

*A Message from Steve Schnitzer*



## President's Notes

Dear Folks,

In the bizarre age of Coronavirus and social distancing, we are coming up with some creative ways to spend time. David Turner forwarded a clever “diversions” page from the National website, where members post “Covid Car Show” pictures—hanging out in their automobile man-caves (check out <https://forums.aaca.org/topic/342204-covid-car-show/>)

In related vein, I suggested Board members take pictures doing same and we share. Perhaps Dan King will post some of those in this month's newsletter. If you like the idea, do the same and mail your pics to Dan for inclusion in the June edition!

David also furnished me current status of events at National and updates on our Region Tour plans. I quote him verbatim here:

“I (David) submitted all the final registration paperwork to National on 31 March for their action. Their office is still closed on orders of the PA governor and they are trying to work from home. Not sure how that's working for them. The biggest activity yet to be finished by us for our tour is the tour book and it is in good shape at this point. Nothing else pressing about the tour at this point. “

All we can do is try to put a positive spin on things. This translates for me getting all kinds of honey-do's accomplished around the house and out in the Limepit (my man-cave), to a certain measure of success.

What we are experiencing today has no comparison for the past one-hundred years. As a youngster I was told we lost a great uncle in the 1918-19 Spanish Flu pandemic. That's close enough for me. How long this goes on is anybody's guess. But if nothing else, we can observe with interest the environmental impact upside: greenhouse gases down 40%, Los Angeles skyline is crystal-clear, you can see the Himalayas, usually murky canals of Venice are clean, and right now people breathing better, worldwide... Hmmm.

Happy motoring,

Sincerely,  
Steve Schnitzer  
President, Tulsa Region AACAA



**Minutes of the AACA General Meeting  
April 5, 2020 (Note: Cancelled due to COVID-19 Virus)  
At Joanna Cooper's Car Emporium**

Hi All:

There are no minutes, and the bank balances haven't changed.

There's not much more to say, but to try to enjoy the spare time that CONVID-19 has brought to us. I started to clean up the garage...big mistake. I found 16 packets of old photo negatives. The rest of my time has been spent converting the photo negatives to digital. They are mainly of the family growing up and the trips we took to Greece, England, Wales, Paris and Germany.

I believe that we should cancel our May Board meeting along with the May General Meeting. About the second week in May we should address the June meetings.

Well, that's about it.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Chuck Mahan  
AACA Tulsa Region Secretary



## *Sunshine Report*

*No problems to report for May.*

*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

May

5 Becky Wolf  
6 Grant Aldrich  
6 Otis Towry  
7 Richard Holmes  
10 Walter Knickerbocker  
31 Clyde Harding

June

8 Fred Bechtel  
10 Tom Berenson  
12 Linda Beeson  
22 Ron Scott  
24 John Fender  
26 Bud Bechtel

### ANNIVERSARIES

May

4 Daniel & Jenny King (30 yrs)  
22 Joe & Joyce Smith (45 yrs)

June

2 Jim & Janice Jones (53 yrs)  
21 Phil & Laura Judkins (68 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>
<b>2020:</b>					
April	5	General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation David Turner <b>(NOTE: cancelled due to virus epidemic)</b>			
	7	Tulsa Cruisers ● 5 PM - 8 PM ● 91 <sup>st</sup> & Memorial			
	28	Board Meeting ● Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM <b>(NOTE: cancelled due to virus epidemic)</b>			
May	3	Gen'l Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation Chuck Mahan <b>(NOTE: cancelled due to virus epidemic)</b>			
	5	Tulsa Cruisers ● 5 PM – 8 PM ● 91 <sup>st</sup> & 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 <sup>st</sup> & 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 <sup>st</sup> & 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 <sup>st</sup> & 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 <sup>st</sup> & 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 <sup>st</sup> & 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 7 General Meeting • Cooper Home • post-meeting presentation TBD

March 2 Board Meeting • probably Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM  
7 General Meeting • Cooper Home • post-meeting presentation Steve Schnitzer  
31 Board Meeting • Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM

Recurring Events

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday • Silent Movie • Circle Cinema 12 S Lewis • Phil Judkins • <http://circlecinema.com/>

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday after general meeting • Tulsa Cruise-In • 91st & Memorial • 5 pm – 8 PM • (Mar – Oct) • Dan King



## David Turner's Man Cave, Where He Escapes While Waiting for the Quarantine to be Over



# Ditto for Mel Burton's Man Cave, Where He, Too, Escapes While Waiting for the Quarantine to be Over



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## A Helpful Suggestion from Joe Smith:

**Important-Read Carefully**  
**How to use and care for your**  
**GAME DAY Magnetic Signs**

**JENKINS ENTERPRISES**  
**GAME DAY**  
*Outfitters*

- 1) Be sure your vehicle surface and sign back are clean and dry. Trapped moisture, dirt or chemicals may harm your finish. It is also recommended that you wax the vehicle prior to application.
- 2) Remove sign from vehicle once a week and wipe vehicle surface and sign back. This helps prevent moisture from being trapped behind sign.
- 3) Remove sign before entering car wash and reposition after vehicle is dry.
- 4) Clean sign front with warm water and mild detergent only.
- 5) Do not store sign with printed side against printed side.
- 6) Do not fold or crease the Magnetic Sign. Store flat for best results.
- 7) Handle your new sign gently and do not flex in cold weather. When applying or removing in cold weather, bring the sign to room temperature before flexing.
- 8) Avoid placing your sign on chrome trim or protrusions of any kind.
- 9) Magnetic signs will not adhere to any area where bodywork has been done and non-metallic filler (fiberglass, etc.) has been used.
- 10) Do not apply over touch up paint, repainted, or newly painted vehicles.
- 11) Repeated and prolonged exposure to the sun may cause damage to your magnet.

**Following these precautions will insure a long life and good appearance for your GAME DAY Magnetic Signs.**

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## *One Hundred Years Ago Today*

*by Randy Beeson*

It was an interesting month for the baseball world here in the U.S. On May 1<sup>st</sup>, slugger Babe Ruth hit his 50<sup>th</sup> career home run – his first with the Yankees – in a 6-0 defeat of the Boston Red Sox. The following day the new National Negro Baseball League played its first game in Indianapolis. On the 14<sup>th</sup>, the Washington Senators' pitcher Walter Johnson notched his 300<sup>th</sup> win, this time against Detroit. On the same date, the Giants informed the Yankees that the lease allowing them to play on the Polo Grounds would not be renewed at the end of the 1920 season. Finally, on the 20<sup>th</sup>, police raided the Chicago Cubs' bleachers, arresting 24 for gambling.

Internationally, the German-Latvian peace treaty was signed on May 5<sup>th</sup>. On the same date, Polish troops occupied Kiev, Ukraine as unrest continued in Eastern Europe. The Catholic Church canonized Joan of Arc as a saint on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Closer to home, Mexican President Carranza, under fire from U.S. oil companies after he nationalized subsurface rights, fled a right-wing rebellion on May 20<sup>th</sup>. The following day, Mexican army generals executed Carranza.

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, President Wilson outlawed the Communist Labor Party in the U.S.

Famous births this month included American actor Denver Pyle (Andy Griffith

Show, Dukes of Hazzard), born in Cincinnati, OH on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Karol Wojtyla (Pope John Paul II) was born in Wadowice, Poland on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Singer Helen O'Connell was born in Lima, OH on the 23<sup>rd</sup> while singer Peggy Lee was born in Jamestown, ND on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

In the automotive world, driver Gaston Chevrolet won the Indianapolis 500 in 5:38:31.9 at an average speed of 88.42 MPH on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Among the new automotive accessories written up in this month's issue of Popular Science was the 'speedoscope' or what we today call the interior rearview mirror. As with today's model, the speedoscope was mounted at the top of the windshield with adjustable arms. The same publication noted that the federal government planned to spend \$633M in 1920 on construction of permanent highways.

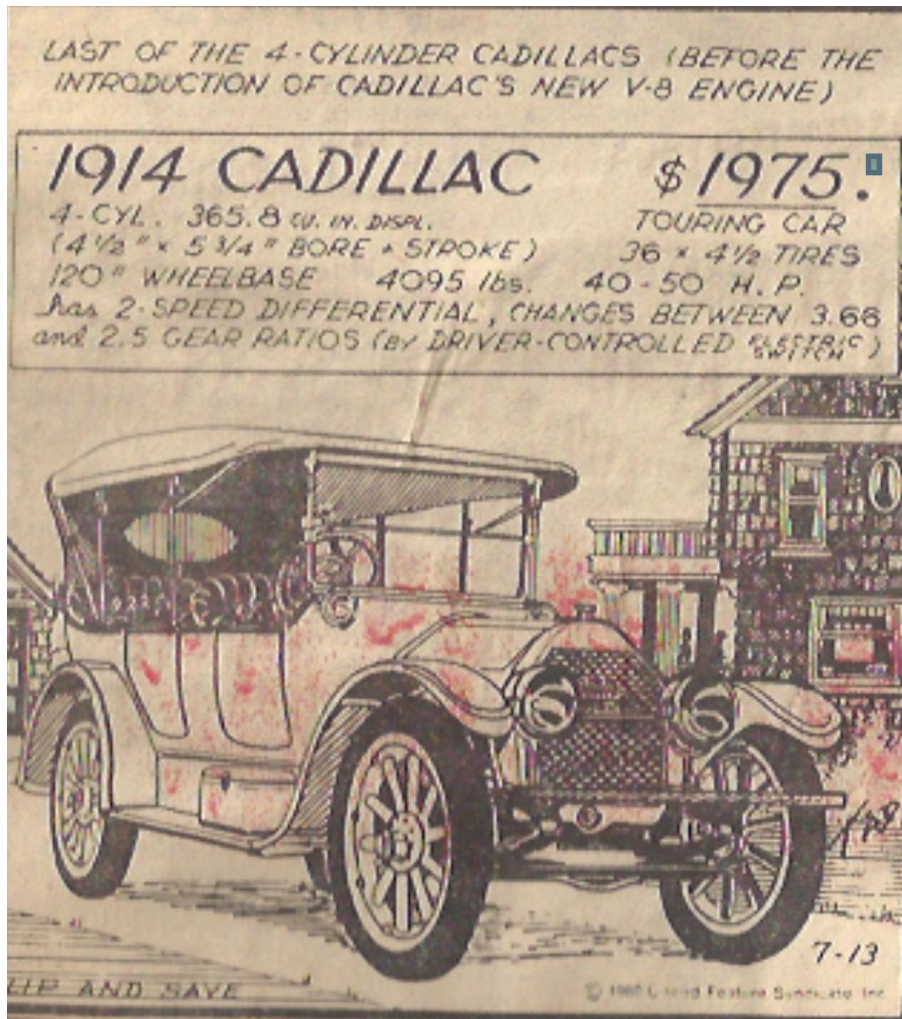
The Potter-Williams Garage & Sales Company was advertising new Sayers Six automobiles in the May 15<sup>th</sup> issue of the Washington Times. The vehicles were honestly advertised as assembled automobiles with a Continental Red Seal engine, Delco Starting & Lighting System and Boyce Moto-Meter. Potomac Sales Company was advertising Dixie Flyers. One wonders how anyone could have believed that an owner was "assured perfect service at all times" or that the vehicle's "performance is assured at all times" as claimed by this dealer.



