

A Message from Steve Schnitzer



President's Notes

Dear Folks,

Most of the time the person writing this December letter would be concluding activities by saying something like "it's been a great year", "it's been a fast year", "a good year:", or "where did time go?" I never wish to convey ingratitude - life itself is a blessing, but it is rather hard coming across too lavishing about 2020 and still sounding genuine. Most people are likely about ready to be done with it and turn the page.

For me as serving president this year, things began with the usual warm and inspiring installation banquet. We conducted well-attended general meetings in January, February, and March before the lights went out and curtains came down on ability to carry on Club activities. We did have several interesting events even so, like Joe Smith's trip over to Cushing to visit a little-acclaimed but top shelf classic restoration shop. We postponed the Region Tour this fall to 2021 but the revised contract has just been signed. The annual Route 66 Museum show was cancelled. A handful of members ran their classics in the annual Veteran's Day Parade, downtown Tulsa and we drew plaudits from Channel 8 which televised the event. A "brown bag" tour, originally proposed for this fall is now pushed forward to next spring. Some of our members may run autos in the seasonal Christmas and Parade of Light events, if they in fact play out.

I would like to thank David Turner-vice president, Chuck Mahan-treasurer/recorder, Dan King-RBR editor, and Clyde and Debbie Harding for their service on the region board this year. Club business goes on whether we convene general meetings and activities or not, and the board met five or six times as such. As always annual thank-yous go to Joanna Cooper providing her auto emporium for monthly general meetings, Jerry Shrader for affording his classics garage for installation banquets, and to Richard Holmes and Joe Smith for granting us the usual fine accommodation (and trappings) at the Rt. 66 Museum for board meetings!

We hope you had a hearty Thanksgiving in these straightened, if not reduced times. As well, we wish all a joyous and merry Christmas season. Remember those we lost this year and pray blessings for members on the sunshine report.

Thank you for permitting me opportunity of serving as Tulsa Region President for 2020.

Happy Motoring,
Steve Schnitzer, President



Minutes of the AACA General Meeting October 4th, 2020

At Steven Schnitzer's Car Emporium

[note: There was no General Meeting in November. The minutes from the October meeting are included for convenience]

The October General meeting of the Tulsa Region Antique Automobile club was called to order by Steve Schnitzer at his home at 2:13 pm. There were 31 people attending.

Steve led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Steve announced that he had a guest, Jim Bush.

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

The meeting was then turned over to David Turner to facilitate the election of new Board Directors; David paraphrased the club charter announcing the three Board members needed to be elected. From the current Board all three of the retiring Directors had agreed to run for reelection. David then opened the election for nominations from the floor. Being none, David asked for the close of nominations and that all of the current Directors be elected by voice vote. All three of the Directors were elected.

Steve reminded the club members to renew their National membership with the mailer that was provided with the last month's National magazine. Chuck announced that he was willing to receive \$20 checks from club members for local membership.

Joe Smith gave an update of activity of the Heart of Route 66 Museum. He said that this year because of the virus, most of the visitors were from the U.S. In the past 75% were foreign.

David Turner gave an update on the rescheduling of the Divisional Tour for 2021, announcing that we had lost Gilcrease Museum due to their remodeling, but other events can be rescheduled. The final day would be dedicated to Route 66.

Steve read a letter from the National President thanking the club for its effort in planning the cancelled 2020 Division Tour and encouraged its rescheduling. In the letter the National President also complimented the club's newsletter. Steve also complimented Dan King, editor, on the quality of the newsletter.

Dan announced he would send an e-mail bulletin to everyone informing everyone how to find old copies of our newsletters along with all other regional newsletters.

Following an accident he had, Walt Knickerbocker described how important it was to get airbags repaired.

Phil Judkins said that the annual Veteran's parade is scheduled for November 11th, but that the details probably wouldn't be available until November 1st.

David suggested that the club participate in a Brown Bag Tour which could be held on a workday or a weekend. The Mohawk Park and Tulsa Zoo were suggested as possible sites. Bob Strattan won the 50/50 drawing. The meeting was closed at 3:00 pm with viewing of Steve Schnitzer's cars and a challenge to determine which vehicle was modified. An after meeting meeting of the Board of Directors elected the 2021 Officers:

David Turner – President

Debbie Harding – Vice President

Chuck Mahan – Secretary/Treasurer

Respectfully Submitted,

Chuck Mahan

AACA Tulsa Region Secretary

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Sunshine Report

Joanna Cooper is recovering in her Broken Arrow Nursing Home from successful heart by-pass surgery.

