



The Antique Expression

Gulf Coast Region, Houston, Texas

I Like Model "T" Fords



By Charles E. Howard

I don't know why, but I always have.

I never was able to own one until I retired from the U.S. Navy. Then I started out to build one. I have gotten pieces and parts from parts houses to chicken houses. There is even a license plate from the back of a "T" that was buried in a river bank to control erosion.

My first "T" was a 1917 pie wagon I bought from Dail Beach, a member of our car club at the time. It was all wood and a real joy. I did some work on the body and, of course, a valve job and some shim work on the crank. It ran pretty well and we enjoyed it, wobbly wheel and all.

I sold it at the Conroe swap meet and some-time later I got a call from someone in

Californai who had bought it.

More recently there was a picture of it in a Model T magazine at a meet in Indiana. It has been in other magazines since and is owned by someone in Florida.

The next "T" was a '26 Coupe. I bought a body and frame and did a complete restoration and added the engine and transmission I had already restored, and even redid some frame rivets. It was beautiful. Then I had some medical problems and couldn't drive it, so I sold it. But I will always know it because it has a stainless steel hand crank.

And then there was the Eight Ball Special. It was a modified "T." "T" block and transmission, Rajo head – Winfield carb and Bosch magneto. It was very pretty, but too fast and hard to control.

My last and present is a '26 Tudor. I got it from Indiana. It looked good but had many things wrong with it.

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The battery and generator were not wired right. The starter was faulty and the carburetor was rotted away inside. That is what you can expect when you buy something without being able to look and touch.

Editor's NOTE:

This is our cover story from a sister club member, **Charles E. Howard** from the Golden Triangle SE Texas Region AACA.



Charles' 1917 Pie Wagon

ATTENTION MEMBERS WHO ORDERED NAMETAGS

Gordon Bennett came through in a hurry and got our nametags. If you had come to the last meeting, you would have had yours by now. But, if you didn't and (horror of horrors), do not come to the October meeting, let me know and if our treasury can stand it, I might be able to mail them out.

Evelyn

In case you forgot, I have tags for Marcia Swift, John Matejka, Bob & Gail Supina, Robert & Elaine Bullard, Lynda & Gene Wall, Pat Fant, and Sara Conroy.



Ho! Ho! Ho!
Merry Christmas, Everyone!

The Gulf Coast Region will be celebrating the holidays with our annual Christmas party on Saturday, December 15, 2018, from 11:00-2:00 at The Monument Inn in LaPorte. More details are in the registration form which will be emailed to you separately. The form and your payment are due by December 1!

We will again be participating in Toys for Tots, so please remember the less fortunate children and bring a new, unwrapped toy to the party to help brighten a child's Christmas morning.



★ HAPPY ★ BIRTHDAY!

October

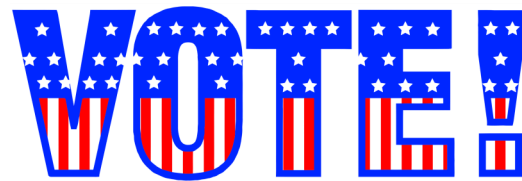
Joyce Hargrove	10/7
David Kaiser	10/7
Wayne Bartlett	10/11
Louise Calvert	10/16
Charles Howard	10/16*
Barbara Byrd	10/19
Earlene Bellot	10/24*
Anthony Baccaro	10/26

November

Gordon Bennett	11/1
Debbie Shaw	11/5
Pam Smits	11/5
Victoria Seward	11/6
Evelyn Hiesser	11/7
John Doerfler	11/13
Tommy Baccaro	11/16
Nick Ferrantino	11/16
Patsy Bennett	11/17
Hal Naumann	11/19
Dixie Kethley	11/22*
Bill Wahlberg	11/23
Danny Kurtz	11/28

*=Associate members from the Golden Triangle Texas AACA

Proposed Nominees for November Board Elections



The nomination committee has proposed the following for GCRAACA Board for 2019:

President	Robert Bullard
Vice President	Bill Cockrell
Secretary	Albert Ramos
Treasurer	Evelyn Timmins

Directors:

Gordon Bennett
 Javis Boudreaux
 Dean Forbes
 Ashley Griffin
 Lenny Holzband
 Robert McLellan
 Ron Stein
 Julie Wagner

Past President: Jim Johnston

Pate Director:

Robert Wheeless or Sam Romeo

Pate Alternate Director: Wayne Bartlett

Thank you to all for volunteering your time.

