



My Special K - The Rest of the Story



By Bill Seward

One of the unanswered questions about my 1931 Lincoln concerns its provenance; who were the owners? Which of the stories about it are true, and which are not? Those who have followed my two previous articles will remember that the two competing versions of my car's provenance are 1) it WAS the San Francisco Fire Chief's Car, and 2) it WAS NOT the Fire Chief's Car. But if it was not, then whose was it? How did it come to be painted red when I bought it? Who was the first owner? Through an unexpected event, I have been able to complete the provenance, and that is what this article is about.

As of December 2015, I knew from Judkins (who made the Berline body) production records that the car was one of 124 two-window Berlins made for the 1931 model

year, that the completed car was delivered to Richmond, California on October 30, 1931, and according to the California DMV records, was placed in service sometime in 1932. I also knew that the car was in the collection of Mr. Bill Dean in California from the 1950's to the 1980's, and I had corresponded with each subsequent owner up to the present day. But there was always that "gap" between 1931 and whenever Mr. Dean acquired the car. So things stood. But, in mid-December, out of the blue, came an e-mail from a Mr. Pierce Carlson, who said: "Dear Bill, I am a fellow CCA member and I was the second owner of your Lincoln, circa 1954. I can tell you why it was painted red and it was not because it was the Fire Chief's car. Cheers, Pierce Carlson." So here, in brief, is what I believe to be "the rest of the story."

The first owner of my 1931 Lincoln was a gentleman named Eddie Donahue, who was the owner of the Commercial Fire Dispatch Company of San Francisco. Commercial Fire Dispatch specialized in travelling to fires and rescuing business and commercial records of companies before they were damaged either by fire or water during the Fire Department's activities in putting out the fire. Apparently the Lincoln began as Mr. Donahue's personal car and was painted black

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From The President

Javis Boudreaux

The end of another year is fast approaching as we remain busy with our daily lives, family, work and play (old car toys). Before we rush into this "new" year, I would like to remind us of a few recent events.

This year was a most enjoyable one for the car club. We had several events and functions including the very successful Pate Swap Meet this past April and the hosting of the National Meet in Galveston this past October. Both events are ones of which we can and should be very proud. Congratulations and a heartfelt thank you for all of the hard work done by our club members this year.

Our final club event of the year, our Christmas Luncheon, is fast approaching. I look forward to seeing many of you at the event on December 11th. Speaking of this event, let's take a moment to remember our family and friends we will be seeing as this season concludes and also a moment to reflect and remember those who we may not see again before year's end due to travel obligations and/or health issues.

As we look to the future, I encourage all to warmly welcome the new slate of officers and board members. Please step up and offer assistance when asked. Better yet, volunteer before being asked to help in any area possible or where needed. Extra hands are always welcome as well as fresh and new ideas for keeping our club successful and growing the membership. Speaking of volunteering, our annual fund raiser is four months off which means "it

The last weekend in April makes the beginning of the Pate Swap Meet. Please consider coming to Texas Motor Speedway and our annual meet for a morning or a day or four days. No matter how much or little time you can donate to this activity, all help is appreciated. You can witness for yourself just how large and impacting this event has become for our local Gulf Coast Chapter. Not only will you be helping the club, but you will have the opportunity to have a bunch of fun with us old tire kickers. If you happen to be looking to sell some spare car parts or you are looking for some elusive part, this is a perfect opportunity.

This year has been particularly difficult for Lynne and me as we have experienced an exceptionally large number of personal losses to death of friends and family members.

Many of you may have experienced the same or worse. Let this be a reminder to us all to be thankful for our well being and longevity and all of our blessings including our friends and family and a reminder to treasure each day. Lynne and I wish you the best life has to offer in this new year with the hope that there are no flashing red lights and sirens in your future as you drive the old car down the highway.

See all of you at the Christmas Party!

Blessings,
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when delivered, as shown in Judkins' records. Sometime in 1935 or 1936, however, Mr. Donahue transferred ownership to Commercial Fire Dispatch, at which time the car was painted completely red, including the wheels and fenders.

