

A Message from David Turner



President's Notes

Greetings fellow members!

I hope you all were able to see the Tulsa Auto Show. Joe Smith did a great job of coordinating our Region's participation. I am certain Dan will have photos elsewhere in this newsletter of our members cars. Thanks to all of you who showed your cars and thanks to the many members who volunteered at our Region's information table.

Our first tour of the year will be on May 11th and is intended to be Model T friendly. The lunchtime destination will be Woolaroc Ranch. Melvin Burton is planning this event for us. It should be a good one!

On May 18th, please plan to exhibit your cars at our annual show at the Heart of the Route 66 Automobile Museum in Sapulpa. We are hoping for a much larger participation this year and have changed the date to have cooler weather and to avoid the annual Leake Auction date. See the flyer elsewhere in the newsletter and share it with your friends who might be interested.

June 1st, we will show our cars at the Claremore Veterans Center from 9:30 to 11:00 AM. We will have part of the parking lot for our show and the Center will furnish the coffee and donuts! We are hoping to obtain permission to give rides to the veterans as well.

On June 2nd, several of us will depart for the 2019 Founders Tour in Nebraska. I don't believe it is too late to join us!

Happy Motoring!
David Turner
President, Tulsa Region AACAA



Minutes of the AACA General Meeting

April 7th, 2019

- David Turner called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. There were 20 members present.
- David Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Chuck Mahan's reading of the minutes of the February General Meeting, and ending with Joe Smith giving the Treasure's report.
- The drawing was held for the 50-50 raffle with Mel Burton winning. This is Mel's second win.
- Jokes were provided by Joanna Cooper, Linda Beeson, Lee DeBoer, Carolanne Mahan, and Chuck Mahan. Joanna Cooper was voted the best joke and received a bottle of car polish as the prize.
- David noted that he was still making car window placards, so if you need one just call him.
- David's trivia question of the month was: What was the year and make of the first hybrid automobile. Answer: Armstrong in 1896.
- The Tulsa new car show starts April 12. Joe Smith has organized our club's participation with 10 automobiles in the pre-WWII era. We will have one car in the 60's era. Our cars will be on the south side of the building and 2:00 pm on Wednesday will be the time to assemble them. All car owners and car sitters will get passes for free admission.
- David reviewed our own AACA car show at the Heart of Route 66 Museum. David will arrange for Certificates to be giving to award winners. Joe Smith announced that there will be two articles in the Tulsa World announcing our car show.
- Joe Smith announced that "Sergeant" of the Leake Car Auction had passed away and the funeral is next week. A painting of her playing marbles was on the front of a Saturday Evening Post magazine done by Norman Rockwell.
- David passed around sign-up sheets for the May 18 Car Show and the May 11 Club tour to Woolaroc.
- The Oldies n' Goodies Car Show in Bartlesville has been cancelled for this year.
- The club is scheduled to visit the Veteran's Hospital in Claremore on June 1 from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. The hospital will provide a space for parking, coffee and donuts. We may offer rides to the veterans.
- The club has approved a visit to the Eureka Springs Car Show in September. There are applications on-line (*also on page ___ below - ed.*). David has already made reservations at a local Motel. It was suggested that he try to block a group of five rooms for the event.
- Carolanne Mahan passed around a sign-up sheet for providing cookies at our monthly meetings.
- David announced that there would be a meeting of people interested in helping with the 2020 Divisional Tour 15 minutes after today's meeting and each meeting thereafter.
- The program was provided by Chuck Mahan: "The Cars that Made America Vol II" by the History Channel DVD.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chuck Mahan
AACA Tulsa Region Secretary





Sunshine Report

There is 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.