Members, be sure to come to the November meeting to vote.

Happy Anniversary!

ANNIVERSARIES

October

Wayne & Theresa Bartlett	10/11
Billy Ray & Esther Duncan	10/12 (57!!!)
Sergio & Tina Fernandez	10/21 (29!!!)

November

Thomas & Carol Kidd	11/4 (18!)
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Please let Evelyn know if you are not but should be listed.

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

General Meeting 14 August, 2018

Fill-in Vice President **Robert Bullard** called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. In case you're wondering why President **Jim Johnston** did not preside over the meeting, he was on his way back to Houston from parts unknown - unknown to me, anyway.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Dean Forbes led us in giving thanks. Dean offers very confident and optimistic prayers: this evening, he asked for wisdom for the Board. At least I think that's what he meant. It could have been that he was asking for wisdom for the bored... Dean then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Javis Boudreaux** expressed gratitude that no one kneeled during the Pledge. **Ferrell Moore** noted that we probably couldn't get back up if we did kneel.

Refreshments

After Dean fed our souls, **Julie Wagner-Palmer** and **Dot McCurry** fed our stomachs with lots of healthy choices from the bottom of the food triangle: exquisite croissant chicken-salad sandwiches, crunchy pita chips and hummus, fruits, and veggies. Moving to the middle part of triangle, they served what used to be called *Texas Trash*. I believe the Chex cereals make it "healthy"; everything else makes it tasty. Thankfully, Julie and Dot also reached the top of the food triangle. We're talking three kinds of cookies: White Chocolate Macadamia Nut, Chocolate Chunk, and Oatmeal. Traditional tea and cokes helped us wash it all down. Thank you, Dot and Julie!

Sunshine Report

Ev Timmins reported that **Bill Seward** is going through chemo again. Keep at it Bill. I know you're doing a good job of following doctor's orders. **Joe Vogt** is also working hard with his cancer. He's not only following doctors's orders, but he is reading and learning about healthy eating to supplement the good medical care he is getting.

Prior Minutes

Julie Wagner-Palmer made the motion to accept the prior minutes; **Bill Palmer** seconded it. After that the general membership gave it their hearty "aye". Who says our evening meetings aren't chock full of drama and action - even though **Stan & Ellen Ericksen** don't get to attend?

Treasurer's Report - **Ev Timmins** said our bank accounts have about the same balances as they did this time last year; however, we do expect *Ye Olde Oak Chest* to need more straps to contain its wealth once we get our Pate distribution check. Ev also happily reported that our GCR has gained seven new Affiliate Members from the **Golden Triangle Region**.

Where We've Been

Ev gave info about 4th July luncheon. There were about 13 cars and 73 people. We had good potluck food. She indicated that **Lenny Holzband**, at whose neighborhood clubhouse we held the event, said we can have our luncheon there again next year and the next, etc. The Club subsidized about \$10 per person.

Where We're Going

Blue Skies over Autism Fundraiser. Lenny will advise the group on how to organize their car show.

2020 - **Ron Stein** boosted La Torretta in Conroe as a site for the 2020 Texas Tour the GCR is hosting. Ron noted that in addition to the possibility of a great Piney Woods of East Texas Car Tour, we'd likely have access to lots of good car collections in that area. So far we've had no volunteer to chair the 2020 Texas Tour, but GCR Board Wayne Bartlett, Dean Forbes, and Sam Romeo will recommend a slate.

