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Runningboard AACA Ramblings

A Message from David Turner



President's Notes

Hello fellow members,

Wasn't it great to be together again after so long on May 9th? The weather cooperated nicely which allowed us once again to see each other and a lot of our cars. (My funky alternator still got Betty and me home again and now is replaced). Thanks to all who came and to all those who shared the stories of their cars!

This month we will finally resume meeting at Joanna Cooper's home as was our custom prior to the Covid-19 restrictions. It occurs to me that several of you are new members and have never been there. Contact me for directions! (drenrut61@gmail.com)

Our next event will be the 7th Annual Vinita Route 66 Festival. We have been invited to display our cars beside their regular car show on Saturday, 19 June. The flyer for the event appears elsewhere in this newsletter. I have a list of several people who plan to be a part of that display, but we can always use more! Let me know if you are willing to participate (*drenrut61@gmail.com*).

They tell us you can enter the adjacent car show if you wish and still park with us but participating in the car show is not required.

The following Monday, 21 June, *The Great Race* stops at the Museum in Sapulpa for lunch. While the Museum is open only to the tour participants, we should be able to view their automobiles. I believe there is another article in this newsletter with more details! Hope to see you all there!

Your board has revised some future meeting dates to avoid the conflict of the holiday weekends. We now have the July meeting scheduled for Sunday, 11 July, and the September meeting

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scheduled for Sunday, 12 September. The others should all still be scheduled for the first Sunday of the month.

As a result of the shift in the July meeting, we will have the July event prior to the general membership meeting on Saturday 10 July. That event is an excursion to *Wheels of the Past* west of Cushing where Dennis Francis works his magic in metal recrafting prewar automobiles. You will want to be a part of this. Details to follow.

Our July meeting will showcase the Jefferson Highway, which used to run through Oklahoma before the advent of numbered highways. The current President of the Jefferson Highway Association, Roger Bell of Muskogee will be with us to present a show about the Jefferson Highway.

We have a lot more coming up the rest of the year so stay tuned! Until then ...

Happy Motoring! David Turner, President



Vinita Route 66 Festival Car Show

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City State Zip	exhibitor's property for any cause. The exhibitors agree to hold harmless the Craig County Cruisers and Vinita
Email	Friends of Route 66 or other sponsors of the show from any liability and
Vehicle Year Color	expense for any injury, property damage, or any other loss.
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Club Name	subsequent publicity photographs and all media.
Signature	Contact Craig County Cruisers
www.VINITAROUTE66Festival.com	918-323-2356 PO Box 474 Vinita, OK 74301 Info@VinitaRoute66Festival.com

Hello Mr. Turner,

My name is Stephanie Hoskin and I am with the Vinita Friends of Route 66.

For the last seven years we have organized the Vinita Route 66 Festival on Father's Day weekend in June which has included a car show on Route 66 in downtown Vinita. This year, Vinita is also celebrating its 150th birthday and we are interested in providing a special exhibit, "150 Years of Transportation" in which we would showcase all manner

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of personal transportation and vehicles through the decades. I was wondering if your organization would be interested in participating in some way. One of our board members remembers your group's exhibit at the Tulsa Auto Show and tracked down your contact information.

The exhibit would take place on June 19th alongside our car show. The event is free to the public and all participants. It is held outdoors with the car show portion of the festival located along the 200 block of South Wilson St., which is on Route 66. I appreciate your consideration and am attaching our car show registration form which has a bit more detail about the car show itself. I would be happy to have a phone conversation about the opportunity for a partnership as we celebrate Vinita's 150th birthday and our place along the Historic Mother Road.

Thank you for your time, I look forward to your reply.

Kind regards, Stephanie Hoskin



Minutes of the AACA General Meeting May 2nd, 2021 At Haikey Creek Park

The May General meeting of the Tulsa Region Antique Automobile club was called to order by David Turner at 2:00pm. There were 28 people in attendance. Because there was no American flag, the Pledge of Allegiance was omitted.

While waiting for some late comers walking from the parking lot, the meeting started with members telling some jokes. Carolanne Mahan, Jim Jones, Steve Schnitzer and Debbie Harding were the joke tellers.

Because the club hadn't had a meeting in five months the minutes of the last meeting were not read. David then asked everyone introduce themselves to our new member.

