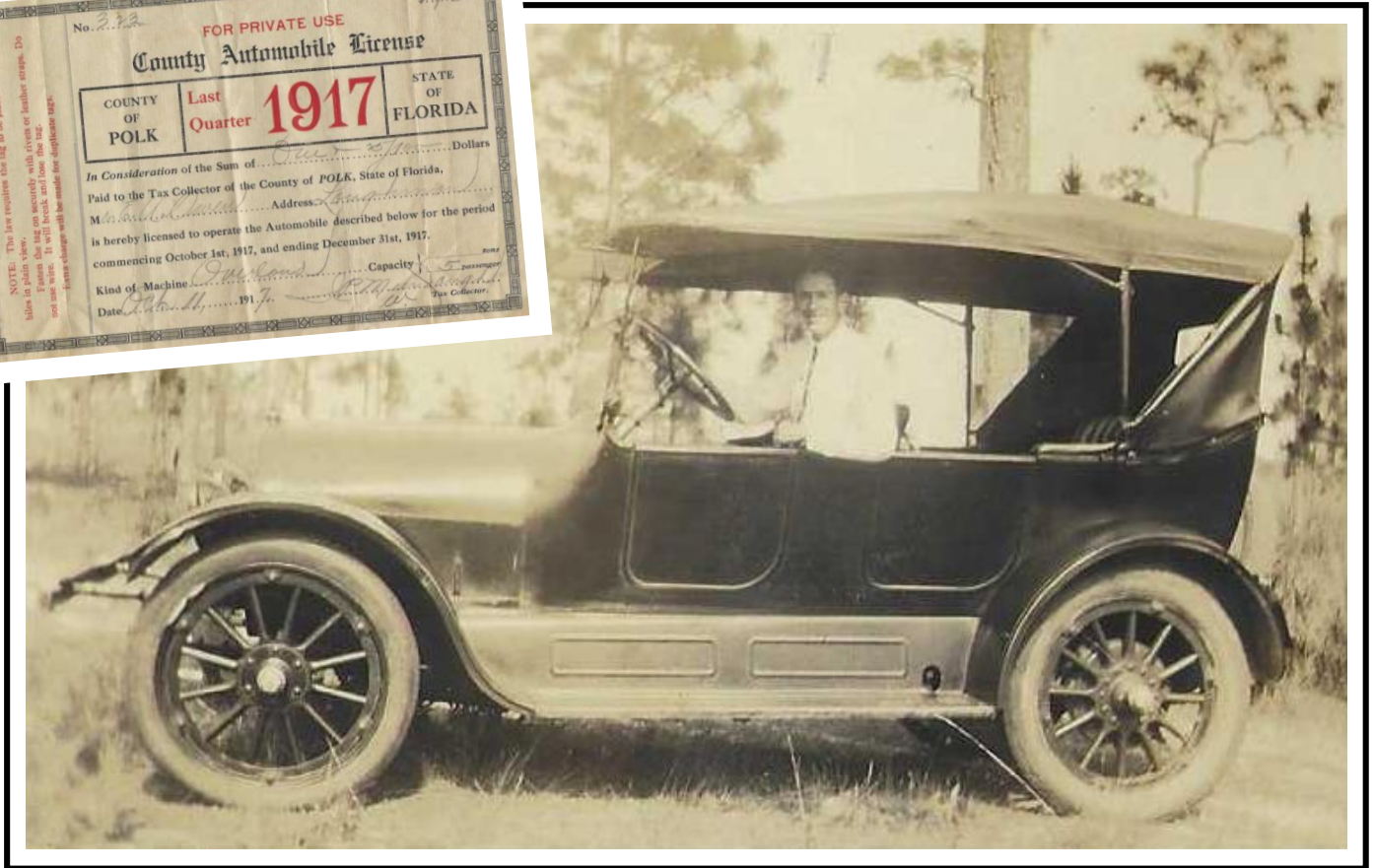
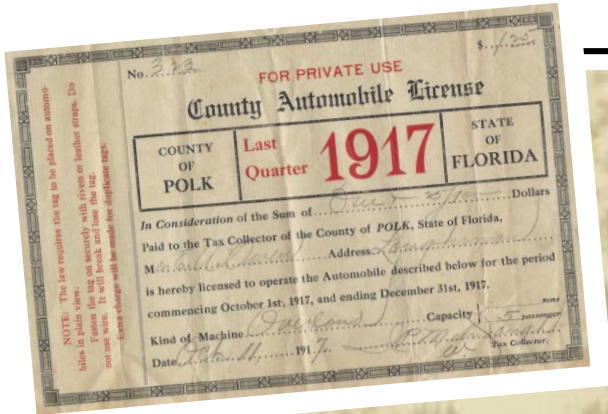


