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The DeLorean DMC-12



The DeLorean motor company was actually started in the 1970s, with John DeLorean's being somewhat fed up with GM, after having risen to a position of leadership in the Pontiac division. (John DeLorean is considered the father of the GTO.) He felt he could build an economical, safer and more stylish automobile and offer it to the public at a reasonable price. His automotive story strangely parallels in some ways that of Malcolm Bricklin, creator of the Bricklin SV-1.

John DeLorean built a factory in record time (just a few years, unheard of at the time) near Belfast, Ireland. While this was the primary assembly point, the car was targeted (initially) exclusively for the American market, and thus is considered an American car. Production began for the 1981 model

year. In all, about 9000 cars were built for the 1981, 82 and 83 model years. The car was and is still considered way ahead of its time.

Sometime during production, the DeLorean Motor Company started to realize financial problems. DeLoreans were not selling as well as hoped, and there were cost overruns and QA issues. This was the beginning of the end of the short production run for the DeLorean. In addition, John DeLorean had been publically charged with (and later acquitted of) drug trafficking, trying to save the faltering company. This was the end of the original DeLorean Motor Company.

John DeLorean died in 2005. Speaking of John DeLorean after his death (the car then 25 years old), Dan Ackman said "Reportedly 6,000 DMC-12s survive, a huge percentage compared to the number built. ...Thus, the car outlives the man. In all likelihood, the legend will outlive the car." That is a 66% survival rate after 25 years. Today it is believed about 5500 cars still exist (61% after 35 years).

The DeLorean has a cult-following of

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enthusiasts, as well as those who hate the car for any number of reasons. Obviously it was loved for its aesthetics and uniqueness. One of the biggest complaints was that the car was under powered. From the factory, the DeLorean came with a mechanically fuel injected PRV 2.85 V6. This was adequate for the light weight, low wind resistance car. Though not a speed demon, it could hold its own among everyday cars. A number of DeLorean owners have successfully accomplished engine swaps with a variety of engines, including V8s. Numerous after market turbos were also installed by owners and custom shops.

All DeLoreans came with stainless steel body panels. None of them were painted by the factory, although some dealers later painted them, and offered them that way as new.

During production, two DeLoreans were commissioned to be 24k gold-plated, as a promotion for the American Express company. Ultimately, a third gold DeLorean was assembled from replacement parts that had gone unused, that were made specifically for the first two gold cars. These three gold cars still exist, and are in museums or in private hands.

For novelty, there are numerous customizations of DeLoreans, including a DeLorean limo, a monster truck DeLorean, a convertible DeLorean, a hover-craft DeLorean, a trailer made out of a DeLorean, a twin-engine DeLorean. Having been immortalized by the Back-to-the-Future movie trilogy starring Michael J. Fox and Christopher Lloyd, some 82 DeLoreans have been documented as converted to Back-to-the-Future replicas.

Today, spare parts for the 35+ year old car are mostly plentiful (but not cheap) from a private entrepreneur who purchased most of the remaining stock from the defunct DeLorean Motor Company, and sells and ships them around the world. He also services, restores, and sells DeLoreans and DeLorean parts from a main location in Houston, and franchises around the US and Europe.

(The GCR AACA had a very informative trip there several years ago with all the clearly marked bins full of parts!)

Part 2: My DeLorean Experience

In the mid-70s I was coming of age and like many boys, I became interested in cars. As a teenager, I had once gone with my older brother to Gulf Coast Dodge in Houston (then at I-45 and Loop-610) to look at cars. There I saw up close what I believed to be the most beautiful car I'd ever seen, a shiny black 1974 Challenger RT, being made ready for its new buyer. I can to this day still see it parked there, engine running and the lights on. I can still hear the big V8 engine gurgling in stereo through the dual exhaust. Wow! From that point on I was hooked on Mopars (or so I thought), and have owned a number of them over the years (three Challengers, a Charger and a Satellite). To this day, I still own one of the Challengers.

In the early 80s, I saw a television commercial about a new kind of car. It was sleek and had very futuristic styling, which I liked as much as the Mopars. Four rectangular headlights, high-tech design, low and wide, gull-wing doors and a stainless-steel body that would never need painting and would never rust. It was the most futuristic automobile I'd ever seen. Unfortunately, at the time they were out-of-reach and my interest subsided after the company went into receivership, and the hype ended.

