

*A Message from Steve Schnitzer*



## President's Notes

Hello Folks,

Another month, and another list of cancelled tours, shows, and events. I am self-reminded of the song “Strange Days” by The Doors, one of my fav rock groups of yesteryear. Now, I realize that song was way ahead of its time. Current circumstances make even writing this letter difficult, so little to discuss. But we will try.

The biggest event our Region has been involved in since 1998 is still on the books—barely. Joe Smith put together our last tour. Although some of us (myself included) were not members then, Joe reports that “it was a well-attended event, with many guests from not only Oklahoma but Kansas in for the event.”

David Turner has spent over a year planning and coordinating our 2020 fall tour. Those of us who were in presence at general meetings prior to lockdown heard monthly updates from David, and can appreciate the detail and effort that is required to make this sort of activity a reality. Since we are not meeting in person at this time, I have asked David to submit a separate report to this month's newsletter for general membership update.

Dan King continues to put together a monthly newsletter which makes us feel something is still normal. Thanks for your yeoman efforts! To all members: Please send in your “car cave” pictures and we will ask Dan to publish a related feature page on one of yours each month.

Classic autos are not affected by CV-19, and nothing prevents us from taking an afternoon jaunt through a neighborhood, to the park, or even the drive-in. Last Sunday, Landon and I rolled out the '28 Packard roadster and sauntered into the Sonic in Owasso for a Rt. 44 cherry limeade. Now that's not just normal—that's special!

Happy motoring!  
Steve Schnitzer

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# *Just Kickin' Back*

... And here's our Fearless Leader just kickin' back in his man cave sipping on something conveniently hidden by a Koozie ...

... But ya gotta love that blue roadster in the background!!



**Minutes of the AACA General Meeting  
June 7th, 2020 (Note: Cancelled due to COVID-19 Virus)  
At Joanna Cooper's Car Emporium**

The June Board meeting and the June General Meeting were cancelled due to the COVID-19 virus.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Chuck Mahan  
AACA Tulsa Region Secretary

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## *Sunshine Report*

*No problems to report for July.*

*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

#### July

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

#### August

7 John Winkle  
9 Mike Halley  
18 Kathy Fender  
19 Pamela Jones  
20 John Griffith  
22 Jerry Aldridge  
24 John Wallis

### ANNIVERSARIES

#### July

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

#### August

19 Chuck & Carolanne Mahan (42 yrs)  
29 Mike & Mary Halley (? 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	30	Board Meeting ● Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM <b>(CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 VIRUS)</b>			
July	5	General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation TBD <b>(CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 VIRUS)</b>			
	7	Tulsa Cruisers ● 5 PM – 8 PM ● 71 <sup>st</sup> & 193 <sup>rd</sup> East Avenue Broken Arrow			
	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 ● 71 <sup>st</sup> & 193 <sup>rd</sup> East Avenue Broken Arrow			
September	1	Board Meeting ● probably Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM			
	6	General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation TBD			
	8	Tulsa Cruisers ● 5 PM – 8 PM ● 71 <sup>st</sup> & 193 <sup>rd</sup> East Avenue Broken Arrow			
	29	Board Meeting ● probably Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM			
October	4	General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation TBD			
	6	Tulsa Cruisers ● 5 PM – 8 PM ● 71 <sup>st</sup> & 193 <sup>rd</sup> East Avenue Broken Arrow			
	19–24	Divisional Tour ● sponsored by AACA Tulsa Region			
	27	Board Meeting ● probably Sapulpa HOFRTE66MUSEUM 1:30 PM			
November	1	General Meeting ● Cooper Home ● post-meeting presentation TBD			
December	1	Board Meeting ● probably 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			
 <b>2021:</b>					
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			
	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 • 71<sup>st</sup> & 193<sup>rd</sup> East Avenue Broken Arrow
- 28 Board Meeting • probably Sapulpa HOFRT66MUSEUM 1:30 PM
- May 3 Gen'l Meeting • Cooper Home • post-meeting presentation TBD
- 5 Tulsa Cruisers • 5 PM – 8 PM • 71<sup>st</sup> & 193<sup>rd</sup> East Avenue Broken Arrow

