

A Message from Steve Schnitzer



President's Notes

Folks,

Most months, especially with spring nearly upon us, we would be discussing club plans--shows, events, auctions. Shows like the Tulsa New Car Dealers event at the Expo in April. Auctions and sales like Chickasha, Claremore, Sapulpa, and Norman late March. I would be talking up my new-member initiative for 2020 to Tulsa Region. Anything except "supermarket shelves nearly empty, public schools closed in at least 30 states (...as of this writing), tens of thousands of students homebound for months." Or, "Grand Central Station in New York nearly empty, groups of 50 or more discouraged, restaurants and bars under restriction." Closer to home, we now receive word Chickasha and Claremore cancelled (again, as of this writing.)

They call this "the new normal." (-PLEASE, give me back "the old conventional!")

Am I showing my years? Maybe, but we again recall someone's little tally at a last year's meeting, average age of our group was 72.5 years. Folks, the doctors say that puts us in bulls-eye of above-60 high-risk group for the coronavirus pandemic.

I have asked the Board to monitor our activities calendar for postponements and cancellations to other local and area events, shows, and auctions over the next couple months. It's never my motivation or intent to be an alarmist or ringer of bells tolling. Ye who know me well are familiar with my general optimistic outlook. Right now, however, the pragmatic thing is probably to be deliberate regarding our plans. It is a time to be cautious and guard our flanks. Please, on an individual basis, do so.

Our Board will ask Dan King to utilize group e/mail to post updates, as we become aware of them.

As somebody once said, "stand by for news . . . "

Happy motoring,

Sincerely,
Steve Schnitzer
President, Tulsa Region AACAA



Minutes of the AACA General Meeting March 1, 2020 At Joanna Cooper's Car Emporium

The March General meeting of the Tulsa Region Antique Automobile club was called to order by Steve Schnitzer. There were 28 people attending. Steve Schnitzer brought a guest, Max Herrera.

Steve led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chuck Mahan read the minutes of the December General Meeting and gave the Treasurer's report.

Steve then opened the meeting to the Joke of the month. Steve led off with a joke, followed by Joe Smith, Chuck Mahan, Linda Beeson, Derick Downey and Joanna Cooper. Linda won the joke of the month. She received her choice of three prizes donated by Gil Parrish.

The 50/50 raffle was won by David Turner, (OH Darn!!!)

David Turner presented a wall plaque to Joanna Cooper for giving the Tulsa Region AACA a "Home" for 2019.

Debbie Harding said that the cookie roster was filled through August.

Steve reminded the club of the men's luncheon every Wednesday at 12:20 at the Speedway Dinner and the Ladies luncheon the second Wednesday of the month at 11:00 am at the "Egg It On".

Steve announced that there are four swap meets March 20th and 21st: Norman, Cushing, Chickasha and Claremore. Joe Smith has a booth at the Chickasha swap meet.

Joe Smith announced that the Tulsa Car Show, April 18th -20th. He said they didn't want club displays. Instead they want individual cars. Joe passed a sheet for people to sign-up cars that they were willing to show. A meeting will be held next week and cars will be selected from those volunteered.

Joe said that the Great Race will be visiting the heart of Route 66 Museum on June 22.

Joe has scheduled the AACA Tulsa Region Car Show for September 19th with a rainy day of September 26th. It will be at the Heart of Route 66 Museum held jointly with the Vintage Chevrolet Club.

David Turner reported on the 2020 Divisional Tour. Because Claremore Convention Center is available only on Thursday and not on Wednesday we can not to split the tour both days to accommodate more people. The top number of people we can handle is 150. David is happy with that number and is planning to price the tour next week.

Steve announced the Book of the Month, "The Arsenal of Democracy". It was given to the club historian, Randy Beeson to read this month and return it to the club at the next meeting for other members to read.

The business meeting was adjourned for refreshments followed by a slide show of 2019 Pebble Beach Car Show by Steve.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chuck Mahan
AACA Tulsa Region Secretary





Sunshine Report

No problems to report for April.

If you know of a member that is ill or could use a card - let me know and the club will send them a card.

