



# Rock Rolls Again!

By Julie Palmer



Like James Fennimore Cooper's novel, "The Last of the Mohicans", Rock is a survivor, and one of the Last of the Kenoshans.

After WWII, Hudson along with most of the other independent motor companies, struggled to maintain their market share among the big three: Ford, GM, and Chrysler. Together the big three accounted for over 70% of the market. As a result, there were several mergers in an attempt to keep the companies viable. In 1954 Hudson merged with Nash-Kelvinator to form the AMC (American Motors Corporation); and Packard merged with Studebaker to form the Studebaker-Packard Corporation. Kaiser, Allstate, and the Henry J ceased production before the end of the 1955 model run. DeSoto,

Crosley and Muntz did not survive in the aggressive 1950's market.

From 1955 and ending in 1957, Hudsons were manufactured at the Nash plant in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

No different from today, the automotive industry relies on performance, styling, price and comfort to attract new car buyers.

The 1955 Hudson Hornet was a radical change from years past. The automobile was actually a hybridized Nash with different trim or perhaps a better term would be "Hash". A V-8 was offered for the first time in 1955. AMC executives entered into an agreement with Packard to provide an engine, but Packard did not hold up to their end of the contract, so AMC designed a new V8 to compete with Ford and Chevy's V8 engine. The new 250 cubic inch V8 produced 190 hp, more than Ford or Chevy.

For the motorist that wanted a big, roomy car that would combine a reasonably brisk performance with outstanding fuel economy, the Hudson and Nash would have been a good choice. In the 1956 Mobilgas Economy Run

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the Hudson and Nash has the most miles per gallon of any other car in their class. The Olds 88 beat them out in ton miles, which was the basis on which the event was scored. The Hornet came in at a scoring of 20.49 and the Olds scored 19.70

"Rock" is a 1956 Hudson Hornet Custom. For the 1956 model year, AMC executives decided to give the Hornet more character and the design for the vehicles was given over to designer **Richard Arbib**, who provided the Hornet and **Wasp** with one of the more distinctive looks in 1950s which he called "V-Line Styling". Taking the traditional Hudson triangle, Arbib applied its "V" form in every conceivable manner across the interior and exterior of the car. Combined with tri-tone paint combinations, the Hudson's look was unique and immediately noticeable. Richard Arbib was a prominent stylist in the 1950's. He created futuristic designs for Henney-Packard, Nash, GM, Cadillac on the automobile side, and also designed vacuum cleaners, the famous Hamilton ventura electric watch, Century boats, clocks and radios. His Hamilton watch designs were worn by the likes of Elvis Presley and Rod Sterling.



The price of the car was competitive with the Desoto Firedome, Mercury Monterey and the Oldsmobile Super 88, and started at or about \$2390.00 base. There were many options offered including: air conditioning, back up lights, power steering, power windows, clocks, reclining seats, etc.

Comfort wise, Rock is a great car to take on a road trip. The seats are cozy, and with a flick of a handle fold flat to convert into a double bed. The seats were the widest offered in 1956-over 4 inches wider than that year's Mercury. This is the car that you wouldn't let your daughter ride in on a date! Road noise is negligible, and with the overdrive engaged engine noise is muffled.

Visibility is great. Hudson offered the widest windshields in 1956.

I inherited Rock from my father, Breck Wagner. Because I was very busy at Texas A&M when he found the car, I don't remember its exact history. Somewhere, in the back of my mind, I seem to recall that he got it from someone in Montana. The car is completely original. Dad did a lot of mechanical work on it, and it was seen at several national Hudson meets, a couple of Texas tours and a couple of CavOilCades. After Dad's death in 2004, Rock was garaged at the family farm among the rest of his cars, just as he had left it. In February of 2016, I obtained the title to the car from my mother. I give all my cars names. So, my husband Bill christened the car "Rock."

Rock has been in "hibernation" for the past 12+ years. I am grateful that we could rescue him and with the help of Sean and Tanya Ornduff have restored the car to its earlier glory. I know that my father is thrilled to see him on the road again.



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## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Ron & Sally McMillan	6/11	(22!!)
Ryan & Amanda Levermann	6/12	(11!) *
Ferrell & Norma Moore	6/18	(61!!!!)
Jerry & Dot McCurry	6/22	(20!!)

