



*1955 Chevy owned by Tom and Liga McGahan
Complete story on page 2*





by Tom McGahan

Cover Story

Cars Find Me!

It's kind of a strange concept. But the concept appears to have more validity as time moves on. I'm beginning to believe that "cars find me." I have never gone out searching for a particular year, make or model.

The '70 F-100 was always parked in front of a neighbor's house. In 5 years, I saw the truck driven twice (to the dump). I moved across town and Gus the neighbor passed away. His widow called me and asked if I wanted the truck. 20 years later, and a frame-off rebuild, I still own the truck.

The GTO was forgotten and in disrepair under a carport in Salt Lake City. After several visits to SLC, I finally realized what the car was, bought it and drug it home to Denver for restoration.

Over the years, I have wanted a Tri-5 Big window truck. As a pastime, on business trips, I would look over different internet sites with no intention of buying. Just passing time. While in Indiana, I noticed an online truck for sale in Mississippi and for some strange reason wrote down the phone number on a hotel note pad. Back in Memphis a year later, I cleaned out my wallet and found the number. Figured I would call and see what they sold the truck for. The guy said, "We never sold it. Was trying to sell it for a friend of mine. Still for sale." I asked where in Mississippi the truck was located. The guy said the truck isn't in Mississippi, it's in Tennessee. The truck ended

up being located 1/2 mile from my house tucked away in a garage by the second owner in his mid-80's. Although extremely rough, it was a big window '57 used to haul 4-H animals and haul bales of hay on the family farm. I ended up with the truck. Frame-off rehab, and I still have it.

I wrote a story for the newsletter a couple of months ago about the barn find truck. The '56 Ford was stored in an abandoned garage for 40 years. My neighbor across the street said, hey you want an old truck?" We are selling my parents place and need to find it a home if anyone wants it. You'll have to cut down the tree that grew in front of the garage door. Fellow car guy on the corner said he was game and is now in process of a frame-off restoration,

In August, an engineer I worked with in Memphis called and said, "Hey, would you be interested in a 55 Chevy?" I asked, "What's the catch?" "Some people I know are clearing out an estate from their deceased parents. These people all live in other states and need to dispose of two cars. They plan to sell the house immediately "as is." They are planning to have a junk yard remove the vehicles." I made the call and two weeks later, fellow AACA Member, Bill Kenny and I were returning from Memphis with a FREE 1955 Chevy in Bill's enclosed trailer. Yeah, it's a 4-door but should make a great driver. And the price was right!





President's Notes

by Joe Smith, President

October Meeting – Please avoid the draft and volunteer. We need to elect three new board members to serve for 2023-2024. Chuck Mahan has decided not to be on the board next year thus we need a candidate to replace him as Secretary-Treasurer. The President will have to be replaced according to our by-laws. The President creates a list of things to discuss at the General Meeting from the input of the Board Members at the Board of Directors meeting, basically an easy job. The Treasurer collects dues once a year and almost does nothing the rest of the year. The Secretary takes notes at all meetings, making it hard to nap during a meeting. We have the board meeting at a location and time that is reached with a consensus of the board members. Example, currently only one is employed and we have recently had our meetings very close to his employment location.

Car Show – Our Region annual sponsored car show is in Owasso. First Church @ 10100 North Garnett Road. Saturday, October 8th. We have a business that will monitor our attendance to determine if they want to actually pay us to do a car show in 2023. Help us make it look good.

Fall Breakout Tour – We used to have an annual Fall and annual Spring overnight driving event. We called them “Break-out” tours. Over the years these went away. David and Betty Turner are bringing back the Fall Break-Out Tour. Begins in Claremore on October 21st with a stop at Newell Coach in

Miami then to Big Brutus in Kansas and Fort Scott for the night. On Saturday a trolley tour of the town of Fort Scott which will include a visit to the National Cemetery, Number One (Arlington is Number Two). Then a walking tour of the Fort. The bricks that first paved the Indianapolis Motor Speedway came from Fort Scott.

