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Runningboard AACA Ramblings

A Message from David Turner



President's Notes

Hello fellow members,

I hope you have been able to attend a few outdoor events this spring with your automobiles.

I need to set the record straight. Last month's newsletter included an article which erroneously gave me credit for organizing the Brown Bag Tour being held this month on May 15th. All the credit for that event goes to Steve Schnitzer and none of it to me. I apologize to Steve for not correcting this sooner. Steve has made all the arrangements with the cities of Owasso and Collinsville and has planned our tour route. I, for one, am looking forward to a fun event. I hope you all will get the old cars out and join us.

Not only has Steve been working on this Brown Bag Tour, but he has also arranged a wonderful field trip for all of us to *Wheels of the Past* near Cushing on 10 July. Dennis Francis, who has this facility, is an incredible metal worker and I do not think you can visit his facility too often. I have been there several times and always come away in awe of his work. We will be joined on this trip by the **Vintage Chevrolet Club of America**, which is currently led by Joe Smith.

Steve is also working on our annual car show in September and actively pursuing a new location where we will be more visible to the public. More details coming in future months.

So, THANK YOU STEVE SCHNITZER FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK THIS YEAR AND LAST!!

Our first general membership meeting of the year will be held Sunday, May 2 at Haikey Creek Park in Pavilion #4. This is the same location where we used to have the annual car show a few years ago. We will begin at **2PM** as was our tradition. Bring your best joke and

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bring your **awards of Merit and Distinction**. We were unable to offer such awards this year as the installation banquet was of course cancelled so now is your opportunity to share. You might bring a lawn chair as seats in the pavilion are somewhat limited.

Try to drive your old car to the meeting! We will be visible to the public plus we plan to have you show and tell about your cars as our program. Should be fun to get acquainted with the cars and reacquainted with each other after being unable to meet for so long!! Hope to see you all there!

Our Region has been invited to put on a special exhibit of antique automobiles at the Route 66 Festival Car Show in Vinita on 19 June. This will indeed be a special exhibit, with our cars displayed together beside the regular car show. They also encourage us to enter the regular car show as well if we want. See the flyer for the festival elsewhere in the newsletter. Let us know if you would like to be a part of the display.

The Chickasha Spring Swap Meet will be held May 6-8 at the fairgrounds and is billed as Oklahoma's largest swap meet. See the flyer elsewhere in the newsletter.

Stay safe and Happy Motoring! David Turner







MAY "BROWN BAG" TOUR

Let's have some fun Saturday morning, May 15. The Board has approved a short 'coming-out' tour of our jitneys, coupled with lunch, in the Collinsville – Owasso area, on that date.

We congregate at the old fire station on Main Street in downtown Collinsville, 10 a.m., then proceed west-east on Main, turning south on Old 169/North Garnett Road from Collinsville and heading to Owasso. We will continue south-north on Main Street in Owasso, then turn east on 86th St. North and drive out to Centennial Park, a couple miles east.

Lunch literally is by your own "brown bag", as we park at Centennial and eat in the outdoor pavilion there. Running water amenities, restrooms, and a nearby pond replete with tame ducks will keep us company between 11:30 and 12:30.

After lunch and dependent on time, we may proceed to the Patriot Golf Course in Stone Canyon, where tour will disband.

We look for everybody to participate in this event, our first true tour of the season. If you cannot bring your classic, meet the tour group at the pavilion in Centennial Park for lunch around 11:30 (Centennial Park is $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles due east of 169 on 86^{th} St. N. in Owasso).

In case of inclement weather, we have provisioned a rain date for the tour the following weekend, Sat. May 22.

As Scooter Seagraves would have said back in the '60s on KAKC, "Be There or Be Square!"

--Steve Schnitzer

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Minutes of the AACA General Meeting April 4th, 2021 [note: the General Meeting in April was cancelled due to the quarantine imposed by the COVID-19 epidemic.]