Laura Judkins pjudkins50@gmail.com or (918) 493-6577

BIRTHDAYS

May

7 Richard Holmes
10 Walter Knickerbocker
21 Todd Coady
31 Clyde Harding

June

12 Linda Beeson
13 Charlsie Griffith
22 Ron Scott

ANNIVERSARIES

May

4 Dan & Jenny King (29 yrs)
22 Joe & Joyce Smith (44 yrs)

June

2 Jim & Janice Jones (52 yrs)
15 Ed & Jackie Fogle
21 Phil & Laura Judkins (67 yrs)



AACA Tulsa Region 2019/20 Calendar

<i>Month</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Director Responsible</i>	<i>comment</i>
May	5	Gen'l Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation Mahan			
	7	Tulsa Cruisers ● 5 PM – 8 PM ● 91 st & Memorial			
	7 – 9	Amelia Island Auto Auction ● Florida ● for more information see web site below https://hollywoodwheels.com/auction/amelia-island-select-2019/ and https://www.bonhams.com/auctions/24809/			
	11	Day Tour to Woolaroc			
	18	AACA Car Show ● 10 AM – 2 PM ● Heart of 66 Museum, Sapulpa, OK			
	28	Board Meeting ● Sand Springs IHOP 1:30 PM			
June	2	Gen'l Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation Melvin Burton			
	2 – 7	AACA Founders Tour ● Nebraska Region ● Seward, NE			
	4	Tulsa Cruisers ● 5 PM – 8 PM ● 91 st & Memorial			
	15	Garage Tour to D.W. Correll / Jim & Teresa Strode's			
July	2	Board Meeting ● Sand Springs IHOP 1:30 PM			
	7	General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation David Turner			
	9	Tulsa Cruisers ● 5 PM – 8 PM ● 91 st & Memorial			
	30	Board Meeting ● Sand Springs IHOP 1:30 PM			
August	4	General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● Ice Cream Social/Pot Luck dinner			
	6	Tulsa Cruisers ● 5 PM – 8 PM ● 91 st & Memorial			
	27	Board Meeting ● Sand Springs IHOP 1:30 PM			
September	1	General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation Dan King			
	3	Tulsa Cruisers ● 5 PM – 8 PM ● 91 st & Memorial			
	7	Eureka Springs Car Show ● Eureka Springs, AR			
October	1	Board Meeting ● Sand Springs IHOP 1:30 PM			
	6	General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● election of 2020 Board Members ● post-meeting presentation David Turner			
	8	Tulsa Cruisers ● 5 PM – 8 PM ● 91 st & Memorial			
	29	Board Meeting ● Sand Springs IHOP 1:30 PM			
November	3	General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation Joe Smith			
	11	Tulsa Veterans Day Parade			
	26	Board Meeting ● Sand Springs IHOP 1:30 PM			



December 1 General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation Joe Smith
8 Christmas Dinner ● time and location TBD

2020:

January 4 Installation Banquet ● time and location TBD
29 Board Meeting ● probably Sand Springs IHOP 1:30 PM

February 2 General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation TBD
28 Board Meeting ● probably Sand Springs IHOP 1:30 PM

March 3 General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation TBD
31 Board Meeting ● probably Sand Springs IHOP 1:30 PM

April 5 General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation TBD
7 Tulsa Cruisers ● 5 PM - 8 PM ● 91st & Memorial
28 Board Meeting ● probably Sand Springs IHOP 1:30 PM

Recurring Events

Every 2nd Saturday ● Silent Movie ● Circle Cinema 12 S Lewis ● Phil Judkins ● <http://circlecinema.com/>

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 Walter Knickerbocker for details)

1st Tuesday after general meeting ● Tulsa Cruise-In ● 91st & Memorial ● 5 pm – 8 PM ● (Mar – Oct) ● Dan King



Memo: Key Dates for 2019 for the Tulsa Model T Club

March	15 – 16	Chickasha Pre-War Swap Meet
	23	Red Bud Tour
April	13	Muskogee Azalea Parade
	20	Sapulpa Swap Meet
May	4	Pawnee Steam Tractor Show
	12	Local Tour
June	8	Local Tour
August	15	South Tulsa Baptist Church Car Show
	17	Springfield, MO Swap Meet
October	12	Local Tour
November	12	Muskogee Veterans Parade
December	7	Broken Arrow Christmas Parade

AACA National Events Calendar
2019 National Meets and Tours

April 4-7, 2019 • **AACA Southeastern Spring National** • Hornet's Nest Region • Charlotte, NC.

April 29-May 1, 2019 • **AACA Southeastern Divisional Tour** • Cape Fear Chapter • Wilmington, NC

May 30 - June 1, 2019 • **AACA Annual Grand National** • Auburn, IN.

June 2-7, 2019 • **AACA Founders Tour** – Nebraska Region • Seward, NE.

