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Ramblings

*A Message from Carolanne Mahan*



## President's Notes

Dear Fellow Club Members,

As I wrote this, I am recalling that at 9:30 am this morning our temperature was 72 degrees and now at 3:00 pm it is 34 degrees. Rather difficult to know when to start tuning up the senior citizen cars, isn't it?

Want to remind you to call Joyce Smith at 918-346-9877, or if you know anyone who might like a get-well card or a thoughtful phone call.

Remember that on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM the nicely remodeled Circle Cinema Theatre, at Lewis and Admiral, will have a free viewing of one of Tom Mix's films. This will be a great introduction to the April 7<sup>th</sup> trip our club will take to Dewey OK. to visit the Tom Mix Museum. Also on the agenda that day will be a visit to the historic Dewey Hotel and visits to some cute boutiques on the same street. Lunch will be at Dink's for BBQ.

We have had two people volunteer for the calling committee, but we could use 3 or 4 more to help out with only 4 or 5 calls to make probably only once per month. Unless of course, if there is some emergency, it could happen twice per month.

Please remember to sign up with your anniversary dates at the next meeting, it will be published in the newsletter with the birthdays. It's amazing how many long marriages there are to celebrate in our club.

The men's lunch bunch is gaining more of a crowd. They meet every Wednesday at 11:30 AM at a different location each week. So, you might want to check with Chuck Mahan at 918-361-9081 to see which restaurant it will be at on the Wednesday that you can make it.

Speaking of Chuck, he is starting to work on our web site. So far, he has added the local and national events, and soon will be adding more information and deleting old data.

Hope you are all thinking about a joke or "thought for the day" at our next monthly meeting, March 4<sup>th</sup> at the usual place. Dan King will be presenting the program about "Spindletop". Should be interesting.

Happy Motoring!

Sincerely,  
Carolanne Mahan  
AACA Tulsa Region President

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# The AACA Tulsa Chapter General Meeting Minutes February 2017

The February 4, 2018 AACA meeting was brought to order with President Carolanne Mahan leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Treasurer Joe Smith was not in attendance.

The treasurers report was read by Carolanne and approved. The dues for 2018 are due.

There was no meeting in January so no minutes to read.

Ronnie Ferguson, a new member, was introduced to the membership. He was given a warm welcome.

Marylyn Baumann and Linda Beeson were both in attendance after having hospital stays. We wish both speedy recoveries.

New this year going to do 50-50 at the meetings. Also, a member can tell a joke or give a thought for the day. Then at the end of the year, members will vote on the best one, a prize will be given to the winner.

Men's lunches are every Wednesday, call Chuck Mahan for location. Ladies' lunches are the second Wednesday of the month at Egg It On, 81<sup>st</sup> street south and 145<sup>th</sup> east avenue in Broken Arrow.

Carolyn Plucknett is now at Saint Simeone's. It would be nice if members would send her a birthday card on her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. The address is Carolyn Plucknett, Resident, Saint Simeone's Senior Community, Asst. Plus, 3701 N Martin Luther King Blvd., Tulsa, Ok. 74106.

David Turner is purposing four AACA Tulsa Region Antiques Road Show 2018. First would be April 7<sup>th</sup> to drive antique automobiles, top speed 45 MPH on back roads. Meet for breakfast at IHOP in Owasso at 8:00 AM. Tour to Dewey, OK and visit the Tom Mix Museum. Next stop Dewey Hotel built by Jake Bartles for whom Bartlesville was named. Lunch at Dink's in Bartlesville. Tour back to Owasso along a different route, disband back at IHOP. Please put it on your calendar.

Chuck Mahan had a quiz which couples could work on together, being Valentine's Day is coming. A time limit of 15 minutes was given. With all correct answers Randy Beeson won the \$20 gift card to Lowes.

