run for his money!

Adjourn - The meeting ended at 8:40 PM, and many of us continued the discussion in the parking lot. **Tahl Rozycki** and I were the last to leave as Tahl still had a few more Tahl Tales to tell.

As it was - Albert L. Ramos

**Forget to renew National Dues?**

You don't want to miss out on all of the AACA fun in store for this year, including 15 great Meets and Tours, 6 awesome issues of *Antique Automobile* magazine and tons of fun celebrating the hobby!

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Renew by phone - call AACA Headquarters (717-534-1910) and any of the staff here would be happy to take your renewal over the phone with credit card payment (office hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time)

No Dues, No AE  
If you have not paid your local dues by the end of February, this might be your final copy of the *Antique Expression*. That would be awful! If your mail label has a red dot on it, you might want to check.

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**REFRESHMENTS**

**MARCH 14**

Theresa Bartlett  
Eileen Bartlett

Thank you to all who provide this.



### Big Hats and Little Whispers

Continuing segments from *The Fashions of Yester-Year* written by the Ladies Auxiliary way back. Thank you, Stan Ericksen, for passing them along. They are quite yellow and well past the copyright age. I hope you enjoy these. Evelyn Timmins, Editor

#### Early Hat Fashions—1908

The most conspicuous feature of the new Spring models is the general decrease in size of all hats. The wide, straight brim or the small close shapes are the best models to choose from. These are mostly trimmed with flowers and feathers.

Indications are that the white sailor hat will be used for simple lingerie waists worn with coat and skirt suits. These are worn quite straight on the head, as all of the approved French models are. And all dainty, fluffy materials for the dress hats, malines, chiffons, delicate filmy laces, soft-woven, open braid filet and Brussels net will be in style.

Every season witnesses some new mode in hat trimmings. This season the preference is for flowers and wings, and quite a vogue for the American Beauty roses, which combine so effectively with almost any color of trimmings.

Some models are literally covered with flowers,. Roses lilacs, and carnations are used together on one hat. The pale lilac, the blush rose, and the deep crimson carnation give a very attractive effect, especially when the flowers are divided here and there by full bows of soft white lace.

Wisteria blossoms, sweet peas, white and purple clover, huge dandelions, corn flowers, and brilliant poppies are most effective used on Tuscan or ivory white straw. A new novel idea in trimming is the transparent chou of moussaline. As many as four shades are used—one over the other, plainly showing the color underneath.

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### Check Out the Art Car Museum!!

GCR cars are part of the recent Art Show opening at the famous Art Car Museum.

Surrounded by local artists, abstract paintings, and sculptures are Ron Stein's 1959 Metropolitan and Lee Brown's 1962 Cadillac.

Come check it out. Admission is free. The Museum is at 140 Heights Blvd. Meet the curator of the museum, Noah. He is an old car guy himself.





## HEADING FOR NATIONALS: the Central Division Fall Meet, that is!

PART 1 In a Series:

By Don Bohne

In preparation for this year's "National Meet" that is being planned by the Gulf Coast Region, I am, in the next few issues, going to try to encourage every member of the "GULF COAST REGION" to register a vehicle for the upcoming National Meet being held in Galveston. The "Official Judging Guidelines" that sets the rules and structure for every National Meet changes every year and there have been many changes since the region's last National Meet in 1969.

Presently there are four major classes that each member should look at and decide which of them would match his or her vehicle prior to 1992.

- 1 HISTORICAL PRESERVATION OF ORIGINAL FEATURES (HPOF).
- 2 DRIVER PARTICIPATION (DPC).
- 3 JUDGED CLASSES.
- 4 SPECIAL INTEREST VEHICLES.

In this first installment we will look into the **Historical Preservation of Original Features** class. The full description for this class is in-depth and can be found in the Judging Guidelines; however, I will hit the high spots. The vehicles in this class represent the evolution of automobile history and depict originality over restoration. A vehicle may be entirely original or it may have original features such as paint, chassis, upholstery, engine compartment, etc., that are essentially as it was delivered from the factory. These vehicles are not point judged, but evaluated. A vehicle being evaluated for the first time, if certified, will receive an HPOF board, chip and grill badge. The grill badge will show the date of the meet and the vehicle number assigned by AACA and must be prominently displayed at any future National meet. Once the vehicle has achieved this level, when displayed at the next National meet, it will be reevaluated and possibly win an Original Tab which is the highest level to be earned as an HPOF vehicle.

