



MY "SPECIAL K" - CHAPTER 2

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A considerable amount of water has passed under the bridge, so to speak, since I last wrote about Victoria's and my 1931 Lincoln Model K. I thought it appropriate to wait until now to complete this story, because before this time I was not too sure whether or not the story would have a happy ending. Fortunately it has, and thus, Chapter 2.

In May of 2013 Victoria and I took delivery of a 1931 Lincoln Model K, Engine number 69549, with a two-window Berline body by Judkins. The 1931 Lincoln Model K is one of a series of luxury automobiles produced by the Lincoln Motor Company between 1931 and 1940. This first-year Model K featured a longer wheelbase, lower silhouette, and higher horsepower compared to earlier models. I knew from an inspection that the exterior red paint and leather roof were in poor condition, so we had the car delivered directly to the Old Iron Works shop in Montgomery, Texas, for a partial cosmetic restoration. This was completed in September 2013 and transformed the car into a completely different animal. In my earlier article (8/13), I showed "before" and "during" pictures, but now show the "before and "after" pictures to make that case.

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Victoria and I felt no guilt in changing the color since 1) the red was not original to the car and 2) the green color we chose was a Lincoln color correct for that year. Another change that we made was a replacement of the front seat fabric which had completely deteriorated. We were able to obtain an excellent match to the original fabric, but decided against any further replacements in the interior. As a result, apart from the front seat and minor trim in the driver's compartment, the interior of the body remains original from 1931. Because it is unclear whether or not any other original Judkins Berline bodies from 1931 still exist, we intend that our interior will remain that way. In the nearly two years since my original article for the Antique Expression, we have continued to look into the provenance of our car and have learned (and corrected) much information about it. Perhaps the following discussion will be of interest only to car-history persons, but I hope it can serve as encouragement to others who would like to find out more about their cars. In the 20's and 30's, custom bodies were often built by selected coachbuilders and fitted to an engine and chassis at the factory. This car's "Two-window Berline" body, No. 5-12271, was designed and built by the J. B. Judkins Company of Merrimac, MA. It was one of a "batch" of Berline bodies ordered by Lincoln, with three batches ordered and completed for the 1931 model year. This particular body was completed and delivered to Lincoln in July 1931, with the completed car being delivered to Richmond, California in October.

The Judkins Company's production cards are available on-line from the CCCA Museum Archives; these cards contain a complete listing of every Judkins body built for Lincoln, and after doing some gymnastics in relating Lincoln style numbers to Judkins style numbers, I concluded that my car's body was one of 124 Two-Window Berline bodies built by Judkins for the 1931 model year. I believe that it is also the only Berline body of that model year to be equipped with a "sliding auxiliary seat" (jump seat), as that body is basically a five-passenger body rather than a seven-passenger limousine body. As to the completed car, the "Fire Chief's car" story remains unverified, with a couple of conflicting stories of the original provenance.

I am still pursuing leads on that front. I have found, however, even though several Two-Window Berline bodies were completed after mine, that based on its very late engine number my car is probably one of the last ten 1931 Lincolns to be completed, having been received in Richmond, California on October 23, 1931, well after the introduction of the 1932 models.

Now, it might be thought that, after completion of the restoration work, all was well, our car came home, and everyone lived happily ever after. Such a thought would be nice but untrue. In late September 2013 I drove the car home some 65 miles to Katy, experiencing very hot running and several stalls, but not thinking too much about it since my old 1939 Buick always ran very hot in warm weather. After some investigation I discovered to my horror that the shear pin on the water pump had failed and I had just driven 65 miles with no water pump at all! Fearing the worst, I had the water pump repaired and changed the engine oil (horrible black goop from the crankcase), then sought my mechanic's opinion. His opinion was that an engine rebuild was necessary, at a cost that was more than I was willing to pay, after the cost of the restoration. So Tom Timmins transported the car to his shop and I sought a second opinion from his mechanic, which turned out to be much more favorable. Well, we had always intended the car to be a "nice driver", so after some tuneup work, I decided to drive the car in its current shape for as long as I could.

To date (May 2015), we have driven the car just over 1,000 miles in two years, and have had no further major problems with it. The car runs cool, almost never over 160°F, and does not use any oil. I don't exceed 55 mph although I was told by previous owners that it will go considerably faster. So what? It runs, drives, shifts, stops and gets us where we want to go - and back. So far, so good.

NEW MEMBERS!

Yes, the Johnstons brought us two new members.
Please greet them when you see them at the next meeting.

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1964 AC COBRA FIA
1965 AC COBRA
1967 GTO

BIRTHDAYS in October

Lisa Griffin	10/2
Gloria Arp	10/4
Joyce Hargrove	10/7
David Kaiser	10/7
Warner Banes	10/9
Wayne Bartlett	10/11
Louise Calvert	10/16
Barbara Byrd	10/19
Harry Arp	10/24
Anthony Baccaro	10/26
Johnny Keifer	10/26
Donald Charleson	10/28

BIRTHDAYS in November

Gordon Bennett	11/1
Debbie Shaw	11/5
Pam Smits	11/5
Sean Ornduff	11/6
Victoria Seward	11/6
Evelyn Hiesser	11/7
Wallace Wade	11/9
Don Boggus	11/11
John Doerfler	11/13
Tommy Baccaro	11/16
Nick Ferrantino	11/16
James Bartlett	11/17
Patsy Bennett	11/17
Ralph Brady	11/18
Hal Naumann	11/19
Wendall Spreadbury	11/22
Bill Wahlberg	11/23
Danny Kurtz	11/28

See you October 12th!

OCTOBER Anniversaries

Wayne & Theresa Bartlett	10/11
Billy Ray & Esther Duncan	10/12 (54!!!)
Douglas & Karen Staley	10/12 (47!!)
Randy & Jennifer Borcharding	10/16 (22!)