David then started talking about the 2021 Divisional Tour. He said that a lot of things had changed like Gilcrease Museum closings its doors for two years of construction. In its place, the lunch on Friday will be a box lunch in a tent set up at the Heart of Route 66 Museum. The Price Tower has rearranged its restaurants, and then said that they wouldn't have room for us. Because David knows the manager, he said that he would close down the main restaurant for us. Only problem remaining is that the manager is planning on retiring before our tour. And finally, the Director of the Muskogee Music Hall of Fame has passed away. On the bright side David said that the Texas AACA is planning to bring 12 to 15 cars. We will have a 100 car limit with registration opening June 1 and closing August 1.

Steve Schnitzer reported on the Brown Bag Tour scheduled for Saturday, May 15th with a rain date of May 22nd. We will meet at the Collinsville fire station and drive to Owasso's Centennial Park pavilion where we will have lunch and watch the ducks stand on one leg. If time permits some might drive to the Golf Course.

Joe Smith reported that the club had 12 cars at the Tulsa New Car Show. Club member attendance at the show included 12 club past presidents.

Ed Fogle said that he and his wife planned to drive the complete length of Route 66 for the 100^{th} anniversary of the route. They asked if any club members

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knew of a car for sale that was made 1926 and could make the trip without breaking down.

The Great Road Race is coming through Tulsa on June 21 on their way to Joplin. They will stop at the Heart of Route 66 Museum for lunch between 11:45 am till 2:00 pm. Each car gets only 30 minutes for lunch.

The club's next meeting will be held at Joanna Cooper's Car Emporium.

Vinita has requested that our club show its cars at their Route 66 Historical Festival on June 19th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. David asked for a show of hands to see how many club members would be willing to show their cars. About 8 people raised their hands.

July 10th the club is scheduled to return to the "Wheels of the Past" in Cushing OK. This is a metal fabrication shop. More information of the tour will be available next month.

David will ask the Director of the Jefferson Highway to speak to the club in August.

Betty Turner showed an example of the bags that will be distributed to Divisional Tour attendees.

Awards of Merit or Distinction:

1. Joe Smith gave a copy of a Facebook Page to Lee DeBoer that had comments about him and his Auburn. Lee spoke about how his Dad acquired the Auburn.

2. Lee gave a mirror and a model wrecker to Chuck Mahan to help him with backing up.

The following members talked about their antique cars that they had driven to the meeting: Joe Smith, Clyde Harding, Keith Jones, Richard Holmes, David Turner

Respectfully Submitted, Chuck Mahan AACA Tulsa Region Secretary June 1, 2021



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.

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BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES
June 5 Freda Bechtel 10 Tom Berenson 12 Linda Beeson 22 Ron Scott 24 John Fender 26 Bud Bechtel	June 21 Phil & Laura Judkins (69 yrs)
July 2 Roy Strom 4 Lee DeBoer 20 Dan King 22 Carl Richardson	July 7 Bill & Lavon Ruedy (3 yrs) 11 Melvin & Celinda Burton (17 yrs)



AACA Tulsa Region 2019/20 Calendar

Month	Day	Activity	Place	Director Responsible	comment
2021:					
June	June 6 General Meeting ● Joanna Cooper's Car Emporium ● post-meeting p to be by Keith Jones				meeting presentation
	19		estival & Car S	how ● 9 AM – 10 PM ●	Downtown Vinita
	21	Great Race Lunch 11	AM – 1 pm ● H	eart of 66 Auto Museu	m
	29	Board Meeting • 2 P	M ● Heart of 6	6 Auto Museum	
July	10	Wheels of the Past •	Agra		
	11	General Meeting • Jo Roger Bell – Jeffersor		Car Emporium • post-	meeting presentation
	27	Board Meeting • 2 P	•	6 Auto Museum	
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	31	Board Meeting • 2 P	M • Heart of 6	6 Auto Museum	
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•	12	General Meeting • Jo to be by Debbie and (Car Emporium ● post-	meeting presentation
	28	Board Meeting • 2 P	M • Heart of 6	6 Auto Museum	
Octob	er 3	General Meeting • Jo meeting presentation		Car Emporium • Electi itzer	ion of Officers • post-
	17–23	Divisional Tour • spo	nsored by AAC	A Tulsa Region	
	26	Board Meeting • 2 P	M • Heart of 6	6 Auto Museum	
Noven	nber				
	1	General Meeting • Jo to be by Chuck Maha	•	Car Emporium • post-	meeting presentation
	30	Board Meeting • 2 PI	M ● Heart of 66	6 Auto Museum	
Decem	nber 6	General Meeting ● Jo TBD	anna Cooper's	Car Emporium ● post-	meeting presentation
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19 Christmas Banquet • Probably 1 PM at Jerry Shrader's Vintage Car Garage

