



The Antique Expression

Gulf Coast Region, Houston, Texas

Black with Gold Stripes And the “Real Deal”



By Gene and Lynda Wall

When Carroll Shelby assigned Peyton Cramer to talk to Hertz Corporation about setting up a rental program, he had no idea what he was getting into. To coin an old saying; “I have good news and bad news.”

The “good news” was Hertz ended up buying 999 cars from Shelby. The “bad news” was that they ended up buying 999 cars from Shelby. Shelby had only built a total of 562 GT 350’s in 1965 including three 1966 Prototypes. How in the world was he going to do this? Somehow, he figured it out and as they say the “rest is history”!

There are numerous stories about cars being raced on the weekend and then taken back to Hertz on Monday or late Sunday. And of course, there were some stories of a Shelby or Cobra blowing their motors and pulling the motor out of the Hertz car and continuing the race that weekend. There were a number of problems associated with renting what was basically a race car to almost anyone who came to the counter if they could prove they were at least a 25-year-old with a valid driver license and credit card.

There were two big problems at the beginning of the rental program. The first problem was racing brakes which did not work until they were hot, unlike street brakes that would stop a car when cold. The second issue was that the first 84 cars were 4 speeds. Most customers renting these cars did not know how to drive a 4-speed. Consequently, putting those two factors together made for a very interesting trip through the parking lot!!

Shelby solved the 4-speed problem easily. They began building only automatic cars for Hertz. My GT350H was in the Rental Program in upstate New York, until it was (Cont. on pg. 2)

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retired and sold by Ford at auction in 1969. It has the original Cobra engine, disc brakes, high speed wheels with specific Hertz decals, and factory A/C added so that it could be driven in warm climates.

A friend of mine here in Houston that restores Mustangs knew where this car was in Canada and helped me through the process of adding it to my collection 2 years ago. When I think back to my teen years in the 60's, and only dreaming that I could go to Hertz and rent a Cobra to drive for \$17 per day and 17 cents a mile, I feel very lucky to own this piece of automobile history.

The Joke Inspired by Sandra's Aunt Betty Anne

As mentioned by Albert

Bubba from Abilene decided it was time to join a church. He found one and asked to join, but the pastor said he'd first have to take a Bible quiz. The pastor asked him, "Where was Jesus born?"

Bubba guessed "Athens." The pastor said, "Wrong. You can not join our church."

So Bubba went to a second church and asked to join. The pastor asked him the same question, "Where was Jesus born?" Bubba guessed "Carthage." The pastor replied, "Sorry - you're wrong. You can not join our church."

Bubba went to a third church, got the same question, answered "Palestine," and was rejected by this pastor as well.

Finally Bubba went to a fourth church and asked to join. The pastor welcomed him and told him to come to church Sunday morning. So Bubba thanked him and asked, "You mean I don't have to take a Bible quiz?"

"No," said the pastor.

"Well, thanks," said Bubba. "But pastor, would you please tell me where Jesus was born?"

"Why, Bethlehem, of course!"

"Dadgummit!" Bubba replied. I *knew* it was in East Texas somewhere!"

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★ 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
Patsy Bennett 11/17
Hal Naumann 11/19
Dixie Kethley* 11/22
Bill Wahlberg 11/23

*Sister club members

it's the stuff? Maybe it's the people? Maybe it's the location? I think it just might be the combination of all of those things that make Hershey week just about perfect.

Many of you often share your Hershey memories with us -- reminiscing about when you came to Hershey as a kid with your parents or talking about how three generations of your family attend Hershey now. A LOT of you like to grumble about the "mud years," but you remember them and they make great stories. In fact, every year my dad has to tell me the one about his friend who lost his shoes in the mud and had to walk around the flea market in his muddy socks all day!

Above everything, I would say the people that I meet during Hershey week are my favorite thing and what I look forward to the most. While I love talking to all of you on the phone and emailing with you throughout the year, Hershey week is my absolute favorite time of the entire year because I get to meet so many of you in person. Putting a face to a name and sharing a handshake or hug is simply the best!