Dismissed for cookies and conversation.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Jean Schaeffer  
AACA Tulsa Region Secretary

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# AACA Runningboard Ramblings

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### BIRTHDAYS

#### March

5 Sandy Berenson  
12 Joe Landers  
31 Jim Jones

#### April

4 Pat DeBoer  
15 Chuck Mahan  
19 Russ Wolf  
27 Shari Blair

### ANNIVERSARIES

none



### Sunshine Report

*No illnesses have been reported. 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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## AACA Tulsa Region 2018-19 Calendar

<i>Month</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Director Responsible</i>	<i>comment</i>
<b>2018</b>					
March	4	General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation		Dan King	
	6	Tulsa Cruisers ● 91 <sup>st</sup> & Memorial			
	7	Men's Lunch ● 11:30 AM location TBD (call Chuck Mahan for details)			
	10	Silent Saturday ● Showtime 11:00 AM Circle Cinema 10 S Lewis, Tulsa OK			
		<a href="http://circlecinema.com/portfolio/2nd-saturday-silents-riders-of-the-purple-sage-1925-310/">http://circlecinema.com/portfolio/2nd-saturday-silents-riders-of-the-purple-sage-1925-310/</a>			
	14	Ladies' Lunch ● 11:30 AM Egg It On Café 1131 S Aspen Ave, Broken Arrow			
	14	Men's Lunch ● 11:30 AM location TBD (call Chuck Mahan for details)			
	21	Men's Lunch ● 11:30 AM location TBD (call Chuck Mahan for details)			
	27	Board Meeting ● Fuddrucker's Restaurant			
	28	Men's Lunch ● 11:30 AM location TBD (call Chuck Mahan for details)			
April	1	General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation		Joe Smith	
	3	Tulsa Cruisers ● 91 <sup>st</sup> & Memorial			
	7	Tulsa Region Cruise ● Tour to Dewey, OK			
	13 – 15	Tulsa Auto Show			
May	1	Board Meeting ● Fuddrucker's Restaurant			
	6	Gen'l Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation		Mary Jean Schaeffer	
	8	Tulsa Cruisers ● 91 <sup>st</sup> & Memorial			
June	5	Board Meeting ● Fuddrucker's Restaurant			
	9	Annual Car Show hosted by AACA Tulsa Region			
	13	Tulsa Cruisers ● 91 <sup>st</sup> & Memorial			
	23	Tulsa Region Cruise ● Tour to Pawhuska, OK			
	26	Board Meeting ● Fuddrucker's Restaurant			
July	1	General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation		Melvin Burton	
	3	Tulsa Cruisers ● 91 <sup>st</sup> & Memorial			
	31	Board Meeting ● Fuddrucker's Restaurant			
August	5	General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● Ice Cream Social			
	7	Tulsa Cruisers ● 91 <sup>st</sup> & Memorial			
	28	Board Meeting ● Fuddrucker's Restaurant			
September	2	Annual Cookout ● Cooper Home ● Dan King ● bring a side dish			



- 4 Tulsa Cruisers ● 91<sup>st</sup> & Memorial
- 8 Tulsa Region Cruise ● Tour to Oologah, OK
- 25 Board Meeting ● Fuddrucker's Restaurant
  
- October 7 General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● election of 2019 Board Members ● post-meeting presentation Carolanne Mahan
- 3 Tulsa Cruisers ● 91<sup>st</sup> & Memorial
- 30 Board Meeting ● Fuddrucker's Restaurant
  
- November 4 General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation Dan King
- 11 Tulsa Veterans Day Parade
- 17 Tulsa Region Cruise ● Tour destination TBD
- 27 Board Meeting ● Fuddrucker's Restaurant
  
- December 2 General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation Joe Smith
- TBD Christmas Dinner ● when and where TBD

**2019**

- January 5 Installation Banquet ● time and location TBD
- 29 Board Meeting ● Fuddrucker's Restaurant
  
- February 3 General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation TBD
- 26 Board Meeting ● Fuddrucker's Restaurant

Recurring Events

Every 2nd Saturday ● Silent Movie ● Circle Cinema 12 S Lewis ● Phil Judkins ● <http://circlecinema.com/>  
 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday after general meeting ● Tulsa Cruise-In ● 91<sup>st</sup> & Memorial ● 5 pm – sunset (Mar – Oct) ● Dan King



