



Gulf Coast Region, Houston, Texas

The Antique Expression



I always find it interesting to learn the driving force behind people's interests in "old cars." For many it is fueled by a family connection to a particular car. The car Grandpa used take them for a ride in or the car Dad would load the whole family in and head out on a Sunday drive. For some it is an attraction to cars from their teen years that they yearned for but just couldn't obtain. That one car that if they could just own it, their whole life would magically be better. For others it is the "romantic" allure of an exotic perfume blended from unburned gasoline and motor oil.

I'm a helpless slave to all three conditions. In medical terms that probably means I'm infected with multiple strains of the same

virus. Coming of age and learning to drive in the 60's I think I will always have a connection to the muscle cars of that era and of the cars from the late 50's that were the drivers of the day. Working at a gas station during high school I had the chance to see and be close to all the cars of the day. Yep, that was the era of filling the car with gasoline, vacuuming the interior, cleaning the windshield, checking the air in the tires, checking the oil and water in the radiator and to do it all with a smile in the time it took to "fill 'er up" with 15 gallons of 29¢ gasoline. Unless we were having a "gas war" and then it would be 19¢ gasoline. Yep, we've come a long way from the old gas or filling stations to the new convenient stores. Not sure we're better off, just that we've come a long way. (By the way, two states have laws that still require cars to be fueled by an attendant: New Jersey and Oregon.)

Now that I'm at the other end of my life from the beginning, I've come to accept that I will not realize all my dreams and it looks like

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muscle cars ownership will be one of the casualties. As much as I miss them, I've just never taken the plunge and purchased one. I've always envisioned myself in a '64 GTO with a 389 Tri-Pack, or a '66 Chevelle SS with a 396 big block. Maybe a '67 Plymouth Satellite with a 426 Hemi or even a Plymouth Roadrunner with a 440 magnum. But alas, it doesn't look like ownership of any of these cars will happen. I've moved acquiring one of the cars from my to-do list to my bucket list. It's unlikely I'll ever own one, but you never know.

My surrogate for the 60's muscle car is a 2003 Corvette C6 6 speed convertible. It is not a collector car yet, but it is well on its way to that status. Why a 2003 you ask? Well, in 2003 Elaine and I were freshly minted empty nesters with both kids finally out of college and we were through with that obligation. The 2003 year model was introduced in the fall of 2002 as the 50th Anniversary Model. And, it just so happened that I turned 50 in 2002.

Added to the fact that I'd wanted a "Vette" since before puberty and there you go. Ordered from a dealer in Charlotte, NC, where we lived at the time, I checked all the right boxes including Museum Delivery and on Halloween weekend 2003 we rented a car and drove to the assembly plant in Bowling Green, KY to take ownership.

If you ever want to buy a new Corvette, I strongly suggest the Museum Delivery option. The Chevrolet folks make you feel like a VIP while you're there. With your time split between the museum and the assembly plant, you spend the day wrapped in attention.

She'll be 16 years old this year with only 18,000 miles on the odometer. I affectionately call her my "need for speed" car. After taking a three day Corvette racing/driving class I feel more than qualified to drive beyond my capabilities. I've had her up to 130-135 mph, mostly on race tracks and I never fail to be exhilarated when I do. After a particularly spirited run around a cross country race track, Elaine decided her need for speed will be limited to straight lines. So I can occasionally have fun on an interstate but no more getting goosey on curvaceous back roads.

affinity and love of cars from the 1920's and 1930's. I have four Model A Fords in various stages of perfection ranging from a barn find 1929 Phaeton to a pretty darn nice 1930 Deluxe Roadster that has become our parade car. Throw in a 1929 Tudor and a 1931 Fodor and I suddenly have more Model A's that one man needs. Though I shouldn't admit that in case Elaine reads this article and decides, "OK, let's get rid of something." I don't know which one it would be since they all have a purpose. And I should add, they all have a name. Within the Model A community all Model A's are given a female name out of a nostalgic love of our "Ladies".

I've already stated the 1930 Deluxe Roadster, Anabelle, is the parade car. With only 3,750 miles since restoration, it is definitely a head turner and a most times a crowd favorite. With a rumble seat and a trunk out back on a luggage rack, she always draws a lot of attention. The 1929 Phaeton, Minnie Belle is being mechanically and electrically restored but the body is being left as-is. She'll end up being a cross between a Beverly Hillbillies looking car and perfectly dependable driver. I should finish her this year and be able to get her on the road.

