



Antique Expression

Gulf Coast Region AACA, Houston, Texas

Why Do We Get All Goose Bumpy When We Think About Cars?



Thanks for the memories,
Ed Fleming.

Somewhere along the way, they've fused into our DNA and we just can't help but get goose bumpy when we think about cars, because they're fun, they make a heart beat faster, they makeya tingly all over just thinking about 'em, they smell, the burnin' oil, you can burn rubber and get lost in the smoke, the sound - it's gotta be loud, the color—the wilder the better, the flames, 2 tone paint, wind wings, power windows, roll up windows, no power steering - you had to swing way left before making a right turn, no automatic return signals, Semaphore turn signals, mechanical brakes, drum brakes, disc brakes in '65, fastback, bubble top, any GM flat top, rear spoiler, chin spoiler, Coke bottle design, dual antenna on the trunk, it's

American, it's European, it's Italian, it's anything from the 50's, it's a woody, the surf board on top, mag wheels, Magnum 500 wheels, Cragar wheels, wires, Pontiac 8 lug wheels, Borrani wheels, Poverty caps, Dog Dish caps, Wide Ovals, Goodyear Eagles, white walls, black walls, Redlines, double Redlines, AM radio, an 8 track player, the record player, a wood steering wheel, Banjosteering wheel, a choke, it didn't smoke when you started it up, it blew blue smoke when you started it up, you could set the timing yourself and the spark plug gap yourself, you could work on it yourself without a PhD in IT, the color changing ribbon speedometer on a '59 Olds, angled quad headlights, Cadillac autronic eye, the Kleenex dispenser, the tailpipes went through the bumper, the gas filler was behind the tail light, the gas filler was behind the license plate, a Continental kit - made for more trunk room for sneakin' buddies into the drive in movie, automatic trans, 3 on the tree, 4 on the floor, it had a clutch, it was hard to shift, it only kind of worked between 2nd and 3rd, double clutching, you could peel out and leave smoke and rubber 1/2 way down the block to scare old ladies on the sidewalk, the driver's window rolled up 6" was perfect for setting a tray of milkshakes with a double chubby chuck, fries and
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all the grease that goes with them, swivel seats, bucket seats, bench seats for you and your best girl on Saturday nights, a back seat for you and your best girl on Saturday nights, convertibles, Phaetons, Targa tops, Buicks that looked like my first pedal car when I was 4 years old, - just a little personal interjection (See picture on pg. 1.) there, louvers, cowl induction, stinger hood, a 396 with new tires for acting the fool in the high school parking lot, headers and no muffler for acting the fool in the high school parking lot, Dagmars, '50 Buick grills, Merc grills, fins, - front and back, an L-88, a chevy 350, a 383 stroker bored .30 over, cross ram, a Flathead, Twin H power, a 409, a HEMI!, a HEMI!!!, a HEMI!!!!, straight 8, slant ...six,.....holdon..... hold on asecond,I have tocatch my breathOK,I'm..... back..... let's get to it,the great names like Stingray, Firebird, Superbird, Super Bee, Studebaker, Skylark, Packard, Cadillac, REO, GTO, GTX, 442, Road Runner – Beep Beep, Nomad, Bonneville, Charger, Challenger, Bugatti, Duesey, Delahaye, Delage, Daimler, Marmon Wasp, Hudson Hornet, Stutz Bearcat, Dragon Snake, Cobra, Impala, Vista Cruiser, Chrysler letter cars, Hurst, Metropolitan, Crosley, Bug Eye Sprite, Lead Sled, Business Coupe, Crown Vic, Desoto, Dodge, Ford, Nash, Rambler, Frazer, Kaiser, Mustang, GT 40, Edsel, Stanley Steamer, Dynamic 88, Rocket 88, Batwing air cleaner, Muncie M22 Rock Crusher, hood tach, Tic Toc Tach, Knee Knocker Tach, Baby Bird, Square Bird, Bullet Bird, C code, M code, K code, E code, F code, Body by Fisher, FigonietFalaschi, Spirit of Ecstasy, Goddess of Speed, Donut Chaser, Harley Earl, Bill Mitchell, Virgil Exner, Carroll Shelby, John Delorean, Dutch Darrin, COPO, Yenko, Nicky – just pretend the “K” is backwards, Edelbrock, Aluminum heads, Arduin Heads, Supercharger, Turbo Charger, Blower, Fuel Injection, Whale Tail, Belly Tank racer, Hot Rod, Rat Rod, Patina, Hockey Stick Stripes, La Mans Stripes, Billboards, 3 window coupe, 5 window coupe, Duece Coupe, Frenched headlights, Rocket tail lights, Rocket side molding, Scissor doors, Gullwing doors, Suicide doors, other cool stuff like drop axles, a 4” chop, it's channeled, it's sectioned, a California rake, High Boy, 9 bolt rear end, 10 bolt rear end, 4:11 gears, pre select gear shift, push button shift, push button shift in the middle of the horn ring, his and her shifter, gated shifter, a pistol grip shifter, Necker knob, Grandma's couch plastic on the seats, tuck and roll, mouse fur, fender skirts.....

