

A Message from Steve Schnitzer



President's Notes

Hello Fellow AACA'ers,

There is an old saw which goes something like “as we age, time is the only thing that speeds up.” Don't know about you, but I can second that! Cold weather may play in to slowing us down, but it does afford an opportunity to toy around with and fine-tune our jitneys. Soon enough we will be wondering where lost opportunities went for catching -up and being ready for outdoor activities, tours and fun events.

Cold weather or no, a large group of Tulsa Region AACA members joined two other clubs Saturday the 15th to drive over to Agra and visit “Wheels of the Past.” This is a business dedicated to ground-up restoration of pre-war automobiles. How fascinating! It always amazed me how these technicians begin a project, sometimes with little more than an ancient rusty chassis, and eventually wind up with a factory correct concours-grade classic to present the American Public. You and I might overhaul an engine or install new bearings in a cleaned-up axle or driveshaft, but someone who can create templates and use English wheels to shape fenders or mill oak or hickory board to form body frames over which sheet metal is laid, to specification, is some kind of an art!

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Now we approach several regular annual events. Don't forget the Chickasha swap meet March 19-21 (-you know always get there early first day), the Sapulpa swap meet April 18, and the always interesting Pawnee Steam Show May 2. Mark your calendars.



Let's give a shout out and BIG WELCOME to *our latest new member for 2020*, Mr. Roy Strom of Norman. While Roy is a long time national member, David accepted his Tulsa Region application during our trip to Agra on the 15th. With that in mind, those of you who were present at the February general meeting—and those who weren't but took my subsequent follow-up calls ☺—heard about our 2020 Club initiative, **membership**. This takes two forms: 1) regular monthly attendance (with your name badge proudly worn), and 2) each of us bringing a prospective member to a meeting sometime during this year. We're taking notes, and we will compensate first year membership fees, local and national, for the first 20 of your guests who join!

Our Club initiative for 2020: JOIN NEW MEMBERS !

Happy motoring,

Sincerely,
Steve Schnitzer
President, Tulsa Region AACA



Minutes of the AACA General Meeting February 2, 2020 At Joanna Cooper's Car Emporium

The February General meeting of the Tulsa Region Antique Automobile club was called to order by Steve Schnitzer. There were 33 people attending. Within that number were three guests brought by the Hardings.

Steve led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chuck Mahan read the minutes of the December General Meeting and gave the Treasurer's report.

Steve then opened the meeting to the Joke of the month. Steve and Joe had one joke each, Debbie Harding sang (2 choruses) of a song. Joanna Cooper had 2 jokes. The joke of the month award went to Debbie Harding.

Bob Strattan then presented a delayed award of merit to Phil Judkins for his effort and organization of the Veterans Day Parade.

This was followed by Joe Smith outlining the Club February 15th trip to Agra to see modern Auburns being built. Joe followed this up with an update of the New Car Show in April.

Steve announced a SWAP Meet in Claremore on March 20 and 21st. He noted that this was the same date as the Annual Chickasaw SWAP Meet.

David Turner then briefed the Club on the progress of the 2020 Divisional Tour. Jim Niessen will be the official photographer for the Tour. He will take a photo of each car as it enters Woolaroc. The location of the lunch in Claremore is moving to the Convention Center due to small size of the Hammett House and its parking lot. Lunches at Gilcrease and the Price Tower have been set. David said that Granbury Texas club might bring as many as twenty cars. He has received inquiries from the Enid AACA Branch, and Bryan Smith, the director from Nebraska is planning to come with a lot of Avon bottle cars. The Avon bottle cars are not returning to Nebraska. Joanna Cooper suggested that we talk to each town that the Tour will go through to obtain goodies for the Tour. She suggested that we assign a person that lives in the areas to be responsible. She then read a note about Vivian Thomas who died in the 1870's in Fort Gibson. Joanna said that this type of information should be in the Tour Package. Joanna will have a table at the Annual AACA Meeting in Philadelphia to talk up our 2020 Regional Tour.

In answer to a Derek Downey's question, there will be pre or post-tour instructions to the Pioneer Woman in Pawhuska, and the Auburn Car Factory.

Steve then announced the main objective for the club this year was to grow its membership. With that in mind, he volunteered to pay the National Dues for any new member up to 20. The



Board has waived the local dues for each of these new members. He also requested that each member wear name tags to the meetings.

The business meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm for refreshments.

After a short social gathering, Chuck gave a brief program on the History of Oil.

