

Spoke Folks

Antique Automobile Club of America  North Alabama Region



Randall Owen's 1968 Dodge Charger



President's Message

Jeff Slagle *President*

Greetings NAR Members,

On August 30, 1945, Hudson produced its first post-World War II automobile - a green Super Six coupe. After years of factories being devoted to tanks, trucks, and airplanes, that Hudson marked the return of civilian car production and the beginning of a new chapter for the American auto industry. It was more than just a car rolling off the line; it was a symbol of resilience and moving forward together.

That same spirit is alive in our club today. Even in the heat of summer, NAR has been active all across North Alabama - at shows, cruise-ins, and community displays. From small-town gatherings to larger regional events, our members continue to share their cars and their passion wherever they go. Each event strengthens our presence in the community and reminds people that the history we preserve is still rolling down the road.

On a personal note, my mother has been in the hospital since the end of June. My brother, father, and I have been taking shifts at her side, with me covering the evening hours most nights. Knowing I have a club family behind me has meant a great deal. I especially want to thank Chuck Nickey - not only for stepping up to cover my duties, but also for being available personally whenever I've needed something. That kind of support is exactly what makes NAR more than a club - it makes us a family.

Looking ahead, there are a lot of great events on the horizon, including our annual NAR Car Show in October, which is just around the corner. I encourage everyone to participate, volunteer, and invite others to join us as we make this one of our best shows yet.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Thursday, August 28th, at 6:30 p.m. at 1806 University Dr NW.

Thank you again for being such a dedicated and caring group.

Best Regards,
Jeff 

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North Alabama Region



NAR Club Information

Member Milestones

August Birthdays

5 Gene King / 87 in 2025
8 Ed Lawrence
13 Laurie Ferenc
15 Alex Haynes
17 Annette Carignan
26 Marena McClure
28 Jonathan Doumar
30 Judy Smith

August Anniversaries

5 Jim and Angie True / 47 in 2025
20 Mike and Carol Grieco / 31 in 2025
20 Eddie and Kim Letson / 42 in 2025
24 John and Darlene Kleyer / 45 in 2025



September Birthdays

10 Harry Trumbull
13 Dan Wachtel / 81 in 2025
14 Linda Weidman
19 Jerry Carignan / 78 in 2025
20 Carla Holder
22 Mike Grieco
23 Bob Ferenc
26 Dave Dunlap
30 Sandy Dunlap

September Anniversaries

6 Greg and Susan Stefanovic / 29 in 2025
9 Bob and Laurie Ferenc / 19 in 2025
9 Al and Ana-Maria Clare Emmi / 20 in 2025
12 Roger and Brenda Jones / 61 in 2025
12 Joe Marchelites and Carla Holder

NAR Member Thoughts and Concerns

- Angie True recently had an unexpected kidney stone. Angie's Urologist was able to break up the stone in a timely manner, giving her time to recover before the True's trip to Alaska.

NAR Monthly Meeting Refreshments

28 th August	<i>Drinks: Dave Dunlap / Snacks: Kelly Entz</i>
25 th September	88 Buffet / 6125 University Dr., Huntsville, AL
23 rd October	<i>Drinks: Claire Catanese / Snacks: Ron Dion</i>
20 th November	<i>Drinks: Dave & Natalie Hoha / Snacks: Al & AnaClare Emmi</i>
6 th December	Christmas Party / Holiday Inn / 5903 University Dr, Huntsville, AL

Cars for Sale / Contact Jerry Carignan

1930 Studebaker Erskine

\$18,000



- 4 door sedan
- 6 cylinder
- Two-Tone Maroon/Black
- Always garaged and covered

- Purchased 2017 in Sioux Fall, SD
- Restoration done in 1988
- Driven mainly to local car shows and parades
- Came with original owners manual

1984 Mercedes Benz 380SL Roadster

\$19,000



- White with saddle leather interior
- 38,157 original miles
- Automatic transmission
- A/C – Climate control