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REFRESHMENTS

April meeting



Thank you!

**Julie Palmer
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★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

March

Ashley Griffin	3/9
Patti Dresser	3/10
Herb Wahlberg	3/15
Lonnie Dresser	3/16
Terry Williams	3/17
Brian Stephens	3/19
Robert Bullard	3/20
Ollin Willis	3/21
Ben Beerbower	3/23
Bennet McKenzie	3/26
Leon Ahlers	3/27
Verniece Brady	3/30

April

Carol Baccaro	4/1
Evelyn Timmins	4/1
Federico Pohls	4/2
Paula Holzband	4/7
Betty Gorrell	4/27
Phil Wetmore	4/29



Let's Hit the Road!!



A few possible mini-tours are being discussed. Be sure to check here for further information and dates.

We want you to come and drive your antiques!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Still Looking For
A club historian: person who is willing to look into the rear-view mirror.

Leon & Pam Ahlers	4/20 (49 yrs!)
Bill & Julie Palmer	3/24
Gordon & Patsy Bennett	4/8 (23 yrs)



Don't forget to come to Tracy Gee Center on April 10th for our next meeting.

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From
Director
Michael Cawley

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I would like to introduce myself as your club's newest Pate Swap Meet Director. I met some of you at the Brookwood Valentine Day Lunch as we talked about the upcoming 2023 Pate Swap Meet. I have attended the last seven Pate events, helping with our club task of managing the vendor parking during the swap meet. For those of us who help "man the stations," it is great fun and eagerly anticipated as the time approaches to go do it again.

It's time to make plans again. This year the swap is from Wednesday morning, April 26th to Saturday evening, April 29th. Most of you know that this fun takes place at the Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth and that the Pate management is now currently comprised of 13 car clubs that share the event workload and profits. Our club's obligation is to provide vendor parking assistance from event start to finish. It is easy to do and fun watching all the vendors and their good "junk" come and go. The work duty cycle is short, a few hours of service in the morning and few more in the late afternoon of each day. After that it's time to roam the meet in search of cool junk and treasure visit and relax!!

But that doesn't mean that each of us has to be there every day, start to finish. If we could get enough of our club members to sign-up for a 2-day duty, or whatever can be done to help, we could make a good club showing. In case you didn't know, the income from the swap meet is the primary source of funds for our club and has been for who knows how long, probably decades...

We need to keep the money coming in for the good health of our club (and lower dues). Our task is an easy, profitable and fun thing for us to do together. We need to talk this up and sign-up a crew for this year's Pate. Let's have some fun. I hope to see everyone at the April 10th club meeting and we can hopefully have a full work crew.

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2023 51st Pate Swap Meet Is Coming Up April 26 – April 28 Texas Motor Speedway

As a Club, what exactly does Pate mean to us? Or we could also ask, what has our Club meant to Pate? There are probably some people that may have lost focus of the fact that our club was there in the very beginning. Even before it was known as "Pate," there was the "South Central Swap Meet" that evolved into being known as the "Pate Swap Meet" held annually in Crescent, Texas, adjacent to the A.M. "Aggie" Pate Jr. Pate Museum of Transportation. Aggie donated the use of the 80 acres adjacent to the Museum for the swap meet. So, way back then, what role did the Gulf Coast Region AACA have back in 1972 in what became the "1st Pate Swap Meet?" To answer that we would have to look at who the most pivotal player in getting the Pate Swap Meet was that eventually grew into what it is today. That person was Barney Calvert, one of our Charter members from 1959; he was the architect in putting together a coalition of 5 other car clubs with the GCR AACA to start a swap meet for what is now, "The Pate Swap Meet." But it does go without saying, that Pate Swap Meet is what it is today, because 6 Car Clubs rolled up their sleeves and did all the hard work that eventually led to the Pate Swap Meet to be what it is today.