# AACA National 2018-19 Calendar

## 2018

- March 3 Wilmington, NC • North Carolina Region, Cape Fear Chapter • 46th Annual Cape Fear Chapter AACA Antique Automobile Show • Independence Mall, 3500 Oleander Dr.
- 3 Melbourne, FL • Annual "Celebration of Cars" Antique to Modern Auto Show • Cape Canaveral Region
- 4 Hamburg, PA • Ontelanuee Region • Swap Meet/Car Corral • Hamburg Field House
- 10 Virginia Beach, VA • Tidewater Region (TRAACA) • Annual Swap Meet • Military Aviation Museum, 1341 Princess Anne Rd, Virginia Beach, VA
- 10 West Friendship, MD • Chesapeake Region • 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Collector Car Swap Meet
- 10 – 11 Louisville, KY • Kyana Region AACA Giant Indoor Swap Meet  
• Kentucky Exposition Center Pavilion, West Wing, West Hall & Broadbent Arena
- 11 Englewood, FL • Lemon Bay Region • 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Classic Car Show • Elks Lodge # 2378, 401 N Indiana Ave
- 17 41st Annual Antique Automobile Show • Riverside Park, Vero Beach, FL • Indian River Region
- 22 – 24 Mobile, AL • AACA Winter Meet, sponsored by the Deep South Region AACA
- 24 Jefferson, OH • Western Reserve Chapter Swap Meet • Flea Market, Car Judging • Ashtabula County Fairgrounds
- 24 Naples, FL • Naples-Marco Region • Classic Car Show • Downtown Naples at Naples Depot Museum
- 25 Woodstown, NJ • South Jersey Region • 47th Annual Swap Meet and Car Corral at Salem County Fairgrounds
- April 5 – 7 Southeastern Spring Meet • Hornets Nest Region • Charlotte, North Carolina
- 5 – 7 Greenville, TX • Northeast Texas Region • 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Swap Meet/Car Show • Hunt County Fair Grounds
- 5 – 7 Greenville, TX • Northeast Texas Region • 19th Annual Swap Meet/Car Show • Hunt County Fair Grounds
- 19 – 21 AACA Western Spring Meet • Tucson Region • Tucson, Arizona
- 28 Randleman, NC • AACA North Carolina Region Spring Meet • Petty's Garage • General Greene Chapter
- 29 Charlottesville, VA • Piedmont Region AACA • 44th Carfest • 970 Hilton Heights Rd



- May 5 – 6 Ontario, Canada • AACA Ontario Region's 47th Annual Antique Automotive Flea Market • Lindsay Fairgrounds
- 5 – 7 Lawrence, KS • Lawrence Region • 55th Annual Swap Meet • 4H Fairgrounds
- 6 Morristown, NJ • New Jersey Region • 67th Annual Car Show & Flea Market & Car Corral • The Mennen Arena 161 E Hanover St Morristown, NJ
- 11 – 12 Central Spring Meet • Auburn, Indiana
- 18 – 20 50<sup>th</sup> Dunkirk Automotive Swap Market/Flea Market • Dunkirk, NY • Chautauqua Lake Region
- 20 Saratoga Springs NY • Saratoga Region • Annual Saratoga Automobile Museum Car Show • Saratoga Springs State Park
- 26 – 27 Norwich, NY • Rolling Antiquers Old Car Club (RAOCC) Antique Auto & Muscle Car Shows • Chenango County Fairgrounds 168 East Main St., Norwich, NY
- 28 Boalsburg, PA • Allegheny Mt Region • Memorial Day Annual Auto Show • PA Military Museum
- 31 – 2 Annual Grand National Meet • Western PA Region • Greensburg, PA
- June 3 Liverpool, NY • Oneida Lake Region • 65th Annual Show in the Shade • Clay Town Park 4821 Wetzell Rd, Liverpool, NY
- 9 York Springs, PA • Gettysburg Region • 43rd Annual Antique Classic Auto & Truck Show • Latimore Valley Fair Grounds, York Springs, PA
- 24 Forty Fort, PA • NE PA Region • 57th Annual Car Show & Flea Market • WYOMING VALLEY AIRPORT, FORTY FORT, PA
- 25 – 29 Lock Haven, PA • Eastern Divisional Tour • hosted by Bob Giles and Tom Roberts • Limited to 25 cars built between 1940-1955
- July 1 McAdoo, PA. Anthracite Region • 33rd Annual Car Show • Tri-County Little League Baseball Field
- 11 – 14 AACA Eastern Spring Meet • Chesapeake Region • Gettysburg, PA
- 21 Pine Grove, PA • Buddy's Log Cabin Family Restaurant • Annual Car Show
- August 20 – 24 AACA Reliability Tour • GVACS & Wayne Drumlins Region • Canandaigua, NY
- 25 Groton, NY • Groton Olde Home Days Antique & Classic Car Show
- September 12 – 15 AACA Central Divisional Tour • Amarillo Region • Texas Panhandle
- 16 – 21 AACA Glidden Tour • VMCCA • Twin Falls, ID
- October 10 – 13 AACA Eastern Fall Meet • Hershey, PA • Hershey Region
- 21 – 26 AACA Founders Tour • Metropolis, IL • Southern Illinois Region, Ohio Valley Chapter
- November 5 – 9 AACA Sentimental Tour • Natchez, MS • Louisiana Region



## 2019

February 7 – 9 AACA Annual Meeting • Philadelphia, PA

21 – 23 AACA Winter Meet • Ocala, FL • Kingdom of the Sun Regions

April 4 – 7 AACA Southeastern Spring Meet • Hornets Nest Region • Charlotte, North Carolina

May 9 – 11 AACA Annual Grand National Meet • Auburn, IN.