Average: 28.5

\* **NEW**

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Chuck Crane	6/1
Donna Sanford	6/4
Amanda Levermann	6/5
John Sweney	6/13
Joan Eyssen	6/18
Carrie Huber	6/18
Sandra Johnston	6/21
Barbara J. Wahlberg	6/21
Robert Wheelless	6/26

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Chris & Jamie Baccaro	7/2	(14!)
Steve & Dee Wanderman	7/4	(41!!!!)
Barney & Louise Calvert	7/5	(64!!!!)
J.T. & Betty Gorrell	7/11	(29!!)
Larry & Carrie Huber	7/12	
Bill & Nancy Womack	7/14	(28!!)
Danny & Sherri Kurtz	7/17	
Charlie & Jerria Worthen	7/19	(32!!!!)
Timothy & Joan Eyssen	7/22	

AVERAGE: 34.6 (with year listed)

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

Elaine Bullard	7/7
Ron Sanford	7/8
Alton Hues	7/11
Parnecia Framme-Gough	7/17
Ferrell Moore	7/18
Ellen Ericksen	7/24
Nell Willis	7/27
Cheryl Malpass	7/29
Bonnie Peterson	7/30

**Editor's Note:** If you do not see your birthday or anniversary noted on the correct date, or if you would like your anniversary year listed, just let me know.  
Evelyn

# From The President

**Javis Boudreaux**

It looks like summer is approaching FAST!

As a reminder to our members, we want to be on the lookout for club event locations or activities. If you come up with any suggestions that would be a possible fit, please send me the information and we will investigate together as to how we can best use the location for a Saturday travel destination or field trip for our old cars! Speaking of that, we actually have a great opportunity to put some smiles on some elders' faces at Trinity Oaks Senior Living Center in Pearland, TX. More detailed information including contact information is elsewhere in this newsletter. The Club has been asked to provide a few cars from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. on June 11, 2016. I strongly encourage you to give this some serious consideration. I personally feel it would be a loving way to honor some seniors who may no longer have any family. Having just lost my Mom and her sister within a week of each other surely brings that point home.

In regard to the "Pate Swap Meet," our only **annual fundraiser** was held April 28<sup>th</sup> through May 1<sup>th</sup> this year. AGAIN it was a smashing success for the Gulf Coast Chapter of the AACA. I want to encourage all to attend and experience the event. If you are only able to attend just for the day, it is still very doable. Jerry and Dot McCurry came up for the day and worked a gate shift for the club. They purchased a few items for their multiple cars; then returned home to attend a grand daughter's wedding shower!! That's a dedicated car couple enjoying the full experience of PATE!! Sam tells me that the sales of the spots at Pate for 2017 has already started and are selling **fast**, so get your rooms locked down now to assure a bedroom if you plan to stay more than one day!! Do venture out to enjoy the weather, people and fellowship and fun stuff for us.

Don't forget we are in the process of updating our website [www.gccaaca.org](http://www.gccaaca.org). We are looking for photos to put up on the web site so send to Evelyn when you get a chance and we are also looking for cover cars for the newsletter. Put something together on your recent purchase(s) and let the club know about what you've been doing!!

See you at the next meeting June 13 at Tracy Gee!!  
Let's have fun with these nice rides we own; we're not getting any younger . Enjoy while you can!!



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

### General Meeting 12 April, 2016

**Javis Boudreaux** called the meeting to order at 7:35PM with an simple but effective "Let's go, people!"

### Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

In the absence of **Bill Wahlberg**, **John Doerfler** gave the invocation. JD's prayer was short and sweet - much like those who brought tonight's refreshments, as you'll learn later. JD's invocation was so surprisingly brief that we forgot the Pledge of Allegiance and moved straight into the GCR reports.

### GCR Reports

**Treasury Report:** **Ev Timmins** reported that we've gotten a small bump in the monthly interest our accounts pay. Unfortunately, there's a been an equal rise in the price of our storage. Easy come; easy go.

**Meeting Minutes:** Javis asked for a motion to approve the March meeting minutes as published in the last Antique Expression. **Julie Wagner** made the motion by waiving her right hand like a semaphore and shouting, "I move!". **Ron Stein**, recognizing a good thing when he sees it, seconded it. Javis then asked for a voice vote of approval, and the "ayes" had it. Javis was so moved by this display of teamwork, he solemnly intoned, "So moved."

### Sunshine Report: **Barbara**

**Wahlberg** sat out tonight's meeting with her husband, Bill, so we relied on the "I heard that so-and-so ..." method of reporting. Here's what we heard: **Evelyn Hiesser** tore her rotator cuff, so she and **Ted** stayed home. She's already doing much better. Lenny Holzband took a bad fall while on vacation and tore some ligaments. Lenny was in a wheelchair for several weeks, but now he's much better.

**Barbara Wahlberg** got bitten on the

hand by a dog. I hope she wasn't feeding it. And finally, **Don Boggus** is still in treatment for his cancer, but he and **Mary Lou** still attended the meeting. Don is looking good! Incidentally, Mary Lou broke her toe this morning, and Don says he's going to take dancing lessons so that this doesn't happen again.

**PATE:** The annual Pate Swap Meet had not yet occurred when we held this meeting, so **Sam Romeo** and **Robert Wheelless** updated us on what to expect. As Robert passed around a sign-up sheet for Pate work assignments, Sam told us about all the additional spaces that have been sold and the extra golf carts he arranged to help make our work less taxing. Sam also told us that the first Pate ads on the local radio stations had "hit" this morning. "Hit" must be a media term.

