



The Antique Expression

Gulf Coast Region, Houston, Texas

My Very Own Birthday Car!



After many years and some 15 antique cars, I felt it was time to hang it up. I had joined AACA in 1951 and enjoyed ever so many events in and around Houston. At the time I joined, I had a 1926 Buick Brougham, but you can't imagine the number and variety of cars in the Houston club. I remember a Kissel and a mustard yellow Mercer speedster along with Bobby Warren's 1910 Maxwell, which I'm told he still owns and drives.

A couple of years ago, I met someone who proudly showed off his pride and joy which shared a birth year with him! I wondered "What can I find on the internet with my birth year, 1931?" Well, I was pleasantly surprised, there were several including a 1931 Hupmobile side mount coupe. I really liked the looks of that car, but told myself, you're too damn old! Quit it! It remained on eBay week after week and I felt drawn to keep looking at it. Finally, I submitted a low bid which was rejected. PHEW! I dodged that bullet. But the darned thing kept pulling me like a magnet so I upped my bid, which

was again rejected! But, they had me hooked, so I finally bought it, sight unseen. I had been badly bitten by doing that once before and thought I had learned my lesson, so I contacted an appraiser in Georgia to go inspect the car for me. He did and gave me a glowing report! I'm convinced now that he was in the employ of the seller. But in spite of all the problems I bought, I still like the car.

At Autorama last year, I met Jim Johnston who was manning the AACA booth. He introduced me to a few more members and gave me a registration form. I was already a member of National AACA as I had been for many years. He told me about the Christmas party at San Jacinto Monument Inn which was a big enticement, so I signed up. I met Evelyn at that party and was totally surprised when an old friend, Ferrell Moore, came and gave me a CD he had made in 1981, which featured me in a totally different environment.

Shortly after that party, I received the newsletter from Evelyn. She was sorta apologizing for its being late. I knew what a chore she had getting out something on a regular basis so I offered her some

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history of the club that I had lived and had pictures of. She also told me she owned a 1910 Hupmobile so I was keen to see it. When she sent out a notice that one of her Packard club members wanted to sell his Hupmobile, I eagerly contacted him and arranged a meet. I told Evelyn about it and she said she would like to see it also, which gave me the golden opportunity to ask her if I could come see her Hupmobile after looking at the other. She agreed and led us to her home where we saw her awesome collection. The fellow who accompanied me is a superb restorer as will be apparent to everyone when they view his 1925 Buick Touring. He offered to come back with another antique car mechanic and help get Evelyn's cars up and running. When the three of us returned, they set to work as Evelyn and I observed.

When they got to her 1914 Metz, it started right up and she offered them the opportunity to take it for a drive. When they returned it to the barn, they started several other cars, including the American Austin. I spent my time watching them work and visiting with Evelyn. At one point we found ourselves in the corner of the barn where a disassembled car sat on a lift. Naturally I asked her about it and learned that it was another Metz (a PLAN car) which her husband Tom had been working on. After some back and forth, she put a price on the car and I said yes! What were we thinking? I think she had some seller's remorse and I buyer's, but we made the deal and we're sticking to it! After a few trips of gathering all the parts, including the actual assembly book, I now have a drivable car!

Tom Pruett



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★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

OCTOBER

Lisa Griffin	10/2
Joyce Hargrove	10/7
David Kaiser	10/7
Wayne Bartlett	10/11
Louise Calvert	10/16
Tom Pruett	10/18
Barbara Byrd	10/19
Anthony Baccaro	10/26

NOVEMBER

Gordon Bennett	11/1
Debbie Shaw	11/5
Victoria Seward	11/6
John Doerfler	11/13
Dennis Husfeld	11/14
Tommy Baccaro	11/16
Nick Ferrantino	11/16
Patsy Bennett	11/17
Pam Smits	11/18
Hal Naumann	11/19
Bill Wahlberg	11/23
Britney Husfeld	11/26

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

OCTOBER

Ashley & Lisa Griffin	10/6(19)
Wayne & Theresa Bartlett	10/11
Billy Ray & Esther Duncan	10/12 (59!!!!)
Sergio & Tina Fernandez	10/21 (31!!)
Lenny & Paula Holzband	10/21 (48!!!)