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

December

4 Randy Beeson
7 Bob Strattan
10 LaVon Ruedy
14 Ann Marie Cornell
15 Joyce Smith
15 Carol Parker
15 Jerry Shrader

January

2 Debbie Harding
4 Keith Jones
5 Judy Winkle
9 Helen Wilson
10 Joe Smith
22 Teresa Strode

ANNIVERSARIES

December

12 Jeff & Suzy Lytle

January

11 Lee & Pat DeBoer
24 Bob & Vada Stratton



AACA Tulsa Region 2019/20 Calendar

<i>Month</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Director Responsible</i>	<i>comment</i>
2020:					
December	1	Board Meeting ● Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM			
	6	General Meeting ● location TBD ● post-meeting presentation TBD [CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19]			
	19	Christmas Party ● Probably 1 PM at Jerry Shrader’s Vintage Car Garage [CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19]			
2021:					
January	9	Installation Banquet ● Probably 1 PM at Jerry Shrader’s Vintage Car Garage [CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19]			
February	7	General Meeting ● location TBD ● post-meeting presentation TBD [CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19]			
March	2	Board Meeting ● Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM			
	7	General Meeting ● location TBD ● post-meeting presentation TBD			
	30	Board Meeting ● Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM			
April	5	General Meeting ● location TBD ● post-meeting presentation TBD			
	7	Tulsa Cruisers ● 5 PM - 8 PM ● 71 st & 193 rd East Avenue Broken Arrow			
	28	Board Meeting ● Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM			
May	3	Gen’l Meeting ● location TBD ● post-meeting presentation TBD			
	5	Tulsa Cruisers ● 5 PM – 8 PM ● 71 st & 193 rd East Avenue Broken Arrow			
June	1	Board Meeting ● Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM			
	6	General Meeting ● location TBD ● post-meeting presentation TBD			
	8	Tulsa Cruisers ● 5 PM - 8 PM ● 71 st & 193 rd East Avenue Broken Arrow			
	29	Board Meeting ● Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM			
July	4	General Meeting ● location TBD ● post-meeting presentation TBD			
	6	Tulsa Cruisers ● 5 PM – 8 PM ● 71 st & 193 rd East Avenue Broken Arrow			
	27	Board Meeting ● Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM			
August	1	General Meeting ● location TBD ● post-meeting presentation TBD			
	3	Tulsa Cruisers ● 5 PM – 8 PM ● 71 st & 193 rd East Avenue Broken Arrow			



- 31 Board Meeting • Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM
- September 5 General Meeting • location TBD • post-meeting presentation TBD
- 7 Tulsa Cruisers • 5 PM – 8 PM • 71st & 193rd East Avenue Broken Arrow
- 28 Board Meeting • probably Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM
- October 3 General Meeting • location TBD • post-meeting presentation TBD
- 5 Tulsa Cruisers • 5 PM – 8 PM • 71st & 193rd East Avenue Broken Arrow
- 17–23 Divisional Tour • sponsored by AACA Tulsa Region
- 26 Board Meeting • probably Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM
- November 1 General Meeting • location TBD • post-meeting presentation TBD
- December 1 Board Meeting • probably Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM • post-meeting presentation TBD

Recurring Events

- Every 2nd Saturday • Silent Movie • Circle Cinema 12 S Lewis • Phil Judkins • <http://circlecinema.com/>
- Every 2nd Wednesday • Ladies Lunch • 11:30 AM • Egg It On Café • 1131 S Aspen Ave, Broken Arrow
- Every Wednesday Men's • Lunch • 12:30 PM • Freeway Cafe • 465 South Sheridan Road, Tulsa • (call Chuck Mahan for details)
- 1st Tuesday after general meeting • Tulsa Cruise-In • 71st & 193rd East Avenue Broken Arrow • 5 pm – 8 PM • (Mar – Oct) • Dan King



2021 AACA Central Divisional Tour Update!!

Our tour planning continues, and things are coming back together again nicely. We received interim approval from the National Board at their meeting on 12 November 2020. That results in us being officially on the calendar and getting formal support of a Liaison National Director. Chuck Crane will again be our Liaison as he was for the now postponed 2020 tour. Chuck has local ties as his daughter is a Pharmacist for Walgreens at one of the stores in the Tulsa area. He and his wife plan to be here for the tour!