June 26-29 • **AACA Eastern Spring National** • New Jersey Region • Parsippany, NJ

October 9-12, 2019 • **AACA Eastern Fall National** • Hershey Region • Hershey, PA

November 6-9 • **AACA Western Fall National** • Fallbrook, CA



Tulsa New Car Show

April 12th – 14th Expo Square

I want to thank our members that displayed automobiles in the Tulsa New Car Show and also thank Walt and Marge Knickerbocker and John Wallis for sitting at the table to promote our Region. Those members displaying their cars also promoted our club, especially Jim Jones whom spent absolutely the most hours at this event.

The New Car Show labeled the pre-1942 car display as the Historical Automobile Display. Our members had on display the following cars: David & Betty Turner's 1936 Plymouth, Lee & Pat DeBoer's 1936 Auburn, Jim & Teresa Strode's 1922 Model-T, Steve Schnitzer's 1935 V-12 Packard, Mel & Celinda Burton's 1939 Packard, Bill & Lavon Ruedy's 1913 Model-T and Keith & Pam Jones 1926 Model-T. Region non-members were Rob Coretz's 1929 Packard, Felix DeGeyter's 1934 Dodge, Ken Aikin's 1938 GMC and John Beeson's 1921 Studebaker.

Members in the 1960's display were – Jim & Janice Jones' 1965 Plymouth Barracuda, Robert & Carol Parker's 1962 Lincoln and Joe & Joyce Smith's 1966 Chevrolet Caprice. Our members had 3 of the 50 cars in the 1960's car display. The clubs putting together the 1960's display were the Tulsa Region of AACA, The Tulsa Classic Chevy Club, the Tulsa Mustang Club, the Green Country Corvair Club and the Thunderbird Club.

If you tuned into KJRH channel 2 on Saturday morning for the news between 8 AM and 10 AM, April 13th, you would have seen an interview with me at about 8:40 AM. I successfully mentioned the Antique Automobile Club for creating the "Historical Automobile Exhibit", the other clubs for the 1960's car show exhibit and talked about the 1965 Chevrolet Impala/Corvette Imposter built by Chip Foose on loan from the "Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum" (photo below top row left).

By Joe Smith



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2019 FOUNDERS TOUR JUNE 2 - 7 2019 Seward Nebraska

Seward Nebraska, a town of about 7000, has been selected as the host site for the 2019 Founders Tour. Seward is 6 miles off 1-80, and just west of Lincoln Nebraska. It is known for being Nebraska's 4th of July and Christmas City. It is home of Concordia University-Nebraska.

Destinations for the tour will be the Genoa Indian Industrial School Interpretive Center which was used to educate native Americans from 1884-1934; historic Nebraska City, a town on the banks of the Missouri River which served as a terminus for virtually all freight headed to the west prior to the completion of the transcontinental rail road. We will visit Homestead National Monument, site of what is regarded as the first American homestead. Other destinations include the Speedway Museum of American Speed in Lincoln, and the Clayton Museum of Ancient History which has a collection of ancient Roman artifacts in York NE.

Registrations will be limited so early reservations are encouraged. We are recommending use of two motels. The Cobblestone Inn which is a newer two story hotel but does not have an elevator. The other is the East Hills Inn and Suites. This motel is an older recently remodeled facility and has outside entrances, most rooms accessible without steps. Our headquarters will be at the Living Word Lutheran Church. There is ample trailer parking space in the church parking lot.

Be sure to ask for the AACA Founders Tour rate when making reservations.

COBBLESTONE INN & SUITES
2575 PROGRESSIVE RD
SEWARD NE 68434 402-646-1004
AACA ROOM RATE \$80.75 per day

EAST HILLS INN & SUITES
131 E HWY34
SEWARD NE 68434 402-643-3679
AACA ROOM RATE \$65.00 and up

Tour Chairman:
Myron Smith 1505 SW 112th St Lincoln NE 68532 402-429-0118
Email myronsmith@windstream.net





2019 ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE FESTIVAL REGISTRATION FORM

- September 6th & 7th 2019 is the 49th Annual Antique Auto Festival of Eureka Springs
- Registration fee is \$25 per registered vehicle. Please list additional cars on a separate sheet of paper.
- Please print legibly and fill out the form in its entirety. Registration will be **STOPPED** if form is incomplete.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____ - _____ - _____

Insurance Carrier _____ Policy # _____
IMPORTANT - Cars will NOT be registered without complete insurance information