Enter Mr. Carlson. He bought the car in 1954 from Commercial Fire Dispatch; at that time the car had not run for about seven years and the engine was seized, but after the engine was freed Mr. Carlson drove it around the San Francisco area and even to some local car shows.....including Pebble Beach (!!!!!). In 1955 Mr. Carlson sold the car to Mr. Russ Kelly, a photojournalist who worked for "Road and Track" and "Car and Driver". In 1956 Mr. Kelly sold the car to "a Los Angeles area collector" who I believe to be Mr. Bill Dean, who repainted the fenders black. The car resided in Mr. Dean's collection until the 1980's when it was purchased from Mr. Dean's widow by Mr. Mike Hollingsworth. It was purchased from Mr. Hollingsworth in 2006 by Mr. John Carambia, and from him in 2007 by Mr. Frank Golisch, from whom I purchased it in May 2013. So, I am the ninth owner from new.

And there you have it - the Rest of the Story.

December ANNIVERSARIES

Tommy & Carol Baccaro	12/19 (46!!!)
Sam & Donna Romeo	12/24 (35!!)
Christopher & Karen Sokol	12/27
Paul & Barbara Byrd	12/28 (59!!!)
Rollin & Joyce Hargrove	12/28 (51!!!)
David & Brenda Kaiser	12/30 (13!)
Jack & Cheryl Malpass	12/30 (44!!!)



Central Fall Meet Gulf Coast Region

Award Winners

Compiled by Ferrell Moore



December BIRTHDAYS

Jim McGee	12/1
John Alkire	12/4
Tahl Rozycki	12/6
Gene Wall	12/6
Tom D'Ambrosio	12/13
Jose Gonzalez-Jauregui	12/15
Julie Wagner	12/17
Ellery Andrew	12/24
Javis Boudreaux	12/24
BJ Cornstubble	12/24
Brenda Kaiser	12/29
Larry Huber	12/29
Eileen Bartlett	12/30
Billy Ray Duncan	12/31

January BIRTHDAYS

Sophie Adcock	1/3
Sam Romeo	1/5
Nancy Smith	1/12
Raelynn Andrew	1/13
Bill Cockrell	1/16
Randy Borcherding	1/16
Patricia Logan	1/16
Ted Hiesser	1/17
Jo Kat D'Ambrosio	1/20
LaNelle Wagner	1/21
Duane Medley	1/23
Dean Forbes	1/23
Lynnette Boudreaux	1/26
Pete Reinthaler	1/26
Paul Byrd	1/28
Micky Bohne	1/29

Happy New Year

Thirty-three awards were won by members of the Gulf Coast Region at the recent 2016 Central Fall Meet:

HPOF – Ryan Levermann, John Alkire, Evelyn Timmins, Bob Supina

Repeat HPOF – Robert Wheelless, Ferrell Moore, Don Bohne

Repeat Original HPOF – Sandra Johnston

Driver Participation – Robert Bullard, Bill Seward, Evelyn Timmins, Tommy Baccaro, Ron Stein (2), Javis Boudreaux, Julia Palmer, Lee Brown, Thomas Kidd

First Junior – Terry Williams, Gordon Bennett, Jose Gonzalez-Jauregui, Leon Ahlers, Phyllis Davis, Tahl Rozycki

Second Junior – Bill Thomas, Mike Staley, John Sweney, Patrick Mahoney, Gene Wall, Charles Logan

Senior – Dean Forbes

Repeat Preservation – John Manning, David Kaiser

You can see a complete listing of all the winners in the National AACA website.

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

General Meeting 10 October, 2016

Javis Boudreaux, our Club's President and personal Ragin' Cajun, tried to call the meeting to order at 7:35 pm, but he had trouble getting the microphone to work. Knowing the routine, we fell into order anyway.

Invocation - **Diana Forbes** led us in a Rubik's Cube prayer. First she gave thanks for the weather and our cars. Next she asked for healing for members like **Bill Wahlberg**, **Jo Kat D'Ambrosio**, and **Ollin Willis**. Then she asked for a blessing on our local, state, and national elections. Finally, she gave thanks for the food we have tonight and sought a blessing for the National Meet our Club will host are hosting in Galveston in less than a month. Somehow Diane seems to have rotated all the sides of this invocation and assembled it quite nicely so that it all worked out and the colors lined up beautifully. Thank you, Diane.

