



# The Antique Expression

Gulf Coast Region, Houston, Texas

## A Life of Challengers!



By Thomas Kidd

The first generation Dodge Challengers (1970-1974) was Chrysler Corporation's potent answer to the pony car market offered by GM and Ford at the time. Challengers ride on Chrysler's then "E-body" platform, also shared with the famous Barracudas. That first year saw the highest production run (about 77,000) of first generation Challengers. But in the 70's, with the country facing higher and higher gas prices, restrictive regulations about fuel economy from the government and declining sales, Chrysler ended the Challenger and Barracuda line with the 1974 model year, with only a little more than 11,000 Challengers built. Ironically, as engine power decreased and production numbers declined, and the 1970 being the most sought after Challenger, it is actually the 1974 model year that is the rarest of the original car run.

But in 1970, I was only 12 years old,

and had about an equal number of dollars in my pocket. Truth told, at that time I barely knew what a Dodge Challenger was. Sometime in late 1974, my older brother took me to Gulf Coast Dodge at the corner of 610 and IH-45 in Houston. There just leaving customer make ready, I saw the most beautiful car I'd ever seen, a 1974 Dodge Challenger, black on black. Still wet after being washed, the attendant had pulled the car outside in the glistening sun, and left the engine running. Walking behind the car, I can still today hear the sound of American muscle gurgling in stereo through dual exhaust. By this time, I was 16 years old and had my driver's license (had my learner's permit at 15), and had a few hundred dollars to my name—well on my way to owning one of these beauties—or so I thought. Later, upon attaining the age of when a kid could legally see an R-rated movie, I saw the 1971 movie titled "Vanishing Point." That movie later became a cult classic (and in a rare turn of events, even the later remake -1997 was pretty decent), but that's another story. *(Cont'd on p. 2)*

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The movie helped solidify my wanting to own my own Challenger. But it was not until 1977 when I was able to afford a used 1972 Challenger, which I had bought for \$850 from a used car lot in Pasadena. Wow—I was really big time now!

At age 18, I joined the Air Force and was eventually sent overseas. I could not ship my car, so after having driven it for only two years, I ended up selling it to my brother, who also drove it a few years until I returned and bought it back. But by this time, now 22, the car was tired, and I had no money, time or talent to restore it. So after it sat for a few more years, I sold it again.

A number of years later, after moves, college and gainful employment, I bought a second 1972 Challenger, this time an R/T. It needed work (along with a few other Mopars and a Corvette I was tinkering with) and the car spent most of its time in the garage. For whatever reason, I ended up selling my second Challenger.

After marriage and yet another move, now 44 years old, I took a long shot gamble and purchased a 1974 Challenger, which I currently have today. It is a plain-Jane base model with a small-block V8, mostly all original, but made up and improperly badged to look like one of the more sought after earlier muscle car Challengers.

My car is not show quality and will never win anything. I didn't buy it to show it, and so will probably never attempt a full frame-off restoration. While I do enjoy working on it, my true joy is driving the beast. Just driving it seems to satisfy a hunger for nostalgic American muscle. Nevertheless, I was finally able to retire this year and so have a bit more time to spend on it, and so as I write this, my third and final Challenger's interior is 90% disassembled and eagerly awaiting my attention. I best get back out there to the garage and get busy!