**Refreshments:** **Tahl Rozycki** and **Owlbert Ramos** brought the refreshments, and what a *great* job they did! Tahl, emphasizing the Tex-Mex half of the duo, brought taquitos, chips, salsa, Mexican cookies, and a selection of Mexican sodas. As an added touch, he also brought some fancy bottled water that he re-labeled as originating from the Rio Grande. I'm the only one who drank it. Anticipating the Jewish holiday of *Passover* later in the month, Owlbert brought coconut macaroons and hamantaschen. Hamantaschen are triangular-shaped cookies usually filled with fruit. They are not really served during Passover, but the bakery did not have any flourless chocolate cake, which would have been more appropriate. Hamantaschen are actually associated with the Jewish holiday of *Purim* which celebrates the triumph of good (Queen Esther) over evil (Haman, a 4th century BC Persian Prime Minister who planned to destroy the Jewish people). Tahl and Owlbert's culinary goal was to bring food that was interesting without being too

healthy - and the membership devoured it! Ahhh... the sweet smell of success and tacos!

### Where We've Been

**Jim Johnston** told us about a recent car show in Sugarland where **Sandra Johnston's** '56 T-Bird won first in its class. Congratulations, Sandra.

**Robert Wheelless** also talked about a recent event at Hooks Airport with more than 300 cars and four antique airplanes. One of the airplanes was the B-17 bomber that **Lee Brown**, Nancy Smith and **John Alkire** are involved with. In fact, they had to replace a condenser and magneto while the event was going on.

### Where We're Going

April 22-24, 2016, Keels & Wheels: **Ev Timmins** told us that the focus would be on concept cars and Duesenbergs. Ev is having Tom's 1911 Regal Underslung finished to show at the event. In addition, Ev and Keels & Wheels have established a **Tom Timmins Memorial Award** to honor Tom and his involvement with "orphan cars". Ev will award and present the trophy to an orphan car of her choosing.

April 22-24, 2016, Concours d'Elegance of Texas: **Ron Stein** reminded us that woodies and Lincolns are being featured this year. In addition, over 100 cars will be auctioned as part of the event held annually at La Torretta resort in Montgomery, Texas.

May 18-22, 2016, Texas Tour: If you go to Abilene, Texas in the third week of May, I hope you'll be participating in the 2016 Texas Tour. **Dwain Epting** of Midland, Texas and his daughter, **LaShanda Epting** are hosting the event with the Golden Crescent Region of Victoria, Texas. Several GCR members are attending, so it should be a fun and eventful tour - even if they do behave themselves.

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July 2nd for the 4th, 2016: The GCR will hold its annual 4th of July luncheon on July 2 at **Carriage Club House**. Plan to arrive at 11:30 AM, bring a covered side dish, and help set up. The Club will have barbecue brought in, and the cost will be \$5 per member. Bring a spare chair if you can.

August 13, 2016: **Ron Stein** has asked us to note this new date to go to the Hemi-Hideout. The cost will be \$5 per member. Please sign up with Ron as space is limited. Thanks for arranging this, Ron.

October 20-22, 2016 - Several people had things to say about the 2016 AACA Central Fall Meet our Club is hosting in Galveston, Texas: **Robert Wheelless** said he and others met recently at a “bar and grill” on Hempstead to discuss the event. Unfortunately, karaoke was taking place at the time. **Tahl Rozycki** was not there (he loves to sing), but **Chuck Crane** was. Robert says Chuck gave him lots of extra work to do. Presumably, Chuck did not sing. Chuck also offered to provide a “pre-judging” session. We presumed it was for the cars and not for us personally. **Jim Johnston** spoke about the “goody bags”, parking, the show field, and hotel accommodations. According to Jim, the main hotel, Moody Gardens, is ready to take reservations. Jim also noted that he’s already sold an ad in our tour booklet. Good job, Jim! **Ev Timmins** recommended selling an ad to Worldwide Auctioneers since they are the auctioneers for the Concours d’Elegance of Texas. **Dena Doerfler** spoke about the silent auction. She is doing a great job of gathering items for it, but please remember to bring more items like toy cars, license plates, and other car related things as well as homemade aprons, quilts, and other crafts.

**Other News to Amuse**

**Bill Seward** noted that a Lincoln Model K “barn find” is coming up for auction in Auburn later this summer. This is the 4th Model K known to exist.

Incidentally, both **Bill and Victoria Seward** were looking stylish tonight. One wonders if they had a great St. Patrick’s Day last March since they were both wearing green.

Speaking of colors, **Dean Forbes** was seeing red because the new judging manual from National still has lots of errors. **Chuck Crane** said he does not know when they will correct it. Chuck also offered to conduct a mini-tour in Giddings, so contact him if you’re interested.

**Javis Boudreaux** reminded us that someone is looking for a VW bus for a wedding in November. No word on weather it’s just for pictures or for the honeymoon.

