

A Message from David Turner



President's Notes

Dear Folks,

Greetings to all in the AACAA Tulsa Region. Hope you are all surviving well and getting lots of car projects completed. I know we are looking forward to the day when we can all be together again.

The board met via Zoom meeting last week and began planning our return to normal activities, whenever it is determined to be safe to do so. We welcome your ideas on fun and safe events.

The officer list which we submit to National each year has a spot for a membership chairman for the club. We have not had such a position in the past that I am aware of, but the board has agreed it might be a good idea to have such a position. This was brought home when we were made aware of an ad in the Tulsa World on Saturdays for local car clubs that included such an ad for our Region, along with an email address. No one on the board has any idea who was responsible for this ad or who, if anyone, monitors the email address. Maintaining and monitoring such ads are envisioned as one of the roles of the proposed new membership chairperson. That person does not need to be a board member. If any of you would be interested and willing to fill this role this year, contact me or one of the other directors about your interest.

We are still working on the 2021 AACAA Central Divisional Tour plans. The tri-fold brochure, and the updated dash plaque design have both been forwarded to National as well as the completed hotel contract with Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center. We expect to receive final approval from the National Board at their meeting in February.

Stay safe!
David Turner



**Minutes of the AACA General Meeting
January 3rd, 2021**

**[note: the General Meeting in January was cancelled due to the
quarantine imposed by the COVID-19 epidemic.]**

Respectfully Submitted,
Chuck Mahan
AACA Tulsa Region Secretary



Sunshine Report

Joanna Cooper reports, "I am now at home going to work daily after also having COVID-19. Still going to Cardiac Therapy. God has Blessed me again. Thanks for all the prayers."

Lee DeBoer has been diagnosed with a serious illness. Please keep Lee and Pat in your prayers.

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

February

5 Mary Jane Halley
24 Derek Downey

March

5 Sandy Berenson
12 Joe Landers

ANNIVERSARIES

February

(none on record)

March

20 Randy & Linda Beeson



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>
2021:					
February	2	Board Meeting ● 2 P.M. via Zoom			
	7	General Meeting ● location TBD ● post-meeting presentation TBD			[CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19]
March	2	Board Meeting ● 2 P.M. via Zoom			
	7	General Meeting ● location TBD ● post-meeting presentation TBD			[CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19]
	30	Board Meeting ● 2 P.M. via Zoom			
April	5	General Meeting ● location TBD ● post-meeting presentation TBD			[PROBABLY CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19]
	28	Board Meeting ● 2 P.M. via Zoom			
May	3	Gen'l Meeting ● location TBD ● post-meeting presentation TBD			
June	1	Board Meeting ● 2 P.M. via Zoom			
	6	General Meeting ● location TBD ● post-meeting presentation TBD			
	29	Board Meeting ● 2 P.M. via Zoom			
July	4	General Meeting ● location TBD ● post-meeting presentation TBD			
	27	Board Meeting ● 2 P.M. via Zoom			
August	1	General Meeting ● location TBD ● post-meeting presentation TBD			
	31	Board Meeting ● 2 P.M. via Zoom			
September	5	General Meeting ● location TBD ● post-meeting presentation TBD			
	28	Board Meeting ● 2 P.M. via Zoom			
October	3	General Meeting ● location TBD ● post-meeting presentation TBD			
	17–23	Divisional Tour ● sponsored by AACA Tulsa Region			
	26	Board Meeting ● 2 P.M. via Zoom			
November	1	General Meeting ● location TBD ● post-meeting presentation TBD			
	30	Board Meeting ● 2 P.M. via Zoom			



December 6 General Meeting • location TBD • post-meeting presentation TBD
19 Christmas Party • Probably 1 PM at Jerry Shrader's Vintage Car Garage

2022:

January 2 General Meeting • location TBD • post-meeting presentation TBD Installation
8 Banquet • Probably 1 PM at Jerry Shrader's Vintage Car Garage

Recurring Events (*see note below*)

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

Note: all events are subject to cancellation due to COVID-19 epidemic quarantines.



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Dear Steven,

By almost any measure, 2020 has been a brutal year. I hope that you and your fellow members of the Tulsa Region are doing well and are navigating these difficult times safely. I'm writing you to let you know that I appreciate all that you and your fellow members have done this year to keep your region and our national club active and moving forward.

Best wishes to you, your family, and your fellow members of the Tulsa Region and their families. Here's to a considerably better year in 2021. I look forward to seeing you at a future AACA national activity. Until then be safe and stay healthy.

Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year to everyone. Please don't hesitate to contact me if there's anything I or the national club can do to assist you or the region in the coming year (or if you just want to talk about old cars).