As a diversion from Mopars and DeLoreans, I ventured into Corvette ownership for a number of years. I stumbled upon a 1969 Corvette Stingray, small block 350ci (350hp, 11:1 compression ratio), 4-speed manual, and painted bright red. Driving along the sea-wall on Galveston Island with the T-tops off, this car got attention!

Still, Mopars and Corvettes hadn't satisfied my automobile appetite. Over the next 20 years I had seen DeLoreans in museums, in parades and at car shows, street meets and auctions, each time reminding me of their timeless beauty, and tugging at my interest. In the mid-2000s, I came across five DeLoreans together at a car show.

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AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Ted & Evelyn Hiesser	8/6 (61!!!)
Charles & Patricia Logan	8/8 (56!!)
Robert & Elaine Bullard	8/10 (43!!)
Bill & Victoria Seward	8/19
Don & Mary Lou Boggus	8/26 (56!!)
Michael & Caroline Calistrat	8/26 (59!!!)
BJ & Jo Cornstubble	8/31
Average for 5 couples above:55	

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Lee Brown	8/1
Tonya Ornduff	8/1
Pam Ahlers	8/2
Mike Stargel	8/3
Thomas Kidd	8/9
Audi Reinthaler	8/10
June Crane	8/11
Jerry McCurry	8/14
Julie Collins	8/24
Norma Moore	8/26
Linda Tucker	8/28
Bill Womack	8/29
Mike Peterson	8/31

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Ben & Jean Beerbower	9/3 (67!!!)
Herb & Barbara A. Wahlberg	9/8 (42!!)
Ollin & Nell Willis	9/12 (58!!!)
Michael & Bonnie Peterson	9/30 (62!!!)
Average for 4 couples above: 57	

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Patrick Mahoney	9/2
Ron Stein	9/3
Ann Bartlett	9/4
Bill Seward	9/6
Mary Ann Derby	9/9
Jim Johnston	9/11
Jean Beerbower	9/13
Donna Romeo	9/15
James L. Simmons	9/15
Diana Forbes	9/30

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

From The President

Javis Boudreaux

From the amount of heat we have had this summer, I hope winter in comparison will be an equally chilly one. Heck,it's been hot! I hope you are staying cool and dry.

We had a huge turnout for the July 4th event (on the 2nd) with 90 members and/or potential members present to celebrate our nation's birth and celebrate driving an old ride. It should be noted that Mrs. Calistrat did not win the \$100 drawing this time. Did her luck finally run out??? No, it seems they just did not bring an old car to the event this time, so not to worry...the earth is still spinning as normal. Responses received from the members for this event and location have all been very positive. Food was both good and plentiful. The facility worked out very nicely although a bit warm due to circumstances beyond our control. It still beat being outside in a park in the heat.

As we prepare for the National 2016 event in Galveston, we would like to get all silent auction items for the fund raising to the meeting at Tracy Gee by September 12th. Get your rooms now, and if you plan on showing a car, please get registered as soon as possible.

Also don't forget we are in the process of updating our website, www.gcraaca.org. We are looking for photos to put up on the web site so send to Evelyn when you get a chance. 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!!

Ever see a Little car?

Robert Belt had this at his Carriage Clubhouse on July 2nd.



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

General Meeting 13 June, 2016

At 7:30 PM most of us were mingling about the refreshment tables and mangling a few non-fat, dietary essentials when we heard President **Javis Boudreaux** call the meeting to order. At 7:37 PM, we realized he meant it and sat down.

Invocation - **Diana Forbes** led tonight's invocation. She asked for "a healing hand on our members in need." Then she got optimistic and prayed for peace. Finally, she abandoned all earthly reason and prayed that our leaders would listen to us. Thank you, Diana. From your mouth to God's ear!

New Members - Thanks to the efforts of some of our members, we've added several new members lately. So if you see someone you don't recognize at a future meeting, try to guess if it is **John & Parnecia Gough**, **BJ & Jo Cornstubble**, **Ryan & Amanda Levermann**, or **Thomas & Carol Kidd**. The Levermanns have a Ford Model TT, and the Kidds have a '74 Dodge Challenger and an '81 DeLorean.