2022:	:	
Januar	γ	
	4	Board Meeting ● 2 PM ● Heart of 66 Auto Museum
	8	Installation Banquet (installation of club officers) ● Probably 1 PM at Jerry Shrader's Vintage Car Garage
Februa	ary	
	2	Board Meeting ● 2 PM ● Heart of 66 Auto Museum
	7	General Meeting ● Joanna Cooper's Car Emporium ● post-meeting presentation TBD
March	1	Board Meeting ● 2 PM ● Heart of 66 Auto Museum
	6	General Meeting Joanna Cooper's Car Emporium post-meeting presentation TBD
	29	Board Meeting ● 2 PM ● Heart of 66 Auto Museum
April	3	General Meeting Joanna Cooper's Car Emporium post-meeting presentation

TBD 26 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





One Hundred Years Ago Today

by Randy Beeson

June was a quiet news month. A sudden cloudburst near Pike's Peak, CO on June 3rd killed 120 people. On the 20th of the month, Circle, MT recorded 11.5 inches of rainfall, a state record.

On June 11th, Brazil adopted women's suffrage. Turks and Palestinian Christians signed a friendship treaty against Jews on the 19th. The U.K., the Dominions and India became the British Commonwealth on June 21st.

In other news, Bessie Coleman became the first black U.S. pilot to reach France on the 15th. Great Britain held her decennial census on June 19th.

In sports, jockey Earl Sande, riding Grey Lag, won the 53^{rd} Belmont Stakes in 2:16.8 on June 11^{th} . The 'Flying Finn', Paavo Nurmi, ran a world record 10,000-meter race in 30:40.2 on the 2^{nd} .

Famous birthdays this month included award-winning band leader Nelson Riddle, born in Oradell, NJ on the 1st. Philip Mountbatten, Duke of Edinburgh was born in Mon Repos, Corfu, Greece on June 10th. Finally, American actress Jane Russell was born in Bemidji, MN on the 21st.

The new technology of radio continued to knit the world's nations closer together. June 1, 2021 "Popular Mechanics" magazine reported that Argentina had awarded a 30-year concession to a French firm to construct and operate an 80 KW commercial station on its coast to communicate with Europe. If the station proved successful after three years, the firm was to be permitted to construct several stations to provide radiotelephone and telegraph services to the entire nation.

In a foretaste of our modern 'Teledoc', the Seaman's Church Institute of New York was offering a service to seamen on ships lacking a physician. In the event of an onboard illness, the ship could radio the Institute operating under call sign KDKF for expert medical assistance in dealing with the emergency. If out of the station's range, the ship could communicate via radio relay stations.

The same magazine included a notice of an auto wash basin with water reservoir that could be bolted to the automobile's running board. When not in use, the basin/reservoir folded into a box. An invention that would be much in use in Germany during WWII had been developed in England. In order to avoid the high cost of motor fuel, a solid fuel (coal, wood) burner device could now be mounted on the automobile running board and the low BTU combustion gas routed to the engine as a motor fuel.

One Hundred Years Ago Today (continued)

In other news, a metal production company in Fairmont, WV was manufacturing brass radiators from recycled WWI shell casings, old guns and thousands of old rifle cartridges. Some 40,000 men were soon to graduate from a 32-week Knights of Columbus auto mechanics course offered at different locations around the country. One could purchase a new Model B Series Light Six Touring Car for \$1,295 this month while Dodge was advertising a substantial reduction in prices for their vehicles. Readers of the Washington Times for June 4th were supposed to be 'keenly interested' in the news that Standard Steel Company of Pittsburg had just purchased the Vim Motor Company, a truck manufacturer.



GREAT RACE – Lunch Stop – June 21

On June 21 (Monday) the Great Race automobiles will be leaving Nocona, Texas in the morning and arrive in Joplin, Missouri for the evening. Their lunch stop will be at the "Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum" in Sapulpa, Oklahoma. Cars should arrive at about noon and all be gone about 2:00 PM. The Museum will not be open to spectators – race participants only. Lunch is provided to Great Race participants only, not spectators. Food trucks might be near for spectators, but it is not confirmed. The Club House at the golf course on the south side of highway 66 is famous for their hamburgers. Parking – Three options, the lot to the north of the museum or the building complex east of the museum. The third spot which will be the easiest parking spot to get in and out of, it will be east of the museum on the south side of highway 66 at a former BBQ restaurant. Look for Sapulpa school buses. Sapulpa school buses will be available to bring you from that parking spot to the Museum. For those who have never been to the Museum the address is 13 Sahoma Lake Road in Sapulpa. Just look for the Museum landmark the 66-foot-tall gas pump.