**Carol Coghill** knows a man who wants to sell a 2008 BMW M6. The V10 bruiser has only 50,000 miles and is under warranty until 2019. The seller is asking \$29,000.

**Dean Forbes** has a 20 ft. aluminum open trailer with an anti-sway bar for sale. He wants \$7,500 for it.

**Julie Wagner** has pulled her dad’s 1956 Hudson Hornet V8 out of the barn and has taken it to **Ornduff Craftsmanship** where **Sean Ornduff** and **Ashley Griffin** will both recondition and air condition it. Julie says the car was last driven on a Texas Tour about 20 years ago.

**Luck of the Draw**

Our end-of-meeting drawings are always highly anticipated. The first drawing was for the \$10 “Being There” award, and **Ron Stein** was the lucky winner! It was quite a night for “Rons” because **Ron McMillan** would have won the second drawing for a cumulative prize that grows by \$10 every month until a lucky winner wins it. And “lucky” is what Ron would have been because the prize was for \$130! Next month, it will be \$140.

Adjourn - The meeting ended at 8:45 PM, and the lies continued in the parking lot.

As it was – Albert L. Ramos



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**REFRESHMENTS - JUNE**

**Julie Palmer**

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## Hudsonly, B. Wagner

*(Some of us were reminiscing the other day about our dear friend and GCR member, the late Breckenridge Wagner. Breck died 12 years ago in a tragic highway accident caused by two young men who were racing their muscle cars. We thought it would help keep his memory fresh by reprising this story that appeared shortly after his death, in the April 2004 issue of *The Antique Expression*.)*

Mechanically speaking, in this life there are Mr. Goodwrenches and there are Mr. Pliers-and-Bailing-Wires. Breckenridge Wagner was Mr. Goodwrench in every sense of the word, except that at times he was not above using pliers and bailing wire. No matter what tools he used, he was supremely confident in his mechanical ability and in the reliability of his work. How many of us – especially those of us who are at least three score and 10 years of age – would trust our own skills enough to get in a 50+-year-old Hudson and drive it a thousand miles one-way just to spend a few days with a group of other Hudson fanatics?

Breck was voted into the Gulf Coast Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America at the February 1987 meeting. Rod Tucker was president, Wayne Erwin was vice-president and Norma Moore was secretary-treasurer. Board members included Don Adcock, Jim Kizer, Wayne Bartlett, Ferrell Moore and Paavo Zakin. The next GCR roster listed 58 members. Breck's name was followed by a listing of his two antique cars, a 1949 Hudson 8 Commodore 4-door sedan and a 1950 Hudson Pacemaker 2-door. In the current roster, he lists eight cars and these are just the ones that are running.

Two years after he joined, Breck began serving the first of two terms on the board of directors. For the next 17 years, no member was more dedicated than Breck. If he was not at a meeting, you knew there must be a medical reason – or the Brazos River was frozen over. He was always in the thick of tours, mini-tours, swap meets and other events, and he and LaNelle rarely missed a July

Fourth picnic or a Christmas or Valentine's Day party.

By 1988 he was regularly submitting by-lined stories to *The Expression*. One guess as to the make of automobile he wrote about. He signed his pieces "Hudsonly, B. Wagner". This later became simply "Hudsonly, Breck".

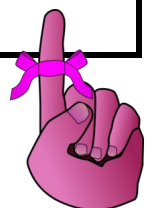
The first photo of Breck in the newsletter appeared in the October 1988 issue, after the Gulf Coast Tour in Huntsville. Photos in this publication were a rarity at that time. He apparently had so much fun at this outing that he joined with Duane Medley to co-chair the 1989 Gulf Coast Tour in Brenham. This tour was among the most memorable ever, not only as a result of Breck's excellent planning, but also because a label was born that would forever be linked to him.

It seems a young reporter interviewed Breck for a pre-tour story in the Brenham newspaper. As cubs sometimes do, she wrote that Mr. Wagner, well-known in the Brenham area, would be bringing his "Hoover" cars. We never let him forget that and frequently asked him if he had any new Hoovers.

*A farmer from Brenham, named Breck,  
Will take about any old wreck.  
Then make it maneuver and purr like a Hoover,  
Why it's really a Hudson, by heck!*

Ferrell Moore

Don't forget to come to the meeting at Tracy Gee on June 13th.



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

### General Meeting 9 May, 2016

At 7:30 PM, President **Javis Boudreaux** visited the refreshment table. At 7:37 PM, his plate was empty, but his mouth was still full. At 7:39 PM, he called the meeting to order.

Invocation - **John Doerfler** led us in a sincere prayer of thanks for the hard work several GCR members did at the Pate Swap Meet. He also gave thanks for the improvements in those who have been sick and are getting better and remembered those who are still suffering.

#### GCR Reports

Treasury Report: **Ev Timmins** reported that we've still got plenty of doubloons in the old oak chest, but we'll need them for the 2016 National Meet our Club is hosting in October.

