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Antique Automobile Club of America  North Alabama Region



Tom Beam and Dennis Gage "My Classic Car" – 2023 VBC Octane Auto Show



President's Message

Jeff Slagle *President*

Dear NAR Members,

I hope that you're enjoying the summer months filled with all things automotive. As we dive into the August edition of our newsletter, I'd like to share yet another fascinating historical automotive factoid that occurred during this very month. It's always captivating to reflect on our shared passion and the rich history that surrounds it.

On August 8, 2018, Ford celebrated the 10,000,000th Mustang rolling off the assembly line. This was a significant milestone for the Mustang, which has been an iconic and enduring model in the automotive industry. The Mustang's rich history and popularity among enthusiasts contributed to this remarkable achievement."

Now, let's recap just a few of the exciting events from the past month.

NAR made a robust showing at the Meridianville Middle School Car Show and Vendor Fair, reinforcing our local commitment.

Randy and Nell Owen led the charge for Pediatric Brain Cancer awareness at the Main Event on Bridge Street, embodying a strong commitment to community causes.

Roger Mays, accompanied by his 1955 Buick, showcased his dedication at the Piney Chapel Steam Engine and Tractor show, which was held at the Rodeo Arena this year. Nell and Randy were also in attendance at this event, choosing not to bring a car. Collectively, these events underscore our members' vibrant engagement in the joyful celebration of classic automobiles.

The grand opening of The Jacoby Rice Gulf Museum celebrated nostalgia through a replica Gulf station, showcasing a love for history and innovation.

NAR members showcased at the 25th Annual MOPARs on the Mountain, with Harry Trumbull, Al Emmi, Ana Maria Clare-Emmi, and Dave Baswell taking first place in their categories.

Despite the summer heat at the Hartselle Spring Fling, NAR's participation was strong, Several NAR members participated, and the applause rang out again for both Dave Baswell who took home the Commander's Trophy and Al Emmi capturing the People's Choice award.

The 3rd Annual Rocket City Octane Auto Show witnessed a robust and enthusiastic NAR presence, spanning both the Friday Night Cruise-In and the subsequent Saturday Auto Show, which collectively brought enjoyment to all attendees. Personally, I found great pleasure in visiting with the majority of NAR members. Yet, the pinnacle of the event was reached as the day concluded, with NAR members shining as true champions. Notably, Robbie Henslee claimed the coveted "Best Unrestored" prize, while David Poehlein emerged victorious in the "Best Foreign" category.

As we look ahead, mark your calendars for our upcoming NAR Monthly Meeting on August 24, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at 1806 University Dr NW, Huntsville, AL 35801.

Thank you all for your continued support and dedication to preserving and celebrating the beauty of antique automobiles. Our club thrives because of passionate members like you. Let's continue to drive forward together and make NAR's legacy even more remarkable.

Keep those engines running and wheels turning!

Jeff 

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North Alabama Region



27 July 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Old Business

- Welcome, Pledge; Visitors (no visitors)
- Secretary minutes voted on and approved.
- Treasurers Report: Jim True
- