



The Antique Expression

Gulf Coast Region, Houston, Texas

Meet Henry, the Ford



(So Sandra has named our New Old Car)

By Jim and Sandra Johnston

Say hello to Henry the Ford, a 1942 Ford Super Deluxe Tudor Sedan which some of you may have already met.

Not too many weeks ago I was resigned to the fact that I was never going to get our 1940 Ford restored. I began looking for a suitable replacement for not only the 40 Ford, but also our 1956 Thunderbird which we had sold earlier.

Along the way I happened to call our friends Gary and Betty East in the Victoria Golden Crescent AACA Club. After visiting for a while I asked Gary what new old cars he had because Gary always has some new old car. Surprisingly I found out that he was getting one ready to sell, a 1942 Ford sedan. During Gary's sales job, he was the first one that told me that the car is a rare car. So, what is so rare about this car, let me explain.

The 1942 production year for Fords began in August of 1941. Our car was designated the body style type 70-B. and its production totals 37,199 and sold for \$885. Compared to the same model for 1941 called a 70-A which had a production run of 177,018, the 42 year had quite a decrease in production numbers. So, what caused such a decrease in production numbers. December 7th, 1941 the day of Japan's surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. Up until December 7th the United States had been teetering on the edge of entering World War II. December 7th changed all of that and eventually caused the US to enter the World War. Even prior to December 7th the US had labeled much of the raw material as "war material" and was not available to companies manufacturing civilian products. This was in anticipation of having to enter the war. At that time cars that were being produced had begun leaving the assembly line with wooden bumpers. Even white wall tires had become all but extinct because of a US mandate to conserve all white rubber for defense efforts. Even for cars being purchased prior to February 10th, white wall tires were a rarity.

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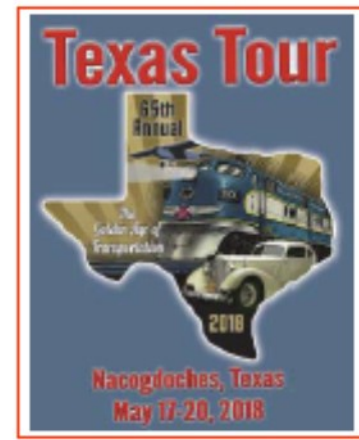
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65th TEXAS TOUR in the Oldest Town in TEXAS!

This year's tour brought us to Nacogdoches on May 17-20, where we got to enjoy over 80 antique vehicles and over twice that many friends of the old car hobby!

Thursday morning, our "hosts," Charles and Nichole Gambulos II, started us off with several pre-events and tours, including a tour of the Rusk Shop, crochet classes, and a Foretravel Plant Tour prior to a Watermelon and Wine Social at the Naca Valley Vineyard.

Car judging was on Friday while the ladies event was at the hotel where we learned how to decorate cupcakes like the pros. Actually they were the dessert for the Friday dinner, and quite good! We had lunch in Cushing and the evening banquet was in the Old Tobacco Warehouse.



Saturday saw the group meet to go on the Texas State Railroad to Palestine. We enjoyed the ride and the refreshments as we chugged on to Palestine and our box lunch. We experienced a bit of a delay and were unable to go to Braly Builders Supply. The tour last went there in 1997 and many were looking forward to checking out the old hardware store in the new location at Rusk Elementary School. It gave us a good reason to want to go back!

We had grilled salmon and roasted round of beef at the awards banquet on Sat. night. While waiting, we had fun with a silent auction. Our own Wayne Bartlett, head of the judging this year, gave out the awards after dinner, and our GCR got our share of them:

First in Class

Dustin Kuta (future mbr), 18 Buick
Robert Bullard, 31 Ford
Bill Thomas, 30 Lincoln

Second in Class

Rob McLellan, 60 T-Bird
Paul Byrd, 30 Ford

Third in Class

Wayne Bartlett, 40 LaSalle
Julie Palmer, 49 Plymouth

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On top of the government stopping production of vehicles, the government did what amounted to an audit of all vehicles at dealerships and put a hold on them for the war effort. So very few cars were sold after February 10th.