Pate - **Sam Romeo** said **Jack Malpass** will be the next Pate First Vice President. Jack is the one who got Sam started with Pate, and we are grateful to him for that. Sam is trying to arrange for Pate President John Anderson to come talk to us soon about Pate.

Other News to Amuse

Robert Bullard noted that the Board has approved a new expense form for appropriately reimbursable expenses a Club member incurs on behalf of the Club.

We are still struggling to find a home for the Original Automotive Literature that **Robert and Bea McLellan** donated to the GCR. We need about 400-500 sq. ft. of conditioned (and preferably air-conditioned) storage space.

It was noted that **Jim Johnston** and some Golden Triangle people are talking about reviving Cav-Oil-Cade.

Javis Boudreaux said that the family of Clyde Edwards, who passed away many years ago, want to know if anyone knows the follow-up history of cars he sold to our members.

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Minutes

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Gordon Bennett has arranged for members who need a new name tag to get one. You can sign up for either the traditional pin-on or the fancier magnet-attached version. The magnet version is \$10. Gordon cautioned that if you have a heart pacemaker, do not use the magnet.

Bill Palmer said that wife **Julie Wagner-Palmer's** Hudson, **Rock**, has been undergoing some mechanical-reconstructive surgery at **Ornduff Craftmanship**. **Sean Ornduff** and **Ashley Griffin** are the Ornduff Craftmanship master craftsmen. Ashley is a club member. Bill said they recently gave Rock an implant... of pistons! We're looking forward to seeing Rock on the 2019 Texas Tour in Kerrville, Julie.

Robert and Elaine Bullard recently went to the Reno-Sparks, Nevada metropolitan area for a Model A convention. As is their sporting habit, Robert and Elaine drove their Model A to the destination. It took 4 days driving to get there and 4 days to return back. In between those traveling bookends, they spent 6 days at the convention. Elaine said it can be a challenge to find something interesting to observe when on a drive like this. To prove it, she described to us all the different colors of dirt she saw and said that the rare tree is a picture-taking event. Elaine said it was 116° in the shade in Henderson, Nevada. Robert and Elaine did see unique rock formations and man-made formations like at the "magnificent, intense light" from the 110 megawatt Crescent Dunes solar thermal power project. [Aside: The Crescent Dunes project uses 10,347 mirrored sun-tracking devices ("heliostats") to collect and focus the sun's energy on a 640-ft. tall tower of salt. The sun's heat, concentrated on the tower, converts the salt to a molten state before circulating it to a storage tank. The super-hot mixture is then used to produce steam and generate electricity. The total solar field aperture of mirrors is nearly 13 million sq. ft.]

Elaine also said they were excited to see a rare Ford Model A, one of 7 known to exist.

Luck of the Draw - We close our meetings with two drawings. The first is a \$10 door prize awarded to a member who simply showed up and got a numbered ticket that is selected by the skill of randomness. It's the "being there" prize, and **Gordon Bennett** drew the ticket from the magic hat. And da winna was... *Owlbert* for the second time in a row! If this streak continues, I'll bet he gets a new pair of overalls. Congratulations again, Owlbert!

The second drawing is for a cumulative prize that grows by \$10 monthly. This month, it was worth a whopping \$30. If **Dan Becker** had been at the meeting, he would have had *a lot of what it takes to get along!* Unfortunately for Dan, *he wasn't*. The September meeting prize will be \$40.

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

As it was – Albert L. Ramos

Stan Ericksen sends you a chuckle.



Why science teachers should not be given playground duty.



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





Automotive Literature & Tour Time in the Big City (starting in the little city of Alvin)

Moving on Down the Road

Not much to talk about except to give all an up-date of getting the literature moved from Robert McLellan's garage.

Our Treasurer, Ev Timmins, has offered the use of her large car hauler trailer, better known as Big Bird, to pick up and transport the material to her location. I'll give each of you one guess of the color of "Big Bird".