**TEXAS TOUR INFO TO KNOW  
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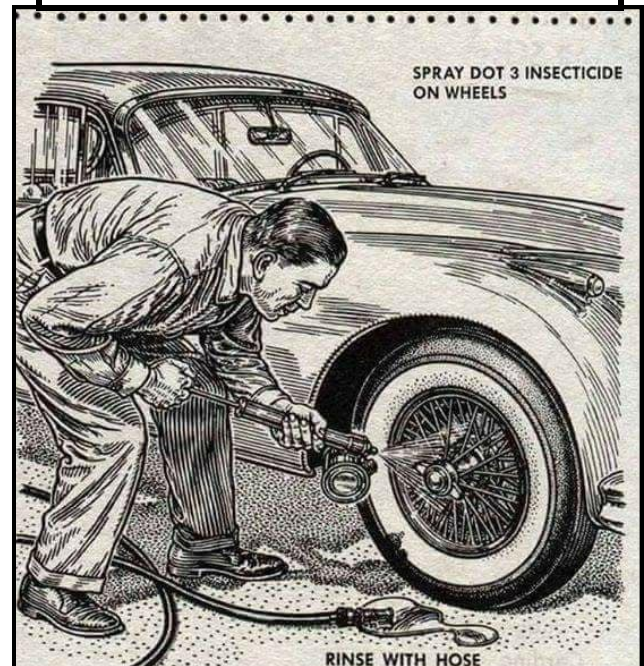
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John Sweney 6/13  
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Sandra Johnston 6/21  
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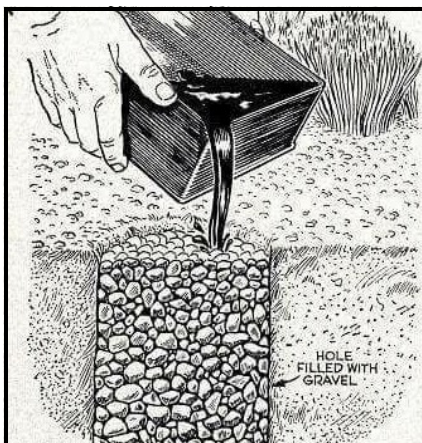
Elaine Bullard 7/7  
Ferrell Moore 7/18  
Nell Willis 7/27  
Bonnie Peterson 7/30  
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# Happy Anniversary!

## JUNE - JULY

Ferrell & Norma Moore 6/18 (64!!!!)  
Robert & Bea McLellan 6/27 (5)  
  
Chris & Jamie Baccaro 7/2 (18)  
Barney & Louise Calvert 7/5 (67!!!!)  
J.T. & Betty Gorrell 7/11 (32!!)  
Larry & Carrie Huber 7/12  
Jack & Dixie Kethley\* 7/17 (55!!!)  
Timothy & Joan Eyssen 7/22

\*=Associate members from the Golden Triangle Texas AACA



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4th of  
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## Secretary's Column A.A.C.A. Gulf Coast Region

### General Meeting 08 April, 2019

President **Robert Bullard** called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm.

#### Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

**Diana Forbes** offered a prayer for the meeting and the people attending it. But don't worry if you weren't at the meeting because Diana remembered you as well. This included YOU, **Stan Ericksen**, as well as **Jim and Sandra Johnston** who were on the road. After the invocation, **Robert Bullard** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Sunshine Report

**Diana Forbes** wished a happy April birthday to **Ev Timmins**, **Julie Wagner**, and **Paula Holzband**. Diana was not aware of anyone with a particular illnesses, but she did mention that **Bonnie Peterson** has moved to a memory care unit. Please keep Diana informed of Sunshine events as you become aware of them.

#### Treasury Report

Treasurer **Ev Timmins** reports that the Club is still in good financial shape, but we need our Pate Swap Meet revenue to raise more money.

#### Refreshments

**Diana Forbes** and **Carol Coghill** were in charge of refreshments. They thoughtfully provided Easter-themed candies malted eggs and frosting-covered mini-brownies. For those who (unwisely) do not start their meal with dessert, Diana and Carol brought "pigs in a blanket", chips and dips (the spinach dip was splendid), crackers and Cheese Nips, and a healthy fruit medley. By the way, the crackers were the old-fashioned Nabisco "Chicken in a Biskit", a savory-spiced cracker I remember from my childhood. Thanks for the memories, ladies!

#### Where We've Been

**Robert Bullard** thanked those who participated in the recent Brenham tour. Not only did 26 cars (and presumably at least a driver in each) join the tour, but a couple from Anderson, Texas who met the tour group joined the GCR. So when you do get to meet new members **Dennis and Jo Ann Husfeld**, please be sure to extend to them a hearty welcome to the GCR!

#### Where We're Going

April 25-28, 2019 - Pate: **Wayne Bartlett** really needs workers for the gates and to sell literature. By the way, we sold some literature at Traders Village last month. **Ashley and Lisa Griffin** did a great job. Ashley contacted the Mopar club and others to sell literature in bulk.

May 16-19, 2019 - Texas Tour: This year's Texas Tour will be in Kerrville, in the Hill Country. It should be great fun, and we hope you'll attend.