November Anniversary

James & Eileen Bartlett	11/26 (27!)
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From The President

Leon Ahlers

Do you remember your first road trip? No, not the one where mom and dad bundled everyone into the family bus and headed out for Disneyland or some other tourist mecca, but the first time you left home with a destination of your own in mind. Distances could vary, but a thousand miles or more is a safe bet that it would test your mettle. Maybe the trip was to see friends or relatives, going off to school or the military, or perhaps it was to see and experience the America that you had heard of and read about, but as yet, were unable to access except in your dreams. My first REAL road trip was in August, 1968. There were a few short runs in the preceding years, but three of us decided during the summer that we needed to see California, for Houston, at that time was a virtual backwater stuck between the east and west coasts. It was probably the siren songs of the surf/ rock and roll groups which called to our 18 year-old imaginations...sunny beaches filled with lovely maidens, fast cars on the streets, a virtual endless summer, so California, here we came. Preparations were begun by buying a 1955 Chevy coupe for \$200, replacing the transmission with an overdrive unit (which we couldn't get reverse to work), pack a few clothes, take \$100.

apiece and head west. For the record, we actually headed north and west so that we could travel Route 66 and end up in the San Francisco area, because that was where all of the "action" allegedly was. What an experience... the scenery changed from Gulf Coast familiar to hills, to mountains to desert, and back to coastal plains and crowded city once we arrived at our destination. The only constant during the journey was radio station KVOO, the truckers friend, from Tulsa, Oklahoma; that station must have put out a million watts, because we heard it from Midland, Texas to central California. Rather comforting when you are crossing the desert at 2 AM., and your high-beams are the only light source for miles. California was indeed a strange and unexpected adventure, from San Francisco down to Los Angeles, but that's a story for another time. Returning to Houston three weeks later was somewhat anticlimactic, as we took the southern route down 290 (now I-10), and as it still is today, the scenery was all the same. Fortunately, we suffered no mechanical troubles unless driving San Francisco's hills in free-wheeling and no reverse counts, no problems with law enforcement, and even had a couple dollars in our pockets upon our return. Such was

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Don't forget!

The Antique Expression Publication Changes

After this October-November issue, we will have an AE for December-January. We will be sending a reminder of upcoming club meetings and events in the interim months.

Get your news in early, especially dated information.

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

Secretary's Report
AACA Gulf Coast Region
General Meeting
10 August, 2015

If you attend no other meeting in the year, the meeting in which **Javis and Lynn Boudreaux** bring Cajun food and **Dot McCurry** brings a spiced chocolate buttermilk cake is the meeting you want to attend. There will be more on this later. Now savoring the last delicious morsel, here is what your Secretary recalls about the car and culinary August meeting.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Bill Wahlberg was here tonight and asked us to be mindful of all our Gulf Coast Region family, especially those who need our prayers. After this, President **Leon Ahlers** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

GCR Reports

Treasury Report: Treasurer **Tom Timmins** was traveling to a car event, so Leon gave the report in his stead. Thanks to Tom's careful management, we're doing fine with our resources.

Meeting Minutes: Since the last meeting was the 4th of July event, we approved the June meeting minutes.

Sunshine Report: Our Club has several members and member families who really need our prayers, visits, and support. At the time of the meeting, **Frank Guseman** was mentioned as wanting our visits and cards; but by now, most of you know that Frank has passed away. Please see *In Memoriam: Frank Guseman* elsewhere in this newsletter. Other members we should be mindful of include **Charlie Worthen**, **Dorothy Newby** (who was the first female President of our Gulf Coast Region AACA), and **Don Boggus**

(who is one of my top two favorite CPAs).

Refreshments:

Javis & Lynn Boudreaux, **Sandra Johnston**, and **Dot McCurry** sure know how to make a good meeting better. It starts with Javis's signature hot Cajun style, then you cool down with Sandra's sensible wraps, and you end with Dot's tribute to butter, sugar, flour, and eggs. **Javis and Lynn** started us off with their Cajun version of a vegetable plate... *marinated* vegetables. Delicious! But if you know Javis, you know he's really the master of crawfish étouffée. He brought a huge pot of it; and boy, was it fantastic! At least, I *thought* it was. I had to go back a few times to be sure. Yup. Excellent and spicy! All that hot étouffée meant I had to cool down the old food storage bin, and **Sandra Johnston's** tasty wraps were just what the doctor ordered. Of course, you can't end without a little bit of a kick or a sweet; and since we don't serve after-dinner drinks, **Dot McCurry's** spiced chocolate buttermilk cake really hit the spot. When Dot showed it to me, she said, "I brought something I think you'll like." She uncovered the cake, and there it was: a lovely pool of buttermilk-chocolate icing over a spiced chocolate sheet of cake. I thanked her and told her it was a big slice and I didn't have a fork, but I thought I could eat it all if she would give me enough time. That's when Dot pulled out the knife and started slicing and sectioning the cake. She's good at sharing! If you've not had Dot's spiced chocolate buttermilk cake before, you won't get it now. There were **NO** leftovers. It would not have been right to send her home with anything but an empty cake pan. Thank you, Javis, Lynn, Sandra, and Dot!

Where We've Been

The 4th of July event was a real winner. I hope you were able to attend. **The Doerflers** and everyone else did a super job arranging it. And as usual, the food was great. Along with Rudy's Barbecue, we had sides and desserts made by our members. I must have eaten more dessert than I thought I did because I simply cannot recall whether **Bonnie Peterson** suggested I try just the cookies she brought or all those that other members brought as well. Bonnie's were excellent! I keep thinking, "Next time, I'm going to have to line my overalls with plastic baggies!"