License Plate # _____ State of License _____ Year of Vehicle _____

MAKE _____ MODEL _____ Color _____

Briefly list modifications, if any _____

Will your vehicle be judged? YES _____ NO _____ If YES, judging category # _____

Distance traveled, one-way _____ LOCAL Club Name _____

Entering parade? YES _____ NO _____

LIABILITY: Entrants and participants, by signing this form, hold harmless the State of Arkansas, County of Carroll, City of Eureka Springs, Village at Pine Mountain, Great Passion Play, Chamber Board of Directors, staff and volunteers, and/or any of their agents, directors or representatives, vendors and suppliers, from known and unknown acts of harm, damages, injuries, losses and/or claims whatsoever they may suffer by any entrant to his person or property. By my signature I agree and claim I have liability insurance on my registered vehicle.

- No alcoholic beverages or loud stereos will be allowed
- Only street legal vehicles will be allowed in the parade
- In order to drive together in the parade, cars must arrive together to the line-up area
- No burnouts or revving engines
- Only Antique Autos allowed in parade
- Judges Decisions are final
- All events rain or shine

Signature _____

Please make checks payable to: Greater Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce (GESCOC) (479) 253-8737

Please return this form with payment to: GESCOC Attn: Jern PO Box 551 Eureka Springs, AR 72632

Registration (per car)\$25 x # of cars _____ = \$ _____

T-shirt: M L XL XXL XXXL (circle size)..... \$15 x # of shirts _____ = \$ _____ (day of show = \$20)

Parade only\$10 x # of cars _____ = \$ _____

Total = \$ _____ (NO Refunds)

Credit Card # _____ Exp Date _____ Security Code _____

Name on Card _____

Billing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature _____



Returning This Year: Valve Cover Racing

Valve Cover Racing

Remember the Pine Wood Derby? Replace that chunk of wood for a valve cover from your favorite project car and compete for a trophy, door prizes and garage engineering bragging rights at the Ozarks's first *Valve Cover Drag Racing Show Down*. Kids and adults compete on a two-lane gravity track based on the rules provided here. Be creative, feed your inner gear head imagination and get ready to race. Unlike NASCAR, NHRA and Indycar ... the trophy goes to the designer with the better brain, not the bigger wallet.



Event Schedule

Friday, Sept. 6th

2:00pm - 5:00pm - Early car registration at Passion Play

Saturday, Sept. 7th

7:30 a.m. - Breakfast available for purchase on-site through the Great Passion Play

8:00 a.m. - Pre-registration for show cars

9:00 a.m. - Gates open to the public & car judging begins

3:00 p.m. - Awards presentation

4:00 p.m. - Car parade through downtown Eureka Springs

Judging Categories

1. Best of Show
2. Best Engine
3. Best Paint
4. Best Interior
5. Chamber of Commerce Choice
6. Participant Favorite
7. Directors Favorite
8. Ford Galaxie
9. Rat Rod
10. Street Rods
11. Pre War Stock Class (pre 1945)
12. 1945 to 1985 stock
13. 1945 to 1985 Modified
14. 1986-1999 Stock
15. 1986-1999 Modified
16. 2000-2017 cars
17. Best Vintage Muscle 1964-1972
18. Best Vintage Muscle 1973 -2000
19. Best Muscle 2000+
20. Foreign All Years
21. Trucks Stock
22. Low Riders All years (cars and trucks)
23. Trucks Modified
24. Special Interest????
25. Work in Progress (Drivable)
26. Best 4 Wheel Drive
27. Best Race Car
28. Best Costume
29. Valve cover Race adults
30. Valve Cover Race Child





by Randy Beeson

One Hundred Years Ago Today

The month began with the eruption of the Mt. Kelud volcano in Indonesia on May 1st, resulting in 5,000 dead when boiling water broke through the crater rim. A second eruption on the 19th resulted in the deaths of an additional 5,160 people.

Also, on May 1st, riots broke out on International Labor Day in Cleveland, OH, resulting in two dead and 40 injured. A race riot in Charleston, SC on the same date resulted in three dead. This was the beginning of the 'Red Summer'.

In Europe, the Italian socialist newspaper "L'Ordine Nuovo" was established in Turin by Antonio Gramsci and two associates on the 1st. Former British battlecruiser force commander David Beatty was promoted to Admiral of the Fleet on the same date.