July 7, 2019 - Independence Day: Once again we'll be celebrating the 4th of July on a date other than the 4th. Instead, we'll celebrate on Sunday, July 7 at the Sweetgrass Community Center in Richmond, Texas. Thanks for arranging that, **Lenny Holzband!**

Christmas 2019: **Elaine Bullard** is trying to contact the Monument Inn to see if we can host our party there again this year.

#### Other News To Amuse

- There was a discussion on how to increase GCR membership. **Robert Bullard** suggested we set up a table at Autorama, Keels 'n' Wheels, etc. Our membership has decreased from last year's level, partly from members who have "aged out." We need to solicit new members. Don't be shy!

- **Julie Wagner-Palmer** spoke about the **Breck Wagner Memorial Orphan Car Award** trophy she presents at the annual Texas Tour. The trophy is "rotating", which means the recipient has to return it the next year to be awarded to the latest winner. To leave the recipient with more than a memory, Julie and **Bill Palmer** made miniature **Breck Wagner** trophies the winners can keep when they return the big trophy. **Tahl Rozycki** received the prototype mini-trophy because he was the most recent winner at last year's Texas Tour. Rumor has it that... well, forget it. I don't want to start rumors!

- **Ev Timmins** is selling her 1930 American Austin and **Julie Wagner-Palmer** is selling June Bug, her 1949 Plymouth Convertible.

- **Bill Cockrell** said Planet Ford is having car show soon.

- **Robert and Bea McLellan** went on a tour to Canyon of the Eagles on Lake Buchanan with Bentley Drivers Club. They saw a lot of birds. Does that mean they accidentally drove their Thunderbird instead of the Bentley?

- **Robert Bullard** gave a newsletter trivia quiz. Tonight's questions dealt with **Robert and Bea McLellan** and a 1947 Pontiac. Robert also asked us about a *Rear View Mirror* Article that dealt with **Stan Ericksen's** 1967 Checker. Stan also got a mention for one of his fabulous *Taxi Tales* articles. Robert's trivia questions involve a \$5 prize for correctly answering a special

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question. Tonight's special question was about a recent happy milestone event for one of our GCR couples. The answer was **Bill and Victoria Seward's 52nd wedding anniversary**, but I don't recall who got it right!

Luck of the Draw

We used to have 2 drawings at the end of our meetings, but now we have 3. The first drawing is for those who show up to the meeting and get a numbered ticket. If your number is drawn and you are still at the meeting, you win \$10. That's what **Joe Vogt** did! Congratulations, Joe.

There's also a larger, cumulative prize that grows by \$10 at every "clubhouse" meeting. Tonight's jackpot was \$90. And if **Joyce Hargrove** had been here, she'd have been the winner. Since she wasn't in attendance, the May meeting prize will grow to \$100.

The final prize is for the now-familiar "50-50 drawing" in which the Club sells numbered tickets to accumulate a pot of money. Tickets sell for \$1 each or seven (7) for \$5. At the end of our meeting, a drawing is held for a winning ticket. The holder of the winning ticket splits the money pot 50-50 with the GCR. Tonight **Dean Forbes** won \$23 in the 50-50 drawing. Diana Forbes noted that Dean spent \$20 to get it!

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

*As it was* – Albert L. Ramos



## General Meeting 15 May, 2019

President **Robert Bullard** called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Robert also gave the invocation. He asked for wisdom and guidance for the board and expressed gratitude for our Club members and friends as well as for the facility where we meet. Robert then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests

**Rob't Wheeless** brought his friend **Jim Sams** with him. Jim lives in Ohio now, but he lived in Houston from 1971 to 2002. Jim's a friendly car guy who restored a '67 Dodge Charger. We enjoyed the story of how he traded his 1967 Charger for a **2016 Dodge Challenger Scat Pack**. Somehow Jim got the dealer to trade him even! Recently Jim talked with the man who bought his '67 Charger from the dealer - they guy gave \$38,000 for it!

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer **Ev Timmins** says we have enough money to receive roughly \$15 a month in interest.