Sean Ornduff spoke about **Bill Thomas's** Golden Jubilee celebration for his ranch. He richly described the ranch, the wonderful cars, the guests, the food (Mexican and barbecue), and the dancers from the university. Sean also spoke about the traditional firing of the canon and the unexpected gale-force wind and rain. "It was a memorable experience," Sean said. We'll just leave it at that.

Chuck Crane, a "local boy who made good" at the national AACA, spoke about the 80th Anniversary celebration of the AACA. What seems to have impressed Chuck the most was that the show field for more than 300 cars was indoors and air-conditioned.

Where We're Going

August 30 to September 4 - Glidden Tour: **Tonya Ornduff** reminded us that the 2015 Glidden Tour is coming up quickly. She and **Sean** are taking the '23 Pierce Arrow. Also, **Ashley and Lisa Griffin and Hazel Hernandez** are traveling up there as well to help set up and take a nice trip before school starts again for Hazel. And I'm sure **The Bartletts - Eileen**,

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James, Theresa, and Wayne - will be there as well. James plans to take the '35 Auburn Phaeton, and Wayne is taking the '40 LaSalle Convertible Coupe. Some of the events planned for Glidden include visiting a Brass-Era car collection and the National Weather Museum. Our Man In National, **Chuck Crane**, added something about visiting a bison farm. He says that the mean ones become bison burgers, and the nice ones get to breed. I wish it worked that way with people!

August 30 to September 4 - Auburn Cord Duesenberg: ACD will be held the same weekend as the Grand Old Tour. The nice triple-green Cord 810 Convertible Coupe with a rumble seat in the auction that weekend would look good in my garage.

September 24 to 26 - 2015 Grand Old Tour will be held in Abilene. Incidentally, the 2016 Texas Tour will be held there as well.

First Full Week in October - Hershey: James also mentioned that he plans to go to Hershey this year. He gave no indication if he is planning to buy something or if any purchase will just be a spur of the moment decision.

October 10 - Guitars 'n Cars: Finally, James told us about this special fundraiser for homeless veterans. The event will be at the Sam Houston Race Park.

October - The 3rd Sunday in October is when the Licksillet celebration is held in Fayetteville, which was the Czechs' first stop in Texas. **Chuck** reminded us that it's a lot of fun, and members usually gather at his antique filling station afterwards for dessert.

Robert Wheelless also spoke about several other activities that are coming up. First, he spoke about the Pate swap meet. Robert said Pate sold close to 9,000 vendor spaces

for 2015, and they hope to sell 10,000 for 2016. Robert also noted, however, that the Decatur swap meet will be held around the same time. This may limit Pate attendance for 2016. Robert also spoke about the Nifty '50s car event that is held monthly at the Academy store in Tomball. They were getting about 1,000 cars; but as the shopping center filled with other tenants, the event organizers have had to limit participation to about 250 cars. Robert said that the October event will be a Halloween festival of sorts in which those who bring cars also bring candy for children, many of whom come in costume. Finally, Robert told us that the preparations for the 2016 National Tour that our GCR is hosting are coming along quite well. This is thanks to Robert's great work and that of the many club members who are helping him. Recently, the National AACA has approved the logo we selected for the tour. Now Robert is working on a trifold brochure for the tour.

Cars - **Julie Wagner** has a lead on a 1960 Metropolitan hardtop if anyone is interested.

Safety First

James Bartlett spoke about trailer safety. It seems that the last time he used his trailer, he heard squeaks - big ones. He investigated and determined that the trailer's structural elements were failing and the entire weight of the trailer was being supported by the fenders. Whew! He was smart to not delay his investigation. Son **Warren** soon disassembled the trailer and began rebuilding it with new structural members.

James also talked about other safety matters. One subject was trailers and tire safety. His message was, "Don't skimp on tire quality." Another safety subject had to do with the very real risk of simply driving an old car in and around modern traffic. He related the unfortunate and tragic incident involving a husband and wife AACA couple who owned a recently restored '42 Lincoln Zephyr. They were driving it to a concours event when the car had trouble and they decided to return home to

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REFRESHMENTS

OCTOBER 12

- Barbara Collins
- Pam Ahlers

NOVEMBER 9

- Theresa Bartlett
- Eileen Bartlett

Thank you to all who provide this.

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drive a different car. Before they got far, they were rear-ended by an 18-wheeler. The car was pushed off the road and down an embankment, rolling several times in the process. Thankfully, they had added accessory seat belts to the car and were wearing them. The car came to a rest upside-down and caught fire. The wife, unconscious, was held upside down by the seat belt. The husband was able to release her and push her out and drag her away from the burning car despite his injuries before he collapsed. Good Samaritans carried both the husband and wife up the embankment away from the fiery wreck before the gas tank exploded. Thankfully, they both survived.

What are the lessons from this? Several. Add seat belts to your car. Don't drive your car if it is having problems. And finally, avoid freeways if you can - especially during periods of high traffic.

Related to this discussion of trailer safety, **Robert Wheeless** reminded us that when considering a trailer's carrying capacity, we should consider the weight of the trailer itself on the axles and whether the wheel and tire combination is sufficient to support the load.

Other News to Amuse

Ron Stein had a recommendation to help us find out about old car events. He said that www.camarokid.com has a list of and links to car events in Houston and surrounding areas. Ron also recommended that we ask the owner of the website to place a link to our club on their page.

Former Club President **Jim Johnston** made a motion for us to come up with a Gulf Coast Region logo, preferably one based on the logo Robert Wheeless got the AACA to approve for our 2016 National Tour. Someone seconded the motion, and the members in attendance agreed. We'll see what happens next.