Recurring Events

- Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday • Silent Movie • Circle Cinema 12 S Lewis • Phil Judkins • <http://circlecinema.com/>
- Every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday after general meeting • Tulsa Cruise-In • 71st & 193<sup>rd</sup> East Avenue Broken Arrow • 5 pm – 8 PM • (Mar – Oct) • Dan King





by Randy Beeson

## One Hundred Years Ago Today

On July 11<sup>th</sup>, East and West Prussia voted in a plebiscite to join Germany. A slice of West Prussia would be given to Poland to provide a 'Polish Corridor' to Danzig on the Baltic Sea. The following day, Lithuania and Russia signed a peace treaty with Lithuania then becoming an independent republic.

China joined the League of Nations on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Irish Nationalists and Loyalists engaged in street fighting over the issue of independence from Britain on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Finally, on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, British East Africa was renamed Kenya and became a British crown colony.

In the technology world, a radio compass was used for aircraft navigation for the first time on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Two days later, transcontinental airmail service from New York City to San Francisco was inaugurated. Also, on the 29<sup>th</sup>, Mexican rebel Pancho Villa surrendered.

Famous births this month included American real estate billionaire and hotel owner Leona Helmsley, born in Marbletown, NY on July 4<sup>th</sup>. American news anchor David Brinkley was born in Wilmington, NC on the 10<sup>th</sup>, while actor Yul Brynner was born in Primorsky Krai, Russia on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Former Attorney General and Secretary of Defense Elliot Richardson was born in Boston, MA on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

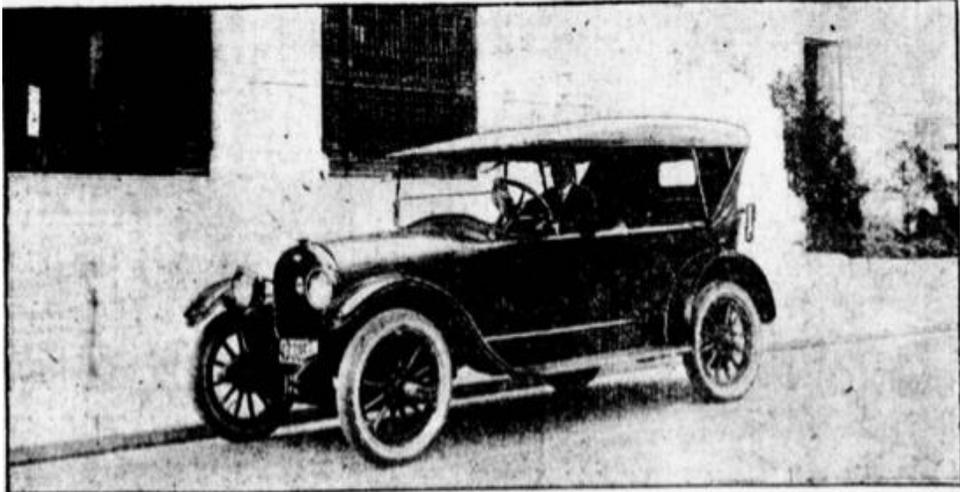
Famous deaths during the month included Dr. William Gorgas, Surgeon-General of the U.S., who had been involved in finding the cure for yellow fever, on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Former British

Navy First Sea Lord Jackie Fisher died on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Fisher was largely responsible for the development of Britain's dreadnought class of battleships.