The 1931 Deluxe Fodor, Eleanor, is our touring car. Last year alone we drove her in these states: Texas, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, Colorado, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Tennessee. Additionally, we drove her from Montana into Canada and toured parts of British Columbia and Alberta. We drove from sea level to the top of Pike's Peak. We crossed the eastern continental divide in North Carolina and the western continental divide in Wyoming and Montana. In total we toured about 9,500 miles with her in 2017, with zero problems. Change the oil every 1,000 miles, torque the lug nuts on a routine basis, make sure she's full of water and gasoline and that's all she needs. Quite a testimony to 85 year old technology.

The 1929 Tudor, Le Le Re, is an excellently restored car that is in near new condition. Dark brown with front seat mounts modified to give a little extra leg room, she is comfortable and spacious. A smooth driver that my father-in-law drives on a regular basis. . Both my father-in-law and mother-in-law were born in 1929 and are outgoing people.

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★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

February

Keith Gallagher	2/3
Christopher Sokol	2/3
Robert Smits	2/6
Robert McLellan	2/7
Barney Calvert	2/8
Theresa Bartlett	2/10
Steve Wanderman	2/12
Mary Lou Boggus	2/16
Caroline Calistrat	2/16
Albert Ramos	2/16
Cheryl McGee	2/17
Sergio Fernandez	2/17
Irene Kizer	2/22
Dena Doerfler	2/23
Rollin Hargrove	2/26
Stan Ericksen	2/27

March

Karen Sokol	3/6
Ashley Griffin	3/9
Carol Kidd	3/13
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

Happy Anniversary!

ANNIVERSARIES February-March

Bill & Barbara J. Wahlberg	2/10 (67!!!!)
Jim & Cheryl McGee	2/14 (30!!!!)
Ron & Donna Sanford	2/16 (56!!!!)
Peter & Audi Reinthaler	3/4 (34!!!!)
Duane & Jenny Medley	3/10

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You can be sure that whenever we stop they garner lots of curious onlookers. An 88-year old driver and co-pilot driving an 88 year-old car is a real attention getter.

So there you are. Five cars ranging from 1929 to 2003 that can provide all the daring to drive and excitement that anyone deserves. I often say I have cars that can scare the heck out of you at 40 miles per hour or 140 miles per hour. It just depends on your pleasure.

I recently walked through the breezeway adjacent to our garage and Elaine said: "My gosh, smell that!" I asked her what she meant. Her reply was the whole garage had that "old car and gasoline smell" to which I replied with a big smile: "Yea.

Ain't it Great!"

Christmas at Monument Inn

Once again, our club enjoyed a delightful meal for celebrating the Christmas holidays at Monument Inn. It is always fun to see members who can't make all the meetings, get together in holiday attire. Of course, we had some who drove their antique vehicles. (See pictures on back page.)

Also, we again had members of the Marine Toys for Tots there to pick up 2 tables full of loot for the little ones. It makes it sort of special to have that part of our lunch.

It was also the occasion of turning over the leadership of the club to our new officers and board. It's an all volunteer group; thank them when you get a chance.

We hope you can all come to Brookwood Community in February for our Valentine Lunch.

Evelyn Timmins, Editor



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

General Meeting 8 January, 2018

President **Jim Johnston** called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance - **Diana Forbes** led us in giving thanks. We followed this with the Pledge of Allegiance led by **Ferrell Moore**.

Prior Minutes - **Dean Forbes** made a motion to approve our popular and *oh-so-fun* minutes from the October and November 2017 meetings. Good call, Dean! **Ron Stein** seconded the motion, and all the members in attendance shook the walls with a rousing "AYE!" to signal their agreement.

Sunshine Report - At first, everyone said there was nothing to report. Then **Ferrell Moore** said he spoke with **Bill and Barbara Wahlberg** and reported they were doing "pretty good". **Jim Johnston** then volunteered that he and Sandra were "down with severe colds" around Christmas like half the people you know, including **Robert Bullard**. **Ev Timmins** said that the **Calistrats** were doing well - **Caroline** is progressing well after her cancer surgery, and **Mike** is getting along despite having recently hurt his back.

