

# ***Running board Ramblings***

**October 2021**

Greetings Fellow members!

***Late breaking news --- Dan King is ill with Covid according to Joe Smith who went to check on him tonight. (Monday 27 Sept.) Hence, I am attempting to fit together some form of a newsletter in his absence.***

***Chuck Mahan fell recently and fractured his cheek bone under his eye. He is to have surgery on 28 Sept. to repair it. They will fly home sometime later.***

***David***

We are now in fall with the hope of better weather to tour and show our cars. September seemed to have an event or two every weekend. Hope you were able to make a few of them.

October brings the 2021 AACA Central Divisional Tour – finally! A big thank you to all who have helped put this event on. I have been amazed at just how many different members have had a hand in preparing for this event. ***If any of you who have not registered for the tour would like to attend either of the banquets you can pay to participate in just that part and no more.*** The opening banquet at Joanna's home will be a chuck wagon bar-b-que on Monday, 18 October with the meal beginning at 5:00 PM so that we can conclude before it gets totally dark. Cost is \$30.00 per person. The closing banquet, at Stoney Creek, will be Friday evening 22 October at 6:00 PM. The cost will be \$50.00 per person. The featured speaker will be Roger Bell, President of the Jefferson Highway Association, who spoke at our July Region meeting. Some of you have already responded that you will be a part of it. ***We need to know not later than 1 October if you would like to participate in either one.*** Contact either me at 918-527-9560 or Joanna and we will get you registered for the banquets. (Sorry, this is being published later than intended)

Election of three new board members will be on the agenda for the meeting Sunday, 3 October. Please consider running.

Terms ending the end of this year

Clyde Harding

Debbie Harding

Steve Schnitzer

Returning for one more year

Chuck Mahan

Dan King

David Turner

Our October program will be a workday for the tour to fill all the tour bags. We have quite a group of people who have worked hard to construct and embroider these bags and I think they are terrific! Thanks again to all who had a role in their creation. We have considerable information, pens, dash plaques, etc. to place in them in preparation for the tour.

We have the trip to ***Wheels of the Past*** scheduled for Saturday, November 6. Please mark the date. The exact details will be made available later.

Phil Judkins is again working to get us in the Veterans Day Parade, and we will pass along the details as soon as we get them from Phil.

We also have another ***Western National*** show and the ***Western Divisional Tour*** in Phoenix in the middle of November. Hopefully, the Chevelle will make both without any troubles this time! There is still time to register for both. Info is on the national website.

Be Safe!

David Turner

# ***Oldies-'n-Goodies Car Show***

***Saturday, 18 September 2021***

I attended the Oldies-'n-Goodie's car show in Dewey on Saturday and got the following photo that some of you will enjoy. Pictured below is Neil Conover, who many of you know, and his 1904 Rambler. Although Neil has requested that his car not be included in the judging, he still received the Mayor's trophy for the Mayor's favorite car in the show. Actually, it was my favorite as well!



## ***The Average Joe Rally 2021 recap:***

***By Mike Halley***

Sometimes it's better to be lucky than good. Particularly when you set up a Sports Car Club of America sanctioned road rally that you hope will attract at least as many cars from non-SCCA clubs as members of your local region. As it turns out, what might be considered the least likely car club that one might expect to dominate such an event swept all the top trophies!

Two important things, unknown to this rallymaster until arriving in the tiny northeast Oklahoma town of Avant on Sunday morning on September 19, 2021, came to light shortly after arrival. The most telling one was how much of an impact a \$500 contribution to the Avant Volunteer Fire Department is likely to make. Until Fire Chief Morgan Sweeney showed me around their fire station I had not realized how much damage had been done the entire town by serious flooding in May earlier this year. The monetary contribution approved by the Northeast Oklahoma Region SCCA Board of Directors earlier in the week will certainly be put to good use repairing and renovating the extensive flood damage done the fire station. Without a doubt every penny makes a difference! If you are interested in knowing how inundated the town got just search the Internet for “flooding in Avant, Oklahoma.” There remains many news reports of the damage done to the town that fateful day.

