



The Antique Expression

HURRICANE HARVEY Hits Houston

Members' Memories



Doerflers, household goods on the truck, having their 1925 Dodge Touring car pulled along.

We have all been impacted in some way by Hurricane Harvey. If you live in Houston you are reminded every day of the devastation. We live near the Addick's Reservoir. Because of the large volume of water flowing into the reservoir, city officials authorized a controlled release and the reservoir backed up into many businesses and homes. Out of the 2400 homes in the Bear Creek neighborhood, only 300 did not flood! Many had 6 feet of water that didn't drain for 3 weeks. We are about a mile away from the reservoir, but it backed up into our neighborhood and we ended up with a foot of water in our home. Many of the businesses we do business with flooded,

including our post office, our bank (Chase Bank), our library, our tailor, our dentist, my barber, Subway, Wendy's, and Discount Tire, as well as the courthouse and the new senior education center.

Almost immediately after the flood, volunteers started showing up. We had help from 5 folks from Louisiana, who flooded a year ago and were paying it forward as well as help from family and friends. One day we had 16 volunteers in our house and we needed every single one of them. Two members of the club were a tremendous help to us: Dan Becker and Wayne Bartlett! Dan tore out a ton of heavy wet sheetrock and Wayne Bartlett came every day until our home was completely gutted! He helped tear out our flooring, granite, cabinets, door

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The GLIDDEN TOUR - 2017

BY WAYNE AND THERESA BARTLETT

We left Houston on Saturday at 6:20 AM, stopped in Wichita, Kansas, at 6:30 PM and made it to Hastings, Nebraska, by lunch on Sunday, 68 degrees and blue skies! What a way to start a trip!

We picked up our tour registration at the county fairgrounds with about 60 cars driving around the parking lot, tuning up, etc., and getting ready for Monday's start. Every time another trailer pulls in, "the Boys" all gather round speculating what's inside, based on the size of the trailer. They were disappointed we didn't have a '30 Packard dual cowl; maybe in the next life.

Monday started with light drizzle and 50 degrees, but was bluebird weather by 10 AM. Tops down, jackets on was the order of the day. Touring flat land, rolling hill farm land, historical stops, lunch, all went off as planned. The vulture truck caught 3 victims, but they all were running after lunch.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday provided more of the same, about 5 degrees warmer each day. We went to every museum in a 4 county area, and personally enjoyed all of them.

The best stop was the tour chairman's farm. It was the boneyard for Nebraska made cars, Velies, and John

Deere tractors. Several men hyperventilated over the restoration barn, nothing fancy, just a fully equipped, functioning machine shop, lifts and paint booth, sand blast carport, located 100' outside, etc. The car barn contained about 60 cars, mostly brass and early 20's, some incomplete while missing parts are being made from scratch. Yes, his shop is that well tooled up. Did we talk about their home? Yes, it was dug out into the side of a hill. You mow the roof. Try that in Houston.

Over all this was one of the better Glidden tours we have been on (10 so far). There were lots of historical attractions with a small town atmosphere, great economy (no for sale signs, no empty shop building downtown) put together by a very small AACA club, with lots of grunt work done by the Hot Rod Club members (both clubs work together).

The Glidden Award went to a husband/wife team who drove their 1905 REO one-cylinder 5 days, 600 miles, 3 flats, 2 chain adjustments, lost nuts and bolts, lost fender, massive vibration, no top, no windshield, no starter and a top speed of 20 mph! He said it would run 25, but it vibrates the fenders off. They made all the stops, meals, and functions everyone else did, and it probably was the most photographed car on the tour. It doesn't get any better.

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jams, and sheetrock. He also took out electrical sockets and capped the wires. On top of all that, once the home was completely gutted, he showed up the next day and mowed our one and a third acre lot with a push mower! We are thankful for Dan and Wayne's help and all those in the club who checked on us and showed their concern.

John and Dena Doerfler



Don't forget to come to Tracy Gee on October 9th for our next meeting!

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BIRTHDAYS

October

Lisa Griffin	10/2
Joyce Hargrove	10/7
David Kaiser	10/7
Warner Banes	10/9
Wayne Bartlett	10/11
Louise Calvert	10/16
Barbara Byrd	10/19
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
Bill Wahlberg	11/23
Danny Kurtz	11/28

Happy Anniversary!