Luck of the Draw

Our meetings are positive, but we like to end them on an even more positive note - preferably at least a \$10 note. Thus, we have "The Drawings". The first drawing is for a \$10 prize that is available to any member who attends the meeting, gets the red ticket, stays until the end, and wakes up in time to hear his or her number being called out. Tonight's winner was **Evelyn Hiesser!** Congratulations, Evelyn. It couldn't have happened to a sweeter gal! Three or four gallons of gas for the '64 Mustang Convertible or the '66 Thunderbird Landau ought to be enough to get you and **Ted** cruising!

The second drawing is for the cumulative cash prize that

grows by \$10 every month until a member wins it. Any member can be a winner. It requires only two things. First, the member has to attend the meeting. Second, the member's name has to be selected from the bag of member names. That sounds easy, but no one has won this prize for several months. For August, the prize had grown to \$70. **Lee Brown** was there; but his wife, **Mary Brown** was not. That's too bad as her name was chosen. Next month, the prize money grows to \$80 of America's finest!

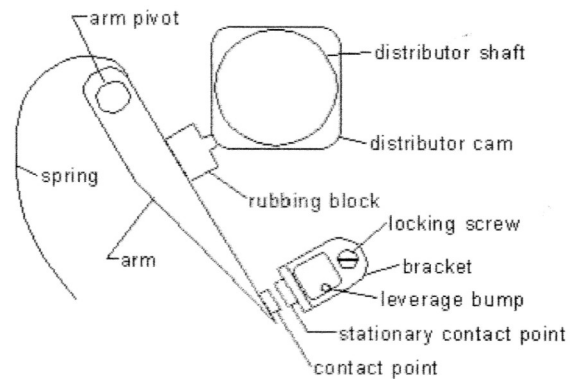
Adjourn - The meeting ended 8:30 PM, and many folks continued visiting in the parking lot.

As it was – Albert L. Ramos

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the magic of the open road. It seems strange, but even today whenever I set out on a long journey in one of the old cars, it evokes memories of that first cross-country trek, probably because my senses are at a heightened state, listening for any unfamiliar noises, strange smells, and hoping that the new vibration I am feeling is just a change in the road surface. The best part of the trip seems to be when you return home safely and everything is still intact. Dodged the bullet once more! It is almost like the song says "everything old is new again" except that I'm not eighteen anymore and road trips are much more comfortable at 75 miles an hour in air-conditioned comfort. Fall is officially here, so get 'em out and drive 'em. Also, it is time to elect officers and directors for 2016, so if you have suggestions, please bring them to the meeting. Happy motoring!

ILLUSTRATION FOR TECH TIP Pg. 7

Typical Ignition Contact Points and Related Parts



Tech Tip: Check the Simple Stuff First By James Bartlett

While on the recent Glidden Tour in Oklahoma, I noticed a great-looking Studebaker roadster that just sat in the parking lot each day. Several days into the tour I saw several fellows gathered around the car with the hood raised. The car was running, but barely, missing and stumbling. "Has a blown head gasket," one of the fellows said. After lengthy discussion about getting a new head gasket air-freighted in overnight so the car could be repaired for the remaining few days, another of the fellows said, "First, let's look at the points."

For any non-mechanics out there, points refers to the contact points in the distributor. In short, they generate the electric jolt that fires the spark plugs, which enables the engine to run. Sure enough, an inspection of the points revealed that the rubbing block that rides on the lobes of the distributor shaft had worn down, closing the point gap and causing erratic ignition spark and an extremely rough-running engine.

Normally, you could readjust the points to the correct gap. But in this case, the block was so worn that the points could not be adjusted enough to re-establish the right gap. The only practical solution was a new set of points – another problem, since points for pre-World War II cars are hard to come by.

Facing this lack of replacement parts, the small team of amateur mechanics bought a set of points for a more modern car, and then with a hand file altered the points until they would work on the 85-year-old Studebaker. It took several hours, but when the car was restarted after the repair, it purred like a kitten.

The lessons here are 1) don't assume the worst, check the simple stuff first, and 2) carry some spare points with you, along with a spare ignition condenser and coil, and perhaps a few spark plugs as well. All these items can and do occasionally go bad.

Christmas Information

Our Christmas Lunch will be on Sunday, Dec. 13 at Brady's Landing. We will begin at 12:30. You are reminded to bring a Toy for Tots if you care to share the spirit. More information will be mailed to you with the RSVP deadline in November.

Members Needed For 2016 National Meet

As indicated in Robert Wheelless' article this month, we have had numerous planning meetings for the 2016 National Meet. So now we are at the point where we need to begin the process of developing our various committees and committee members. One thing that Robert, our 2016 National Meet Chair, would like, and I agree, is for our club to move in a direction of having as many of our newer members come forward to participate in the fun and exciting working/planning of the many aspects involved in an AACA National Meet.

Robert has brought forth some potential events that can make our National Meet fun for us, as well as showcase Galveston Island and the easy commute attractions from the host hotel area.

So you may wonder where we are in the planning stages for the 2016 National Meet. We have a wonderful meet logo., and we are now working on the advertising article that will begin appearing in the AACA's semi-monthly magazine the "Antique Automobile" starting in January, 2016. You can also check out in the magazine where our National Meet already appears in the calendar of events section for October, 2016. Robert also is working on some of the other AACA required items on his to do list. The 2016 National Meet Team needs your help in forming the committees. Check out the list in the update from Robert, page 10. I promise, it's not a scary list. If we do come up with a scary list we will send it out on **Halloween, October 31!** Just kidding. I promise there will be nothing scary about the 2016 National Meet, except for the potential Galveston Ghost Tour at a Hotel that Robert is working on setting up.