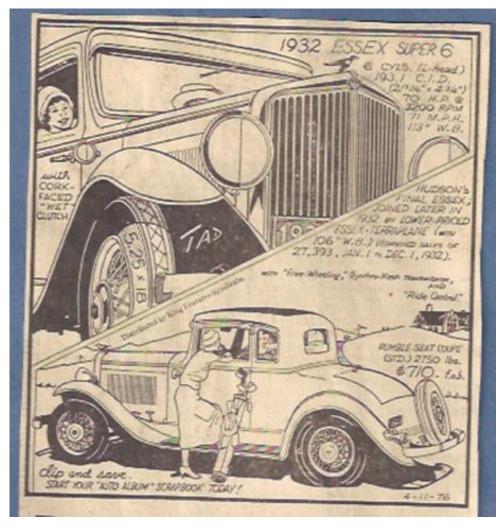




Gasoline Alley

By Dan King, Editor

Essex of 1932 Called Last Model of Marque



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by Tad Burness

The "Pacemaker for 1932," the Essex shown here was the final model of a marque begun in 1919 by the Hudson Motor Car Co., Detroit, as a lower-priced subsidiary.

The 1932 Essex was loaded with features: Balanced crankshaft; synchro-mesh transmission with 50 m.p.h. possible in silent second gear; triple-sealed oil-cushion clutch; June 1, 2021 page



labyrinthian oil cooling; power dome antiknock combustion chambers; "Startix" (an automatic self-starter and anti-stall device popular on many of the more costly '32 cars; diagonal truss frame; twin "neutra-tone" mufflers; "ride control," free-wheeling; "quick vision" instrument panel (with two large dark-faced dials, and warning lights for oil and generator signals); arc-slide fastener (zippered) storage pockets in doors; swing-open windshield with easy-acting center lever; "natural grip" steering wheel, and more.

There were, early in '32, "nine sparkling new models with gem-like body colors and upholstery in new pastel shades." Hardware fittings were in ebony and silver finish.

New lateral seat cushion springs lent added riding comfort, along with the adjustable shock absorbers.

Captions of '32 Essex advertisements were revealing. A few: "It remakes the relation between luxury and cost!" "Listen now – quiet and solid as a rock." "The difference is its big car value!" "Why should you have to pay to be bumped around?"

"There's a new power peak in the low-price field." "Things you don't see on the price ticket!" "News to the industry but history to us!" and et cetera, et cetera.

Later in '32, the new short-wheel-based Essex-Terraplane outwardly resembled the Essex, except for its dual rows of hood louvres (one row above the other).

In 1933, an Essex-Terraplane straight-8 was also available, this one having ventilating doors on each side of the hood.

During 1933, the new name became, simply, Terraplane.

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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Does Anybody Know Our Name?

By Mary Bartemeyer Vice President – Regions/Chapter Websites

Being from the Midwest, it has occurred to me that the acronym AACA has little or no meaning to the average car collector in our part of the country. My Region is starting to work on our 2022 National Fall Show and talking to those who might assist with our costs or participate in such an important event, they don't know who we are or what we stand for. Yes every 4 or 5 years, we host a National Show, to bring into our community that piece of history that is sometimes forgotten. There are car clubs in our area that cater to modified vehicles and those for low riders etc. but those who wish to preserve the history of the automotive industry are getting fewer and fewer. Looking at my own Region, we lost 6 very supportive members of our club just over a 2 month period. Our condolences go out to those families, but what can we do to honor those who have staunchly supported our hobby?

The answer is quite easy actually. Get the word out about the Antique Automobile Club of America, (AACA). Shout it from the roof tops, promote it at local events with membership tables, and most importantly get your Region on social media. Look at your children, grandchildren, or any youngster around you, they are glued to social media. We need a heavy presence out there to get our organization recognized. WE MUST make AACA the first name that is thought of when it comes to automobiles 25 years old or older. What a history we have in our vehicles and that needs to be taught to new generations. Talk to them about your vehicle, they are interested. Let them know how AACA can help them if they choose to restore, preserve, and most importantly, help them have fun with an older vehicle. Welcome the changes they can bring to get those younger folks into our hobby. Don't expect them to do things the way they have been done for the last 50 years. Let their new ideas flow. If we don't, we will die, and I don't think any of those we lost would be very happy if we allowed that to happen.



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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 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. 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 more c	ars, 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

Chuck Mahan 6902 E 64th Pl Tulsa, OK 74133



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