Then on February 10th, 1942, not only did all automobile manufacturers have to cease passenger car production to make way for exclusive manufacturing of military items, they were all mandated to begin producing what the US needed for the war effort. Each of the auto manufacturers were told what the government needed. So, Henry Ford immediately volunteered to build the military Jeeps. The other manufacturers giggled at Ford's offer. Turns out Ole Henry was crazy like a fox. Not only was Ford second only to Willy's Overland in making the jeeps turning out 277,896; Ford was the leading producer of B-24 Liberator bombers. Ford also continued producing all his commercial

products (small commercial vehicles as well as light and heavy trucks), Ford also produced such things as tank destroyers, universal gun carriers, Sherman tanks; command cars; anti-aircraft detectors; anti-aircraft gun directors, not to mention being the exclusive producer of all Amphibious Jeeps.

So then when the US lifted the ban to auto manufacturers' civilian production on July 3rd, 1945, Ford was able in a short period of time, to gin up his production of civilian vehicles much faster than his competitors using his stockpiled 1942 parts to begin (with subtle changes) 1946 civilian vehicles. So yes, Ford even back then, had a better idea!

So, with all that said, "Henry the Ford" I guess is a rare as original condition 1942 car of the 37,199 built of which one can ask, just how many are left that are in as original condition that aren't street rodded out? Who knows, but if anyone can find out, let me know!!!

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

JUNE

Chuck Crane	6/1
John Sweney	6/13
Bea McLellan	6/17
Joan Eyssen	6/18
Carrie Huber	6/18
Sandra Johnston	6/21
Barbara J. Wahlberg	6/21
Robert Wheelless	6/26

JULY

Elaine Bullard	7/7
Ferrell Moore	7/18
Ellen Ericksen	7/24
Nell Willis	7/27
Cheryl Malpass	7/29
Bonnie Peterson	7/30
Dick Brooks	7/31

Texas Tour

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The toughest class on tour was 16, (Boggus/Rozycki). First four top scores either bought their cars new or from relatives, never drove them, and kept them in garages. 1st place had 6000 miles, 2nd place 22,000 and 3rd place 12,000. Competition can't get any tougher.

Average score for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd was 86.5, that's high for Texas. We re-judged all 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places to be sure, and believe we got the scores right. Only got flack from one dude, but I got an acute hearing condition during the complaints so he got ignored. Texas Tour judging is like the lottery, if you don't go you can't win. Show up with a pre 1942 car and the competition is thin, (number of cars, not the driver's waist size.) Our club's rotation is for 2020. If we decide to do it, we probably need to kick some ideas around now.

Signed: Chief Justice Grey Bart. (used to be Black Bart. Wife says if I keep going, it will be Bald Bart.)

AKA Wayne Bartlett

Happy Anniversary!

ANNIVERSARIES June-July

Ferrell & Norma Moore	6/18 (63!!!)
Jerry & Dot McCurry	6/22 (22!!)
Robert & Bea McLellan	6/27
Chris & Jamie Baccaro	7/2 (17!)
Barney & Louise Calvert	7/5 (66!!!!)
J.T. & Betty Gorrell	7/11 (31!!)
Larry & Carrie Huber	7/12
Danny & Sherri Kurtz	7/17
Timothy & Joan Eyssen	7/22



THE SEATTLE CHEVRON GAS STATION SIGN ...

Back in 2005, the local Chevron gas station in Seattle's Wallingford neighborhood converted their auto repair shop into a convenience store. Their outdoor sign ... once used for service promotions and store specials ... became redundant with the inside of the store was already plastered with signage. So the owners decided to have fun with the outdoor sign instead, and the @WallingfordSign was born. This weekly sign message has become so popular, it has become a more effective marketing tool for the gas station than anything prior. See pg. 6.

From a friend on the internet.

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Don't forget to come to Tracy Gee on June 11 for our next meeting!

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

General Meeting 09 April, 2018

President **Jim Johnston** called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance - **Diana Forbes** led us in giving thanks for all our GCR friends. She reminded us that we really are fortunate to share the old car hobby with each other. We followed this with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements - In a strong but polite voice, Jim told us, "**Sign the book!**" There's nothing to worry about. It's not like he's a police officer handing you a ticket book to sign for an infraction of the law. He simply wants us to write our initials in the attendance spreadsheet on the appropriate line and space.