Today, 25 November, I signed the contract for the hotel which is a big step forward. We are again using Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center in Broken Arrow as the host hotel. It is a beautiful facility which is able to provide us with everything we needed for this event. Thanks to Krista Mooney-Shea, Director of Sales for Stoney Creek for her efforts in accommodating us. I believe the contract is improved both ways, and the guest rate is actually a little bit lower this time!

Most of our venues, and lunch facilities will remain nearly the same as the tour planned for 2020, but we do know we will be replacing Gilcrease for lunch and afternoon tours. As it stands now, we will be eating lunch on Friday in Sapulpa, instead of at Gilcrease, and will be expanding our visits along Route 66 and in Sapulpa to compensate for the loss of the Gilcrease tour. Most everything else will likely remain the same as planned for 2020.

One significant change will occur on Wednesday and Thursday. We plan to split the tour in half and send half to Bartlesville each day and half to Claremore each day. That will make touring the facilities much less crowded and be quite helpful with serving lunch as well.

Financially, we are in great shape. All the deposits we put down in 2020 are being honored for 2021 with the obvious exception of the Gilcrease deposit. It has been returned. The only other expense of 2020 was for dash plaques which we will reuse with an overlay to change the dates!

Thanks to everyone who has had a role in planning this event over the past two and a half years. That includes just about every member and a lot of others as well. You are all Special. Special thanks are due to Joanna Cooper who has been my biggest cheerleader during all the ups and downs!

Here's to a great 2021 Tour!

David Turner, Tour Chairman





One Hundred Years Ago Today

by Randy Beeson

The world continued to adjust to post-WWI conditions. On December 3rd, Turkey and Armenia agreed to a peace treaty. The League of Nations established the International Court of Justice at the Hague on the 13th. Great Britain received a League mandate over the Pacific island of Nauru, while Japan received a mandate over the Marshall and Caroline Islands in the Pacific on December 17th.

The British Parliament passed the Home Rule Act on the 23rd, officially partitioning Ireland, while the Yugoslav government officially banned the communist party on December 29th.

In other news, a magnitude 8.5 earthquake in Gansu Province, China killed 200,000 people on December 16th. London-born Leslie Townes (Bob Hope) became a U.S. citizen on the 20th. Opera star Enrico Caruso gave his last public performance in New York City on December 24th.

In the sports world, Buffalo beat Canton 7-3 in the first pro football playoff game on December 4th. Boxer Jack Dempsey KO'd Bill Brennan in 12 rounds for the heavyweight boxing title in New York City on the 14th.

Famous births this month included jazz pianist Dave Brubeck born in Concord, CA on December 6th. Future Secretary of State George Schultz was born in New York City on the 13th. Country singer Little Jimmy Dickens was born in Bolt, WV on December 19th. Finally, actor Jack Lord (Hawaii Five-O) was born in New York City on the 30th while actor and singer/songwriter Rex Allen (The Arizona Cowboy) was born in Willcox, AZ the following day.

Famous deaths during the month included Horace Dodge, co-founder of the Dodge Brothers Company, on December 10th while Notre Dame football player George (The Gipper) Gipp died at age 25 on the 14th.

The automotive industry was in full advertising mode for the holiday season. The Elcar Motor Sales Company was advertising a new Elcar six-cylinder sedan for \$2,195 in the Washington Times this month. For the economy minded, Thaden Aeromobile Company announced that prices of all new Tulsa automobiles had been reduced to \$1,385.

In the spirit of the season, the National Electrical Supply Company was advertising



a number of gifts for motorists, including:

lap robes (\$12-\$40), Clark portable heaters

One Hundred Years Ago Today (continued)

(\$3.25-\$11), 'steer warms' (\$7.50-\$10), motor restaurants, fire extinguishers and tool kits. Some 250,000 American women were now licensed to drive automobiles.