Refreshments - Thank you **Barbara Byrd** and **Donna Romeo** for tonight's refreshments. They were lovely (the refreshments as much as the ladies). For the savory side of the palate, there was a delicious cheese spread paired with Triscuits. *[By the bye, did you know that Triscuits were patented in 1901 and first produced commercially in 1903? The original packaging proudly claimed that Triscuits were*

"Baked by Electricity!"]
The ladies also brought a plate of white cheddar cheese and summer sausage slices with table water crackers.

The sweet side of the table included healthy fruits like cantaloupes, watermelon, strawberries, grapes, and pineapples, but it also included sugar-free snacks. Actually, they were only sugar-free if you chewed them long enough to extract the sugar. I particularly enjoyed the Cowboy cookies that Barbara made. Their official name is *Laura Bush's Texas Governor's Mansion Cowboy Cookies*. *[In the year 2000, Mrs. Bush's Cowboy Cookies beat Tipper Gore's Gingersnaps by a landslide in a Family Circle Magazine cookie contest of presidential candidates' wives.]* The chocolate-covered almond clusters were also a big insulin-inducing winner in my books together with the chocolate brownies with walnuts and the sugar cookies, one of the most under-appreciated cookies in these United States - but not by me!

Old Business - At the November 2017 General Meeting, **Norma Moore** made a motion to "comp" membership fees to the Board of Directors and Officers. The then-attending members were split 10 to 8 in favor of the motion. Because of this split, **Bill Cockrell** made a motion at that same meeting to rescind and table Norma's motion. At tonight's meeting, **Jim Johnston** announced that the Board does not want its membership fees "comped", so the matter is closed.

We also followed up **Joe Vogt's** November comment that we need to update our web page. **Thomas Kidd**

will do website with transitioning help from **Ev Timmins**.

Jim Johnston addressed the plan we discussed in late 2017 about making an Associate Member level for our club with Alabama's **Deep South Region** and the **Louisiana Region**. Jim recommended we charge a fee of \$1 per Associate Member to cover the cost of postage for our newsletter. **Bill Cockrell** made a motion to set the Associate Membership fee at \$1, and **Lenny Holzband** seconded it. The general membership in attendance then agreed unanimously to accept this. [Subsequent to the January general meeting, the Board rescinded this motion and voted to make complementary the fees to those Region members who wish to have an Associate Membership with us.]

Finally, The Board recommended accepting **Robert McLellan's** gift of his automotive literature collection to our Club. **Norma Moore** made a motion to accept the gift, and **Sandra Johnson** seconded it. Sandra also said she'd help sell the literature by placing the items on eBay. Robert then addressed the Club about the literature, which he and **Bea** intend as a way to help finance the Gulf Coast Region in the coming years. We are so grateful to Robert and Bea for their generosity and for thinking about the GCR's future.

New Business - The Budget Committee (**Jim Johnston**, **Ev Timmins**, **Robert Bullard**, and **Lenny Holzband**) will meet before end of January to set the 2018 budget. There is also a Committee to inspect our financial records. **Ev** is also on this committee with **Robert McLellan**. Jim will help as needed.

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Where We've Been - Since our last meeting, we had a lovely Christmas Luncheon. While there were many old-timers in attendance, there were not so many old cars there with them.

Where We're Going - The **Valentines Luncheon** is coming up on **Saturday, February 10**. At the time of the meeting, we were considering the Cadillac Bar & Grill, but there were concerns about the cost. The final decision was made after the meeting to have our Luncheon at **The Café at Brookwood Community** in Brookshire. We've had an event there before and have enjoyed it. This luncheon should be fun, so I hope you'll attend.

Jim Johnston reminded us to support the **Deep South Region AACA** as they host the **2018 Winter National Meet** in Mobile, Alabama from March 22 - 24.

Other News to Amuse - It was great to see **Mary Lou Boggus** with us tonight. She spent the Christmas holiday visiting family in Texas and Mississippi. **Tahl Rozycki** and I enjoyed visiting with her more after the meeting.

Joe Vogt spoke about reinvigorating our meetings with automotive-related presentations like we used to do. He distributed a list of possible topics and would welcome your ideas as well. That's a great idea, Joe. We thank you for that.