Winning the Original Tab means that the vehicle represents true originality of the major components, i.e., engine, chassis, interior and exterior. We must remember that replacing certain expendable parts like fan belts, tires, wires, etc., can be done because, as we know, every vehicle must be driven onto the show field. Those parts replaced should be of the original manufacturer of the vehicle and not from the local parts supplier. If the car fails to achieve the Original Tab, it will thereafter at all National meets receive an HPOF Preservation or Repeat Preservation award as AACA followers would still like to see that vehicle, because they may have a like vehicle that someday they would like to authentically restore.



We will have more news of their trip in the next issue of the Antique Expression.

The Cranes vacationed in Detroit in January and visited the Piquette plant.

This could only happen in Texas. Check out the new space display which just opened at the Space Center.





**40 Years Ago.....**

*From the rear view mirror by Ferrell Moore*

Keep your eyes on the road with an occasional look in the Rear View Mirror!

**From the January, 1976 Antique Expression**

1976 officers were Stan Ericksen, president; Dick Brownlee, vice president; Robert Bardwell, secretary-treasurer; and a board of directors consisting of Homer Bartlett, J. C. Ledger, Priestly Simmons and Marvin Seber. Ellen and Stan were AE editors. Annual dues were \$6.50 and it cost 13 cents to mail the newsletter.

It was reported that the Christmas party was held in the Hyatt Regency Crystal Room. A New Year's party, attended by 80 members and guests was held at Gulfgate Mall. Dorothy Browlee and her committee decorated nicely with balloons galore. Teo female "Senior Citizens" put the rest of us to shame with their gyrationsw on the dance floor. After it was over , officers, new and old, wielded mops and brooms and put the place in order again.

**From the February, 1976 Antique Expression**

Willie Kruger, Joe Cummings and Barney Calvert were scheduled to be a panel of experts at the February business meeting, promising to "answer your questions on restorations and care of your antique automobile. You asked for this at the last meeting, and we have spared NO expense to bring the best available to you."

"Barney and Louise Calvert's recent open house featured antique clothes and car parts and magazines, drawing quiaate a large crowd... and many sales were made. Rankin Hoke looked pleased with his newly purchased generator for his Maxwell, as well as two Model A horns. Lorean hoke found a long dress with blue flowers, her favority color. The Rex bos have middy shirts now, and daughter a long white dress. Joanne Ericksen, 11-year-old daughter of Stan and Ellen, bought a white lacy dress, vintage 1915, with tiney pearl buttons by the dozen. New membes were fascinated with the racks of clothes and the magazines, with datesof 1913, 1915, and 1917 and an original price on the cover of 10 cents!

Participating in Pate were Ted and Evelyn Hiesser, Robert Wheelless and Donna Romeo.



***The Antique Automobile Club of America***

Is a non-profit Organization dedicated to the preservation, restoration and maintenance of automobiles and automotive history. It is the country's oldest and largest automotive historical society.

**Meetings at Tracy Gee Center  
3599 West Center Dr.,  
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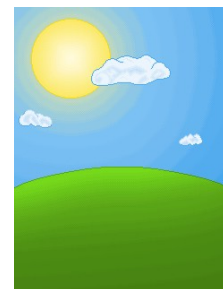
**Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.  
2nd Monday of each month,  
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and December, when  
special activities are scheduled.**

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**It's easier to go down a hill than up it, but the view is much better at the top.**





# Down the Road

## FROM THE SPEEDSTER

Underlined items are club (GCR AACA) sponsored activities.

- Feb. 14 Valentine's Lunch at the Café at Brookwood. Prior RSVP required. Contact: Eileen Bartlett.
- Feb. 29 Last day for any information for March Mini-AE!
- Mar. 14 GCR AACA meeting in the Tracy Gee Center. 7:30 P.M. unless otherwise notified.
- Mar. 17-18 Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet, Chickasha, OK
- May 19-21 63<sup>rd</sup> Texas Tour, Abilene, TX Hosted by Golden Crescent Region AACA.
- March 28 Deadline for Antique Expression articles for April-May issue.
- Apr 28-May 1 PATE Swap Meet. See Sam or Robert to volunteer.
- Oct. 20-22 **Central Division National Fall Meet: Galveston**

### Public Car Outings.....

**Friday evenings** Pearland Antique & Classic Auto Show Cruise Night at Lowe's parking lot at FM 518 & Pearland Parkway, beginning at 6 PM

**Saturday evenings** cruise in at Chick-Fil-A in Home Depot's parking lot, 5 PM, Hwy 146 and FM 2094 in Kemah

**Third Sat. of the month, Houston Ride 'N Shine** sponsors free car meet from 8-10 AM. at La Centerra Mall in Katy. Facebook.com/houstonridenshine

**Last Sat. morning of the month:** Coffee, Cars, and Books from 8 - 10 AM in Barnes & Noble parking lot on Bay Area Blvd.

