*Turnercar Version 3*

***The Turnercar***  
***My Second Car (My First was a Pedal Car)***  
**By David Turner**

I think I was about five or six when my father decided to build my brother and me a small car to drive around the block on the sidewalk. It was a simple car at first with a 2" x 2" wooden frame, a plywood seat and a simple barrel shaped hood covered with a sheet of aluminum. It did have kingpins and a tie rod for a steering mechanism with a simple shaft for a steering column with a wheel and tire off a training bicycle for a steering wheel. Window sash cord was wrapped around the column and the ends fastened to the tie rod for steering. This arrangement worked quite well for the nearly nine-year life of the car.

*Turnercar Version 2 - David driving*

Power first came from a Maytag washing machine engine. Maytags were two cycle engines with a small gas tank. Being two cycle meant you always had to mix oil in the gasoline when filling the tank. All Maytags came with a

one quart measuring pitcher with a line embossed on it for adding the proper amount of oil before filling the pitcher with gasoline. The car was somewhat underpowered and somewhat noisy with this engine. My father soon replaced it with a ¾ horsepower Briggs and Stratton engine. It had a bit more power, but it also had a throttle! We attached the throttle cable to the side of the seat so that we had a hand operated rather than a foot operated throttle.

Power was always transmitted from the engine to a jackshaft and from the jackshaft to both rear wheels with pulleys and v-belts. The belt from the engine to the jackshaft utilized a tensioner pulley connected to a foot pedal that became the de facto clutch.



*All my cousins & my dad making smoke*

My brother, who was nearly six years older, did not drive this car as much as I did. However, he was likely sixth grade when it was first finished and soon had his sights on something bigger. He bought a Model A Ford Coupe when he was just fourteen, so the small car did not hold his fascination for very long! I, on the other hand, enjoyed driving that little car around and around the block for many years. After a few years, my father thought we needed to make it look more like the Indianapolis race cars of the day.

Dad transformed the little car into a neat looking racer with a few straightforward changes that really made a huge difference in its appearance. The aluminum came off the front and the “hood was reconstructed to extend it in both directions

while tapering it a bit to the front. The extended nose now contained a small vertical bar grill my father made from left over trim from the 36 Plymouth we had recently salvaged. (That is a whole other story!) The extended rear of the hood gave more of a cockpit feel to the single passenger compartment. The rear engine compartment was enclosed with a boat-tailed enclosure made of very narrow wooden strips which were tapered to provide the proper shape. The rear compartment was built in two halves with the top half being hinged for access to the engine. More body meant more weight. More weight meant more engine. We now installed a two horsepower Clinton engine that I really loved. It had a dipstick to check the oil level, just like the big cars!

For most of the years I drove that little car, it stayed on the sidewalk and never ventured into the street. One afternoon I turned to wave at Mrs. Blazer at the end of our block and promptly ran the car into an elm tree. I was not hurt and nor was the car, but my ego was severely bruised.

As I got older and bolder, I started riding the car in the street, next to the gutter, but I did not venture across the intersection at any of the four corners of the square block.

One feature the car lacked was a little thing called brakes. To stop, I throttled it down to slow it and then applied shoe leather to the street surface. Somewhat effective, but quite slow to stop. Thus, when I geared it up one afternoon with a change in pulleys on the jack shaft to make it go faster, I overlooked the fact that it would be harder to stop. Never-the-less, I ventured several blocks from the house to get a head of steam and had a fast but scary drive. I parked it and went inside. Soon I heard the doorbell ring. When I looked out, I saw a police car in front of the house and heard my mother call me to the door. Sure, I was about to be arrested, I slunk to the door and saw the Chief of Police. Seems he wanted to build a similar car for his son Harold and just wanted to look it over. At least that was what they told me.





# President's Notes

by Steve Schnitzer, President

Dear Fellow Auto Enthusiasts,

As I write this note, we count-down to Tulsa Region's largest self-styled show event of the year: the Saturday May 6 all-marquee AACA car show at Smitty's Garage in Owasso. This event, by plan, will have occurred by the time we convene the May general meeting a day later (rain date one week following) so take heed of Joe Smith's bulletin which Bill Ruedy is dispatching under separate cover – it contains all details of the event. Feel free to print-off copies to post at church, the Post Office, Lions Club, or wherever else travels take you meantime.