I had the chance to ask your 2019 AACA National Board of Directors what their favorite things about Hershey are and what they look forward to the most at Hershey and they were not shy with their answers. So much so, that I had to put them in their own article later in this issue of *Speedster*, so be sure to take a minute to read them.

For those planning to attend Hershey, please feel free to share with me what your favorite thing was about this year's event and I'll publish any answers I get in next month's *Speedster*.

Note; If you have memories of Hershey from other years, and you would like to share them with others, just send it in to Stacy at szimmerman@aca.org.

From the September *Speedster*.

Happy Anniversary!

October-November

Wayne & Theresa Bartlett 10/11
Billy Ray & Esther Duncan 10/12 (58!!!)
Sergio & Tina Fernandez 10/21 (30!!)
Thomas & Carol Kidd 11/4 (19!)

What Are Your Favorite Things About Hershey?

By Stacy Zimmerman, Speedster Editor

When most people talk about Hershey, discussions of yummy chocolate and family outings at Hersheypark rank at the top of their lists. It's quite a different story though when you speak to someone who has a passion for the antique car hobby. What are your favorite things about Hershey and what do you look forward to the most at Hershey?

For many of us, Hershey holds a very special place in all of our hearts. It's not just another car show or flea market -- it's different. Maybe it's the tradition? Maybe

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

General Meeting 12 Aug., 2019

President **Robert Bullard** opened the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Elaine Bullard gave the invocation. She offered thanks for our common interest in old cars and the friendships we've developed through the Club. She also noted the good medical news some members have had and asked for a blessing on those who could not be here. In closing, Elaine asked for a blessing on the country. **Robert Bullard** then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests

Sandra Johnston introduced her **Aunt Betty Anne** visiting from Palestine, Texas. (This reminds me of a joke you can read at the end of these minutes.) See pg. 2.

Treasury Report

Treasurer **Ev Timmins** said the Club's finances are great. We are also well within our budget. She said we will get more money when she sends out our Club dues statement next month.

Refreshments

Bea McLellan and **JoKat D'Ambrosio** were in charge of refreshments. Thanks to these two ladies, we enjoyed nutritious sandwiches, sweet watermelon, and even sweeter chocolate cake and Oreo cookies.

Sunshine Report

Diana Forbes gave us a list of the August and September birthdays. Of those in attendance, **Norma Moore** has an August birthday. I heard she is nearing 30 (again).

Where We've Been ... No place, lately.

Where We're Going

Sept. 13-15: **Dean and Diana Forbes** spoke about an upcoming tour to Corpus Christi sponsored by the Lincoln and Continental Owners Club. The group is going to see a car collection before it goes to auction. They will also visit the local aquarium.

Oct. 23-26: The Deep South Region AACA is hosting the 2019 Southeastern Fall Nationals meet in Mobile, Al.

Oct. 26: **Robert McLellan** is organizing a local tour of about 140 miles round trip to Dido's Restaurant in Brazoria, Texas. Tour participants can begin at one of two sites and drive as a group to the restaurant. There's even a two-hour paddle boat ride available for \$25. Expect a total time of 6 hours from either of the meet-up points.

Dec. 2019: **Elaine Bullard** says the Christmas Luncheon will be on a Sunday at the Monument Inn.

2020 Texas Tour: **Robert Bullard** says 2020 tour planning going well. He also said **Wayne Bartlett** is doing a great job as tour chairman. Be sure to sign up for your hotel room now.

Trivia

Robert Bullard ran us through a few questions related to the last Antique Expression newsletter. **Leon Ahlers** was the first to give a correct answer about **John Matejka's** '52 Chevy convertible.

Diana Forbes won a \$5 prize for knowing that **Lenny Holzband** and **Julie Wagner-Palmer** were the sources of two great recipes - corn casserole (Lenny) and mango salad (Julie).

Other News to Amuse

Dean and Diana Forbes have sold their house and are moving. According to

Diana, Dean has a *lot* of car parts and tools to get rid of.