Sincerely,

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One Hundred Years Ago Today

by Randy Beeson

International politics dominated the news this month. On February 2nd, Estonia and Russia agreed to Estonian independence which became effective on the 24th. Also, on the 2nd, France occupied the German territory of Memel. On February 6th, the Saarland, that buffer zone between France and Germany, came under League of Nations administration.

Admiral Kolchak surrendered his White force to Red troops on the 7th and was immediately executed. Bolshevik troops captured Odessa the following day, ending foreign involvement in the Russian civil war.

The League of Nations recognized the perpetual neutrality of Switzerland on February 13th, allowing Switzerland to rejoin the League. The Netherlands joined the League on the 19th. On February 29th, the new nation of Czechoslovakia adopted a constitution. But perhaps most ominously of all, the National Socialist German Workers (Nazi) Party was founded in the Hofbrauhaus in Munich on the 24th, however, former Austrian army corporal Adolf Hitler was not yet a member.

In other news, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police was founded on February 1st by the merger of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police and the Dominion Police. The League of Women Voters was founded in Chicago on the 14th.

In the sports world, baseball outlawed all pitches involving tampering with the ball on February 10th. The National Negro Baseball League was founded on the 13th.

Famous birthdays this month included TV game show host Bill Cullen, born in Pittsburg on the 18th and actor Jack Palance (Vladimir Palahniuk), born in Lattimer Mines, PA on the same date. Actor Tony Randall (Leonard Rosenberg) was born in Tulsa, OK on February 26th. Obituaries this month included Arctic explorer, Robert Peary.

In the automotive world, the first commercial armored car was introduced in St. Paul, MN on February 1st. Perhaps by coincidence, this month's issue of Popular Mechanics included an article describing the design of a new 'auto-bandit chaser' intended for the Denver police force. The vehicle specifications called for a 90 HP armored car with high speed capability. The second and third seats were to be elevated to allow officers to fire their trench guns over the heads of fellow officers. The vehicle was to be equipped with a ram prow to crash through fences in pursuits on the flat prairies east of the city and fenders were skirted to allow another vehicle to be forced into the ditch without damaging the vehicle's tires. Finally, the car had no windshield or top to obscure vision. Hope the city was providing officers with goggles.



One Hundred Years Ago Today (continued)

In recognition of the need for turn signals and brake lights, the conscientious motorist could now purchase a small battery-powered signal light that he could attach to the back of his hand for night-time

hand signaling purposes. The auto traveler could also purchase cabinets and mount them above the rear fenders and on the running boards to hold picnic items, medical supplies or spare parts. What would they think of next? A trunk, maybe?



1936 Plymouth Engine Swap – Part Two

I have made good progress on the engine swap project. While the old engine is out, the new one is some time away from going in due to project creep. By that I mean, the project is now including a lot more than a simple engine transplant. I suspect all of us have uttered the phrase, “Well while I have it apart, I might as well take care of.....”. That is the simple definition of project creep. Here are two that have crept into my engine swap project.

First: “While I have it apart would be the perfect time to repaint the frame and front suspension.” It has seen a bit of wear since Bob repainted it twenty some years ago and a refreshing is in order with the clean new engine.

Second: “While I have it apart would be the perfect time to rework the right front fender that has a crack in it and a damaged brace that needs to be straightened and reattached.” This is the creep that has caused the most project inflation. Since I needed to remove the fenders and radiator shell to allow me to do the swap in my crowded garage, I thought this would be the perfect time to rework the fender.

After I removed it, I took it to the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Company in Broken Arrow and had it media blasted. I knew it had a bit of filler in it that was now cracking out due to the damaged brace and the crack in the fender. I also knew it had been repaired from collision damage when someone hit the fender and running board and inflicted significant damage. When I got the car from Bob, the only clear evidence of the damage was the repaired tread on the running board. However, filler was now cracking out around the trailing edge of the fender and I wanted to get that all repaired as well. Hence the fender was completely stripped in the media blasting. I was surprised at the amount of damage repair that had been done to the trailing edge of the fender. It had been disguised well with the filler and paint, but it soon became obvious that the fender was not square across the back. I had previously realized that the fender, as repaired, was wider than original. I learned that after replacing the running boards with new ones, and discovered the fender was about ½” wider than the new running board. It dawned on me then that the repaired original running board had simply been repaired to match the width of the repaired fender. I was also surprised to learn that the fender had considerable lead in it from the original repair. By now, I realized I was in over my head on this fender project.

