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Antique Automobile Club of America  North Alabama Region



Gerald Moore with Willis Johnson at the fabulous Willis Johnson car collection.



President's Message

Jeff Slagle *President*

Greetings all and it has been a very busy month!

For those of you who appreciate history, here's an intriguing factoid. In May of 1908, the Ford Model T made its debut, forever transforming the automotive industry through its groundbreaking affordability and innovative mass production methods. It's fascinating how such a development went on to reshape the landscape of automobiles, isn't it?

Next, I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who attended last month's meeting. Once again, we were thrilled to witness an outstanding turnout and enjoy a delightful spread of food. With over 30 members present, the gathering was a true success. Additionally, I want to commend Harold Caneer for his exceptional presentation on his award-winning Kurtis 500 build. It was truly awe-inspiring to witness the realization of a dream and be inspired by the level of commitment and effort put into it.

Since our monthly meeting, NAR has actively participated in numerous events across North Alabama and Tennessee. Just to highlight a few of these engagements, we took part in the Orphan Car Show, where we showcased our vehicles to a very receptive audience. Additionally, we arranged a display for the residents at Wellpoint Senior Living Facility, spreading joy through our passion for automobiles. We also made our presence felt at the Saint Anns Seafood Fiesta and Big Fish Car Show, the Athens Around the Square Car Show, and the Willis Johnson Car Collection Event. Furthermore, we organized a captivating display at the Madison-At-The-Range on County Line Rd. And actively participated in the Order of The Eagles Car Show, the East Limestone Band Car Show, and the RCMC 43rd annual Mustang and Ford powered car show. Moreover, we were honored to be a part of the Elite Car Show, the Celebration City AACA Car Cub, and, finally, the Asbury Car Show. These events have allowed us to showcase our passion for cars and connect with fellow enthusiasts in the region.

It's evident to anyone that the car community is experiencing a surge in activity, with a bustling calendar full of exciting events. There's never a shortage of things to do and engage in. Lastly, I want to express my profound gratitude to all the members of NAR for their unwavering support and steadfast commitment to our club. Their dedication is truly appreciated.

Just as a friendly reminder, our club has begun preparations for our highly anticipated annual car show. We are pleased to announce that Dave Robertson has graciously accepted the role of show chairman. We kindly request all members to be prepared to lend a helping hand in any aspect related to the show. Whether you wish to volunteer willingly or be "voluntold", please don't hesitate to inform Dave, Chuck, or myself. Your participation and support are greatly appreciated.

As always, if you have any suggestions or ideas for future events, please don't hesitate to share them with me.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone on May 25, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. for the NAR Monthly Meeting at 1806 University Dr NW, Huntsville, AL 35801.

OR:

May 29, 2023 at the home of Wayne & Kim Scites, 1277 Ready Section Road, Hazel Green from 12PM – 4PM for the annual Memorial Day Picnic.

Jeff 

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North Alabama Region



27 April 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Old Business

- Welcome, Pledge; No visitors
- Secretary minutes voted on and approved
- Club gear: Nametags, shirts, caps, jackets, etc.
- Website: Vacant: Update; Nell has been updating, Lauren building a new site. On average 70 views a week
- Facebook report: Going smoothly
- Online rooster: <https://naraaca.ctrn.co/directory/index.php>

New Business

- Dues need to be paid for the new year.
- \$20 NAR dues; \$45 AACA dues. Please pay if you haven't already.
- Birthdays: March 7, April 5.
- Anniversaries: 2 in April.
- Sympathies: Dan Moore / motion made and passed to make a \$100 donation to the library. He served as NAR president and car show chairman.

Cars Bought and Sold

- Jacqui Moore sold 2002 T-bird convertible
- Harold Caneer sold 1962 Austin Healy
- Wayne bought a 1929 Pierce Arrow.