So MEMBERS, established and new, this is your chance to come forward and be part of an exciting event for our club, an AACA National Meet. This will be the second time our club has hosted an AACA National Meet. So come on gang, listen up for us to share more information with you about the Meet in Galveston. This is our chance to share with the rest of the AACA world what the South has to offer and to truly demonstrate why Texas is the "Friendly State" at the **2016 National Meet.**

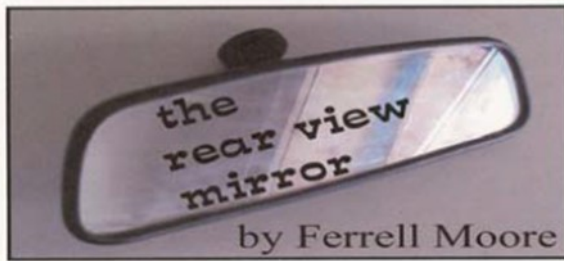
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"History is the ship carrying living memories to the future." Steven Spender

"History is bunk." Henry Ford

"History is a fixation of older people who fear they will someday be forgotten." Ferrell Moore

These are the opinions of three wise men (although I have no idea who Steven Spender is/was). My point is, if you don't preserve historical records, people will make them up to suit themselves.

Which brings us to the latest addition of historical information to our Gulf Coast Region library. Among artifacts donated by Bill and Barbara Wahlberg is one that is surely one-of-a-kind. It's an August, 1958 newsletter for the Texas Antique Automobile Association, a group that became the GCR a year later. The newsletter cover page bore the heading "Name the Paper". Inside, the editors outlined a contest for members to submit a permanent name. The winner: Marie Narum. The name: *The Antique Expression*.

This newsletter consisted of 10 single-sided pages of painfully typewritten copy and included articles by President Thurmon Blair and Women's Auxiliary President Wanda Worthen. Other headlines were "How the Card Party Turned Out", "The San Jacinto Battleground Outing" (at which antique cars ranged from 1911 to 1927), "New Cars for the Club and Restorations now in Progress" and nearly two pages of For Sale items.

For Sale: 1932 Cadillac short coupled club sedan with wire wheels. Spares on each side. Trunk and trunk rack. New 6-ply rubber. Car is in mint condition. Has new heavy duty battery. Mechanically perfect. Would like to keep it but need the room. \$975.00. C.F. Bright ME 5 8072.

Joe Vogt, our historian, still needs newsletters from 1959-1985, 1990-1995 and 2001-2004.

Also needed are membership directories printed prior to 1986 and from 1998 to the present.

Any historical information is welcome ... Pate and other swap meets, tours, photos, reminiscences, AACA national magazines... anything that should be saved for the record.

Keep your eyes on the road, with an occasional look in the rear view mirror!

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Down the Road

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- Oct. 7 - 10 Annual Hershey Region Fall Meet
- Oct. 11 2nd Annual Brotherhood of Congregation Emanu El Classic & Collectable Car Show Lenny Holzband 713-823-9369
- Oct. 12 GCR AACA meeting in the Tracy Gee Center. 7:30 P.M.
- Nov. 5-7 AACA 2015 **Central Division Fall Meet, Houma, LA**
- Nov. 9 GCR AACA meeting in the Tracy Gee Center. 7:30 P.M.
- Nov. 13-14 Bastrop Area Cruisers 10th Annual Veteran's Weekend Car Show: bastropareacrusiers.com
- Nov. 18 Deadline for Antique Expression articles for Dec. issue.
- Dec. 13 12:30-Christmas lunch at Brady's Landing. Info and signup in November mini-issue.
- Mar. 17-18, 2016 Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet, Chickasha, OK
- May 19-21, 2016 63rd Texas Tour, Abilene, TX Hosted by Golden Crescent Region AACA.

Public Car Outings.....

Friday evenings Pearland Antique & Classic Auto Show Cruise Night at Lowe's parking lot at FM 518 & Pearland Parkway, beginning at 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](https://www.facebook.com/houstonridenshine)

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Javis also stated that we need to determine a Club officer slate for our 2016 elections in November.

James Bartlett discussed a tire problem he had on the Glidden Tour. It seems that his Auburn developed a flat tire due to a paper sticker remnant inside the tire that eventually worked its way into the tube.

Dean Forbes had a big problem with the tires on his 5,400 lb. Continental Mk II. With less than 1,000 miles on the rubber, one of the tires experienced tread separation. Then a second tire went bad in less than a year. Dean learned that his tires were made in China, so he switched to Diamond Back Classic Radial Tires (dbtires.com). Per Dean, Diamond Back uses high

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quality tires made in the USA that they then customize for the size and type of white wall tire you want for your antique car.

Luck of the Draw

Drawing. We closed the meeting with a crowd favorite: The Drawing. Actually, there are two drawings. The first is a \$10 cash prize for a member who attends the meeting, gets a red ticket, and is still at the meeting when the drawing is made and his or her number is called. Hazel Hernandez selected a ticket from the magic bag, and the winner was...

Ashley Griffin! Congratulations, Ashley. I recommend you buy Hazel some more supplies for those special chocolate-dipped Ritz crackers filled with peanut butter!

The second drawing is a cumulative prize that grows by \$10 every month until someone wins it. It's to encourage participation. This month's prize had grown to \$80, and next month it will be \$90 because **Ann Bartlett** was not here to claim her prize! That's OK. By the bye, Ann turned 99 years young earlier in the month.

Adjourn - This meeting ended about 8:45 PM, and we continued visiting in the parking lot.