NOVEMBER

Thomas & Carol Kidd	11/4 (20!!)
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AU REVOIR, Evelyn Hiesser

Evelyn Nebgen Hiesser, age 85, of Houston, Texas passed away on Tuesday, October 6, 2020. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and sister, and was a faithful member of the Catholic Church.

Evelyn was born on Nov. 7, 1934, to Bertha and Albert Nebgen in Stonewall, Texas. She graduated from Fredericksburg HS in 1953, where she was a key player on the basketball team. She went to work at a bank in San Antonio, Texas. She married her sweetheart, Ted Hiesser, Jr., on August 6, 1955, in Stonewall. She and Ted moved from San Antonio to Houston and to Cincinnati, Ohio, then to Birmingham and then to Montgomery, Alabama. They moved to W. Palm Beach, FL and to Raleigh, North Carolina. They came back to Houston, in 1972.

Evelyn and Ted loved to drive classic cars: T-birds, a Model A, an Edsel, and of course, their Mustangs! They belonged to the Thunderbird Classic Car Club and then the Gulf Coast AACA Car Club for many years. They drove their RV to the Indy 500 race for 20 plus years. Evelyn and Ted traveled all across the US in their RV. They went across the pond to England and France, including London, Paris, Arras, and Mulhouse. Evelyn volunteered at church and was always helping family and friends. She loved dancing with her husband including square dancing and of course country and western dancing, especially to George Strait songs! Evelyn is survived by her husband of 65 years Theodore; three daughters Debbie Tripp, Valerie Gear, and Sandra Emerson (Matt); and five grandchildren.

She will be missed at our monthly meetings. The Club has made a donation in her honor to the AACA Library.

Friends to Remember

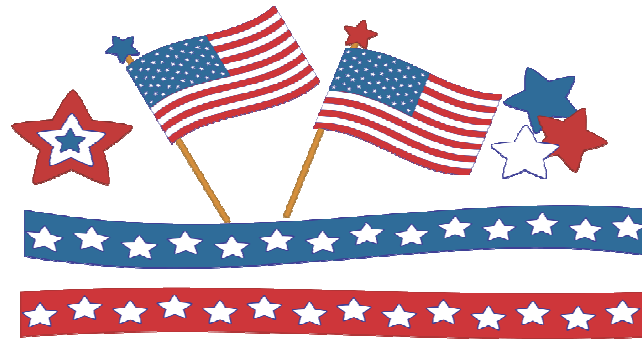
We recently received word that **Mike Peterson** was in a wreck in Sept. Someone broadsided him. He has several injuries such that he was in the hospital for several days.

He recently went home with a walker. Might be nice to give him a call or send a card.

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May you have a wonderful Thanksgiving, grateful for all our blessings!





GULF COAST REGION AACA & FRIENDS
VETERANS' DAY BARBECUE PICNIC (and car show!!)

Bear Creek Park
15115 Clay Road
Pavilion 6
Houston, TX 77084

Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020
11:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Please follow all rules pertaining to Covid era: Wear mask when not eating and maintain social distancing. Wear a nametag, if you have one so we can still be social..

DIRECTIONS: From the general Memorial City Mall area. On I-10 head toward Katy. About 2 miles from the mall, take the Hwy 6 N exit and turn right. At Clay Rd., turn right and proceed to Bear Creek Dr. on the right. **Pavilion 6** will be on your left, just after passing Pavilions 1 and 4.

Lunch will begin at 11:30.

You may arrive at about 10:30 and help set up. You will have time after lunch to show off your car, kick tires, take friends for a ride, or just visit.

Questions? Contact Sandra Johnston at 713-542-9481 or your club host/hostess.