- Becker stereo
- Less than 1000 miles on new tires & new battery
- Original spare tire
- New fuel gauge sending unit (included) needs to be installed

Cars for Sale / Contact Jerry Carignan

1973 Pinzgauer Military Transport

\$19,000.00



- 4 wheel drive, engage on the move
- 5 speed manual transmission
- Max speed 60 MPH
- Made in Austria

- Used by Switzerland, Germany, UK, etc.
- 9000 lb winch
- 24 Volt system
- 12 Volt system for accessories

Army M151A2

\$19,000.00



- Not shown are the side doors and curtains which are NOS and have not been attached

August Car Events

Tennessee Valley MOPAR Club Show

2 August 2025

What nice weather for the Tennessee Valley MOPAR Club show on Monte Sano today. NAR members did well with door prizes and show plaques. NAR members who brought cars were Linda and Bob Weidman, Michael Coleman, Harry Trumbull, Ed Hanish, and Randall Doc Owen and Nell Owen. Plaques for one of the classes were given in memory of Bob Bentley and plaques for another class were given in memory of George Snellen. They were both in the MOPAR club as well as NAR. All-in-all another great day.



Redstone Gateway Car Show

9 August 2025

We thought we'd try the Cars and Coffee at the Beignets and Brews this morning at Redstone Gateway. They had a pretty good showing consider the Octane Show was happening at the Civic Center. We saw NAR members Chuck and Lynn Nickey, and Duncan and Dave Dunlap and a number of car friends there.



5th Annual American Legion Post 4 Car Show

9 August 2025

Harry Trumbull and Al Emmi ventured down to the 5th Annual American Legion Post 4 Car Show in Cullman. There were a good amount of cars we don't usually see in the Huntsville area. Spoke with many folks, talked cars and military service. They had many raffled door prizes, of which Harry was a winner. Al Emmi was the winner of the Daily Driver award. All in all a nice day for a car show and meeting new friends.



August Car Events

Elkmont Band Booster Car Show

23 August 2025

NAR members attending were Harry and Debi Trumbull, Gerald and Teri Moore, and Kim and Eddie Letson. The weather was super with over 140 vehicles participating. There were plenty of door prizes, and The Cadillacs rockin' the live tunes. Deb won a door prize, Kim Letson took first place with their 1959 El Camino in Antique Classics, and Al Emmi took first place in Muscle Car with my 1969 Road Runner. It was a super nice show and every year it gets bigger and better to support the Elkmont High School Band.



Rogersville Car Show

23 August 2025

This years Rogersville car show benefitted Autism. NAR's Jerry and Annette Carignan attended. Annette was the winner of a door prize. Jerry was glad that the usual club winner, Harry Trumbull, had decided to attend the Elkmont car show, ha ha! Jerry texted me later that he won a second door prize.



On the Tour to Cullman, Gadsden, and Ashville – September 1967

Haysland Square September 23rd at 7:00 a.m. appeared to be the scene of another Antique Car Show. It was a brisk fall morning with vehicles sporting side curtains and occupants wrapped in blankets. A small crowd was congregating to admire the cars. The autos were assembling for the Cullman picnic. Bill and Sue Hayle were there with their 1925 Model T. Ernest Cross and family were present in their 1928 National Champion Chevy. Cecil and Mabel Eddins had Paul Smith riding with them in a snappy 1930 Model A Roadster from Fayetteville. The big classics were represented by Dr. and Mrs. Becraft and family in their 1929 Packard while Nobel Collins and family were sporting around in their 1929 Franklin Dual Windshield Pheaton. Bill and Beverly Ashby were sporting the top down on their 1957 Custom Ford Rag Top followed by Jack and Roy Nell Stuart in a weird looking stockr54 Olds. With gauntlets and goggles donned, the tour to Cullman was on.