Car Display – Our club was contacted by The Grove, an Assisted Living & Memory Center on South Lewis asking if we could provide one 1920's car to display with their 1920's theme day. Board Member Keith Jones was drafted to provide a car since he was closest.



Keith Jones 1926 Ford Model T displayed at The Grove at Midtown Senior Living Center.

Last Month – Our guest speaker last month, Clay Fees, was very entertaining and had a great story about his automotive life and authoring his book, The Age of the Muscle Car. Clay is joining the club.



President's Notes Continued

Queen Elizabeth II – The Kyana Region AACA was having a Saturday tour on the back roads of Kentucky somewhere north of Versailles, Kentucky in 1989. We stopped at a U-shaped shopping center that was surrounded by farms on a two-lane blacktop road for a pit stop. The Kentucky State Police pulled in and blocked our exit. We found out that the Queen was visiting her horses down the road and would soon be riding past us in a limo. We all stood near the road as her procession of automobiles came by and we could clearly see the Queen in the back seat with her window down giving us all her Queen wave. This visit was not covered by the media. We were told by locals it was routine. Closest we've been to the Queen. I got closer to Pope John Paul II once in Chicago in 1979, but I was not driving an old car.

Arsenal of Democracy – Book - I was the 6th member of the club to read this book that Steve Schnitzer has been letting us read, it will be passed to another member at the October meeting. We lived one mile North of the GM Willow Run plant (in the book) in 1977-78 (11 months) which I would drive past to go to work and I would also drive alongside the famous Ford Rouge plant (in the book) to work. My first time I took the wrong ramp and found myself in the middle of the Rouge plant parking lot, the ramp had 3-lanes going into the parking lot and 3 separate lanes for departing. I worked along the Rouge River between the Detroit River and the Ford Rouge plant, usually driving our 1973 DATSUN pickup, sometimes our 1975 MONTE CARLO.

Past Member Memories- Raymond Ward 1921-2000. Raymond was a restaurateur for 40 years. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and Akdar Shrine. He was very active in AACA and also the Classic Car Club of America (CCCA). He got the AACA into giving rides to Officer Veterans in the Veterans Day Parade. He used to tell us younger members that it does not cost anymore to paint a true CCCA car compared to a non-CCCA Chevrolet or Ford. He encouraged us to acquire and restore CCCA qualified cars. Ironically after he told us this, he restored a 1955 and a 1962 CADILLAC Convertible – not qualified CCCA. He lived on a city block in Sand Springs that the homes had their garages in the alley. Over the years he purchased some of the homes in this block and rented out the house, not the garage. The garages were for storing his collection. One house that from the street looked like a very nice home he had converted the entire house into a garage. We would go there as a club and park in the alley and walk up and down the alley to see his collection. I remember a 1956 JAGUAR roadster and an MGB – both not qualified CCCA. Also remember qualified CCCA cars a 1941 CADILLAC 60 Special (his favorite), a 1941 LINCOLN a two passenger ROLLS ROYCE roadster (guess 1921) with rumble seat and several cars I cannot remember. This was a stop on our hosted AACA Divisional Tour in 1998. A stop for a Horseless Carriage Club Trail of Tears Tour once and also a Vintage Chevrolet Club of America there on a tour. He was a great host for these garage tours and a fantastic AACA club member.





Tulsa Region AACA Meeting Minutes

by Chuck Mahan, Secretary/Treasurer

Meeting at Joanna Cooper's Car Emporium September 11, 2022 - 2:00 pm

The General Meeting was held one week later than normal due to the Labor Day Holiday.

President Joe Smith called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

Joe announced that the minutes of the August meeting would be omitted because they were previously reported in the Runningboard Ramblings. Joe went on to say that the minutes said that the Board would discuss the idea of renting a small bus for future tours, but the topic was not discussed at the Board Meeting, and that the Halley Raceway tour is now November instead of October. The Treasurer's report indicated that there was no change in the bank's balance.

Both Joanna Cooper and Joe had jokes...

There were no reports of people having solved antique automobile problems during the month.

Ladies Day luncheon remains the same.