Member Project

- Several

Club Activities Discussed for 2023

- Car Show Update; October 21, 2023. Suggested places are Redstone Gateway and Joe Davis
 - Dave Robertson volunteered to be our show chairman! Yay!
 - April 29; Tour of Willis Johnson car collection
 - Many events for the remainder of April and May. Get those beautiful cars out and enjoy!
 - Need volunteers for Mustang Car Show May 13. Contact Chuck
 - Memorial Day Picnic @ Wayne & Kim Scites. Details to follow.
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- 30 members were present tonight
 - Door prizes awarded
 - Refreshments provided by Joe Stegmaier
 - Presentation tonight by Harold Caneer on his Kurtis 500
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- Meeting adjourned: 8:27 pm

NAR Club Information

Member Milestones

Birthdays

May 13 Jacqui Moore
May 13 Carolyn Miller
May 17 Nell Owen
May 18 Claire Catanese
May 18 Lynn Nickey
May 25 Sherry Lowery
May 27 Ronnie Chesser
May 30 Laurie Lawrence

Anniversaries

May 24 Benny and Sue Pugh
May 25 Michael and Ellen Coleman / 49 in 2023
May 25 Michael and Margaret Darnell / 35 in 2023
May 28 Randy and Nell Owen / 46 in 2023
May 31 Ed and Laurie Lawrence



NAR Monthly Meeting Refreshment

May Jerry Carignan
June *Dinner Out*
July
August
September *Dinner Out*
October
November
December *Christmas Party*



NAR encourages members to please signup to bring refreshments to our monthly meeting.

Please email Chuck Nickey, cnickey55@att.net, for refreshment suggestions.



NAR Memorial Day Picnic!

Monday, May 29, 2023

Noon to 4 PM

At the home of Wayne and Kim Scites
1277 Ready Section Road, Hazel Green, Alabama

Come at noon, we'll eat around 12:30.

Provided, courtesy of Ole' Dad's BBQ in Hazel Green:

BBQ Pork and Chicken

Baked Beans

Green Beans

Potato Salad

Cole Slaw

Macaroni and Cheese

Please bring something to share—side dishes, drinks, desserts, etc.

Bring a chair in case we run low.

Drive your antique car!

Please RSVP. Call or text Wayne at (256) 529-9025, or email watchwayne@yahoo.com

Madison At-The-Range

Wednesday, 3 May 2023

Another great day for driving and showing our cars today. This time it was at Madison-At-The-Range on County Line Road. Residents had a great time and so did we car lovers. Several NAR members were there: Jim True and Angela Kimberling True, Ed Hanish, Edward Lawrence, Harry Trumbull, Randall Doc Owen, and Nell Dockery Owen.



East Limestone Car Show

Saturday, 6 May 2023

What a great turnout for the band. Saw lots of friends there. NAR had 15 vehicles there out of the 120 at the show. Several won 1 of the top 20. I know Terry Johnson, Dale Wright, Roger Mays, and Bob Ferenc and Laurie did as well as Bob Ferenc and Laurie winning Band Members' Choice. Three young boys were with their parents at the car show and when one boy saw Jim True's Lincoln he said it was the same as his name and he was so pleased. Jim let Lincoln and one of his brothers sit in the car and have their photos taken. I'm sure it is a day the whole family will remember.



Elite Car Club Show

Saturday, 13 May 2023

What a beautiful day to hang out with us! There was plenty of paved parking! Nell Dockery Owen, Randall Doc Owen, Al Emmi, Harry Trumbull all attended the Elite Car Club Car Show at 6200 Mastin Lake Rd. There were door prizes and really good catfish! We were all door prize winners! Nell & Doc, Harry, Al and Anna Maria Clare-Emmi.



RCMC 43rd Mustang Car Show

Saturday, 13 May 2023

Gwyn and Dale Wright took 3rd in class with their 1997 F-350 diesel at the Rocket City Mustang Club Car show.



Rainy today at the Asbury Car Show. Even with the rain several NAR members donned their galoshes and Rain-X'ed their windows and came on. Needless to say most if not all who came won door prizes and some got awards as well as free hot dogs, water, chips, and cookies. Gerald and Teri Moore won the trophy for "Dog" of the show (although I take offense at that). Harry Trumball won the Mayor's Choice (given by a councilman for the Mayor). The councilman said he learned to drive in a 1971 Plymouth Duster. Edward Lawrence was there for a while as was Al Emmi, and Randall Doc Owen and Nell. Our '55 Packard needed a good car wash and it certainly got it. We saw several friends there so we enjoyed the show.



