

A Message from David Turner



President's Notes

Our year is nearing an end, but what a year. After starting incredibly slow, the last few months have really gone quickly for me. Thanks again to everyone who helped in any way to make our 2021 AACAA Central Divisional Tour a success!

Our December meeting on 5 December at Joanna Coopers home garage will feature a program by Steve Schnitzer to close off our year for general membership meetings. Start time will be 2:00 PM as usual.

December also brings our Christmas dinner on Sunday, 12 December at 1:00 PM and our gift exchange at Jerry Shrader's beautiful event center. Carolanne Mahan has again planned a wonderful meal for us served by Catering by Orr. Our meal will be followed by the traditional dirty Santa gift exchange. Suggested value of the gift is typically in the \$10 range.

We will not have a general membership meeting in January but instead we have the Officer Installation Banquet at Jerry Shrader's event center at 1:00 PM on January 9th. We traditionally hand out our awards of distinction and merit at this event so be planning the awards you wish to make. While many are tongue-in-cheek awards, they do not need to be. Therefore, get the creative juices flowing!

Thanks to Bill Ruedy for agreeing to be our new newsletter editor and thank you to Dan King for his wonderful work in preparing the newsletter for the last several years. We all hope you are soon well Dan, and able to meet with us once more.

Let your new board of Directors and incoming President Joe Smith know of your ideas for next year's club activities! We are always looking for ideas!

Thanks again to everyone for making this a fun year despite the COVID pandemic.

David Turner



Minutes of the November Tulsa Region AACA General Meeting at Joanna Cooper's Car Emporium November 7th, 2021

Joanna Cooper made an announcement that she had relatives in town and that she could not stay for the meeting, but before she left, she wanted to thank all club members for their support of the 2021 Central Division Tour. She said that it was great from the BBQ to the final Banquet. She indicated that we were in the running for the "AACA's Best Division Tour" to be awarded next year.

David then read three letters of praise from participants of the tour.

David then led the club in the pledge of allegiance.

Chuck Mahan read the minutes of the October General Meeting. There were three corrections "6", "Avant" and "Creek".

28 club members were in attendance with three guests.

Steve Schnitzer who is replacing Phil Judkins as the club representative for Tulsa's the Veterans Day Parade distributed instructions for cars participating in the parade. Steve didn't have the original sign-up list, but he thinks the club still has two or three vacancies that can be filled.

Joe Smith reported on the tour to "Wheels of the Past" which was held on Saturday, November 6th. We had 9 members on the tour which saw about 10 exotic automobiles that were being worked upon.

Carolanne Mahan gave a report on the Christmas Party and Installation Banquet. She said the Christmas Party on December 12th would serve turkey and ham with all of the fixings including pecan and pumpkin pies. We would have a "Dirty Santa" gift exchange with top value of \$10.00. The Installation Banquet on January 9th would be more formal with Beef Wellington. Awards of Merit or Distinction would be presented at the Banquet. Both dinners are at Jerry Shrader's event center starting at 1:00 p.m... The cost of all dinners is \$30.00 per person.

David announced that Bill Ruedy had agreed to be Editor of the Running Board Ramblings and would also help Debbie Harding with the club's Facebook page.

Joe Smith announced that Mike Halley has had heart bypass surgery and was still in the hospital. He also reported that Dan King is recovering from Covid-19, but little is known about his progress.

David reported that Phil Judkins has been in the hospital, but now is home. He has been having heart problems.

Carolanne Mahan then told 5 "Grandparent" jokes.

Betty Turner announced that she had 11 front pieces of the Tour Bags left over. Someone suggested making them into car pillows and offer them for sale. David then showed the club the shadow box that contained the front piece of a Tour bag that was given to Joanna Cooper. When presented to Joanna at the final banquet it caused a standing ovation.

The club then closed the business meeting for the program "The Tucker Automobile" given by Chuck Mahan





December

- 4 Randy Beeson
- 7 Bob Strattan
- 10 LaVon Ruedy
- 15 Jerry Shrader
- 15 Joyce Smith

January

- 2 Debbie Harding
- 4 Keith Jones
- 9 Helen Wilson
- 10 Joe Smith
- 13 Pauleta Clawson
- 20 Teresa Strode



December

- 12 Jeff and Suzy Lytle

January

- 2 Lee and Pat DeBoer
- 24 Bob and Vada Strattan

Sunshine Report

Dan King is still recovering from his recent illness.