June 2 – 7 AACA Founders Tour • Nebraska Region • Seward, NE

September 19 – 21 AACA Southeastern Fall Meet • Cleveland, TN • Cherokee Valley Region

October 9 – 12 AACA Eastern Fall Meet • Hershey, PA • Hershey Region





**Tom Mix movie at Circle Cinema**

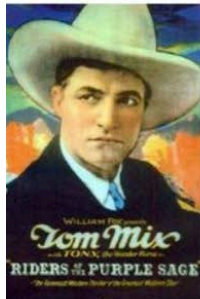
Below is a link to the Circle Cinema web site advertising the silent movie for 10 March. It is none other than **Riders of the Purple Sage** starring Tom Mix and all tickets are free! Plan to attend the movie on 10 March and then plan to travel with the Region in our antique automobiles to the Tom Mix Museum in Dewey, OK on Saturday 7 April. See details elsewhere in the newsletter.

<http://circlecinema.com/portfolio/2nd-saturday-silents-riders-of-the-purple-sage-1925-310/>

David Turner

# Second Saturday Silents at the Circle Cinema

## Tom Mix "Riders of the and Tony the Horse Purple Sage"



Saturday morning March 10th, the great cowboy star Tom Mix stars in this classic film from 1925, "Riders of the Purple Sage." This silent movie will be accompanied by Bill Rowland on the Circle's original 1928 theatre pipe organ, along with another funny Felix the Cat silent cartoon. And, this Saturday

**ALL TICKETS ARE FREE!!**

courtesy of HUGHES LUMBER COMPANY of Tulsa and Dewey.

AND, the Tom Mix museum in Dewey, OK is providing memorabilia and artifacts for the public to view and enjoy!!

PLUS! There's a Contest! Come in western attire and enter the Western Costume Contest with prizes awarded for the best!



Showtime is 11:00 AM.  
The historic Circle Cinema is located at  
10 S. Lewis in Tulsa, OK



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# AACA Tulsa Region Antiques on Parade for 2018

Quarterly tours for our antique automobiles

*Submitted by David Turner*

Members are encouraged to drive their antique automobiles on these tours so that we can show them off to the public. We hope that each participating antique automobile will be equipped with magnetic door signs which will identify our club and give some organization to our tour. (See the article elsewhere in this newsletter on how to procure them for \$65.00 a pair). Members who don't currently have an operating antique automobile to drive are encouraged to hitch a ride with a member who does. We will not prohibit the use of modern cars but are trying to discourage their use. Participating modern cars will not display magnetic door signs and will drive at the rear of the tour. Each of these tours are proposed as caravans (follow-the-leader). All tours will occur on Saturdays. In case of rain or other bad weather – stay home – tour cancelled!

## **APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>**

### **Tour to Dewey, OK (avoiding US-75 both ways – top speed 45 mph)**

Meet for breakfast at IHOP in Owasso at 8:00 AM

Tour to Dewey, OK

Tour the Tom Mix Museum and/or

Tour the restored Dewey Hotel built by Jake Bartles for whom Bartlesville is named or shop the antique shops on Don Tyler Ave.

Lunch at Dink's Bartlesville

Tour back to Owasso along a different route

Disband at IHOP

## **JUNE 23<sup>rd</sup>**

### **Tour to Pawhuska OK – top speed 50 mph or less - TBD**

Meet for breakfast at IHOP in Owasso

Tour to Pawhuska, OK on back roads and then seven more miles north from Pawhuska to the entrance of the Joseph H. Williams Tallgrass Prairie Preserve and the end of the pavement.

After a short stop and visit we will return on the same road to Pawhuska

Tour Richard DeMoss taxidermy shop (tentative) and/or

shop the Mercantile etc. - lots of new shops on Main Street and on Kihekah Ave.