Our show will be an 'open event' in that we are inviting general public auto participation. The Board has approved Smitty's gift cards for people's-choice winners in five categories. Smitty's has a corporate program which compensates clubs for successful shows on their premises, so please make every effort to populate this event with your own "rolling-art" and **let's blow 'em away!**

The next day in general meeting at Joanna's we review subsequent activities including Claremore Tin Lizzies at the Will Rogers Museum on May 20, and Heart of Rt. 66 Museum visit in July. The museum visit includes catered dinner (thank you Board!) and optional co-joined auto rally headed up by Mike Halley (details following.)

Special guest Ron Watkins, chairman of the AAA Rt. 66 Road Fest, will be present at our meeting to pass along cogent information about their big June event at SageNet Center on the fairgrounds. General meeting once concluded, we look forward to Joe Smith's May presentation on a "mystery auto museum" in Nebraska. Think you know which one? I think I do . . .

Thanks to those exhibiting at the Tulsa Auto Dealers' New Car Show this last month at the Expo. We had a dozen fine examples of our rolling art present, and the exhibit received great acclaim from the public (-people are definitely coming back out again, post-Covid). AACA Tulsa Region took 4 or 5 new applications that weekend, and I personally had any number of attendees ask if they could pose with one of our vehicles.

Speaking of, *we rapidly approach our goal of 20 new (fee-free) applications*, so if you have a friend or associate interested in joining, better expedite their paperwork . . .

See you 10a.m. Saturday morning May 6, Smitty's Garage in Owasso!

Steve





**Tulsa Region AACA  
General Meeting Minutes  
April 2, 2023  
Joanna Cooper's Car Emporium**

*by Joe Smith, Secretary/Treasurer*

Steve Schnitzer called the meeting to order at 2:15pm.

Steve led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim Jones introduced Tim Dyer, a guest and new member.

Steve introduced Myers and Eva Marie Campbell (Boston Ave Church Associate Minister for 31 years) and son Dallas Campbell who joined our club.

New members Mary Parks & Evan Siegal were introduced.

Guest Ty Young with Maple Brothers Auction – formally Leake Auction was introduced.

Minutes read for March Meeting by Bill Ruedy.

Bill Ruedy gave the Treasurer's Report for March of \$9225.66.

Jokes were provided by Carol Anne Mahan, Chuck Mahan, Mike Halley, and Steve Schnitzer.

Car Problems that need help or problem that was fixed. Mike Halley presented a problem with drum brakes he had and how to use brute force to fix it.

Ladies Luncheon hosted by Linda Beeson 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at Egg it On Restaurant.

Mens Luncheon every Wednesday 12:30 at Mom's Restaurant in Owasso.

Steve presented the Calendar of Events.

Bill Ruedy mentioned the club will meet on April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Sand Springs QuikTrip, 2 E 41<sup>st</sup>, leaving at 9:45am to visit the Bruce Ricks Auto Collection.

Keith Jones talked about the Tulsa Auto Show, Keith accepted members names for the car show. Amy Baker- 57 Nash, Clyde Harding 57 chevy, Richard and Lina Holmes – 60' corvette, Walt Knickerbocker Edsel, Jim and Teresa Strode - Lincoln, Bill and LaVon Ruedy 13' Model T, Keith Jones- Model T, Mike Halley, Bob Stratton- Pickup, Steve Schnitzer will bring 2 cars. Enter west door of Expo Square 9:30-10:00am on Wednesday April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Steve mentioned Sapulpa TeePee Drive-in Grand Opening celebration Car Show on April 15 1-5pm.

Mike Halley mentioned the Kansas Trail Ride with the Alfa Romeo club on a tour to McPherson, Kansas with drive through the Flint Hills on April 21-22. The hotel with special rates is booked up but others are available. There is no signup deadline for the tour. Mike said if anyone is interested, he may rent an Alfa Romeo. Contact Mike Halley for more details.

Richard Holmes talked about the club summer museum visit. The club is welcome to come most any time. The group rate for admission is \$5.50. Richard and Lina will be there to give tours and discuss the proposed 7000 sq ft expansion of the museum. The museum is fund raising and finalizing plans for the expansion.