GCR Reports

Treasury Report: Treasurer **Ev Timmins** said that "we're doing fine, making \$6.50 per month in interest!" That caused more interest from the members than it paid.

Meeting Minutes: : **Diane Forbes** made the motion to approve both sets of minutes published in the *May Antique Expression*. **Ron Stein** seconded the motion, and then we all approved it.

Sunshine Report: **John Doerfler** reported that **Charlie Worthen** is still in a memory care facility. **Don**

Boggus has had good reports from his cancer treatment; he's also getting his appetite back. We wish you had been with us tonight, **Don**.

Lynne Boudreaux stayed home fighting a respiratory infection. We hope you're feeling better, **Lynne**. Finally, **José Gonzales-Juaregui** was here, but he is fighting bursitis.

Refreshments: If you're watching your weight, then tonight's meeting was the meeting for you. You could have watched all the weight you wanted as you consumed the smorgasbord of culinary delights. First, **Julie Palmer** brought homemade peach cobbler, which is one of my favorite desserts, especially when it's not made in my home because I don't have to clean up the mess of making it. Since Julie made it in her own home, I'll presume husband **Bill Palmer** got tasked with this duty. I don't know if Bill really did the clean up for it, but I do know that Bill undertook a very important mission related to the cobbler: he brought vanilla ice cream to top the treat. In fact, Bill was thoughtful enough to bring both sugar-free and regular. Either way, it was "high test" to me. For those who don't remember, "high test" is old car talk for premium fuel, which is what peach cobbler with ice cream is. Julie also brought exquisite brownie bites with something "extra" in them. I asked Julie what was different, and she said they had walnuts and white chocolate hips. She didn't really say "hips"; she said chips. But it amounts to much the same thing if you eat enough of them. Finally, Julie also brought a homemade, savory Chex-mix with nuts. When I was a kid, an elderly neighbor used to make this treat for me. She called it Texas Trash. I once told her that my mother might not want me eating a snack so close to supper time. "Nonsense!" she said. "It's good for

you. It's got cereal in it!" Thanks for keeping it healthy, **Julie**.

Bill Cockrell and **Victoria Seward** also brought refreshments tonight. Bill brought fruit, sodas, and chicken nuggets. The chicken disappeared quickly. And Victoria made the most delicious oatmeal cookies you've ever tasted - both with and without nuts - probably because we've got two types of people at the meeting. If you've not tasted Victoria's oatmeal cookies, it may be because I got to the refreshment table before you did. They're superlative. Thank you, **Victoria**.

Where We've Been

- May 18-22, 2016, Texas Tour: Abilene, Texas:

Julie Palmer gave us some of the inside information that didn't make it into print with the May issue of the *Antique Expression*. For instance, **Tahl Rozycki** fell down and broke his crown, a gold one, that is, from his mouth. He thought he swallowed it; so he ended up doing some gold mining in an attempt to find it. If he did find it, we've had no word on whether he actually re-used it.

Julie also told us that **Tahl** was polishing his car with an old pair of underwear to prepare for the car judging when he met a couple of "chicks." They invited him to go drinking with him later, and he did (of course). The word is that while **Tahl** remained as sober as a priest, the young ladies were liberally imbibing ("getting hammered" is the term Julie employed). After that, the gals took **Tahl** to a couple of karaoke bars. The second one was getting ready to close for the evening; but to induce the DJ to let the girls sing, **Tahl** told him about the old car show. Somehow, it did the trick. The girls sang. **Tahl** sang. Inexplicably, they enjoyed each other's singing.

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Be thankful *you* weren't there.

Julie also said there was a big turnout for the Texas Tour. Surprisingly, there were as many Hudsons in attendance as there were Fords (5). Julie's Hudson, Rock, got a lot of attention. She and Bill drove Rock to the Texas Tour from Houston and averaged 19 mpg. Not bad for a big, old car.

Julie awarded the **Breck Wagner Memorial Orphan Car Trophy** to a 1950 Studebaker Starlight Coupe owned by Red Adams's granddaughter. Finally, Julie said that the style show was beautiful and really well done and thanked **Eileen Bartlett** for her excellent work.