Mike Halley is recovering from open heart surgery



AACA Tulsa Region 2021 Calendar

2021:

November

30 Board Meeting • 2 PM • Heart of 66 Auto Museum

December

5 General Meeting • Joanna Cooper's Car Emporium • post-meeting presentation
Steve Schnitzer

12 Christmas Banquet • 1 PM at Jerry Shrader's Event Center

2022:

January

4 Board Meeting • 2 PM • Heart of 66 Auto Museum

9 Installation Banquet (installation of club officers) • 1 PM at Jerry Shrader's Event
Center

February

2 Board Meeting • 2 PM • Heart of 66 Auto Museum

7 General Meeting • Joanna Cooper's Car Emporium • post-meeting presentation
TBD

March

1 Board Meeting • 2 PM • Heart of 66 Auto Museum

6 General Meeting • Joanna Cooper's Car Emporium • post-meeting presentation
TBD

29 Board Meeting • 2 PM • Heart of 66 Auto Museum

April

3 General Meeting • Joanna Cooper's Car Emporium • post-meeting presentation
TBD

26 Board Meeting • 2 PM • Heart of 66 Auto Museum

May

1 General Meeting • Joanna Cooper's Car Emporium • post-meeting presentation
TBD

31 Board Meeting • 2 PM • Heart of 66 Auto Museum



June

- 5 General Meeting • Joanna Cooper's Car Emporium • post-meeting presentation TBD
- 28 Board Meeting • 2 PM • Heart of 66 Auto Museum

July

- 3 General Meeting • Joanna Cooper's • post-meeting presentation TBD

August

- 2 Board Meeting • 2 PM • Heart of 66 Auto Museum
- 7 General Meeting • Joanna Cooper's • post-meeting presentation TBD

September

- 4 General Meeting • Joanna Cooper's • post-meeting presentation TBD
- 31 Board Meeting • 2 PM • Heart of 66 Auto Museum

Recurring Events *(see note below)*

Every 2nd Wednesday • Owasso Cruise-In • north side of Main Street

Every Tuesday • Tulsa Cruise-In • 51st & Memorial • 5 pm – 8 PM • (Mar – Oct) •

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



AACA 2022 National Calendar of Events

February 10-12 – AACA Annual Convention Philadelphia

February 24-26 - AACA Winter Nationals – Melbourne, Florida

March 10-12 – Western Spring Nationals – Las Vegas

March 20-26 – Founders Tour – Mobile, Ala./Biloxi Miss.

April 7-9 – Southeastern Spring Nationals – Charlotte, NC

April 17-23 – Central Divisional Tour (1997 and earlier) – San Antonio to Laporte, TX

April 21-23 – Special Winter Nationals & Special Grand National – San Juan, PR

May 19-21 – Annual Grand Nationals – Virginia Beach, VA

May 22-25 – Eastern Divisional Tour (1997 and earlier) – Johnstown, PA

June 16-18 – Eastern Spring Nationals – Beckley WV

August 11-13 – Central Fall Nationals – Bettendorf, Iowa

September 10-16 – Sentimental Tour – Gettysburg, PA

September 18-23 – Reliability Tour (1915 and earlier) Shepherdsville, Kentucky

September 25-30 – Revival AAA Glidden Tour® (1942 and earlier) Central New Jersey

October 4-7 – Eastern Fall Nationals Hershey, Pennsylvania





One Hundred Years Ago

by Randy Beeson

The headlines this month were preoccupied with the first Roscoe 'Fatty' Arbuckle manslaughter trial. The 266-pound silent film star was accused of raping actress Virginia Rappe and causing her death from a ruptured bladder. His first trial ended in a hung jury on December 4th. His third trial in March 1922 would end in a 'not guilty' verdict but his reputation and career were in tatters by then.

The Anglo-Irish Treaty negotiated between the British Parliament and Sinn Féin, giving Ireland dominion status, and creating Northern Ireland was signed on the 6th. Irish President Eamon de Valera publicly repudiated the treaty two days later. The treaty was, however, ratified on December 16th.

In other news, the first U.S. helium-filled dirigible made its maiden flight on December 3rd. Station KWG in Stockton, CA began commercial radio broadcasting on the 7th.