Tahl Rozycki's brother in California sent him a couple of vintage "car bingo" cards. Tahl also told us about some funny car commercials he saw on the internet. He was particularly amused by the Subaru commercial of a kid imagining he is an adult driving the car, a Fiat commercial about a lab testing the car by slamming its door, and another by the Skoda car company. I looked at them and then found one that might have been more amusing: BMW's commercial highlighting the rear-view camera.

Tahl is also looking for a body shop to paint his Oldsmobile Cutlass. The place that painted his Chrysler Imperial is "no más."

Robert Bullard spoke about a book he read recently called *The Vagabonds: The Story of Henry Ford and Thomas Edison's Ten-Year Road Trip*. It tells the story of a series of road trips that Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, Harvey Firestone, and John Burroughs took between 1915 and 1924. These men called themselves the Four Vagabonds. Their trips took them to the Adirondacks, the Green Mountains of New England, West Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia, the Catskill Mountains, and Northern Michigan.

Although the men were "camping", they were supported by several heavy-duty passenger cars and vans carrying them, their household staff, equipment, and photographers

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from Ford Motor Company. A trip in 1919 is documented to have involved 50 vehicles! When the campers and their event became too well-known, the trips were canceled.

Dean Forbes said that the reason Ford vehicles used Firestone tires is because Henry Ford's daughter married a Firestone son. He also noted that Ford was really thrifty. As an example, Dean said Ford required companies that shipped transmissions to ship them in certain sized-boxes. Those boxes then became the floorboards of Ford cars.

The Luck of the Draw

The first drawing was for the 50-50 money split. This is the event in which the Club sells tickets. If your ticket is drawn, the ticket-holder and the Club split the money. President **Robert Bullard** won, but he donated his portion back to the Club.

Next was the \$10 "Being There" prize in which you *can* win \$10 *if* you show up to the meeting, get a ticket, *and* stay until the end. **Barbara Byrd** won it. Congratulations, Barbara!

And finally, the Big One, our cumulative prize that grows by \$10 at each regular monthly meeting (until someone wins it) was worth \$120. Did you notice I said *Was*? It's not worth \$120 any more. But not because **Hal Naumann** won it. *He didn't - because he wasn't at the meeting!* So at the September meeting, the prize will be \$130.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37.
As it was – Albert L. Ramos



General Meeting Minutes 9 Sept., 2019

President **Robert Bullard** opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Diana Forbes gave a short and sweet prayer of thanks and asked for God's protection and healing hands on our members. **Robert Bullard** then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests

Tonight we welcomed **Dean and Diana Forbes'** daughter **Laura**. Laura lives with her parents, but Dean and Diana recently played a practical joke on her: they sold the house! Diana said technically this makes them all homeless. Selling the house, packing, and moving has not been easy, according to Diana; but she still loves Dean (even if she didn't always like him during the process).

Treasury Report

Ev Timmins was on an Alaska cruise with her family, so there was no treasury report. **Robert Bullard** put in his two cents and said the Club is well within budget. **Wayne Bartlett** saw Robert's two cents and raised him a penny by telling us that he is going to the Pate meeting soon. Unfortunately, he then told us our Pate revenue next year is expected to be down substantially. Looks like we lost the two cents and the penny and need to find other fundraising activities to fill the pot.

Refreshments

Theresa Bartlett and **Elaine Bullard** were in charge of refreshments. Whoever made wonderful chicken salad sandwiches and ham sandwiches gets my vote for whatever they run for. We also enjoyed sliced cucumbers, baby carrots, delicious small red tomatoes, and green and red grapes. To keep us from falling into an apathetic torpor of health, our "caterers" also fed us energy-inducing cookies. Thank you, Theresa and Elaine.