Wayne Bartlett also had something to say about the Texas Tour. He noted is that the young woman who gave them a tour of the military base was 3 months pregnant. How things have changed from the days when many of our GCR members were in the military.

Where We're Going

July 2, 2016: Our annual 4th of July event "will be held" on July 2. Since it has actually already occurred, I won't go into any details. You'll read about it elsewhere in this newsletter.

July 24, 2016: **Lee Brown** has arranged a mini-tour starting at the Live Oak Bar & Grill. "Bring a car and we'll decide where to go next," he said.

August 13, 2016: **Ron Stein** has arranged for our Club to visit Hemi-Hideout. The cost will be \$5 per member. Please sign up with Ron as space is limited.

October 20-22, 2016: There's so much going on for our 2016 National Meet which will be held in Galveston, Texas. **Robert Wheeless**, who has done a Herculean task in organizing

They look great, Robert. **Dena Doerfler** spoke about the Silent Auction she has organized to help defray our cost of hosting the Meet. **Diana Forbes** recommends having a party to assemble gift baskets for the auction. **Victoria Seward** is in charge of the Hospitality. She passed around a sign up sheet to work in the AACA store and to make goodies for the Hospitality Room. There's lots of things we need to bring, but we can't bring something that needs to be plugged in to keep it hot or cool due to hotel regulations.

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

Car News

Chuck Crane is selling a '31 Ford Model A Sport Coupe, and **Jerry McCurry** has a firetruck for sale. **Dean Forbes** reminded us that he still has his 24-ft. aluminum car trailer for sale. **Robert Wheeless** suggested he donate it to **Dena Doerfler's** auction for the Meet!

Other News to Amuse

Robert Wheeless heard about a cool restaurant at the Brenham Airport, a '50s style diner in which waitresses wear poodle skirts. **Tahl Rozycki**, when not polishing cars with his underwear and taking young ladies out to drink and sing, is also a veterinarian. He offered to examine the poodles for the waitresses at no charge.

Robert also bought a case of Lucas Classic Car & Hot Rod oil because the oil is formulated with a zinc content of 1,600 PPM to minimize valve wear.

Luck of the Draw

And now for something we've all been waiting for... the Luck of the Draw! Every member at the meeting gets a numbered ticket. If you're still at the meeting at the end *and* your number is selected, you win ten of Uncle Sam's devalued finest (that's \$10). Tonight, **Ev Timmins** asked **Carol Coghill** to draw the ticket for this first drawing. The lucky winner was **Dot McCurry**! Congratulations, Dot. A few more wins like that, and maybe Jerry will sell you the firetruck! (Continued on page 7.)

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REFRESHMENTS

AUGUST:
Dot McCurry
Donna Romeo

SEPT:
Ron Stein
Bill Seward



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It was the first time I had seen more than one at a time. Strangely, they all looked new even though they were 25 years old. I took a second look at them, and began to reconsider the possibility that owning one might be in reach. So in 2005, after about a year long search, I located a partially refurbished DeLorean and bought it.

My DeLorean ownership tenure has brought about some new aspects of my life. For one, driving just about anywhere gets attention. I cannot buy gas without an admirer approaching me to chat about the car. My wife and I were shocked when a young man and woman on a motorcycle photographed us on I-45, in the downtown Houston spaghetti bowl, doing about 55 MPH, at night. Very dangerous. In traffic, some will flank me for a while, and then move on. I almost always get the thumbs up!

I became involved in local club activities. I met new friends and acquaintances, going to shows and street meets with the local group. I also became aware that there were clubs already formed all over the United States, and indeed all over the world. Our local group here in Houston however, didn't have a web presence. Being that I was also interested in web development, and that all the other US metropolitan areas with clubs had websites, I offered the local club to build their website. I did so, and have been maintaining it for them ever since.

As I have also always been fascinated with numbers and data (albeit not as glamorous as classic cars or web development), I began to gather lists, counts and statistics from other sources, of all the original DeLoreans built, as well as all the remaining ones left in the world. Information gathered included customizations (like painting, engine swaps, right-hand-drive, Back to the Future replicas...well, you get the idea). This led to the creation of the online world-wide DeLorean Registry, which I also maintain.