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Mr. A. T. Owen, Randall Doc Owen's father, about age 17, behind the wheel of a 1923 Overland. The inset is the registration for the same vehicle. Note the Polk County, Florida \$1.25 registration cost.



President's Message

Jeff Slagle *President*

Greetings NAR Members,

As we enter October, we reflect on what has been a busy and successful year for our club. The cooler weather, striking autumn scenery, and an extensive schedule of events make this season particularly special for car enthusiasts.

We are pleased to announce that the NAR AACA Annual Car Show will be held on Saturday, October 25th, at Wick's Family Field at Joe Davis Stadium in Huntsville. This year's event is expected to be one of our largest to date, featuring hundreds of vehicles, numerous vendors, and special exhibits. The combined efforts in planning, location selection, and partnerships have positioned us for an exceptional occasion. Whether you are displaying a vehicle, volunteering, or attending as a guest, your participation is highly valued.

This show represents more than just an event on the calendar — it's a reflection of who we are as a club. Each vehicle tells a story, and together they represent decades of craftsmanship, care, and shared passion. Whether it's your first time showing a car or your fiftieth, this is our opportunity to showcase not only the vehicles we love but also the spirit of NAR.

We extend our sincere appreciation to all of our sponsors, whose generous contributions make this event possible — supporting everything from the venue and logistics to the awards, apparel, and merchandise. Please take a moment during the show to visit their booths or note their banners. These partnerships are instrumental in enhancing both our program and the region's reputation for excellence.

Acknowledgment is also due to the members who have contributed significantly in recent weeks. From setup and registration to judging, parking, and post-event cleanup, your dedication has been essential to our collective success. Effective teamwork remains the cornerstone of events such as ours, and your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Although the annual car show is a highlight, it does not conclude our calendar. Additional activities — including local displays, fall tours, and our November meeting — will continue to provide opportunities for fellowship and enjoyment. Let's keep that momentum going as we close out another great year together.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication and commitment. Collectively, we continue to advance the preservation of classic automobiles in North Alabama.

We look forward to seeing you at the show!

Best Regards,
Jeff 

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NAR Club Information

Member Milestones

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



October Birthdays

1 Joe Marchelites
7 Ana Maria Clare-Emmi
8 Ron Dion / 83 in 2025
8 Teri Moore
11 Jim Mullins / 96 in 2025
15 Dena Robertson

October Anniversaries

4 Roger and Konnie Mays

NAR Monthly Meeting Refreshments

23 rd October	<i>Drinks:</i> Claire Catanese / <i>Snacks:</i> Ron Dion
20 th November	<i>Drinks:</i> Dave & Natalie Hoha / <i>Snacks:</i> Al & AnaClare Emmi
6 th December	Christmas Party / Holiday Inn / 5903 University Dr, Huntsville, AL

House and Senate Bills

H.R.6544/S.4422 are the House and Senate bills for “The Fair Repair Act” making manufacturers/dealerships provide the parts, tools and information on how to repair cars, boats, motorcycles, 4X4’s, etc. This keeps small businesses in business too.