Mike Halley said he is planning a rally to start at the Cyrus Avery Route 66 Plaza parking lot on top of Crybaby hill. The rally would end at Route of 66 Auto Museum after about a 60-mile trip. Mike asked for input on type of rally and settled on an Average Joe Rally format.

David Turner said he had no updates yet on the September tour hosted in Pauls Valley, OK.

Bob Stratton had no update on Little Lighthouse car show in the Fall.

Mike Halley had no update for the Veterans Day Parade event.

Johanna Cooper talked about the AACA September Regional tour in San Diego, and invited all to attend.

Steve talked about the “New Member initiative” for this year. Joanna Cooper Suggested the club provide a pin for existing members that bring a new member into the club. Steve said the pin would be an item on the next board meeting agenda.

Debbie Harding mentioned she needs more people to sign up for cookie duty for future meetings.

Bill Ruedy mentioned Tin Lizzies and Classics Will Rogers Museum car show. Bill asked for a show of hands for meeting at Buddy’s Grill at 11am for lunch, then caravanning together to the museum car show from 1-3pm. Four people raised their hands (Jim Jones, Clyde and Debbie Harding, Steve Schnitzer and David Turner)

Steve discussed future meeting programs. Need June, September and December. Ted Gose volunteered for June with subject to be announced in the future.

Steve Schnitzer asked Trivia Questions about the RunningBoard Ramblings newsletter, He offered \$20 to anyone who could answer. There was no winner for the first question about David Turners’ article. The second question about automotive headlamps was half answered by Ted Grose.

Meeting was Adjourned at 2:59pm.

The program for this month was Autonomous Vehicles presented by David Craig.

Submitted by Bill Ruedy for Joe Smith.

## Links to car sites:

[Tulsa Region AACA](#)

[Tulsa Region AACA Facebook](#)

[National AACA](#)

[Model A Club of Tulsa](#)

[Model T Ford Club of Tulsa Facebook](#)

[Early Ford V-8 Club Tulsa](#)

[Corvette Club Tulsa](#)

[Tulsa Classic Thunderbird Club of Tulsa Facebook](#)

[Route 66 Cruisers Car Club Claremore](#)

[Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum](#)

[Oldies 'n Goodies Car Club | Bartlesville OK | Facebook](#)

[Green Country Corvair Group](#)





# 2023 Calendar of Events

## Recurring Events:

- Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday – Ladies Only Luncheon – 11:30am at “Egg It On” in Broken Arrow
- Every Wednesday – Men’s Luncheon – 12:30pm at Mom’s Diner – 11691 N Garnett in Collinsville
- Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each Month April 15<sup>th</sup> – October 1-3pm – [Tin Lizzies and Classics Car Show](#) at Will Rogers Memorial Museum in Claremore – Free Admission, People’s Choice Awards.
- Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday - Owasso Cruise-In – at Owasso High School
- Every Tuesday - [Tulsa Tuesday Cruise](#) - 4pm – 7:30pm - (Mar 14 – Oct) McAlister’s Deli – 91<sup>st</sup> & Memorial

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

## May

- 6** *Tulsa Region AACA Sponsored Car show At Smitty’s Garage in Owasso  
Rain Date – May 13*
- 7** *General Meeting – 2PM at Joanna Cooper’s Car Emporium*
- 20** *Tin Lizzies and Classics – Will Roger Memorial Museum in Claremore 1-3pm  
Lunch at 11:00am at Buddy’s Grill, then caravanning together to the museum.*
- 18-20 Eastern Spring Nationals, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania – Gettysburg Region

## June

- 4** *General Meeting – 2PM at Joanna Cooper’s Car Emporium*
- 10 The 2023 Euro Motor Extravaganza – Case Park, Sand Springs
- 10 The Hogs ‘N’ Hot Rods Car Show Collinsville, OK
- 23-25 [AAA Route 66 Road Fest](#) – Tulsa Expo Center
- 25-28 Eastern Divisional Tour, Denver, Pennsylvania – AACA Library hosting

