

A Message from Steve Schnitzer



President's Notes

Dear Friends,

Along with what my resident quarantine friends are saying to me (read on), Dan King is saying it is time to get out another newsletter. Okay, soooo -- what to say (-- please, ANYTHING except talk of Covid-19).

Reality check: That's getting really tough to do.

We do hope as the car hobby goes everyone has enjoyed the Ford Motor Company streaming videos that our friends at the Historic Vehicle Association are producing. If you have not seen at least three editions to date, navigate to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IROOMvYkCqE>

Suddenly there are many great movies and documentaries being aired on television. The History Channel has been replaying "The Roosevelts"; gotta love Chapter 7 which prominently displays FDR riding around in his Presidential V-12 Packards of the '30s.

Okay, while hunkering down they say it is important that we reach out regularly to family and friends. So as a line of reassurance thought I'd let you know what's been going on in my household:

I've been talking about this to the microwave and toaster while drinking coffee; we all agree that things are getting hot. ☺

I didn't mention anything to the washing machine, as it invariably puts a different spin on things...certainly not to the fridge as it has been acting cold and distant.

The vacuum was very unsympathetic--it told me to just suck it up.

At least the ceiling fan was more optimistic, said things will soon blow over !!!

The bathroom scales are consistent--they say same thing they've been saying for ten years: I need to lighten-up!

The toilet looked a bit flushed when I asked its opinion, and said nothing ...but the bath doorknob told me to get a grip.



In the end, the iron straightened me out as it said everything will be fine; no situation is too pressing.

And speaking of doors -- the front door said I was unhinged, and the curtains told me ... yes, you guessed it -- to pull myself together.

Once again, not going crazy, all's well in "lock-down" folks!

Happy motoring!
Steve Schnitzer



**Minutes of the AACA General Meeting
May 3rd, 2020 (Note: Cancelled due to COVID-19 Virus)
At Joanna Cooper's Car Emporium**

Hi All:

There are no minutes, and the bank balances haven't changed.

There's not much more to say, but to try to enjoy the spare time that CONVID-19 has brought to us. I started to clean up the garage ... big mistake. I found 16 packets of old photo negatives. The rest of my time has been spent converting the photo negatives to digital. They are mainly of the family growing up and the trips we took to Greece, England, Wales, Paris and Germany.

I believe that we should cancel our May Board meeting along with the May General Meeting. About the second week in May we should address the June meetings.

Well, that's about it.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chuck Mahan
AACA Tulsa Region Secretary



Sunshine Report

No problems to report for June.

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

June

8 Fred Bechtel
10 Tom Berenson
12 Linda Beeson
22 Ron Scott
24 John Fender
26 Bud Bechtel

July

2 Roy Strom
4 Lee DeBoer
20 Dan King
22 Carl Richardson

ANNIVERSARIES

June

2 Jim & Janice Jones (53 yrs)
21 Phil & Laura Judkins (68 yrs)

July

7 Bill & LaVon Ruedy (2 yrs)
11 Melvin & Celinda Burton (16 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>
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2020:

June	2	Board Meeting ● Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM (CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 VIRUS)			
	7	Gen'l Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation Dan King (CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 VIRUS)			
	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 TBD			

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- 30 Board Meeting • probably Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 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 Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM
- May 3 Gen'l Meeting • Cooper Home • post-meeting presentation TBD
- 5 Tulsa Cruisers • 5 PM – 8 PM • 91st & Memorial

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 • 71st & 193rd East Avenue Broken Arrow • 5 pm – 8 PM • (Mar – Oct) • Dan King



A Message From Mel and Celinda Burton:

On Saturday, May 23rd we found an excuse to drive an old car, my niece Sopy's 9th birthday. We had a drive-by in Broken Arrow. We had several motorcycles, convertibles, and 1 old car. Everybody enjoyed the old car.





One Hundred Years Ago Today

by Randy Beeson

It was a light news month. On June 11th, Republicans nominated Marion, OH newspaper editor Warren G. Harding as a 'dark horse' candidate when the convention deadlocked. On the following day, the Farmer Labor Party was organized in Chicago.

In international news, the Treaty of Trianon between Hungary and the Allies was finalized on June 4th. The League of Nations placed the International Court of Justice in the Hague on the 25th.

Here at home, construction began on banker and entrepreneur Amadeo Giannini's Bank of Italy (later Bank of America) in San Francisco on June 5th. In Duluth, MN, a white mob of thousands forcibly removed three black circus workers from jail on the 15th and lynched them.