H.R.906 is a second house bill called The “Repair Act” allowing us to repair our own vehicles. This keeps private mom and pop shops, custom builders, knowledgeable mechanics, part stores, small repair businesses and independent aftermarket manufacturers in operation.

H.R.5604 is the “Agricultural Right to Repair Act” which gives the right for farmers to repair their farm equipment. Currently, John Deere doesn't allow them to repair, and does not give them the diagnostic equipment nor parts. Only an authorized John Deere representative can diagnose the problem and do the repair. Sometimes equipment sits idle for a very long time.

H.R.8070/S.4638, in my opinion, is the craziest one. It does not allow the military to repair their equipment. So, “The National Defense Authorization Act” allows the military to repair their equipment. As seen in H.R.5604, manufacturers want exclusive rights for equipment repair. SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Association) has endorsed the Military Right to Repair Act. SEMA has also been asked to endorse the other repair act bills! SEMA, is the organization fighting for these repair issues thru the AACA.

Once we lose the capability of repairing our own vehicles, we will not be able to get parts, diagnostic/troubleshooting, and repair information no matter what type or age of your vehicle. It also means that every 10 year cycle you will have to buy a new vehicle (whatever type) because the dealerships won't work on them and you have no access to fix it yourself nor a small repair business.

This also means that over a ten year cycle you will have to buy a new vehicle, because the dealerships will no longer provide service repairs on older vehicles. And, individuals will not have access to perform repairs themselves or rely on small private business repair services.

Anyone can join to help by signing up for free! You will get the latest info on the mentioned repair acts.
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We all enjoy the freedom to repair and maintain our own vehicles for future generations, so if you want to continue having this opportunity, please voice your opinion by calling or emailing your state representatives in Washington, D.C. Let's encourage their sponsor/co-sponsorship to help get these bills passed!

August Car Events

2nd Annual Cruisin' for Cancer

20 September 2025

Several NAR members and past NAR members were among those honoring cancer survivors at Wicks Family Field today with a car show and ride. It was warm, but there were families everywhere.



The Goldton at Athens

27 September 2025

Other than preservation of vehicles, community service is what NAR is all about! Today we supported the Classic Car show held at the Goldton at Athens for their residents. Of the more than 20 cars there, NAR brought most of them. John and Ginny Karn Gentilcore won 1st and 2nd place in the voting of the resident's favorite cars. John and Ginny Karn Gentilcore won 1st place with their T-Bird and Chuck Nickey and Lynn Nickey and Duncan won 2nd with their Mustang convertible. A truck won 3rd. Residents enjoyed sitting on the front porch viewing all the vehicles. Thanks to all who came and made it a good day for the residents.



Athens Sportsplex Car Show

11 October 2025

Another great Saturday with NAR friends. Several of us were at the Athens Sportsplex for their annual show. Several won door prizes or prizes from vendors. The report was that there were 120 cars and the show raised \$2400 for the Athens Veterans Museum. We enjoyed visiting with each other and looking at the cars. Several friends stopped by to visit and several people talked to Jerry about his beautiful '57 Pontiac which is for sale. There were several shows around and we heard that some went to Falkville.