Pate: Our Man From Pate, **Sam Romeo**, reported that the twin threats of a tornado and hail in the Fort Worth area did nothing to dampen the spirits of the following Club members who once again made Pate a resounding success: **Paul and Barbara Byrd; James and Eileen Bartlett; Wayne and Theresa Bartlett; Robert Wheelless; Jerry McCurry; Jack Malpass** and his grandson, **Nathan; Bob Smith;** and **Javis Boudreaux**. While the foul weather held off and remained cool, Sam said the attendance was hot. It was another record with about 30% more attendees than last year.

Meeting Minutes: Since we now publish the *Antique Expression* bi-monthly, there were no prior minutes to approve. But look at the bright side, you're getting TWO sets of minutes in this issue!

Sunshine Report: **Norma Moore** said there were no real changes from the prior month. **Ferrell Moore** said he spoke recently with **Bill Wahlberg** and said that Bill would appreciate a call or visit. When you call Bill, ask him about the time he won an egg eating contest by eating twenty-four eggs in three minutes. I once asked him how he did it, and Bill said, "First I ate one egg. Then I ate another. Then I ate another..." You get the picture. Anyway, I'm just kidding you, Bill. It's my way of saying we've missed you and are looking forward to seeing you at the 4th of July party on July 2!

Refreshments - **Dena Doerfler** and **Pam Ahlers** provided tonight's feast of health and nutrition. In addition to an out-of-this-world artichoke dip with chips, Dena also brought homemade "fixings" for one of my favorite sandwiches: Snickerdoodle cookies and brownies. It's an easy recipe, and there's no need to bother with half-cups, teaspoons, and all those *persnickety* measurements. Here it is: Place a brownie on top of a Snickerdoodle cookie. Top it with another Snickerdoodle cookie. Lightly squeeze the ingredients together. Eat, enjoy, and wipe the crumbs off your face with your long-sleeved shirt sleeve. Amen.

#### Where We've Been

*Keels and Wheels* was a big hit as expected. **Ev Timmins** reported that she awarded the first *Tom Timmins Memorial Award* to **Benny Guseman** for his 1902 Curved dash Olds. This award honors the memory of Tom and his interest in the restoration and preservation of "orphan cars."

*Concours d'Elegance of Texas* had close to 200 cars run through the auction, according to **Ron Stein**. **Jerry McCurry** said a 1967 L88 Corvette big block sold for more than \$2.4 million.

#### Where We're Going

May 18-22, 2016, Texas Tour: Abilene, Texas will be "old car central" in the third week of May as the Golden Crescent Region of Victoria, Texas hosts this year's *Texas Tour*.

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October 20-22, 2016 - Under the excellent leadership of **Robert Wheelless**, the GCR is hosting the 2016 AACA Central Fall Meet in Galveston, Texas. Robert has gotten the hotel and many other details locked up. **Jim Johnston** said that parking issues have been sorted out, and now there is enough space for 200 cars. **Wayne Bartlett** will manage the parking. Jim also said that we are getting good prices for food service, and now he is working on getting advertisers for the event booklet. Jim also reminded us to get hotel reservations now. If you'd like to arrive early in Galveston, the hotel will honor the special rate for October 19th as well as for the October 20-22 official event days. **Sandra Johnston** stated that we are required to have an AACA store for a National meet and that **Bill Cockrell** and **Carole Coghill** are setting it up. **Victoria** and **Bill Seward** are the hospitality folks, and Victoria passed around a sign-up sheet seeking volunteers to bring food goodies for it. She's also looking for volunteers to work in the hospitality room. In a fit of humor, **Tahl Rozycki** volunteered himself and **Julie Wagner** to set up a spay and neuter booth as a show of hospitality. Finally, **Dena Doerfler** is grateful for all the excellent things people are bringing for the Silent Auction.



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December 11, 2016 - Christmas Luncheon: This year's luncheon will be held at the Quail Valley City Centre. **Don** and **Mary Lou Boggus** are working on it.

Other News to Amuse

I wouldn't call this news, but it amused me. **Stan Ericksen** told me another tale that left me wondering how his wife, **Ellen**, has put up with him all these years. Here's the story: When Stan was younger and still getting wiser every day, he visited a store that was having a "Going Out of Business" sale. He wanted to buy something that would make his 1916 Overland stand out in an upcoming antique car parade. Naturally, Stan settled on one of the store's ankle and foot sock display mannequins. Stan took it home and made it "parade ready". First, he dressed it in a long white sock with the words "Shiner Beer" printed on it. Then he went to Goodwill and bought a single white shoe to complete the outfit. Next, he placed the mannequin foot on the running board of his Overland and closed the door over the extra length of sock. Finally, Stan drove the car like that in the parade to shouts of encouragement and laughter.