Chuck Nickey 1970 Mustang Coupe Restoration

2023

Here are pictures of the restoration in progress. Hoping to get to primer in the next week or so!



Dunnavant's Mall Show - 1968

Jim Latham

The North Alabama Region's first show of 1968 opened with a bang, or maybe I should say a backfire, with the April 26th and 27th show at Dunnavant's Mall. This show has been presented for several years and seems to get better just as with antique cars.

The cars started arriving at 5:00 pm and the last one arrived at 7:00 pm. We tried this year not to have as many Fords as in previous years and to get a representation of all makes that were available. In all we had 12 cars, four of them being Fords.

First car to arrive was Terry Gibson's 1928 Dodge Victory Six 4 door sedan. Closely behind was Sam Kirkwood's beautiful 1924 Buick Touring. After arriving Sam started polishing and the more he polished the more it shined. Bob Taylor brought his newly restored 1929 Ford 2 Door Sedan. Bob is certainly to be congratulated on his fine work. Some of us oldsters really envy the fine work done by this teen-ager. Herb Fulmer was really a show-off in his striped blazer and sailor straw hat, not to mention his sure prize winning 1928 Ford Business Coupe. Curtis Pendergrass' 1935 Chevrolet Master 2 Door drew many admiring looks. Mayburn Crews was the proud owner of the 1931 Chevrolet Deluxe Coupe. Always a favorite, that was Jerry People's 1927 Pierce Arrow 2 Door Sedan. Bill Hayle came with the farmer's best friend, a 1926 Model T Ford Touring. Dave Marty came with his show-stopper, a 1930 Ford Phaeton. Hank Lowers took his 1927 Buick 4 Door Sedan out of storage for the first time in 2 years. We are real glad to see this fine car back on the road again. Last but not least came 2 big ones. Noble Collins' 1929 Franklin Phaeton and Bill Sefton's 1928 Rolls Royce Phantom I Phaeton. These two cars are real collector's items.

The spectators seemed to have a fine time and I know the merchants were real pleased by the early return of their check.