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BIRTHDAYS

April

1 Melvin Burton
4 Pat DeBoer
10 Suzy Lytle
11 Robert Parker
13 Jeff Lytle
15 Chuck Mahan
19 Russ Wolf
27 Sheri Blair

May

5 Becky Wolf
6 Grant Aldrich
6 Otis Towry
7 Richard Holmes
10 Walter Knickerbocker
31 Clyde Harding

ANNIVERSARIES

April

9 Mark & Carla Randell (32 yrs)
28 David & Betty Turner (36 yrs)
30 Clyde & Debbie Harding (38 yrs)

May

4 Daniel & Jenny King (30 yrs)
22 Joe & Joyce Smith (45 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>
2020:					
April	5	General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation David Turner (NOTE: cancelled due to virus epidemic)			
	7	Tulsa Cruisers ● 5 PM - 8 PM ● 91 st & Memorial			
	28	Board Meeting ● Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM			
May	3	Gen'l Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation Chuck Mahan			
	5	Tulsa Cruisers ● 5 PM – 8 PM ● 91 st & Memorial			
June	2	Board Meeting ● Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM			
	7	Gen'l Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation Dan King			
	9	Tulsa Cruisers ● 5 PM – 8 PM ● 91 st & Memorial			
	30	Board Meeting ● Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM			
July	5	General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation TBD			
	7	Tulsa Cruisers ● 5 PM – 8 PM ● 91 st & Memorial			
	28	Board Meeting ● Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM			
August	2	General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation TBD			
	4	Tulsa Cruisers ● 5 PM – 8 PM ● 91 st & Memorial			
September	1	Board Meeting ● Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM			
	6	General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation TBD			
	8	Tulsa Cruisers ● 5 PM – 8 PM ● 91 st & Memorial			
	29	Board Meeting ● Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM			
October	4	General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation TBD			
	6	Tulsa Cruisers ● 5 PM – 8 PM ● 91 st & Memorial			
	19–24	Divisional Tour			
	27	Board Meeting ● Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM			
November	1	General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation TBD			
December	1	Board Meeting ● Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM			
	6	General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation TBD			
	19	Christmas Party ● Probably 1 PM at Jerry Shrader's Vintage Car Garage			



2021:

- January 9 Installation Banquet • Probably 1 PM at Jerry Shrader's Vintage Car Garage
- February 7 General Meeting • Cooper Home • post-meeting presentation TBD
- March 2 Board Meeting • probably Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM
7 General Meeting • Cooper Home • post-meeting presentation Steve Schnitzer
31 Board Meeting • Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 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 Chuck Mahan for details)
- 1st Tuesday after general meeting • Tulsa Cruise-In • 91st & Memorial • 5 pm – 8 PM • (Mar – Oct) • Dan King





One Hundred Years Ago Today

by Randy Beeson

The month began with an Arab attack on Jews in Palestine on April 4th. The British government responded with the Balfour Declaration declaring Palestine a British Protectorate on the 20th. The Declaration went into effect on April 24th and would remain in effect for the next 28 years.

Elsewhere, in order to force German evacuation of the Ruhr industrial district, French troops occupied Frankfurt, Darmstadt and Hanau on April 6th. The Turkish Grand National Assembly met for the first time in Ankara on the 23rd, denouncing the government of Sultan Mehmed VI and issuing a temporary constitution. Finally, the Azerbaijan SSR joined the USSR on April 28th while Britain formally ended military conscription on April 30th.

Here in America an armed robbery of the Slater and Morrill Shoe Company payroll in Braintree, MA on the 15th resulted in the deaths of the paymaster and a guard. Italian anarchists Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were arrested. Sacco and Vanzetti will be a cause célèbre for the next seven years. Tornadoes killed 219 in Alabama and Mississippi on April 20th.

Famous births this month included screenwriter, actor and director Jack Webb, born in Santa Monica, CA on April 2nd. English novelist Arthur Hailey (Hotel, Airport) was born in Luton, Bedfordshire, England on the 5th. Indian musician Ravi Shankar was born in Varanasi, India on April 7th. Jazz singer Carmen McRae was born in Harlem, NY on April 8th

while comedian Frank Fontaine was born in Cambridge, MA on the 19th. Finally, future Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens was born in Chicago, IL on April 20th.

The first post-war Olympic Games began in Antwerp, Belgium on April 20th and would last through September 12th.

Famous weddings this month included the marriage of novelists F. Scott Fitzgerald and Zelda Sayre in New York City on April 3rd. Future British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan wed Dorothy Cavendish at St. Margaret's Westminster on the 21st.

This month's issue of Popular Science Monthly included recommendations for bringing your car out of winter storage. These included.