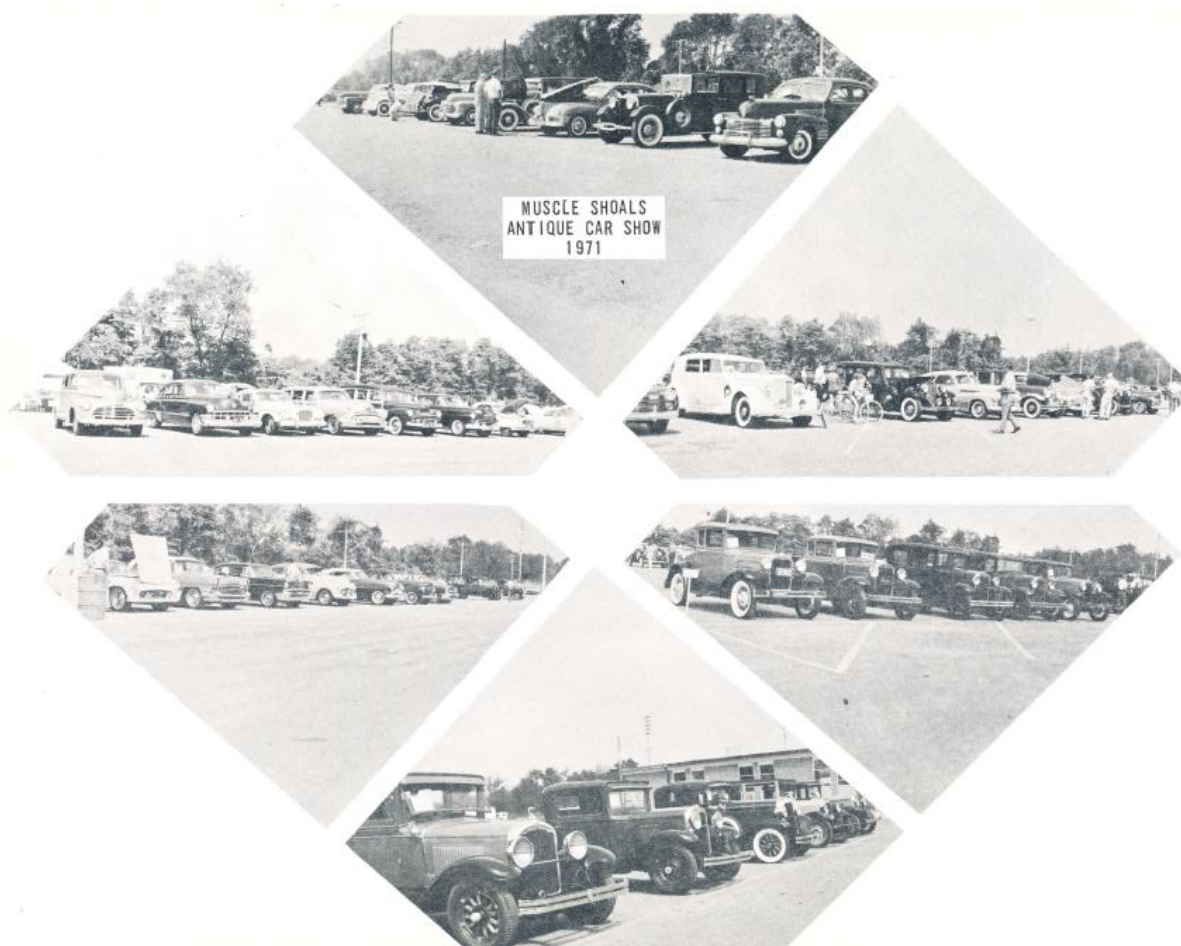


Florence 1971

The Tri-Cities Chapter of the North Alabama Region A.A.C.A or the Muscle Shoals Antique Car Club, as they prefer to be called did it again. They hosted a tremendously successful meet. The planning and timing of all the events were superb. The last count Bill Johnson had was 86 cars on the field and 4 in the flea market giving them a total of 100 cars. Quite an accomplishment for the second year of their meet. They shouldn't have done it without Elmer Carter. He was still bringing cars from his private warehouse when registration closed. Huntsville has a much better representation this year with the following cars in attendance: Don Pryor, 1930 Lincoln; Ray Gause, 1938 Buick; Tom Holley, 1946 Chevrolet; George Townsend, 1927 Buick; Biernie Gier, 1931 Ford; Dave Marty, 1930 Ford; Gene George, 1935 Packard; Tom Miller, 1941 Mercury; George Fore, 1957 Chevrolet; Dennis McCann, 1936 Rolls Royce; Ernest Cross, 1936 Ford. I hope I didn't overlook anyone.