Sunshine Report - **Norma Moore** reported that **Bill Wahlberg** fell recently and is temporarily in a physical therapy facility. Bill would really appreciate your prayers; but one of *his* prayers is that you call him, write him, or visit him. Norma also reported that **Ollin Willis** fell from a ladder and broke several bones in his leg, hip, and hand. We hope you knit up quickly, Ollin.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer **Evelyn Timmins** says that our GCR is in good financial shape, but our finances look especially shapely right now because we've been getting registration money for the National Meet. Of course, we'll be spending that money soon for the meet, so our bank account is going to lose some of those beautiful curves. Easy come, easy go.

Pate Report - **Sam Romeo** spoke briefly about the Pate Swap Meet. It seems that Pate, like our nation, is electing a new President soon. Sam also addressed our Pate finances and encouraged all members to participate in this important fundraising event.

Prior minutes - **Ferrell Moore** made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. **José Gonzalez-Juaregui** and **Ron Stein** then ran a heated race to second the motion. I don't know which of them was first to be second, but the rest of the field trickled in with their unanimous consent.

Refreshments - There's so much to report for the upcoming National Meet that I won't devote as much time to the food as I'd prefer. I will tell you two things, however: (1) **Diane Forbes** was in charge of tonight's refreshments. (2) She's a great cook. Tonight Diane generously provisioned a lovely refreshment table. She brought homemade oatmeal cookies, delicious blonde brownies (my favorite kind of blonde nowadays!), fancy chocolate-coated toffee cookies, chocolate chip cookies, white chocolate macadamia cookies, and fruity bundt cake that was out-of-this-world wonderful! She also gave a culinary nod to Tex-Mex by bringing taquitos and mini-tacos. Oh - I almost forgot - Diane also brought cantaloupe and strawberries. C'mon, Diane - this isn't a health club! **Tom D'Ambrosio** brought the drinks, and that completed the picture. Thank you, Diane and Tom!

National Meet - Meet Chairman **Rob't Wheeless** said things are moving fast for our Galveston National Meet in October; but some things, like a speaker on automotive technical issues, have fallen through. Rob't is also looking for a photographer to document the Meet. We also heard that National said if we got 60

to 65 cars for our Meet, we'd be lucky. Right now have 125 cars! Put that in your engine and combust it! And to all those who are attending and/or bringing cars, we can only offer the words of the immortal **Elvis Presley**, "Thank you very much!" One of the cars is a White Steamer. Back in the 1980s, I was with **Homer Bartlett** at the old Pate Swap Meet (it was held in a damp field - maybe it should have been called the Pate Swamp Meet) and we saw a steam car start up. Homer said it sounded like a tea kettle on boil. He might have used one or two other words to further describe it, but you get the gist. I read in Wikipedia and in whitesteamcar.com that during the 1905 inaugural parade of **Theodore Roosevelt**, our 26th U.S. President, the Secret Service drove behind the President's horse-drawn carriage in a White Steam Car. In 1909, the 27th President, **William Howard Taft**, converted the White House stables into a garage (I don't think he actually did it himself) and purchased four automobiles: two Pierce-Arrows, a Baker Electric, and a White Steamer.

But back to our National Meet in Galveston... Rob't noted that we expect a letter from **Governor Greg Abbott** of **The Great State of Texas** commending our Club on the Meet. He'll read the letter at one of the Meet's evening dinners. Rob't also spoke about some of the fun and interesting tours and events lined up for the Meet. A tour event with the Texas Rangers (the law enforcement entity, not the baseball team) already has 125 people signed up, and the Pier 21 tour has ballooned from a "cute little tour" to 85 people. There are several other tours and outside events lined up, but one I want to point out is the Galveston Ghost tour. Fifty-five Meet participants signed up for the Ghost tour, but there's been no word on whether **John Sweney** and **Mike Stargel** will lead it with their 2007 *Rolls Royce Phantom*. Finally, it's not a tour event,

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but Rob't noted that the Meet hotel, Moody Gardens, is simultaneously hosting 2,000 teachers at a conference. **Jim Johnston** offered to get a few teachers' names for **Tahl Rozycki**. Tahl responded that the nice thing about dating a teacher is that if you do it wrong the first time, you *have* to do it again! I've *no* idea what he meant, but everyone laughed!

Robt thanked all the people who have been helping him organize this National Meet. It's not been just our own Club members, but the **AACA Louisiana Chapters** have been a big help as well and will be well-represented at the Meet. Thank you GCR and Louisiana members.