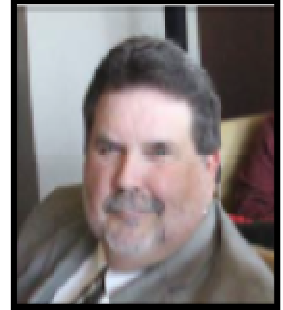
Member Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Deadline: Oct. 30. Please respond via email to sandra-jim@att.net. Consider it a commitment on your part since we will be ordering food for the reserved people. If your plans change, be so kind as to let Sandra Johnston know by the deadline.

YES, there is no charge!



Moving on Down the Road..... with Pres. Jim Johnston



Our Car Club and the Pandemic

Since the onset of this terrible virus it has had a far-reaching control over our life as we knew it in days gone by. It serves no good or effect of the situation to discuss where, how, or why we have the situation we now find ourselves in. Even though it's very clear where the virus came from, I think it's more important that we do what we have to do, in dealing with the virus in a safe way and move on with our lives in as safe a manner as we can. If that means we should not go anywhere without wearing a mask when not alone, wear that mask; be aware of the social distancing guidelines, so be it. But it's very important for us to do what we have to do to move on in as safe a way as we can accepting what is now our new norm because it may be with us for a while.

So, what all has this virus done to us, and what is or should be our new norm. I can't speak for everyone I can only share with you how my life has changed with this pandemic. For example, I never ever thought there would be a day that I would find myself walking into a bank wearing a mask, and hand a bank teller a piece of paper that was essentially asking for money. But it happened, and the most interesting part of it, in looking around the bank, everyone had on a mask. Very early in the pandemic I had found ways to stock up on hand sanitizer which included making my own home brew to buying up an overabundance when I saw it on the shelves. I did that also from the beginning, when paying cash and receiving my change, cash bills and coins, it all got washed with hand sanitizer. Even when some people were laughing and telling me it was overkill. Never thought I would be doing that either. So I know that I tend to always find humor in moving through life, but I do not mean to say this virus is the least bit funny. But when all in the bank were also masked, it hammered home the fact that yes, we truly do have a new norm, and we all need to do what we have to do to get through this.

I can also speak for what it has done to our club. We had to postpone the 67th Texas Tour, the 2020 Pate swap meet was postponed then cancelled, and the big one was that the Hershey Swap meet was cancelled.

On the club level we have had two Board meetings via conference call and one "in person" Board meeting where you can read the minutes for that meeting in this edition of the newsletter. Amongst other things the Board discussed, a re-schedule date for the 67th Texas Tour in the March/April 2021 time frame. It has affected our ability having our Board and General meetings. The Board also felt it would be best to cancel our December Holiday event at the Monument Inn, which we decided to apply our "no-refund" deposit and apply it to a re-scheduled date in December 2021.

To date in 2020, our club has also lost two current members, Joy Wheelless and Evelyn Hiesser, and one long time past member Donna Romeo. So, none of us needs to have been the Club President to see the effect the virus has had and caused and how it has affected all of us and our Club. As the President, I know I have been struggling through this new norm. But I feel the best way to work through this is for all of us to pull together and do what we have to do as a club to get through this in what we have now, a new norm.

So, to move on down the road, where are we now and where are we going?

For one, our club elections need to happen in November, just as they have for over 60 years, with one subtle change. We now have 4 director positions that that are each two-year terms. That means this year we will only be voting to fill two of those positions for two-year terms and we will have two Directors that will be ascending to one-year director terms. The two Directors

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A LITTLE ROAD TRIP

Diana and I recently made a trip to Fort Wayne, Indiana, to help move our youngest daughter Laura there. With our last child out of the house, we are now officially empty nesters!

One of the items on our bucket list was to visit



the Auburn, Cord, Duesenberg Automobile Museum, "Where the world's finest cars of yesterday live today!" The museum is located in the city of Auburn, Indiana, and is about 20 miles from Fort Wayne, so the three of us decided to visit the museum before we returned to Houston.