While we're on that topic, **Robert and Elaine Bullard** will be making a Power-Point presentation at an upcoming general meeting about driving their Ford Model A up and down Pikes Peak recently. I know they will have a lot of interesting stories and pictures to present.

Ron Stein spoke about need to get younger people into the old car hobby and into car clubs. He said that Hagerty Insurance has been spearheading this effort nationally. Ron's Triumph Club is

trying to involve the Conroe High School Vocational Technology department with their club to get the young ones interested in and involved with the old cars.

Ferrell Moore reminded us that our GCR will be 60 years young in 2019. For the 50th anniversary in 2009, the Club held a party.

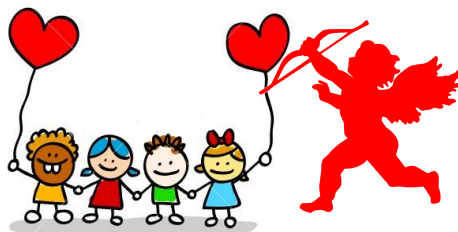
Lee Brown, Wayne Bartlett, and I spent the day on a wild goose chase to look at a 1936 Cord Cabriolet. We got close to it - we think - but we never got to see the blasted thing. It wasn't a total loss, however, as Wayne bought lunch. Thank you, Wayne! After dropping off Wayne on the way back to Houston, I chided Lee for not attending the meetings. He said he would do so when we start doing more antique car-related things. We're working on it, Lee. Contact **Joe Vogt** and see what you can come up with.

Luck of the Draw - **Bea McLellan** won the \$10 "being there" prize. Congratulations, Bea. It couldn't have happened to a nicer gal!

The cumulative prize that grows by \$10 at every general meeting until someone wins it was valued at \$90 tonight. *If only Lee Brown had taken my advice and attended tonight's meeting, he could have paid for lunch!* The next time we have a general meeting (March), this prize will be \$100.

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

As it was - Albert L. Ramos



Need Upholstery, Tops, Convertible Tops, Boat Items Made to Specs??

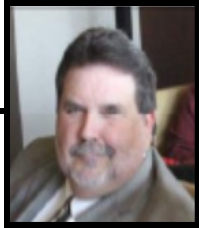
Ahira Cabrera and Jose Santacruz have 12 years of experience doing upholstery with boats, cars and other smaller jobs, although they specialize in classic car interior restoration, anything from replacing and rebuilding floorboards, seat frames, springs, etc. They have even custom built convertible tops from scratch or from pictures used as reference. They have worked on a variety of different automobiles such as Stutz, Jaguar, Duesenberg, La Salle, Bearcat, Black Hog, Rolls Royce, Lincoln/Mercer, Regal, Cadillac, Austin Healey, Corvette and different muscle cars. Located locally. phone number is 936-499-5430. (They did Tom Timmins' Regal among others.)

Happy Valentine's Day

REFRESHMENTS



MARCH
Eileen Bartlett
Theresa Bartlett



Hello February, and What's Up with the Gulf Coast AACA? By Pres. Jim Johnston

Moving on Down the Road

Well, our year started pretty much the way it ended, both Sandra and I were sick. I think I brought the cold home towards the last week in November. But as colds usually go, this one was no different. Can everyone say, "Misery Loves Company"? By Christmas both Sandra and I had full blown (excuse the pun) colds and lasted well into the second week of January. But that's enough about that.

I'd like to give special thanks to the following committees and their members.

Robert McLellan Collection Committee – Basically that was pretty much all the Board of Directors. For those of you who may not know, GCR members Robert and Bea McLellan made the offer to gift to our club all their assets from their Antique Auto Literature and Memorabilia. I called a Special Board meeting for January 5th and we all convened at Robert's house to look over his collection, and have a better understanding of what exactly Robert and Bea were going to be giving the Gulf Coast Region AACA. Once seen, we had a better idea of what all was there and at the regular Board meeting on January 8th, the Board made the decision to accept Robert and Bea's generous donation. So, where are we now? Simple, we are in the Old Car Automobile Literature selling mode, and as Earl Campbell said to his mom upon winning the Heisman Trophy, "HELP!" and our club is going to need it! The plan is to sell off all the assets of Roberts and Beas donation as soon as possible, and at some point, give away what's left. Maybe we will donate to the AACA Library, but to get to that point, the Club is going to need the support of all its members.