There was also already in existence, an up-to-date online volunteer directory of DeLorean owners world-wide. In 2011, the keeper of that directory decided to retire, citing time needed to spend on his own DeLorean. Not seeing the obvious, that taking on yet another responsi-

bility would tax my time as well as it did his, I accepted the responsibility of taking on and maintaining the DeLorean Owners Directory (DOD). Thus, I am now the keeper of the new DOD. These cars are well documented on the internet, and generally referred to by the last 5 digits of their VIN. Location, customizations, owner email and photos are some of what is tracked in the directory.

A nation-wide convention occurs biannually in cities around the U.S. in the summer, and I try to attend. Europe has its own version called "Eurofest" held every five years, but I have not had the opportunity to attend.

In 2015-2016, a team of three DeLoreans started out from Germany on an adventure around the world. Dubbed the DeLorean World Tour (DWT), the team's official goal was to promote the reliability of the mar-quee at 35 years old. They traveled from Europe, through the Balkins, through (among other countries) Turkey, Iran, UAE, India, Nepal, China, Malaysia, Singapore, Australia, Canada, the United States (including a stop in Houston), Iceland and back to Europe in time to attend the 2016 Eurofest. The tour was extremely well documented on the internet, complete with an interactive world map locator, a trip blog, and hundreds of pictures. We were quite excited and honored to have them visit us here in Houston.

My DeLorean

The DeLorean is a strange little car, and mine is no different. It has its own character, quirks, and all the telltale signs of a genuine DeLorean, from one end of the spectrum to the other. It has innovations and design flaws. It has given me both days of great pride of ownership and days of bloody knuckles and choice words. It is uniquely DeLorean (of course and aside from the obvious) and so I cannot really compare it to any other car I've ever driven or tried to maintain. As I write this, my DeLorean is 35 years old. It starts and runs well, and still looks timeless. I do try to drive it when I can, but unfortunately it spends more time in the garage than out, but I hope to change that.

By Thomas Kidd
Newest GCR AACA member!
Glad you're here, Thomas

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR OUR 2016 NATIONAL MEET

Our 2016 National Meet in Galveston, Texas will be held from October 20-22, and it's time to get registered! It's also time to make your hotel reservations. We have arranged for AACA Meet Rates at the host hotel, Moody Gardens Resort & Spa, \$149 per night. The alternative overflow hotel AACA Meet Rate at the Inn at the Waterpark is \$99 per night. The Dellanera RV Park has special AACA Meet Rates. Call and make your reservations soon, before the blocked rooms/spaces are booked up.

Moody Gardens 1-409-741-8484
Inn at the Waterpark 1-800-718-1155
Dellanera RV Park 1-409-797-5102



The staff of Moody Gardens has worked hard to accommodate us and all our events for the weekend. They are providing the ballroom and many other rooms such as Hospitality Room/AACA Store, Silent Auction, Judges School at no charge, but we must have 100 rooms occupied to fulfill the contract. That shouldn't be difficult, we already have forty-six (46) reservations, but we don't want to run short. So, give them a call and make your reservations now.

Registration for the meet opened on June 18th and closes on September 26th. Louisiana is almost neck and neck with us on registration. We have eight registered and they have seven! We also have two from Oklahoma, one from Arkansas, one from Kentucky, and a couple more from Texas.

It's early yet, but the sooner we start getting our numbers, the easier it will be for us to make plans.

Log onto www.aaca.org and set up your registration today! You will need your member number and PIN number to login. If you have a member card from the national, your member number and PIN are listed. If you can't find your card and/or PIN, call the national at 717-534-1910. They can provide this information to you. After you complete your registration online, print the form and send to me with a check. The instructions and mailing address are on the website. The national does not accept credit cards, so a check is necessary.

If you prefer not to register via the web site, ask the national to mail you a registration card. They will mail the preprinted card with your member number, name and address on the card. We cannot provide that card locally. Again, complete the card and mail with payment by check. The instructions and mailing address are on the card.

One last thing, Robert is still looking for volunteers for committees and a couple of committee chairmen. We want this to be a successful meet and give everyone a big Texas Welcome. Call or email Robert today and see what you can do to help!

Sandra J.