As it was – Albert L. Ramos

NEW ADDRESS

Donald and Laura Charleson have moved!
2902 Williams Court Ln.
Houston, TX 77081-2101



One Final Taxi Tale for Frank Guseman

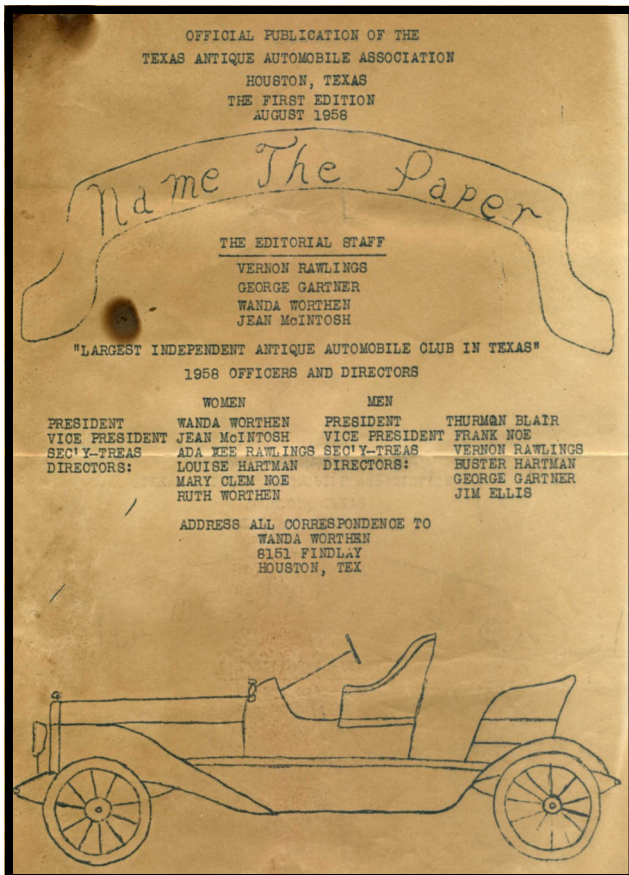
I lost a friend today. A gentleman and a craftsman that I had the highest regard and respect for. I first met him almost 16 years ago when my new owner and part time chauffeur drove this badly neglected auto to his son's garage for some "Tender Loving Care."

Frank Guseman, with his many craftsman's skills, learned over the years as an Oldsmobile dealer's technician, (along with his son Bennie) made me safe and road worthy again, and kept me that way when needed.

I shall miss you, Frank, and with a tip of the "Taxi Cap"; may you rest in peace, and your family continue to have the strength and courage to carry on without your humor and wisdom.

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Update on "The 2016 Galveston Meet " Robert Wheelless, Meet Chairman

Meetings were held and a preliminary schedule laid out for Thurs., Fri, and Sat. We met to plan for the AACA guidelines such as event location, LOGO, committee chair people, budget, schedule, brochure, web site, etc.

We have speakers lined up: one on Spark Plugs and one on Gasoline. We also have the Texas Rangers on our program.

In the very near future we will be reaching out for help with the committees dictated by the AACA guidelines.

The following are some of the positions where we are looking for volunteers.

- Hospitality Room
- AACA Club Merchandise Store
- Meals/Banquets
- Trophies
- Publicity
- Finance
- Parking
- Tours/side trips

Contact me or Jim Johnston.

“Ten Years Ago”

by Joe Vogt

Thanks to Ferrell Moore’s generous donations of vintage “The Antique Expressions,” I was able to peruse one from September, 2005. There were many familiar names, including Ferrell’s (who wrote a column entitled “A Look Back”), Tom Timmins, who was then the President, and Evelyn Timmins, who had a column entitled “Big Hats and Little Whispers.....What Ladies Really Talk About In The Tea Room.” Maybe Evelyn can fill us in on more details in future newsletters.

It’s really hard to choose what juicy nuggets to pick out from this ten year old newsletter, but here are a few paragraphs from just one.

David Morrealle had a column subtitled “What I did on my Summer Vacation.” He had gone up to Syracuse, New York to attend the 18th Annual International Z Car Convention, and as part of the trip met Mr. George Staley, “a very enjoyable and enthusiastic 87 year-old gentleman who is the owner/manager of one of the most complete restoration shops that I’ve ever been to. Mr. Staley is a man of some means financially; and really knows how to enjoy his money. He is the owner of the largest collection of Franklin automobiles in the world. I was somewhat familiar with Franklins due to the fact that over the years, I’ve seen

several of them while attending some of our club’s tours.”

“These cars were pretty incredible...being produced from 1902-1934 in Syracuse, New York, which brings us back to Mr. George Staley.”.....”He took us into one of the barns where he stores the cars that are either awaiting restoration, or are in some stage of it. Unlike regular museums, Mr. Staley invites you to touch, feel, explore, get in, and do just about anything except drive the cars.”

“The one thing that impressed me the most was when I told Mr. Staley that I owned a ’29 Model A Ford, he sat down (in the shadow of a beautiful ’36 Cadillac) and wanted to know all about it...like that was the most incredible car that he had ever heard about. The man was a true gentleman.”

I guess this story really touched me because many years ago when I was a very active photography hobbyist, I sent some 3 ½ by 5 photos along with a letter to one of my all time heroes, Eliot Porter, a Harvard trained physician and biochemical researcher turned nature photographer. And the man hand-typed a reply saying that he like what I saw and giving me some photographic tips. I was thrilled and still have his reply letter. Yes, this was another man who was a true gentleman. There are some out there. I hope I can be one when I grow up.

