



*1965 Pontiac GTO owned by Tom and Liga McGahan  
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# Cover Story

## 1965 Pontiac GTO

by Tom McGahan

I drove a 1956 Chevrolet 4 door 150 from Utah to Kentucky to start my first job as an Engineer with IBM in 1978. The 150 was the perfect driver, heavily used and mechanically solid. Later in life, I talked my brother out of a 1956 Chevrolet Sedan Delivery which was salvage yard rescue. Now living in Colorado, I towed a trailer with the 4-door '56 to Ogden, Utah. The trailer was then tied to my dad's motor home and off we went to retrieve the Sedan Delivery which was located in a storage facility in downtown San Francisco. But that's another story..... Needless to say, I was a certified Tri-5 Chevy guy and work centered on the restoration of the Sedan Delivery.

For Thanksgiving and Christmas my wife and I would car seat the 2- and 3-year-olds, provide numerous snacks, cassette tapes of kid's music and drive through Wyoming to Utah. Her mother lived in Salt Lake and my folks lived in Ogden.

Under my mother-in-law's carport was a black Pontiac 2-door. My wife's older brother was driving the car to and from Los Angeles when the car "gave out" and there it sat for years. I never paid the car much attention having seen the derelict on multiple visits. One day I read a Car Craft magazine which had an article on high performance Pontiacs. I thought, I'll have to check that car on the next road trip out to Utah. Well, I did take a second, more detailed look and the car turned out to be "Oh my God" a 1965 Pontiac GTO Hardtop with a manual 4-speed!!! Three flat tires, paint checked to the substrate, but everything's there and no signs of collision damage or body work. It took less than a month before the car was wrangled from my brother-in-law (4 payments of \$250) and trailered to Denver. I now had two restorations in process.

The wiring in the engine compartment was wrapped around the steering column and completely fried. The engine had recently been rebuilt by a speed shop in Salt Lake. When the heads were pulled, the hone

marks were still evident. With a new wiring harness, the engine fired right up. One trip around the neighborhood and the GTO was brought into the garage for a set of period correct disc brakes. Fast Car - No stop. That carport in Salt Lake didn't do the car any favors as it provided enough snow and water drainage through the rear window which rotted the trunk floor, cross bracing and lower rear quarters. These repairs were done in Colorado.

Since 1981, the car has traveled with our family to Pennsylvania, Colorado, New York, Tennessee and the most recent stop here in Tulsa. The GTO was always being tinkered with in Tennessee. It received a new paint job, interior, bumper to bumper wiring, 5-Speed, chromed bumpers trim and badges. Lived there for 23 years and the car stayed in the garage.

Here in Tulsa, over last Winter, the GTO received a new dash tachometer, factory cam and a few minor timing improvements. The GTO shares garage space with another one of Tom's Tri-5 Chevys..... a 1957 big window truck. Never thought I would be a Pontiac Guy but after 40 years the car certainly proved it has staying power. And a little V8 power under the hood.



Tom and Liga McGahan's 1956 Chevrolet



by Joe Smith, President

# President's Notes

**Event July 16th** – We will leave the QuikTrip near the turnpike gate in Sapulpa promptly at 9:00am on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. We will take the turnpike to Chandler, then go north. Bring a car that can cruise at turnpike speeds. We will stop at the Clifton Hill collection in Shawnee for OKC area clubs and/or members to meet up with us. Then we will caravan to the Joe Inda place in the country that has a Tecumseh, Oklahoma address. The highlight of the collection is a 1934 PACKARD purchased new by Marjorie Merriweather Post the heiress to Post Cereal and General Foods. She built a home in Florida named Mar-A-Lago. Trump lives there today.

**July National Meets in Oklahoma** – The Pontiac-Oakland International convention is in Catoosa July 12-16. The judging car display event will be on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>.

The CHRYSLER National meet is in Elk City July 20-24. The car show will be Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Pittsburg** – Steve Schnitzer can be seen in a TV interview, go to YouTube and look for “[KOAM News at 9 pm \(06/04\)](#)”. Jim Jones brought his 1965 BARRACUDA, Schnitzer his 1928 PACKARD, Smith’s their 1937 CORD, Strattan’s their 1946 CHEVROLET pickup, Turner’s their 1935 PLYMOUTH Thanks to David & Betty Turner for hosting our club participation.

