

A Message from David Turner



President's Notes

Dear Folks,

Does anyone know who has the email account aacatulsaregion@gmail.com. If you do, please contact me!!!! Thanks!

I hope all survived the cold weather without too many difficulties. We had three blackouts in Bartlesville, but none affected our home. They were mainly in the commercial areas of town. Obviously, I shut down the shop for the duration!

I just read that the **AACA Annual Convention** in Philadelphia in April, will not be held. The National Board is looking for an alternative time and location that might permit a large indoor event. We shall see. Likewise, the Charlotte Auto Fair has been cancelled due to the site being used as a vaccination site. However, the **SE Spring Nationals** will go on at a different location. All other National events appear to be on track for this year.

Plans are close to finalized for the **2021 AACA Central Divisional Tour** that we are hosting. I have received confirmation from Jim Elliot, our National President, that he and his wife Donna will be participating as well as two other National Vice-Presidents. You should see our ad in the next two issues of Antique Automobile.

We have selected April 24 as the date of our first "Brown Bag Tour" of the year. Time and location are yet to be finalized, but we do plan to meet and tour in the morning followed by lunch (the brown bag you bring) at an outdoor location.

The board has tentatively chosen 2 May for our first Region in person meeting of the year. In order to have it outdoors, we are looking at reserving a pavilion in Haikey Creek Park where we had our annual car show for a number of years. Stay tuned!

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Joe Smith coordinates the old car display for the **Tulsa New Car Show** each year. He reports that “We are going to try and find an array of cars from the past. Not two of anything. Example, not two Model A’s, not two 1965 Mustangs, and not two 1955 Chevrolets.” We have quite a variety of automobiles in our Region that should show well. Please contact Joe directly and let him know you would like his committee to consider your car for the display.

I see that several swap meets are on the calendar for this spring. Being outdoors, for the most part, they should be safer to attend than a meeting indoors. Chickasha Prewar Swap Meet is scheduled for 19-20 March at the fairgrounds after a hiatus of a year. I understand that it is apparently back to stay after some talk of discontinuing it.

Route 66 Cruisers of Claremore have a swap meet scheduled for April 9 & 10 at the Will Rogers Round Up Club east of Claremore.

The Lawrence, Kansas Region of AACA has a big swap meet scheduled for 30 April – 2 May at the Douglas County Fair Grounds in Lawrence.

The huge Pate Swap Meet at the Texas Motor Speedway will be held on April 22-24. They have published a 60-page manual entitled “The Pate Swap Meet COVID-19 Health Protocol”, primarily for the vendors, but they are requiring masks and social distancing for everyone. Sounds like a good idea.

My Plymouth project is progressing, although slowly due to the recent weather. I have a progress report elsewhere in this newsletter.

Until next month, stay safe and happy motoring!

Stay safe!
David Turner



**Minutes of the AACA General Meeting
February 7th, 2021**

**[note: the General Meeting in February was cancelled due to the
quarantine imposed by the COVID-19 epidemic.]**

Respectfully Submitted,
Chuck Mahan
AACA Tulsa Region Secretary

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Sunshine Report

Betty Turner is undergoing knee surgery on March 11th. Let's all pray for her quick recovery.

Joanna Cooper reports, "I am now at home going to work daily after also having COVID-19. Still going to Cardiac Therapy. God has Blessed me again. Thanks for all the prayers."

Lee DeBoer has been diagnosed with a serious illness. Please keep Lee and Pat in your prayers.

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

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

April

9 Mark & Karla Randel
28 David & Betty Turner
30 Clyde & Debbie Harding



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>
2021:					
March	2	Board Meeting ● 2 P.M. via Zoom			
	7	General Meeting ● location TBD ● post-meeting presentation TBD			
		[CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19]			
	19-20	Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet ● Creek County Fair Grounds			
	30	Board Meeting ● 2 P.M. ● Heart of 66 Auto Museum			
April	5	General Meeting ● location TBD ● post-meeting presentation TBD			
		[CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19]			
	9-10	Route 66 Cruisers Swap Meet ● Will Rogers Downs (east of Claremore on Rt 20)			
	16-18	Tulsa New Car Show ● Expo Square			
	22-24	Pate Swap Meet ● Texas Motor Speedway, 3545 Lone Star Circle, Fort Worth, TX			
	24	Brown Bag Tour ● location TBD			
	28	Board Meeting ● 2 P.M. ● Heart of 66 Auto Museum			
Apr 30-May 2		Lawrence Region Swap Meet ● Douglas County Fairgrounds, Lawrence, KS			
	2	General Meeting ● 2 P.M. ● Haikey Creek ● post-meeting presentation TBD			
June	1	Board Meeting ● 2 P.M. ● Heart of 66 Auto Museum			
	6	General Meeting ● location TBD ● post-meeting presentation TBD			
	29	Board Meeting ● 2 P.M. ● Heart of 66 Auto Museum			
July	4	General Meeting ● location TBD ● post-meeting presentation TBD			
	27	Board Meeting ● 2 P.M. ● Heart of 66 Auto Museum			
August	1	General Meeting ● location TBD ● post-meeting presentation TBD			
	31	Board Meeting ● 2 P.M. ● Heart of 66 Auto Museum			
September	5	General Meeting ● location TBD ● post-meeting presentation TBD			
	28	Board Meeting ● 2 P.M. ● Heart of 66 Auto Museum			
October	3	General Meeting ● location TBD ● post-meeting presentation TBD			
	17-23	Divisional Tour ● sponsored by AACA Tulsa Region			
	26	Board Meeting ● 2 P.M. ● Heart of 66 Auto Museum			
November	1	General Meeting ● location TBD ● post-meeting presentation TBD			