ANNIVERSARIES

October

Wayne & Theresa Bartlett	10/11
Billy Ray & Esther Duncan	10/12 (56!!!!)
Douglas & Karen Staley	10/12 (49!!!!)
Sergio & Tina Fernandez	10/21 (28!!)

November

Thomas & Carol Kidd	11/4 (17!)
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What is Thanksgiving?



Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday celebrated in Canada, the United States, some of the Caribbean islands, and Liberia. It began as a day of giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year. Similarly named festival holidays occur in Germany and Japan. Thanksgiving is celebrated on the second Monday of October in Canada and on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States, and around the same part of the year in other places. Although Thanksgiving has historical roots in religious and cultural traditions, it has long been celebrated as a secular holiday as well.

(From Wikipedia)

Scholarships Available: Apply Before Dec. 1!

The AACA Young People's Award is a cash award to an AACA member, child or grandchild of an active AACA member in good standing for at least five years, who has been accepted into an accredited institution of higher learning or is now enrolled in such institution, i.e. a four-year college leading to a bachelor's degree or a two-year vocational education program leading to a degree. Applicants **MUST** be nominated by a Region or Chapter of AACA and must be no more than 25 years old. This award is merit based, and while financial need may be considered, it is not a deciding factor. One or more of these awards may be presented each year.

The AACA Scholarship is granted by the AACA National Board of Directors. All applicants must be current AACA members for a minimum of 5 continuous years. The children or grandchildren of these AACA members are also eligible. Applicants must be accepted to a recognized accredited institution, or currently enrolled in such an institution leading to a four-year college Bachelor's degree or completion of a two-year vocational education program. They must be 25 years old or less by December 31 of the year when applying for the scholarship. AACA region or chapter membership is encouraged, but not required. One or more of these awards may be presented each year.

Application forms may be obtained from AACA National Headquarters, 501 W. Governor Rd., Hershey, PA 17033 (717-534-1910) or from the VP of Youth Development Programs: Tabettha Hammer, 141 Rivers Edge, Ste 200, Traverse City, MI 49684 (thammer@HAGERTY.com).

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

General Meeting 14 August, 2017

President **Jim Johnston** called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance - **Dean Forbes** led us in giving thanks for our members and our many blessings; then we all stood and pledged allegiance to our beautiful and glorious **United States of America flag**. The Second Continental Congress authorized our flag on June 14, 1777. **President George Washington** said this about the flag: "We take the stars from Heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing Liberty." So why do members of the Gulf Coast Region stand at attention with our hands over our hearts while we pledge our allegiance to the flag? Because for us, the Red represents valor and bravery; the White represents purity and innocence; and the Blue represents vigilance, perseverance, and justice. Please see <https://www.usa.gov/flag> for more.

Sunshine Report

Ev Timmins told us that **Doug Staley's** brain tumor has been reported as stable. Ev also visited **Don Boggus** and enjoyed trading stories with him. She also reported that **Caroline Calistrat** has developed lung cancer. It has been reported that the cancer was identified fairly early, so we are quite hopeful for Caroline and will be keeping her in our prayers along with all the other members who couldn't be with us tonight.

Eileen mentioned that **Evelyn Binner**

died in August. Evelyn was the widow of **Karl Binner**, and they were amongst the founders of our state's signature antique car touring event, the *Texas Tour*. Evelyn attended every *Texas Tour* from 1954 to 2015! May she rest in peace.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer **Ev Timmins** said we continue to have sufficient funds and no outstanding debts. Maybe we could give lessons to Congress and the bureaucrats who so freely spend *our* money!

Refreshments

Donna Romeo and **Dot McCurry** kindly provided tonight's refreshments. It was the type of food that would make your mother (or your dentist) proud: a sensible selection of fruit, vegetables, chips, dips (including healthy guacamole), Triscuits, Wheat Thins, and cheese. Thank you, Donna and Dot! I've been wanting to eat healthier at our meetings so I could later feel good about eating more cookies and chocolate in my hours of ease.

Where We've Been

Many of our members continue to enjoy meeting at noon on Fridays to put on a feedbag at a popular eatery selected by **Bill Cockrell**. It's more fun if you drive an old car to match the old-timer behind the wheel. Give Bill your email address so he can notify you of the next gathering. Other than that, I didn't hear about any places we've been; so I guess we're all about the future.