The October General meeting will include the election of Board Members. There are three openings. David has agreed to run, with the stipulation that he will not be President. Mike Halley has agreed to run. Chuck Mahan has declined to run.

The club's car show will be at First Church in Owasso on October 8th. Joe had printed and

brought to the meeting 100 flyers advertising the show. He asked everyone to take flyers for distribution.

David Turner was promoting another car show in Dewey on September 24.

The club's tour to Kansas will be October 21st and 22nd. We will visit Big Brutus on the way up to Kansas. On the 22nd an open-air bus will pick the club members up for the tour of Fort Scott and the National Cemetery.

Mike Halley is picking up the ball for the Veteran's Day Parade from Phil Judkins.

On November 12th it will be Veteran's Appreciation Day at Hallett Raceway. The club will meet at Avery Plaza in Tulsa and then tour to the old War Bonnet raceway in Mannford, and then to Hallett Raceway where veterans will get to ride around the raceway. Veterans will be free; otherwise, it will be \$10.00 per person.

Joe announced that he had information on a '53 Packard 2 door sedan that doesn't run for sale. See him if you are interested.

Steve Schnitzer and Lee DeBoer both attended the Auburn Festival in Auburn, Indiana. Steve went on to Detroit Michigan to visit several museums and old factories. He has promised to present a program of these travels.

The business meeting was adjourned for a program by Clay Fees.



Calendar of Events 2022

October

- 2** *General Meeting – 2 PM at Joanna Cooper’s Car Emporium*
- 4-7 Eastern Fall Nationals - Hershey, PA – Hershey Region
- 7-9 CVAR Thunder on the Cimarron XXI – Vintage Road Racing at Hallett Raceway
- 8** *Tulsa Region AACA Car Show – First Church in Owasso – See flyer in newsletter*
- 21-22** *Tour to Big Brutus and Fort Scott – David Turner*

November

- 6** *General Meeting – 2 PM at Joanna Cooper’s Car Emporium*
- 11** *Tulsa Veteran’s Day Parade*
- 12** *Club tour to Cyrus Avery Plaza, War Bonnet Park, Hallett Raceway*

December

- 4** *General Meeting – 2 PM at Joanna Cooper’s Car Emporium*

Tulsa region club events are in red bold italics print.

Recurring Events:

Every 2nd Wednesday - Owasso Cruise-In – at Owasso High School

Every Tuesday - Tulsa Cruise-In – Jason’s Deli - 61st & Memorial - 5 pm – 8 PM - (Mar – Oct)





Let's Tour!!!

by David Turner, 2022 Tour Director

October Tour to Big Brutus and beyond! October 21-22 (Fri & Sat)

Our tour details have been updated. I think you will find it even more fun and interesting to all. Please plan to drive an antique automobile if possible. Drive modern only if necessary!

We will **depart** the **QuikTrip** in Claremore at 520 South J M Davis Blvd at **9:00 AM**. We will travel from there to Newell Coach in Miami where we will have a guided tour of this wonderful manufacturing facility.

After lunch in Miami at a new restaurant I think you will like, called Otter Cove, (Route 66 themed!) we will caravan to Big Brutus where we have another guided tour awaiting us. I have group rate established for us at \$7.50 a person. Please indicate you are part of the AACA group.

From there we travel to Fort Scott, Kansas for the night. I have blocked six rooms (in addition to my own) at the Sleep Inn which is near the historic fort. It is the only hotel in Fort Scott offering a free full breakfast with their rooms. I have visited the hotel and find it to be a good one. The blocked rooms are \$125 for either a King or a double Queen. The Queen comes with a shower/tub combination and the Kings have walk-in shower only. The facility also has an

exercise room and an indoor pool. Make your own reservations and please mention the Tulsa Region AACA to get our special rate. (*See the details below*) More rooms can likely be made available if we need them. The block will automatically be removed after September 23 so please don't wait to the last minute to make your reservations.

On Saturday we will tour the historic Fort. Prior to the tour of the Fort, we will take a trolley tour of the city and the National Cemetery. I have arranged for a guided tour of the Fort starting at 10 AM. Admission is free!

