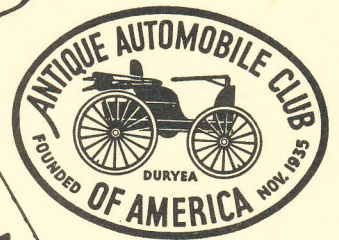


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HUNTSVILLE CHAPTER

Monthly Meeting Schedule for 1974

April 25 "Auction Night" Plans for this one being worked out by Don Fryer and Dan Shady.

May 23 "Basic Body Work and Epoxy Fillers" Presented by George Fore.

June 27 "Faint and Paint Preparation" Presented by Leonard Brown.

July 25 "Theory of 4 Cycle and Wankel Engines" Presented by Carl Berry.

August 22 "Mechanical Restoration" Presented by Tom Holley.

September 26 "Upholstery Seminar" Details being worked out by Bill Constable.

October 24 "Model A Seminar" to be presented by some of our knowledgeable Model A people.

November 21 Election and General Discussion of Hershey 1974

December ? Christmas Party. Details to be worked out by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Beaver and Mr. and Mrs. Doyal Hyatt.

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NORTH ALABAMA REGION

Activities for 1974

APRIL "Garage Tour" Details by Ernie Cross and George Fore.

AUGUST "Rally and Ice Cream Freeze" Being planned by Carl Berry and Dr. A. Gause.

OCTOBER "Fall Picnic" Details by Dan Shady.

DECEMBER "Xmas Party" Mr. and Mrs. Jim Beaver and Mr. and Mrs. Doyal Hyatt.



# SOUTHEASTERN AREA AUTOMOTIVE CALENDAR

- April 20                      Memphis, Tennessee  
Old Time Car Show and flea market at Lakeland Park  
(more details in this issue)
- April 25-28                  Fort Worth, Texas  
South Central Swap meet (more details in this issue)
- April 27-28                  AACA - Winchester, Virginia  
Car meet and flea market
- April 28                      South Bend, Indiana  
Swap meet and car show at 4-H Fairgrounds
- May 17-18                    AACA Pigeon Forge, Tennessee  
Invitational meet and flea market
- May 17-19                    Dogpatch - Marble Falls, Arkansas  
Car show, auction, and swap meet  
18 miles south of Harrison, Arkansas
- May 25                        Huntsville, Alabama  
4-state Studebaker meet (University of Ala.)
- May 31-June 2                AACA - Buckhannon, West Virginia  
Spring meet
- June 1-2                      AACA - Ashville, North Carolina  
Chapter meet
- June 7-9                      AACA - National meet at Birmingham, Alabama
- June 22-23                    AACA - National meet at Roanoke, Virginia
- July 18-20                    Stone Mountain, Georgia  
National Model A Restorers Club meet and flea market
- July 31-Aug. 3                Indianapolis, Indiana  
Rolls Royce Owners Club 1974 National meet,  
Judging August 3 at Indy 500 track
- Aug. 3-4                      Gadsden, Alabama  
Noccalula Falls meet and flea market
- Aug. 18-24                    CCCA 1974 Country Music Car-auch starts Cumberland  
Gap, Tennessee tours Atomic Energy Museum, Oakridge  
proceeds to Knoxville, Sewanee and Murfreesboro. Two  
nights in Nashville - Grand Ole Opry et al - Limited to  
125 cars.
- Aug. 24                        AACA - FLORENCE, ALABAMA  
INVITATIONAL SHOW AND FLEA MARKET
- Oct. 3-4                        AACA - National meet at Hershey, Pennsylvania

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OLD TIMER SAYS: Some folks say the squeaking wheel gets the grease,  
but others point out that it is the first one to be replaced.

John Parrish Memorial  
ANTIQUE CAR SHOW & FLEA MARKET  
April 19 & 20  
Memphis, Tenn. at Lakeland Park

- \* 17 classes judged (special interest thru 1958) - 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies
- \* Large flea market area
- \* Antique car drag races on official NHRA track with trophies
- \* Grand awards banquet Saturday evening  
Dancing afterwards to live music
- \* Get acquainted party Friday night
- \* Ladies tour on antique English double decker bus
- \* Complete amusement park facilities for the children
- \* Complete hookups for 200 campers (within 100 yards)
- \* 100 room new motel in center of activities (several others nearby)
- \* Provisions have been made for plenty of gas Saturday afternoon
- \* Covered parking area for old cars

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

2:00 - 8:00 p.m.	REGISTRATION
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	GET ACQUAINTED PARTY

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

8:00 a.m.	FLEA MARKET OPENS
11:00 - 2:00	LADIES TOUR ON DOUBLE DECKER BUS
12:00	REGISTRATION CLOSES
12:00	JUDGING (Ring Type by Class)
3:00 p.m.	DRAG RACING (By Class)
7:30 p.m.	AWARDS BANQUET



## SOUTH CENTRAL SWAP MEET ASSOCIATION

The Antique Auto Clubs of Texas felt there should be a large 4-day swap meet in the southern part of the United States, and formed "The South Central Swap Meet Association". This association is sponsored by most of the Antique Auto Clubs in the State of Texas. They are as follows: AACA, HCCA, MAFCA, MARC, Early Ford V-8 and Cadillac-LaSalle.