In the sporting world, Man o' War won the 52nd Belmont Stakes in 2:14.2 on June 12th.

Although it seems humorous today, the U.S. Post Office ruled on the 13th that children under 50 pounds could no longer be sent by parcel post. Apparently mailing your children was cheaper than any other mode of transportation at the time!

Famous births and deaths this month included Irish war correspondent and historian (A Bridge Too Far) Cornelius Ryan, born in Dublin, Ireland on June 5th. German sociologist, economist and historian Max Weber died on the 14th at age 56.

This month's issue of Popular Science Monthly included a number of automotive service tips, including:

1. Inspect the storage battery every two weeks,
2. Grease fittings every 1,000 miles,
3. Oil springs weekly,
4. Inspect oil and gasoline connections every two weeks,
5. Drain and flush the crankcase every 500 miles,
6. Lubricate the transmission and differential every 1,000 miles,
7. Clean the spark plugs every 1,000 miles,
8. Remove carbon from the cylinder walls twice yearly,
9. Grind the valves every 5,000 miles,
10. Install new piston rings every 18 months,
11. Align the wheels monthly,
12. Verify water is circulating each time the car is started,
13. Inspect wheel bearings monthly,
14. Clean the carburetor monthly,
15. Inspect the self-starter monthly,
16. Inspect the steering, knuckles and wheels monthly,
17. Test and equalize the brakes monthly.

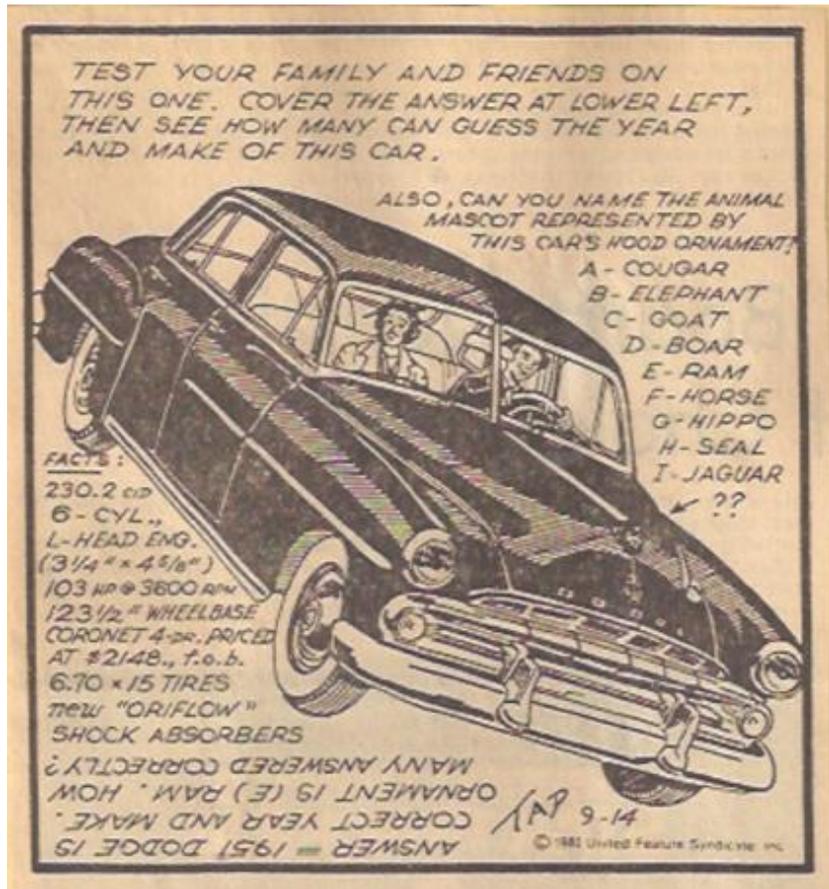
This list makes 100,000 - mile spark plug changes and 5,000 - mile oil changes look quite attractive. One wonders whether the automobile owner who followed this maintenance schedule regularly would have had the time or the inclination to ever drive his vehicle. So much for progress!



Gasoline Alley

By Dan King, Editor

New Shocks Featured by Chrysler in 1950's



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by Tad Burness

Today's "mystery" car is one you may recognize, if you know your cars of the 1950's. How about its animal mascot? Do you remember what it was? The answers are revealed, upside down in the lower left corner of the illustration. I bet a lot of you had the right answers.