Why don't we do things like that anymore? Probably because we don't drink as much as we used to. Not to sound too sappy, I'd say that Stan's antics have given our Club events poetry and meaning throughout the years. Of course, the poetry seems to be in the form of rude limericks; and as for the meaning, well, I'm too much of a gentleman to say what it means in mixed company. After all, *some* of us are under 65! It would have been nice for me if I had been Club Secretary when Stan was president. With his Checker cab, Stan now refers to himself as "still Fareless", but I could have referred to him as *Our Fareless Leader!*

Luck of the Draw

Tonight, **Ev Timmins** asked **Caroline Calistrat** to draw the ticket for our first drawing, the "Being There" award. Everyone who attends the meeting gets a ticket with a number printed on it. If you're lucky, your number gets selected from the "bag", and you waltz out \$10 richer. But here's my question: Is it luck, or is it skill? I ask this because many of you know that Caroline often wins these drawings not only in our Club, but in

**20 Years Ago...**

**From the July, 1996, Antique Expression**

Excerpts from article "Everybody wins at 43<sup>rd</sup> Texas Tour" by Fanchon Gerould.

Everyone who went from our club won a trophy in their class. James and Eileen Bartlett won the Winthrop Rockefeller Trophy for best restored classic car with their 1935 Auburn 851 Phaeton. They also won the Liston Zander award for the most popular car as well as first in class.

Other winners from our club included Don and Sophie Adcock, first in class with their 1931 Studebaker Dictator 4-Door Sedan; Robert and Pat Smith first in class with her 1957 Ford T-Bird (Suzi was there too); J. T. Gorrell, first in class with Betty's 1963 T-Bird Monaco (with passenger Glenn Haddox); and Barney and Louise Calvert, second in class with a borrowed 1962 Ford T-Bird Sports Roadster.

Alan and I won a third in class with our 1951 Ford "Dually" Pickup. Wayne and Theresa and Ann Bartlett took Ann's 1940 LaSalle Convertible Coup, which won third in class. John and Grace Anderson's 1929 Ford Model A Roadster was not judged.

*Thank you, Ferrell.*

**CELEBRATE OUR NATION - July 2nd**



the Packard Club as well. And tonight was no exception as Caroline drew her own number! Congratulations, Caroline!

The second drawing is for a cumulative prize that grows by \$10 until a lucky member wins it, but you have to be present to win. Ev asked **Lenny Holzband** to select the winning name from the bag, and member **Ricardo Rudolph** would have won \$140 *if* he had attended the meeting. Next month, the prize grows to \$150.

Adjourn - The meeting ended at 8:40 PM, and many of us continued the mirthful discussion in the parking lot.

**Saturday (July 2nd)** at the Carriage Clubhouse facility located at 3210 Bingle Road complements of our host, Mr. Robert Belt. This is an easily accessed secure facility established for the storage of classic cars, and there are plenty of them there. **Bring yours to lunch.**

The Club will provide the main course items with members to contribute the side items and \$5 per attendee for Club cost. Please let us know of your intention to attend and the side you will bring (E-mailing Lee at [lebro29@yahoo.com](mailto:lebro29@yahoo.com) works just fine). Or send your check to Evelyn at E. Timmins, 2120 Lundy LN., Friendswood, TX 77546.

Side dish list:

- Dessert
- Potato salad
- Beans
- Drink, water, tea, sodas
- Misc. such as appetizers



# Down the Road

Underlined items are club (GCR AACA) sponsored activities.

**June 13** GCR AACA meeting. 7:30 in the Tracy Gee Center.

**June 27** **ABSOLUTE deadline for mini AE**

**July 2nd** "4th of July" picnic to be held. Be sure to sign up with Lee or send your money to Evelyn.

**August 13** Your chance to go to the Hemi Hideout. Reservations required. Contact Ron Stein.

**Oct. 20-22** **Central Division National Fall Meet: Galveston**  
See updates each edition. Hotel registration is open.

**Public Car Outings.....**

**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

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

## *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**

**Meeting begins 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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## Keep Those Auction Items Coming!

The Silent Auction, held during the meet October 20-22 will help defray the cost of the National Fall Meet in Galveston. Your donations may be brought to meetings or the picnic on July 2<sup>nd</sup>!

### Suggested items to donate:

License plates, hubcaps, or other collectible car parts  
Candles, candle holders,  
New or antique tools  
Yard-art, birdhouses, wind chimes  
Model cars, trucks & antique toys  
Artwork, paintings, photography  
Coffee table books, cookbooks  
Fall or Christmas decorative items  
Gift cards to restaurants and stores

Hand-made quilts, aprons, placemats, pillow cases, etc.  
Vases, stoneware, ceramics  
Jewelry  
Gift cards to restaurants & stores  
Antique metal signs (Gulf Oil, Chevrolet, Coca-Cola, etc.)  
Beach or Galveston themed items  
Texas themed items

\* Re-gift that item someone gave you & you never used.  
\* We need tissue paper & shredded paper for themed baskets.