Car News - **Julie Wagner's** buddy has a low-mileage 1978 Pontiac TransAm for sale. It's white and has a new fuel pump and carburetor. **Bill Seward** knows of a 1946 Continental Coupe V-12 with a 12-volt charging system for sale in Katy. The car is believed to have only 36,000 miles. **Jim Johnston's** neighbor is selling his 35,000 mile 2010 Expedition. **Jerry McCurry** brought several car books and magazines for members to take home with them. Thank you, Jerry.

Other News to Amuse - **Jim Johnston** suggested that our Club offer membership levels for young car enthusiasts like National does. Jim made a motion for this, and **Bill Palmer** seconded it. The general membership voted unanimously to approve the motion, and it carried. Finally, we are (were) still looking for GCR officers for 2017. **Javis Boudreaux** said it's not that hard; we just make it look that way.

Luck of the Draw - We open our meetings with a prayer, but I've never heard anyone pray that they win one of the two small cash drawings that close our meetings. To win the first drawing, a member simply has to attend the meeting, get a numbered ticket, and have his or her

number selected. **Theresa Bartlett** selected a number for the \$10 drawing, and **Robert Wheelless** won. Congratulations, Robt! By the way, if you're wondering why I've been spelling Wheelless's first name "Rob't", it's because I thought it would amuse him!

The second drawing was for a cash prize that grows by \$10 every month until someone wins it. Tonight's prize was \$30; and if **John Sweney** had been at the meeting, he would have won that \$30 - almost enough to fill up the left windshield-wiper tank on his Phantom. The next drawing is for \$40.

Adjourn - We adjourned at 8:45 pm and burst out of the building like soda from a shaken can.

As it was – Albert L. Ramos



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REFRESHMENTS

January 2017: Barbara Byrd
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TECH TIPS

Continental Mark II – Overheating Issues Resolved

By Dean Forbes

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PART III

I went to my local auto parts stores: Napa, AutoZone and O'Reilly's to see what they might carry as a replacement 2 stage thermostat for the 368 ci V-8 engine. None of the 3 parts stores had a replacement thermostat in stock for me to examine. But according to their computer they all carried a replacement thermostat either in a 160° or 180° for the 368 ci engine. All three stores claimed they could order it from their warehouse and it would be in their store the next day for me to pick up. So I took a chance and ordered one from all three stores so I could compare them with one another. After I had purchased these thermostats, I began to compare them with each other. Amazingly all three thermostats were identical to each other, an exact match to the Mark II Enterprise thermostat I already had on hand. The only real difference was in the boxes they came in. (See Exhibit "B"). Now I have 4 identical thermostats and the only way to use one would be by following the above

recommendation in Part II. I still wasn't satisfied, so I consulted "The Continental Restorers Guide" by the late Buddy E. Holiday, concerning overheating in the Mark II. On page 47 and page 123 Buddy states, "One Mark II owner says he gets cooler operation of the cooling system by blocking off the water by-pass tube coming from the water pump." Buddy does qualify the statement as not being verified by him personally.

From my experiences, it seemed to me to be a reasonable solution to my overheating problem. Next I called my friend Sal Gottleib who is a fellow member of the Texas Gulf Coast Region/LCOC. Sal is currently restoring his fourth Continental Mark II automobile and we discussed this matter. Sal told me he had never done what Buddy Holiday had reported on but it seemed reasonable to him. He even encouraged me to do it so the possible cooler engine operating temperature could be verified. We discussed this matter some more and determined the best way to block off the by-pass tube would be to fabricate a metal plate and place it in between the end of the by-pass tube right at the place where the by-pass tube is bolted to the water outlet neck. Sal agreed to fabricate the metal plate for me to use.

Once the by-pass tube is blocked off, you only need a one stage thermostat. Again the thermostat must fit the base of the water outlet neck. I would recommend the thermostat be either a 160° or a 180°. After some additional research I determined The RobertShaw Control Company 370-FHT Thermostat 180° was a perfect fit for the Mark II. I went on line and found that this particular thermostat was also sold under the Atlas and Texaco brands. I found online a vintage NOS Texaco T-370 FHT 180° thermostat, new in the box for sale at \$15.95 (See Exhibits "C -1 & 2"). I have installed it in my car with the by-pass tube blocked off and



Exhibit B



Exhibit C-1

can report a big difference in the operating temperature in the engine of my car. Previously, when I have operated my car, the temperature gauge needle always registered a little above the mid-level, and if stuck in traffic I had to really watch it because it would start to climb up. Now the needle in the temperature gauge regularly stays below the mid-level and seldom goes above it. My engine runs a lot cooler, I am well pleased with these results and would recommend this as a good solution to anyone who is experiencing an overheating problem with their Mark II.