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The second drawing is for the prize that grows by \$10 every month in which we have a meeting until someone strikes it rich! And rich it was, as tonight's prize had grown to 150 "big ones." There were so many worthies in attendance tonight, but only one had the perfect combination of presence and luck we call "Da Winna!" Congratulations, **José Gonzalez-Juaregui!** I hope the win helps you forget the pain of the bursitis!

Adjourn - The meeting ended at 8:40 PM. Many of us gathered in the parking lot and told tall tales - or perhaps I should say Tahl Tales. If you're interested and not too squeamish, ask **Tahl Rozycki** about the Doberman Pincher called "Chuy" (rhymes with "chewy"). It has nothing to do with chewing oatmeal cookies. As it was - Albert L. Ramos

Clash of the Thirteens

I was just about to pull forward out of my driveway in my 1913 Buick touring headed for a July 4th event when Mary, my dear wife, was backing her 2013 Ford Edge out the same driveway and, you guessed it, crash!

Damage report:

The 1913 Buick lost a chip of paint off the leaf spring about the size of your fingernail.

The 2013 Ford had about a \$1000 worth of damage.

I guess they really don't make them like they used to!

Lee Brown

(See pictures next page.)

Celebrating America's Birthday!

Not our usual 4th of July gathering. This one started off with a parade with all the red, white and blue among marching bands, decorated floats, profiled politicians and, the best part, classic cars winding through the Memorial area of Houston. Several GCR Members took part: Tahl Rozycki ('80 Chevy Classic station wagon), Dean Forbes ('56 Continental), Lee Brown ('62 Cadillac convertible) and our host, Robert Belt ('23 Ford Model T). In spite of Houston's July heat, we all made it with minimal conversion of water to steam – and it was fun.

Then it was off to the Carriage Clubhouse for our car gathering and BBQ lunch. Ninety-three attended with most bringing side dishes to supplement the catered BBQ, and many arriving in their classic/antique car. The Carriage Clubhouse is a first order storage facility for classic/exotic cars. Several of those who keep cars there joined in and displayed their cars. Most notable was Jim Fasnacht with his one-off original 1929 Studebaker house car – one fabulous piece of work. Mr. Belt also had his 1913 freshly restored Little (precursor to the Chevrolet) roadster available.

Lunch was served in the air-conditioned conference room with our seating area being the storage area surrounded by parked collector cars.

Outside we displayed our collector cars with some members offering joy rides to others in their oldies. John Sweney & Mike Stargel tantalized many with rides in their fabulous [2007 Rolls-Royce Phantom Silver Edition](#) – an experience that would make one want to throw rocks at their basic Chevy!

Acknowledgements were given to members who brought special antique cars to the event: Oldest Car – Sean Ornduff (1929 Pierce Arrow), Furthest driven Julie Wagner-Palmer (1956 Hudson Hornet) and the Presidents Choice – Joe Vogt (1932 Pierce Arrow). We had our usual \$100 drawing for those who brought their antique car and that went to John Doerfler (1925 Dodge touring).

And, to our gracious host and owner of the Carriage Clubhouse, Mr. Robert Belt, we presented a special appreciation. A 'Thank You' note with our AACA logo was made large and framed with those attending signing the perimeter with their name and their collector car.

Mr. Belt received this saying that this will become a fixture on the wall of the Carriage Clubhouse.

Many thanks to those who brought side dishes, helped with the set-up / clean-up, made the camaraderie great, and in general made this a successful and fun event.

20 Years Ago...

From the August, 1996, Antique Expression

Excerpts from "**36 Years Ago in the Antique Expression**" in the August, 1996 issue.

Bill Wahlberg submits a copy of Vol.1, No.1 of The Antique Expression, dated January, 1960.

Here are some interesting want ads from this issue. (Remember, a 1935 car was the newest antique car in 1960.)

For Sale A real good 1923 Ford T Model one ton truck; about all this one needs is a paint job. \$275. Willie Kruger UN 4-1650

For Sale A good solid 1918 Oldsmobile 7-passenger touring car, best offer over \$650. A 1917 Studebaker 7-passenger touring car. Sacrifice \$895 Another 1918 Oldsmobile, best offer over \$250. Silverdollar Seawright. HI 2-4992

Thanks, Ferrell, our "archivist."