1. Removal, testing and repair (if necessary) of the radiator,
2. Performing an engine valve job,
3. Blowing the fuel lines clean and draining the fuel tank,
4. Cleaning and inspection of the ignition system,
5. Tightening of steering knuckles,
6. Draining, flushing and refilling the transmission and differential,
7. Adjusting and lubricating the brakes, including replacement of clevis pins, as necessary,
8. Tightening any loose bolts on the chassis and body,
9. Lubricating the wheel bearings,
10. Replacement of the battery, and
11. Adjustment of the carburetor.



Gasoline Alley

By Dan King, Editor

1924 Overland Sedan Featured Three Doors



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by Tad Burness

The three-door sedan is an unusual body type, virtually forgotten since the mid-1920's.

This one is not to be confused with modern two-door sedans with hatchbacks – which are often called “three-door sedans”.

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The Illustrated Overland Champion three-door new for the 1924 season had a rear side door at the right (or curb side), where it was judged most necessary.

The rear seat was removable, providing 50 cubic feet of carrying space for luggage, salesman's samples, farm produce and other loads. Seats could be adjusted forward or backward to accommodate either long-legged or short-legged drivers and passengers.

And all seats folded flat to provide a convenient bed for camping out.

The October 6, 1923 Saturday Evening Post presented an attractive two-page, part-color spread on the 1924 Champion three-door sedan, and it was advertised in several other publications during the following weeks.

As many know, Overland was the low-priced companion to the Willys-Knight car. The manufacturer was Willy-Overland, Inc., of Toledo, Ohio, and Toronto, Ontario.

The Champion was a short-bodied, close-coupled sedan, similar in some ways to Willys-Knight's fairly successful "Coupe-Sedan" model.

Because of its versatility, one would think the Champion would have been an overnight success. It sold well for a short time, but other interesting new cars appeared during the years that followed and the Champion was soon forgotten.

During 1926, the Overland changed its name to the Whippet, and eventually became the Willys car. The Overland name was used once again, in 1939, but for all practical purposes it was a Willys.

Editor's Note: Charles Schaeffer's scrapbook of almost 200 articles clipped from the Tulsa World were the creation of Tad Burness, whose biography can easily be found on the internet. The scrapbook was given to me by Mary Jean Schaeffer, Charles' widow and fellow AACA Tulsa Region club member..

Share Your Story!

Our club newsletter, **Runningboard Ramblings**, is only as good as you make it. We want to hear from you! We are always looking to feature articles from Tulsa Region members about your personal accounts of tours and shows you have attended, restoration projects, unique vehicle stories and history, and any other stories you think other AACA members would enjoy hearing about. And, of course, include plenty of photos to make your story come alive! Please send in your photos and stories to Dan King, dcking1948@yahoo.com.

Later alligator ...





Let's Give Them a Reason to Stay

*Wayne Tuck
2019 Vice President Membership*

AACA signs up literally thousands of new members every year. I have spent much of my time over the past few years as VP-Membership encouraging our members at both the region and national level to do more recruiting. You have done exactly that. In fact, you have done even more than I should have expected. For that, please accept my sincere thanks and please continue to do the same. (Maybe even more?)

Now with thousands of new members signed up every year wouldn't you think our membership totals should be growing? Sadly, that is not the case. More members fail to renew their memberships every year than new members signed up. Yes, we lose some from age, deaths, disabilities and the like. This is normal attrition. There isn't much we can do about that. Why do so many members sign up, stay a year or two and then decide not to renew their membership? We didn't give them a reason to stay!

New members join for various reasons. Some join for the social aspects such as

friendship, fellowship and human contact. Others like to drive their cars with a group. Some even seek technical information and a network of service providers. Some want to lead and be a part of the club leadership corps. Whatever the reason, AACA has the ability to provide it.

Retaining our current members is just as important as recruiting new ones. Does someone call a member that hasn't shown up for a couple of meetings? Do we communicate well with our new members? Do we show them we are interested in their wants and needs? Does our club provide the activities that are needed to keep everyone's interest? These are all questions we should be asking ourselves.

The answer is easy. Yes, AACA can provide all of the activities and services any member could want. Moving forward, membership retention should be put near the top of our club's priority list. Let's make sure we give every single one of our members good reasons to stay.



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:
Chuck Mahan
6902 E 64th Pl
Tulsa, OK 74133*



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