Once we get the trailer to Robert and Bea's house, we will load up all the material in one load to transport it to Ev's place. Once there we will begin, with the help from some of our wonderful volunteers from our club, to begin the task of sorting the material into designated boxes. This would be suitable for future sales for a one price takes all, or to advertise the material to local car clubs in the Houston area or in Texas, or to begin selling at swap meets. But the intent is for us to liquidate all the material as soon as possible.

Now for the good part. Those of you that have seen the material and realize it is in the upstairs portion of their garage may be asking, how do we plan on getting all the material down the stairs and into Big Bird? The answer to that question is that it's going to be simple. We just pick the stuff up, get it down the stairs, and carry it into the awaiting trailer. Simple, right?

Well, it will be for two reasons. First, Wayne Bartlett has built us a slide contraption that will let us set the boxes on the slide and let gravity take over. Second, the board has authorized us to hire a few people way younger than us to facilitate the manual labor part of the task involved! Problem solved. And I think Ev may have some young people that may be up for the task.

Once the trailer is at Ev's, we will establish some work days, and the trailer will be pulled around adjacent to the car barn where we will tackle one box at a time. We will sort through the material, as well as inventorying it all which will help with the selling, be it to individuals, car clubs, car collectors, or shoppers at swap meets.

TOUR TIME

Joe's Bar-B-Que and a visit to the Lone Star Flight Museum at its new location

Can you all believe it?. October is here; and it's time for the promised driving tour to the Lone Star Flight Museum. If you all remember the consensus was to meet for Lunch at Joe's Bar-B-Que (and Joe has lots more than just BBQ) in Alvin, see address below.

Date – Saturday October 27th

Time – 11:00 AM – We will take about an hour or so to eat and visit and then we'll Blast Off driving to the New and Improved Lone Star Flight Museum. The driving instructions will be provided when you arrive at Joe's BBQ

Reservation cut-off date to attend (we need to order the tickets) – is October 22nd. RSVP via email to the following address by 2:00 PM – unless you sign the sign-up sheet at the October meeting.

NOTE; it 's very important for you to sign up for the tour and get your money in for the tickets either via the signup at the next meeting on Oct. 8th or via email.

email - pres-gcraaca@att.net

Cost for Flight museum tickets -

Group rate	\$10.95 ea.	
Group rate for Child (age 4-11)	\$7.95	
Group rate for Child (age 0-3)	Free	

Assemble at Joe's Bar-B-Que in Alvin, TX at 11:00 AM for lunch

Joe's Bar-B-Que
1400 Hwy 6, Alvin, TX 77512.
(Joe's is located just west of the HWY 35 Business Loop on the South side of Hwy 6.



The Rearview Mirror

**From our
Club Historian
Joe Vogt**

From the Oct., 2008
Antique Expression

The Cover Car for October, 2008, was my very own 1932 Pierce-Arrow Club Sedan. Pierce was one of the leading early luxury marques. From 2014-2018, they made the largest (825 cubic inches) American production engine ever made, used four valves per cylinder from 1918 – 1928, made a V-12 engine used in Seagrave fire engines until 1970, became the first (1933) to use hydraulic tappets, and became the only American designed car to use mechanical servo type power brakes (1933).

Stan Ericksen once again had some words of wisdom in his Taxi Tales column: "A good political speaker is a man who can work his audience up to a point of becoming enthusiastic without saying anything."

In a Technical Tips column, James Bartlett said "My advice on trailer brakes is to visually inspect and clean out the bearings at least every two years --- some people say annually. Keep a spare inner and outer bearing and seal in the trailer. I've seen them fail and strand people on the side of the road. And inspect your brake linings. Mine still had maybe 40-50 percent of the original thickness, but all the linings showed fine cracks and there was the question of grease contamination. Linings are too cheap not to replace periodically. Brakes are too important to not maintain."