We feel the selected location, The Pate Museum of Transportation, 14 miles south of Fort Worth on highway 377, an excellent one, due to it being centrally located, with 180 acres of well kept grounds.

Campers will be welcome on the Pate Museum grounds free of charge, during the entire swap meet. Early arrivals will be welcome.

The size of the spaces will be 12 X 25 feet, and the fee will be \$15.00 per space, for 1 or all 4 days. The spaces will be located outside. Early registration will be accepted.

We expect this to be a large swap meet, due to the fact that vendors from all over the United States have been invited. At the 1973 meet, we had 280 vendors. As a result of this successful meet, we have been able to do more nationwide advertising. Judging by our response, we are anticipating a larger meet this year.

The date selected for the second South Central Swap Meet will be April 25th through 28th, 1974.

There are several motels 15 minutes away:

Holiday Inn West, Highway 183 - Phone 732-3301 (AREA CODE 817)  
Reo Motel, 600 Camp Bowie Blvd. - Phone 732-1611  
Crest Motel, 7600 Weatherford, Highway 80 - Phone PE2-2861  
Landmarks Lodge, Highway 80 at 180 - Phone PE8-6514  
Golden Gate Motel, 7516 Highway 80 West - Phone 244-5122  
Desert Village, Highway 80 (sorry, do not have phone number)  
Drummers Inn, 7312 Highway 80 West - Phone 244-5232  
Green Oaks Inn, 6901 West Freeway - Phone 838-7311.

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NOTE: There will be an antique car show in Jackson, Tennessee on Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27, at the new Holiday Inn on Interstate 40 and Highway 45 Bypass.

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The past month has been something else. We've had our share of tornadoes for this season. The only trouble is that the season for them is not over yet. To the best of our knowledge none of the Club members have suffered any injuries. A number of members have had cars damaged including Dwain Coble, Bob Edgeton, Ray Gause, Gene George, and Bob Thurstone. As of this writing, we find that the Ken Davis family of Flintville, Tennessee area are okay but did have some livestock loss. I want to thank George Fore, Ron Dion, Jack Stuart, and Carl Berry for helping me call the members to get information regarding storm damage. If you were not called, it was only due to the fact that in calling other members, and cross checking, we found out that you were okay.

On a more pleasant note, I think the "Ladies Night" at the Hickory House was a great success. We had a total attendance of 132 members, wives, and children. Knox Longshore had a fine representation in attendance from the Tri-Cities Chapter and we were really glad to see them. Incidentally, I think the Tri-Cities ladies carried off the "Lion's share" of the door prizes. We all enjoyed "Rusty" Parker's story and thank him for sharing it with us. Jim and Mary Beaver did a wonderful job of getting it all together and for this we are very grateful. Al and Luann Jackson provided the kind of entertainment that we could have listened to all night. I want to thank George Case for all the excellent photos he has provided of the "Ladies Night" program. Also, want to thank the phone committee of Ron Dion, Wallace Jones and Don Hodge for the job they did concerning the "Ladies Night" and if you weren't contacted, it wasn't for the lack of trying.

I haven't any new details on the "Auction Night" as of this time other than what we have already published. The "Auction" plan is to raise money, and have fun doing it, for the Club treasury. This is to be done through your participation in buying and selling items no longer useful to you but may be of use to another member.

It is intended to be a "fun thing" with members, wives and children all taking part. The auctioneers will be what ever member or wives that care to take a crack at it as one tires out and another wants to try it. Of course, the big thing is to donate the items to the Club. Either bring them with you the night of the regular Club meeting, Thursday, April 25th, or call one of the Club officers to have the items picked up prior to the meeting night. I do not know what is in the mill regarding refreshments but hopefully by the time we go to press Don Pryor or Dan Shady will have something for us. Plan to attend - plan to have fun.

Bill Constable



DO I HEAR  
TEN?  
TWENTY?  
THIRTY?  
TWO??