**A heartfelt thanks for the generous  
donations received to date!**

Lynne Boudreaux & Dena Doerfler

“Abilene, Abilene, Prettiest town I ever seen.”

By Julie and Bill Palmer

Abilene was created by the Texas and Pacific Railroad, ranchers and land speculators. Prior to the railroad, that area was part of the Texas Frontier—nomadic Indians roamed the prairies, and violent confrontations between settlers and the Indians were common. Several forts, including Fort Phantom Hill, Fort Griffin and Fort Chadbourne were established by the US Army to help protect the settlers advancing westward. These forts were about 48 miles apart, which is one day by horseback.

Friday we toured Fort Phantom Hill. It was built about 1850 and abruptly abandoned in 1854. Most of the wooden structures were lost to fire, but the skeletal remains of several stone buildings remain including the commissary, magazine and guardhouse. Stone chimneys and rock foundations can be found scattered along the perimeter of the parade ground.



If you stop and listen you can hear echoes of the past: men's voices murmuring, the quick beat of horses hooves striking a rock, rattling of a wooden wagon, and then soft, bugle playing "Scott Tattoo" to conclude the day.



There were a few "glitches": Dyess Air Force Base went on lock-down for a suspicious package, so some of us did not get to tour there. (We toured Ft. Phantom Hill instead.) There was still plenty for everyone to do.

These hardy plants had even taken root along the top of the wall of the commissary of Fort Phantom Hill.

Friday afternoon was car judging. We were assigned parking spaces at the MCM Elegante upon arrival. This was a great idea--no more jockeying to get a good parking space, and it was so easy to judge the cars as all the classes were parked together in the same area.





## Mold and Mildew Problems In Your Stored Vehicle???

Not too long ago, we pulled our '56 Thunderbird out of the garage and noticed quite a buildup of surface mold, all over the interior and closed trunk of the car. It was easily eliminated with a wipe down of the interior and trunk using a Windex spray product for mold and mildew. Then my question was, what can be done on a more permanent basis to stop this from happening?



Well, one obvious option was to purchase a dehumidifier. So off to the internet to let my fingers do the searching. My first search stop was to Harbor Freight, finding they don't carry dehumidifiers. I was crushed, really wanted to pick up another one of those 2016 National Meet door prizes, free with purchase, ohm meter. So my next search stop was to Northern Tool, finding they do carry dehumidifiers. They carry two and the cost range was from \$89 (not big enough to handle our garage) to a unit that was just under \$1,000. Not an option. That left me thinking I would just stock up on the Windex Mold and Mildew Spray.

But just the other day I was at a neighbor's house and saw about 8 items on her kitchen table and wondered what they were. Turns out they are throw away moisture eliminators. See the picture. They have some sort of tiny round white balls in the top half portion of the container with a voided space in the bottom. I asked what she does with them and was told she keeps them in her closets to remove the moisture. She then went and got one being used and showed me that it was considerably heavier than a new unopened unit. The added weight was from the water that it had removed from the air that had been collected in the bottom of the unit.

I asked her where she got them and was told they sell them at Dollar Tree for \$1 each. My immediate thought was that will be my mold/mildew issue solution in the Thunderbird and Shelby. So off to Dollar Tree I go only to find none available and any of the Dollar Tree's in our area. But I did find them on their website (skew # 144947) for on line purchase. A case of 24 will cost \$24 and shipping is free if you have your purchase delivered to your nearest Dollar Tree Store. They have a different shape, but not much bigger than a 6" X 6" box of Kleenex tissue.

My plan is to just put one each of these inside the car and one in the trunk; they should last about 60 days, then throw them away and then just replace them, to keep the mold/mildew in control.

Jim Johnston

## New Home Needed and you won't have to write Taxi Tales right away!



**FOR SALE: 1967 Checker "Taxi".**  
Has 327 Chev. engine - "400" Power Glide Transmission. Some extra parts. A FUN car !  
Asking \$6000.00. Contact: Stan Ericksen - 281-362-7411 - [sericksen1@comcast.net](mailto:sericksen1@comcast.net).

I don't like to part with the cab, but we're no longer able to 'tour', so let someone else have the fun.

Still Fareless - Stan



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Our Houston group was well represented at Texas tour: the Bartletts, Byrds, Petersons, Rozycki and the Palmers. Our New Mexico family, the Logans, also came. They drove a beautiful 1969 Camaro convertible all the way from Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Interesting cars included a 1912 Maxwell Touring Special owned by the Reichwaldts, a 1942 Lincoln Zephyr 3 window coupe driven by Joe Hill, 1956 Dodge Lancer 2 dr hardtop, driven by Red Brogden, 1962 Studebaker Hawk GT owned by Larry Priest just to name a few

The Hudsons were very well represented this year. In addition to Rock, a 1941 Hudson convertible, 1947 Club Coupe, 1950 Hudson 2-door sedan, and 1954 Hudson Hornet were in attendance. I think this is the first time there have been so many Hudsons at a Texas Tour.