30 Board Meeting • 2 P.M. • Heart of 66 Auto Museum

December 6 General Meeting • location TBD • post-meeting presentation TBD

19 Christmas Party • Probably 1 PM at Jerry Shrader's Vintage Car Garage

2022:

January 2 General Meeting • location TBD • post-meeting presentation TBD Installation

4 Board Meeting • 2 P.M. • Heart of 66 Auto Museum

8 Banquet • Probably 1 PM at Jerry Shrader's Vintage Car Garage

February 2 Board Meeting • 2 P.M. • Heart of 66 Auto Museum

7 General Meeting • location TBD • post-meeting presentation TBD

Recurring Events *(see note below)*

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 • 71st & 193rd East Avenue Broken Arrow • 5 pm – 8 PM • (Mar – Oct) • Dan King

Note: all events are subject to cancellation due to COVID-19 epidemic quarantines.



Update on the 1936 Plymouth Engine Swap Project

By David Turner

Last month I commented on how the project has been infected with “project creep”. It has now become so much more than a simple engine swap and is now more like a front doors forward restoration project! You know how it is, you say to yourself, “While I have it apart I might as well” That has evolved into restoring the finish on the frame and suspension forward of the front doors (photo reference #2), the total repainting of the fenders, headlights (photo reference #1) and tail lights (all the black sheet metal on the car) as well as swapping the old engine for a newly completed rebuilt and restored engine.

As you can see in one of the photos (photo reference #2), I am close to being able to prime and repaint the frame and suspension. Meanwhile, I have been busy cleaning parts and pieces and powder coating some while painting others. I have worn out my ultrasonic cleaner in the process and had to buy a new one. I discovered I should have replaced it sooner. The new one is larger, faster and cleans a whole lot better!

I expect the fenders and lights to return from the paint shop in March but obviously will not be ready to reinstall them at that time. I am so glad I farmed out that part of the project. This way, I hopefully will live to see it finished and get to drive it again.

I have added a few other items to the list that, individually are not huge, but all take time. I discovered the front two body to frame bolts were very loose and in need of replacement. This last week we discovered a crack in the fuel line that could not be seen with the car assembled. The new line will be here in about three weeks from In-Line Tube. Thankfully, they have a pattern and can bend it for me.

Steele Rubber Products is revulcanizing the suspension bumpers for the front suspension. I expect them in a week or two.

Restoration Supply Company in Escondido California has supplied me with a lot of unusual fasteners and other items that I have needed for the project.

I am reminded of a sign I used to have in my office when I was a Project Engineer. It read “Due to a shortage of trumpet players, the end of the world has slipped three weeks!” No, I was not the project manager!!



Photo reference #1:



Photo reference #2:



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One Hundred Years Ago Today

by Randy Beeson

Political turmoil continued in Russia, now the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR). On March 1st, sailors at the Kronstadt Naval Base revolted. The Red Army, under the command of Leon Trotsky, attacked the Naval Base on the 7th, resulting in thousands of casualties. On March 16th, Britain signed a trade agreement with the USSR. The U.S. refused to sign a similar agreement with the Soviets during the month. Finally, in order to boost Soviet food supplies, Lenin announced the New Economic Policy on the 17th. Stalin will later send the NEP farmers to the gulags.

Warren G. Harding was inaugurated as the 29th U.S. President on March 4th. Hot Springs National Park was created in Arkansas on the same date.

In the medical world, Toronto doctors Banting and Best announced the discovery of insulin on the 3rd.

In other news, the African colony of Rwanda was ceded to Britain on March 1st. Spanish premier Eduardo Iradier was assassinated in Madrid on March 8th. Mongolia declared her independence from China on the 13th. Upper Silesia voted for union with Germany on the 20th, while Germany announced on the 23rd that she would be unable to meet her annual Great War reparation payment. Finally, British coal miners struck on the 31st.