One of the most publicized features of this car was the all new Oriflow shock absorber system. Said to turn "the roughest roads into boulevards," Oriflow



shock absorbers, an exclusive feature in Chrysler Corp. cars were supposed to be the most effective ever developed.

In advertising tests, blindfolded motorists were driven in an Oriflow equipped car, over what seemed to be the most terrible, rough, ruddy roads that could be found in the United States.

Most of the blindfolded riders said they thought they were still traveling on smooth concrete when in reality they were whisked over washboard like surfaces. Most of them were unable to call out the rough places as the car glided smoothly over them!

The “Gyro-Matic,” coupled with Fluid Drive, was advertised as the lowest-priced automatic transmission then available.

Prospective buyers were invited to take a revealing “Magic Mile” demonstration ride. In just five minutes, it was promised, the dealers could show them why this was the right new car to buy.

“Drive it for five minutes and you’ll drive it for years,” was the proposal.

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 ...





Where Have All the AACA National Shows and Tours Gone?

Mark MacAlpine
Vice President National Activities

It's hard to believe how much and how quickly life has changed in our country and how long it has been since the last AACA national activity. The AACA started off 2020 with a bang: first with our Annual Convention in Philadelphia, PA, followed two weeks later by the Winter Nationals in Miami, FL. (I still have some tan left from our time in Miami and a little ringing in my ears from the pounding of the flamenco dancer's shoes.) Then our activities calendar rapidly fell apart as our country (and the world) was ravaged by the COVID-19 "coronavirus."

The first AACA national activity to fall was the Southeastern Spring Nationals in Concord, NC. Fortunately, this show was only postponed to 12-13 June (and I have my fingers crossed that it doesn't need to be rescheduled again). Days later, as social distancing and stay-at-home orders were issued across the country, the dominoes continued to

fall: the Western Spring Nationals and Founders Tour in Show Low, AZ, were cancelled, followed by the Central Spring Nationals in Auburn, IN, then the Sentimental Tour in Davis, WV; and now the Reliability Tour in Lock Haven/Wellsboro, PA. Add in the cancellation of AACA region/chapter meetings and local, regional, and national car shows, tours, and cruise-ins, plus the closure of car museums, and I'm displaying symptoms of old car withdrawal. (Fortunately, the cravings are eased a bit by people being creative on the Internet and AACA Forum, allowing us to still vicariously experience antique vehicle activities "virtually" from the safety of our home.)

I know all the safety measures we're practicing are necessary and are in place to protect us. And the postponement or cancellation of national and regional AACA activities pales in comparison to the devastation COVID-19 is wreaking on our

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country and fellow citizens. I never imagined I would live through a pandemic like I read about in history books as a child, yet here we are. (As I write this article, over 60,000 people in our country have died from the coronavirus, another 1,000,000 have contracted the virus, millions are out of work, and millions are struggling to make ends meet.)

My observations about the cancellation of car shows and tours also pale in comparison and possibly come across as insensitive, but I miss participating in AACA activities. More importantly, I miss seeing AACA friends from around the country who we only get to see a few times a year at AACA activities and being able to make new additional friends.

Our country will get back to normal. I can't tell you when (but hope it's soon), but we will get through this. Just like every cataclysmic event in our nation's history, things will change and

“normal” may not look the same as it did before this crisis. (Remember what air travel was like before 9/11?) However, we will adapt and come back stronger than ever. We're Americans — that's what we do.

The AACA is adapting and will come back stronger, too—we've rescheduled some of our cancelled activities for later this year and next year, and are working to add some additional activities both years to help you make up for lost time, overcome “old car withdrawal syndrome,” get back to normal, and have the opportunity to participate in fun activities again with your fellow AACA members.

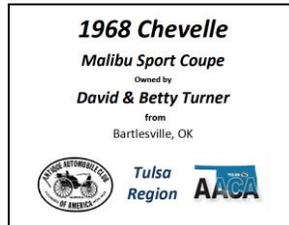
Best wishes to everyone—be safe and stay healthy! And I look forward to seeing you at the next AACA national activity—whenever it is. (Want to know what activity is coming up next? Check the AACA website — www.aaca.org — for the most current calendar of upcoming AACA national activities.)



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 AACA membership number: _____

Your Cars

Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____ Body Style: _____

Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____ Body Style: _____

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

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