Gangster Carlo Gambino (progenitor of the Gambino crime family) entered the U.S. as an illegal immigrant on the SS Vincenzo Florio on December 23rd. The City of San Francisco retired its last fire horses on the 31st.

Famous birthdays this month included Canadian actress Deanna Durbin, born in Winnipeg, Manitoba on December 4th. TV personality Steve Allen was born in New York City on the 26th.

On the other side of life, French composer Camille Saint Saëns died of a heart attack at age 86.

In the world of technology, the U.S. Army and Navy were testing a new monoplane equipped with 30 machine guns that could be used for strafing infantry. Twenty-eight of the guns could be fired automatically from the cockpit.

In other military news, a new 16-inch, 50 caliber naval rifled gun was undergoing tests at the Aberdeen, MD proving ground. The gun fired 2,300-pound projectiles 35 miles. This gun would be mounted on the last battleships built by the U.S. Navy. During the Vietnam War, firing of the gun against shore installations was referred to as 'chucking Volkswagens' by sailors since the projectile weighed approximately the same as a VW Beetle. The Navy had also introduced a catapult for launching spotter planes from battleships. A later version of the device would be used on U.S. aircraft carriers.

A synchronized traffic light system was under construction in Milwaukee in order to reduce traffic congestion. The Trenton, NJ Fire Department had installed two-way radios in the fire chief's car and the Department's main office. The vehicle-mounted unit featured an antenna that could be extended to a height of 18'. A 500-volt generator connected to a 110-volt motor provided power for the vehicle's radio.

The Society of Automotive Engineers was recommending a reduction in the number of auto wheel rim and tire sizes to simplify manufacturing. There would be only five rim sizes and nine tire sizes each for cars and trucks.



RADIO AND BIRTH OF AUTOMOBILE ENTERTAINMENT

By Bill Ruedy

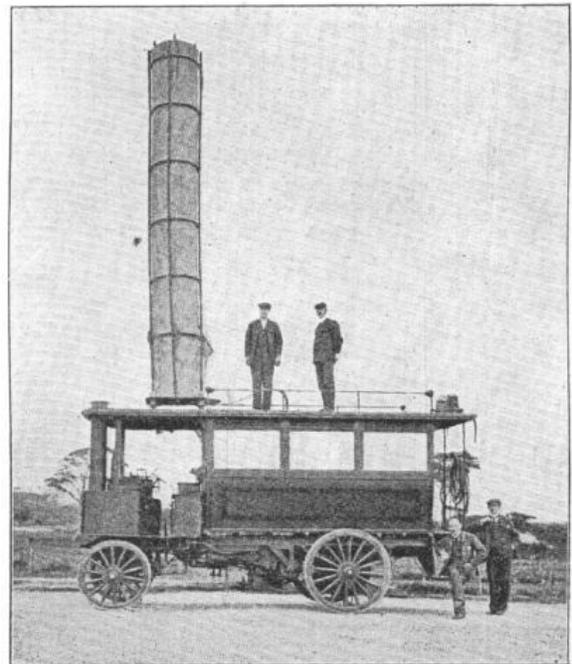
Special thanks to Randy Beeson for providing a History of Automobile Radio. Randy's information prompted more thoughts and research on automobile Radio and entertainment systems.

In the late 19th century, the development of the automobile changed the world by allowing faster travel between destinations and to locations not served by railroads or ships. At this point in history if one wanted to travel from their city (or farm) to another city the mode of transportation was on foot, horseback, wagon, or stagecoach. The National Road was the first highway in America. It was approximately 820 miles long, constructed between 1811 and 1834. This road was heavily traveled by Wagons and stagecoaches. A typical Conestoga wagon would average about 15 miles a day. Stagecoaches could average about 60 to 70 miles in one day.

The development of the automobile in the late 19th century provided a way to travel much rapidly from location to location. The top speed for the first Benz production automobile was 12 mph. A Ford Model T has a top speed of approximately 42 mph. The faster travel speeds by automobiles allowed a "motor touring" pastime. As more people traveled so did their desire for entertainment during their trips.