Sunshine Report - **Norma Jean Moore** reported that **Barbara Wahlberg** has the shingles. We really do wish you well, Barbara. **Julie Wagner-Palmer** spoke about **Nancy Womack's** passing on January 17, 2018. Nancy was a sweet lady known for her excellent sense of humor and for being a great cook. She was especially fond of our former GCR member **Jeffery Markman**. We also remembered **Theresa Bartlett's** father, **Joe McClosky**, who died on March 17, 2018.

Treasury Report - **Ev Timmins** says our bank accounts are *firing on all eight*. That's great! She also said that thanks to a recent uptick in interest rates, last month we more than doubled the amount of interest income our accounts earn. Of course, it wasn't earning that much to begin with...

Refreshments - If you were hungry before tonight's meeting, you shouldn't have been hungry by the end of it. **Diana Forbes** and **Carol Coghill** set the table with a variety of tasty treats: Chicken salad croissant sandwiches, taquitos and salsa, "pigs in a blanket", 7 layer dip, a variety of chips, a healthy vegetable plate, and a colorful mixed fruit plate.

I know what you're thinking, and you're right: No meal is complete without dessert - especially cookies (or pie). That's just common sense, and Carol and Diana have that in spades. That's why the board was also piled high with an excellent variety of cookies. We enjoyed chocolate chip, white chocolate with macadamia nuts, and healthy oatmeal cookies. And I owe a special thanks to Diana because she was so kind to bring my favorite store-bought cookie: *Lacey's Almond & Dark Chocolate*, the "deliciously irresistible" toffee wafers that could actually be used to sway my vote in an important election.

And just to show you that I don't think about food exclusively, I noticed that Diana and Carol even decorated the refreshment table tops and our front desk with lovely, fresh-fake flowers! Thank you, Diana and Carol!

Where We're Going

April 26-29, 2018: 46th Pate Swap Meet - The GCR is one of the host Clubs of the Pate Swap Meet, an annual event held at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth. Our Club is lucky to have **Sam Romeo** and **Rob't Wheelless** representing us in the event, but they can't do it alone.

And Rob't won't be there this year because he's working out of town. This means Sam really needs our help to work the gates and keep the event running smoothly. Sam stated that he expects our net income from Pate to be higher this year than last, partly because of higher vendor fees (but slightly offset by fewer vendors) and partly because of lower expenses for advertising and storage. We'll look forward to hearing the net results, Sam. Thanks for your hard work on this important Club activity.

May 17-20, 2018: Texas Tour - This year's Texas Tour is being hosted by the Texas Region AACA (Dallas area) and will be held in beautiful and historic Nacogdoches, "the oldest town in Texas". This will be the **65th** annual Texas Tour, and it's the oldest and longest-running car tour in Texas (**Stan Ericksen**, did you just say to yourself, "*With some of the oldest and slowest running participants*"?) Old-timers like Stan say they've all been fun, so we hope you'll be there because you are what make all the events so enjoyable. *By the way, looking into my crystal ball, I expect the 2020 Texas Tour to be the most fun one ever since our Club is hosting it! Please start thinking about where it should be and what you and your friends would like to do on it.*

July 7th, 2018 - Our GCR will be celebrating the **4th of July** on Saturday, July 7 at the clubhouse of the Del Webb Sweetgrass community in Richmond. Members **Lenny and Paula Holzband** live there (in a house - not the clubhouse!) and arranged this comfortable, spacious, and air conditioned facility for us old timers. Thank you, Lenny and Paula. The GCR will supply the meat, and members will please bring side dishes and desserts.

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Other Business - Jim mentioned that the Board had earlier discussed a request by Blue Skyes over Autism to do a car show. Blue Skyes is trying to raise money to buy land and a building for their autism support services.