# Gasoline Alley

By Dan King, Editor

## *1914 Cadillac had a Two-Speed Rear Axle*



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*by Tad Burness*

The most unusual feature of the 1914 Cadillac was its two-speed direct-drive rear axle.

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In place of the ordinary differential (with its usual single-bevel pinion and single-bevel driving gear) there were two bevel pinions and two bevel driving gears.

With the engine turning at 700 revolutions per minute, the city (3.66 to 1) driving ratio would carry the car along at about 21 miles per hour. But with the higher (2.5 to 1) ratio combination engaged, the car would travel about 30 mph at the same engine speed.

Dual speed differentials were sometimes installed as “extras” on a few cars in the years before overdrive transmissions were available.

Then in the late 1930's, new overdrive provided an additional unit mounted between transmission and differential, permitting the versatility of a dual-speed rear axle and making use of a conventional single-speed differential.

Cadillac, early in 1914, did not announce its plan to introduce a new V-8 engine a few months later. In fact, Cadillac ad writers vehemently denied that any six-cylinder Cadillac was in the works, in answers to rumors that the four-cylinder Cadillac engine was about to be replaced.

The dual-speed differential managed to extract new efficiency and versatility from the old, reliable four. But with the coming of the more powerful V-8 engine for 1915, a two-speed differential was no longer necessary.

*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](mailto:dcking1948@yahoo.com).

*Later alligator ...*

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## So, What's My Car Worth?

*Jim Eliot*  
2020 AACA President

I am certain we have all been asked this question and also certain we have asked someone else this same question.

For those of us who collect cars, the value of the car is always important. We don't want to overpay and certainly do not want to part with a car for a bargain price.

So, what are our choices for determining value? There are many appraisers that will give you their estimate of value for a few hundred dollars. Most of these "guesses" come from a value guide or auction results.

The value guides are often published by insurance companies. But be careful, that high insurance estimate also works to generate a higher insurance premium.

Auction results are unpredictable. Not only are bids determined by the number of bidders but also the majority of the seller listing agreements allow for "phantom" bidding by the auction company. This is done to guarantee that the reserve price is met.

But the real answer to the question is "your car is worth what someone else will pay for it."

Unfortunately, with fewer people entering the old car hobby, you should be concerned about the future value of your car.

A neighbor of mine has a late 30's Packard Sedan for sale. All six of the prospective buyers who have looked at this car were over the age of seventy.

It is time for each member and each region to begin a diligent effort to attract new members. We need to sell the "fun" that is available with our hobby.

More activities, such as shows, tours, and picnics, will always generate more members. Our cars need to be seen by the public.

We need to seek venues to display our cars, such as county fairs or antique malls. We have a great hobby in which a small minority of car owners participate. The best way to solidify the value of your collection is to increase our membership.

I hope the day doesn't come when no one wants an antique car.



## 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](mailto:drenrut@cableone.net) or phone 918-527-9560.

## AAACA Tulsa Region Magnetic Signs

You, too, can look as cool as Phil by ordering your very own AAACA 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Preferred Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Your Birth Month and Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouses Birth Month and Day: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Anniversary Month and Day: \_\_\_\_\_

***Your National AACA 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:  
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