FEATURING

DONALD "AUCTIONEER" PRYOR  
LIVE & IN PERSON —

SOLD! TO  
BERNIE FOR 25¢

# AUCTION

APRIL 25 7:00 P.M.

@ BILL PENNEY MOTOR COMPANY  
ABOVE THE BODY SHOP



THE NORTH ALABAMA REGION AACA  
FUNT FUND RAISING AUCTION



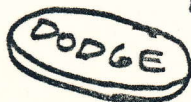
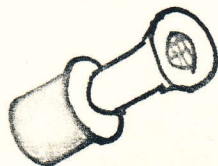
CLEAN OUT THE GARAGE! LOOK IN THE  
ATTIC! UNDER THE BED! IN THE CLOSET —  
ANYWHERE THERE MAY BE A "NOT-SO-NECESSARY"  
GOODIE, BRING THEM OUT —

A GOODIE DONATION WILL BE  
YOUR ADMISSION FEE —

TOOLS, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, HANDCRAFTS —  
EXTRA PARTS, BAKE GOODS, ANYTHING!  
OF VALUE, BUT NO LONGER OF NEED TO YOU —

"PLUS"

REFRESHMENTS





Although the following may be old hat to us, it's good to keep up with what others are saying and writing about our hobby.

"Inflation weary inventory and nostalgia freaks have made the hobby of restoring and collecting old cars a heavy form of investment with very rapid appreciation" begins Mr. Flanagan. "If interested primarily in investment and not in doing any tinkering yourself, look for already restored 'classics' distinctively designed autos produced from 1925-42 except for (as we know) the Lincoln Continental which runs through 48. Mr. Flanagan" includes models from such famous makers as Bentley, Cadillac, Duesenberg, LaSalle, Mercedes Benz, Packard, Pierce Arrow, Rolls Royce and Stutz as classics. As an example of how these cars (especially the classic Rollos) soar in value, Mr. Flanagan quotes Michael Schudroff, President of Carriage House Motor Cars in New York as saying "I paid \$20,000 for a 1931 Phantom Roadster last year and recently sold it for \$32,500".

Mr. Flanagan recommends Old Car Value Guide (Quentin Craft, Box 105, Prescott, Arizona 86301, \$5) as a guide for up-to-date prices on classics.

He suggests that if an individual wants to restore a car, his initial investment need not be steep; an unrestored antique (1929 or before) can be obtained for well under \$1000. The make, year, rarity, completeness and body condition determine the price. He reminds that replacing missing parts can add up costing as much as the entire vehicle.

Mr. Flanagan further states that the vehicle model has a bearing on its resale value; open cars are more desirable than closed ones simply because people have more fun riding in them. A 25% - 30% annual appreciation can be expected on phaetons, roadsters convertible coupes and convertible sedans says Robert Marceca, president of Rio Enterprises in New York which deals in old cars.

Vintage Fords, being both valuable and available are suggested as great buys for the beginner who wants to try his hand at restoration. (A 1930 Model A rumble seat roadster originally costing about \$600 is worth about \$6000 today.)

A professional restorer can do the job suggests Mr. Flanagan but about \$15 an hour is saved if you as an individual have the time, skills and inclination to do the work. But thorough research into what the car was originally like is necessary first. Authenticity of restoration is just as important in terms of resale as the quality of the work. Mr. Flanagan urges that original owner's manuals that came with the car be obtained.

He suggests that a serious collector join one of the car clubs representing specific make automobiles or the Antique Auto Club, Classic Car Club, Horseless Carriage Club or Veteran Motor Car Club. (Club magazines feature articles on old cars, restoration tips and classified ads for restored and unrestored autos and parts.)

Other sources for leads listed by Mr. Flanagan include the New York Sunday Times Automobile section and the monthly Hemmings Motor News (Box 380, Bennington, Vermont, 05201 (\$16 a year, Air Mail) and Cars and Parts, Box 299, Sesser, Illinois 62884 (\$5 a year).



When I was just starting off, I drove old cars so I get this soft spot for them. I have this knack for spotting old cars anyway and often I see them in the forgotten back row of used car lots. One I recently found right here in Huntsville was just such a car. You could tell by its neglected condition that the most care it got was perhaps a minimal adding of gas and oil once in a while. Anyway, there it was and then I found this note crammed beneath the front seat; I don't think we need anybody's permission for it:

Dear Buyer,

Begin with a model and before you know it you'll find you have created a thing people will put into a class. Begin with a class, and you'll find your work is for nothing. That is because we are all strange people. Strange because we each feel pretty sure we know we have a problem, but also that we don't want anyone else to know more about it than we know ourselves. When I hear a man say, "I used to own an old car. It was a fine car," I know that it is a plea for the admission of this honesty and it is but one way to remind himself of it.