We had two other committees, which had members and meetings: the 2018 Club Audit and 2018 Club Budget Committees. Both meetings had to be moved around a bit and ended up being on the same day, January 25th, at different times.

First up was the Audit committee of Ev Timmins (Club Treasurer), Robert McLellan (Board Member), and Jim Johnston (that's me da President). We met at the James Coney Island on the Southwest Fwy, (and yes, I did have some hot dogs) went over our financial records and found

everything in order for making a report to the Board at our next meeting.

Then Ev and I were off to the 2018 Budget meeting, hosted by Lenny Holzband at his home, where we met up with the other two committee members, Robert Bullard and Lenny Holzband. I'm glad to report we came up with the 2018 budget to present to our Board for their discussion and approval at our next meeting.

So that's pretty much it for now, except to remind everyone about the Valentine luncheon on Saturday, February 10th at Brookwood Café at the Brookwood Community in Brookshire, TX.

Other than all of the above, Sandra and I just became the owners of a 1942 Ford Super Deluxe Tudor Sedan Model 70-B. Look for it at the Valentine's lunch; it will be the "Nile Green" one!

That's all for now, Jim Johnston



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From Club Historian & VP Joe Vogt

From the Feb, 2008 Antique Expression

The February, 2008, Antique Expression cover car was a 1966 Ford Mustang convertible owned by Ollin Willis and his wife, Nell. This car was a mid-1980s barn find, but was not purchased by the Willises until 1990. A ground up restoration was started after Ms. Willis decided that she wanted it restored in 2002, and the restoration was completed in 2007.

The first outing for this red, six cylinder, three speed beauty - before it had even been road tested- was the 2007 Texas Tour in Victoria. But the car performed well, the Willises had a great time on the tour, and the Mustang won a first place.

In Taxi Tales, Stan Ericksen reminisced about some of his shop classes of more than 60 years back. His mild mannered, friendly, and lenient shop teacher, Mr. Topliss, let Stan and his buddy test out the recently installed glass pack muffler on the family car on school time. Stan and his buddy still shake their heads over this.

The Ericksen's words of wisdom for this month came from Mark Twain, who said to be careful

reading "Health Books. " You may die of a misprint.

From The President's Column by John Alkire: "The most important thing for our club is your help and involvement. Things don't happen automatically - they happen because you folks make them happen. I remember Chuck Crane saying "If it's to be, it's up to me!" Whether it's Julia and Evelyn on the newsletter, Bonnie and Ev on our parties, the crew at Pate, or folks like Ferrell and Gordon and Patsy putting together tours, it all takes work. My thanks to all of you who have stepped up and helped the club this year."

Chuck Crane ran for and was elected a National Director of the AACA. Chuck was our former President and has been a National Senior Judge for years.

John Alkire wrote that the Katy Cruizers car club has applied to become a Chapter of the Gulf Coast Region. "I am looking forward to getting to know the Katy folks and working with them in the future. Perhaps we can plan some joint events and we will certainly encourage them to attend our three big functions on July 4th, Valentine's Day, and the Christmas Party. I think that they will be a great addition to our club and the AACA."

NOW.....Let's Plan Ahead!!

April 26-29, 2018

PATE SWAP MEET TIME WILL BE HERE SOON!

It is time for Robert and Sam to start preparing for Pate again. Later this month they will have the February Pate Board Meeting. At this meeting they usually plan for the quantity of radios, golf carts and other gear and equipment necessary to put on an event of Pate's size. This will be our 20th show at TMS, our first was 1998.

Our job remains manning the gates from 7 – 10 AM and 5 – 7 PM. We may need to help out with escort duty on occasion if the need arises and if we have sufficient personnel to handle it.

Last year we got real close to not having enough folks to man our assigned gates. I hope more of you will join us, not just to benefit the club, but to have a lot of fun. We'll have sign-up sheets available at the March meeting.

If you are new and have not worked before, this will get you half off a club jacket.

*On the Road Again: The Buzzy Tour

with Bob Smits

The 7th AACA All Buzzy Tour was held October 22-25 in Altamonte Springs, Florida (near Orlando). Representing Texas were myself along with Brenda and Dave Kaiser. Sunday registration was held at the Embassy Suites which provided great rooms, a good restaurant and a social hour with nibbles and beverages every evening in the atrium. True to Buzzy tradition, the opening banquet consisted of a Pizza Party Sunday evening in the parking lot reserved for our cars and trailers.