Lunch at Buffalo Joes or Bad Brad's BBQ

Tour back to Owasso on a different back roads route

Disband at IHOP

## **SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

### **Tour Rogers County roads to Oolagah, OK – top speed TBD**

Meet for breakfast at IHOP in Owasso

Tour to Oolagah, OK on back roads

Tour the Will Rogers childhood home

Tour to Foyil – Bunion Derby monuments and Totem Pole Museum

Lunch possibly in Pryor Creek – site to be determined

Tour back to Owasso on back roads

Disband at IHOP

## **NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**

### **Fourth Tour – Destination to be determined – ideas?**

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## *One Hundred Years Ago Today*

by Randy Beeson

Faced with an internal counterrevolution and a renewed German offensive, Russia signed the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Germany - immediately began transferring troops, along with Generals von Hindenberg and Ludendorff who would assume command, to the Western Front. During the period of March 21<sup>st</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, Germany launched the Somme offensive along a 50-mile wide front, her final major attempt to win WWI before American troops were fully prepared and committed to the 'meat grinder'. On the 23<sup>rd</sup>, German long range 'Paris Guns' opened fire on Paris from a distance of 75 miles, killing 256 residents. Each gun was manned by 80 Imperial Navy sailors and each shell was in flight more than three minutes. By the same date, German forces had advanced 14 miles to the Somme River and Allied forces were in retreat.

On Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, Catholic and Protestant churches in Washington, DC offered prayers for Allied troops trying to stem the German 'sturmtuppen' assault. British troops were bearing the brunt of the fighting.

On March 4<sup>th</sup>, the first case of Spanish flu was officially diagnosed at Camp Funston, KS. On the 11<sup>th</sup>, the first case was diagnosed at Ft. Riley, KS. Before it petered out in the early 1920s, some 50-100 million people worldwide would die. The flu was particularly lethal for the young whose stronger immune systems flooded the lungs with body fluids in a hyper-response to the virus. As a result, many young victims drowned in their own body fluids. Movement of troops from and between training camps to East Coast port cities for embarkation to Europe facilitated the virus's rapid spread.

Political ferment continued in Europe with Finland forming an alliance with Germany on March 7<sup>th</sup>. The Russian Bolshevik Party became

the Communist Party on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Lithuania declared her independence on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and the Belorussian People's Republic was proclaimed two days later.

Here at home, the U.S. Congress approved the creation of time zones and use of Daylight Saving Time on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Daylight Saving Time went into effect on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Famous births this month included mystery writer Mickey Spillane, born in Brooklyn, NY on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Actress Mercedes McCambridge was born in Joliet, IL on the 17<sup>th</sup>, while sportscaster Howard Cosell was born in Winston-Salem, NC on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Singer Pearl Bailey was born in Newport News, VA on March 29<sup>th</sup>, the same day Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton was born in Kingfisher, OK.

In other news, 17-year old jazz musician Louis Armstrong married 21-year old Daisy Parker on March 19<sup>th</sup> while noted French composer Claude Debussy died in Paris on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Despite rumors to the contrary, on March 19<sup>th</sup>, John Dodge of the Dodge Brothers Motor Car Company formally announced that he would not be a candidate for U.S. senator. The March 7<sup>th</sup> issue of the Indianapolis News carried a notice from L.H. Van Briggles, receiver for the assets of the States Motor Car Company for the sale of the remaining few units of the State Touring Car, while O.M. Jones advertised his newly overhauled and repainted two-year old Chevrolet Baby Grand for sale. Gee, they don't make cars like they used to!



# Gasoline Alley

*By Dan King, Editor*

## ***Thomas Flyer Won the New York to Paris Race***

*by Tad Burness*

The Thomas Flyer is the car that won the famous New York to Paris race in 1908.

Six cars competed. In addition to the American Thomas, there was the German Protos, the Italian Brixia-Zust, and three French cars: The De Dion-Bouton, the Motobloc, and the smallest car in the race – the Sizaire-Naudin.

Body and Fenders of the Thomas Flyer were altered for the race. In fact, all the cars looked homely as peddler wagons, laden down with items needed for the long trip.

First car in trouble was the Brizia-Zust. It broke a transmission chain and its radiator cracked not long after the race began. But it was repaired.

A blizzard hampered the cars only 20 miles from starting point.

And because of the poor roads in 1908, there were many pitfalls along the way.