There are no real classes and no real class winners, there are only individual machines worked and driven by individual persons. Buy a 1955 Speedster to become a Speedster man is foolish. You will be no different and the machine will be a dead mechanism.

Let me tell you about owning classic copy people. They are different from you and me. They possess a confidence for life which borders on carelessness. They will spend thousands of dollars on a 1955, 1956 classic car and then garage it in the rain. They are carefree where we are cautious. And they are frightened where we are fearless. That is why a "good" Mark II or 1955 T-Bird with only 40,000 original miles can be your death bier the next day, while they could drive it for a decade. That is why a "Good" Ford will refuse to start for them, while all the time you never needed a battery. They are different. And to break into their world takes more than an understanding of class and year, it takes an understanding of them and how they understand themselves. Do not attempt it unless you can put up with the questions, the worst ones being does your machine reflect your work, and does it reflect you.

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REPORT ON THE "LADIES NIGHT", March 22, 1974.

We would like to thank everyone who helped to make our Ladies Night a success. It would be difficult to list them all, but we think the Telephone Committee and the Tri-Cities Chapter deserve a special thanks for encouraging everyone to come. They listed 138 to come and 135 were there. We would also like to thank Bell Bros. Auto Parts #2, which is becoming Posey Auto Parts, for donating part of the door prizes and also the fine young man who drew the ladies' names. Also, we would like to thank Al and Lou Anne Jackson for the entertainment. Last but not least, we would like to thank the Hickory House Restaurant for the food and the use of their banquet facility.

James and Mary Beaver



## THINGS HAVE NOT CHANGED MUCH

by Michael Mitchell

"There's nothing new in cars," says Jim Edwards, a spokesman for Harrah's automobile collection. The rotary engine was first introduced by the Adams-Farwell in 1906. In addition, the Adams offered a removable steering wheel and control peddles to convert the car from a two-seat coupe to a single-seat roadster.

A major auto maker introduced an experimental car a few years ago boasting bold new equipment which had been standard on the 1905 Duryea Phaeton, acknowledged as the very first production car ever built in the United States.

An experimental car offered a single control for steering, accelerator and gear shift, just as the Phaeton had some 65 years earlier.

Detroit said it had made great progress in reducing pollution when it put double burners on engine exhaust systems a few years ago. The double burner returns exhaust to the engine for a second burning, exactly as in the 1906 Compound which also offered power brakes for good measure.

In 1903 the Knox offered an air-cooled engine. The White Model H touring car offered shock absorbing bumpers in 1907. The Thomas Model 35 offered seat belts in 1907.

## "NEWS FLASH"

Dan Shady is the chairman of the membership committee. If you know any prospective members, please submit their name, address, and telephone number.

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Members are you aware that the Club provides the following items for a nominal fee!

1. Air compressor
2. Paint spray gun
3. Sandblast unit for small items.

If you need to rent any of these items, please contact the custodian

Tom Miller  
10011 Willow Park Drive, S.E.  
Huntsville, Alabama  
(Phone 831-6224)

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Many thanks to George Case who provided photographs for this month's issue of SPOKE FOLKS, but due to a short printing cycle we were unable to include any in this issue.

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### LET'S MAKE A DEAL

FOR SALE: 1946 Lincoln Coupe in outstanding condition with 5 new wide white wall tires. Restoration so far includes, completely rebuilt differential, transmission/overdrive, rear brakes and master cylinder. V-12 engine is ready for assembly with new parts. Many, Many extra parts go with the car. \$1,100 for all of it. Phone Bob Edgeton at 852-6567 or contact at 3906 Gardenside Drive, N.W., Huntsville, Alabama 35810.

FOR SALE: 1959 Ford Skyliner. Safest convertible made and this one has new tires, upholstery and recent engine overhaul. Top works fine and have many extra parts. Car has no rust and can be yours for \$600. Phone Bob Edgeton at 852-6567 or contact at 3906 Gardenside Drive, N.W., Huntsville, Alabama 35810.



MEETING NOTICE

DATE: Thursday, April 25, 1974  
TIME: 7:00 p. m.  
PLACE: Bill Penny's Bodyshop  
ACTIVITY: Auction and Fun for the Whole Family

Have you paid your dues? If you have not done so, please pay your dues during this month's meeting or send a check to the treasurer:

Doyle Hyatt  
2218 Oakwood Avenue, N. W.  
Huntsville, Alabama  
Phone 539-8878

SEE YOU AT THE AUCTION THE 25th!!

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