We stopped at a private collection on the way back to the hotel and saw some very interesting early cars owned by Robert McDaniel. He had a beautiful 1928 Pierce Arrow 7 passenger limo, an early Reo, several Detroit electric cars and a 1910 Sears model K.

The style show was Friday night, and once more, Eileen Bartlett shone as the belle of the ball in her vintage dress. Since the theme was "frontier days," most of the group dressed in our finest western apparel for the weekend dinner events, including Tahl, Bill, and me.



Saturday we lined up and drove to the Buffalo Gap wind mill farm located in Taylor County. There are 3 different wind mill farms there, all owned by AES. We were able to explore the facility and learned about how the windmills generate energy and transmit it to the end user.

For several years, Texas has led the country in production of wind power.



We next drove to Fort Chadbourne in Bronte, Texas for lunch and to tour a restored fort. This fort was featured recently in "Strange Inheritances" on television. The fort has been owned by the same family since it was decommissioned in the 1870's. Today, eight generations have grown up on the ranch/fort.



In 2007 the owners began rebuilding and restoring the fort. Close to over a million artifacts have been found around the area and are exhibited in a modern museum on the site. There were over 400 different firearms on exhibit, as well as artifacts from more than a century of pioneer and military presence in the area. *Continued on page 13*

This meticulously restored stagecoach provided me with an opportunity to ride a very early form of rapid cross-country travel. The museum at Fort Chadbourne was quite impressive!



Tahl drove his 1983 Imperial, and I drove "Rock" my 1956 Hudson Hornet (cover car).

Tahl's Imperial got a lot of attention. He was contacted by a photographer, some single women, and another Imperial enthusiast! The first day a photographer found Tahl in the parking lot, and asked permission to take pictures for a feature article in a hot rod magazine. Then later that day, as Tahl was wiping down his car, some folks who were staying at the hotel struck up a conversation with him about the car. That led to a wild night at a karaoke bar. The next night, an Abelenian came by

came by in his own beautifully restored maroon Imperial. They compared notes on the care and feeding of a 1983 Imperial. And to top it off, Tahl drove home with a second place trophy in his class!

Kudos to Shanda and Dwain Epting and the Victoria club for a fun, successful Texas tour.

Next year Texas Tour is again hosted by the Victoria club, May 18-21 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Victoria. I for one, can't wait.

### SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Regene Tullos, Director of Life Enrichment at Trinity Oaks Senior Living Center in Pearland, TX., is planning a Father's Day Breakfast for the gentlemen who live in the facility. They would love to have about four classic cars that could be displayed in the parking lot for the residents to view. They would block off the driveway from normal motor traffic and have the cars displayed in the circular drive. Club members Tom Timmins and Vince Morreale did this when she worked in Friendswood; residents loved it!

The date and time of our breakfast will be **June 11, 2016 from 9:00a.m. till 11:00 a.m.** Is this something that you might be able to help with? The best number with which to reach Regene is 832-368-3166.

**"Abilene, Abilene  
Prettiest town I ever seen.  
Folks down there don't treat you mean  
In Abilene, my Abilene"**





TEXAS TOUR - ABILENE



Pretty sights all around.

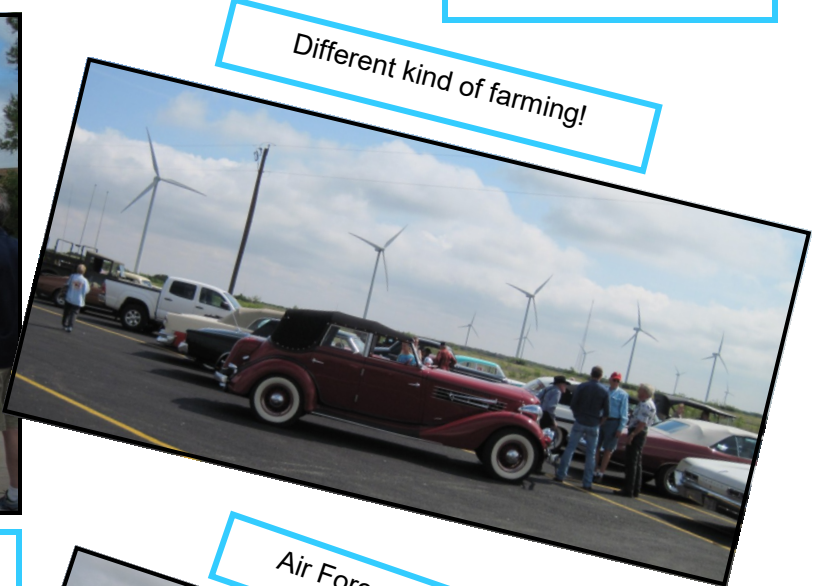
FUN at PATE - 2016



Under the big tent!.



Headed out for a good time at Dyess Airbase. Bonnie and brother Steve are at the end of the



Different kind of farming!



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Air Force plane displays