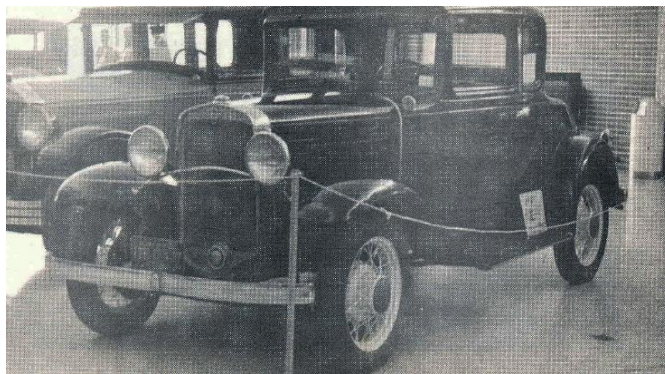
Terry Gibson - 1928 Dodge



Sam Kirkwood - 1924 Buick



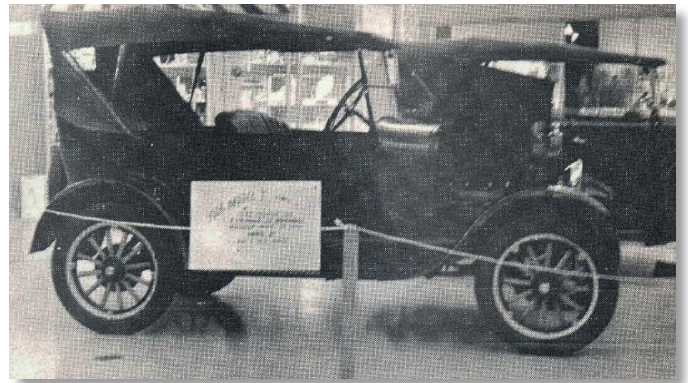
Curtis Pendergrass - 1935 Chevrolet



Mayburn Crews - 1931 Chevrolet Coupe



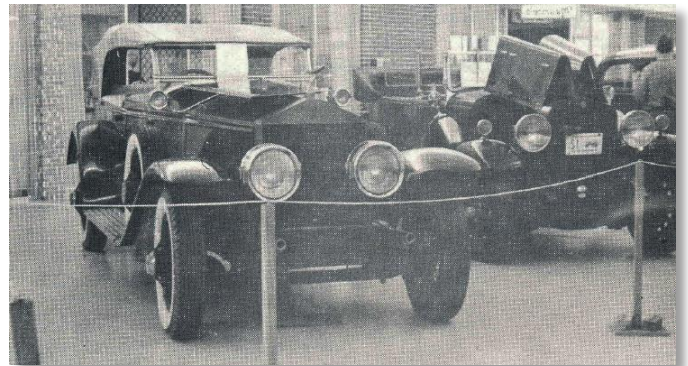
Jerry People - 1927 Pierce Arrow



Bill Hayle - 1926 "T" Ford



Dave Marty - 1930 Ford Phaeton



Noble Collins - 1929 Franklin
Bill Sefton - 1928 Rolls Royce



Hank Lower - 1927 Buick

Stop the Presses

As VP of Publications, I have the privilege of reading more than a hundred newsletters each month. Your Editors put forth a lot of effort to keep your club informed with news from the National, local auto shows, a calendar of current events, and great articles and pictures from your clubs activities plus up close and personal articles about your members. It is a big job and many of the Editors are struggling to come up with input for your publications. One of acceptance speeches that I remember quite vividly is from our Past President Tom Cox. He asked the audience at the National Banquet how many had taken held office in their local region. He also asked how many of us had helped with a National Meet. Well now I am asking for your help with our publications.

How many of you have submitted an article to your local Editor that was published in your newsletter? Each of us has a story on how we became a member of the AACA and your Region. We each have a story on why we bought that special car that we cherish. Even more important we have those special stories that make us chuckle about our car or local club. One example is when one of our members had a flat, the tour stopped and it was found that the tire had a nail in it. The nail was removed and laid on the running board. After the tire was changed we continued on. As you can guess, the nail fell off the running board and went right into the freshly changed rear tire. Yes it was funny at the time and our Region thought it was funny for a long time. Through our publications we need to put some hilarity in our Regions to entice new members and keep our current membership. The best way to do so is through our publications. Sometimes we put a solemn note to our hobby and fall into thinking that whatever has happened in the past will work in the future. New ideas, having fun, teaching our members and the general public about our hobby provide a basis for our continued success in the future.

Bottom line, have you submitted a story or anecdote to your local Editor? Have you helped with some facts/specifications about your car that would increase the knowledge of your membership? If your newsletter is mailed, have you offered to help get it ready for mailing? Publications hold a club together. They are the backbone of each Region. Do you have Junior Members that have stories?

As important as this is, we cannot plagiarize information from any source without their permission. If they allow us to use that info we must acknowledge where it came from and who wrote the information. Newsletters that are part of our NAAP (National Achievement Awards Program) are scrutinized for copyright infringements and if that's found that whole submission is disqualified. Just because a member sees something on the internet that others would enjoy does not mean that it can be reprinted in a newsletter. We must make sure that permission is obtained for it to be reprinted in our publications. The internet is full of great stories but we must be very careful not to reprint them without acknowledging who actually wrote them.

Don't let your local newsletters fall by the wayside. Thank your Editors for doing such a great job and for those members who take the time to enhance their publications with submissions.



2023 Calendar of Events

For event detail see: <http://www.naraaca.org/calendar.html>

May 2023

- 25 **AACA NAR Meeting** / 1806 University Dr, Huntsville, AL / 7:00 p.m.
- 29 **NAR Memorial Day Picnic** / Wayne and Kim Scites / 1277 Ready Section Road, Hazel Green, AL / food and drink / Noon to 4:00 p.m.