The museum is located in the original 1930's national headquarters of the legendary, world – renowned Auburn Automotive Company. Over 120 classic, antique, vintage and special interest cars are displayed with various other automotive-related exhibits on three floors. They have recently discovered the original paint colors first used in the show-room and are in the process of restoring the interior of the show room to its original appearance.

The art-deco style of the museum was Laura's and my (Diana) favorite part of the museum (Well, the cars too. My favorite car was the one with the etched windows.) We loved the

soft colors of the walls and columns, the terrazzo flooring in the triangular patterns in green, cream, burgundy and black in the major show room. The bronze grand stair case leading to the second floor was wide and sweeping, comprised of 80 identical rail components in the balustrade, each reminiscent of Hollywood lights beaming skyward. Once



on the second floor there was a section of diamond glass blocks that made up the flooring and wave glass blocks on one wall. This floor housed some models of the cars and the various types of hood ornaments. An all-white staircase continued to the third floor and once on the landing, made a stunning view of the floor below.

The tiered light fixtures, the design in the stair railing and the unusual terrazzo floor was copied into some unique jewelry that was sold in the gift shop. Laura and I also noted that the museum was used for social events such as weddings! We made a mental note of this as a possible venue for when she

decides to get married (like in a year or two). I wish I had taken Dean up on his offer to buy one of the unique pieces of jewelry in the art-deco style. There was some really unusual and stunning designs.



The third floor of the museum housed the original office of E.L Cord and the design studio of Gordon Buehrig. The main show room on this floor had a herringbone design of white, cream and orange terrazzo flooring and an open industrial design with lots of various cars from 1925-1948. Auburn cars were displayed alongside of some of their contemporaries. One of the rooms off this main area showed some of the rare and unusual automobiles built in the Hoosier state. I personally liked the display of the clay models in the design area.



Also located on the ACD Campus is the National Automotive and Truck Museum of the United States. There we were able to see a GM Futureliner Vehicle, #10 of only 12 ever built for the General Motors traveling "Show of Progress" exhibit of the 1950's. This building housed some outstanding examples of postwar cars. Dean kept looking to see if there were any keys left in the ignition in hopes of taking one for a spin – or maybe on the run. There were no Continental Mark II's, but there was a 1969 and a 1971 Lincoln Continental Mark III's on the floor that were recently donated. At the start of the museum was a room that featured toy and model cars and trucks from 1894 to the present. They had examples of some cars smaller than a Matchbox car size all the way to a 1:18 scale. Cars, fire engines and tractors. The kid in Dean was evident. The kid in all of us was evident. Even Laura found a model of a dump truck that she had as a child.

Mrs. Lindsey Greene Barrett is the current President of the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg club. The ACD Club was founded in 1952 with the purpose of preserving and maintaining these fine automobiles, namely Auburns, Cords, and Duesenbergs, as well as the technical and historical information surrounding these automobiles.

Almost 70 years later, the club is still dedicated to that purpose and to providing an organization for ACD enthusiasts to meet, share information, drive and show ACD cars and further the legacy of these magnificent automobiles. One of my (Dean's) favorite cars is the Duesenberg Model J, and last year, the ACD club chose to highlight the Duesenberg Model J in honor of the 90th Anniversary of its creation. This marque was first introduced in 1929. One of my (Dean) other favorite cars is the Duesenberg Model SJ 4 door sedan and built by Rollston to a

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a Gordon Buehrig design for the 1933 Chicago World's Fair exhibit. It was also known as "The Twenty Grand" with a \$20,000 price tag. Can't buy that on a beer budget with champagne taste. Currently owned by a guy in Indiana who brings it out for the ACD Festival each year on Labor Day. We missed it by a few days. Dang it!

The ACD museum is a great place to visit and has a fine collection of automobiles in pristine condition. We highly recommend a visit to this museum if you make it anywhere near Auburn, Indiana, And remember you can get from anywhere in Ohio or Indiana a lot quicker than you can get out of Texas, so being out of the way is not an excuse. It's worth the side trip.