The other surprise was the bicycle race being staged in Avant the morning of the same day scheduled for the SCCA rally! Fortunately for both events the bicycle race was wrapped up before the classic Chevys, an Italian Dodge, a pickup, some contemporary commuter machines from Korea and Japan, and even a vintage Porsche 911 took to the same roads through Barnsdall (aka Bigheart – the home of an oil well pump jack on Main Street) and then on to Tulsa. The Average Joe Rally 2021 route covered the majority of the final 70 miles of the course used for the bicycle part of the Tulsa Iron Man Triathlon competition staged in June of this year. The slightly modified rally route covered rural, twisty, hilly tarmac; two lane state highways; some four lane limited access highways and many miles of rural, suburban lanes. The last meters of the rally sent crews onto a chunk of Tulsa’s Inner Dispersal Loop (IDL) before cruising through some vintage Tulsa residential streets to arrive at the finish – the Route 66 Cyrus Avery Centennial Plaza parking lot. The finish location, atop what River Parks Criterium bicycle competitors have come to know as Cry Baby Hill, was both the one and only rally checkpoint and also the scene for the trophy letting.

Despite specific invitations extended to the Alfa Romeo Club, Miata Club, SCCA and other local gearhead organization members the Tulsa Chapter of the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) swept ALL the top placings Sunday afternoon! Not only were there more AACA members involved with the event than any other club, the President and Vice President of the Tulsa Chapter AACA tied for first place in their classic Chevys! This accomplishment is all the more noteworthy since each driver was teamed with his wife – something the road rally community typically, strongly recommends against – but claimed identical First Place plaques despite the risk to marital bliss!

Congratulations are certainly due Betty & David Turner from Bartlesville and Debbie & Clyde Harding from Sperry, Oklahoma for driving their 1968 Chevrolet Chevelle and 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air, respectively, to Avant to complete the tour and take home the championship hardware! The officially unofficial Club Participation trophy will be added

to the awesome car and memorabilia collection at the Cooper family museum/shop near Broken Arrow where the AACA monthly membership meetings happen.

My thanks to NEOkla Region Road Rally co-chairman, Dr. Bob Strattan, and gearhead friend, Jason Tollison, for helping set up, pre-check, sweep and score the event. Thanks also to Mary Jane Halley for volunteering her accountancy (Halley, McDaniel & Cuite, PLLC) to print copies of the General and Route Instructions. Thanks, indeed, to the teams who entered, arrived in Avant, and rallied with us. It was a truly eclectic mix of automotive implements that tackled the course and thanks to their entry fees being added to the \$500 contribution from the NEOkla Region Sports Car Club of America the Avant Volunteer Fire Department will be adding over \$700 to their reclamation kitty.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Halley

## AACA Tulsa Region has a Facebook Page!

by *Debbie Harding*

I wanted to let you know that AACA Tulsa Region now has a page on Facebook. David Turner asked me to put something together last spring and I was able to get it up and running on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Please keep in mind that my only experience with Facebook was when I joined and created my own personal page many years ago. And that was primarily to enable me to keep up with my grandchildren and their postings. So *my* postings are mostly of my grandchildren, travel (when we used to travel, that is) and gardening. I also enjoy seeing posts from family and friends, which allow me to feel connected when otherwise I couldn't. And one of my favorite aspects of FB is the memories that pop up a year later; you might agree a "reminder" from the past year can be a good thing!

On our AACA page, I have posted pics from past club activities, the 2021 New Car Show, some from Joanna's Car Emporium and recently, some from pics of vintage cars used during the filming of *Flowers of the Killer Moon* movie in Pawhuska and Fairfax. It's interesting to know that one of our own member's car is being used in the movie, and that is Mel Burton's beautiful 1926 Model T.

If you are a FB member, please check our page out by searching for *Antique Automobile Club of America Tulsa Region*. Please keep in mind that I am an *amateur* at this and would welcome suggestions or help in making our page better for viewers. Let me know your thoughts please, we're in this together!