We also discussed the Automotive Literature that **Robert McLellan** donated to our Club. There is a great need to continue organizing the material. **Wayne Bartlett** has been doing a yeoman's work with it: he has removed dozens of boxes of material from Robert's upstairs storage, taken it to his home, and - with the help of his always supportive wife, **Theresa** - has organized it. But there's much more to do. More boxes need to be carried to Wayne's house and be sorted by manufacturer. A sign-up sheet was passed around so members could provide their contact information. Some time soon, they'll be called upon to help with this project.

Jim Johnston and **Ev Timmins** have are looking for reasonably priced, secured, and air-conditioned storage space for the literature. **Julie Wagner-Palmer** offered the idea that each person should take a box of the original automotive literature and organize it. Wow! *When it comes to good ideas, Julie's full of it.* Thanks, Jul.

Car News - **Elaine Bullard** just inherited a brown 1929 Ford Model A 2-door. **Robert Bullard** announced that he recently purchased a 1935 Ford pickup. No word on the color, but I trust Robert's sense of Ford Fashion Colors.

Jim Johnston won a trophy with his '41 Ford at a recent local show. Jim said that there were 35 trophies available and only 31 cars participating in the event, so there was a better than average chance that he was going to win one of them. Jim learned a valuable lesson that day: Sometimes it's important to show up.

Ev Timmins brought up the ongoing

saga of the dispute between national AACA and the AACA Library. She voiced her fear that a fight between these two entities is only going to make the lawyers rich. True words, Ev.

Luck of the Draw - We close our meetings with two drawings. The first is a \$10 door prize drawn from a pool of numbers given to members who simply show up and are still awake (and present) at the end of the meeting. **Bea McLellan** was the lucky winner of this prize. Way to go, Bea!

The second drawing can be (and often is) much more lucrative. It's a prize that grows by \$10 at each regular meeting until someone wins it. And the way to win it is to be a member in good standing who is present and has his or her name randomly drawn from a selection of all members. Tonight's prize was worth a not-inconsiderable \$110. Next month's prize is back down to \$10 because we finally had a winner! Congratulations, **Carole Coghill**!

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

As it was - Albert L. Ramos



TEXAS NATIONAL GUARD CAMP BROWNWOOD

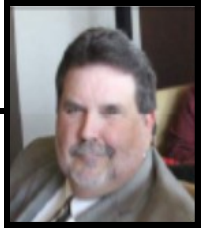
Camp Brownwood, named after a small city located in the center of the state of Texas, was located about 140 miles southwest of Fort Worth.

This image taken in October 1940 contains hundreds of cars and trucks dating back to the late 1920s in a parking lot for thirty-five hundred workers at the two-thousand acre site.

The workmen traveled from as far away as California and NY with their families to construct Camp Brownwood, the future home of the Thirty-Sixth Division of the Texas National Guard. The facility was later expanded to include ninety thousand acres with sufficient accommodations for forty thousand men.

From the Vintage Automobile Internet Magazine:

The Old Motor



End of a 22-Year Adventure

By Pres. Jim Johnston

As many of you know, Sandra and I recently purchased a 1942 Ford Super Deluxe Tudor Sedan. Most of you may also know that we have had a 1940 Ford Fordor Deluxe for quite a while, 22 years to be exact. [The 1940 has been in storage of one type or another, either at home in our garage, or in various rental storage units.](#) Fact is I just never could get past my vision of having the car restored. So what is the story on the 1940 Ford Fordor Deluxe. It all started about 1980 when I joined the Spring Branch Lions Club, only a few years before I joined the Gulf Coast Region AACA. I found one of our Lions Club members, Dick Leonard, supposedly had a 1940 at his house in Houston or his farm in Monaville. Well, I asked Dick about the car and he did acknowledge he had it in a barn at his house on Mills Rd. off 1960. Over the many years I think I probably had asked Dick every time we had a club meeting if I could come see the car. But as he always did, Dick would just say "You don't want to see that old car". To that I'd always reply, Dick I only want to come see the car, not steal it. I later learned that (as the story goes) Dick had never gotten rid of any car he ever owned.

Flash Forward to when our old friend Dick passed away in January of 1987. About a week after his funeral, Dick's wife Norma called to ask me if I would like to have the 1940 Ford. For clarification I asked Norma what she meant, and she told me that Dick wanted me to have the car. Of course, I told Norma I would love to have the car.