After the meeting disbanded, a follow-up meeting of the 2020 Divisional Tour was held by David Turner.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chuck Mahan
AACA Tulsa Region Secretary

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Sunshine Report

No problems to report for March.

If you know of a member that is ill or could use a card - let me know and the club will send them a card.

Laura Judkins (pjudkins50@gmail.com) or (918) 493-6577

BIRTHDAYS

March

5 Sandy Berenson
12 Joe Landers
31 Jim Jones

April

1 Melvin Burton
4 Pat DeBoer
10 Suzy Lytle
11 Robert Parker
13 Jeff Lytle
15 Chuck Mahan
19 Russ Wolf
27 Sheri Blair

ANNIVERSARIES

March

20 Randy & Linda Beeson (49 yrs)

April

9 Mark & Carla Randell (32 yrs)
28 David & Betty Turner (36 yrs)
30 Clyde & Debbie Harding (38 yrs)



AACA Tulsa Region 2019/20 Calendar

<i>Month</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Director Responsible</i>	<i>comment</i>
2020:					
March	1	General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation Steve Schnitzer			
	31	Board Meeting ● Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM			
April	5	General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation David Turner			
	7	Tulsa Cruisers ● 5 PM - 8 PM ● 91 st & Memorial			
	28	Board Meeting ● Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM			
May	3	Gen'l Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation Chuck Mahan			
	5	Tulsa Cruisers ● 5 PM – 8 PM ● 91 st & Memorial			
June	2	Board Meeting ● Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM			
	7	Gen'l Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation Dan King			
	9	Tulsa Cruisers ● 5 PM – 8 PM ● 91 st & Memorial			
	30	Board Meeting ● Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM			
July	5	General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation TBD			
	7	Tulsa Cruisers ● 5 PM – 8 PM ● 91 st & Memorial			
	28	Board Meeting ● Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM			
August	2	General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation TBD			
	4	Tulsa Cruisers ● 5 PM – 8 PM ● 91 st & Memorial			
September	1	Board Meeting ● Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM			
	6	General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation TBD			
	8	Tulsa Cruisers ● 5 PM – 8 PM ● 91 st & Memorial			
	29	Board Meeting ● Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM			
October	4	General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation TBD			
	6	Tulsa Cruisers ● 5 PM – 8 PM ● 91 st & Memorial			
	19–24	Divisional Tour			
	27	Board Meeting ● Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM			
November	1	General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation TBD			
December	1	Board Meeting ● Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM			



- 6 General Meeting • Cooper Home • post-meeting presentation TBD
- 19 Christmas Party • Probably 1 PM at Jerry Shrader's Vintage Car Garage

2021:

- January 9 Installation Banquet • Probably 1 PM at Jerry Shrader's Vintage Car Garage
- February 2 General Meeting • Cooper Home • post-meeting presentation TBD
- 25 Board Meeting • probably Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM

Recurring Events

- Every 2nd Saturday • Silent Movie • Circle Cinema 12 S Lewis • Phil Judkins • <http://circlecinema.com/>
- Every 2nd Wednesday • Ladies Lunch • 11:30 AM • Egg It On Café • 1131 S Aspen Ave, Broken Arrow
- Every Wednesday Men's • Lunch • 12:30 PM • Freeway Cafe • 465 South Sheridan Road, Tulsa • (call Chuck Mahan for details)
- 1st Tuesday after general meeting • Tulsa Cruise-In • 91st & Memorial • 5 pm – 8 PM • (Mar – Oct) • Dan King



DODGE 1941

By Joe Smith

I was kind of raised by my grandparents. Their main vehicle was usually a fairly new STUDEBAKER. My grandfather shot 8mm home movies from 1938 to 1964. I have home movie images of the vehicles in this story, my family never used still cameras. My grandfather's work vehicle in the early 1950's was a very nice looking 1948 WILLYS pick-up. From these films I can see he had purchased an older 1941 DODGE panel truck in about 1958.

It was very shiny and black with no signage. Later films show he had painted a sign on it "PAINTING – BRUSH or SPRAY" with no name and no phone number. He was a painter. The WILLYS and the panel truck were in the same film footage, so they had both and a 1957 STUDEBAKER. He gave or sold the WILLYS to my parents and it became their secondary vehicle.