There have been many growing pains along the way. But let's cut to the chase. All of us now should ask ourselves the simple question. What does Pate mean to our Club and our membership? Well, if any of us have been to any of our gatherings over the years, whether it's Valentines, 4th of July, Veterans Day Bar-B-Que lunches at Bear Creek Park, our Ice Cream Social, or our holiday meals at the Monument Inn, we have all benefited from Pate. Think of all the events our club has had over the years where the GCRAACA has been subsidizing the cost to the members and guests. Our club has been able to do that because of the funds we received each September from the previous year's Pate distribution



A VIEW FROM THE RUMBLE SEAT.

From President Leon Ahlers

They say that unless you are the lead dog, the view never changes. This may be true; however, when you are in the rumble seat, the view, as well as the weather, is ever changing. When the kids were younger, we would drive a 1939 Ford convertible to a national Early V-8 meet somewhere in the country as a summer vacation. Being good parents, we would take the children with us rather than leave them home with food and water for the week.

Now, this Ford is a two passenger vehicle except for the rumble seat, which is just right for two smaller passengers. Most kids and some adults, have no idea what a rumble seat is, but our two logged many miles and saw quite a bit of the country from that vantage point. Under today's norms, such accommodations would probably be considered child abuse, but their experiences were priceless.

Imagine seeing the California coast, the redwood forests, the vast expanses of Texas, the Colorado mountains, small New England towns, and large cities like Chicago, San Francisco, and Detroit. Even Houston is rather formidable if you don't have a roof over your head. By far, our longest trip was to the 1996 Western national in Victoria, B.C., Canada. People questioned the wisdom of driving an old car that far, and my answer was "I built it, I can fix it." That is still pretty much how I feel; however, today's trips are taken in an AIR CONDITIONED antique! The point of this tale is that if you have a car, especially an OLD car, take it out regularly and drive it. Gas is not going to get cheaper, they haven't regulated us off the roads yet, and with summer approaching, now is prime drive time 'cause it is not going to get cooler any time soon.

Respectfully, Leon Ahlers

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the shareholder Clubs.

So, where is the GCRAACA today? This year the 2023 PATE is in its 51st year. From the earlier 16 clubs, there are now only 13 shareholder clubs. So, what does that mean to the 13 shareholder clubs?

- With the decrease in shareholder clubs, it could mean all the shareholder clubs can possibly be receiving larger distributions from Pate, basically because, today there are on 13 Clubs instead of 16.
- It also means that each of the clubs is going to have to roll up their sleeves and dig a little deeper to meet all the work force needs of the Pate Swap Meet, just like those 6 Clubs did back in 1972 when it all started. And that is what is needed today!
- So, what does that mean to our club? Our mission statement at Pate is to man the gates (3 or maybe 4) from 7:00 to 10:00 AM and from 3:00 to 7:00 PM each day. That means if we only work 3 gates, with two people at each gate, we need 6 people for the morning shifts and another 6 people for the afternoon shifts. That is a work force requirement of 12 people each day or 84 person hours total in time.

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- So, what days are the gates needing to be manned? Our Director Michael Cawley will receive that information from Pate administration. He will let us know so we can fill in the worker slots accordingly.

Below are the gate hours for Pate.

For **Swap Meet Vendors**, the move-in dates begin on 4/26/23 (Wednesday) and the gates are open all day. Then each day thereafter, (when our club works the gates 3, 6, & 8) those 3 gates open at 7:00 AM on Thurs, 4/27/23 until 10:00 AM at which time gates 3, 6, and 8 are closed and locked and remain so until 3:00 to 7:00 PM when we again man them.. At 7:00 PM our shifts end for the day and gates 3, 6, & 8 are then closed and locked. Note, all days the swap meet is opened, Gate 4 remains open during the duration of the swap meet. But at this time, our club is not charged with working gate 4.