By Stacy Zimmerman, Editor

We are now one month into the New Year... How many of you are sticking to your resolutions? How many of you didn't even bother making resolutions?

In late December, I read an article that made me look at resolutions in a different way. The article discussed New Year's resolutions vs. bucket lists. Resolutions seem so stark sometimes. They are these general statements that we declare to our friends and family that we are going to eat healthier, walk more, keep in touch, etc. Many times resolutions are framed negatively - I won't do this or that anymore - and then the feelings of deprivation kick in.

Making a bucket list for 2016 seems so much more exciting to me - like an adventure, right? Creating a short list of things that I want to see, do, learn, achieve and discover throughout the year somehow seems more doable and enjoyable to me. Your bucket list could be filled with places you want to go, things you want to do or dreams you've held onto for years. (And I'm sure at least one of them will have to do with an antique car!)

So after your finish reading *Speedster*, of course, take a few minutes to make a list of 3-5 things you want to do this year that will make your soul truly happy. You just created your 2016 bucket list. Now, go do one of them!



HAPPY  
VALENTINE'S  
DAY!



## MIXED EMOTIONS

**Watching your mother-in-law driving your three-year restoration over a cliff.**

## Part 2 in a Series: National Meet Judging - Four Major Classes

By Don Bohne

In this second installment we will look into the **Driver Participation class**. The full description for this class is in-depth and can be found in the Judging Guidelines; however, I will hit the high spots. This class is for the great 25 year-old or older vehicles that our members enjoy driving, whether on tour, a cruise-in, or just having fun.

This class allows for some non-authentic upgrades, but in general, the vehicle looks essentially as it did when it was delivered from the factory. Acceptable items are seat belts, seat coverings, turn signals, stop lights, sealed beam headlights, radial tires, braking upgrades, steering upgrades and air conditioning to name a few. Obviously alterations such as high performance engines, body and chassis changes, modified exhaust are *not* acceptable as this is not a class for Hot-Rods or Modified Vehicles.

A DPC vehicle being evaluated for the first time, if certified, will receive a DPC board, chip and a grill badge bearing the vehicle's AACA number and the date won. The grill badge must be prominently displayed on the vehicle at any future AACA National meets. When the vehicle is displayed at its second National meet, if the grill badge is displayed, it will receive a Repeat DPC certification.

### **SOMEBODY Needs this Beauty!**

John and Linda Heaton from Crosby, Texas, are offering the following:

#### **1955 Chevy Bel Aire 2-door hardtop**

Off frame cleaned, painted, new bolts, bushings, brakes, grommets, hoses, etc.

Drive train:

Engine: 265/162 HP, V8 Chevy dual exhaust (the car came originally with a six-cylinder engine)

Transmission: Three-speed, on the column

Rear axle: Original

Wheels: 15" American Racing chrome spoke

Exterior: Chromed bumpers, new moldings (except around windows), original glass

Interior: All new original-design pleather, headliner, seats, doors, carpets

Extras: Fender skirts, four original wheel covers, all the old mouldings

Contact John at [254-848-4207](tel:254-848-4207)

### Lincoln and Continental Owner's Club

April 15-17, 2016

The 28th Annual All Texas Salado Meet will be held at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel.

Activities include, early bird tour, Friday night BBQ, seminars, people's choice competition, Saturday night banquet & awards program.

Contact meet registrar, Gary Birk, [gbirk10@yahoo.com](mailto:gbirk10@yahoo.com) or call 713-419-0212

### HELP WANTED

**For Pate Swap Meet:** Contact Sam Romeo now!

**For Central National Fall Meet** in Oct. contact Robert Wheelless or Jim Johnston.

### NEW from the writer of TAXI TALES

I received a free bottle of dishWASHING soap from HEB Grocery.... I used it in our dishWASHER last evening. Ellen discovered a FOAMY - WET floor in front of the washer not too long after I started the machine. Use dishWASHER detergent, NOT dishWASHING soap in your dishWASHER, unless you want a clean floor in your kitchen....

Stan Ericksen

## Emanu El 3rd annual Car Show

By Lenny Holzband

The Brotherhood of Congregation Emanu El hosted its 3rd annual Classic Car Show and Food Truck event on Sunday, October 11th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event was held on the large circular drive and front lawn of Emanu El.