**AAA CARS & COFFEE** – Member Bob Strattan won best car with his 1946 CHEVROLET pickup voted by AAA personnel. A 2021 CORVETTE won People’s choice. Also attending were Jim Jones with his 1965 BARRACUDA and Joe Smith with his 1966 CAPRICE. Was it hot? We were surprised how comfortable we were sitting in the shade. Plenty of free water, coffee and donuts provided by AAA. We met some young potential future members.

**HB4372** – This bill would have changed the tag process on 45-year-old cars to a one-time thing instead of annually. It got killed in the HOUSE and never made it to the Governor.

**Collinsville Car Show.** Three of our members were judges for the car show on June 11<sup>th</sup>, Bill Kenny, Tom McGahan and myself. Steve Schnitzer won best pre-1931 with his 1928 PACKARD.

**Condolences** – To Lee DeBoer for the loss of his wife Patty and Joanna Cooper for the loss of her sister Patty. Go to [www.johnsonsperry.com](http://www.johnsonsperry.com) to read her obituary and the guestbook.

**Past Member Memories-** Roger and Marilyn Bauman. When we joined the club, they had a 1948 NASH. Then they changed to a 1963 BUICK Riviera. Then they changed to a 1970’s CADILLAC Coupe DeVille. They both were from Barrington; Illinois and we had lived near there for 5 years when I worked in Chicago so we had that in common. Roger’s work transferred him to Tulsa. When we moved away for 7 years to live in Southern Indiana. They would come visit us. Once Roger and I went down to Bowling Green, Kentucky to see former member Jeff Hammons at the BUICK National convention. Roger always loved getting an annual calendar from me and always complemented me when I used to have articles on our Vintage Chevrolet and Horseless Carriage Club tours in the AACA newsletter. Then our local board of Directors voted not to allow articles on other club events and that ended those stories being published. Roger always told me how he missed those articles. Tim Dye told me the intent was to stop his PONTIAC articles, not my articles, anyhow they stopped both of us. I’m still active in the club, thus I did not let it bother me.







by Chuck Mahan, Secretary/Treasurer

# Tulsa Region AACA Meeting Minutes

## Meeting at Joanna Cooper's Car Emporium June 5, 2022 - 2:00 pm

President Joe Smith led the club in the pledge of allegiance. He asked if there were any guests. Mike introduced Ken Busby who was the speaker for the June program on Route 66. There 20 people present.

Chuck Mahan read the minutes of the May 2022 General Meeting and then the Treasurer's report.

Joe announced that the club had a birthday cake for Roy Strom. The club buys a birthday cake for anyone reaching their 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Carolanne Mahan had two jokes, followed by Chuck with a quote from Bob Hope.

Then Joe announced a new program of exchanging information between club members on the repair or acquiring hard to find parts. It is not designed to be advertisement for any business. Joe gave an example of A/C repair by Bryant Air Conditioning, followed by Bill Ruedy with the repair of a split rim fire truck tire by Goodyear on Admiral Blvd. David Turner asked if anyone knew a person that repaired 6-volt car horns. There was no advice on horn repair,

The club voted to continue the annual car show with Joe looking at the BA Assembly of God Church as a possible location on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

Dan King has his two cars for sell, a 48 Dodge and 58 Edsel.

The club will have a garage tour on June 18<sup>th</sup>. The garage is the first building off US 75 at the 41<sup>st</sup> Street exit. We will have lunch at Ollies afterwards.

"Coffee and Cars", which is part of Route66Fest will be on June 25. The club will meet at McAlister's (21<sup>st</sup> and Yale) at 8:30 am to caravan across the street to the fairgrounds for the event.

July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> will be the National Meet of the Pontiac and Oakland Car Club at the Hardrock Hotel in Catoosa.

The club's Inda tour is now scheduled July 16<sup>th</sup>.

David Turner thanked the club for its participation in the Jefferson Highway celebration. There were 53 cars in the parade with our club providing 6. Steve Schnitzer was interviewed by the local TV station for his participation. The interview should be available on YouTube sometime in the future.

David announced that the September General Meeting will be pushed back one week to September 11<sup>th</sup> due to Labor Day. The meeting will be at his house in Bartlesville at 5:00 pm. where someone (not him) will cook hamburgers. The Turner's will provide the meat for the hamburgers, with attendees bring covered dishes to complete the menu.