So that next weekend I gathered up a trailer and the help of one of Sandra's cousins and two of their kids and off we went to pick up the 40 Ford. Little did we know that after finding the car in the barn we were going to have to cut down an 8-inch diameter tree to get the barn doors open. After getting Norma's son in law to cut the tree down with a chain saw, all we had left to do was to air up the tires and pull the car out. A simple task all of which only took about 6 hours. But we were on our way home with the 1940 Ford Fordor Deluxe!

In February, two weeks later, Norma mailed me the title as well as all the license receipts for each year they owned the car up to 1958 when it was parked in

the barn with the 58 plates still on the car. Norma had signed the title over to me, but I chose to keep the original 1940 title and eventually got a clear title via the bonded title route. If any of you have ever seen an original 1940 tile, you'd understand,

Now lets just forward to May 23rd, 2018 right at 22 years after obtaining the 40 ford and buying the 42 Ford. I finally came to the realization that I probably wasn't ever going to get the 40 restored. So just before I was going to list the car on Ebay Motors I made a call to a guy in the Dallas area that has a restoration/modification business. I asked if he had any interest in a 1940 Ford, told him about the car and he asked me to send him some pictures. Which I did, 52 to be exact. Called him the next day, he liked what he saw, and we agreed on a price and delivered the car on May 25th. So long Old Friend!!!





The Rearview Mirror

From our Club Historian Joe Vogt

From the June, 2008
Antique Expression

The June, 2008 Cover Car was a 1928 Jordan J-1 Line 8 sedan owned by – you'll never guess – Christie and John Jordan. John had always been a car guy, having owned a 1972 Firebird, a 1971 Oldsmobile Convertible, and a 1968 Corvette. But it was Christie, a history teacher, and not John who fell in love with the car.

The Jordan was what was called an assembled car, that is, the company bought most of its components from other manufacturers, and then put them together to make the Jordan. But apparently the company did a good job of assembly because when the Jordans bought this car, it still had its World War II gas ration sticker affixed to the windshield.

The company was in business from 1916 until 1932 with its most famous model being the Playboy, a two seat roadster made from 1919 until 1929.

Jordan was considered a pioneer in car advertising because before Jordan, ads just contained the basic facts about the car. But Jordan ads gave its cars sex appeal and made the reader want to be like the people in the ads. And another unusual feature was that there were often women in the ads, either to add to the car's mystique or to persuade women to buy the car.

The Jordan's 11 year old daughter also loved the car and would show it off to all her friends. Once she and a friend were sitting in the back seat and asked what the crank was for. John explained that it was to roll down the windows and showed them how. They were shocked that cars once had roll down windows. As Christie said, wait until they find out that there is no CD player!

At a club meeting, Tom Timmins presented Stan Erickson with a 1935 Texas Licensed Chauffer's Badge for writing the Taxi Tales column and for getting his stories in well before the deadline. The Ericksons also mentioned that a New

New York City cabbie who bought his taxi medalion in 1981 for \$30,000 was able to sell it in 2008 for \$600,000!!! Wonder how much it's worth in these days of Uber?

The Ericksens' thought for this month was attributed to the Houston Police Department Helicopter Hangar: "If it ain't broke, fix it until it is."

Tom Timmins wrote about the 2008 Keels and Wheels show, which in addition to several incredible cars from John O'Quinn also had cars from GCR club members Bill Wahlberg, Lee Brown and John Alkire (who received an award for their 1910 Bianchi limousine), Ron Stein, Sam Romeo, John Sweney and Mike Stargel, and Tom Timmens. Tom and Ev also had a chance to have lunch and subsequently dinner with Chris Smith, grandson of the founder of Chriscraft, who had many stories to tell about how they named the company, inventions Grandpa had, etc.

Sam Romeo reported that the Pate Swap Meet was very successful with over 6600 vendor spaces sold. That was good news because the Pate meet provides more than 90% of our club's funds.