From Fort Scott we will caravan to Franklin, Kansas and tour the Mining Hall Museum. From there, it is a short drive to the famous Chicken Mary's for lunch. (The rush from the Pittsburg State Homecoming football game should all be getting close to the stadium for the 2PM kickoff!)

We will likely head back to Tulsa from Chicken Mary's unless I come up with another stop in the meantime! Please let me know that you plan to participate!

Hope to see you all!

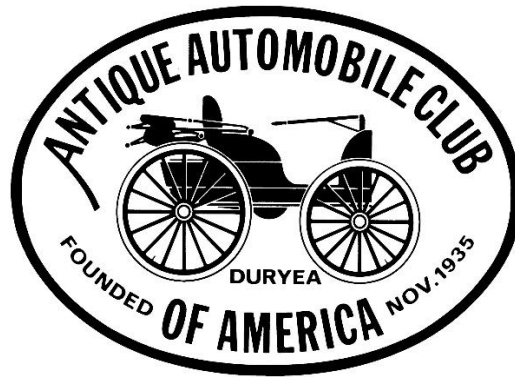
Room Reservation Contact Details:

Sleep Inn - Fort Scott Kansas
302 East Wall Street
Fort Scott, Kansas 66701
620-223-2555
Group Name: Tulsa Region AACA



CAR SHOW!!

Saturday – October 8, 2022



Tulsa Region

10 AM till 2 PM (Registration 8:30 to 10)

At: First Church in Owasso

10100 N. Garnett Road

All Automobile clubs and individuals are invited to participate - With their Antique and Collectible Automobiles - Motorcycles are welcome too!

Awards for crowd favorite GM, Ford, Mopar, Foreign, Orphans

<https://tulsa.aaca.com>





Tulsa Veteran's Day Parade

by Mike Halley – AACA Board Member

Here's a situation report from my first Tulsa Veteran's Day Parade organizing meeting. Attending it has yielded lots of information and some good news for our AACA parade contingent! It turns out that this year it's AACA's turn to be near the front of the parade. So unlike my previous experience at the parade, we won't be waiting around for hours before mobilizing. I'd like to take credit for this outcome but, honestly, whoever stood in for Mr. Judkins was going to accomplish the same thing. Sometimes it's simply better to be lucky than good.

After the last AACA meeting - where I committed to sharing an impassioned plea with the powers that be to get the AACA cars away from being tail-end-charley - Dr. Bob Strattan made a great suggestion. "Maybe we'd have a better chance of being moved up if we had more cars." I thought that was a brilliant idea so I set out to do just that by inviting some other classic car owners to join us. I'm happy to report that there has been a healthy initial response from the local Alfa Romeo Owners Club, the FIAT Club of America, the British Car Club (a couple MGs and an Austin-Healey Sprite, anyway), and the Sports Car Club of America.

The list of prospective cars (including the AACA regulars we all expect will appear) looks something like this: A Ford Model A or two; a 1946 Chevy pickup; a 1955 Chevy sedan; a 1957 Chevy Bel Air; a 1959 Austin Healey "Bugeye" Sprite; a 1963 Chevy Caprice; a 1966 Barracuda; a 1967 Alfa Romeo Giulia Sprint; a 1967 Chevy Corvette; a 1968 Alfa Romeo Berlinna; a 1970 Alfa Romeo GTV; a rare 1973 Alfa Romeo Montreal; a 1974 Porsche 911; a 1976 FIAT Spider; a 1977 MG Midget; a 1978 MGB; a 1981 Mazda RX7; a 1982 Delorean DMC12 and an extremely rare 1986 Callaway Twin Turbo Alfa Romeo GTV6!

That isn't to say that each and every car listed will appear and – OF COURSE – this list will not preclude AACA member cars from being added to the group, but since the Registrar for the parade logged us in with "20 to 40 cars" we have ample room to expand! So please let me know if you want to be part of the parade, you'll have a LOT better chance of being part of the KTUL-Channel 8 live broadcast and we'd love to add your ride to the most eclectic car display of them all!

