



The Antique Expression--May Mini

Gulf Coast Region, Houston, Texas

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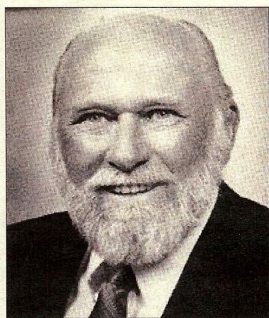
1. Come to our next meeting, on Monday, May 8, in Tracy Gee Center.
2. See the back page to get more information on the split of the AACA Museum from the AACA.

From the President..... "Moving on Down the Road"

Just a little something about the Tuesday funeral for Gulf Coast Region Charter Member Charlie Worthen.

Before Charlie's passing, there were 3 Charter Members still living, Charlie, Bill Wahlberg, and Barney Calvert. Bill and wife Barbara were not able to make it to the funeral, but you can be sure that Charlie knew Bill and Barbara were there in spirit. Charter member Barney Calvert and wife Louise were there as well as the wife of another Charter member, Don Adcock's wife Sophie. I can imagine that Charlie and all the other Charter members we have lost, were planning a reunion tour with Charlie in the heavens above, just as they did many years ago when the Gulf Coast Region Club was in its infancy.

Other Gulf Coast Region Members in attendance were Wayne Bartlett and brother James with their member wives Theresa and Eileen, as well as members Ferrell Moore, Ollin and Nell Willis, and Jim and Sandra Johnston.



In Loving Memory
**Charlie Dean
Worthen**

May 9, 1929
to
April 25, 2017

Although the loss of another GCR Charter member is sad, it is comforting to know that Charlie is in a happy place with all his family waiting with open arms for his arrival, as well as all his Gulf Coast Region buddies to kick around the old stories we all know they could tell, and jump in the cars they all wished they had never sold to take off on a never-ending tour.

Moving on Down the Road.
Jim Johnston

Make NOTE of these dates

- May 6-7 Keels & Wheels
Concours d'Elegance,
Seabrook
- May. 8 Regular meeting at Tracy
Gee Center, 7:30
- May 27 Gateway Classic Cars:
Cars & Coffee, 9-noon,
71 Esplanade Blvd.
- May 29 Deadline for articles -
June issue of AE
- June 12 Regular meeting at Tracy
Gee Center, 7:30
- June 26 Deadline for articles -
July issue of AE

Refreshments

MAY
Dena Doerfler
Diana Forbes

JUNE
Tahl Rozycki
Albert Ramos

Can't tell you to save the date YET, but Diana and Dean Forbes are working to confirm the place and date. Earlier plans did not firm up. So, just come to the meetings, read the newsletters and then make plans to attend. We are thinking of having the club furnish the meat and the members bringing potluck for other dishes. Stay tuned.



Happy Spring!

NOTE: The letter reprinted below was sent to club presidents. Jim wanted to share it with you as it further details the split, now complete break, between the Museum and AACA National. The Museum has 6 months to completely change its name, stationery, website, advertising, etc., "to avoid future confusion regarding its relation to the Club."



Antique Automobile Club of America

April 21, 2017

Dear Region/Chapter President:

It is my goal and that of our entire board to ensure that, moving forward, you remain informed about substantive issues related to the museum situation. Attached you will find a letter being sent simultaneously to the president of the museum board and to all of you. It outlines our legal position with regard to our name and trademarks.

We have done our best to take the high road when dealing with unfortunate decisions that we are compelled to make to safeguard the interests of your club as they relate to the museum we have funded and supported for many years. I cannot relate how difficult and disappointing all of this has been. We have consistently hoped for a positive resolution which the museum has shown no renewed interest in. As a consequence of their actions, demands, and an unwillingness to continue discussions, it has become necessary to sever all ties and safeguard that which belongs to you and your club.

Given present circumstances, we have an obligation and legal responsibility to make it clear to our members and the public that there is no affiliation between the museum at 161 Museum Drive and your national club. Our members have overwhelmingly demanded this action and we must ethically and morally pursue this with vigor. A basic tenant in philanthropy is that a donor must completely understand who the beneficiary of their generosity is. The use of our name by an automotive related entity which wishes to operate 100% independently of the club, confuses the public, and members as well as donors and visitors. We cannot allow such confusion to continue. It undermines the mission and identity of your club which has stood for 82 years.

Be assured that this decision was made with full support of our legal team and is unanimously supported by your board of directors. It is the legal and fiduciary responsibility of each of us to protect our membership and organization from misleading information which could damage our organization financially and otherwise. As you can see from the attached letter, we wish to do this amicably but we will not back down from supporting your wishes and doing that which we know is right. We are in high hopes that the Museum, which has previously considered a name change, will do what is right so we may all move forward for the future.

Sincerely,

William "Tom" Cox, President
On Behalf of the Board of Directors

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