Thirty minutes later Ken and Dawn Kirby with their 1923 Model T Roadster met with Bill and Margaret Fuhr in their 1932 V-8 Ford Coupe in Decatur. The race was on to see who would get to Hartsell first to meet the Huntsville Group.

After a short leg stretch the entire group left the A & P Hartselle parking lot headed for the picnic area in Cullman. A fine time was had with loads of good food and plenty of car talk. Late arrivals were Dave and Dot Marty in their Model A phaeton and Bob and his son, Bobby Haraway driving their 1930 Model A coupe.

A little before 1:00 p.m. everyone packed up the empty plates and baskets to line up downtown for the annual Lions Day Parade. John Cook joined the caravan with his 1928 Chevy and midget "Cookie the Cop" scooter. Cullman was represented in the parade by a 1932 and 1935 Rolls and 1936 Plymouth Coupe. Needless to say Ken Kirby cornered the boys as prospective Tennessee Valley Chapter members. The member's wives should be congratulated for the excellent job they did on tending the antiques while the men admired the sleek modern body styles of the various high school band majorettes.

After the parade the tour was on again. Everyone headed for home except for Kirby and Hayle's Model T's and Fuhr's 1932 Ford. These cars escorted the Ashby's Ford, Fuhr's Mercury and Stuart's Olds to Gadsden just in case of a minor malfunction along the way. Halfway to Gadsden, Bill Ashby's private Model T Tow Service was brought into action as Bill Hayle's T got temperamental in starting after a short coke stop. Around 5:30 p.m. the whole gang came to rest at the Gadsden Holiday Inn. All cars were covered for the night except for Bill Fuhr's Coupe. Major audio problems were experienced in a Klaxton accessory which was cured 1,554,784 beeps later.

The next morning found Fuhr, Kirby and Stuart out in the wilds chasing down an old Buick lead. Prior to leaving the Holiday Inn we were joined by Jim and Judy Kimsey with their beautiful 1929 A Model Roadster. Further down the road to Ashville we were joined by Dennis and Marilyn McCann in her 1929 Briggs Body Model A 4 door. I say her Model A because the only time she lets him drive it is when Marilyn is along to supervise.

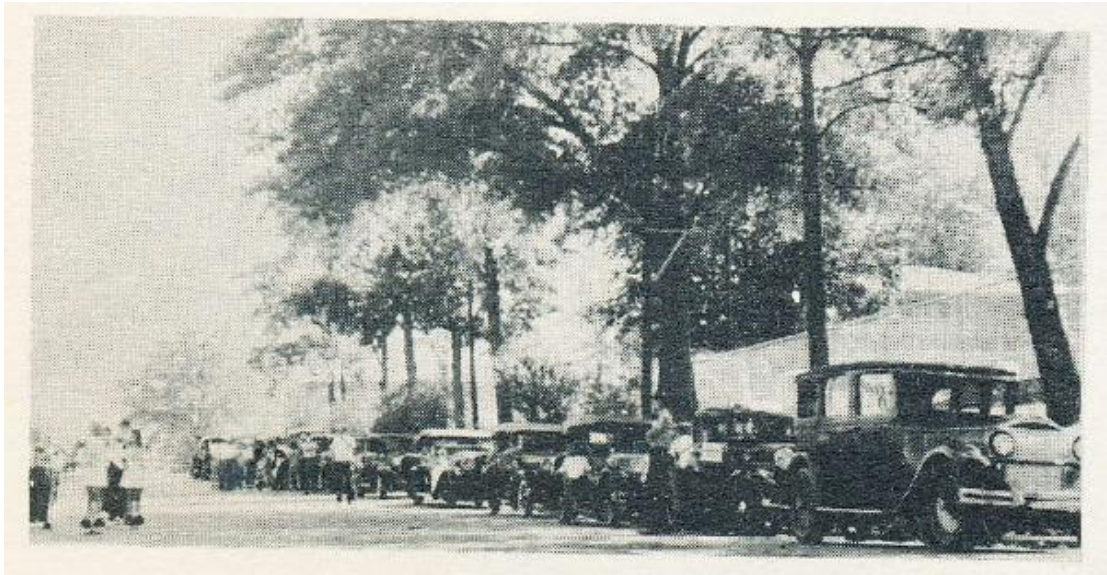
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Well we all got there, except Bill Hayle's T got religion and came to a screeching halt in a country church yard. Bill created quite a crowd of church going lookers as he cleaned out the timer five minutes before the 11:00 a.m. service.