Joe Smith suggested I give the project to Dennis Francis, who has *Wheels of the Past* near Agra, OK, to do the repairs. Our Region has visited his shop at least twice that I recall and as recently as last year. I gave him a call and he sounded quite interested. I got the fender back on December 29th and could not be more pleased. His work is simply incredible. He had my other fender as a “go by” and discovered that the fender as I gave it to him was not only too wide at the rear, but also too long! It is now correct! He does advertise that he works only on 1940 and older vehicles but that might be negotiable.



Now that the fender is again the correct length, it fits properly to the radiator shell. I thrilled. Hopefully, the hood will now fit properly on both sides!

All four fenders, both headlights and the taillight are all currently at the painter's shop being prepped and repainted black. More progress next month (I hope!)

David Turner



Current Status Photo



Former Region Member Donates Car to Museum

Charlie Kukral joined the Tulsa Region AACA in 1994. He served as a board member for about 6 years. If my memory serves me correctly, he was President in 1998 or 1999. We used to enjoy seeing Charlie drive his 1968 CHRYSLER 300 convertible to local AACA meetings and events. He ordered and bought the car new in 1968 while living in the Kansas City area. He lived in Tulsa during the 1990's. Charlie moved to Quartzsite, Arizona in late 2001 taking the CHRYSLER with him. Some of our Region members have been to Quartzsite, Arizona to visit Charlie. A few years ago, Charlie said he would like to donate the CHRYSLER to the "Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum" in Sapulpa but did not know how to get it there. I told him when he was ready, I would haul it to the Museum for him. In November he contacted Richard Holmes and said he was ready. I fulfilled my commitment; Joyce and I went to Quartzsite in December and brought the car to Sapulpa. A 2,627-mile roundtrip. Photos below.



Gasoline Alley

By Dan King, Editor

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Introduced during 1960, the COMET from Ford's Lincoln-Mercury Division first began its career as a tame economy compact; a more luxurious running-mate for the Ford Falcon. However, like many other economy compacts, it grew wilder as the years went by!

For 1964 there were many changes. The '64 grille has always reminded me of the head of an electric shaver, though I wonder if many others think of such a resemblance ...?

The word "caliente" means "hot" in Spanish. The name given to Comet's top-of-the-line series for '64.

In those days, "muscle cars" were on the ascendancy, and in June, '64, Lincoln-Mercury advertised "COMET: BOSS DRAGSTER."

A high-riding, souped-up Comet dragster was illustrated, and Comet drag-racing records were listed, such as on January 5th, at Emporia, VA: 11.30 seconds from 0 to 123 m.p.h.!

This and other triumphs were accomplished by non-stock models with 427 c.i.d. V-8s, but the participation of Ford-built cars in racing helped arouse the interest of speed minded buyers.

A new 20-gallon fuel tank increased cruising range by 40 percent. With four engine choices, one could pick anything from a pussy-cat to a lion.

By the Spring of 1964, the Comet "CYCLONE" appeared. It featured less side chrome, bucket seats, tachometer, competition-type wheel covers, and the "289" V-8 with chrome engine fittings. A vinyl-covered roof was optional.

All this brings back memories of lower-priced gasoline and higher speed limits!

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 ...





Try Something New

*By Mark McAlpine
Vice President – National Activities*

When you attend an AACA Nationals or participate in one of our many National Tours and see how much everyone is enjoying themselves, you think it's a typical activity for our many members. However, surprisingly, that's not the case. I know it's hard to believe, but the majority of AACA members have never attended an AACA national activity. They've never enjoyed the experience of joining a group of fellow AACA members and driving antique vehicles on meandering roads through scenic and historic areas, enjoying the camaraderie, and making new friends. Or they've never enjoyed attending an AACA Nationals— whether it's to show their car, truck, or motorcycle and receive an award for their efforts, to judge, or to see hundreds (over 1,000 in Hershey!) of beautiful antique vehicles of every vintage. Hard to believe, isn't it?

For those members who've never been to an AACA National Activity, now is the

time to dive in. First, you have the opportunity to close out 2020 with a bang— join us in Gettysburg, PA, on Friday-Saturday, November 6 -7, for the Special Fall Nationals. No, it's not Hershey, but it's going to be great.

Second, to help make up for the many missed opportunities of 2020, we have a robust national activities calendar planned for 2021. We have 10 shows and 7 tours planned (possibly 8—another is pending approval by the AACA Board of Directors at its meeting on November 12th), so there's probably an activity happening within a reasonable driving distance of you.

So, for those members who haven't participated in an AACA national activity before: try something new— attend an AACA Nationals or participate in an AACA Tour in 2021. You'll enjoy it (and probably wonder why you waited so long).



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 \$45.00/calendar year for member and spouse/partner

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

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

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