The DODGE I remember very well. It was my favorite. It squeaked and rattled like nothing else I've ever ridden in. When we would go somewhere, I would say let's take the DODGE instead of the STUDEBAKER. One-time Grandma and I were at the house when a guy drove in and said there has been a wreck ¾ mile south at the intersection. She and I took the STUDEBAKER to the incident. The DODGE was lying on its side and farmers with farm tractors were already on the scene up righting the DODGE. A 1953-54 FORD was there with a caved in front. Grandpa drove the DODGE home with me as his passenger.

At home we pried out the fenders from the incident. Soon after that he acquired a second generation 1955 CHEVROLET pick-up which was his work vehicle until his death in 1967. The DODGE became the vehicle we put the trash in and then be unloaded routinely in a specific spot in the pasture. We moved to town in about 1964 and left the DODGE to rot on the farm. I asked Grandma to let me bring it to town and work on it to be my first car. She said you cannot have a vehicle with mechanical brakes. It has hydraulic brakes. A friend of mine and I rode our bicycles out once to check on it and when we opened the doors there must have been a hundred baby mice scampering in it and I quit asking Grandma to bring it home.

When I was about 18, I went out to check on it and the rear top had been caved in and it had been moved a couple hundred more yards into the pasture, it did not look restorable. Labor Day weekend this year I visited the farm and it had been moved even deeper into the pasture and it had sunk into the sand. These are the sand hills of Oklahoma.

I contacted the property owner and asked if I could have it. They said yes and they helped me recover it on December 20th. I knew these brothers but had not seen them in 47 years. The top of the front bumper with no air in the tires is 18 inches off the ground. This thing had sunk into the sand with the bumper under the sand. I dug a hole in front of the bumper, placed a hi-boy jack in the hole and raised the front end so I could then dig to the front axle and hook on a



strap. We dug around the four wheels then winched it onto the trailer. Removed about 10 gallons of sand from the interior with many tin cans that were left from its trash hauling. The driver's seat, generator and taillights are gone. All the glass is broken out. Now it is in our equipment shed. I thought it may be hard to find DODGE parts, but I found they are readily available. Looking forward to reliving riding in this DODGE with all the squeaks and rattles.



Tulsa Region AACA
Saturday, February 15th
Agra, Oklahoma Wheels of the Past

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One Hundred Years Ago Today

by Randy Beeson

Domestic items of note this month included the U.S. Senate's second rejection of the Versailles Treaty and refusal to ratify the League of Nations covenant on March 19th. The U.S. Coast Guard opened its first air station at Morehead City, NC on the 24th.

A Palm Sunday tornado outbreak saw 37 tornadoes unleashed on the Great Lakes region and the Deep South on March 28th. A total of 380 were killed and another 1,215 injured. States most effected were Georgia, Indiana and Ohio.

Internationally, Admiral Horthy was elected regent of Hungary on March 1st. Cuba and Denmark joined the League of Nations on the 8th while the Indian Communist Party was formed on the 23rd. Syria, the first modern Arab nation, was established on March 8th. Tomáš Masaryk was elected President of Czechoslovakia on March 28th. On the same date, Anton Denkin's White Russian troops were defeated by the Bolsheviks at Novorossiysk on the Black Sea. The British helped Denkin to escape from Russia as White opposition to the Reds continued to collapse.

Germany continued to struggle with political turmoil. After the German government was forced to cut its army to 100,000 men on the 13th, military groups launched the Kapp Putsch (coup) which temporarily forced the Weimar government from Berlin. On March 27th, Hermann

Muller of the Social Democratic Party became Chancellor of the Weimar Republic.

On March 10th, the Home Rule Act, dividing Ireland into two parts, was passed by the British Parliament. The Act became law on the 31st.

In the hockey world, the Montreal Canadiens scored an NHL record 16 goals, beating the Quebec Bulldogs on March 3rd. For their part, the Bulldogs retaliated on the 10th when their Joe Malone scored six goals against the Ottawa Senators.

Famous births this month included German-American actor and singer Werner Klemperer (Judgment at Nuremberg, Hogan's Heroes), born in Cologne on March 22nd. Polish-American actor Ross Martin (Martin Rosenblatt) (The Wild Wild West) was born in Gródek, Lwowski, Poland on the same date.

Actress Mary Pickford divorced Owen Moore after nine years of marriage on March 2nd and married actor Douglas Fairbanks on the 28th. (It never hurts to have a 'Plan B' waiting in the wings!)

In the transportation world, the U.S. Railroad Administration returned post-war control of U.S. railroads to their respective owners.