While I have your attention, one of the more intriguing revelations that came from Wednesday's parade meeting at VFW Post 577 was the Post Commander's comment about our Military Veterans who would like to be part of the parade but don't have a float on which to ride or a car in which to be the passenger. I shared my contact information with Dan Fuller so we might connect veterans who are afoot with an empty parade car seat. If you would like a passenger along for the ride around downtown Tulsa on Friday, November 11, 2022 please let me know!

Finally, in addition to breakfast at the VFW Post 577 the morning of November 11th and a free meal at the American Legion Post for participants after, there is a post-parade party at the VFW Post where there will be a scanner set up for veterans who would like their DD214s recorded and stored at the Tulsa County Court Clerk's office. This could be a great thing for all vets since they will know there's a copy safely tucked away that their survivors can access regardless of what might happen to their original.

We're on our way! Don't be bashful, get involved!





Visite Des Pistes de Course Road Rally

by Mike Halley – AACA Board Member

It's obvious that a couple of your AACA Board members have an affinity for autosport. Our illustrious Editor, Bill Ruedy, has featured racing history in the last couple of Runningboard Rambling newsletters, and both of my post-meeting presentations can be categorized as autosport-ish.

So, big surprise, my first newsletter submission will be a little bit about a slice of the autosport world known as road rally. Road rally is what might best be understood as a tour with the addition of an element of competition. In particular, the task is to come closest to a target time for the entire route.

There are many variations to this premise, but I will concentrate on what new rally teams need to know to do well on the upcoming "Visite Des Pistes de Course" rally scheduled for November 12, 2022 – the day after the Tulsa Veteran's Day Parade.

But first, some background. The chosen name, "Visite Des Pistes de Course," is French for "Tour of the Race Tracks" and that is for two reasons. To begin with, the world's first automobile race was 127 years ago in France. It was the brainchild of two French engineers and businessmen who had an automobile shop in Paris. The second reason is because the

Visite Des Pistes de Course will visit the only two permanent road race facilities ever in Oklahoma.

Only half of those circuits are active today while the other has succumbed to urban sprawl and has not been active for over half a century. But what a legacy the War Bonnet Raceway Park had during its heyday! Fans of the muscle car era who have never visited War Bonnet missed out on a couple of amazing SCCA Trans Am races which boasted names like Mark Donohue, Parnelli Jones, George Follmer, Sam Posey and many others.

Racing Camaros, Mustangs, Javelins, Barracudas and other "ground pounders" the sights and sounds must have been nothing short of awesome.

If you're interested in the tour/rally, be sure to attend the November AACA meeting at Joanna Cooper's Automotive Emporium where I'll present a primer to cover the November 12th event that will become part of Hallett Motor Racing Circuit's "Veteran's Appreciation Day."

For details about that piece of the tour, visit this site: <https://www.hallettracing.net/hmrc-veterans-celebration-day/>





October

3rd Joanna Cooper
10th Bill Ruedy
11th Carolanne Mahan
22nd Laura Judkins
26th David Turner

November

2nd Penny Downey
17th Lina Holmes
19th Phil Judkins
28th Liga McGahan



October

6th Jim & Teresa Strode

November

Sunshine Report

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



2022 Tulsa AACA Meeting Cookie Sign Up Sheet

February	Meeting Cancelled			
March	Linda Beeson	918-455-2541	LaVon Ruedy	918-810-3956
April	Betty Turner	918-527-9561	Debbie Harding	918-706-3536
May	Jim Jones	918-485-9606	Pauleta Clawson	918-630-3611
June	Linda Beeson	918-455-2541	Joanna Cooper	918-605-1380
July	Lee DeBoer	918-857-3022	Joe Smith	918-346-9877
August	Keith Jones	918-313-5721	Grant Aldrich	918-230-3991
September	Tom McGahan	901-359-8002	Vada Strattan	918-663-9484
October	Carolanne Mahan	918-631-9393	Laura Judkins	918-629-8053
November	Marjorie Knickerbocker	918-272-2517	Penny Downey	918-438-8220
December	Bill Ruedy	918-407-5826	Steve Schnitzer	918-855-4070

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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.