Boy! That spencer Williams and his associates sure can barbecue beef. Our hats are off to the Gadsden and Birmingham boys for the fine time we had at their meet. We would like to Personally thank all of them for the invitation and great hospitality.

It was nice to see Mr. & Mrs. Gilbreath from Ft. Payne there in their snappy 1937 Packard Convertible. There were many more there that we could mention considering there were approximately 60 cars present but I'm getting old and the mind's getting short.

Well every good thing has to come to an end, so we all motored on and closed the loop back to Huntsville and Decatur as old sol was setting in the west.



Cullman...



Ashville...

Share the World's Best Kept Secret – Fall 2023

The best way to get the word out in any communities is to “Not” share a secret. Well I have one, and don’t tell anyone... AACA is the best organization for enthusiasts of vehicles 25 years and older. But we seem to want to keep it a secret. Let’s get the word out in our communities about what we offer and not keep this secret to ourselves.

Our community’s history museum recently held a tour of mid-century home and asked our AACA Region to provide cars of the period to be displayed at each home. The museum photographed each home with the period car for their marketing purposes. It was noted who the car owners were as well as being part of the local AACA Region. The local TV station did a short news story promoting the event and interviewed our region members about their cars. Region members were present with their cars on the tour day to answer any questions about the cars, just as the docents were there to answer questions about the homes on tour. And of course they were there to promote membership in the local region as well as National.

Many communities hold historic home tours and other historic event commemorations. Contact them and ask if your region can provide historic cars to supplement the event. Many towns hold new car introduction shows. Contact the promoter to see if the region can have a special historical vehicle display area. They may be willing to pay the region as well. If not a special display area, offer car dealers the option to have a historic model of their make of cars on display with the new cars. Just connect your region and AACA with the car display. Have a region member with the car to explain it and have membership applications available with that member.

Let’s get the word out about AACA and no longer be the best kept secret.

2025 Calendar of Events

For event detail see: nar-aaca.org/shows.php

August

- 28 [NAR / AACA Meeting](#) / SIGNAL Museum / 1806 University Drive / Huntsville, AL / 6:30 pm
- 31 [Military Appreciation Car Show](#) / 704 Molino Road, Taft TN / 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

September

- 3 [1st Wednesday Car Meet](#) / Village of Providence / Huntsville, AL / 5:00 pm
- 6 [MidCity Cars & Coffee](#) / Huntsville, AL / 8:00 am
- 6 [14th Semi-Annual Pack the Park](#) / 1561 Phillip Fulmer Parkway / Winchester, TN / 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
- 6 [Shady Grove Baptist Car Show](#) / 7095 Danville Road / Hartselle, AL / 9:00 am
- 6 [Kyle Jones Foundation 2nd Annual Show](#) / Rogersville City Park / Rogersville, AL / 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
- 9 [Charity Classic Cruise-In](#) / Tullahoma, TN / 5:00 pm
- 13 [Priceville Cars & Coffee](#) / Morgan County Veterans Memorial / Decatur, AL / 8:00 am
- 13 [2nd Saturday Cars & Coffee](#) / Old Towne Café / Ardmore, AL / 8:00 am
- 20 [3rd Saturday Cruise-In Rick's BBQ](#) / Rick's Barbecue / Ardmore, TN / 5:00 pm
- 20 [Hartselle Depot Days Car Show](#) / 210 Hickory Street / Hartselle, AL / 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
- 20 [2nd Annual Crusin' for Cancer Car Show](#) / 3125 Don Mincher Drive / Wicks Family Field / Huntsville, AL
- 21 [RCMC Sonic Cruise-In](#) / Sonic Drive-In County Line Road / Madison, AL / 1:00 pm
- 25 [HPT Cruise In](#) / Yellowhammer Brewing / Huntsville, AL / 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- 25 [NAR / AACA Meeting](#) / 88 Buffet / 6125 University Drive / Huntsville, AL / 6:00 pm
- 27 [Rotary Club of Decatur Daybreak Auto Show](#) / 211 1st Ave SE / Decatur, AL / 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- 27 [1st Annual Jammin' for Jesus Car Show](#) / 139 Countess Road / Huntsville, AL