Going west across the U.S., the Thomas moved into the lead. Meanwhile, the Sizaire-Naudin had quit the race after less than 100 miles, because a gear broke in the rear axle and no spare parts were available. In Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the Motobloc was withdrawn because its team was discouraged.

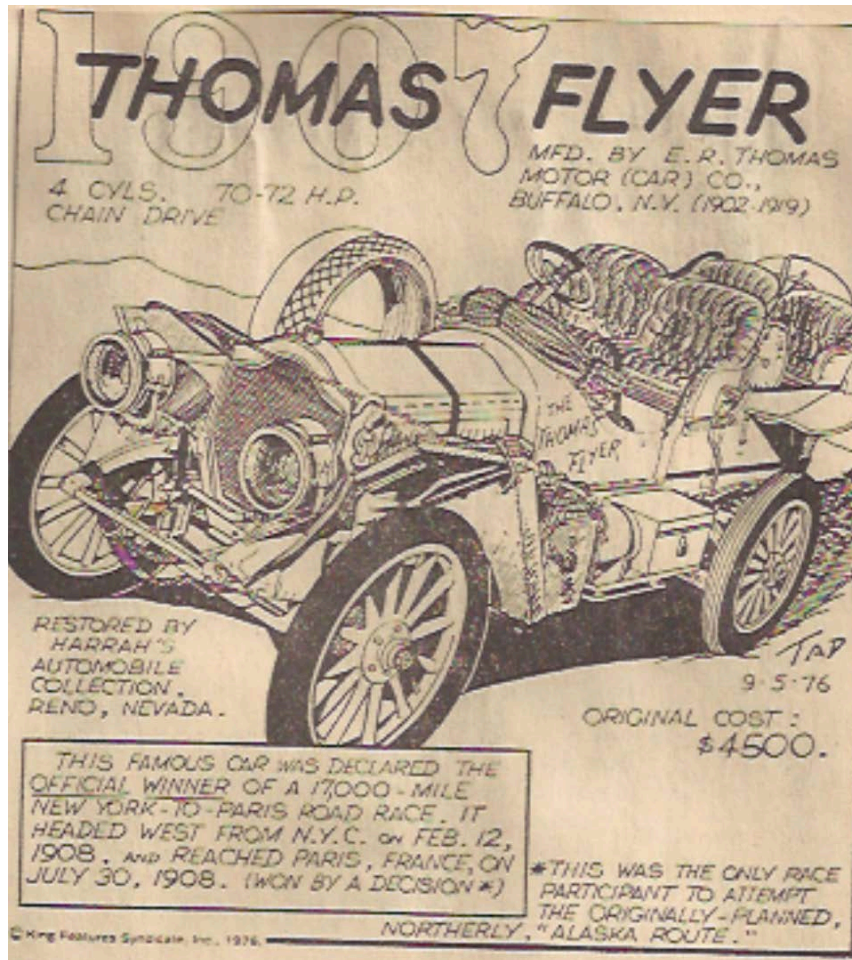
From San Francisco, the Thomas was carried by boat to Alaska. But after the Thomas reached port April 8<sup>th</sup>, it was decided that melting snows would make an Alaskan crossing impossible.

Forewarned, the Brixia-Zust and De Dion teams were allowed to bypass the planned Alaska route, and were shipped from Seattle to Japan. The Protos was shipped to Russia, after a temporary disqualification, bypassing Japan.

Though the Protos was the first car to reach Paris (on July 26), the Thomas won by a decision because it was the only car that had attempted the full original route.







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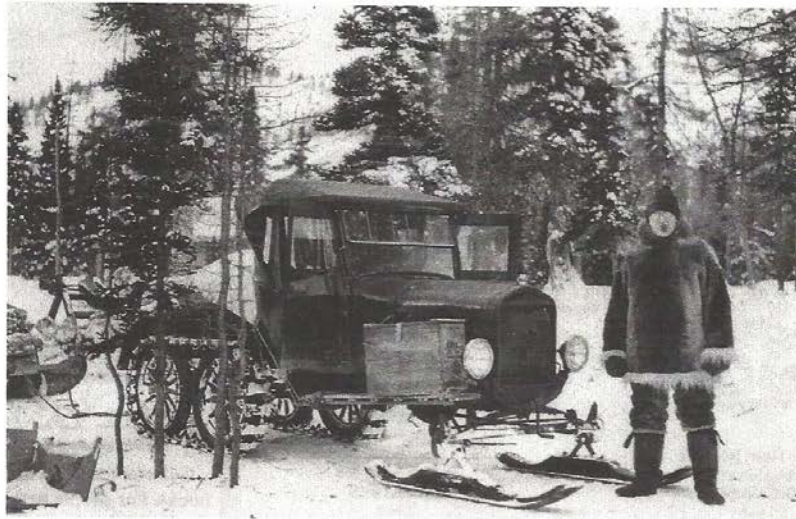
*Editor's Note: Charles Schaeffer's scrapbook of almost 200 articles clipped from the Tulsa World were the creation of Tad Burness, whose biography can easily be found on the internet. The scrapbook was given to me by Mary Jean Schaeffer, who currently serves as a Board Member and club Secretary.*