National AACA News

Rummage Box



Everyone Has an Interest

by Phillip Cole - Vice President – Publications

Over a decade ago, I made a new friend, James, at one of our region's events. He had driven his Corvette a hundred miles to this, his first AACA event, and was full of questions. My wife and I spent time with him to answer most of his questions. After that first encounter, we continued to email and see each other at various AACA Nationals. James and his wife joined the region where they live and have become active leaders in that chapter. What made James and I friends is the same common interest that binds all of us together as members of AACA: our interest in the old car hobby!

In my life coach training, I have learned there are three elements which will help any common interest group – large or small - grow and advance. They are:

Encouragement. At our initial encounter I found James to be a likeable fellow with a keen interest in the old car hobby. Over the years both of our families have continued to encourage each other and have become encouragers in our respective regions.

Opportunity. Obviously, that first AACA event gave us an opportunity to share information and become AACA friends. Over the years it has become our common practice to check with each other about signing up for national events.

Rewards. The biggest reward for our two families is our friendship. Over the years, however, both of our families have covered the walls of our garages with trophies, plaques, chips, banners – all trappings of active participation in the old car hobby.

As leaders in your own region/ chapter, do you offer encouragement to your members, especially the newer ones? Do your board and committees seek more opportunities to enjoy the hobby for your membership? Beyond the trophies and banners what are the rewards your members can gain as active participants in your region/ chapter?





by Randy Beeson

One Hundred Years Ago

Italy held the world's attention this month as the Italian government resigned under pressure from Mussolini's fascists on October 26th. The following day, Liberal Prime Minister Luigi Facta resigned as Mussolini threatened 'either the government will be given to us, or we will seize it by marching on Rome'. The Fascists marched on the 28th, leading to Mussolini's seizure of power. Il Duce became Italian premier on the 31st.

In other international news, the occupying WWI Allied powers withdrew from Turkey on October 6th. Turkey and Greece then signed a cease-fire agreement on the 11th. On October 23rd, the Conservative Bonar Law government replaced the Liberal Lloyd George government in Great Britain. Finally, the German parliament extended the Ebert presidency until July 1925 on the 24th.

Technology continued to impact society as the first facsimile photo was sent over Washington, DC city phone lines on October 3rd. The following day, the first radio broadcast of a World Series baseball game (Giants vs Yankees) occurred. The broadcasting stations were WJZ and WGY. On the 7th, stations WNJ (Newark) and WGY (Schenectady) established the first radio link for broadcasting the Series. The following day, the Giants won the series 4-0-1. On October 14th, the first automated telephone exchange was placed in operation in New York City. The British Broadcasting Company (BBC) was established in England on October 18th. Finally (and probably to the chagrin of American wives), the first coast-to-coast broadcast of a football game occurred on

the 28th. Radio technology was growing by leaps and bounds!

Birthdays this month included journalist Jack Anderson, born in Long Beach, CA on October 19th; actress Barbara Bel Geddes, born in New York City on the 31st and Cambodian King Norodom Sihanouk, born in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on the same date.

In Okmulgee, OK, a touring car driven by Herman Bell smashed into a Model T carrying several passengers on October 9th, resulting in the death of a 2-year-old child. Bell and his passenger had been drinking and a partial bottle of corn whiskey was found in their car. Bell was apprehended by Okmulgee police and was to be charged with manslaughter. The child's father and his fellow workers, employees of the Texas Company's Bald Hill gasoline plant were threatening to lynch Bell.

The same (October 10th) edition of the Morning Tulsa Daily World included an advertisement by the Murphy Motor Company on South Main Street in Tulsa for new Overland automobiles at reduced prices. An Overland touring car or roadster could be purchased for \$525 (\$8,833 in current dollars).

The Freight Wheel Company of Grand Rapids, MI was marketing an electric fire truck this month. The battery-powered truck featured an electric motor in each wheel. However, raising and lowering of the truck's ladder required an onboard gasoline-powered compressor. A flexible celluloid windshield was available this month for rear seat touring car passengers to improve travel comfort.