Sunshine Report

Diana Forbes gave us a list of the September birthdays. Of those in attendance, **Ron Stein**, **Bill Seward**, **Jim Johnston**, and **Diana Forbes** have September birthdays. "But how old are they?" you may ask. I heard they are all celebrating their 40th birthdays, some of them for the 40th time or more. September wedding anniversaries are **Bill and Barbara Wahlberg**, **Olin and Nell Willis**, and **Mike and Bonnie Peterson**.

Where We've Been - We've still not gone anywhere, but we're getting ready!

Where We're Going

Oct. 23-26: The 2019 Southeastern Fall Nationals meet in Mobile, Alabama sounds like fun.

Oct. 26: Eat great seafood at Dido's Restaurant in Brazoria while enjoying a driving tour organized by **Robert McLellan**. The restaurant is on the water, but you don't have to row your own boat. Instead, you can take a two-hour paddle boat ride for \$25.

Nov. 9: The Club will have a Veteran's Day picnic at Bear Creek Park. Sandra will be sharing more information later.

Nov. 28 - Dec. 1: Thanks to **Ashley Griffin** (and probably to **Lisa** as well), the GCR can

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**Don't forget to come to
the meeting on
Monday!!**

In 1969, I was out of college and on my first job in, of all places, Tripoli, Libya. King Idris was still ruling the country and for the Americans, English and Italians it was close to a paradise on the Mediterranean. The petroleum companies paid the king well and he gave us the city to use as we saw fit while he looked the other way. For us it was “anything goes” but we did not abuse our stay in a foreign land. I was having a grand time until a coup was sprung on the country by Muammar Gaddafi. Everything was cheap and I was sharing a villa on the sea coast with a couple of Englishmen. It was surrounded by a lime orchard and it was quite peaceful. I purchased a used black MG Midget and with gasoline at 7 cents a litre, I did a lot of driving, specially to Roman ruins like Sabratha and Leptis Magna. The MG served me well. I did have an opportunity to meet a Colonel in the Royal Palace Guard at a gas station. While I was filling up at the one and only pump, a black Mercedes-Benz with mounted Libyan flags drove up and the attendant started screaming at me and motioning me to move out of the way. I was not quick enough to get into the driver’s seat as I was pulling the hose out of my tank. I was pushed aside by the other car (no damage as we were on sand). Very irritated, I ask the attendant who it was. “Gaddafi, “ he said. We did not take the time to exchange pleasantries and I waited my turn to complete my fill up.

The MG did not last long. After a game of cricket or rugby, the lads would gather at the Elizabethan Palace, a hotel with a nice English bar and restaurant. I had the MG on the hill parked outside when I was told there had just been a wreck. A garbage truck at the top of the hill rolled down the hill and right over my MG. The MG was then replaced with a used green Sunbeam Alpine, a nice peppy sports car that would catch the attention of the secretaries at work. Not as flashy as my roommate’s red Alfa Romeo, but my other roommate had a gray VW Beetle. Most of the cars in Tripoli were Fiats, but the native Arabs had donkeys, bicycles or camels. Driving in Tripoli was much like driving in India, another unpleasant experience that I have had. You never know what you are going to encounter on the roads of Tripoli. Prior to my arrival there, I was in London and Rome. Back then, in London it was a matter of dodging the other cars on the road and in Rome you just held the accelerator to the floor and then slammed on the brakes at the last minute, with a lot of honking and obscene gestures. With apparently no traffic rules in Tripoli, it was just crazy and police on their Moto Guzzi motorcycles sit along the side of the roads waving their arms erratically and saying something that I did not understand. The most common word is “molisch” which loosely translated from Arabic means “I do not care or never mind”. I guess that is why pre Gaddafi Tripoli was such a relaxing place. Just enjoy being there and all will go well. Unfortunately, King Idris went to Italy for medical reasons, Gaddafi took over and I returned to Houston. Without an occupational deferment, I was welcomed into the US Army.

*On The Road Again is a series that welcomes stories from Gulf Coast Region AACA chapter members about how a shared interest in cars and helping others can pave the way to friendship and adventure.