## July

- 2** *General Meeting – 2PM at Joanna Cooper’s Car Emporium*
- 8 [All-Mercury Invitational Car Show](#) – Tulsa Expo Center
- 8 [Route 66 PatriotFest](#) - 3770 Southwest Blvd, West Tulsa, OK, 9:00am
- 6-8 Central Spring Nationals, Auburn, Indiana – Crossroads of America Region
- 16-22 Founders Tour (1932-1998) Ontario, Canada – Ontario Region
- 26-29 Special Eastern Spring Nationals Norwich, New York – The Rolling Antiquers Region
- TBA** *AACA Tulsa Region Rally and Event at Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum in Sapulpa OK. Rally will begin at the Cyrus Avery Plaza parking area at 2:00pm and will end at the museum about 4:00pm.*



## August

- 6** *General Meeting – 2PM at Joanna Cooper’s Car Emporium*
- 10-12 Grand Nationals, Bettendorf, Iowa – Mississippi Valley Region
- 16-19 Vintage Tour (1931 and earlier) – Aroostook County, Maine – Maine Region
- TBA [Wings Wheels & Wishes](#) – Collinsville Airport
- TBA Owasso VFW Car Show

## September

- 9 [Sapulpa Route 66 Blow-out](#)
- 10** *General Meeting – 2PM at Joanna Cooper’s Car Emporium*
- 14-16 Special Central Divisional Tour (Up to 1998) Piqua, Ohio – Southern Ohio Chapter
- 16 [Oldies ‘n Goodies Car Show](#) in Dewey OK
- 21-23** *Club (Model T friendly) tour headquartered in Pauls Valley*
- 25-29 Western Divisional Tour (Up to 1998) Santa Barbara, California
- 30-Oct 1 Great Plains Corvair Roundup – Territorial Inn, 2323 Territorial Trail, Guthrie, OK

## October

- 1** *General Meeting – 2PM at Joanna Cooper’s Car Emporium*
- 3-6 Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, Pennsylvania – Hershey Region
- 21 Robbers Cave Car Show
- 22-27 Revival AAA Glidden Tour (Pre-1943) Thomasville, Georgia – VMCCA hosted
- TBA [Little Lighthouse](#) Car show

## November

- 5** *General Meeting – 2PM at Joanna Cooper’s Car Emporium*
- 11** *Veterans Day Parade – 11:00am – Organized by Mike Halley*
- TBA** *Veteran’s Day Tour to Hallett Motor Racing Circuit – Organized by Mike Halley*

## December

- 3** *General Meeting – 2PM at Joanna Cooper’s Car Emporium*
- TBA** *ACA Tulsa Region Christmas Party*



# Bruce Rick's Car Collection

## April 8, 2023



*Dash of 1966 Chevrolet Caprice belonging to Joe Smith.*

Mike Halley snapped these pictures from the visit to Bruce Rick's car collection near Prattville. Mike hitched a ride with Joe Smith in his 1966 Chevrolet Caprice.



*Dodge Tailgate that was turned into a bench outside Joe Smith's barn at his home.*



*Cars on display with Bruce Rick's collection.*



*1960 Fiat Jolly*



*Oldsmobile on display with Bruce Rick's collection.*



*Ronald McDonald Display*



*Corvette and Ram Truck*



*Bumper Car and display shelves.*







# Tulsa Auto Show April 14-16, 2023

*by Joe Smith, Secretary/Treasurer*

Cars on display by members:

- 1913 Model T – Bill & LaVon Ruedy
- 1924 Model T – Jim & Teresa Strode
- 1927 Model T – Keith Jones
- 1936 Ford – Steve Schnitzer
- 1936 Lincoln – Steve Schnitzer
- 1946 Chevrolet – Bob & Vada Strattan
- 1948 Plymouth – Bill Kenny
- 1957 Chevrolet – Clyde & Debbie Harding
- 1958 Edsel – Walt & Marge Knickerbocker
- 1960 Corvette – Richard & Lina Holmes
- 1965 Corvette – Elbert Polk
- 1967 MGB – Basil McLaren

Anyone remember when our Tulsa Region began participating in this annual event? They use to fill the entire lower east end with car club cars and there was a competition for the best club display. In 1996 Walt Knickerbocker, Ron Hardage and I built a 1920's style gas station for our display. Mike Phillips supplied signage and gas pumps. I do not recall us winning, but we sure tried.