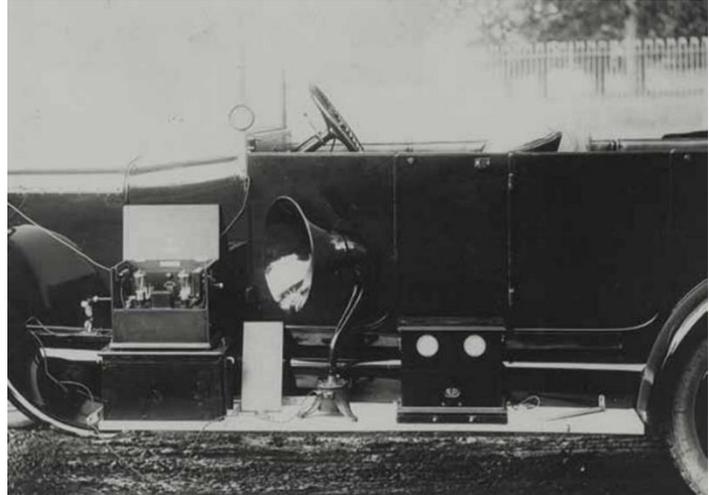
Radio technology was rapidly progressing during the same time that automobile technology was improving. The first telegraph transmission is attributed to Gulielmo Marconi in 1895. The first voice transmission in 1906 by Reginald Fessenden. The first Commercial radio broadcast was November 2, 1920 by KDKA, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Radio united a population providing news and entertainment to large audiences. Early radios were home-made crystal sets powered only by the received signal. The first commercially available radio receivers in 1920's were battery-operated tuned radio frequency sets. Battery powered sets were popular in rural areas where electricity was not yet available. The earliest AC powered radios appeared approximately 1927.

The first automobile radio could be argued to be the built by Marconi in 1901 as a mobile telegraph for Military use. The mobile telegraph did not transmit voice signals, and had a range of approximately 20 miles. The large cylinder antenna could be rotated and stored horizontally on the roof of the Thornycroft steam-motor car. The telegraph could be operated with the antenna extended as the car moved at a maximum speed of 14 mph.

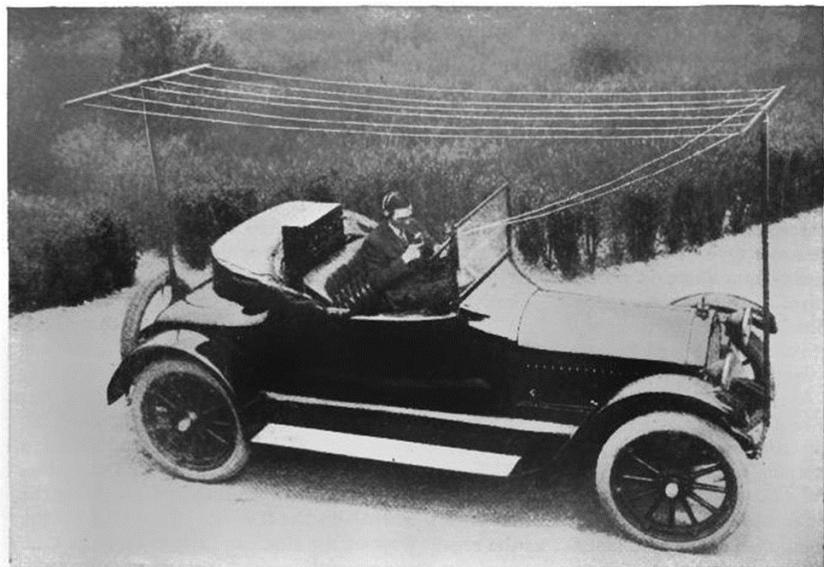


MILITARY AUTOMOBILE FOR WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

With the advent of broadcast radio, listening to music became a popular activity. People began finding ways to carry their radio with them when they traveled by automobile. The earliest automobile receivers were either homebrew, or battery powered radios. The first car radios were basically house radios with the components placed wherever they would fit. These radios were often laid on the back seat of the automobile.