Where We're Going

August 19: Lenny Holzband told us about a Boys Home in Richmond, Texas, that his men's group from

Temple Emanu El is helping. They will cook burgers for the group, including any GCR members who bring cars there for the boys to enjoy seeing.

September 23: Jim Johnston said we're going to visit M^cRee Ford in Dickinson and La King's Confectionery in Galveston. This was to have been done in August, but we missed it. **Sandra Johnston** recommended September, and the group agreed that September 23 would be a good date.

In October: Robert Wheelless is arranging for us to visit *United Salt Corporation's* salt mine in Hockley, Texas. The mine has been operating since the early 1930s.

In October: Ashley Griffin said that we could visit Zube Park in Hockley on the same day to see the the 1/8 scale *Cypress Creek & Southern Railroad* steam train operated by the *Houston Area Live Steamers*. There's also a Soapbox Derby nearby.

October 22: Lenny Holzband reminded us about his Sunday, Oct. 22 car show from 11 am to 2 pm. at *Temple Emanu El*. This is their 4th annual car show.

Sandra Johnston reminded us about the Saturday, **November 11** Veterans Day picnic at *George Bush Park*,



REFRESHMENTS - OCTOBER
CAROLE COGHILL
BILL COCKRELL
RON STEIN

Pavilion I on Westheimer Parkway. **Ferrell Moore** made a motion to let **Sandra Johnston** take a check to reserve the Pavilion. **Bill Seward** seconded the motion, and the crowd gave a roaring assent.

December 10: Dean Forbes reminded us we need someone to head up the Christmas Luncheon at Monument Inn. **Theresa Bartlett, Carole Coghill,** and **Sandra Johnston** graciously volunteered to help.

New Business

Jim Johnston told us that the Marine who helped us with our *Toys for Tots* drive at the 2016 Christmas Luncheon is involved with a local 501(c)(3) charity called *Blue Skies Over Autism*. *Blue Skies* is raising money to build a community center to house autistic kids. The marine has a son with autism and asked if our GCR could donate some money to *Blue Skies*. The Board recommended a \$500 donation. Since the money is raised by the sale of raffle tickets that we would purchase, **Norma Moore** made a motion that if we win the raffle item, we would donate it back to their charity. **Sandra Johnston** seconded the motion, and the general membership gave a rousing “All In Favor” Aye!

Other Business

Jim Johnston distributed business cards that members can use to invite people we meet who have or are interested in old cars to our Club meetings. The front of the card has our Club information, and the back has space to write our names and numbers so the recruit can feel welcome to contact us. Get your packet and hand 'em out.

Jim also mentioned that National has made changes to the fee structure of national tour events based on the feedback our Club provided them after we hosted the October 2015 national meet in Galveston. In the past, National retained all the registration fee money even though The local club did the work and had

the financial liability. National has now agreed that \$5 of the registration fee will be retained by the host Club to help defray its expenses. We had actually recommended \$15 be retained locally, but \$5 will have to do for now. To cover the cost of the \$5 retention, National has raised the registration fee per car from \$30 to \$35.

Other News to Amuse

Stan and Ellen Ericksen are moving back to Houston to be closer to their children. As Stan tells it, they are moving to “an old folks home that feeds us 3 times a day.” Their new home is actually only a mile or two from our GCR meeting site, so perhaps they can attend meetings again. It would be GREAT to see Stan and Ellen!

Jim Johnston announced two new junior members.

Ev Timmins brought succulent plants to give away that she dug up from her garden. Someone else, possibly **Ferrell Moore**, brought *Hemmings Motor News* magazines and “gimme” caps to give away.

Cars Related News

Ev Timmins said something about **Benny Gusman's** 1902 Curved Dash Olds, but I wasn't quick enough to document it. I might have been foraging for chocolate (without success). She also said that Benny recently helped **Stan Ericksen** sell his Checker.

New member **Mike Wagoner** (the man with a great Coral and Shadow Grey '55 Chevy that was a “Cover Car” for the Aug-Sept 2017 Antique Expression) attended his first meeting tonight. Welcome, Mike. We're glad you're part of the GCR! By the bye, I've heard through the grapevine that Mike is interested in an old Morgan sports car.