Co-vidly yours,

Dean & Diana Forbes



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ascending to the one-year positions are Julie Wagner-Palmer and Ashley Griffin. All other Officer and Director positions are up for election. We will be having our club elections on November 7th at Bear Creek Park.

So, on that positive note. We will be having a social distancing Club Event on November 7th at Bear Creek Park Pavilion #6. The park has each of the pavilions restricted to 50% capacity for social distancing. I really don't feel that will have an effect on us because the capacity limit for pavilion #6 is 200 which means we can have up to 100 people in attendance. We also have an invite to the Lincoln and Packard clubs to join us at on the 7th. As previously stated, we will have our elections on the 7th and as it turns out, the Lincoln Club will be having their elections as well.

So, it goes without saying, everyone needs to be on the lookout for the email on the November 7th "Lunch at the Park." We need as many of you as can come. It has been a long time!

See you all on the 7th at Bear Creek Park pavilion #6.



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Down the Road

Underlined items are club (GCR AACA) sponsored activities.

Nov. 7 **Veteran's Day Picnic** at Bear Creek Park; see p. 4.

As we schedule meetings, you will receive an email. The items below have not been checked as to their availability during this covid era. You might call in advance to confirm.

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 (PACA) Cruise Night at parking lot behind Freddy's Hamburgers, FM 518 & Pearland Parkway. 6 PM

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

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

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

1st Sat. of the month: Coffee and Cars. Free car meet from 8-10 AM at Memorial City Mall , south side parking lot.

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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Proposed Slate for 2021 OFFICERS and Board

President - Jim Johnston
Vice President - Ron Stein
Secretary - Elaine Bullard
Treasurer - Ev Timmins

Our Elections will be at the Nov. 7th meeting (picnic) where we will ask for nominations from the floor. A few of the nominations have not been finalized and may change prior to the election.

If anyone has any nominations for a member to any of the positions, please contact Ev Timmins to turn that name in. Otherwise the above candidate list will be in the next edition of our Antique Expression newsletter or may be emailed out to all members if time and space does not allow it to make the newsletter press date.

Jim Johnston - President

OTHER DIRECTOR POSITIONS

2nd Year Director Pos. 1 - Julie Wagner-Palmer

2nd Year Director Pos. 2 - Ashley Griffin.

First Year Director Pos. 1 - John Doerfler

First Year Director Pos. 2 - Leon Ahlers

Past President - Robert Bullard

Pate Director - Wayne Bartlett

Pate Alternate Director - Robert Wheelless

Mini Tour Chairman—Robert McLellan

Out and about with members

Covid DAY TRIP

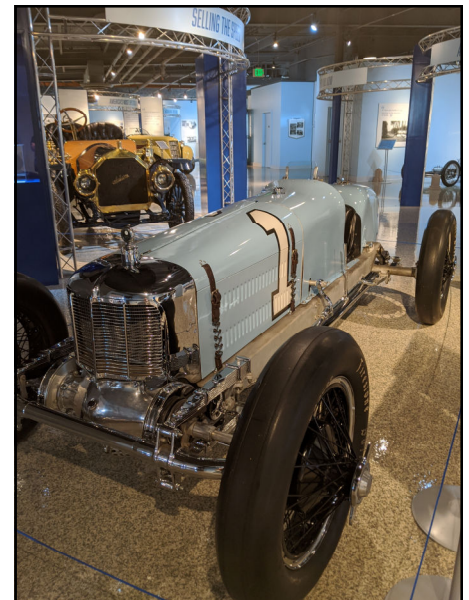


Dean thinking:
we finally
made it!

Read the Forbes' COVID trip to Auburn, Ind. and the ACD Museum for more about the "toys" and art deco things they saw. Pages 6-8.



1931 HUPP Cover Car



ART DECO ANYONE?