Monday we drove to the Bok Tower and Gardens. The docents were excellent giving us a history of the building of this singing tower with its 60 bell Carillon. The keyboard called a CLAVIER is played with the base of your fist with the force moving the corresponding bell through a system of cables and pulleys, no small task as the clapper on the largest bell weighs 60 pounds. The Botanical Gardens were wonderful with manicured trails leading to points of interest including the 1930's Mediterranean style PINEWOOD ESTATE of Austin Buck (no relation to Bok) which was also open for touring.

The tower, which is 205 feet tall, was finished in 1929 and sits on a concrete platform that is 4 feet thick and 54 feet square. Since the tower sits on the tallest sand dune in Florida, it required 118 reinforced piers, each 10 inches in diameter. The base of the tower is surrounded by a moat containing large Koi fish. The Carillon bells ring every half hour with 30 minute concerts at 1 and 3 pm. Lunch was held at the Blue Palmetto Cafe on the grounds of the Bok Tower followed by a leisurely drive through Florida countryside back to our hotel.



On Tuesday we drove to the Daytona International Speedway for a two-hour guided tram tour. We learned the history of the track along with construction highlights. Although I have attended Daytona 500 and the 24 hours of Daytona many times, it was insightful to tour the massive stadium, fan areas and the garages without fans present. The museum was also a highlight. (Photo 2) Lunch was at a great seafood restaurant on the beach. After lunch we were off to Ormond Beach to tour the CASEMENTS built in 1914. This was purchased by John D Rockefeller in 1918 as his winter home after his physician recommended spending winter in Florida playing golf for "health reasons." This is a very modest home and was his favorite residence for the rest of his life. An interesting note is that he chose Ormond Beach because this is as far south as the railroad went in 1918, and many of his influential friends wintered at a luxury hotel across the causeway from his home.

Wednesday was an 80 mile trip to Weekie Wachee Springs for the mermaid show. This is a preserved "tourist trap" from the 50's and it brought back memories of similar attractions from my childhood. Lunch was on our own and again we found a great restaurant on the beach. The closing banquet was held at a local cafe where you ordered on your own and which offered a welcome change from the usual banquet fare.

**On The Road Again is a series that welcomes stories from Gulf Coast Region AACA chapter members about how a shared interest in cars and helping others can pave the way to friendship and adventure.*



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Down the Road

Underlined items are club (GCR AACA) sponsored activities.

- Feb. 8-10** **82nd Annual Meeting AACA, Philadelphia**
- Feb. 10** GCR AACA Valentine Lunch at Brookwood Community Café. Reservations only.
- Feb. 26** Deadline for AE March mini edition information.
- Mar. 12** **GCR AACA meeting. 7:30 in the Tracy Gee Center.**
- Mar. 23-24** **National Meet - Deep South Region, Mobile, AL**
Sign up to help our sister club!
- Mar. 26** Deadline for AE April edition information.
- April 9** **GCR AACA meeting. 7:30 in the Tracy Gee Center.**

Public Car Outings.....

Friday Lunch - Group of car enthusiasts gather for lunch on Fridays at various restaurants. Contact Bill Cockrell 281-293-0842 for information.

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

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.

**Gulf Coast Regional Meetings at Tracy Gee Center
3599 West Center Dr.,
Houston, TX 77042**

Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. 2nd Monday of each month, Except for February, July and December, when special activities are scheduled.

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On Thursday there was an optional HANGOVER TOUR. We drove to Winter park for a boat cruise around the lakes to view homes of the very wealthy constructed from 1885 into the 1900's to the present. The beauty of this area is magnificent. We then toured the Morse Museum which houses the largest collection of Louis Tiffany items in the world. (See photo on last page.)

This was a great tour with about 30 cars and closed out the AACA touring season. Remember the Buzzy motto, "Touring is not a Spectator Sport". See you down the road. Bob

Don't forget to come.....
to Tracy Gee on **March 12** for our next meeting!
(After we see you at the Valentine Lunch on Feb. 10!!)



Who's Going to Mobile, Alabama, in March?