June 2023

- 3 **Cars & Coffee** / MidCity / 5909 University Dr, Huntsville, AL 35806 / 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- 3 **52nd Annual Street Rod Show** / Spring Park, Tuscumbia, AL / Vehicles thru 1993 / \$5000 in prizes / Contact: (256) 412-4573 / 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- 3 **EUROBRIT Auto & Bike Expo** / North Alabama British Motoring Society / Dublin Park / 8324 Old Madison Pike, Madison, AL / \$20 Entry Fee / 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. / Awards 1:00 p.m.
- 3 **18th Annual Charity Car Show** / Hosted by Vets with Vettes / 7090 Cabela Drive, Huntsville, AL / No canopies or generators / \$25 Entry Fee / Rain or shine / Registration 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. / Awards and trophies 12:45 p.m. / 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- 3 **2nd Annual Tiny Toes Car Show** / Church of the Living God / 22870 Sandlin Road, Elkmont, AL / Benefiting the NICU at Huntsville Hospital / \$20 Entry Fee / Contact: (256) 614-1065 / 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 17 **Horse Power Therapy Cars and Coffee** / Stovehouse / 3414 Governors Dr, Huntsville, AL 35805 / 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- 22 **AACA NAR Meeting** / Dinner Out / 6:00 p.m.
- 24 **Helen Keller Festival Car Show** / (Address) Tuscumbia, AL / (Time)

July 2023

- 1 **Cars & Coffee** / MidCity / 5909 University Dr, Huntsville, AL 35806 / 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- 15 **Horse Power Therapy Cars and Coffee** / Stovehouse / 3414 Governors Dr, Huntsville, AL 35805 / 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- 20 **W. C. Handy Festival Car Show** / Wilson Park Florence, AL / 8:00 a.m. to Noon / Information: Ronnie James (256) 381-3536 or Terry Mashburn (256) 366-0564
- 27 **AACA NAR Meeting** / 1806 University Dr, Huntsville, AL / 7:00 p.m.

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August 2023

- 5 **Cars & Coffee** / MidCity / 5909 University Dr, Huntsville, AL 35806 / 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- 19 **Horse Power Therapy Cars and Coffee** / Stovehouse / 3414 Governors Dr, Huntsville, AL 35805 / 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- 19 **14th Annual Shoals Area Mustang & All Ford Show & Shine** / McFarland Park Florence, AL
- 24 **AACA NAR Meeting** / 1806 University Dr, Huntsville, AL / 7:00 p.m.

September 2023

- 2 **Cars & Coffee** / MidCity / 5909 University Dr, Huntsville, AL 35806 / 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- 16 **Horse Power Therapy Cars and Coffee** / Stovehouse / 3414 Governors Dr, Huntsville, AL 35805 / 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- 28 **AACA NAR Meeting** / Dinner Out / 6:00 p.m.

October 2023

- 7 **Cars & Coffee** / MidCity / 5909 University Dr, Huntsville, AL 35806 / 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- 21 **NAR Annual Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show** / Location TBD
- 21 **Horse Power Therapy Cars and Coffee** / Stovehouse / 3414 Governors Dr, Huntsville, AL 35805 / 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- 26 **AACA NAR Meeting** / 1806 University Dr, Huntsville, AL / 7:00 p.m.

November 2023

- 4 **Cars & Coffee** / MidCity / 5909 University Dr, Huntsville, AL 35806 / 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- 18 **Horse Power Therapy Cars and Coffee** / Stovehouse / 3414 Governors Dr, Huntsville, AL 35805 / 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- 16 **AACA NAR Meeting** / 1806 University Dr, Huntsville, AL / 7:00 p.m.

December 2023

- 2 **Cars & Coffee** / MidCity / 5909 University Dr, Huntsville, AL 35806 / 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- 16 **Horse Power Therapy Cars and Coffee** / Stovehouse / 3414 Governors Dr, Huntsville, AL 35805 / 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- TBD **AACA NAR Meeting** / Christmas Party

AACA 2023 National Calendar

Please verify prior to making plans to attend any event listed.

<https://aaca.org/events/category/aaca-national-calendar/>

June 25-28	Eastern Divisional Tour / Denver, PA
July 16-22	Founders Tour / Ontario, Canada
July 26-29	Special Eastern Summer Nationals / Norwich, NY
August 10-12	Grand Nationals / Bettendorf, IA
August 16-19	Vintage Tour / Aroostook County, Maine
September 25-29	Western Divisional Tour / California Central Coast
October 3-6	Eastern Fall Nationals / Hershey, PA
October 22-27	Revival AAA Glidden Tour (VMCCA) / Thomasville, GA



“Does your car have any idea why my car pulled it over?”





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 Jim True, 16651 E. Limestone Rd., Harvest, AL 35749

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 <http://naraaca.org>