Sunshine Report

**Diana Forbes** noted the May birthdays and anniversaries. Two of the member couples in attendance had wedding anniversaries: **Jim and Sandra Johnson** (32 years of wedded bliss) and **Diana and Dean Forbes**. On the illness front, **Bill Cockrell** had neck surgery, so keep Bill in your prayers.

Refreshments

**Julie Wagner-Palmer** and Owlbert provided refreshing sustenance. Members happily noshed on Julie's homemade croissant sandwiches and a sugar-free cake that was so delicious, you should ask her about the *secret* ingredient! We also had crisp and lightly sweet *palmiers*, butter cookies that flew off the tray like greased cookies, almonds so smokey they could have just stepped out of a speak-easy, and Chex-Mix.

Where We've Been

**Pate Swap Meet** - I heard someone say, "**Wayne and Theresa Bartlett and Robert Bullard** did almost everything, and all the others did everything else." Everyone worked hard, and we thank them all. Wayne said the gates were well-staffed. And while the racetrack claimed attendance was up, Wayne says it looked like it was down. He says nationwide swap meet attendance is down everywhere except in Charlotte, NC, which is growing. **Rob't Wheeless** noted that not many people were carrying things, so they must not have bought much. There were also very few requests for the parts hauler. Rob't also noted that a guy named Joe Martinez, who has a TV show called *Iron Resurrection*, was filming at Pate. There was also a guy from a show called *Antique Archeology* at Pate with his film crew. I don't have a television, so I don't know who these people are.

**Keels & Wheels** was a success. **Ev Timmins** related a couple of stories: K&W raffled off a \$150,00 boat, limiting ticket sales to only 1,000 tickets. Ev saw a lady coming out of the clubhouse loudly announcing and celebrating that she won the boat after buying only two tickets! Ev also noted that the author **Clive Cussler** was at K&W with his **1919 Locomobile "6-fender"**. She also saw the **Pantera** that **Elvis Presley** once owned. He reportedly bought it for a girlfriend. She didn't like it, so he drove it. Elvis reportedly shot the Pantera three times when it wouldn't start. Other "famous" cars included several owned by GCR members. Prize winners from the GCR circle included **Bill Thomas** (*Best in Class* with his **1927 Cadillac Custom Imperial** and

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## President's Letter - Through the Front Windshield

I don't know what's it like at your house, but at my house it's hot. I think "Spring has Sprung" and summer is here. Please take caution as you tour in our old cars. Drivers, passengers and machinery need to stay well hydrated. Bad things can happen to all three that is readily corrected with a little water.

Those attending the 66<sup>th</sup> Texas Tour hosted by the Road Relics Central Texas Region AACA were treated to a great time in Kerrville, Texas. Elaine was away in North Carolina so I made the solo trip to Kerrville on Wednesday so I could start the tour with the afternoon tour on Thursday. I couldn't drive the 1931 Model A over on Thursday morning and get there in time for the tour. The Central Texas Region did a very nice job laying out the tour routes and sites for the Friday and Saturday tours. Visits to Comfort, Texas, antique shops, Luchenbach, LBJ State Park, Fredericksburg, Y O Ranch and the James Avery jewelry company provided a lot of variation in the types of sites visited. And, the visit to Neunhoffer's Ranch on Thursday was a real site to see. All told I drove "Eleanor" a little over 800 miles for the tour. Not a bad stretch of the old girl's legs over the five days.

Of the ninety registrations and roughly two hundred people who attended, the Gulf Coast Region was well represented. Of the approximate eighty-three cars in attendance: twenty one were 1949 and older; thirty-seven were 1929 and older; and nine were from the 1970's. It was great to see a lot of really nice cars in attendance and active on the tours. Our own Phyllis Davis won the Kristi's Choice Award.

Future tour rotation is: 2020 - Gulf Coast Region AACA, 2021 - Rio Grande Valley Region AACA, 2022 - Golden Crescent Region AACA, 2023 - Texas Region AACA, 2024 - Northeast Region AACA and 2025 - Central Texas Region AACA. Start getting yourself ready for next year's tour in Brenham being hosted by our club. We have several club members working on the tour framework. Please contact Jim Johnston or Wayne Bartlett and volunteer for a committee. It will certainly "take a village" to plan, organize and orchestrate the actual tour. Your help is needed and appreciated.