Because of traffic congestion and meetings ending after dark, John Alkire suggested an occasional alternate to our regular monthly meeting time and location so that members could attend with their old cars and attract new members. One suggestion was to meet during the day on a weekend, for example at the old Hobby Air Terminal. Additional discussion was postponed until the next meeting.

More Texas Tour

Cupcakes from the ladies event. Yum!



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

General Meeting May 14, 2018

President **Jim Johnston** called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance - **Diana Forbes** led us in giving thanks for all our GCR friends. She reminded us that we really are fortunate to share the old car hobby with each other. We followed this with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sunshine Report - **Donna Romeo** recently spent four days in the hospital with pneumonia. She's feeling better and was at tonight's meeting. It was great to see you, Donna! **Joe Vogt** was reported to be "under the weather". We've subsequently learned that he will soon start treatment for cancer. Be sure to call Joe and wish him well and ask if there's anything you can do for him. And finally, "Who was that masked man?" It was **Tahl Rozycki** wearing a surgical mask to avoid spreading germs while he has a cold. No. He did not wear a cowboy hat. He also did not ride in on a great white stallion named Silver. Instead, I think he flew in on a Firebird (2001 Pontiac). Or perhaps he simply fought his way in with his trusty Cutlass (1976 Oldsmobile).

Treasury Report - Jim forgot to ask Treasurer **Ev Timmins** about our finances. I presume we're just fine. Later in the evening I saw Ev booking a flight to Switzerland - probably to go check our bank's security.

Refreshments - **Robert & Elaine Bullard, Sandra Johnston, and Donna Romeo** made sure we were fat-'n-sassy with a selection of cheese and crackers, cookies, grapes, strawberries, and brownies. **Jim Johnston** chimed in that he helped Sandra with the brownies. Is anyone else thinking that maybe Jim's contribution was to lick the bowl after Sandra poured the contents into a baking pan?

Guests - Tonight we thanked **Pat and Lydia Fant** for coming to the meeting as guests of **Tahl Rozycki**. The Fants recently purchased a cobalt blue 1956 Cadillac Series 62 4-door Sedan with factory air and only 95,000 original miles! "Sheila" is what they named her, and they bought her from the original owner-family in West Chester, Pennsylvania. After the meeting, some of us visited with the Fants and saw a picture of their "new" Cadillac. She's every bit as refined and elegant and poised as you would expect. Congratulations, Pat and Lydia. It would be great to see you again, and we hope you'll join our local Gulf Coast Region AACA as well as the national AACA.

We also welcomed **Sue Yaklin** to our evening meeting. Sue is a friend of **Mary Lou Boggus** and hails from Corpus Christi. Mary Lou and **Don Boggus** used to live in Corpus, and that's where they met Sue and her husband. Thanks for bringing Sue, Mary Lou! [That rhyme was intended!]

Where We've Been - **Sam Romeo** reported that the 2018 Pate Swap Meet was a rousing success. More than 200,000 people attended, and revenues were up \$75K from last year. While Pate has always been a Thursday

through Sunday event, most of the vendors leave after Saturday's business. In view of this, Pate will be only a Thursday through Saturday event next year.

Where We're Going

May 17-20, 2018: Texas Tour - The 65th Annual Texas Tour will be but a memory by the time you read this, unless you were *not* fortunate enough to attend it - in which case it will be but a *regret* that you did not go! By the bye, our GCR will host the 2020 Texas Tour.

July 7, 2018 - Celebrate our great country's Declaration of Independence on July 7th! Why July 7th instead of the 4th of July? Because that's when our venue is available! The GCR's commemorative potluck lunch will held in Richmond at the Del Webb Sweetgrass community clubhouse. Thank you **Lenny and Paula Holzband** for arranging this site. The GCR will supply the meat, and members will impress us with their side dishes and desserts. As an added bonus, **Ferrell Moore** will give a presentation, "Our Club Cars in the Movies".

It's OK that we're celebrating Independence Day later than most other Americans. The fact of the matter is that the Continental Congress did *not* vote on July 4th to declare our independence from England and to call ourselves states; the Declaration of Independence was not even *signed* on July 4th. The "real" dates to crlrbtateare on page 10.