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participate in the 60th Annual O’Reilly Auto Parts Auto-rama. Ashley wants 6 of our members' to bring their cars for display.

Dec. 2019: Monument Inn is our popular gathering spot for Christmas Lunch. Be sure to thank **Elaine Bullard** for organizing this year’s extravaganza.

May 14-17, 2020 Texas Tour: **Wayne Bartlett** says we have to spend \$3,000 or \$4,000 to make reservations at a dining hall, but we’ve got the hotel set up. Now is the time to book your hotel room at the Holiday Inn. Call the front desk directly at (979) 830-5331 and give them the Block Code “MCS”.
Club News

Robert Bullard discussed officer and director nominations for next year. **Lenny Holzband** will head up the committee. We need three new GCR officers, so contact Lenny **and support your Club!** We’ve even got room for other board positions. We vote in November.

Trivia
Robert Bullard asked us a few trivia questions based on the prior Antique Expression. There were lots of questions, but I recall this: What was the general tenor, message, or meaning of the President’s Letter? Better yet, what was Robert **driving** at?

Ah, yes. He was (not so) gently reminding you to **get in your car and drive!**



**From our
Club Historian
Joe Vogt**

From the
October, 2009
Antique Expression

The cover car for the October, 2009 Antique Expression was Karl Wawarosky's Black 1957 Bel-Aire two-door post. Factory price was \$2,338, shipping weight was 3,228, and the number produced was 62,751.

Karl's love for '57 Chevys started when he was very young, as the family had a 1957 Chevy 4-door 210 station wagon. It was the first car he learned to drive. It was given to him when he was in high school, and as a project in auto shop, they turned it into a street rod, which his father did not appreciate at all.

Unable to purchase another antique vehicle for many years, when Karl had his son Kyle, he nicknamed him Hot Rod to take the place of buying an antique car. Of course, the antique car would have been a lot cheaper but not as lovable and as much fun. But when Kyle was old enough to appreciate antique cars, Karl searched until he found a beautiful black 1957 Bel-Aire 2-door post with the standard wide fins and gold front grille. It was love at first sight.

From August 23-28, six club members were on the Glidden Tour: Theresa and Wayne Bartlett (1940 LaSalle), Eileen and James Bartlett (1929 Packard), and Tom and Evelyn Timmins (1920 Packard). Charles Jasper Glidden established the tour in 1904, and it became the premier reliability run in the United States until 1913, when it was discontinued. One suspected reason for the discontinuance was that three Metz entries finished with perfect scores, implying that a cheap \$475 car could be just as reliable as the prestige autos of the day.

In 1946 the Veteran Motor Car Club of America organized the first Revival Glidden Tour for antique autos. It is now the largest, continuously held antique automobile tour in the world.

In Taxi Tales, the 1967 Checker told us that the "old fellow" who owned it saw a sign in an antique store that read "THE BUSTED KNUCKLE GARAGE – REPAIR AND DESPAIR UNDER ONE ROOF."

President Alkire related how the Houston Art Car Museum had an art opening featuring transportation related art items, one of which is John's 1956 Nash Ambassador Custom. Since Nash is famous for its ability to fold the seats into a queen size bed, the museum displayed the Nash in bedroom fashion complete with bed sheets, fancy comforter, big fluffy pillows, and the backseat center arm rest holding a silver serving tray with wine glasses, candelabra, and a bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon. The museum called this display "The Ambassador Suite."



REFRESHMENTS

OCTOBER
Tahl Rozycki
Albert Ramos

NOVEMBER
Bill & Victoria Seward
Bill Cockrell & Carol Coghill

**2019 HOUSTON AUTORAMA
INFORMATION**

Your Gulf Coast chapter AACA has decided to enter a display at the 2019 Houston Autorama at the George R. Brown Convention Center, during the Thanksgiving weekend (Nov 28 - Dec 1, 2019).

The Houston Autorama is arguably the largest show of its kind throughout the year in Houston. Vehicle entries include stock, hotrods, lowriders and a multitude of other seldom or never before seen creations.