### 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](mailto:dcking1948@yahoo.com).

*Later alligator ...*





Among the early autos transformed with the Snowmobile Company's conversion kits was this 1926 Ford Model T, used by members of the Second Rawson-MacMillan Subarctic Expedition in Labrador, Canada.

## Suited to a T

By swapping wheels for skis, a creative New Hampshire Ford dealer helped give birth to the modern snowmobile.

**T**hough the novelty of "horseless carriages" had largely worn off by 1914, the sight of Virgil White motoring through Newport, New Hampshire, that February caught the attention of the media. Under a published photo of White's unusual conveyance, parked on a snowy roadway and filled with bundled-up passengers, was this wry description: "It appears to be of Ford descent, with a tractor and a pair of skis among its ancestors. Breeders, take notice."

At a time when horse-drawn sleighs were still the top winter transport, White had found a way to make autos competitive. An Ossipee Ford dealer whose knack for tinkering belied his eighth-grade education, he swapped out the wheels on Ford's ubiquitous Model T in favor of five-foot skis in front and caterpillar-style tracks in the back. He patented his design in 1917 as—what else?—the "Snowmobile."

First marketed in 1922, the Snowmobile sold as a conversion kit for about \$400 or as a complete vehicle for \$750—which was a bit steep considering that Model T's themselves

cost less than \$300. But this "Ford on snowshoes," supposedly able to cruise through 30 inches of fresh snow at 18 mph, found early adopters among folks whose jobs regularly took them out into the worst weather: postal carriers, undertakers, firefighters, country doctors, and so on.

By the mid-1920s the company that White cofounded was making between 2,500 and 3,300 units annually at its West Ossipee plant. A Snowmobile led the 1926 funeral procession for Calvin Coolidge's father in Vermont; another went to subarctic Canada with explorer Donald MacMillan in 1927.

All too soon, the Snowmobile Company's fortunes would be buried by the rise of snowplows, with the West Ossipee plant closing in 1929. But Virgil White's creations survive to this day, as seen when collectors give them a little exercise at the Model T Ford Snowmobile Club's annual meet, usually held in New England. There, the vintage machines still sputter and clank across the winter landscape, as head-turning now as they were a century ago. —Jenn Johnson

COURTESY OF THE PEARY-MACMILLAN ARCTIC MUSEUM, BOWDOIN COLLEGE





## Let's Make a New Year's Resolution!

*Wayne Tuck  
Vice President, Membership*

How many of you have ever made a New Year's Resolution? Lose weight? Go to the Gym three times a week? Get the house trim painted? Get that old car out and drive it at least once a month? I'm sure many of us have made some type of resolution.

Now how many of you have broken that resolution? We usually have some excuse. Sometimes circumstances just make it impossible to accomplish. Sometimes our resolutions are overly ambitious.

Let me suggest we make a resolution that we can all accomplish if we put in a little effort. Sign up a new AACA member. That doesn't sound too hard does it? The world is full of

old car fans. Shouldn't they all be members?

Stacy Zimmerman's recent Speedster article regarding AACA being a "Best kept secret" was a real eye opener. We all know what a great organization it is and all the benefits AACA has to offer. Why aren't we out there spreading the word? Most of us pay a lot more attention to a friend or acquaintance making a referral or recommendation than we do to paid advertising. Why keep it a secret?

I challenge you to each join me in celebrating the new year with the following resolution:

I resolve to sign up at least one new AACA member in 2018!



## 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@cablone.net](mailto:drenrut@cablone.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 me, so give me your order and make your reimbursement check payable to me. 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

To insure accuracy in our Membership Roster please send us your information:

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you have more cars, please list them on the back of this form.

Send a photo of your car(s) if you would like it to appear on the Region web page.

Send this completed form to:

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