Exhibit C-2

Memorial for a Friend

A good friend of mine and the GCR, Julia Sharon, 75, passed away Monday, November 21, from complications of a stroke.

Other than being a co-editor of the AE for a number of years, Julia's career started out as a teacher in Kansas. She and her husband had 2 children, Tim and Gia. After their divorce, she met Carl Sharon in 1977 and they married in 1978. Julia had a 20+ year career in banking and I was lucky enough to have her work with me at Chase Bank for a number of those years. When I needed help doing the club newsletter, Julia stepped right in and served a number of years doing that with me until she suffered a stroke. We were honored to have won the highest AACA national award for newsletters (just like Ferrell!), the Ann Eady Memorial Award, in 2011, as well as numerous Master Editor awards.

Julia was always an active person, enjoying motorcycle riding on Carl's Goldwing, square dancing, and RC gliders before moving to Houston in 1992. Carl and Julia enjoyed sharing many interests together. They had their own airplane and often flew to see grandchildren and visit fun places. She enjoyed several hobbies: sewing, cooking, music, sunsets, and fast cars - especially her 24-valve Oldsmobile Cutlass and later a 1998 Z-28 and 2001 Trans Am.

Julia will always be remembered for her huge smile, boisterous laugh, and enthusiastic conversation. Always exuding a positive attitude and a "Don't worry, be happy" outlook on life made Julia loved by everyone she met.

Julia Sharon is survived by her husband of 38 years, Carl Sharon; daughter Gia & husband Daryl Maloney, and grand daughters Erin and Jenna; son Tim Walker and fiancé' Rebecca Ginn; brother Louis Giles and wife Peggy, and nieces Brooke Cox and Amber Beene.

In lieu of flowers, donations are encouraged for: Memorial Hermann Foundation <http://www.memorialhermann.org/foundation>

Evelyn Timmins

WE DID IT AGAIN! A Successful National Meet

By Ferrell Moore

Every time the Gulf Coast Region hosts a tour or meet, we seem to outdo ourselves. It happened again a couple of months ago when we welcomed AACA members from across the nation at the 2016 Central Fall Meet. More than 200 members drove or transported 125 of the country's finest antique vehicles to the October 20-22 meet at Galveston's Moody Gardens Resort.

By all accounts, visitors thoroughly enjoyed the impressive venue, the activities, the entertainment and the unbeatable Texas hospitality.

During the two days before Saturday judging, visitors explored the island's attractions. They visited the Strand shopping district with its Ghost Tour, and the Texas Seaport Museum featuring its tall ship Elissa, a three-masted, iron-hulled sailing ship built in 1877. Other side trips included visits to NASA's Johnson Space Center in nearby Nassau Bay and the Lone Star Flight Museum next door. After a late-night thunderstorm, weather cleared Thursday as cars boarded the free ferry to Bolivar Peninsula, then drove 12 miles north for a Gulf seafood lunch at Steve's Landing restaurant while watching barge traffic along the Intracoastal Waterway.

Prior to a Thursday evening get-acquainted event, we were treated to a presentation by two Texas Rangers, members of the storied law enforcement organization, the oldest with statewide jurisdiction in North America. After Texas was admitted into the union, the Rangers played an integral part in restoring law and order. Legend has it that a Texas Ranger, stepping down from a train in a riot-torn town, was asked by the locals why only one Ranger was sent. His reply: "You only got one riot, don't you?"

Friday and Saturday weather was what folks at tourist destinations dream about -- cloudless skies, cooler temperatures, low humidity and an appreciation for the shade of the resort's abundant palm trees. It's rumored that Ron Stein, responding to a visitor's comment about the weather, said "It's like that every day in Texas."

Friday was set aside for late registrations, visits to the well-stocked hospitality room, tech support sessions, judging school and a membership roundtable. After an evening Island Banquet, we listened and danced to the music of the Fab 5, a Beatles tribute band performing hits of the Beatles and other music of the 1960s.