Car News

Jim Johnston talked about the potential heartbreak and distress of letting your car be in a movie. His 1927 REO Flying Cloud was in a snow scene, and the "snow" consisted of potato flakes. It took him years to get the car clean. It's a too bad the car didn't get wet on the inside and then sit in our Texas heat because it would have provided Jim a snack to eat while driving the REO in parades. (Continued on pg. 10)

Down the Road

Underlined items are club (GCR AACA) sponsored activities.

June 11 **GCR AACA** meeting. 7:30 in the Tracy Gee Center.

June 25 Deadline for AE May mini information for July.

July 7 "4th of July" celebration: Sweetgrass Clubhouse, Lenny Holzband, contact.

July 30 Deadline for AE August issue contributions.

August 13 **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

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

Last Sat. morning of the month: Coffee and pastries at Gateway Classic Cars, 71 Esplanade Blvd., Houston, 77060

1st Sat. of the month: Coffee and Cars. Free car meet from 8-10 AM at Memorial City Mall, south side parking lot.

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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REFRESHMENTS

June
Bea McLellan
Jose Gonzalez-Jauregui



WOW! It'll be a hot time in town, but not at the GCR 4th of July on the 7th!!



You will be sent a signup sheet via email for the annual celebration. It will be on July 7th at the Sweetgrass Clubhouse, in air conditioned comfort. We will bring the meat; you bring a dish and your antique car. See you then.

Minutes (Continued from pg. 5)

John Manning's Pierce Arrow Model 54 Rumble Seat Coupe won a Silver Prize at Keels & Wheels. Congratulations, John. That's a beautiful car! We remember it from the National AACA Meet our Club hosted in Galveston in October 2016.

Tahl Rozycki walked in with the **Breck Wagner Memorial Orphan Car Award** trophy that his 1983 Chrysler Imperial won at the 2017 Texas Tour in Victoria. This is a rotating award, so Tahl was returning it to **Julie Wagner-Palmer** so that she could award the prize anew at the upcoming 2018 Tour. Julie reminded us that she gives this award in honor of her father, **Breck Wagner**.

Julie told us that "back in the day", Breck used to race Hudsons and had the biggest Hudson collection in Texas. Breck and his partner-in-humorous-mischief, **Stan Erickson**, who also owned orphan cars over the years (1917 Willys Overland and 1967 Checker Cab), were talking between pranks on one Texas Tour and noted that orphan cars were being overrun at the awards ceremony by Fords and Chevys. To counter this, they built and awarded a trophy based on the world's first orphan car: the Fred Flintstone car from the 1960 television cartoon series. Breck and Stan even made a case to transport the trophy. Breck's special "orphan" touch was to use a Hudson car door handle as the case's carrying handle. Stan's "orphan" contribution was to stamp an image of his Checker Cab inside the lid of the case.

Other News to Amuse - **Jim Johnston** mentioned that the Board had earlier discussed a request by Blue Skyes over Autism to do a car show. Blue Skies is trying to raise money to buy land and a building for their autism support services. **Lenny Holzband** has volunteered to head up this effort. Thank you, Lenny.

Jim also discussed a letter that our GCR intends to send to the Pate Directors and Officers and to the Shareholder Club Presidents. The intent of the letter is to discuss ways to make budgeting, operating procedures, and fund distributions more understandable.

Our Club is hosting the 67th Texas Tour in 2020. We'll need to identify a Tour Chairperson (or two), a host city, and a hotel.

Dean Forbes wants a new Club directory. **Ev Timmins** said that she's working on it.

John Matejka recommended driving activities and events for our Club. For instance, he mentioned using the track at an old blimp base for a car driving event.

Finally, there was more discussion about the Original Automotive Literature that **Robert McLellan** gifted to our Club. Since we were not able to take the literature to Pate this year, it was recommended that we gather the boxes in one spot and that groups volunteer to sort the contents box by box. Jim and Ev mentioned a possible temporary location in Pearland that we could use for sorting.

Luck of the Draw - We like to close our meetings with two drawings. The first is a \$10 door prize awarded to a member who simply showed up and got a numbered ticket. It's the "being there" prize, and **Bill Palmer** won it. Congratulations, Bill. Since Bill's daily driver is a Prius, \$10 actually moves him down the road quite a distance.