In 2017 they wanted a selection of 1917 automobiles to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this event. I was given the task and found zero 1917's. I changed their idea to a dozen cars as close to 1917 as we could get. I borrowed Scot Phillips 1905 CADILLAC from the Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum and took my 1927's and a 1937, four cars. On Sunday night I was hauling cars till midnight. I do not recommend wrestling more than one car. Hats off to Steve Schnitzer this year for taking two.

A great display with a 1936 Ford sitting beside a 1936 Lincoln.

In 2018 they wanted a car from every brand instead of clubs, I was one of four to find them. That was a challenge.

They came up with this drive-in theatre concept with selected car clubs having twelve cars looking toward the movie screen. Last time the movie was CARS, this time the OUTSIDERS.

This year the car clubs honored to participate was AACA Tulsa Region, Thunderbird Club, Mustang Club, Corvette Club, Corvair Club, Kit Car Club and Military vehicle collectors club.

They had a 1958 CHRYSLER SARATOGA on display that was in the movie OUTSIDERS. I could not recall it in the movie. At the moment I was going to photograph the car I looked at the movie screen and the car was in the movie at that moment. It was in the Dairy Queen scene. The Dairy Queen in the movie was located at 3242 North Peoria Avenue, it is gone and an appliance store is there today. Those that lived in Tulsa prior to 1988 recall there used to be many Dairy Queen's in the area and they all closed by 1988. A new location was opened in Broken Arrow about 12 years ago.

Thanks to all our members that participated and all those members that came to the show to visit.



## AACA member cars featured at the Tulsa Auto Show – April 14-16, 2023



*Tulsa AACA advertisement*



*Display by Steve Schnitzer contrasting a 1936 Ford vs a 1936 Lincoln.*



*1936 Lincoln - Steve Schnitzer*



*1936 Ford - Steve Schnitzer*



*1948 Plymouth – Bill Kenny*



*1957 Chevrolet – Clyde & Debbie Harding*



**AACA member cars featured at the Tulsa Auto Show  
April 14-16, 2023**



*1946 Chevrolet – Bob & Vada Strattan*



*1960 Corvette – Richard & Lina Holmes*



*1913 Model T – Bill & LaVon Ruedy*



*1924 Model T – Jim & Teresa Strode*



*1967 MGB – Basil McLaren*



*1958 Edsel – Walt & Marge Knickerbocker*



*1965 Corvette – Elbert Polk*



*1927 Model T – Keith Jones*





by Tom McGahan

## 1922 Cadillac Brought Back to Life

Last Summer, the Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum celebrated the 100th anniversary of our 1922 Packard by offering rides to the public. For a small donation, folks could ride in the historic Packard. The promotion was a success and at the end of the season, there was a waiting list for those wanting to ride in a 100-year-old automobile.

The owner of the Packard, Robert Parker, also owns a 1922 Cadillac. This car was offered to the Museum to alleviate the demand for classic rides but there was one small catch. The Cadillac hadn't run in 8 years. Needless to say, that small detail wasn't going to stop museum volunteers from moving forward with a rehabilitation plan.

The Cadillac was retrieved from its resting place at Mr. Parker's home and gently loaded into Bill Kenny's enclosed trailer. The auto was transported to Bill's shop near the museum. Elbert Polk, Mitch Rhyne and Tom McGahan helped with the transport. This group of volunteers went to work immediately. The fuel tank was drained and the fuel lines were flushed. Fuel filters were installed and the electric fuel pump was rewired and tested. Cylinders were oiled, plugs cleaned and a new 6-volt battery was overnighed and installed. The motor would turn over but would not start.

The carburetor and air intake system were something completely unknown to the museum



staff. It was decided to call in the experts for some additional help. AACA members, Keith Jones, Grant Aldrich and Colby Kasingdr arrived the next morning to assess the situation. After some serious head scratching, the AACA guys removed the carb and performed a rebuild. The fuel priming system was figured out. Linkages were defined and everything was reassembled. With fingers crossed and some slight tapping to unstick a stuck float in the carb, the engine roared to life. After a warm-up, the Cadillac went for a short shakedown drive around the property. Purrs like a kitten.....

The Heart of Route 66 Museum would like to thank the crew from the AACA for helping us revive this 101-year-old antique. Was a real pleasure working with these guys and we learned quite a lot about this wonderful Cadillac.