Sorry I don't have a list of the cars from the chapters. I do remember Calvin Rogers from Decatur driving up with a candidate for "Believe it or not". Someone said it was mostly Chevrolet, late 20's. He won the trophy for the roughest thing running. Leon Barnett from Hartselle showed his 1925 Lincoln Judkins Coupe for the first time. Ernie Azary has added something new to his flea market equipment; scales. He found out that Ford stuff sold better by the pound.

Again this year the Cross family were guests of the Bill Johnsons and the Pryor family were guests of the Rusty Parkers. As we pulled out of Florence, Rusty was overheard trying to persuade Bill to swap guests next year. Exclaiming, yours only spent one night. See you next year Rusty.



AACA Car Show Prep – Before, During, and After

If you have ever showed your vehicle, you will know that there is always a mile-long list of things to do before, during, and after the show. In this blog I am going to give some suggestions on how to prep for an AACA Car shows.

Before you ever step foot on the show ground as an entrant, your first step includes joining the Antique Automobile Club of America, or AACA. Once you are a member, you can then register your vehicle for whatever shows the AACA hosts that you wish to attend. You would think this is it, but NO! Before your vehicle ever leaves the garage, you should check it over for any issues that can cause point deductions during judging. Some things to consider when looking over your vehicle: the condition of the paint job. Once the vehicle is clean you want to make sure that your vehicle has the right badges properly applied if it has won any prior awards at AACA shows. You may also want to bring any informational papers, photos of the build or other documentation that you have about your vehicle. Review the current AACA Judging Guidelines Handbook, if you have one, for current general show and safety requirements. Cars must be driven onto and off of the show field and approved fire extinguishers are required.

When it comes time to go, you need to prepare a detailing bag because you will use these items throughout the show to keep your car “groomed”. Another suggestion I would make before leaving for a car show is to make sure your insurance will cover everything. You should make sure you have allotted yourself enough time for traveling, because incidents like traffic congestion, having a wreck, or if your vehicle breaks down.

Upon arrival to the car show, you should be ready for more work. The first thing you should do is get your vehicle’s show packet. If you have multiple vehicles, you then have to make sure the correct packet is with the correct vehicle. After packets are distributed to the correct vehicle, it is time for your vehicle to be pulled out of the trailer and then driven to its spot on the show field.

During the show you will also have to maintain your vehicle’s prettiness. You will want your vehicle to shine like a new dime when the judges approach it. Make sure your vehicle’s class windshield card is in place and that the judging form is available to the judging team. You must be present at your vehicle while the judging team is evaluating your car. Be attentive to what the team is doing, stand back out of their way, and refrain from engaging them in conversation unless you are asked specific questions which is usually done by the team leader. Be prepared to open the hood, trunk, and doors upon request. After you are judged you can take a deep breath and relax! People will be walking around looking at cars and may take notice of your vehicle so be prepared for questions from the curious.

The after show packing is really not complicated but you still have a list of things to do. You have to pack up all of the stuff you brought as well as get the car off of the show field by a certain time.

When all is said and done, it is really not whether you came home with a trophy or came home empty handed. It’s the good times you had visiting with new and old friends, the beautiful cars you’ve seen, or the places you visited while in the area. Those memories are priceless. Trophies and awards are just the icing on my cake!