This month's issue of Popular Science magazine carried several articles on the developing technology of radio. The steamship *Venezuela* equipped with a 2-kilowatt radio transmitter was able to communicate with the Inglewood Naval Radio Station near Los Angeles while 70 miles out from Yokohama, Japan. This communication across 5,900 miles was a new record. The U.S. Forest Service had established 42 battery-powered radiotelephone sets equipped with gasoline generators at various points in the national forests of Wyoming, Montana and Oregon. The sets used a long-wire antenna stretched between two trees. Rangers were being trained by the War Department to use the sets in communicating with military aircraft patrolling the national forests in search of wildfires. These sets were reported to be good for communication over distances up to 60 miles.

The July 3<sup>rd</sup> issue of the Washington Times carried an advertisement by the Thaden Aeromobile Manufacturing Company, distributor for the Tulsa automobile. Thaden extolled the virtues of the Tulsa in handling 'utterly impossible to describe' roads in the oil patch. List price for a Tulsa phaeton was \$1,550 f.o.b. Tulsa. In the same issue of the Times, Grimes Motor Company advertised the Stephens Salient Six equipped with an overhead valve engine (see below).





## The TULSA

Unusual conditions forced a group of wealthy oil men to build for their own use a car that would withstand the punishment of the world's worst roads—the oil field roads of the mid-continent fields. They called it The TULSA, for the city that is the hub of their activities.

For more than two years The TULSA has been put through the most grueling road tests. It has gone down into the very depths of mud, mire, sand,

gumbo and ruts, over roads utterly impossible to describe. It has answered all demands of the West.

The public was quick to find out about the unusual performance of The TULSA. Back of this car are millions of dollars, engineering skill of the highest degree and a factory organization of unusual efficiency.

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# *2020 AACA Central Divisional Tour Status*

## *Updated 30 June 2020*

*By David Turner*

The registration opened for the 2020 AACA Central Divisional Tour (Oct 19-23) on next Monday, 1 June 2020. We still do not know if it will be possible to conduct the tour but are planning for now that it will be held. We will need to make our final decision not later than sometime in August. If we must cancel the event, we will return all entry fees to those who have registered. Right now, I believe we have about twenty-three people and about twelve cars registered. It appears people are waiting for the final word.

I am currently evaluating how to modify the tour to accommodate social distancing and other restrictions we will likely face. We must keep in mind that we will always be subject to local, state, and federal rules and guidelines in such matters and will need to abide by them regardless of what we decide is appropriate. At this point we can only assume what those restrictions might be in October. I am assuming that we will need to maintain the six-foot minimum spacing and wear masks.

We are reevaluating all the museum, lunch, and banquet venues in light of the above concerns. Joanna Cooper has already purchased masks and hand sanitizer for every tourist which we will provide when they check in at the registration table. We will ask that they all wear the masks when among others except to eat. Most of our scheduled venues are making the same request. If we don't hold the tour, Joanna can use the masks at the nursing home.

It appears we will be able to space people sufficiently at Joanna's facility to accommodate social distancing for the opening banquet.

The final banquet facility at Stoney Creek that we reserved will be too small if we have a good turnout. As reserved, it would seat 150 without social distancing or any other restrictions. We were planning a buffet serving line. The hotel has offered us the entire ballroom for our banquet which would triple the space available to us. That should solve the social distancing issue for that meal. How to serve it is still to be decided, plated or buffet.

I have talked several times with Harley Hamm, the manager of the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame where we plan the Tuesday, October 20 lunch. Harley indicated they are to have no more than twenty people at a time inside the building and instead have been holding their own events outside in the evenings. During our most recent conversation last week, he indicated nothing had changed. Therefore, I am investigating an open-air pavilion in Honor Heights Park that might work for us. I still need to see it in person and then make arrangements with the Muskogee Parks Department to reserve it, but at least it is a possible alternative. I have not yet checked with the caterer, but I suspect they will have no problem if we change the location.

On Wednesday, October 21, Price Tower originally was to serve us a buffet lunch in their facility but both Price Tower and I agree that arrangement will no longer work. I have investigated two alternatives and know of a third, so I think we will be able to resolve that issue. Price Tower will still cater any of the three. The Price Tower tours will be modified to accommodate social distancing as well. Thus, Wednesday looks doable for now.