The December 24th issue of the Washington Times urged motorists to fight

for the Griffin Bill, then in Congress. This bill intended to bar any state failing to recognize the automobile license of any other state or the District of Columbia or denying the use of its roads to any vehicle bearing the license of any other state or the District from receiving any federal highway funds.



Gasoline Alley

By Dan King, Editor

1927 Flint Junior Strictly a Utility Car

6 CYLS. 189.2 C.I.D.
40 H.P.
2800 RPM

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4.5 COMP. RATIO

HERE'S THAT RARE LITTLE "FLINT JUNIOR" I PROMISED TO SHOW IN AUTO ALBUM (FEW EXIST.)

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110" W.B.

MODEL "Z-18" FLINT

4.875 GEAR RATIO

1927

COACH

DURANT-BUILT (FLINT JUNIOR AVAIL. ONLY IN 1926-1927).
TOP SPEED - ABOUT 52 MPH

CONTINENTAL "9-1" ENGINE (2 3/4" x 4 3/4")

PRICE (f.o.b.) **\$960.**

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by Tad Burness
3/20/77

Some time ago, we illustrated the large model of the Flint car, and mentioned that there was also a small subsidiary make, the Flint Junior, which would be shown later.

The Flint Junior is virtually a forgotten car; it was available only for two seasons, and only in 2-door or “coach” or “deluxe coach” body style.

It bore a family resemblance to the Star, another, more popular product of the Durant motor empire of the 1920s; but the Flint Junior had its own peculiar radiator design.

The Flint Junior was strictly a low-budget utility model, save for the decorative landau irons, and its performance was less than brilliant. Few of these cars were seen around after three or four years, and consequently the Junior is a choice collector’s item.

It may be in the same league as the long-extinct dodo, passenger pigeon, or Carolina parakeet. I would like to hear from readers who have seen one of these cars.

When the Junior was introduced, its two coach models were priced at \$1,085 and \$1,185. But in 1927, prices were cut to \$960 and \$1,075.

What did the deluxe coach provide as extra equipment? Well, bumpers were thrown in, and you also got foot-scrapers on the running boards.

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 ...





CALENDARS

I usually bring calendars for AACA members to all functions in December and January. Since we have no functions this year due to COVID-19 you can pick them up on **TUESDAY**'s only at the "Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum" in Sapulpa, Oklahoma. See Photo. Seeing the Museum is optional.

Joe Smith

Annual New Car Show

The car show for 2021 is scheduled for April 16-18. The older car display will try to have one of everything. We will be looking for cars to participate in the display between now and April. Looking for something of each brand. For example, only one Model A Ford, only one Model T Ford, only one Edsel, only one 1957 Chevrolet, etc. Mark your calendar and get that car ready for display.