An automobile trivia column in the March 13th issue of the Washington Times revealed the following: automobile tires



were now being manufactured in Japan, while more than 500,000 people were employed in the tire manufacturing industry in the U.S. More than 50,000 farmers in the U.S. now owned trucks. Since January 1st, courts in 12 states had ruled that pedestrians struck by an automobile could sue for possession of the vehicle. Finally, 13 Yale

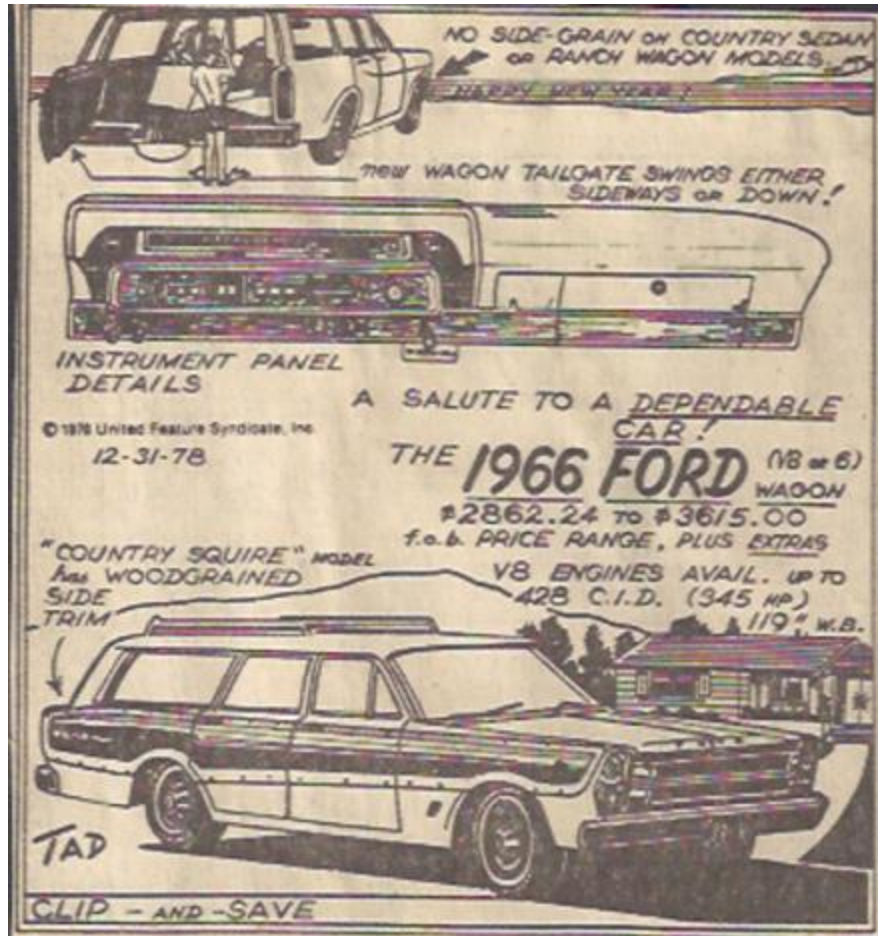
students had volunteered to take carbon monoxide tests to determine the percentage of automobile exhaust gases that could safely be in the air of the proposed Hudson tunnel to be constructed between New York and New Jersey.



Gasoline Alley

By Dan King, Editor

Shreveport-built Car Had Six Cylinder Engine



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by Tad Burness

Does this car look familiar?

It very well may, because 1966 was a good year for Ford, and there are many thousands of these attractive station wagons still in use.

Ford did much to popularize the station wagon. Custom-bodied models were available even in the Model T days and, starting in 1929, the station wagon was a stock factory-built body type from Ford.

And in the 1950's, as metal-bodied wagons took over from the old "woodies," wagon popularity increased as Ford built the luxury "Country Squire" with wood-grained trim



and the two-door “Ranch Wagon” and the four-door “Country Sedan” with plain painted sides (starting in 1952).

And 1966, by the way, was the first model year for Ford’s new four-wheel-drive “Bronco,” built especially for rugged backwoods use.

Ford’s 1966 station wagons had a surprising “Magic Doorgate” at the rear. It could be lowered like a conventional station wagon tailgate or swung aside like a door!

Among the luxury features available was a new optional stereo tape system that gave “80 minutes of uninterrupted music” of the driver’s choice. Power front disc brakes were also optional.

The 1966 Ford catalogue spoke of “America’s Total Performance Cars” and, in addition to the Lincoln, Mercury and commercial vehicle lines, Ford Motor Co. advertised that there were “49 new ways to go Ford!”