GCR President John Alkire mentioned that he made it through Ike, and then said "I thought he was a good general, an OK president, but a helluva nasty storm.

James, Eileen, Wayne, and Theresa Bartlett attended the 63rd Glidden Tour in La Crosse, Wisconsin, but had to leave the five day tour after three days because of Hurricane Ike. Rather disappointing because this was a 1250 mile trip each way.

But they did see many sites including three private collections, which included those in the House on a Rock, which James said had places

that should be movie sets.

And there were 14 cars and 33 people from Texas, which outnumbered every other state but Wisconsin.

And speaking of the Glidden Tour, it was originally a competition to demonstrate the road worthiness of the early cars. Starting in 1905, Pierce-Arrow won the first five Glidden Trophies, the last four with perfect scores. This issue finished with some great pictures from the 63rd Glidden Tour and also one of Stan Ericksen's taxi parked in the middle of debris from Hurricane Ike with the caption "I survived Ike."



Lone Star Flight Museum Tour, continued.

For those of you who want to skip lunch and to drive directly to the Lone Star Flight Museum **(but you will still need to reserve a ticket to the museum)** to meet up with us, the address is as follows,

**Lone Star Flight Museum
11551 Aerospace Ave.
Houston, TX 77034
Phone number 346-708-2517**

As an FYI, once at the Lone Star Flight Museum, you won't be too far from Galveston if any of us want to take a leisurely added drive to the Gulf Coast for some added fun and maybe a diner for some good seafood as a bonus!

See all y'all on the 8th!

Jim Johnston

WAY BACK WHEN

This is a reprint of an article from the August 29, 1918 edition of **The Bellville Times** which was recently reprinted in the current edition. The punctuation and everything was left as originally written. This will give you an idea of automobile travel during the early age of automobiles. Each week **The Bellville Times** prints an article of interest from the issues of a hundred years ago. You can subscribe to the paper by sending \$45 (Austin County residents) or \$50 (state of Texas) annually to: The Bellville Times; PO Box 98; Bellville TX 77418-0098 Contributed by Linda Hufford

TRIP BY AUTO FROM BELLVILLE, TEXAS TO CAMP FUNSTON, KANSAS

On June 15th I received a telegram from my son, Lt. Herman E. Miller, dated Camp Lee, VA, that he would be transferred to Camp Funston, Kansas. The Misses Miller suggested a visit by auto to Camp Funston, and even accused me of not being a good sport if I refused to undertake the trip.

To be short as possible, I accepted the challenge; we left at 5am June 17, via Hempstead, Navasota, reached College Station at 8 o'clock, Bryan, Hern, Calvert, Bremond, Marlin, Waco, Hillsboro, Cleburne, Fort Worth at 6:30pm, resting here for the night. Between Navasota and College Station near Mullican we passed over 8 miles of very bad road, sandy and rough, otherwise, with the exception of a few rough places the roads were very good to Ft. Worth. We intended leaving Ft. Worth via Gainsville, crossing the Red River to Ardmore, but was advised not to do so on account of a very bad ferry crossing at that point.

On June 18th we left Ft. Worth at 6:50am for Dallas, thence to McKinney, Sherman, Denison, crossing the Red River at 3pm, we were now on Oklahoma soil, a very sorry, sandy country at this point. We proceeded via Mill Creek, Tishomingo to Sulphur, which was a real country road, without any special care at all, reminded me of a piney woods road, but no pines, all oak trees-we made it all right, resorting to low, and intermediate gear several times. Since Sulphur, Okla. was our objective point for that day, we were late getting in-it was about 9pm. The city is well lighted and is considered a splendid health resort, due to the sulphur water wells there. I think the water is excellent and would have remained there, but the girls did not like the water. Sulphur is about 485 miles from Bellville the way we travelled. On June 19th early we started on our trip going west 10 miles to Davis, where we struck the Santa Fe Ry., going north via Purcell, Norman, Okla. City, to Guthrie, we only made about 15 miles the third day due to two causes: first we took a wrong road by being incorrectly directed - I assure you I would not direct my worst enemy over such route, it was simply no road at all, one gully after another; secondly, we had a little brake trouble 8 miles south Guthrie; at Guthrie we spend the 3rd night, the former capitol of Okla. - this was the worst territory of our trip. The 4th day we received the welcome news that we would soon reach good roads.