September 24 is the date for "Oldies and Goodies" car show in Dewey, OK. Mark your calendars.

Mike Halley said that he was a member of several car clubs, and that Bill Ruedy's newsletter was the best.

The business meeting was adjourned with Mike Busby giving the program on Route 66, and then the club got to share Roy Strom's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday cake.



# Calendar of Events 2022

## July

- 3** *General Meeting – 2 PM at Joanna Cooper’s Car Emporium*  
12-16 Pontiac-Oakland International Convention – Hard Rock Hotel, Catoosa, OK  
**16** *Drive to Tecumseh, OK to visit the Joe Inda Collection. Gather and leave the QuikTrip near the turnpike gate in Sapulpa, OK at 9:00 am for a 100-mile drive.*  
20-24 Chrysler WPC National Club Meet – Elk City, OK

## August

- 7** *General Meeting – 2 PM at Joanna Cooper’s Car Emporium*  
11-13 Central Fall Nationals – East Moline, IL – Mississippi Valley Region

## September

- 10 We Matter Suicide Awareness Car, Truck & Bike Show – 8:00am - First United Methodist Church of Owasso – 13800 E 106<sup>th</sup> St North - \$20.00 Entry Fee  
11 *General Meeting – 5 PM at David and Betty Turner’s Home in Bartlesville – Dinner Provided*  
10-16 Sentimental Tour (1928-1958) – Gettysburg, PA – Buzzards Breath Region  
18-23 Reliability Tour (1915 and earlier) - Shepherdsville, KY – Kyana Region  
24 Oldies and Goodies Car Show – Dewey, OK \$25.00 Entry Fee  
25-30 Revival AAA Glidden Tour® (1942 and earlier) - Central New Jersey – NJ Region

## October

- 2** *General Meeting – 2 PM at Joanna Cooper’s Car Emporium*  
4-7 Eastern Fall Nationals - Hershey, PA – Hershey Region  
**8** *Car Show – Location TBD*  
**21-22** *Tour to Big Brutus and Fort Scott – David Turner*

## November

- 6** *General Meeting – 2 PM at Joanna Cooper’s Car Emporium*

## December

- 4** *General Meeting – 2 PM at Joanna Cooper’s Car Emporium*

*Tulsa region club events are in red bold italics print.*

### Recurring Events:

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday - Owasso Cruise-In -north side of Main Street

Every Tuesday - Tulsa Cruise-In – Jason’s Deli - 61st & Memorial - 5 pm – 8 PM - (Mar – Oct)

*Note: All events are subject to cancellation due to COVID-19.*



# Car Shows!!!

Members participated in several car shows this last month. On June 11<sup>th</sup>, Steve Schnitzer participated in the Collinsville Hogs 'n' Hot Rods car show with his 1928 Packard. Steve won "Best Pre-1931 Car" at the show.

Steve also attended the Harlan Ford's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show in Okmulgee on June 25<sup>th</sup> where he received 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the show. Steve thought it was one of the best shows he has exhibited at. All auto exhibitors were given a free lunch and drink coupon compliments of the show. They also provided iced down water and beverages continuously for the exhibitors.

Three members participated in the AAA Route 66 Road Fest Cars and Coffee Car Show. Attending were Bob Stratton with his 1946 Chevrolet pickup, Joe Smith with his 1966 Caprice, and Jim Jones with his 1965 Barracuda. Congratulations to Bob Stratton and his 1946 pickup that AAA personnel voted as the "Best Car" at the Cars and Coffee that morning.



*Bob Stratton with his "Best Car" Award at the AAA Route 66 Road Fest Cars and Coffee.*



*Jim Jones's 1965 Barracuda, Bob Stratton's 1946 Chevrolet Pickup, and Joe Smith's 1967 Caprice at the AAA Route 66 Road Fest Cars and Coffee.*



*Steve Schnitzer's 1928 Packard at the Collinsville Hogs and Hot Rods car show.*



*Harlan Ford's Car Show in Okmulgee displaying Steve Schnitzer's 1928 Packard.*





## 107<sup>th</sup> Year of the Jefferson Highway Jefferson Highway Association's "Parade of Cars" Pittsburg, Kansas on June 4, 2022

*by Betty Turner*

Eight members of AACA Tulsa Region drove in the June 4, 2022, 107<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Jefferson Highway parade and tour at Pittsburg, Kansas. Attending were Jim Jones and his 1965 Barracuda; Joe & Joyce Smith with their Dalmatian and their 1937 Cord; Bob & Vada Stratton with their 1947 Chevrolet pickup; Steve & Landon Schnitzer with the 1928 Packard Coupe; and David & Betty Turner with their 1936 Plymouth.