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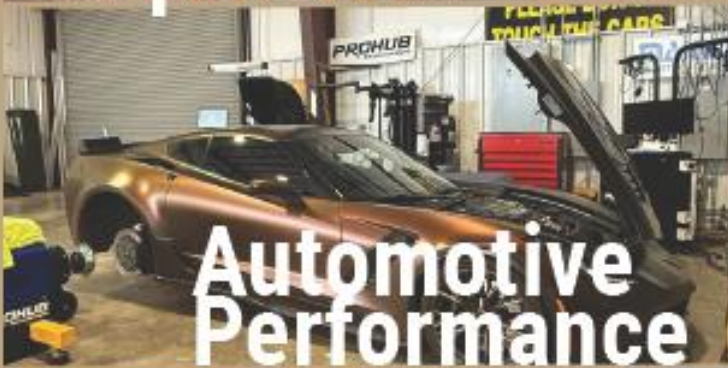
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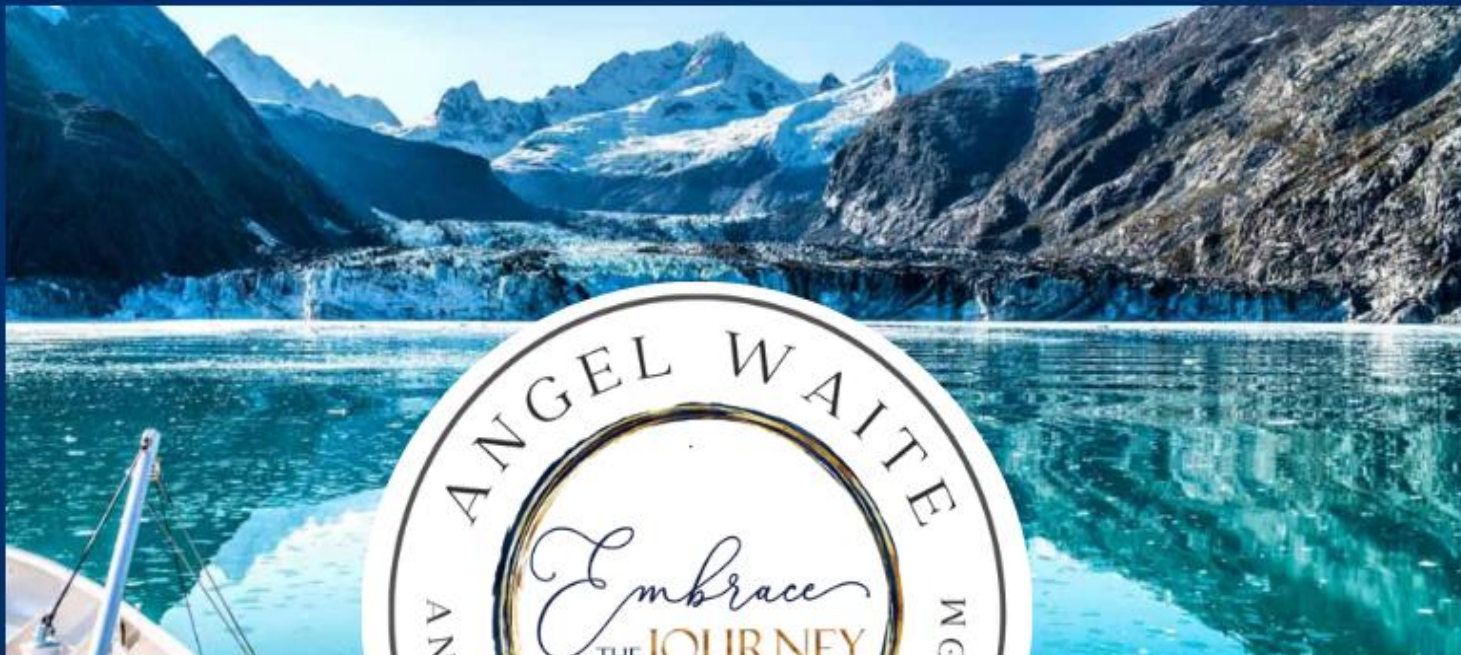


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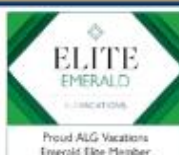
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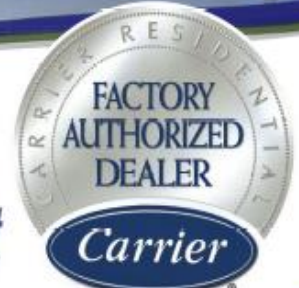
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