After traveling about 10 miles, we reached the beautiful rich rolling black prairie lands of Northern Oklahoma, the wheat harvest was on, from this point on we enjoyed our trip. Glad to get out of the bad roads, it was decidedly a relief on my nervous system, to be able to rest and let Lucile take the wheel. From Mulhall, Okla., all of us enjoyed the trip through the greatest wheat belt and alfalfa belt of middle U.S. The humming of the reapers and binders, the odor of the blooming alfalfa was refreshing and pleasing to the eye. We passed through about 75 miles of such beautiful rich country, entering Kansas at South Haven; thence Wellington, Wichita, stopping at my brother's farm I found the whole family gone, my brother still in Texas, so we decided to call by later, which was no trouble in Kans. due to the lovely dirt roads. Just here I would like to say the good people in Kansas certainly keep the roads well dragged, it is no trouble to make 40 miles on those roads. The farmers, I understand, receive remuneration for taking care of certain part of the road.

Our 4th night we spent in Newton; the folks were well-nigh in that evening, but the old man, who was taunted with no being a sport, was still the most active one of the party.

On June 21st early we left for Junction City. I must say that this was the most pleasant day of our voyage. I was never in my life so impressed with lovely wheat, oats, rye and alfalfa crops, the best I ever saw.

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Down the Road

Underlined items are club (GCR AACA) sponsored activities.

- Oct. 8 **GCR AACA** meeting. 7:30 in the Tracy Gee Center.
- Oct. 13 Towne Lake Cars & Coffee Car Show: Wreaths Across America, Contact: Joe Incognito 281-728-5784
- Oct. 18-20 Chickasha Swap Meet
- Oct. 18-20 DFW Swap Meet, Lone Star Park, Grand Prairie
- Oct. 22 Deadline to RSVP for lunch at Joe's and tour to Lone Star Flight Museum.
- Oct. 27 Tour to Joe's Bar B Que and Lone Star Museum (See pg. 6)
- Oct. 29 Deadline for AE Nov. mini contributions.
- Nov. 3-5 Fall Conroe Swap Meet, Montgomery County Fairgrounds
- Nov. 12 **GCR AACA** meeting. 7:30 in the Tracy Gee Center.
- Nov. 26 Deadline for contributions for AE December mini.
- Dec. 15 Christmas Lunch at Monument Inn in La Porte. Sign-up sheet will be sent separately.

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

October
Theresa Bartlett
Albert Ramos

November
Albert Ramos
Tahl Rozycki

No, that is not a typo. He likes cookies!

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

General Meeting Minutes 10 September, 2018

President **Jim Johnston** was back in town and called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance: **John Doerfler** led us in giving thanks. **Ferrell Moore** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Refreshments: The delicious refreshments were the courtesy of **John and Barbara Manning, Ev Timmins, and Ron Stein**. The "healthy" included plenty of fruits and vegetables, and the "super-healthy" were the homemade sugar cookies and chocolate peanut-butter brownies. Incidentally, John, who is being treated for lymphoma, very kindly delivered his refreshment contribution, but he felt unwell and had to leave. Thank you, John, Barbara, Ev, and Ron.

Sunshine Report: **Ev Timmins** visited **Joe Vogt** recently while he was getting chemo and brought him car magazines to read. As noted earlier, **John Manning** is being treated for lymphoma. He's had three chemotherapy sessions and has one left. Keep on keeping on, John! **Bill Seward** recently completed treatment for his cancer and was here tonight to speak for himself. Congratulations, Bill!