The Paris Peace Conference also made news this month. When news reached China on May 4th that the Conference intended to give the former German concession on the Shantung Peninsula to Japan, riots broke out. The Conference assigned the former colonies of German East Africa to Britain and France and German Southwest Africa to South Africa on the 6th. The following day the Germans received a draft copy of the Versailles Treaty.

Apparently feeling left out of the Great War, Afghanistan declared war on Great Britain on May 3rd.

On May 19th, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk landed at Samsun on the Black Sea Coast, thus beginning the Turkish War of Independence. The Supreme Council of

Allies meeting at Versailles on the 26th recognized two White Russian leaders - Admiral Kolchak and General Denikin - and agreed to support them in their fight against the Russian Bolsheviks. On May 28th, Armenia declared its independence from Turkey, as the Ottoman Empire disintegrated.

In technological developments, Charles Strite filed a patent for the pop-up toaster on the 29th. The U.S. Navy flying boat, NC-4, left New York on May 8th and arrived in Lisbon, Portugal on the 30th, thus completing the first transatlantic flight.

Johnny Loftus, aboard Sir Barton, won the 45th Kentucky Derby on May 10th. The following day the Cincinnati Reds' Hod Eller pitched a 6-0 no-hitter against the St. Louis Cardinals. Also, on the 11th, the Yankees' Jack Quinn and the Senators' Walter Johnson battled to a 0-0 tie in 12 innings. The following day the same two teams battled to a 0-0 tie in 15 innings. Finally, Howdy Wilcox won the Indianapolis 500 in 5:40:42.93 at an average speed of 87.86 MPH on the 31st.

Famous birthdays this month included actor Dan O'Herlihy, born in County Wexford, Ireland on May 1st. Folk Musician Pete Seeger was born in New York City on the 3rd. Argentine First Lady Eva Perón was born in Los Toldos, Argentina on May 7th. Wladziu Valentine (Liberace) was born in West Allis, WI on the 16th, while comedian George Gobel was born in Chicago, IL on the 20th.



One Hundred Years Ago (cont'd)

Famous deaths this month included L. Frank Baum, author of The Wonderful Wizard of Oz at age 62, on May 6th. Entrepreneur Henry J. Heinz (the H.J. Heinz Co.) died at age 74 on the 14th.

Here at home, the May 13th edition of the Morning Tulsa Daily World welcomed home the boys of the Tulsa Ambulance Corps from Europe. Mayor Charles Hubbard declared it a holiday, asking all businesses to close in

honor of the veterans. An 11:00 AM parade to honor the veterans was planned.

Playing on the success of the Jeffrey Quad trucks in the European conflict, New York City Nash dealers were advertising the Nash Quad Chassis for \$3,250 in the New York Tribune issue of May 11th. Maxwell trucks equipped with electric lights, generator and worm drive were advertised in the May 2nd edition of the New York Sun.



Tulsa AACA Region Car Show

Saturday May 18th – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

If my memory serves me correctly, this will be the 4th year of our holding the AACA-hosted car show at the “Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum”, the first time was prior to the official opening of the Museum. Every year the displays in the Museum are greatly improved over the previous year. I volunteer at the Museum every Tuesday morning and have seen positive changes during this calendar year.

Daniel asked me when we started hosting this car show. My memory is that the Topless Car Club in Tulsa hosted an annual car show in Chandler Park that we AACA members would participate. When the Topless Club decided not to host the event, the Tulsa Region AACA picked up the ball and hosted the annual car show. First in Chandler Park, then moving to Haikey Creek and now in the Auto Museum. I do not recall which year (*note: I believe it was 2016 – ed.*).

This year we have let the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America be a 1/3 sponsor to share in the expense.

Museum versus Park location for this car show - the first thing that comes to mind is you do not have to hold your nose and try not to breathe going to the restroom. The restrooms in the Museum are marvelous. We have access to the kitchen – we can use the microwave, we can smooth talk Loretta into brewing coffee (free) and the gift shop sells us cold beverages. All AACA members have free admission to the Museum during the car show, even if you do not bring your antique car.

I hope our members support his annual event. We had very limited membership support last year. Our club has lost so many former traditions due to lack of membership support. Let’s not lose this one.