One large problem with the early radios was the different voltages required to operate the tube base radios. The battery operated radios typically needed 3V, 6V, and a third voltage that varied from 22.5 to 135 volts depending upon the manufacturer. A second problem was where and how to mount the antenna for the radio. Early radios had either a single long wire antenna or a “loop” antenna. Amateur radio enthusiasts were also

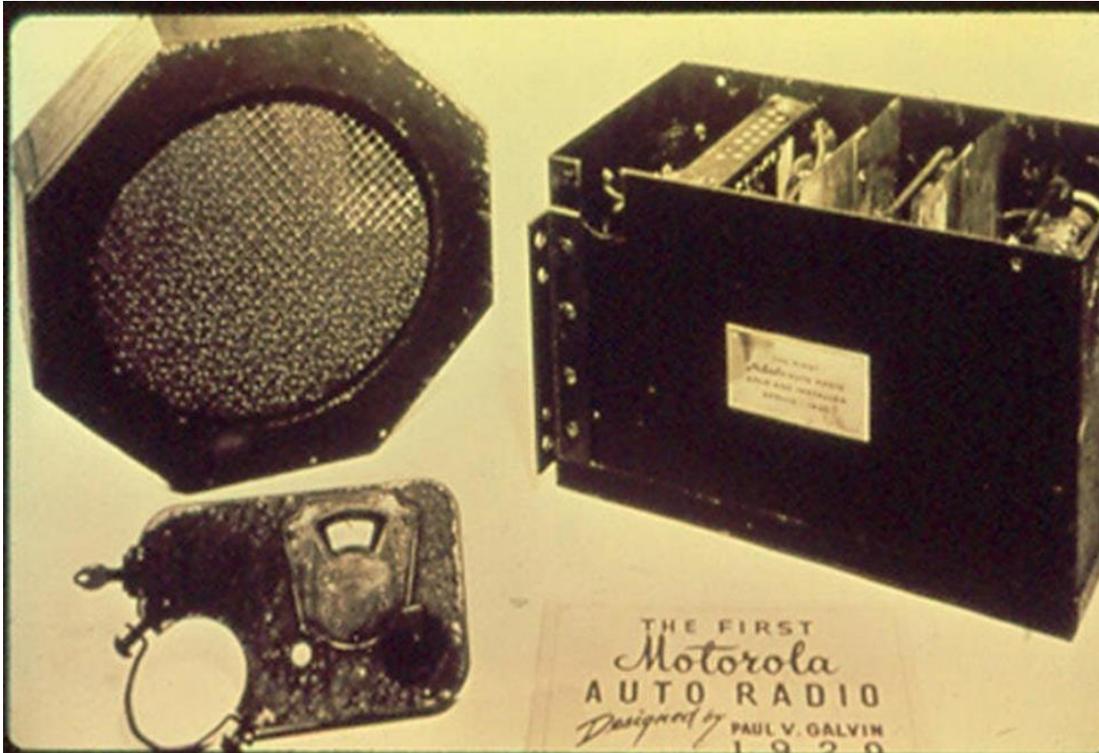


busy installing radio's for their hobby use. The antenna system below looks more like a clothes line. Future designs weaved the antenna into the material top of the car.

The first radio designed specifically for use automobiles, can be attributed to at least two companies. William Heina, of U.S. Heinaphone Company seems to be granted the first patent for installation of radios in cars. The Heinaphone Company was Automobile Radio Corporation, and soon purchased by Philadelphia Storage Battery Company (or Philco). Philco continued to produce the Transitone radio for many years.

Bill Lear and his friend Elmer Wavering began working on a practical car radio at about the same time. They developed the “5T71” radio which solved the problem of engine noise interfering with radio reception. The device was named for the well-known Victrola phonograph. Gavin merged “motor” and “Victrola” together and renamed the 5T71 radio to the “Motorola” providing the concept of music in motion. Eventually Gavin Manufacturing changed the company name to “Motorola”.





The Tuning panel in the lower left of the picture was mounted to the steering column.

Motorola produced the first radio with push-button presets in 1936. About 20 percent of automobiles in the United States contained factory radios by the end of 1930's. By the 1950's radios had shrunk into a single box mounted behind the dash. The speaker was separately installed typically facing upward from the dash toward the windshield. The first FM radio station was broadcasting in Chicago in 1942, but it was ten years until the automotive radios caught up with hi fidelity FM radio broadcasts. The first AM/FM Radio was introduced by Blaupunkt in 1952. During the 1960's radios became "Solid State" replacing vacuum tubes with transistors. The next installment will pick up in the mid 1950s with more innovations. Manufacturers were beginning to experiment with other ways to bring music into the automobile.



The Tulsa Veterans Day Parade! November 11, 2021

Thank you to Steve Schnitzer for helping to organize this years club entry to the Tulsa Veterans Day Parade. The day was clear and sunny, just perfect for a parade!



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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 Bill Ruedy, ruedy@valornet.com

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 drenrut61@gmail.com 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

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

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