Joe Smith

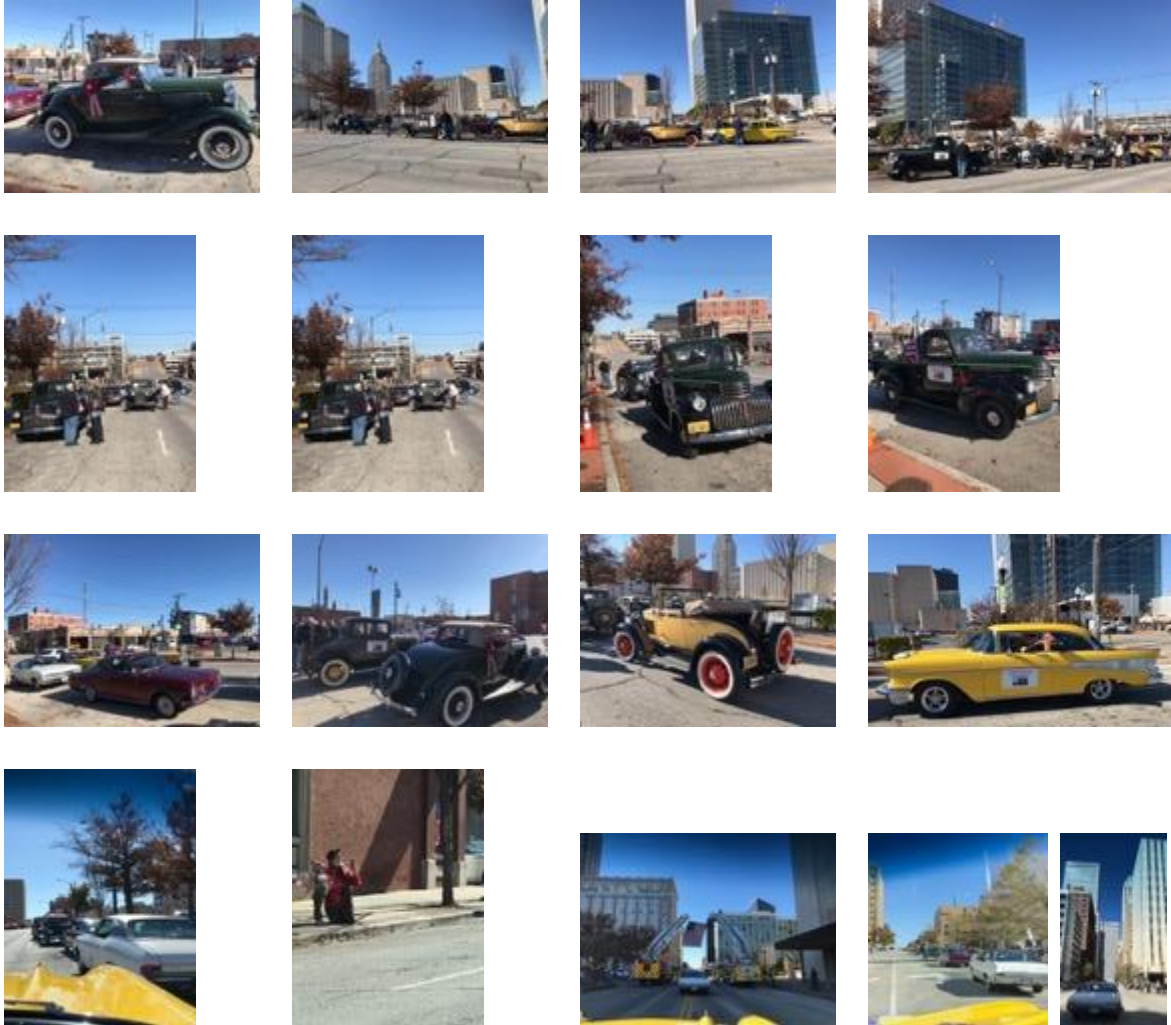
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BELOW ARE PHOTOS OF MEMBER CARS FROM THE NOVEMBER 11th VETERAN'S DAY PARADE



Participants that I picked out from the photos are: Phil Judkins, Bob Strattan, Clyde Harding, Steve Schnitzer, Jim Jones, David Turner, and Chuck Mahan. If I left anyone out please forgive the oversight.





*By Wayne Tuck
Executive Vice President*

Surprises Kids find in Old Cars

Features we find in old cars can be a new discovery for kids. I still laugh to myself every time I think about the time my youngest grandson came out to the garage for a visit with grandad. I was working on my 1952 Hudson at the time and put him in the front seat. The first thing he noticed was the size of the steering wheel. I'm sure he had never seen a car without power steering. This was a new discovery for him. He was even more surprised with the window crank handles. How many kids today have never seen crank down windows? Not only a crank down window, but crank open vent windows. Most of today's youth have never seen a vent window. He spent the next half hour working his way around the interior cranking windows up and down.

We found an entire new world of things he never knew existed. A cigar lighter? That is known as a power outlet today. You mean you need to push down the buttons

individually to lock the car? You need a key to unlock it? Ash trays? Turn the knobs to change the radio station? Where are the seat belts? What is that button on the floor? No padding on the dashboard?

Now let's take a look at an even older car. A tassel on the string that pulls the shade down over the back window? You mean you need to put your arm out the window to signal a turn? That lever on the left controls the spark advance? What is a spark advance anyway? Step on a floor pedal to start it?

All you need to do to get their attention is show it to them. Kids are even more thrilled if you take them for a ride. Let's all do something to pique their interest. The future of the old car hobby depends on it!



Car Show Windshield Cards

By David Turner

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



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

AACA Tulsa Region Magnetic Signs

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



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



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

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

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

6902 E 64th Pl

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