Respectfully Submitted, Chuck Mahan AACA Tulsa Region Secretary



Sunshine Report

Nothing to report this month.

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.

Dan King (dcking1948@yahoo.com) or (918) 630-4903

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	
May 5 Becky Wolf 6 Otis Towry 6 Grand Aldrich 7 Richard Holmes 10 Walter Knickerbocker 31 Clyde Harding	May 4 Daniel & Jenny King (31 yrs) 22 Joe & Joyce Smith (46 yrs)	
June 8 Freda Bechtel 10 Tom Berenson 12 Linda Beeson 22 Ron Scott 24 John Fender 26 Bud Bechtel	June 21 Phil & Laura Judkins (69 yrs)	



AACA Tulsa Region 2019/20 Calendar

Month	Day	Activity	Place	Director Responsible	comment	
2021	2021:					
Apr 30 May	0-May 2 1 2 15	 Lawrence Region Swap Meet Douglas County Fairgrounds, Lawrence, KS William Bradford Christian School Car Show 				
June	1 6 21 29	TBD	oanna Cooper's AM – 1 pm ● ⊦	Gar Emporium ● post-meetir leart of 66 Auto Museum	ng presentation	
July	10 11 27	Wheels of the Past • General Meeting • Ic Board Meeting • 2 F	ocation TBD • p	post-meeting presentation TBI 66 Auto Museum)	
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Septe	mber 5 28	General Meeting ● Ic Board Meeting ● 2 F	•	post-meeting presentation TBI 66 Auto Museum)	
Octob		General Meeting • Ic Divisional Tour • spo Board Meeting • 2 F	nsored by AAC)	
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2022:

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Januar	ry 2 4 8	General Meeting • location TBD • post-meeting presentation TBD Installation Board Meeting • 2 PM • Heart of 66 Auto Museum Banquet • Probably 1 PM at Jerry Shrader's Vintage Car Garage
Februa	ary 2 7	Board Meeting • 2 PM • Heart of 66 Auto Museum General Meeting • location TBD • post-meeting presentation TBD
March	1 6 29	Board Meeting • 2 PM • Heart of 66 Auto Museum General Meeting • location TBD • post-meeting presentation TBD Board Meeting • 2 PM • Heart of 66 Auto Museum
April	3 26	General Meeting • location TBD • post-meeting presentation TBD Board Meeting • 2 PM • Heart of 66 Auto Museum

Recurring Events *(see note below)* Every 2nd Saturday • Silent Movie • Circle Cinema 12 S Lewis • Phil Judkins • <u>http://circlecinema.com/</u> 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.



AACA National Calendar of Events

- May 20-25 Founders Tour (1932-1996) Davis, WV
- June 2-5 Easter Divisional Tour Eastern Shore of Maryland
- June 4-5 Annual Convention Williamsburg, VA
- June 17-19 Eastern Spring Nationals Saratoga Springs, NY
- July 11-16 Vintage Tour (1931 & Earlier) AACA National Lock Haven/Wellsboro, PA
- July 22-24 Annual Grand Nationals New Ulm, MN
- August 13-14 Western Spring Nationals Loveland Colorado
- September 9-11 Southeastern Fall Nationals Greenville, SC
- September 12-17 Glidden Tour Saratoga Springs, NY
- October 6-9 Eastern Fall Nationals Hershey, PA
- October 11-16 Southeastern Divisional Fall Tour Mt. Airy, NC
- October 18-22 Central Divisional Tour Broken Arrow, OK
- November 11-13 Special Western Nationals Phoenix, AZ
- November 14-17 Western Divisional Tour Metropolitan Phoenix and Central Arizona



2021 Tulsa New Car Show April 16th – 18th

The club participated in the 2021 Tulsa New Car Show. Below are the club members who contributed cars.