Unusual Old Automobiles

1906 Orient

by David Turner, Board Member

This automobile seems to be misnamed to me. The first Orient's were called a buckboard, but this model is not as it has fully elliptical springs at all four corners! The clear finish appears on all examples of this car I have observed over the years including the one in the AACA Museum in Hershey.

The engine shown in the next view developed all of 4 horsepower!



1906 Orient Buckboard



1906 Orient engine

The friction drive system shown at the right can be thought of as an infinitely variable transmission, but the idea soon fell out of favor within the fledgling automobile industry. I presume it was push started as I see no means of cranking it!
Orient was produced by the Waltham Manufacturing Company in Waltham, Mass from 1900 to 1907.



1906 Orient friction drive system





Automobile Accessory? What is a Tire Anyway? Part 1

by Bill Ruedy, Editor

Is an automobile tire an accessory or a necessity? No car today would be able to move without wheels. Wheels are round (pretty hard to move on a square wheel, or oval wheel). Automobile wheels historically have been wooden spoked, wire spoked or like modern vehicles fully metal (steel or aluminum alloy) round devices that hold rubber tires. Ultimately, “where the rubber meets the road” is what is important to our safety and comfort as we “tool around” in our antique, vintage, or modern automobiles.

Like many subjects, this one started during a highway trip in the rain (remember that stuff that falls from the sky?). I remembered the advice from my Dad in the 70’s: “Don’t drive above 60 mph in the rain or you may hydroplane”. At the time speed limits were 70 mph on highways. Today, highway speeds are typically 75 mph away from cities, and can be as much as 80 mph. Hydroplaning is a complex subject and will be discussed in a future article.

Starting at the beginning I realized how little I actually know about tire types. So exactly what makes a tire and how is it different from our vintage or antique automobile tires? Yes, there are truck tires, trailer tires, racing tires, and passenger tires. Why so many types and what makes them different?

There is a bewildering choice for tires, the main types are: trailer, truck, sedan/minivan, cuv(crossover utility)/suv (sport utility).

Sub categories are: off road, all terrain, touring, summer, winter, all season, maximum traction, and performance.

The most common question about tires is “What size do you have?” Tire sizes and classifications are embedded in each tire on the [sidewall](#) of the tire.

In general the tire markings are:

If the tire class is “P” or blank means the tire is a standard load rating (4 ply) tire. “P” stands for P-metric rating for US passenger cars. Blank (no “P”)



Sidewall Tire code
[Courtesy of Discount Tire](#)

means Euro-Metric and the tire may have a different load rating than a “P” type tire. A “T” type is a temporary spare tire. A light truck is designated “LT”. “ST” indicates “special trailer” and is to be used only on trailers.

Section width is width of tire (not tread) in millimeters.

Aspect ratio is height of sidewall as a percentage of the section width.

Tire construction “R” means radial, “D” means diagonal or bias ply construction. “RF” means run flat construction.

Wheel diameter is the diameter of the rim (wheel).

The Load and speed rating for the tire follows the numbers above.

The tires on my Chevrolet Malibu are Firestone “WeatherGrip” with a designation of “225/55R17 97V M+S” tubeless radial.

It is a Euro-Metric passenger tire with standard load rating (no “P”). The tire width is 225 millimeters. The sidewall height is 123.75 mm (225 x .55) and a rim diameter of 17 inches. The “R” indicates a radial tire construction. The load index is 97V - 1609 lbs with a speed rating of “V” up to 149 mph. Pretty sure the Malibu will not go that fast. The M+S indicates a Mud+Snow rating from Rubber Manufacturers Association. This tire also includes a mountain/snowflake symbol.

Next month Bias ply vs Radial and more on types of tires (all season, performance, summer vs winter).



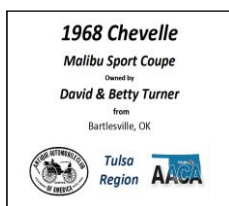
Share Your Story!

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

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. 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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