An entire parking lot at the resort was reserved for judging on Saturday. Executive director Steve Moskowitz set the stage with an owner's briefing, while chief judge Chuck Crane and his helpers brought the vehicles onto the show field in orderly fashion. After judging, residents and tourists stopped by to view and take photos of our antiques. Among them were participants in a nearby 5K breast cancer run, who doubled back after finishing the race to view the vehicles.

National president Bob Parrish spoke at the Saturday night awards banquet, where he awarded a 50-year membership pin to Gulf Coast Region member Paul Byrd and, in absentia, 50-year pins to GCR members Warner Banes, Jr., Barney Calvert, Bill Wahlberg and Charlie Worthen. These awards resulted after a thorough search of membership records by GCR member Jim Johnston. With the help of several current and former AACA directors, the trophy presentations were as smooth as a Cadillac V-12. To close out the evening, lottery winners claimed several tables full of prizes that were mostly donated by club members. This fantastically successful raffle was coordinated by Dena Doerfler, assisted by husband John and a group of talented lady members. John also was responsible for managing the large number of heavy trophies.

Much credit for the success of this meet also goes to a score of Gulf Coast Region members who worked tirelessly during the final weeks and at the meet. Notable among these were Victoria and Bill Seward, who organized and presided over a very popular hospitality room; Carole Coghill and Bill Cockrell, who managed the AACA merchandise store; Diana Forbes, assisted by husband Dean, who created banquet table decorations, et. al; and a ready group of workers who filled a variety of jobs too numerous to mention here. Other workers and member attendees include Wayne and Theresa Bartlett, Gordon and Patsy Bennett, Ferrell and Norma Moore, Leon Ahlers, Sam and Donna Romeo, Javis and Lynne Boudreaux, Ron Stein, Tahl Rozycki, John Alkire, Nancy Smith, Paul and Barbara Byrd, John Sweney, Mike Stargell, Robert and Elaine Bullard, June Peterson-Crane, Jerry and Dot McCurry, Lee Brown, Albert Ramos, Julia Palmer and Don and Micky Bohne. Don also helped with registration and National administration duties.

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Down the Road

Underlined items are club (GCR AACA) sponsored activities.

Dec. 11 Annual GCR AACA Christmas Lunch. RSVP required. Begins at 12:30 at the Quail Valley Club in Missouri City. See page 11 for details.

Dec. 27 Deadline for mini AE for Jan., 2017

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Jan. 9 GCR AACA meeting. 7:30 in the Tracy Gee Center.

Jan. 30 Deadline for AE for Feb. 2017 edition.

Feb. 9-11 AACA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

Feb. 12 Save the date for our annual Valentine lunch. More info in Jan. mini.

Feb. 23-25 AACA Winter Meet, Ocala, FL.

Feb. 27 Deadline for mini AE for March mini AE.

Public Car Outings.....

Friday evenings Pearland Antique & Classic Auto Show Cruise Night at Lowe's parking lot at FM 518 & Pearland Parkway, 6 PM

Saturday evenings cruise in at Chick-Fil-A in Home Depot's parking lot, 5 PM, Hwy 146 and FM 2094 in Kemah

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

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National Meet

Later, at the November GCR meeting, National director Chuck Crane presented Extra Mile pins to several members for their efforts. This is a national honor not bestowed lightly, but even that is not enough to recognize the contributions of our meet elite. Kudos to meet chairman Robert Wheelless, who spent months planning, cajoling, sweating and burning gasoline. No less worthy of appreciation are vice chairman Jim Johnston, registration chairman Sandra Johnston and treasurer (financial chairman) Evelyn Timmins. No one will ever know how many critical problems were solved and extra miles were traveled (literally) by the Johnstons. Evelyn put together that nifty program book. Ferrell provided real PR with his radio talk show piece and arranging for the great articles in the Galveston Daily News.

Finally, thanks to members of the Golden Crescent, Golden Triangle, Katy Cruisers and Louisiana Regions, who pitched in all three days.