Have you ever wanted to exhibit a car at the Autorama? Here's your chance. We are looking for 6 - 8 vehicles to represent the club, giving us an opportunity to interact with the public and introduce them to our club.

The club booth will be part of the indoor show. Setup will be Wednesday, Nov. 27 and will remain in place until the show is over on the evening of Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019.

If you would be interested in displaying your vehicle, contact Ashley at phaetongriffin@gmail.com or call 979-525-3459 by **October 15, 2019**, to put your name on the roster. A final list of vehicles chosen for the booth display will be sent out by October 20, 2019.

If you received a registration form at the last meeting, hold onto it until the final list is sent out. We will then submit all entries together as a club.

Furthermore, if you decide to enter your car in this show, but do not wish to be a part of the club display, Ashley has extra registration forms and can answer most questions you may have.

See you at the meeting on Oct. 14th at Tracy Gee.

Ashley Griffin



President's Letter - Through the Front Windshield

As I write this president's letter, Elaine and I are resting in Moab, Utah. We are eight days into our final 2019 Model A tour, traveling with Model A friends, Jim and Illona Blaszcak. When completed we will have traveled about 2,700 miles in our Model A and about 2,500 miles in our tow vehicle over a 27 day span. We thought hard about driving the "A" for the entire trip, but decided we would focus our touring time in Arizona and Utah and not on the trip to and from home. So far we've traveled over 900 miles in the "A" and have visited: Painted Desert, Petrified Forest N.P., Oak Creek Canyon, Sedona, AZ, Jerome AZ, Flagstaff, AZ, Walpi Village, Hubbell Trading Post, Canyon De Chelly N.P., Monument Valley Tribal Park, Gooseneck State Park, Moki Dugway Highway, National Bridges Monument, Canyonlands N.P. (The Needles and Island in the Sky) plus taken a 2.5 hour Colorado river night cruise that was absolutely spectacular. That's a lot see in five days. In addition to all this, I've also seen black dirt, red dirt, gray dirt, small rocks that stuck in the grooves of my tires and big rocks that would've knocked a hole in my oil pan except for judicious driving on my part. In 5 days of driving I've driven on 3 dirt roads and used 2 coin operated car washes to get the outer layers of dirt; no way I can get the inner layers off without brushes and wash mitts.

I enjoy working on my cars and the tinkering necessary to keep an old car operating safely and efficiently (or as efficiently as reasonable). And, as strange as it may sound, I even enjoy cleaning on the darn things. But, what I really enjoy is driving them. I can't tell you how many times on this trip I've pulled over at a scenic overlook to take some photos and the people already there taking photos of nature's best turn around and start taking photos of the old cars. So far on this trip we've met and talked with Native Americans (Navajo, Hopi and Ute's), Frenchmen, Germans, Swiss, Englishers, South Africans and the ubiquitous Asians (Chinese and Japanese) in addition to people from about twenty different states. Gosh, I love retirement!

As we near the end of the year, we have a pretty full calendar for the Club. If you would like to serve as an officer or board member contact Lenny Holzband to get your name on the ballet. We are always looking for people to serve. Robert McLellan has also planned a tour for late October. Be sure and sign up for that since I'm sure it will be a lot of fun. Details for that tour are elsewhere in the newsletter. November's meeting brings a vote for our 2020 Officers and Board Members. Be sure to attend so you can cast your vote. Then in December we have our annual Christmas Party at the Monument Inn. Be sure to sign up for the events you want early.

Minutes—Sept. (continued from pg. 7)

By the way, there is a nice country song you can hear on youtube called **Get in the Car and Drive** by the **Eli Young Band**. The members met while students at the University of North Texas in Denton.

Other News to Amuse

Mary Lou Boggus said her son, **Larry**, a police officer in Bunker Hill Village, has a drone program. He might come give us a presentation. Mary Lou also said she represented us recently at the Bug Tussle Tour. The highlight of the tour (from her point of view) is the hat contest. The winner? Mary Lou's daughter, **Laura**. I guess the apple don't fall far from the tree! **Nichole and Charlie Gambulus** organized Bug Tussle and did a great job.