By Joe Smith





The Antique Automobile Club of America Tulsa Region
And
The Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum
13 Sahoma Lake Road, Sapulpa, OK

Saturday, May 18th, 2019 • 10 AM to 2 PM

Antique Automobile Show



All Automobile Clubs and individuals are invited to participate with their Antique and Collectible Automobiles • Free Museum Admission • Motorcycles Welcome • Door Prizes, People's Choice Awards, and Canopies for shade will be provided

No Fees — No Judging
Sponsored by AACAA Tulsa Region



Gasoline Alley

By Dan King, Editor

Dynaflow Borrowed for '53 Oldsmobile

1953 OLDSMOBILE "SUPER 88" \$2395 and up, F.O.B.

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SOME LATE MODELS EQUIPPED WITH BUICK TWIN-TURBINE Dyna-Flow AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION. A FIRE ON AUG. 12 TO AUG. 13, 1953, AT GM'S HYDRA-MATIC TRANSMISSION FACTORY (LIVONIA, MICH.) MADE SUBSTITUTIONS NECESSARY FOR 2 MONTHS. Dyna-Flow OLDSMOBILES were FIRST DELIVERED STARTING 9-4-53; Dyna-Flow CADILLACS and Powerglide PONTIACS STARTING 9-14-53.

HELPFUL PICTURES THANKS TO JIMMIE R.H. EVANS, SIOUX CITY, IOWA

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Dear Friends — TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAVORITE OLD CARS. YES! ... WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU! PLEASE WRITE TO "AUTO ALBUM," % THIS NEWSPAPER. 1A7 8-14

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by Tad Burness

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Oldsmobile introduced its “Hydra-matic” automatic transmission way back in the late ‘30s; eventually, some other GM-built cars – and even cars of competing manufacturers – used the Hydra-Matic.

Yet for a brief time in later 1953 Oldsmobile and Cadillac were forced to “borrow” the Dynaflow transmission from Buick.

Why? Because of a devastating industrial fire which cost three lives and demolished GM’s \$35 million, 1,500,000 square feet factory at Livonia, Michigan, where Hydra-matic transmissions and Ternstedt body hardware were produced.

The fire lasted 12 hours. It began when a spark from a welding torch accidentally ignited a trough of rustproofing solvent oil.

Unfortunately, the flooring of the factory was surfaced in wood blocks, and when this flooring eventually ignited, the heat buckled the steel-supported roof structure.

After the fire, the mammoth factory resembled a heap of war ruins, but the bulldozers got to work quickly and cleared the wreckage. Production operations were moved elsewhere while the rebuilding went on.

Fortunately, Buick Dynaflow and Chevrolet Powerglide automatic transmissions could be substituted in other GM makes.

Oldsmobile’s Rocket v-8 engine, with overhead valves, had replaced the Oldsmobile straight-8 in 1949, and was an instant success.

Through the 1950s, Oldsmobile V-8s were known for their high performance.

Remember, in the early ‘50s, many other manufacturers were concentrating on L-head sixes or straight-eights – there was little else to rival the speed and snap of an Olds.

During 1953, 305,593 new Oldsmobiles were registered.

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.

Later alligator ...





National Headquarters Report

By Steve Moskowitz

AACA Executive Director/CEO

2018 will be a year we will remember well here at National Headquarters. It was a year of immense challenge for the staff as we had some turnover and a work load that was through the roof. Fortunately, we seem to have come out of it in pretty good shape with the addition of two new stellar employees that appear will be with us for some time. Lilley Greis and Lori Shetter are working out super and hopefully you will get to interact with these ladies at some point. It is my goal to get staff out to more functions in the future.

One natural huge concern for us has been the fundraising for our new facility. This change is being mandated by the space needs for the library and future space needs for the club. I have written on this extensively in the past, but the issue is more pressing than ever. As I write this, we have come to an understanding to purchase a portion of a large library that contains significant material that we do not have in our archives at present. In the coming years, we expect our library to double in size! We do not like asking our members for money, but it is now very necessary. If every member had donated \$100, we would be in fabulous shape for the building and renovation. Some have been extremely generous and we are most grateful but sadly many have not met the challenge. \$100 is

only 27 cents a day for one year. We still need help as we are short of our goal. We have had members donate cars and special artwork for us to sell either immediately or after satisfying IRS requirements and that is very helpful as well.