Sign up for 2016 Refreshments

I’ll be bringing the signup sheet for 2016 refreshments to the October meeting. I already have one volunteer for next September. If you would like to pick a month before we pass the sheet, send me an email at sandra-jim@att.net and I’ll sign you up! We need two volunteers for each meeting month: Jan, March, April, May, June, August, Sept, Oct, and Nov. The other months we have dinners/picnic. Thanks! Sandra

New London to New Brighton Antique Car Run

On Aug. 2 Tom and I started on our trip to do the run Tom “always wanted to do.” So I said, “let’s do it,” and we were on our way to New London, MN, about 1400 miles north. It was to be the 29th Annual Antique Car Run which featured several short tours (about 50 miles each) on Aug.5-7 in neighboring cities, with the actual run on Sat., August 8. The starting gun went off at 7 AM and we had until 6 PM to do the 122 mile run, with all cars having to be 1908 or earlier. We took our recently acquired 1907 Carter Car and got a medal for finishing the run. 64 cars started the run, and 53 actually finished. Although the weather was not a lot cooler, many of us wore period costumes for the thousands of “parade watchers who lined the streets of every town we passed through. Other Texans there were from Austin, New Braunfels, and San Antonio. Then of course, there was the 1400 miles back home. For some good pictures, go to www.anticquecarrun.org.



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

AACA Gulf Coast Region General Meeting 14 September 2015

Tonight's meeting began at 7:40 PM. Vice President **Javis Boudreaux** led the meeting because President **Leon Ahlers** was out.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance - **Bill Wahlberg** gave thanks on behalf of our Club. He was especially mindful of those members who have recently passed and those who are ill and need operations and our prayers. After this, Javis led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests - We did not introduce any guests tonight, but member **Lisa Griffin's** daughter visited us together with Lisa's new grandchild. In addition, we were happy to see two members we've not seen in a while, **Patrick Mahoney** and **Lenny Holzband**. We needed them because two members who usually attend, **Tahl Rozycki** and **Julie Wagner**, were absent. They were at a veterinary medicine conference in Washington, DC. Rumor has it that Tahl channeled the spirit of Abraham Lincoln while there by wearing a stovepipe hat he bought from a vendor near the Lincoln Memorial. While in DC, Tahl learned that our 16th President had nothing to do with Lincoln automobiles.

GCR Reports

Treasury Report: Treasurer **Tom Timmins** was not at the meeting due to a medical matter, so **Jim Johnston** gave us the treasury report. We're still solvent.

Meeting Minutes: Even though we approved the June minutes during the August meeting, we approved them again this month, probably just for good measure. **Barbara Wahlberg** made the motion to approve, which was seconded and approved by the members in attendance. Since I write the minutes, I'm happy to be "approved" again - so thank you!

Sunshine Report: **Barbara Wahlberg** reported that **Leon Ahlers** is recovering from shoulder surgery and that **Mike Peterson** has had pneumonia. She also said that **Charlie Worthen** is doing the same as ever. Also, **Don Boggus** and **Tom Timmins** are awaiting treatments for their medical conditions. **Jim Johnston** gave us Tom's room telephone number so we could call him and wish him well. **John Manning** will be out for a while as well while he also gets treatment for a medical mat-

as well while he also gets treatment for a medical matter. On a happier note, John recently bought a Pierce Arrow.

Refreshments

Tonight we thanked **Lisa Griffin**, **Tonya Ornduff**, and **Hazel Hernandez** for our refreshments. They brought a tasty selection of meats, cheeses, breads, and condiments to make delicious sandwiches. They also brought flavored chips. It really hit the spot. But the highlight, in my opinion, was what Hazel made. Hazel made peanut butter "sandwiches" with Ritz crackers and dipped them in chocolate! Of all the sandwiches I've eaten in my life, THAT was my favorite; it was heavenly. I know because I tried them more than seven times. And the nicest part was that Hazel and Lisa gave me a sandwich bag filled with them when the meeting was over. Thank you, Tonya, Lisa, and (**especially**) Hazel for the delicious refreshments .

On a related note, **Sandra Johnston** announced that we are looking for more volunteers for refreshments in the coming year.

Pate: **Sam Romeo** spoke briefly about the Pate Swap Meet, our chief fund-raising activity. Sam stated that the 2015 expenses were greater than anticipated due to the use of new trailers and parts hauling carts that were needed to accommodate Pate's increased size. In addition, Pate encountered an extraordinary event that cost it several thousand dollars. Despite these additional costs, Pate made more per capita than it did in the prior year. To draw more vendors and visitors in future years, Pate is considering incorporating a car show into the swap meet.

Where We've Been

Glidden - **Paul Byrd** recently drove on the Glidden tour in Oklahoma. He described it as "400 miles north of here, but just as hot!" Paul says that the first day of the tour consisted of "driving on 150 miles of wagon tracks." Tour participants also ate buffalo for lunch one day, got to see several car collections, and visited a cowboy museum. They even got to see dinosaurs in one museum and attend a luncheon put on by Chickasaw Indians. All this, plus they drove "a LOT", per Paul.

Wayne Bartlett also attended Glidden and had so much to say about the car collections he saw that I've had to condense it into two words: "nice cars" - three words if you insert the word "old" in the middle of "nice" and "cars". Wayne's favorite car was a 1912 Oldsmobile with a cast

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aluminum body that was so tall it took two sets of running boards to step into it.

Sean Ornduff was also on Glidden and fascinated us with his description of several of the Pierce Arrow automobiles he saw. One was a 1909 66HP with an 864 cubic inch engine. That's a big engine! The same collection also housed another 66 HP model as well as a 48 HP model.

Not to be outdone on superlative car descriptions, **James Bartlett** enthusiastically waxed poetic about a Mercer Raceabout and a Locomobile Speedster he saw. James said that this collection housed every kind of exotic early car you could think of from 1907 onwards. You should have heard him lovingly describe a 1910 Franklin air-cooled race car he saw that was in original condition!

The fourth collection they visited had the oldest Cadillac in existence. It wore serial number 3 or 4. James also spoke about one collection in which the owner manufactured a 1904 Packard from blueprints that were smuggled out of the factory before it closed in the 1950s. This is significant because this is believed to be the only 1904 Packard in existence. No 1904 Packards exist because when it became apparent that there was a problem with the 1904 models' drive shafts, Packard recalled all the 1904 cars and destroyed them. The collector who manufactured one from the blueprints must have one heck of a machine shop.