Jim Johnston and Ashley and Lisa Griffin helped **Dean and Diana Forbes** with their recent move.

See next column.

Luck of the Draw

The 50-50 drawing collected \$31. **Theresa Bartlett** won this drawing. She collared \$15 and the Club got ... well The \$10 "Being There" prize was won by **John Doerfler**, but JD gave credit where it was due. He actually got the ticket from **Javis Boudreaux** when he left early. Congratulations, JD!

And now for late-braking news. Braking? Not "breaking"? No. It's time to apply the brakes and stop the presses! The cumulative prize that grows by \$10 at each regular monthly meeting (until someone wins it) was worth \$130. Again, did you notice I said *was*? Alas, 'tis nothing now. Well, not quite nothing. It's back to \$10 for October because Owlbert won it, courtesy of the young and lovely **Laura Forbes**, daughter of **Dean and Diana Forbes**. She selected the winning name from the old top hat. Will miracles never cease?

Adjournment - The meeting ended at 8:22 pm.

As it was - Albert L. Ramos

Down the Road

Underlined items are club (GCR AACA) sponsored activities.

- Oct. 14 **GCR AACA** meeting. 7:30 in the Tracy Gee Center.
- Oct. 20 Deadline for signing up to participate in Autorama.
- Oct. 23-26 **2019 Southeastern Fall National**; Hosted by Deep South Region. Mobile, AL Check aaca.org tour info.
- Oct. 26 Texas Gulf Coast Tour: see forms this issue.
- Oct. 28 Deadline for contributions for any Nov. mini news
- Nov. 9 **GCR AACA** Veteran's Day Picnic at Bear Creek Park. More info later.
- Nov.28-Dec. 1 Houston Autorama. See details this issue.
- Dec. 15 Christmas Lunch at Monument Inn, 1 PM.

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 Pearland ISD Admin. Building parking lot, on HWY 35 (Telephone Rd.), across the street from Walmart. 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.

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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HOT DEAL!!!

Mike's 1963 Mercury Monterey

The Calistrats have decided to enjoy the antique car hobby without their cars, but would like to find good homes for them.

Very original, but air conditioning was added.
390 cu.in. high compression engine with 4 barrel carb.
80,000 original miles.
Two door, with all electric windows, including the rear negative slanted one.
Asking price: \$10,000
The car is garaged in Missouri City TX,
The car is driven regularly in the neighborhood.

For information call Mike Calistrat @ 281-437-0437
1985 Lincoln Town Car (Signature Series) also for sale.



The 1963 Mercury Monterey was designed by Packard and given the name "Predictor". When Packard disappeared, some of its engineers hired by Ford convinced management to manufacture the "Predictor." It was assigned to the Mercury Division, under the name "Monterey." It is nicknamed: "The Breezeway" because the rear window can slide in the trunk, making the car a convertible with a hard top!

Gulf Coast Region AACA

First Annual Texas Gulf Coast Mini Tour – Saturday, October 26, 2019

There will be two tour starting locations with one destination at a hidden restaurant on the San Bernard River. Please call the appropriate contact person for your chosen Caravan option via email or cell #'s to let them know they should be expecting you for the tour.

Starting point one- The first starting point option (**CARAVAN #1**) will take you on a 60-mile drive along cool and relaxing back roads under shaded trees with hardly any traffic going down toward the Gulf Coast. A perfect opportunity to drive your antique car under the most favorable conditions that you can imagine.

Caravan #1 will meet at Buc-ee's just south of the intersection of Hwy 59/69 and Crabb River Road/Hwy 99. We will meet at 10:30 AM for a driver's meeting with maps (also online). We will leave promptly at 11:00 AM. For full details, driving instructions and maps, contact Rob McLellan at robertauto27@gmail.com , 713-772-3285.