**May**

- 6 Grant Aldrich
- 7 Richard Holmes
- 10 Walter Knickerbocker
- 22 Cherry Hardie
- 29 Beverly Craig
- 31 Clyde Harding

**June**

- 4 Eva Marie Campbell
- 4 Ted Gose
- 12 Linda Beeson
- 22 Ron Scott



**May**

- 10 Derek and Penny Downey
- 22 Joe and Joyce Smith

**June**

- 2 Ted and Jan Gose
- 2 Jim and Janice Jones
- 15 Ed and Jackie Fogle
- 21 Phil and Laura Judkins

## Sunshine Report

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



# 2023 Tulsa AACA Meeting Cookie Sign Up Sheet

May 2023	Tom McGahan	901-359-8002	Carolanne Mahan	918-492-0055
June 2023	Ted Gose	901-267-2572	Vada Stratton	918-663-9484
July 2023	Betty Turner	918-527-9561	Grant Aldrich	918-230-3991
August 2023	Lee DeBoer	918-857-3022	Clyde Harding	918-693-7450
September 2023	Cherry Hardie	918-809-8814		
October 2023	Vada Strattan	918-663-9484		
November 2023	Marjorie Knickerbocker	918-272-2517	Penny Downey	918-438-8220
December 2023	Steve Schnitzer	918-855-4070	Bill Ruedy	918-407-5826

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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.



*David Craig presented information about autonomous vehicles at our April meeting and brought a Cadillac and showed us the safety and driver-assist features of the car.*





## **National AACA News**

### **Rummage Box - Winter 2023**

## **NEW AACA Members**

*by Mel Carson – Vice President - Legislation*

The Antique Automobile Club of America needs members – your help is essential!

Challenge your Region and Chapter Members to find those interested in enjoying family participation with antique vehicles and preserving automotive history.

Often, we see an antique vehicle being driven to the grocery store, the gas station, or just out for a ride. Sometimes we can catch up with the driver and admire their vehicle and strike up a conversation about the car. You can invite them to visit a Region or Chapter meeting and let them know about the benefits of joining AACA.

The key part of this discussion is - the Antique Automobile Club of America needs members – now more than ever! We believe there are a large number of folks who are interested in the automotive hobby but don't belong to AACA. The general belief is that it is more difficult than ever to bring folks into AACA because many folks don't readily join organizations. My thinking is that a personal conversation is the best way to introduce new members to AACA. Folks like to know others with collector vehicles and be able to get together to kick tires and talk about repairs and restoration.

Every Region and Chapter Member can find a prospective AACA member – talk with them, and they will want to join you with the fun of AACA!





by Randy Beeson

# One Hundred Years Ago

Inviting Nazis from as far away as Nuremburg to participate in the violence, Adolf Hitler and Ernst Rohm attempted to break up a socialist May Day celebration on May 1<sup>st</sup>. On May 19<sup>th</sup>, the German Communist Party (KPD) revolted in the Ruhr cities still occupied by the Allies.

Elsewhere in international affairs, Stanley Baldwin succeeded Andrew Bonar Law as British Prime Minister on the 24<sup>th</sup>. The following day Britain recognized Transjordan with Abdullah as its leader. The Socialist Workers Youth International formed in Hamburg on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Finally, China and the U.S.S.R. exchanged diplomats on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

It was a great month for sports. Washington Senators pitcher Walter Johnson pitched his 100<sup>th</sup> shutout, beating the Yanks 3-0 on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Phillies 20-14 win over St. Louis on the 11<sup>th</sup> saw 10 home runs scored.

In horse racing, Benny Marinelli aboard Vigil won the 48<sup>th</sup> Preakness in 1:53.6 on May 12<sup>th</sup>, while Earl Sande aboard Zev won the Kentucky Derby on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

The inaugural 24-hour LeMans auto race was won by André Lagache and René Léonard on May 26<sup>th</sup>. The 1921 Indianapolis 500 winner, Tommy Milton, won the 1923 event on the 30<sup>th</sup>, making him the first multiple 500 event winner.

The first non-stop U.S. transcontinental flight (New York City to San Diego) was completed on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Belgium's Sabena Airlines began operations on May 23.