Secretary's Column

November 14 Meeting Minutes

Javis Boudreaux, our future former President, tried to call the meeting to order at 7:33 pm, but he needed a drink before he could spit it out. I think his mouth was still dry from the Halloween candy he consumed two weeks earlier.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance - **Diane Forbes** led us in a prayer of thanks for the evening and gathering. She asked for blessings on our members, especially those who are ill. Diane also prayed for our nation and for peace, noting that now that the national elections were over, our GCR has the much less contentious election of our Officers and Board members to elect tonight.

Guests - The Club Secretary introduced **Walter Widrig**, a retired professor of Art and Art History from Rice University. Walter's specialty was architectural history, but he also worked as an archaeologist excavating sites in the Balkans, Cyprus, Italy, Jordan, Libya, Syria, Tunisia, and Turkey starting in the 1950s until his retirement in 2000. His major project was to excavate and document two suburban Roman villas and a Late Antique period granary-barn just a few miles from the center of Rome. For this work, together with his scholarly papers revealing the societal and economic changes that occurred from the time of the Roman Republic through the Imperial era, Walter was made a *Knight (Cavaliere) of the Star of Italian Solidarity* by the President of the Republic of Italy. But none of this would have been possible if not for his father, which is the reason I brought Walter to the meeting. While Walter has *absolutely zero* interest in automobiles - antique or new - his father started his professional career as a design engineer for **Pierce Arrow** in New York before WWI. Later, he became a **REO Motor Car** dealer in Wisconsin in the mid-1920s until 1934 and next owned all the **Plymouth-DeSoto** dealerships in Wisconsin sometime into the 1950s. He closed his automotive career by owning and operating two or three **Pontiac** dealerships and then took up yachting for a hobby. The reason I brought Walter to the meeting was so that some of the old-timers could meet another old-timer whose father designed and sold the old cars we enjoy today.

Sunshine Report - Sunshine Lady **Barbara Wahlberg** was not at tonight's meeting, but she spoke with our own **Norma Moore** earlier and gave her the low-down on who is down-low. We learned that **Owen Willis** is slowly getting better after falling from a ladder and breaking many parts - I mean bones. I hope you didn't dent any of your chrome parts, Owen. We know **Nell Willis** is taking good care of Owen. Norma also reported that **Charlie Worthen** is still struggling, so keep him and his family in your prayers. Finally, Norma reported that **Bill Wahlberg** is coming along slowly but surely with his physical rehabilitation. I've been

ported that **Doug Staley** is still doing well with his recent medical events.

Treasurer's Report - **Ev Timmins** reminded us that while we've got a lot of money in the olde oak chest, much of it is going to National for our recent Meet in Galveston.

Pate Report - **Sam Romeo** spoke briefly about the Pate Swap Meet, an annual Club fundraising event held the last weekend in April. Sam and **Rob't Wheeless** work hard on Pate, so thank you to both of you for your work on the Club's behalf. By the way, some of you have questioned the veracity of these minutes because this is the second month in a row that I've said that Sam spoke "briefly". Well, it's true!

Refreshments - Tonight's refreshments were by **Nancy Smith** and **Ev Timmins**. There were lots of nice treats, but I did not have time to inventory them because everyone (except me) was eating them too quickly! I did notice some tasty-looking apple squares, homemade cookies, cherry squares, fruit cake, and spice cake. I wish I knew who made what. OK. I confess. I did have one or two of the treats, but only as an appetizer as I was planning to take my guest to dinner later.

Special Report - The Recent National Meet in Galveston **José Gonzalez-Jauregui** won a 1st Junior award at the Meet for his 1957 Mercedes 220S, but he did not receive his trophy at that time. So tonight, **Jim Johnston** presented José the the long-awaited trophy. José then read a letter he received from **Herb Oakes**, the AACA Vice President of Judging. Following this, **Tahl Rozycki** strode to the front of the room carrying the the 1st Junior trophy he won for his 1983 Chrysler Imperial. Tahl wasn't just bragging; he actually thanked **Chuck Crane** for encouraging him to enter the Imperial in the judging. Then Tahl told a short, amusing story. Two hours after his soliloquy, we returned to our regularly scheduled programming.

Dena Doerfler updated us on our gift basket raffle sales in Galveston. Thank you, Dena, and all those who helped you by donating, gathering, organizing, and packaging the donated items for the gift baskets. The ticket sales brought in *more than \$2,300!* The items that generated the most ticket sales were the *turkey fryer* (\$200) followed by the *wine cooler* (amount not recalled) and a *1940 Cadillac sign* (about \$95). By the bye, our own **Theresa Bartlett** won the Cadillac sign and a life-sized *John Wayne cut-out*. I guess she likes the name "Wayne". My favorite and hoped-for gift basket, *Nothing but Chocolate*, had 92 tickets; sadly, none of my tickets were chosen.