Luck of the Draw

It's not the Texas Lottery or the national Mega-Gazillions, but our Club offers two opportunities for members to win money at our regular meetings. The first chance is a \$10 drawing for which eligibility is based on your attendance. If you attend a meeting, you get a number. And if your number is drawn at the end of the meeting, you're a tenner to the good! **Norma Moore** pulled the winning number from the hat for us; and the winner was... **Carole Coghill**. Congratulations, Carole.

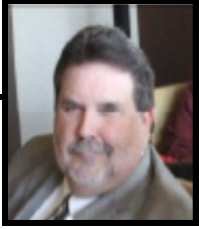
As the winner, Carole got to draw a name for the cumulative prize that grows by \$10 every month until a winner is found. The population for this drawing is more than just those who attend; it's all the members. The catch, however, is that the member has to attend to win. If only **Jim McGee** had been here tonight. He'd be up \$60. Who knows? He might have bought lottery tickets with it.

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

As it was – Albert L. Ramos

Seeing as how we had an uninvited guest, Harvey, we did not have a meeting in September, hence, no minutes.





Moving on A Possible Answer to ALL Our 10% Ethanol WOE's

Just a short note for this edition on a possible solution to problems caused by the 10% ethanol in the gasolines of today. About a week ago Robert [Wheeless told me that Bucee's has started selling Ethanol free gasoline. My immediate](#) thought was how could that be. My understanding was that the introduction of the 10% ethanol in the gas at the pumps was mandated by our friendly, "We're Here to Help" Government. So, I decided that I had to find out more.

First up was a call to the Bucee's corporate offices in Lake Jackson. Guess what, it is true! They do have pumps at limited Bucee locations where ethanol free gas is available. When I say limited locations and limited pumps, I mean that literally. There are 4 locations around Houston; the gas is available and at those locations but only at one pump. Below are the Bucee locations within close driving commutes to the Houston metroplex area with an ethanol free gas pump.

Bucee's Locations

- Brazoria, TX 77422 – 1101 S. Brook St.**
- Katy, TX 77494 – 27700 I-10 Frontage Rd.**
- Lake Jackson, TX 77566 – 899 Oyster Creek Dr.**
- Waller, TX 77484 – 40900 US Hwy 290**



So, then I thought if Bucee's can sell it, who else may have it. So, off to the friendly computer I went with Google as my leader. I initially got an indication that the gas is also sold at some Kroger locations. But this turned out to be one of the cases when one has to read all the fine print within a story. Reading further it indicated the Kroger locations sold the gas with a limited additive of 10% ethanol. But hey we already

knew that, so what help was that?

Other locations for Ethanol free gas:

- Bay Oil Co, 2201 FM 517 Rd E, Dickinson, TX 77539**
- Lee Oil Co, 1655 S Hwy Bypass 35, Alvin, TX 77511**
- MSR Houston Race Track, 1 Performance Dr, Angleton, TX 77515**
- Tug's Boathouse BBQ, 18660 Fm 1431 Jones-town, TX 78645 (Austin, TX area)**

Then my friend Google came across a location called "Hyperfuels" with an address and phone number. Answering the phone was a Mr. Jess Stewart who not only knew all about the ethanol free gas, turns out he is available to come and speak at our club and tell us all about it. Jess will be giving us a program at our next meeting on the elects of ethanol in the gas and our engines. So, everyone be sure and come to the meeting on October 9th and be sure to bring all your ethanol questions with you. Jess should also be able to provide us handouts where the Ethanol free gas can be purchased besides the above Bucee locations.

Jess also says you can use the Pure-Gas application to find spots where the fuel is sold in 5 and 54 gallon steel containers.

That's all for now so I will look forward to seeing you all at the October meeting on the 9th!! "Moving on Down the Road",



From President Jim Johnston



**From Club
Historian
Joe Vogt**

From the October 2007
Antique Expression

The cover car for October, 2007, was a 1963 Chevrolet Nova SS Convertible owned by Brenda and Dave Kaiser. They had quite a story to tell about their first show in Canyon. The trip with a late Thursday arrival went smoothly. But on Friday, it started to rain. And since they were in a low area, they had to hook up the trailer while rain was pouring down upon them and while they were standing in one foot of water. But it was good that they moved the car and trailer because they eventually received seven inches of rain in three hours, the most rain that the area had in 35 years. I guess these are the types of experiences that are fun to look back upon even if they are not so much fun while they are happening.