Approximately 70 cars participated in the car parade. All cars lined up by year. Escorted by the police the cars paraded from the oldest to the youngest to many waves by smiling observers. A 1910 Ford Model T, last restored in 1968, was the oldest vehicle in the parade. Oncoming vehicles stopped while other folks stood beside parked cars to watch the historic cars drive by. Nearly everyone was taking pictures of these mobile antiques. The 15-mile parade route took us from the south end of Pittsburg through small towns up to Arma where we made a U-turn and went back partway to have lunch at the Crawford County Historical Museum, where our cars were parked for anyone to come and view.

Steve's beautiful blue Packard roadster seemed to garner the most attention. It seemed that there were always two or more people looking it over. Joe and Joyce's Cord also attracted a lot of attention as many people had never seen anything like it before.

A number of people said, "Thank you for bringing your car so we could see it." We all received compliments for the cars we were driving. We were well taken care of and treated very nicely by everyone, making it a fun day for all.

I lived in Pittsburg for ten years after high school graduation but had not been back for a good drive through town for nearly 50 years – it has grown a lot!

I enjoyed reading some of the tags on either the front or back of different cars. Some read, "Ronstoy", "Poky", "Hobby 1", "OLDFORD". One couple dressed in period clothing for their car which was fun. Ladies, check out her stockings in the picture.



*Couple from Springfield, Missouri that dressed in period clothing posing with their Model A Ford.*



# Jefferson Highway Parade of Cars Pittsburg, Kansas



*A 1910 Ford Model T was the oldest car participating.*



*Turner's 1936 Plymouth and Smith's 1937 Cord.*



*Jim Jones standing by his 1965 Plymouth Barracuda*



*Bob and Vada Stratton in their 1947 Chevrolet pickup.*



*Crowds watching the parade of cars.*



*Line of cars driving in the parade.*



# Jefferson Highway Parade of Cars Pittsburg, Kansas



*Steve Schnitzer's 1928 Packard Coupe*



*Bob and Vada Stratton's 1947 Chevrolet Pickup*



*David and Betty Turner's 1936 Plymouth*



*Jim Jones's 1965 Barracuda*



*Joe and Joyce Smith's 1937 Cord*



*Steve Schnitzer giving interview to KOAM news.*





**July**

**August**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Roy Strom
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Niessen
- 4<sup>th</sup> Lee DeBoer
- 4<sup>th</sup> Jim Strobe
- 20<sup>th</sup> Steven Schnitzer

- 9<sup>th</sup> Mike Halley
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Roberta Niessen
- 24<sup>th</sup> John Wallis



**July**

**August**

- 7<sup>th</sup> Bill and LaVon Ruedy
- 11<sup>th</sup> Melvin and Celinda Burton

- 19<sup>th</sup> Chuck and Carolanne Mahan
- 29<sup>th</sup> Mike and Jane Halley

## Sunshine Report

Please keep Lee DeBoer, Keith Jones, and Teresa Strobe in your thoughts and prayers.

If you know of anyone we should include here, please let us know so we can share with the membership.





## 2022 Tulsa AACA Meeting Cookie Sign Up Sheet

February	Meeting Cancelled			
March	Linda Beeson	918-455-2541	LaVon Ruedy	918-810-3956
April	Betty Turner	918-527-9561	Debbie Harding	918-706-3536
May	Jim Jones	918-485-9606	Pauleta Clawson	918-630-3611
June	Linda Beeson	918-455-2541	Joanna Cooper	918-605-1380
July	Lee DeBoer	918-857-3022	Joe Smith	918-346-9877
August	Keith Jones	918-313-5721	Grant Aldrich	918-230-3991
September	Tom McGahan	901-359-8002	Vada Strattan	918-663-9484
October	Carolanne Mahan	918-631-9393	Laura Judkins	918-629-8053
November	Marjorie Knickerbocker	918-272-2517	Penny Downey	918-438-8220
December	Bill Ruedy	918-407-5826	Steve Schnitzer	918-855-4070

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Thank you to everyone who has signed up to bring cookies to our meetings. If you cannot bring cookies on your month, please contact our Cookie Chairman Debbie Harding at 918-706-3536. Expect a reminder call from Debbie before your month.