- There is also an unknown variable that Pate will be facing this year. Because there are fewer clubs providing workers (13 clubs not 16), all clubs may find that we are needed to help in other areas of the Pate work force needs. We may not know that situation until we are at Pate.

We are asking you to PLEASE help our club handle our gate responsibilities at Pate.

But what if we can't come?
You can still take part.

We are again telling members that you can still contribute. For the March and April meetings, please consider bringing supplies to the meetings or call us to pick them up:

Bottled water (10 oz size), various soft drinks for our workers while at Pate such as Coke, Dr. Pepper, 7-UP, Root Beer, etc. (some regular and some diet for each) as well as varieties of other bottled drinks, such as various Gatorade and Powerade type hydration drinks.

You may also wish to contribute some snack type items, like chips, cookies, energy bars, fruit, etc.

Also, a big help would be for those not making it to Pate to work, donations of some Visa gift cards would be welcomed. They can be purchased and these Visa cards would allow us to purchase many of the perishable items we will need to feed our work force while at Pate.

THE BOTTOM LINE:

WE NEED YOU TO COME AND WORK with our club at PATE!!!!

Jim Johnston

On the Road Again* **Tripping to the Lane Museum** By Ashley and Lisa Griffin with Aunt Lisa

Lisa and I planned to make a quick trip to Tennessee to visit my grandpa for his birthday. While we were going to be near Nashville, I knew we would have to take some time to visit the Lane Auto Museum to see what interesting things they had to see. Before we would make it to our final destination, we were going to make a slight detour near Memphis to look at a "collection" that was for sale, hoping to find some parts and pieces I needed for a project.

Wednesday morning, 3:30 a.m. to be exact, we left the house and picked up the other Lisa hoping to make good time and be in Memphis for a late lunch. Somewhere around Lufkin, it started raining, not the kind of rain that makes for slightly wet roads and small puddles of water on the shoulders. This was the kind of rain that soaked you the second you get caught in it. The farther north we drove, the worse it got. This was a storm where everyone around you turns their hazards on, drives twenty miles an hour, roadway flooding rain that us Houstonians occasionally deal with. It turned out that a severe storm was tracking and training along the exact route we were following and along the way, and just behind us, tornado warnings were being issued for areas we were in only minutes earlier.

Two hours behind schedule, we made it to Memphis, slightly ahead of the storm and found the collection we were to look at. Sadly, the collection had been neglected for the last decade as life and death got in the way of the owner and his son was ready to move on. The two had an affinity for Lincoln cars, Cushman scooters and many makes and models of bicycles.

The garage housed a 1929 Willoughby Limo that appeared almost completely original and a 1933 KB Judkins Berline that was, at one time, a top notch Custom bodied offering. Both cars were buried under and behind everything one would imagine that gets thrown into a garage. As the Willoughby was definitely for sale, the owner anxiously shared with me his

thoughts on re-bodying the Berline with a roadster body. After a bit of discussion, parts availability and cost expectations, I am hoping that he will decide to get the car back on the road with the body it was originally delivered with.

Moving to the next building, as the large overhead door opened, I gazed at what could only be described as utter chaos. This building was approximately 60'x80' that had been built sometime in the 1980's and the only way to move around the interior was to follow 'goat trails'. A 1923 Lincoln boat tail speedster that the owner bought in the 1960's was buried and shared space with about 50 Cushmans and Harleys of all shapes and sizes. Mix that in with an unknown number of old bicycles and parts and pieces of stuff, one could only imagine what it will take to get things sold.

The next building, several miles down the road, contained more cars and motorcycles and suffered the same lack of attention as the previous. This location housed a 1942 Continental convertible, a 1956 Continental MKII, a couple early '60's slab sided Lincolns, a disco era Lincoln along with a 'Baby Duesy' built from a VW of an unknown vintage.

Two and a half hours had passed since we had hit Memphis and the storm had caught back up to us, we were getting wet again and ready to head east towards our destination east of Nashville.

The next 2 days were spent with my grandpa, running around town, making sure he was taken care of and just generally visiting. Y'all know how the "aged" folk are. Doctor visits and grocery stores are about as much excitement as one could hope for.