I have visited with the Convention Center in Claremore which we have scheduled for our lunch on Thursday, October 22. Cindy has scheduled our lunch to use the entire ballroom so that we can still meet there and still social distance. Again, that increase in space was without an increase in cost

Gilcrease Museum, where we are scheduled for lunch and a visit of the museum on Friday, 23 October, remains closed with no plans announced for reopening. I wonder if they will remain closed until after the extensive rebuilding and expansion project which I believe is scheduled to start sometime next year. As a result, I asked Joe Smith to investigate open air pavilions in the Sapulpa area that we might be able to use for lunch. He has made tentative arrangements for us to use an exceptionally large gazebo in downtown Sapulpa, near restrooms, that we can use for free. We will need to rent tables and chairs, and arrange for a box lunch, but those needs should be manageable. We hope to schedule a tour of the Sapulpa Historical Museum just down the street from that facility in place of touring Gilcrease. Should Gilcrease reopen and have suitable plans to accommodate our group as planned, we will return to that original plan.

The Will Rogers Memorial currently restricts the number of guests to ten per large gallery and ten in the gift shop. That will slow us down getting the group through in a reasonable amount of time and hence require some innovative planning to accommodate it.

Woolaroc now restricts the number of guests per gallery to six. Therefore, we will need to space out our tourists at that venue as well.

Most of our tour other venues are reopened but with similar restrictions. It appears that those limits will affect the amount of time for our tour to see each attraction, but we have not been able to complete any assessment yet. However, that will happen in the coming weeks.

My final concern is the availability of helpers to put on this tour. A good number of you offered to assist prior to our lives being affected by Covid-19. Please let me know by email if you are still willing to assist in some manner during the tour and we can begin to assess our own workforce.

We must make our final decision no later than 1 September on going ahead with the tour or not. Hopefully, we will be able to make a final decision before then. I have agreed to try to make it sometime in August.

I would welcome any thoughts and ideas any of you have on what criteria we need to say we are going ahead with the tour.

Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way to plan this event. There are many of you and I am extremely grateful for all the support to date!