Jim Jones Lee De Boer Dan & Jenny King Chuck Mahan Clyde & Debbie Harding David & Betty Turner Jim & Teresa Strode Keith Jones Mel Burton Charlie Kukral Walter & Marjorie Knickerbocker Steve Schnitzer 1965 Plymouth Barracuda 1936 Auburn Supercharged 1948 Dodge Sedan 1931 Ford Model A 1957 Chevrolet 1968 Chevelle 1951 Lincoln 1926 Ford Model T 1927 Paige 1958 Chrysler 300 1958 Edsel 1927 Packard



1927 Packard - Steve Schnitzer



1927 Paige - Mel Burton





1965 Plymouth Barricuda – Jim Jones



1968 Chevelle – David Turner



1958 Edsel – Walter Knickerbocker



1958 Chrysler 300 – Charlie Kukral





1931 Ford Model A – Chuck Mahan



1936 Auburn – Lee DeBoer



1948 Dodge D24 – Dan & Jenny King



1926 Ford Model T – Keith Jones



1951 Lincoln – Jim & Teresa Strode



1957 Chevrolet – Clyde & Debbie Harding

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WILLIAM BRADFORD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

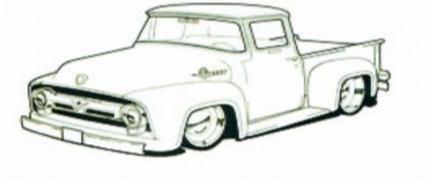
2320 N.E. 1st street, Pryor, OK (1.5 mi. East on old Highway 20, near the Fairgrounds)

3rd Annual

CAR SHOW

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==CARS....TRUCKS....MOTORCYCLES....RAT RODS==



Check in : 8 a.m.

Judging: 12 p.m.

Trophies: 3 p.m.

\$15 ENTRY FEE



Concessions sold by the WBCS sports teams and cheerleaders All proceeds go directly to the school For more info contact: hmulanax@wbcslions.org





One Hundred Years Ago Today

by Randy Beeson

On the international front, Sweden abolished capital punishment on May 8th. Tel Aviv became the first all-Jewish municipality on the 11th while the Allied Supreme Council warned Germany to pay reparations or the entire Ruhr Valley Would be occupied. Germany agreed.

Mussolini's fascists obtained 29 parliamentary seats in the Italian elections on May 14th. The following day the British Legion was formed to care for exservicemen. Northern Ireland elected its first Parliament on the 24th. After 84 years of British control, Afghanistan attained its sovereignty on May 27th. Salzburg, Austria voted to join Germany on the 30th.

Here at home, West Virginia imposed the first (and certainly not the last) state sales tax on May 3rd. Congress voted to sharply curb immigration, setting a national quota system on the 19th. On May 21st, the first radio station west of the Mississippi River was licensed in Greeley, CO. A large-scale race riot, the worst in American history, broke out in Tulsa, OK on May 31st, with 150-200 blacks killed.

In the sports world, the American Soccer League was formed on May 6th. The following day Charles Thompson on Behave Yourself won the Kentucky Derby in 2:04.2. F. Coltiletti on Broomspun won the 46th Preakness in 1:54.2 on the 16th.

Famous births this month included boxer Sugar Ray Robinson, born in Ailey,

GA on May 3rd. American actor Harry Carey, Jr. was born in Saugus, CA on the 16th. On May 21st, Russian nuclear Physicist and human rights activist Andrei Sakharov was born in Moscow. Singer Kitty Kallen was born in Philadelphia, PA on the 25th.

This month's issue of Popular Mechanics included an article regarding a beneficial use for automobile exhaust. A Los Angeles chemist had discovered that automotive exhaust from a three-block long tunnel in the City could be recovered and used to kill a scale that was infesting City walnut trees. He offered to install a system to collect the gases and pay the City \$5,000 per year for the privilege.