Saturday was our day to head back to Nashville to visit the Lane Motor Museum. The museum is housed in an old Sunbeam Bread bakery that was built in 1951. Approximately 500 cars fill the 132,000 square foot facility and consist of primarily European cars and a few trucks of all vintages. About 120 cars fit onto the main exhibition floor while the remainder are in the

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

Down the Road

Underlined items are club (GCR AACA) sponsored activities.

- Feb. 25 Deadline for contributions to the Mar.-April AE issue.
- Mar. 13 Meeting will be at Tracy Gee Center beginning at 7:30 with board meeting at 6 PM.
- April 10 Meeting will be at Tracy Gee Center beginning at 7:30 with board meeting at 6 PM.
- Apr 26 PATE BEGINS-Closes the 28th
- May 6-7 Keels & Wheels Concours d'Elegance in Seabrook; 27th annual. Tickets online at Keels-Wheels.com or at the gate.

Public Car Outings

The items below have not been checked as to their current availability . You might call in advance to confirm or check Showplace Classics.

Sunday, 8-12 Prince's Hamburgers, near Sharpstown Golf. Kicking tires.

Friday evenings Pearland Antique & Classic Auto Show (PACA) Cruise Night-parking lot behind Freddy's Burgers, FM 518 & Pearland Pkway. 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

3rd Sat of the month: Tailpipes & Tacos-Lupe's Tortillas, 703 Pkway Katy

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 : Coffee and pastries at Gateway Classic Cars, 71 Esplanade Blvd., Houston, 77060

First Sat. morning of the month Coffee and Cars at Old post office.



Lane Museum Tatra

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(Continued from pg. 6) Lane Museum parking garage and in the basement vault. The vault houses, not only the cars, but also the workshop and can be toured for a small additional fee.

We started our tour of the basement and saw many cars that we never knew existed sitting next to more common makes. A 1970 NSU cozied up next to a 1958 Saab 93B. A 1935 Mercedes was next to a 1962 Goggomobil. Down the length of the building a 1938 Steyr 220, a 1932 Lloyd Arabella 38 and a 1953 Gutbrod Superior sat waiting for their next journey. Other peculiar cars in the vault were a 1957 Wartburg and a 1965 Matra Bonnet D'Jet V. If you know any of these cars, then you are well travelled. Walking past unique Saabs, Jags, Citroens, Tatras and more there was a 1934 McQuay Streamliner that looked a lot like a Zeplin with wheels and a group of propeller driven cars, carts and sleds.

Finishing the basement tour, we went back to the main floor to see the display of fabric covered cars, a 1931 MochetVelocar, a 1929 Austin Seven, a 1933 Goliath Pioneer and a 1951 Lloyd.

Citroen, Panhard, Pugeout and Tatras were all shown and very conservatively styled when compared to multiple prototype cars on display.

Unlike most museums, every car at Lane runs and is driven on a regular basis. Trusted volunteers are encouraged to take cars home to be exercised and shared at either a local car show or just going down the twisty, hilly roads of the area.

It may be tough to say this museum contains cars of exquisite design and beauty, but it could be touted as the most quirky, diverse cars of European engineering and thought that must be visited if you are in the area.

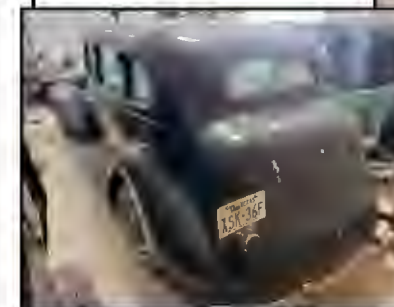
Thankfully, our return trip back to Texas was dry and uneventful. We made good time and got to eat at least one Waffle House along the way and we were back to work on Monday morning.

Until we are on the road again, Ashley and Lisas

SHOPPING???

Ashley has found us several options as to buying a car new to you. Former club member, Dennis Husfeld is looking to sell the following :

1928 Ford Model A
1930 Cadillac
1937 Packard



For information,
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Around and About the Lane Museum



Fabric Car Anyone?

Prototypes



Pretty nice basement fare.



Memphis Baby Duesy!



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