October

- 1 [1st Wednesday Car Meet](#) / Village of Providence / Huntsville, AL / 5:00 pm
- 4 [MidCity Cars & Coffee](#) / Huntsville, AL / 8:00 am
- 4 [25th Annual Car and Truck Show](#) / 30510 Ardmore Ridge Road / Ardmore, TN / 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
- 11 [Priceville Cars & Coffee](#) / Morgan County Veterans Memorial / Decatur, AL / 8:00 am
- 11 [2nd Saturday Cars & Coffee](#) / Old Towne Café / Ardmore, AL / 8:00 am
- 11 [Annual Courtland Car Show](#) / Courtland Town Square / 8:00 am to 1:00 pm / Courtland, AL
- 12 [Fall Cruise In](#) / Johnny Grylls II / 6125 University Drive / Huntsville, AL / 4:00 pm
- 14 [Charity Classic Cruise-In](#) / Tullahoma, TN / 5:00 pm
- 18 [3rd Saturday Cruise-In Rick's BBQ](#) / Rick's Barbecue / Ardmore, TN / 5:00 pm
- 18 [ATO Auto Emporium 4th Annual Car Show](#) / 500 Trash Panda Way / 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm / Madison, AL
- 18 [Spruce Pine Day Car Show](#) / Spruce Pine, AL
- 19 [RCMC Sonic Cruise-In](#) / Sonic Drive-In County Line Road / Madison, AL / 1:00 pm
- 23 [NAR / AACA Meeting](#) / SIGNAL Museum / 1806 University Drive / Huntsville, AL / 6:30 pm
- 25 [NAR Annual Car Show](#) / Wicks Family Field / 3125 Dan Mincher Drive / Huntsville, AL / 8:30 am
- 30 [HPT Cruise In](#) / Yellowhammer Brewing / Huntsville, AL / 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

AACA National Calendar

Upcoming AACA 2025 National Calendar

October 7-10	Eastern Fall Meet – Hershey, PA
October 18-22	Central Division Tour – San Antonio to Gonzales, TX
October 23-25	Central Fall Nationals – Galveston, TX





The North Alabama Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America



Membership Application / Renewal

Local dues are \$20 per year (Including monthly newsletter). Please bring this application to a meeting or mail it and a check made out to NAR to:

North Alabama Region - AACA
c/o Dave Robertson, 3503 Rolphmire Lane, Madison, AL 35757

Name/Spouse's Name _____

Child(ren)'s Name(s) _____

Address _____

City / State / Zip Code _____

Phone Number(s) _____

Email Address _____

Birthday / Anniversary (Optional) _____

Member Sponsor (Optional) _____

AACA Number _____

Membership in the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) is required. If you are not currently an AACA member, please let us know and we will send you a membership application or go to www.aaca.org to apply online. Dues are \$45/year or \$700/life including bi-monthly newsletter. Student membership is \$12/year.

Signature _____

Antique Vehicles Owned (Optional)

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

For more information about the club contact the President, Jeff Slagle (256) 679-9775
or visit the club website at <https://nar-aaca.org>