Treasurer's Report: **Ev Timmins** reported that our finances are in good shape and our bills are paid. And that's the way it should be.

Board Talk: **Jim Johnston** talked about the Board meeting. He brought up the question of why the Board meets monthly instead of just quarterly. There's been no resolution to this question; he's still kicking it around.

Jim Also spoke about the upcoming 2019 Officers and Directors election. **Wayne Bartlett, Dean Forbes, and Sam Romeo** are on the Board Nominating Committee. Get in touch with one of these automotive heroes if you want to be on Board.

Pate: **Sam Romeo** said we'd be getting a check this weekend for our share of the Pate Swap Meet net earnings. Sam expects that we'll get about \$20 per member more than we've ever gotten in past. Sam also asked if he should bring up our letter at the Pate Board meeting. It was decided that Sam will state at Pate Board meeting that he agrees with everything in the letter and will recommend we start with computerizing the data.

Where We've Been: Intrepid antique automobile enthusiasts **Lee Brown, Tahl Rozycki and girlfriend Rachel**, former GCR members **Robby and Jeffrey Markman**, and I braved the driving rain on Labor Day and made a 2-car caravan road trip. Our destination was **Dick's Classic Garage Car Museum** in San Marcos. If you've not heard, Dick's Garage is transitioning from a museum to a grant-making foundation and will close its doors on December 31, 2018. To help fund the foundation's charitable intent, the museum is selling all the museum inventory and the museum building. We wanted to see what was left of the rolling stock before it is all sold off.

Some of the cars had already been sold that weekend at the RM Sothebys Auburn Fall Sale. These included a **1929 Duesenberg Model J Sedan** with period coachwork by *Derham* and *Bohman & Schwartz* (\$737,000), a **1929 Auburn 120 Eight Speedster** (\$330,000), a **1930 Cord L-29 Cabriolet** (\$165,000), and many others. One that I regret letting pass without a bid from me was the **1938 Hudson Terraplane Cab Pickup** (\$46,200). RM Sotheby's will auction more cars from the collection at Hershey in October 2018 and at other venues in 2019. Plan now to buy later!

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Where We're Going

October 2018 - **Tahl Rozycki** announced that he, **Julie Wagner-Palmer**, and **Bill Palmer** are going to the Hershey swap meet and sale in October. I'm sure they'll have a great time. In case things get a little wild, someone suggested setting up a "go fund me" page in advance to bail one or more of them out of "trouble". I can't imagine what kind of trouble they'd get into. Tahl also proudly noted that he received an **I GOT A MEMBER** pin from the AACA for bringing in new members **Pat and Lydia Fant**. Good job, Tahl! The Fants are wonderful people and are getting their cobalt blue 1956 Cadillac Series 62 4-door Sedan in great shape - hopefully to tour.

October 2018 - **Jim Johnston** spoke about having a mini-tour to the Lone Star Flight Museum. It would be an easy drive to Ellington with no need to drive on freeways. The proposed tour date is Saturday, October 27th. Most of the members want to do this with lunch at a local artery-blocker.

December 2018 - **Ev Timmins** spoke about our annual Christmas party. It will be held at the Monument Inn and probably cost \$20 for each member and \$30 for each guest.

2019 - Jim said we need volunteers to organize Club events for Valentines Day, the 4th of July, and Veterans Day (Nov 11).

2020 - Jim also spoke a little about the 2020 Texas Tour that our GCR is hosting. Possible dates are April 2-6, April 15-20, May 13-18, and May 27-June 1, 2020. Most of the members in the meeting prefer an April date to minimize the risk of it being too warm. Venue cities we are considering include Brenham, Conroe/Montgomery County area, and Huntsville. **Julie Wagner-Palmer** spoke about what the tour "was" in the past. Apparently, it used to involve lots of liquor and dancing and old friends. [That doesn't surprise me - **Stan Ericksen** has told me one or two stories about old car club events from the earlier days fueled with "high-test".] Julie also said, "Seeing the old friends is a lot like a family reunion, except that you actually *want* to see them." Thanks for that thoughtful insight, Julie. Incidentally, Julie's first Texas Tour was in the 1980s.