The club was also strongly represented at the Keel's & Wheels Concours D' Elegance with some award hardware coming home with club members. Congratulations to Lee Brown and John Alkire for winning the Preservation, Original Un-Restored Class trophy for their 1910 Bianchi Landauet Limousine. Bill Thomas won the Cadillac Best of Class trophy with his 1927 Cadillac Custom Imperial. Chris Baccaro won the Packard Post-War class trophy with his 1955 Packard Clipper and Tommy Baccaro won the Hagerty Youth Judging Trophy for his '47 Clipper. Congratulations to all the winners but especially the GCR club winners.

I entered my 1930 Model A Roadster but opted out of judging. It was fun meeting many of the visitors and discussing the old cars. It seems almost everyone has a Model A story involving their father, grandfather or uncle. Even a car as simple as a Model A Ford can generate considerable interest. Nice to see. I was also able to get one of my favorite authors and the Grand Marshal, Clive Cussler to autograph and personalize one of his books. He also had one of his unique, wonderfully restored cars on display. His 1919 Locomobile 48 6-fender Town Car was impeccable and won the American Pre-War Closed class trophy. It was a nice couple of days that managed to dodge the really bad weather.

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**From our  
Club Historian  
Joe Vogt**

From the June , 2009  
Antique Expression

The Cover Car for June, 2009 was a Brush Delivery Car owned by Benny Guseman, son of member Frank Guseman. It was built by the Brush Runabout Company, a Division of United States Motor Car Company, Detroit, Michigan. Its purpose was to succeed the horse and wagon in making light deliveries.

The Brush was a one cylinder vehicle with a wooden frame, wooden axle, and a chain drive. In 1949, Hudson Miniatures made a model of this car, including decals. Benny found the kits on Ebay and bought two of them.

One of the selling points of this vehicle was its hill climbing ability, apparently enhanced by its light weight. In fact a Brush climbed Pike's Peak in eight hours. With this vehicle, Alason P Brush believed he had reached "perfection" of an idea in motor car construction. And although the wooden frame and axles seem a little primitive, the Brush did have four coil spring suspension which was unique, and a counterbalanced crankshaft, which other manufacturers did not have until much later.

President John Alkire wrote an article entitled "Are Modern Motor Oils Safe for Your Antique?" which discussed the question of whether the removal of the engine wear reducer ZDDP (zincdiacetyldithiophosphate) from motor oils around 1996 has been detrimental to the engines in our antique cars. (Among other things, one reason that the government mandated ZDDP removal was that it fouled catalytic converters.) It would be interesting to have an update to this article as ZDDP has been missing from most of our motor oils for over 20 years, so there should be more actual field data.

The Ericksen's '67 Checker continued the tale of Taxi Driver's School. A cab driver can roll up 60,000 to 90,000 miles a year. 5 ½ years is the maximum cab life. (If there is anything left by then.) No spare tires in the cab because the lease drivers had a habit of stealing them and selling them to the owner drivers. So a wrecker is sent out when required.

The Checker Wisdom was "Why is it that when we get something, we no longer want it?" Irving Berlin

Our May 17, 2009 meeting was held at the 1940 Air Museum at Hobby Airport. Nine antique cars were brought to the meeting: 1926 Model T coupe (Frank, Burt, and Benny Guseman), 1928 Rolls Royce limousine (John Alkire), 1929 Dodge Brothers (Lee Brown), 1931 Auburn (Tom and Ev Timmins),

1955 Oldsmobile (Ferrell and Norma Moore), 1959 Metropolitan coupe (Ron Stein), 1964 Mercury (Jose Gonzales Jaregui), 1966 Mustang (Ollin Willis), and 1993 Cadillac Allante (Nick Ferrantino).

The Club's 50 anniversary celebration, organized by Evelyn Timmins, was planned for the Briar Club on November 15. Ferrell Moore was putting together a slide show.

2010 Texas Tour Chairman Jim Johnston reported on plans for the Texas Tour. The Ramada at College Station was selected as the tour central facility.