The Deep South Region is excited to host a winter meet in Mobile, Alabama, from March 22-24! The meet will be held at Cooper Riverside Park. This 3-acre park along the Mobile River has outdoor sculptures, paved walking paths & benches. It will be a great setting. The host hotel will be the Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel at 64 S. Water St. in Mobile. Rooms will cost \$119 per night and you can call 251-438-4000 to make your reservations. AACA is very grateful for the willingness of this region to jump in at the last minute! Let's support the Deep South Region by registering lots cars and judges before the **March 1 deadline!**

From the February Rumbleseat.

2018 Winter National Meet • March 22-24, 2018 Mobile, Alabama

Hosted by the Deep South Region

Events and Activities:

Thursday, tour the USS Alabama Battleship and Ice Cream Social at the Henderson Collection. Friday, board the Mobile History Trolley for a tour of Mobile, evening Social Hour, and dine on Southern Fried Chicken at the Battle House. And Saturday, Winter Meet on the waterfront, evening Social Hour and Awards Banquet.

Host Hotel:

Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel
64 S Water St, Mobile, AL 36602
Phone: (251) 438-4000

Ask for the AACA 2018 Winter Meet Rate of \$119 a night

Meet Chair:

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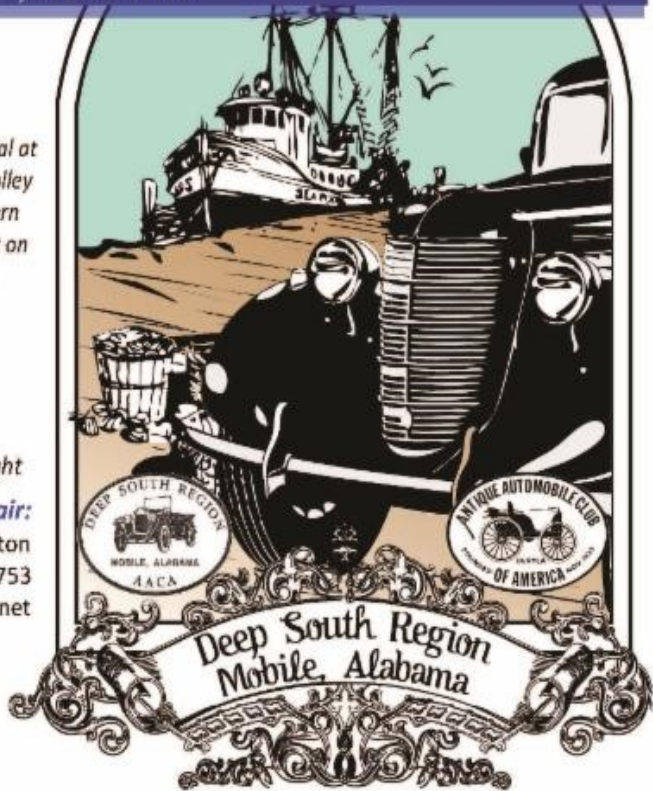
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Registration Deadline: March 1, 2018



Your GCR AACA membership runs on a calendar year, from Jan. 1, through Dec. 31

If you have not yet paid your dues, they are overdue and this will be your last issue of the Antique Expression. SO, while you are thinking about it, send your check to Evelyn Timmins. Don't miss out on the fun, and of course, the meal discounts for our holiday events.



Sign up in March.
We need your help.

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Finest Car," Pierce-Arrow
made many prestigious ac-
complishments throughout
its 1901-1938 lifespan. One
of the most memorable
occurred in 1914.

From the Feb. AACA Rumbleseat

That's the year in which Pierce-Arrow received a patent for its innovative, fender-mounted headlights.

To quote the accompanying application documentation..."the two lamps are placed considerably further apart and at a higher elevation...than in the usual position...illuminate the road for a greater distance and to a greater width...and to much better advantage in turning...the construction obviates supporting brackets...and produces a very distinctive and attractive appearance." In addition, fender-mounted head lights marked the outer extremity of the vehicle for oncoming motorists, which was becoming more important at this time.

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If you are a true antique car fan, you will already have made plans to attend, but if you did not know, one of the marques being celebrated this year is the Pierce Arrow, this might make you put the Keels & Wheels event on your calendar. Tickets are cheaper online.



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