CLASH of the Thirteens!

Lee VS Lee
See p. 7.



Down the Road

Underlined items are club (GCR AACA) sponsored activities.

Aug. 8 GCR AACA meeting. 7:30 in the Tracy Gee Center.

August 13 Your chance to go to the Hemi Hideout if you reserved with Ron Stein.

Aug. 29 Deadline for mini AE for Sept.

Sept. 12 GCR AACA meeting. 7:30 in the Tracy Gee Center.

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

Dec. 11 Save the date for our annual Christmas lunch.

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**

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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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. Donations may be brought to our meetings on Aug. 8 or Sept. 12.

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

“GCR Car Show Lunch”

On July 24th, collector car enthusiasts gathered just for the fun of it, and we had lunch together. There wasn't a back drop premise like a national holiday or regular scheduling involved, we just all went to a restaurant had lunch, told stories, kicked tires, lusted after some rust and generally had a good time.

The restaurant was the Live Oak Grill which is a converted old house surrounded by 100 year-old live oak trees. This is the same place where GCR members have been regularly meeting for lunch on Fridays.

About fifty of us showed up with a wide variety of collector cars. Attendance was enhanced because we invited other car clubs to join us: AMC, MOPAR, BUICK and the ALLANTE clubs. That worked well. It was quite interesting to see what other enthusiasts collect and what they are doing with them.



The restaurant fumbled the ball somewhat and wasn't quite ready for us when we first arrived. This adversity turned to advantage as the chaos caused a great deal more fun filled social interplay. Some of our members even helped the restaurant get their act together. All worked well in the end.



Sweney brought his 1932 Cadillac, but he can also do the bar with Diana!



What we do best: eat!

The Allante Club's president brought this beauty.





Images from the Library - "Big Bertha"

By Matthew Hocker, Assistant Librarian, mhocker@aacar.org

Since the temperatures are rising, this month's image should hopefully cool you down. The colorful behemoth you see here is the Snow Cruiser (nicknamed "Big Bertha"). The Snow Cruiser was a polar research vehicle built to serve the infamous explorer Admiral Byrd and his crew in Antarctica. The vehicle was finished in 1939, weighing in at a massive 75,000 lbs (when loaded) and measuring over 55 ft in length.

It was a self-contained laboratory on wheels, complete with a storage room for tools, photographic darkroom and galley, living quarters, and storage areas for food and fuel. Tire pressure was displayed on the instrument panel and could be controlled from within the vehicle. "Big Bertha" even carried a biplane upon her "back."

In its short lifespan, there were some hiccups along the way. When it was driven from Chicago to Boston, there were loose connections to deal with and a blown pressure line in Ohio. From Boston, the vehicle was shipped to Antarctica. Toward the end of the mission, the Snow Cruiser was low on fuel and the crew eventually resorted to abandoning loads to increase performance. Among the discarded items were valuable rock samples, research notebooks, and even the first seismic records of Antarctica.

When the crew left Antarctica "Big Bertha" was left behind in storage, never to return home. A few later expeditions came across it again, but it's been over 50 years since it was last seen.

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BEING NEIGHBORLY: Need a New "Old" Car?



Robert Strange has 2 good touring cars for sale. His **1929 Model A Ford Roadster** (green with yellow wheels) has been his for 48 years! His **4-door Model A Sedan** is black and has been in his family for 51 years. They both had an earlier restoration, but could probably be spiffed up and painted. They have always been garaged in the Brenham area.

You can call Robert on his cell (713-417-3840) or write him at rs@graystone.cc.

No reasonable offer refused.

Mary Beth LaPier is selling a **1941 Plymouth Woody P12 Special Deluxe Wagon** -. Second owners and have original bill of sale. No reasonable offer refused. Call 361 235-0245 or e-mail hlap39@sbcglobal.net From Victoria club.



Don't forget to come to Tracy Gee on Aug. 8 for our next meeting!

JULY 2nd Celebration

Seen at the Carriage Clubhouse



Ornduffs have a nice Pierce Arrow!

Want to see a real motor?



Lee's favorite.

1956 Nash

Medleys' Cadillac



Some nice Woodies.



Bill Cockrell brought his Cadillac.