James concluded his Glidden car collection discussion by stating that these collectors don't just collect cars, they also collect lots of other things like model train engines, model ferris wheels, large model airplanes, and - of course - lots and lots of automobilia.

James and **Eileen** also visited the Oklahoma City National Memorial, which is a memorial honoring the victims, survivors, rescuers, and all who were affected by the Oklahoma City bombing that destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building on April 19, 1995. James said there was not a dry eye at the Memorial. To balance the profound sorrow of this site, James and Eileen also visited a museum that housed a collection of Faberge eggs.

Where We're Going

September 24 to 27 - Grand Old Tour: This year, the tour will be held in Abilene.

October 11 - Car Show at Temple Emanu El: The Brotherhood of Congregation Emanu El will be hosting their 3rd annual car show in front of Temple Emanu El on Sunset Blvd. across from Rice University. It's great fun, and our own **Lenny Holzband** is heading up this effort.

October 18 - Licksillet: The annual Licksillet parade and celebration is described as lots of fun. Drive a car in the parade and bring candy to throw to the children watching. Afterwards, members typically gather at **Chuck and June Crane's** antique gas station for dessert and visiting.

October 18 to 20 - Decatur Swap Meet: **Robert Wheelless** said that the Decatur Swap Meet will have from 4,500 to 6,000 dealer spaces. It's not as big as Pate, but it's still pretty big.

October 31- Nifty 50ees: The weekly Saturday night cruise event for Halloween will be fueled as much by candy as by gasoline. **Robert Wheelless** says to bring candy to give to the children in costume.

First weekend in November - 2015 AACA National Tour: Shine your car and take it to Houma, Louisiana for this nearby and much anticipated AACA event. The registration deadline is October 8.

December 13 - GCR Christmas Luncheon: **Javis Boudreaux** said **Ev Timmins** has arranged for the 2015 GCR Christmas Luncheon to be held at Brady's Landing. We enjoy this venue and are looking forward to it.

October 20 to 23, 2016: National Tour: **Robert Wheelless** spoke about the 2016 National Tour the GCR is hosting. The event will be based at Moody Gardens in Galveston. Robert is working with other Club members to develop a budget

Cars & Related News

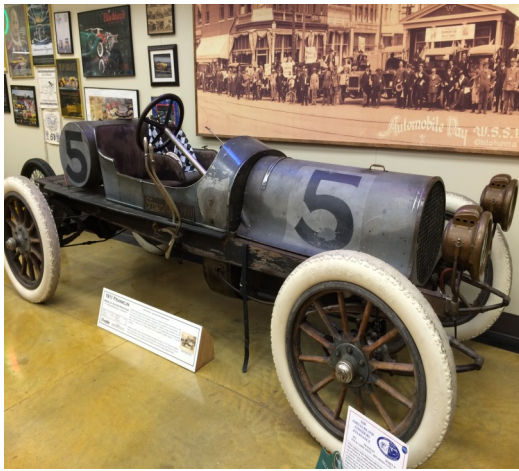
Ferrell Moore mentioned that former member **Pierre Donze** is visiting from France and wants to buy a muscle car. **Patrick Mahoney's** wife has bought a 2004 Mercedes 500SL. That should be a wonderful touring car, Patrick. We hope you and the Mrs. will drive it on GCR and AACA tours. Also, as mentioned earlier, **John Manning** has added a Pierce Arrow to his quiver of cars. Your secretary visited with an ACD guy who was in town for work. Over dinner (Tex-Mex), the visitor mentioned that he is building a Duesenberg J on top of a real J chassis, but using a Duesenberg Model A engine. Albert took him to James' house so those two could visit and the guest could ogle James' 1934 Duesenberg. Albert also announced that the Museum of Fine Arts - Houston is firming up plans for an exhibition of antique cars, *Sculpted in Steel: Art Deco Automobiles & Motorcycles - 1929 to 1941*. The exhibition will be housed inside the museum for a 3-month period beginning the last week of February 2016.

Other News

Javis Boudreaux reminded us that **Ev Timmins** may need help working on the *Antique Expression* since she will be caring for Tom as they navigate his current medical condition.

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Glidden Tour Highlights

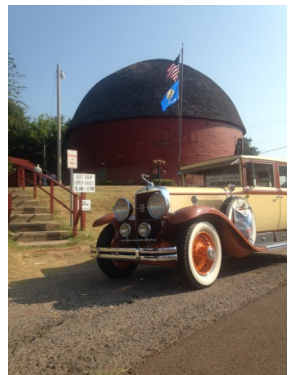


1911 Franklin - Ted Davis Collection

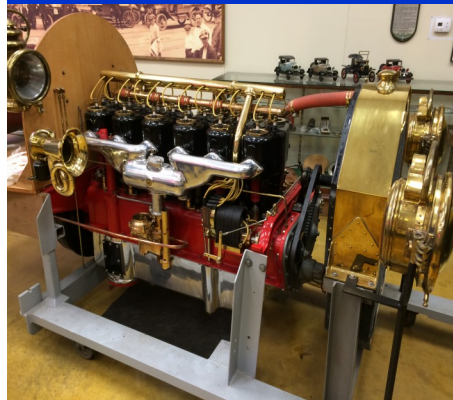


This Don Bolton beauty was at Keels & Wheels

A different kind of souvenir shop!



And, Ted Davis also "tinkers" with big motors.



The Bradley Collection also has trains and hood ornaments galore!



All three Ornduffs



There were plenty of buffalo roaming the range.



And the cars came too!



Lots of creativity in the architecture!



Indian art abounds in OK!



Photos courtesy of James Bartlett and Sean Ornduff