In other news, the Pulitzer Prize was awarded to Willa Cather on the 13<sup>th</sup> for 'One of Ours'.

And the U.S. Attorney General declared it legal on May 28<sup>th</sup> for women to wear trousers anywhere they chose.

Birthdays this month included: Joseph Heller, author of *Catch 22*, born in Brooklyn, NY on May 1<sup>st</sup>; actress Ann Baxter (*All About Eve*), born in Michigan City, IN on the 7<sup>th</sup>; future Senator Pete Domenici, born in Albuquerque, NM the same day; football coach Ara Parseghian, born in Akron, OH on the 21<sup>st</sup>; actor James Arness (*Gunsmoke*), born in Minneapolis, MN on the 26<sup>th</sup>; former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, born in Fürth, Bavaria, Germany on the 27<sup>th</sup>; and Prince Rainier III, born in Monaco on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

Actress Marlene Dietrich wed assistant director Rudolf Sieber in Berlin on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Bishop-Babcock Company of Cleveland had just announced development of a new device installed between the engine block and the radiator that reduced the time required for engine warmup. This valve prevented water from going to the radiator until it had reached a certain temperature. Today, we call that valve a thermostat. A second new automotive invention this month was the floor-mounted headlight dimmer switch.

The Tonneau Shield Company of New York City was now manufacturing a three-piece after-market windshield for open-car rear seat passengers. The unit attached to the back of the front seat. The two side frames were adjustable to any angle and curtains were provided on the lower edges of the frames.







by David Turner

# Unusual Old Automobiles

## 1904 Holley

If the name of this automobile sounds familiar, it should. 1904 was the last year of production of automobiles for Holley before it was decided to focus solely on their new carburetor business! I haven't seen any production numbers on the Holley but a few of them still exist.

This particular one is owned and was restored by our friends Les and Vicki Anderson who own their own automobile restoration business.



1904 Holley

The car has a 5hp water cooled single cylinder engine mounted in the front under a French styled hood.



The Holley one-cylinder engine



Notice how low the radiator is mounted!

I photographed this automobile at Mason City, Iowa in 2013. How would you like to polish all that brass and copper!





by Bill Ruedy, Editor

# Automotive Turn Signals and Brake Lights

This month's article is inspired by the shakedown trips I recently took in my 1913 Ford Model T. I live in a busy area with the highest traffic level of any streets and intersections in Tulsa. One thing I am always concerned with is how drivers in modern vehicles will react to my slow and cautious trips in my 110-year-old vehicle. The modern younger drivers have likely never seen hand signals used to indicate directions. Luckily my wife LaVon researched and found some signaling lights (designed for bicycle use) that could be modified to easily use on my "T". Anything that can help make the driving experience safer is greatly appreciated.

When did turn signals originate on antique automobiles? My 1913 Model T has only a kerosene tail light. The kerosene flame had to shine through a red lens, probably not providing a lot of visibility for vehicles behind it. Hand signals are problematic at night.

The first turn signals are attributed to a silent film star. [Florence Lawrence](#) was credited to be the "first movie star". She appeared in her first motion picture film in 1906. She appeared in more than 38 films during her career. As an automobile driver, she was frustrated by not knowing when the automobiles in front of her slowed to turn or stop.

She invented [turn signals](#) which were mechanical flaps extending from either side of the vehicle. Later she invented a mechanical flap on the rear of the vehicle activated by depressing the brake pedal. Florence never patented the invention and said they were for the good of all mankind. Her inventions were quickly patented by others.



Florence Lawrence

[Electric tail lights](#) and brake lights were introduced around 1915. Modern flashing turn signals were [patented](#) in 1938 by Joseph Bell of Cincinnati Ohio. Self-cancelling turn signals were developed in 1940.

The color of [lights on vehicles](#) was standardized in 1949 by various conventions across the world. With a few exceptions, lights facing rearward must emit red light. Side facing lights and all turn signals must emit amber light. Lights facing forward must emit white or selective yellow light. No other colors are permitted except on emergency vehicles.



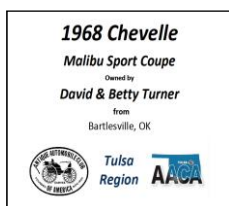
## Share Your Story!

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 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.



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## 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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