A new American-made cyclecar was now available from a California manufacturer. Equipped with a 16 HP fourcylinder air-cooled engine and a three-speed manual transmission, the vehicle had a top speed of 45 MPH. The vehicle could accommodate two and was equipped with a complete electrical system. Interestingly, the headlights turned with the front wheels, a feature typically reserved for luxury cars.

For those contemporary motorists who hungered for the open road and camping, a new demountable automobile body was now available. Foldup wooden bunks were located on the sides of the body. When folded out for sleeping, a canvas top and sides could then be rolled out from the top of the roof to completely enclose each

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bunk. The vehicle interior included a folding One Hundred Years Ago Today (continued)

table, gasoline stove, a seven-gallon water tank and wooden storage compartments. When prepared for sleeping, the vehicle resembled a tent on wheels. Bodies were available in two sizes, ranging in cost from \$400-\$500.



Gasoline Alley By Dan King, Editor

1931 ¹/₂ Graham Prosperity Six Offered Low-Priced Model in '31



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by Tad Burness 2/1/76

In January 1931, Graham was offering a Standard 6 and Special 6, each with 115-inch wheel base and vertical hood louvres.

Also available were two straight-eights with vent doors along the hood: the Special 8, with 120-inch wheel base, and the Custom 8 with a hefty 134 inch wheel base. The Special 6 and the eights had four-speed transmissions.

Then, in May 1931, Graham brought forth a new lower-priced series. This was the Depression-born "Prosperity Six," Priced from only \$785 (f.o.b. Detroit). Wheel base was 113 inches, and a 3-speed transmission was used.

The Prosperity Six resembled the other Graham sixes except its fender-mounted parking lights were streamlined and built down into the fenders. Fender parking lights on the other models were set on little pedestals and resembled miniature headlights.

The Prosperity Six was introduced in four body types: the business coupe (\$785), rumble seat couple (\$825); five-window, 4-door town sedan (illustrated, \$795), five or six wire wheels were available at extra cost, as was safety glass throughout.

As of July, the Prosperity Six changed from a late '31 to an "early 1932" model, as far as registration was concerned ... and "free wheeling" was made available (optional).

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, <u>dcking1948@yahoo.com</u>.

Later alligator ...

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Where Have All The Junkyards Gone?

By Don Barlup Vice President - National HQ and Library

When I first got involved in the hobby in 1971, (I still have my first antique car, a 1940 Pontiac 50 years later.) junkyards were everywhere. I spent many an afternoon visiting my favorite yards, looking for treasures for that car. It was a plain Jane 4door sedan with the only option being an under seat heater. It was sold new by N. E. Black Pontiac/Buick in New Bloomfield, PA to Earl Rempher, a local farmer, who had problems driving in and backing out of his small 1-car garage. All four fenders were a testament to his lack of driving ability.

Hap Gemmel's Salvage Yard, outside of York, PA was a gold mine. It covered both sides of a country road and had many classics and convertibles resting peacefully in the woods. He had no less than a dozen 40 Pontiacs in various stages of decay. A radio from one, a cigar lighter from another, a clock from another, etc. My plain Jane car soon became a well optioned ride!

The barn on the property was full of cars, trucks, and an assorted disarray of

parts. You literally walked over parts to get to parts.

Hap, short for Harold, was a character who would rival any junkyard dog with his green and white checkered pants and red and white striped shirt (yes, both worn at the same time) he was a sight to behold. In the upper level of the barn sat a long forgotten early solid tire truck covered with all sorts of car parts. You could easily have walked past it. I didn't! Turns out it was a 1914 Hahn Huckster truck, which I still own. Hap named a price, I countered. Hap liked to flip coins – yes, I lost, but would have paid his price anyway.

Both Hap and the yard are long gone, but my memories of those frequent treks through that yard seem like yesterday. A housing development now sits on that hallowed ground.

That is where all the junkyards have gone!



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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

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If you have r	nore cars, please list th	em 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 Tulsa, OK 74133

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