There were, as the catalogue went to press, 19 full-size Fords, 13 Fairlanes, 10 Falcons, three Mustangs, and four types of Thunderbirds from which to choose.

Moreover, there were almost countless combinations of colors, interiors, and options available on each!

I’d be very interested to hear from anyone owning a ’66 Ford. When you write in about your car, please let me know how many thousand miles it has gone, and the approximate gas mileage it gives you.

Most ’66 Ford owners like their cars!

Editor’s Note: Charles Schaeffer’s scrapbook of almost 200 articles clipped from the Tulsa World were the creation of Tad Burness, whose biography can easily be found on the internet. The scrapbook was given to me by Mary Jean Schaeffer, Charles’ widow and fellow AACA Tulsa Region club member..

Share Your Story!

Our club newsletter, **Runningboard Ramblings**, is only as good as you make it. We want to hear from you! We are always looking to feature articles from Tulsa Region members about your personal accounts of tours and shows you have attended, restoration projects, unique vehicle stories and history, and any other stories you think other AACA members would enjoy hearing about. And, of course, include plenty of photos to make your story come alive! Please send in your photos and stories to Dan King, dcking1948@yahoo.com.

Later alligator ...





Why Is the New Building Important?

*By Stan Kulikowski
Vice President – Vice President - Regions Eastern Division*

By now, I'm sure that everyone has heard about the new building and the capital campaign. As of Hershey, we are about 70% of the way to reaching our goal.

First, we are the largest resource for preserving our automotive history. Our resources do us no good if they are packed away in a dark corner. Our current building and library does not have the space to have all of our materials accessible for research. For some time, I stored some of the materials from the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America in my garage until some space was made available. These materials need to be made available to all of our members to aid in their restoration projects.

Second, we all know that the internet has become a great source of information. But it is also a great source of Misinformation. I have lost count of how many people have claimed to have owned a 1970 or 1970 Monte Carlo SS454 with a factory 4- speed.

There are internet articles that claim that these cars exist, but none of the factory literature supports this claim. Anything can be put on the internet. Also, I'm sure that in your restorations the "experts" have told you "urban legends" of how cars were built and what, in their minds was correct. The only way to truly support the claims is with hard research that our library and its vast collection of factory material can support.

So how can you help? The last 30% is critical to us successfully complete this project. Talk to your regions about making a donation from the region. If every member chipped in, we would be able to quickly achieve our goal. This is YOUR resource ... YOUR pride and joy ... YOUR way to give back to the hobby and preserve it for future generations. Don't let the automotive history be subject to revisionist history. Help us document how our cars were truly built. Please do what you can to support the capital campaign



Car Show Windshield Cards

By David Turner

As announced at the meeting a few months ago, I am willing to make laminated windshield cards for any member who wishes one for their car(s). All I ask is \$3.00 to cover the cost of materials and laminating. The lamination is 10 mils thick and quite rigid. As a result, they should be less likely to blow off the windshield in a heavy wind. They will all be 8.5" x 11" on white card stock. If you wish to order one, contact me or any of the club board members. An example shown below.



David Turner can be contacted by e-mail at drenrut@cableone.net or phone 918-527-9560.

AACA Tulsa Region Magnetic Signs

You, too, can look as cool as Phil by ordering your very own AACA Tulsa Region magnetic signs. The folks who see your car on display or on parade will know that you are a member of



the best car club of all. The cost is \$65.00 plus \$5.53 equals \$70.53. The supplier is A&B Identity and to keep it simple they would prefer that all the orders come through Dan King, so give him your order and make your reimbursement check payable to Dan. Lead time is about two weeks. Let's put our best foot forward for all our public events.





Antique Automobile Club of America – Tulsa Region Membership Application/Renewal Form

You must be a member of the National Organization to belong to the Region due to insurance requirements.

You can apply to both at the same time. Region dues are \$20.00/calendar year for member and spouse. National dues are \$40.00/calendar year for member and spouse/partner

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Preferred Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Email _____

Your Birth Month and Day: _____ Spouses Birth Month and Day: _____

Your Anniversary Month and Day: _____

Your National AACAA membership number: _____

Your Cars

Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____ Body Style: _____

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If you have more cars, please list them on the back of this form.

Make checks payable to: Antique Automobile

*Send this completed form and membership dues to:
Chuck Mahan
6902 E 64th Pl
Tulsa, OK 74133*



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