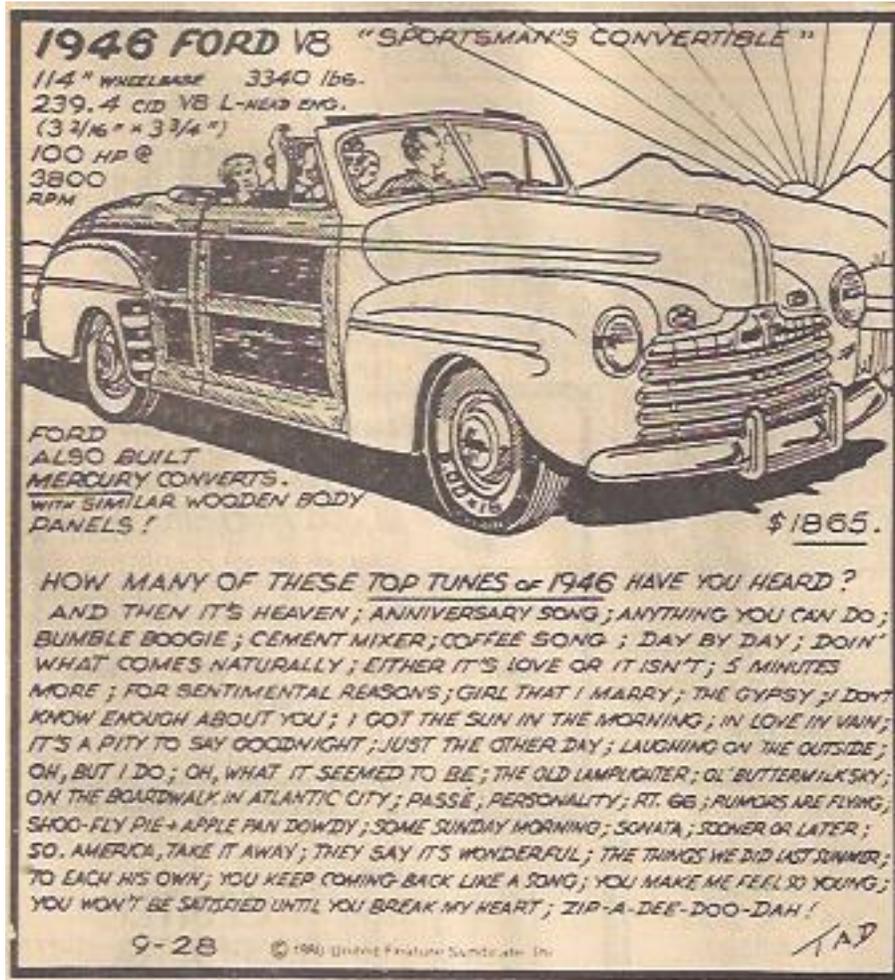
David Turner, Committee Chairman



# Gasoline Alley

By Dan King, Editor

## *Impractical Woodies Are Highly Collectible*



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*by Tad Burness*

During the later 1940's there were numerous station wagons with wooden bodies, as well as a wood-paneled Nash sedan and various wood-paneled convertibles (not to mention a few additional custom-built "special" woodies).



The glamorous Chrysler Town & Country convertible was probably the most luxurious, but Ford and Mercury offered similar editions of their own: “Sportsman’s convertibles” with real wood (in addition to their more all-metal convertibles).

All the rare “woodies” are widely sought after as collectors’ cars, and their value has increased tremendously in recent years.

Back in the 1940’s, wooden-bodied cars seemed like a partial solution to the steel shortage created by World War II. When peace returned, steel was still in short supply. Using wooden panels in place of steel would conserve material and when these wood surfaces were varnished and polished to a deep glossy finish, they were beautiful!

However, highly finished wood is impractical for outdoor use, as it must be exposed to all kinds of weather. Sun and rain played havoc with wood surfaces on cars and, to keep them attractive, the owners of “woodies” had to continually polish, sand, and varnish.

Some former “woody” owners swore “never again” to buy such cars; they felt they were slaves to them. Others enjoyed the activity of “puttering” with these cars. And for their best protection, they belong indoors in auto museums, to be admired under artificial lighting.

In spite of their drawbacks, such cars are undoubtedly a joy to see when gleaming with proper care. That’s why they are worth premium prices. If such a car is to be driven, or shown at outdoor competitions, it should be polished before and after its run!

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

*Later alligator ...*

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# The Chevrolet Bowtie

*Bob Parrish  
Vice President - National Awards*

Most of us remember “See the USA in your Chevrolet”, the advertising tune sung by the beloved Dinah Shore to promote the Chevy brand in the 1950s. Did you realize the logo made some minor changes around that same time?

The Chevy bowtie logo, as it is commonly referred to among hobbyists, is one of the longest, continuous American business logos still in existence, with perhaps Coca Cola being older. The logo first appeared around 1911 and continued the name framed in a bowtie looking configuration with two horizontal bars in the center. On pre-war Chevrolets the logo could be found everywhere, on the engine

block, water pump, cylinder heads, exhaust manifolds, as well on the body, taillight lens, hub caps, not to mention floor mats, dash and accessories. “The Good Old Days”.

No one really noticed that the previously mentioned horizontal bars dropped off the logo around 1958/1959, only to appear again in 2018, commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Chevrolet truck and only then for a couple of months on the limited edition Silverado.

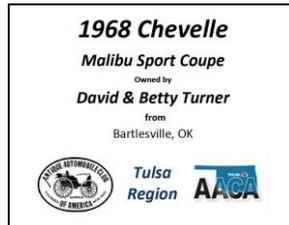
No big deal, but when purchasing undated Chevrolet materials you will find this change will date the material and help you determine the age.



## 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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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