The second drawing is for our cumulative prize. Since **Carole Coghill** won the accumulated \$110 from last month's drawing, this month's prize started over at \$10. If **Herb Wahlberg** had been at the meeting, he would have been "ten to the good." June meeting prize will be \$20.

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

As it was – Albert L. Ramos



NOTE:

The 4th of July "real" dates to celebrate:

- May 12 and May 15, 1776 - the Continental Congress gave approval for and resolved that the colonies would write new state constitutions to replace the colonial constitutions.
- July 2, 1776 - The Congress voted for independence, and the Committee of Five (John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Robert Livingston, and Roger Sherman) drafted the declaration.
- July 4, 1776 - The Congress approved the revised and finalized Declaration of Independence, signed it, and sent it to be printed.
- July 8, 1776 - Philadelphia celebrated independence from England with a parade and gunfire.
- July 9, 1776 - The army under George Washington's command heard the news when camped near New York City and very rightly celebrated!
- August 2, 1776 - Delegates begin to sign the Declaration of Independence. A Harvard researcher stated that "it took several months, if not years, for all of the signatures to be added."
- August 10, 1776 - News reached London that the American Colonists had drafted a Declaration of Independence.

So, why does America recognize the 4th as Independence Day? Because technically, the Declaration was agreed to on that day, and the copies distributed throughout the colonies were dated July 4, 1776.

Congress Introduces Bill to Help Prevent E15 (Ethanol) Misfuelling

Legislation (H.R. 5855) has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives that would require a larger and more detailed warning label on gas pumps dispensing E15 (gasoline that's 15% ethanol) than is currently required, to help prevent misfuelling. The bill states that labels must provide an adequate warning to consumers about the damage E15 can cause, including images and text on a label that's 5 x 7 or larger, and highlighting that E15 is incompatible with certain engines and equipment. Ethanol, especially in higher concentrations such as E15, can cause metal corrosion and dissolve certain plastics and rubbers in automobiles that were not constructed with ethanol-resistant materials

You can shape the course of this proposal by requesting support for this legislation through the SAN website.

SEMA Action Network (SAN)

Since 1997, the SEMA Action Network (SAN) has been a grassroots network for the automotive hobby. The SEMA Action Network is a partnership between enthusiasts, vehicle clubs and members of the specialty automotive parts industry in the United States and Canada who have collaborated to promote automotive hobby-friendly legislation and laws.¹

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Note from the editor. Our club used to have a person assigned to follow the legislative issues faced by antique car owners. It has been some years since this was done. When I got this, I thought you might want to pursue it. Evelyn

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Regions & Chapters: How Are You Getting Young People Involved in the Antique Car Hobby?

By Megan Boyd, AACA National Board Director, aacameg@gmail.com

My name is Megan Boyd and I have recently been elected to the AACA Board of Directors and appointed as the VP of Youth Development and Chairwoman of the Scholarship Committee. I am honored and thrilled to be serving in these capacities!

Growing up in the hobby, I understand the importance in having the youth and young adults involved. To perpetuate not only our club but also our hobby, we must find a way to engage them.

Since accepting my position, I have been pleasantly surprised to hear how several regions and chapters have youth and young adult programs in place. Everything from youth judging to kids games and even programs with the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts - there are some really great ideas out there! I'd like to take some of these ideas and programs and expand them on the national level.

As I begin to chart out a course, I would like your input. What is your region or chapter doing to involve children and young adults? What are your ideas to engage the next generation of car people? Please shoot me a quick email at aacameg@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you

(From the April AACA Speedster)

Out and About with the GCR!

65th TEXAS TOUR-Nacogdoches



Do you think this is joy or horror!

Tahl was happy to return the trophy from last year



Julie presented this year's winner.



Tour folks enjoying lunch at 7th Street Cafe

Lots of nice cars on the judging field in Nacogdoches, over 80 of them.



KEELS & WHEELS WINNER
John Manning for his
Pierce Arrow

Here is another beauty.



Mary Lou's cupcakes from the ladies event; she made them, we ate them