Stan Erickson's Taxi Tales column again had some wisdom to pass on to us, this time from Buster Keaton, a star comic in the 1920 silent film era: "Every family tree has a sap."

We had a story about the 62nd annual Glidden Tour from the Bartletts. "Just picture 280 antique cars touring the rolling green hills of southern Pennsylvania' surrounded by scenery and history, stopping at museums and private collections each day in 75 degree temperatures. It was a special week, one that will live in our memories."

There seemed to be an endless stream of trailers bringing in cars from 24 states. There were Fords, Buicks, Chevies, Chryslers, Packards, Plymouths, Dodges, Caddies, Franklins, Studebakers, DeSotos, plus some individual exotics, among them Rolls Royce, Reo, Duesenberg, Marmon, EMF, DeVaux, and more. The oldest were a 1909 Buick and a 1920 Packard touring.

"The Glidden Tour originated in 1905 and ran annually for a decade in order to prove the reliability of the new-fangled automobile." (Note: it was originally a competition. Pierce-Arrow won in 1905 with a score of 996 out of 1000, and then won in 1906 through 1909 with perfect scores). "It was revived in 1946, and each year since has been held in different parts of the country,

sponsored in alternate years by regions from AACA and the Veteran Car Club of America."

Nice to follow this 10-year old story with Wayne and Theresa's most current sojourn in the Glidden world on page 2.

Lee Brown's Secretary's Column said that Honorary Member John O'Quinn picked up an 1884 Di Dion El Bouton "La Marquise," the oldest running automobile in the world! It's a steam powered three-wheeler with controls very different from today's conventions, so different that John is importing a technician just to show him how to operate it (what! - no owner's manual in the glove box?).



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**Think
Christmas!**

Our Christmas lunch will be at Monument Inn on December 10th. It is a fun place to bring your antique car, and possibly win the \$100 prize!

You will receive a sheet giving the details as to cost and menu via email shortly. As in past years, we will have a selection of entrees from which to choose.

Also, we have again elected to do the Marines' Toys for Tots Program, so be thinking of doing some Christmas shopping too.

More to come. Save the date (Dec. 10) at 12:30.

If you would like to help, please contact Theresa Bartlett.

Harvey Visits the Swards!

by Bill & Victoria Seward

Dear Friends and Family,

We hope you will forgive us for delaying so long in communicating with many of you, how we are doing post-Harvey. The delay was due to many factors but primarily to our exhaustion both mental and physical, at having to uproot ourselves from our comfortable little nest where we had spent the past 17 years, and to begin a new, possibly unpleasant chapter at what seems to us to be an entirely inappropriate age. We know also, that many of you are dealing with problems particular to yourselves, some of which render our inconveniences trivial. So we will stick to our current situation and avoid the temptation to rant about this or that.

We are ensconced in a nice little two-bedroom apartment located, as it happens, in the same apartment complex as our son who is enrolled in the Radiography program at the Coleman School, HCC. Our address is 21550 Provincial Boulevard, #607, Katy, TX 77450. We have had our telephone service restored, so you may still reach us at (281) 599-0728. However, we are communicating with contractors, insurance folks, and others a lot and are on the road to and from our previous dwelling often, so that you might also try my cell phone (832) 372-5388 or Victoria's, (832) 452-8622 if you do not reach us at home.

We have saved (so far) most of the books, music, and art we collected over the years, but a reasonable portion of the furniture was lost due to water encroachment in the house. The house itself has been gutted and lies in pieces in our front yard; we shall spare you the gory details because some of you have had much worse damage than ours.

Apart from being very tired, we are not injured or suffering from illness, and are moving to work through the insurance and cleanup maze as best we can. Fortunately, we do have flood insurance, and although it will not pay for a great many things associated with the recovery process, it will certainly help. If you live in Houston, I urge you in the strongest possible terms to purchase this insurance. We believe you will not regret it. Coping with cleanup and recovery has drained us to the point that we are currently unable to participate in the two activities we have enjoyed for so many years, namely the Holy Spirit Choir and the AACA car club. We hope to resume these activities, at least on some limited basis, as soon as reasonably possible, but we cannot give a timetable for our emotional and physical recovery, so we hope you will bear with us.