DON'T FORGET!! MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Let's join in celebrating the holidays with our annual luncheon

Sunday, Dec. 11th

**Quail Valley City Centre
2880 La Quinta Dr.
Missouri City, TX 77459**

**Appetizers at 12:30
Lunch will be served at 1 PM**

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Ev Timmins thanked **John and Dena Doerfler** for all their work on behalf of the GCR. She described seeing them driving in to the Meet in two big vehicles loaded to the gills (that's beyond the grills) with Raffle items in order to help us with this important fundraising function. Thank you again, Dena and John. Ev also recognized **Jim and Sandra Johnston** for their work with registration. She also thanked Jim for arranging our free use of golf carts to transport Meet officials. The carts were free to the Club, but Jim had to do a lot of work and driving back-and forth to get them. Thank you, Jim. Ev then thanked **Dean and Diane Forbes** for the table decorations, **Bill and Victoria Seward** for setting up and manning the Hospitality Suite (it should be spelled "sweet" in this case), **Lenny Holzband** for the Meet T-shirts, and **Carol Coghill and Bill Cockrell** for setting up and managing the AACA retail outlet.

Rob't Wheeless, our cordial and capable Meet Chairman, said that our group really pulled together and hosted an extraordinarily successful event. The turnout was phenomenal - well beyond National's expectation - and everyone had a great time! **AACA President Robert Parrish** said we did such a fine job we should do it again. Maybe not *too* soon.

Next, **Chuck Crane** spoke and called the following people forward to receive the AACA's *Extra Mile Award*: **Jim and Sandra Johnston, Bill and Victoria Seward, Bill Cockrell and Carol Coghill, Dean and Diana Forbes, Wayne Bartlett, Norma and Ferrell Moore, JD and Dena Doerfler, and Ev Timmins**. These people did a wonderful job of organizing and executing a very difficult mission, and they made the entire Club look good in the process. Sandra Johnston reminded us that National said we'd be fortunate to have 60 to 65 cars and a 100 people at our Meet. We actually had 125 cars and 242 people. Not too shabby for a rag-tag group of

people whose usual idea of a good time is to spoil clean concrete with fresh oil drippings from old cars.

2017 Board & Officers Election - Out-going President **Javis Boudreaux** presented the Board's 2017 nominations: **José Gonzalez-Jauregui, Wayne Bartlett, and Ron Stein** with **Sam Romeo** and **Rob't Wheeless** (Pate Representatives. Javis also noted that he would be on the board as Past-President. Nominations for officers included **Jim Johnston** (President), **Dean Forbes** (Vice President), **Ev Timmins** (Treasurer), and Albert Ramos (Secretary). Joe Vogt was again nominated as Club Historian. **Nancy Smith** made the motion to accept the full slate, and **JoKat D'Ambrosio** seconded it. The membership approved it unanimously. *They're so gullible!*

The Remains - I then left to have dinner with my guest, so the rest of this report is based on hearsay I gathered from the out-going President, **Javis Boudreaux** (notice that "*out-going*" is different from "*outgoing*") They spoke a bit about the Christmas luncheon being our next Club event. I heard that everyone is excited about the lunch, so I hope you've reserved your seats! I know I'm looking forward to seeing the **Ericksens** at the luncheon. Stan said he's on a diet and I could have his dessert!

As for the drawing that draws our meetings to a close, Jerry McCurry won the \$10 door prize; **Donna Romeo** won the cumulative drawing for \$30. Congratulations, Donna! We still owe you another ten-spot, however, as the November drawing was to have been for \$40. Finally, Javis told me that the meeting ended at 8:27 pm. What-ever else Javis told me can't be put in a family publication like this.

As it was, Albert Ramos

Central Meet a la Galveston



View from Moody Hotel



Nothing like Beatles' music!!



Dena was the chair for a fabulous raffle!



Lots of awards given out.
See page 3 for GCR awards.



Leaders being honored
by National Pres. Parrish.



Friends from the Deep South Region (AL)



Yes, some even made
it to the beach!

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