Other News to Amuse - **Wayne Bartlett** built a plywood slide in **Robert and Bea McLellan's** garage to make it easier to remove the 200 or so boxes of Original Automotive Literature stored in the room above their garage. We'll need volunteers to move the goods down the slide and to a truck.

Luck of the Draw - We close our meetings with two drawings. The first is a "being there" prize, which is \$10 is awarded to a GCR member who simply showed up and got a numbered ticket that happens to be selected in a random drawing. **Jo Kat D'Ambrosio** was this month's lucky winner. Congratulations.

The second drawing is for a cumulative prize that grows by \$10 monthly. September's purse was worth a cool \$40. **Walt Dette from San Antonio** would have won if he had been here. He might have hit traffic on the way to Houston and turned back. Just be sure that **you** come to the October meeting and try your luck at winning this drawing. A not-insubstantial \$50 could be yours.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45.

As it was – Albert L. Ramos

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Another chuckle from
Stan!

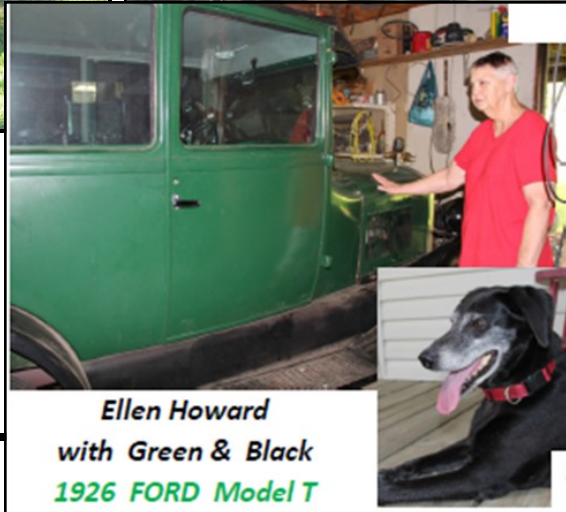
Marriage is a
relationship in which
one is always right and
the other is the husband!

Other Cars in Charles Howard's Cover Story



The Eight Ball Special

This "Channel Green" Tudor is the car he currently has. I had a better picture of the Coupe and it was his favorite so it is on the cover! (Editor)



And their traveling "Buddy"

Ellen Howard
with Green & Black
1926 FORD Model T

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WAY BACK WHEN

For anyone who would like to know, if he desires to settle in Kansas, I would advise him to take a trip from Wichita, Newton, Peabody, Marion, Hennington to Junction City. I saw several small herds of fine red cattle, excellent stock farms, lovely two story houses, good school houses everywhere, some of our people would wonder at the lovely school buildings up there. I was pleased to observe that the Kansas people are strong believers and demonstrated their belief in good school buildings by building them. In Manhattan, which is 18 miles east of Camp Funston, the place in which we made our stay-is a city of 8000 people (not much larger than Brenham), has 49 miles of paved streets and over 100 miles of cement sidewalks. Has a high school building and a junior high school building costing over \$400,000-besides 4 other ward school buildings costing not less than \$35,000 each.

We soon found our son, who had reached camp only 24 hours ahead of us. It is needless to say Mrs. Miller and the girls were overjoyed to see the Lieut.-I must admit it was a pleasure for me to again receive the firm grip and return the same to my only son, who is, I am exceedingly proud to say, doing all in his power to aid our government in making the world safe for Democracy.

The distance to Camp Funston from Bellville is 895 miles. I drove a Buick little six and must say, I am well pleased with this car. She is a dandy.

H. Miller

Note: Thanks to Robert Bullard for bringing article this to our attention. Interesting!