That pretty well covers our current situation. We treasure all of the friendships, acquaintances, and family relations we have built over the years, and we hope that we can in the near future, pay you the attention you deserve. Your prayers and good wishes are treasured and will remain with us throughout this time.

Beerbowers Saw Him Too!

By Evelyn Timmins

Ben Beerbower and his wife had been club members for a long time, but as with a lot of us, getting to meetings got too hard, so you may not have met them.

One day Ben called me and asked about getting him some help with his antiques which had taken on water when his home flooded. As we talked, I understood he lost his wife in May. I was sorry to hear that and we did not know to send him condolences. Now, with his house and vehicles in water, I can imagine how low he was feeling. His daughter, Barbara, had him in her care though and we went on to help. I called several members about the vehicles and got John Doerfler. He said he would be glad to talk with him and started out by reminding him he probably had insurance, and he did! Happiness. Ben has a 1930 Ford Model A Roadster and a 1947 Harley Davidson FL Motorcycle. John was very helpful. Barbara was very gracious in her thanking the club for the help. I know I can always count on a club member to come through, even though his own home and cars were flooded as well.

Down the Road

Underlined items are club (GCR AACCA) sponsored activities.

Oct. 9 **GCR AACCA** meeting. 7:30 in the Tracy Gee Center.

Oct. 22 Temple Emanu EL Car show, Houston

Oct. 30 Deadline for AE Nov. mini edition.

Nov. 13 **GCR AACCA** meeting. 7:30 in the Tracy Gee Center.
If alternate event is planned, see next calendar.

Dec. 10 GCR AACCA Christmas Lunch at Monument Inn.
Information for reservations coming via email.

Public Car Outings.....

Friday Lunch - Group of car 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

Third Sat. of the month, Houston Ride 'N Shine sponsors free car meet from 8-10 AM. at La Centerra Mall in Katy. Facebook.com/houstonridenshine

Last Sat. morning of the month: Coffee, Cars, and Books from 8 - 10 AM in Barnes & Noble parking lot on Bay Area Blvd.

Last Sat. morning of the month: Coffee and pastries at Gateway Classic Cars, 71 Esplanade Blvd., Houston, 77060

Some fun from Stan Ericksen's joke book from 1932

Taking from the top drawer of his desk a dozen or more charts covered with curves and figures which had been prepared by some efficiency expert, the president of a big concern proceeded to explain them to a caller. After a thirty minute oration, he turned to the caller and asked, "Well, what do you think of them?" The caller answered, "the one thought that was going through my mind for the first fifteen minutes was, I don't know what the h--l he is talking about. And for the last 15 minutes my thought has been, he doesn't know what the h--l he is talking about."

By the way, Stan and Ellen's new phone number is 346-444-6339

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.**

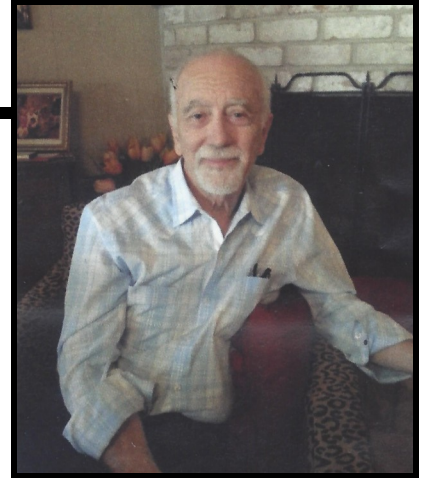
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When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder.....



Don Roddy Boggus, 78, departed this earth to the comfort of Jesus his Savior on September 19, 2017, at home surrounded by family after a lengthy illness. He was the husband of Mary Lou Boggus of Wilson, Texas. They shared 57 years of treasured marriage. Born in Fort Worth, Texas on November 11, 1938, he was the son of Louise Easter Bills and Bert Roddy Boggus. He attended Lubbock High School and graduated from Texas Tech University. He worked as a CPA for many years in Corpus Christi and most recently in Houston. He was a member of Second Baptist Church in Houston where he had served as a deacon. Due to recent physical limitations he had enjoyed attending nearby Sugar Creek Baptist Church.