*Celebrating Roy Strom's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at our club meeting in June. We enjoyed cake and ice cream after the meeting.*





# National AACA News

## Rummage Box



*by Jeff Broadus - Vice President - Marketing*

## History of Auto Touring Celebrating Women in History

They say behind every good man is a good woman. Did you know the first documented trip in a motorized vehicle was completed by a woman, not a man? Thanks to the absolute confidence of Bertha Benz in her husband and his invention, Karl Benz continued his work regardless of repeated setbacks. On January 29, 1886 his efforts were crowned with success: Karl Benz filed a patent application for his three-wheeled “vehicle powered by a gas engine”.

The world’s first long distance automobile journey, of sixty-two miles, was completed by Bertha Benz (wife of Karl Benz), inventor of the three-wheeled Patent motor car in 1888. The trip had proven the safety of the automobile for travel. Although the automobile was still a novelty in America, Europeans were beginning to venture out in motorized

vehicles. In doing so, they explored and considered several factors that influenced their routes and stops along the way. Important considerations included where fuel was available, what if the car required maintenance or needed repairs or what do to do to resolve something as simple as a flat tire.

Touring today takes into consideration many of the same factors. Today, tour groups around the world must consider, maintenance of vehicles on the tour, fuel, accommodations, meals and entertainment. As early as 1910, several auto clubs had been established in both the United States and Abroad to support and promote these efforts. These clubs worked to improve driving conditions, pass safety laws, map desirable driving routes and, of course promote touring. How can the AACA support your touring efforts? Let us know.





by Randy Beeson

## One Hundred Years Ago

On July 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Intergovernmental Conference on Identity Certificates for Russian Refugees created the Nansen passports for stateless persons. The first general election was held in the Netherlands on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Women were allowed to vote, and Christian parties were the winners.

On July 29<sup>th</sup>, Greek troops defeated Turkish forces and approached Constantinople; however, the Allies forbade them from taking the city. A general strike against fascist violence occurred in Italy on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

In the sporting world, Ty Cobb got five hits in a game on the 17<sup>th</sup> for a record fourth time in a year. U.S. swimmer Johnny Weissmuller was the first to break the one-minute barrier for the 100-meter freestyle, swimming the event in 58.6 seconds on July 19<sup>th</sup>. And on the 31<sup>st</sup>, 18-year-old Ralph Samuelson rode the world's first water skis.

Among the individuals born this month were future U.S. Senators Mark Hatfield, born in Dallas, OR on the 12<sup>th</sup>, and George McGovern, born in Avon, SD on the 19<sup>th</sup>. American singer Kay Starr was born in Dougherty, OK on the 21<sup>st</sup>, while comedian Dan Rowan was born in Beggs, OK the following day. American writer and director Blake Edwards was born in nearby Tulsa, OK on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Actor Jason Robards was born in Chicago, IL, also on the 26<sup>th</sup>, while TV writer and producer Norman Lear was born in New Haven, CT the following day.

In altar news this month, Lord Louis Mountbatten wed Edwina Ashley at St. Margaret's Church in London, UK.

Radio continued its impact with truck-mounted sets replacing the hurdy-gurdy in New York City for the musical enjoyment of passersby. A long-wire antenna extending eight miles from Chatham to South Denton was in service this month at the RCA receiving site on Cape Cod. The antenna improved reception of radio traffic from Europe.

A Philadelphia salvage company was proposing to salvage the wreck of the Lusitania. The plan apparently came to naught as a later 20<sup>th</sup> century attempt saw the British Navy depth charge the wreck leading historians to conclude that the passenger liner was, in fact, carrying war munitions as the German government had claimed in justifying its attack.

The Safety Rim Company in Oskaloosa, IA was marketing a Metal Mud Rim for navigating muddy dirt roads this month. The rim attached to the tire in a fashion similar to that of snow chains, while Stout's Mfg. Co. of Lockport, NY was marketing a combined steering wheel and lock that supposedly couldn't be picked. The wheel also swung to the side to facilitate vehicle entry. Speaking of after-market accessories, a new rear spare tire carrier fitted with a lever to lower or raise a tire and wheel was now available for the ladies. The manufacturer claimed that a tire change could be achieved with a minimum of effort.