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The all-encompassing Pate Swap meet has come and gone since the last newsletter. In the end our club was able to get sufficient volunteers to man the gates and meet our obligations. Special thanks to Jim and Sandra Johnston, Paul and Barbara Byrd, Wayne and Teresa Bartlett, Sergio Fernandez, Lonnie and Patti Dresser, Robert Wheelless, Joy Wheelless, Michael Cawley, Walker Cawley, Ryan Haugstad and Elaine Bullard for all their help. Wayne Bartlett and Robert Wheelless did a great job as leaders and Teresa Bartlett deserves a special thanks for ramrodding the hospitality area and managing all the meals. In between eating and working gates, we managed to sell some auto literature as well!

We have finalized plans for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Outing. We will meet on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at Del Webb Sweetgrass Lake House in the main ballroom. We will also have a designated parking area for our old cars. More details are included elsewhere in the newsletter. Start making your plans to attend. Last year was great and I'm sure this year will be the same.

Hope to see everyone at the June meeting on the 10th and July 4<sup>th</sup> outing on July 7th !

*Robert Bullard*

### On the Road Again\*

### The Forbes' Hard Luck Story

On Sunday, April 28, 2019, we were returning from Salado, TX from our 31<sup>st</sup> All Texas Regional Meet of the Lincoln and Continental Owner's Club (LCOC); where our 1956 Mark II had won a 2<sup>nd</sup> place award in our division 1950-1960. We had a great time in Salado, the weather was beautiful and there were still plenty of bluebonnets in bloom.

We were traveling on US 90 Highway near Hempstead, TX, when we hit some road debris on the highway which disabled our car. We pulled to the side of the road and called AAA for a flatbed truck and they towed us and my car to our home in Katy. Four members of the LCOC saw us on the side of the road and came back to offer assistance. You know how "Misery Loves Company!"



The damage to the Mark II was pretty extensive. The debris broke off one of the blades on the 6 blade fan, which rattled around in the engine compartment and gouged a hole in the radiator and punctured the bottom hose of the radiator when exiting the vehicle. Which resulted in the loss of all of the radiator fluid. The fan blade also damaged the water pump, dented a small area inside the left front fender and scraped off some paint. It also scraped the air conditioner compressor clutch plate.

Most of the repairs I made myself, except for replacing the re-cored radiator back in my car. I "Tom Sawyer-ed" Jim Johnston to help put the radiator back in. In return, I got him out of vacuuming the house for Sandra.

Fortunately, Condon Skelly Ins. Co. are good for the cost of all of my replacement parts. Our President of the TGCR/LCOC called to let us know that we also won the 2019 LCOC "Hard Luck" award! That is won by anyone who has car trouble going to or from the regional meet. WOO HOO – 2 awards for 2019!!!



\*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.

**HAPPY 4th of JULY!!**





# Down the Road

Underlined items are club (GCR AACA) sponsored activities.

- June 10      **GCR AACA** meeting. 7:30 in the Tracy Gee Center.
- June 15      Grimes County Courthouse, Centennial Celebration, Anderson. See note below.\* (ask Bill Thomas for further info: [lestalk7@aol.com](mailto:lestalk7@aol.com))
- June 24      Deadline for contributions for any July news
- July 7        Annual **4th of July Celebration**. Del Webb Sweetgrass Community Clubhouse in Richmond. Sign up now.
- July 20        Watermelon fest with carshow, parade, and trophies, Hempstead. More at the meeting.
- July 26-28    Fredericksburg Swap Meet

## Public Car Outings.....

**Friday Lunch** - Car (& food) 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

**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

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## REFRESHMENTS

**MAY**  
Javis Boudreaux  
Ron Stein

## Ready to Trip Out??

Come to **Grimes County Centennial Celebration on June 15th**. Start at the courthouse at 9 AM. Free pancakes will be served at the seniors center on Main St. Lunch will have hotdogs available. About 1, you can even have ice cream and cake.



There will be tours of the courthouse and there are several antique shops folks can visit. Stage Coach Inn, a state historic park will be open.

**Note** from Evelyn. Tom and I went to the park and were able to ride in the stagecoach!! FUN!



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**John Alkire and Lee Brown** (Silver with their **1910 Bianchi**). Other winners included Chris Baccaro, (Silver - '**55 Packard Clipper**). Tommy Baccaro won the Hagerty Youth Judging Award for the blue '**47 Clipper**. Evelyn presented the **Tom Timmins Memorial Award** to Jay Matthews of Bellville for his **1917 Chevrolet 490 Convertible**.