Starting point two - The second starting point option (**CARAVAN #2**) will be at the Stephen F Austin Museum located at 41885 State Hwy 288, Angleton, TX This is right at 32.5 miles from the intersection of the Sam Houston Toll Rd. @ State Hwy 288 in Pearland, TX. From that intersection head South toward Angleton. You will be able to see the Stephen F Austin 76-foot-tall statue on the left well before the exit. Be on the lookout for an Angleton Buc-ee's at the exit for Hwy 35 South to West Columbia. **The exit you want for the Museum will be the next exit on the right.**

Caravan #2 People choosing the Caravan #2 option should plan on meeting at the Museum between 10:30 and 11:00 AM. We will plan on departing the museum promptly at **12:00 noon**, but that will still give all of us plenty of time to tour the facility.

Once you exit off Hwy 288 South, continue going straight until you have to turn left to circle under Hwy 288. The entrance to the Museum will be on the right within a couple 100 yards. After a tour of the museum there will be a 30-minute drive to the restaurant.

There is no cost to tour the museum. For details contact Jim or Sandra Johnston (sandra-jim@att.net) , or via Jim's cell phone 832-693-4008 or Sandra's cell phone 713-542-9481. Both caravans will arrive no later than 1:00 PM at Dido's restaurant for lunch. The restaurant is located at:

River Rendezview Dido's Restaurant & Yellowstone Paddle Wheel
2922 Country Road 519
Brazoria, Texas 77422
Phone number is 979-964-3167



There is no substitute for touring!

The October 26th Mini Tour

Stephen F Austin Museum (Free to the public)



Stephen F Austin 76' tall Statue
Waiting for us at the museum



The Stephen F Austin Museum Building at
41885 State Hwy 299 Angleton, TX

River Rendezvous Dido's Restaurant on the Bernard River in Brazoria Texas



The Planning crew hard at work



A covered patio eating option



More work going on inside with AC.
And "YES" I did say AC!!!!!!



The crew during the short wait for lunch



Bill being the patient man he is



View of the "Docked" Paddle Wheel restaurant

VERY IMPORTANT NOTE!

We will be sending out Mini Tour reminders via email to all members with registration information that will be needed to be sent in letting us know how many people will be attending. We will need to know the number of people the restaurant can expect to eat and the menu selections at "Dido's River Rendezview Restaurant" to help expedite serving. So be on the lookout for the email reminder coming to you very soon!

WE NEED TO KNOW WHO'S ATTENDING

There will be 5 options for a \$10 to \$15 lunch as follows, costs do not include tax or gratuities;

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| 1)Dido's Burger – ½ pound patty, pepper jack cheese, grilled pickled jalapenos, grilled onions & chipotle aioli, lettuce, tomatoes & fries. | \$10 |
| 2)Chicken – Bacon, lettuce, tomato, pickles and red onions. | \$10 |
| 3)Seafood Nachos – Blackened Shrimp smothered over homemade tortilla chips & topped with pico | \$15 |

Or Seafood Baskets options

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| 4)Catfish -3 pieces – Have it your way; blackened, grilled or fried & seasoned Fries | \$10 |
| 5)Gulf Shrimp – Five Fried Gulf Shrimp with seasoned Fries | \$11 |

---Registration Form

(Detach at dotted line and mail to Ev Timmins at below address)

Name _____ Number of people to attend _____

Address _____ Phone contact info _____

Choose your Caravan Mini Tour starting location (check one in space provided) - ___ Caravan One ___ Caravan Two

Lunch Menu Selections and number of each selections

Circle your menu option selections from above list -

Option 1 – number needed ___ Option 2 – number needed ___ Option 3 – number needed ___

Option 4 – number needed ___ Option 5 – number needed ___

Remember to detach registration and send to address below. Or send the info to me at evtimmins@aol.com

Ev Timmins
2120 Lundy Lane
Friendswood, TX 77546

Questions may be directed to Robert McLellan at (home) 713-772-3285 or (cell) 281-253-8708

Or Jim Johnston at (cell) 832-693-4008