He was also a member of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants and AACA Gulf Coast Region. He will be remembered for his love of family, quick wit and unique sense of humor, including his one of a kind birthday email cards to himself. Gospel music, laughing with friends and watching old westerns were some of his favorite pastimes. Known as the "sound man" and the one non-singer of the family, he loved music and operated the sound equipment with precision.

Don is survived by his wife, Mary Lou Boggus, children Roddy Boggus and his wife Mary, Randa Boggus Nelson and husband John, Laura Boggus Casanover and husband Rex, Larry Boggus and wife Crissy, sisters Bebe Baynham and Robbye St. Piere, grandchildren Jonathan Boggus and wife Chelsea, Ava Nelson, Kyle Casanover, Kory Casanover, Stephen Nelson, Courtney Boggus, Abby Nelson, Kohl Casanover, Noah Boggus and Nicolas Boggus.

A memorial service and celebration of life was held on Friday, September 29, 2017, at Sugar Creek Baptist Church. Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to KJIC Christian Radio Station or Sugar Creek Baptist Church (Capstone Ministries).

I just wanted to let you know that I made it home. Everything is so pretty here, so white, so fresh, so new. I wish that you could close your eyes so you could see it too. Please try not to be sad for me.

Remembering..

I am sure we all have fond memories of Don in our sojourn with him in the GCR. He was a hoot when he was the sound man for Mary Lou when we were so lucky to have her sing at holiday lunches. Or you might remember when we had a fun poker run with the Bennetts and Don could not get out of his car safety belt. We were going in to eat, so you can bet he had someone cut it fast!

We will miss you, Don.



The Boggus 1976 Bonneville Brougham 4-door hardtop.on a poker run.

AACA National Dues Increase for First Time in 10 Years

AACA National membership dues have remained at \$35 since 2008. For 10 years, your Board of Directors have resisted dues increases while most clubs have had increases. It has been the goal of AACA to find alternative revenue sources to keep dues low and that has been successful for the club over time. However, overhead continues to mount and ambitious plans for the future of AACA necessitates a minimal increase for 2018 to \$40 (Foreign - \$50.)

This \$5 increase equates to only 42.5 cents extra per month! Curious about where AACA ranks among other car clubs as it relates to your dues?

1. CCCA \$80
 2. Buick Club of America \$50
 3. HCCA \$45
 4. Oldsmobile Club of America \$45
 5. Walter Chrysler \$40
 6. MAFC/Early Ford V-8 both at \$40
 7. **AACA \$40**
 8. VMCCA \$37
- From The Speedster, August, 2017

2018 AACA Membership Renewal Reminder

As most of you know, your AACA membership runs for a calendar year - January 1 through December 31. From about mid-September through the end of the year, AACA Headquarters gets a little crazy with membership renewal phone calls and mail. It's not uncommon for us to receive several hundred renewals in a day. Even though it's our busiest time of the year, making sure we get our 60,000+ members renewed is always our top priority. Look for your first opportunity to renew your membership for 2018 with your September/October issue of *Antique Automobile* magazine. A renewal form will be included with this issue of the magazine. Simply fill out the form and send it back to the office with a check or credit card information. If you're going to be at Hershey, you can also stop by the AACA trailer or tent and renew your membership in person with us. **We look forward to seeing or hearing from all of you.**

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NOTE from Chuck Crane We have been so jammed up with moving us and our stores to Brevard, NC I have not had time to do anything but work. All of the cars are still in Texas-no place to put them in NC. Yes, AACA has bought a 35,000 sq ft building and we've been working on relocating since Hershey of 2016 when the museum merger deal fell apart. We won't get the building till 2019. We have been busting at the seams in the 100 yr old dormitory from the Milton Hershey Schools-the library has been so successful we are getting stuff by 18 wheeler load. More later -it's a primo location for the AACA Hq and is right next to our Hershey show field. It is visible to 12 million vehicles passing annually-right on [Hersheypark Drive](#) on a hill.

HARVEY HIT A HOMERUN!



It doesn't matter where you start, so many streets look like this. Yes, it happened a month ago and this is still Friendswood, new national record breaker for rainfall at 57 inches since they started recording it.!



The view from a porch looking down the street.



Wayne and Theresa Bartlett got smart and left town with the Glidden Tour. See pg. 2.



But, after the rain, look what we get!!