Famous birthdays this month included actors Alan Hale, Jr. (Gilligan's Island) in Los Angeles on March 8th; Carl

Betz (Donna Reed Show) in Pittsburg, PA on the 9th and Gordon MacRae (Oklahoma!) in East Orange, NJ on the 12th. S. Truett Cathy, founder of Chick-fil-A was born in Eatonton, GA on March 14th. French actress Simone Signoret was born in Wiesbaden, Germany on the 25th.

Meanwhile, comedian Oliver Hardy, 29, entered wedded bliss with actress Myrtle Reeves, 24, on March 24th.

This month's issue of Popular Mechanics included a feature article on the increasingly popular 'auto-bungalow', or what we today call a motor home. Lacking power steering, the rear overhang was considerable in order to keep as much weight as possible off the front wheels. The featured custom vehicle carried a \$16,000 price tag (\$235,938 current price). Living space was approximately 160 square feet. Sleeping arrangements consisted of three cots made up on the rear observation deck and couches which extended along the length of the living space. A washbasin and shower were also included.

Begun in March 1918, The U.S. Navy completed construction this month of a commercial radio station near Bordeaux, France and presented the station to the French government. The station featured a 500 KW transmitter with a working range of 6,200 miles. The station was estimated to be eight times more powerful than the station at Nauen, Germany.



One Hundred Years Ago Today (continued)

Further proof of the maturing technology of radio lay in the fact that the St. Louis police department installed radio transceivers in three of its cars. One officer wore earphones

while on patrol in the vehicle. The radio units had a claimed range of 40 miles, saving time in crime-fighting operations.



Gasoline Alley

By Dan King, Editor

1924 Oaklands Lived Up To "True Blue" Tag



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With the phrase “True Blue” Oakland’s advertising man hit upon a clever gimmick for advertising the Oakland cars for 1924.

“True Blue” was then, as it is now, an expression meaning “good” or “genuine”, so why not sell a new, improved line of cars, with blue-painted bodies, and call them the “True Blue” 1924 Oaklands?

Guaranteed for 1,000 miles, the True Blue 1924s were introduced during the autumn of 1923. They offered such improvements as four-wheel brakes, redesigned engine with L-head valve arrangement (instead of overhead valves, as Oakland previously had featured), larger bodies painted in satin-finish Duco (a DuPont brand product), steel disc wheels, and a new dark-faced rectangular instrument panel with all the gauges behind a single pane of glass.

For easy reach, throttle, choke, horn, ignition switch, and light switch controls were all located at the center of the steering wheel.

On September 8, 1923, six new 1924 Oakland “True Blue Traveler” touring cars were sent across the country, in a good-will test run, through all kinds of weather and road conditions.

All six cars began their run at the Oakland factory in Pontiac, Michigan. Car No. 1 went to San Francisco, Car No. 2 to Los Angeles, Car No. 3 to Dallas, Car No. 4 to Atlanta, Car No. 5 to Washington, and Car No. 6 to Boston.

Each car made numerous publicity stops in cities along their routes. In the 1920s, when even roads between major cities were little more than dirt stretches, this travel was an effective method of demonstrating a car’s durability and putting it before the public.

Information about these trips appeared for the dealers and public in Oakland’s magazine advertising.

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 ...





Editor's Note

*By Matt Hinson
Rummage Box Editor*

Welcome to my 20th issue as Editor of the Rummage Box.

For the last three years, I have typically posted an update on my 1938 Buick Century restoration in my Editor's Column. I have had the car substantially complete for a few months, while still waiting on a local upholstery shop to complete a few small items for the car before I can call it complete. Hopefully it will soon be 100% complete and hopefully, sold. I did not really intend to sell it as soon as I was done with the restoration but I am out of room in the garage. I saw a 1937 Buick Roadmaster Model 80C, four door convertible phaeton, for sale in Hemmings Motor News. I have owned a 1937 Century Model 61

four door sedan, for 6 years, and have recently done the 1938 Buick Century restoration. I never thought that I would have an opportunity to purchase an 80C due to their rarity. In 1937 Buick produced a total of 1,040 for domestic sale and 115 for export. The car was about a 4 hour drive from my home. I called and made an appointment to see the car. After seeing the car, I did not initially purchase it. About a week later, the seller called me and offered the car at a price that I could not refuse. I am enjoying my new purchase. If you want to know more about it on the AACA Discussion Forum in the Me and My Buick forum at:

<https://forums.aaca.org/topic/354>



[448-my-1937- roadmaster-80c-four-door-convertible-phaeton/](#)



It seems that during the time spent at home during the pandemic, many members have

been restoring cars and buying more cars. My local chapter newsletter editor is doing a series on “Cars of Covid” stories, where she is featuring cover photos of new acquisitions during the pandemic and feature stories about these cars that have been purchased by members during the pandemic. Perhaps other editors might want to consider something similar.



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@cablone.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 \$45.00/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 AACA membership number: _____

Your Cars

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

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

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

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