Speaking of receiving cars...While we are not opening a museum, we will have a display of cars in our new building and at museums across the country. We are getting a few very worthy cars donated to us that we plan on keeping for these purposes. In January, we picked up 5 cars donated by a member who passed away. While we mourn his passing, it is nice to know that his last wishes included supporting AACA. Please consider AACA in your estate planning and philanthropy. Just a reminder to those turning 70½ that you are now required to take IRA distributions and you may find it advantageous to use that money without being taxed as a donation to AACA.

The other issue keeping us busy is the sale of our current property. As this is being written, we have successfully concluded an agreement for the purchase of our current building upon the finishing of our new facility. We were able to come to a simple agreement at an excellent price. This is an important piece of business to have concluded this early.

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We are well on our way to supporting our events for next year. We are now calling our “meets” nationals as we feel the public better understands the words. Our office is once again running the event in Auburn, which this year will be our Grand Nationals as well. This promises to be a very special meet with an outstanding show band Friday night, Zenith competition and the addition of the Rolls-Royce Owners Club having a mini-meet with us. They are bringing the Grey Poupon! Just a joke folks, they are a great group and we are happy to host them. Seven Nationals and 4 tours will make for another busy schedule so make sure you plan to attend one or more of these events. There is a lot going on with our library so stay tuned for several announcements. One you will notice soon is a massively upgraded online library catalog. We are moving from a Model T type catalog to a Ferrari. This should make research into some of our holdings much easier. This is super important, as I have mentioned, due to a considerable growth in your library soon. Later in the year, we hope to introduce you to some new events including a car show at the Mall in Washington, DC! That will be special (hopefully the government shut down will end by then). We have other enquiries into participation at non-AACA events and will try to do them as much as possible. AACA is once again represented at the Philadelphia Auto Show in February

thanks to the efforts of former AACA National President, Mike Jones. We are entering our third year for the Zenith Award. This year’s winner will be selected from 16 finalists from all the meets in 2018. The competition for “the restoration of the year” will be held at the Grand Nationals in Auburn, Indiana. The Annual Meeting next year will be called the Annual Convention, once again there are important messages in a choice of words and Convention best represents what goes on in Philadelphia. In the meantime, it is our hope that everyone has a great time and are able to renew friendships, make new ones and learn from our seminars and tradeshow vendors. To those accepting awards at our version of the “Oscars,” the National Award Dinner, we salute you! Finally, I am often asked “what do I get for being a member?” The list is long, BUT you know the old saying about “you get out of something what you put into it.” Well, that is very much the way of life in AACA. Be active and you will not have to ask that question. Make this the year that you support your local Region or Chapter, attend a national event and read your magazine and online magazine. The more you know, the better the club experience. As always, I part in wishing everyone a wonderful 2019 and most importantly a very healthy New Year!



Car Show Windshield Cards

By David Turner

As announced at the meeting a few months ago, I am willing to make laminated windshield cards for any member who wishes one for their car(s). All I ask is \$3.00 to cover the cost of materials and laminating. The lamination is 10 mils thick and quite rigid. As a result, they should be less likely to blow off the windshield in a heavy wind. They will all be 8.5" x 11" on white card stock. If you wish to order one, contact me or any of the club board members. An example shown below.



David Turner can be contacted by e-mail at drenrut@cableone.net or phone 918-527-9560.

AACA Tulsa Region Magnetic Signs

You, too, can look as cool as Phil by ordering your very own AACA Tulsa Region magnetic signs. The folks who see your car on display or on parade will know that you are a member of



the best car club of all. The cost is \$65.00 plus \$5.53 equals \$70.53. The supplier is A&B Identity and to keep it simple they would prefer that all the orders come through Dan King, so give him your order and make your reimbursement check payable to Dan. Lead time is about two weeks. Let's put our best foot forward for all our public events.





Antique Automobile Club of America – Tulsa Region Membership Application/Renewal Form

You must be a member of the National Organization to belong to the Region due to insurance requirements.

You can apply to both at the same time. Region dues are \$20.00/calendar year for member and spouse. National dues are \$40.00/calendar year for member and spouse/partner

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 AACAA 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.

Make checks payable to: Antique Automobile

Send this completed form and membership dues to:

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26673 W. 15th Street S.

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