**Diana Forbes** said she and Dean won 2nd place in their class in the recent Texas Regional Meet of the Lincoln & Continental Owners Club with their **Continental Mark II**. They also received a hard luck award because road debris broke a blade on the Continental's radiator fan and dented the radiator. (See pg. 8.)

#### Where We're Going

May 16-19 - Texas Tour: The *66th Annual Texas Tour* is being held in the lovely Texas Hill Country in Kerrville. Since the event has occurred by the time you read this, I hope you went and enjoyed it.

May 24 & 25 - Not So Fast: The previously scheduled tour for May 25 is off, but **Lenny Holzband** has an alternative: The *Navy Seal Danny Dietz Memorial Classic & Bar-B-Q Cook-Off* on May 24. Again, this is past by now, but perhaps you went.

July 7 - As in the past, we're celebrating the 4th on a weekend day. This year we gather on Sunday, July 7, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the *Del Webb Sweetgrass Community Club* in Richmond, Texas. We'll have a barbecue lunch. The Club will buy the meats; members will bring side dishes. The cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for guests. Special thanks to **Sandra Johnson** and **Ev Timmins** for coordinating the event and to **Lenny Holzband** for cadging the venue.

2020 - Texas Tour: Don't forget that the GCR is hosting the *2020 Texas Tour*. **Wayne Bartlett** has selected the grounds, but the hotel won't sign a contract until 50 weeks before the event. We are still working on catering and tour routes. **Jim Johnson** talked about the Tour logo. By the way, it's not true that the tour theme is "hindsight".

#### News To Amuse

**Robert Bullard's** trivia quiz gets the crowd revved up. In fact, when **Jim and Sandra Johnston** knew the answer to the first question (a blue 1967 VW Beetle), Jim may have lowered the record for the sitting high jump. Other questions addressed:

- a car manufacturer that had planned to build a 4-wheel drive car, but didn't (it went into receivership before it could produce cars);

- the year and make of car that new Members **Dennis and JoAnn Husfeld**, who joined our fair Club during the Brenham Mini-Tour in March, drive (a 1956 Ford);
- what **Bill and Julie Palmer** have in their back yard to chase away unwanted varmints (a somewhat large T-Rex model)

Robert also noted that the 20 millionth Volkswagen Beetle was produced on May 15, 1981.

#### Car Goes

If you're looking for a 1940 2-door sedan, ask **Wayne Bartlett**. I don't know what make of car it is, but he knows of a guy who wants to sell it! **Lenny Holzband** knows a man in Wharton who'd like to sell a 1949 Packard "bathtub" sedan.

**Tahl Rozycki** is slowly restoring his **1976 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme**. He's ordered trim from a parts catalogue, but he was especially eager to get a new cursive nameplate for the passenger-side front fender. Why is he so keen on that? It seems that Tahl has been driving the afore-named car with a broken fender nameplate missing its first 4 letters. *No wonder most of his dates over the years didn't like that car!*

#### Luck of the Draw

The \$10 "being there" prize was drawn by guest **Jim Sams**, and **Tom D'Ambrosio** was the winner. Congratulations, Tom! The second drawing was the cumulative prize - \$100 tonight. If only **Carrie Huber** had been at the meeting... Ah, well. Maybe you (the dear reader) will win \$110 at the June meeting.

The third and final drawing was for the 50/50 prize. **Ev Timmins** walked out with \$22. The Club kept \$23.

#### The End

That was about all the intellectual splendor we could stand for the evening. The meeting ended at 8:42 pm with the clamor of chairs being placed in their bins.

*As it was* – Albert L. Ramos

Friend  
from  
Kerrville

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# Around Town (or out of town) with the GCR

## Kerrville- Texas Tour



Wayne & Theresa on a lovely ride.



Yes, we went to Luckenbach!

Phyllis Davis won the Kristi's Choice Award!



But then they weren't!! What happened?

There were some really old cars there.



There were also some classics, like Bill Thomas' Cadillac.



And quite a few "sharp" cars!

Another shot of the cover car

Don't they look nice lined up on the streets of Comfort?