Since its inception in 2013, the event has grown annually; with this year's tally, it included seven very diverse food trucks and over 50 cars and two older motorcycles.

Some of our AACA members who participated were Albert Ramos with his 1937 Cord Coupe Supercharged; Ron Stein with his beautiful Metropolitan; the Baccaros with two cars: a 1955 Packard Clipper and a super clean 2008 Shelby GT500. Ferrel Moore brought out his original 1955 Olds Super 88; Leon Ahlers had his 1998 Jaguar XK8 and Lee Brown pulled in, in his red 1933 Mercedes recreation, and I had my 1941 Packard Touring Sedan.

I want to thank everyone in the club for their participation and support.

We also had a very eclectic mix of cars from all

over the community, including the following: 1949 Hudson Commodore convertible, a gorgeous 1954 Buick Skylark, 1960 Ford Sunliner, 2000 Acura NSX, 1958 Corvette convertible, 1966 Corvair convertible, 1956 Ford T-Bird, 1939 Packard Super 8 convertible, 1931 Ford Roadster, 1927 Ford Sedan Delivery, 1935 Packard four-door Club sedan, 1970 AMC AMX, Ferrari 355, 2005 Ford GT, 1957 Chevrolet, 1974 Buick Grand Sport, 1962 TR3B, 1958 Ford Skyliner, several newer Corvettes and an incredible 1912 Ford Model T Speedster. I know I missed some cars, and I apologize, but this was a great event.

Everyone I spoke with had a great time. Those who participated by bringing a car got a free t-shirt, and hopefully made some new friends.

This show is going to happen again this year on Sunday, October 30th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. As in the past, there will be no judging, no fee to show your car, and no admission fee to those who would like to attend. This year we are going to ask that anyone who brings a car or attends the show, bring with them some non-perishable food that will go to the Houston Food Bank to help stock many local food pantries for the upcoming holidays.

If you need more information, please email me at [lenny.adventures@gmail.com](mailto:lenny.adventures@gmail.com).

## The Pate Swap Meet is fast approaching.

As most of you know – this is our only real money maker, so I can't stress its importance to our club! We also like to look at it as a fun experience. Our club's assigned job there is to "man" three gates from 7 to 10 AM and from 5 to 7 PM Thursday through Saturday (although we know women can do a great job too!). The rest of the time we get to play (read, shop, visit with friends, crochet, look at lots of neat stuff, and eat). Our club rents a large tent which gives more room to socialize and kick back.

Also I'd like to remind you that all of our members are welcome to bring any parts they want to sell and display them at our club space.

Again this year Barney and Louise Calvert will have their motor home on the club space to watch over our space and make coffee in the mornings.

The festivities begin on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. We'd love to see you there! If you would like to **volunteer**, please let Robert Wheelless (281-380-4969) or Sam (713-562-1885) know as soon as you decide. Let them know your preferred time to work. Or, just come to keep company with friends!



CHRISTMAS CHEER



Enjoying good food and conversation!

Some Emanu El Winners



The Moores with their 1955 Oldsmobile.

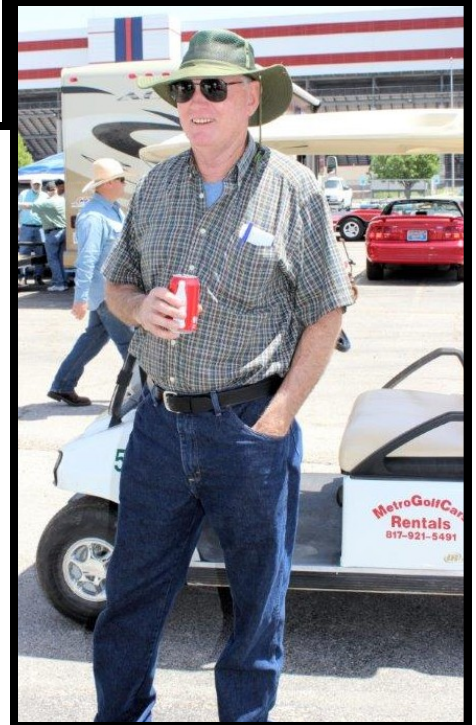


Spreading the cheer!



Jack Malpass having fun at Pate. Doesn't look mean enough to man the security gate!

Lenny Holzband with his 1941 Packard



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Not just anyone can be our Christmas elf; hope Don Boggus got a new hat for Christmas.



More Santa's Helpers, but the Toys for Tots variety; the tot is Bryce Bloom-Timmins