Bond Bread Service in Philadelphia was equipping its delivery trucks with wireless radios to improve its delivery service. The trucks were fitted with multi-wire, external roof-mounted antennas for reception while the driver's assistant was equipped with a headset.





# First Car Race

by Bill Ruedy, Editor

The Movie American Graffiti (1973) contains a scene with a drag race between two “souped up” automobiles. The drag race epitomizes the quest for dominance by proving who can create the fastest vehicle. Today there are many different kinds of races.

[The Sports Car Club of America \(SCCA\)](#) contains 28 classes of automobiles that compete in major racing events. Drivers can move to professional status from participating in the Club Racing Events. When and what was the first competition between automobile?

The [first prearranged race](#) between two “self-powered” road vehicles was in the northwest part of England at 4:30 A. M. on August 30, 1867. The road race was a distance of eight miles. The carriage of Isaac Watt Bouldon won the race against Daniel Adamson’s carriage. Both were steam powered. Both carriages violated the “red-flag law” in effect that required the drivers to wave a red flag in front of the vehicle (when in motion) as a safety requirement. Even in the beginning racers were ignoring local regulations.

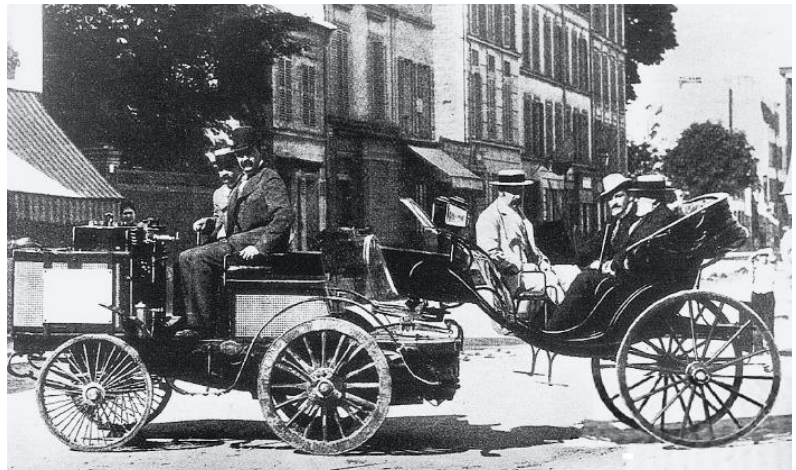
Internal combustion auto racing began soon after with the first contest on April 28, 1887. The contest was sponsored by the Paris publication *Le Vélocipède* and was 2 kilometers (1.2 mi) long. George Bouton of the De Dion-Boulton Company was the winner. However, since there was only one competitor (Bouton) it was not much of a race.

Another solo event occurred in 1891 when Auguste Doriot and Louis Rigoulot of Peugeot drove their Type 3 Gas fueled Quadricycle in

the France bicycle race from Paris to Brest and back to Paris. The winning bicyclist was already back in Paris when the Quadricycle reached Brest (midway point). The distance of 1200 km had never been achieved by a motorized vehicle.

Early automobile contests were attempting to show that motorized vehicles were reliable enough to be driven long distances. Other contests followed with the goal of creating publicity to prove the reliability and performance of the motor vehicles.

The first event to be considered a [“motor race”](#) was held in 1894. The city-to-city race was organized by the newspaper *Le Petit Journal* and ran from Paris to Rouen, France on July 22, 1894.



*Count Albert de Dion with steam tractor in 1894 Paris to Rouen France race*

The four days before the race were dedicated to vehicle exhibition and qualifying events that created large crowds and excitement. A ten Franc entrance fee was charged for each vehicle. Prize money was awarded (in gold francs) for first through fifth places:





1<sup>st</sup> – 5,000 gold francs

2<sup>nd</sup> – 2,000 gold francs

3<sup>rd</sup> – 1,500 gold francs

4<sup>th</sup> – 1,000 gold francs

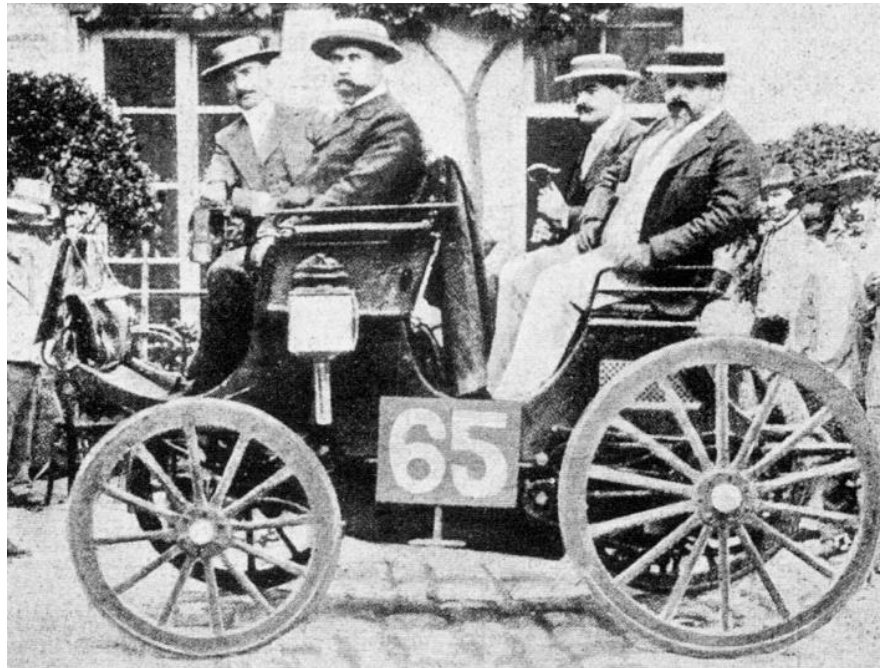
5<sup>th</sup> - 500 gold francs.

There were 103 contestants that paid the entrance fee.

Vehicles using many different technologies were allowed to enter. There were nine “gravity” powered, five “compressed air”, three “automatic”, three “electricity”, two “hydraulic”, nineteen “gasoline”, twenty-six “steam-powered” and others (listed as liquid, pedals, propellers and lever powered) vehicles.

All vehicles had to qualify for the main event by completing a qualifying event in under three hours. Each qualifying event included steam and gasoline powered cars with different seating capacity. The qualifying events were carefully selected promotional events for the main race.

The main event contained 21 qualified vehicles. The race stopped for lunch then continued to Rouen (the destination). The first driver Count de Dion arrived in Rouen after 6 hours 48 minutes with an average speed of 19 km/h (12 mph). Count Dion was disqualified because his steam vehicle required a “stoker” and was ineligible to win. The Second driver was Albert Lemaître (Puegeot). Albert’s gasoline vehicle finished 3 minutes 30 seconds behind the first steam car. First prize was awarded for “the competitor whose car comes closest to the ideal”. It (5,000 franc) was shared equally between ‘Les fils de Peugeot Frères’(Albert lemaître driver) and ‘Panhard et Levassor’ (Hippolyte Panhard).



*Albert Lemaître (Peugeot 3hp) first place in 1894 Paris Rouen race*

The first race in the United States was on November 28, 1895 (Thanksgiving Day). The race sponsored by Chicago Times-Herald was 52.4 miles. Six cars started the race. There were only two cars that completed the course. The winner of the race was Frank Duryea driving the car he and his brother designed. The 52.4-mile race took 10 hours and 23 minutes. The AACA club logo was created in 1939 using the Duryea automobile as an example.



*Frank Duryea and Authur W. White  
1895 Chicago Times-Herald Race  
©Detroit Public Library*

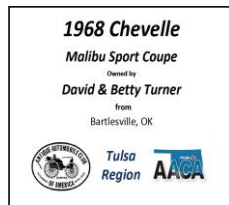
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Our club newsletter, **Runningboard Ramblings**, is only as good as you make it. We want to hear from you! We are always looking to feature articles from Tulsa Region members about your personal accounts of tours and shows you have attended, restoration 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 Bill Ruedy at: [ruedy@valornet.com](mailto:ruedy@valornet.com)

## 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 [drenrut61@gmail.com](mailto:drenrut61@gmail.com) 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. Let's put our best foot forward for all our public events.



The cost is \$65.00 plus \$5.53 tax equals \$70.53. The supplier is A&B Identity and to keep it simple they would prefer that all the orders come through Keith Jones. Please contact Keith Jones with your order. Lead time is about two weeks.



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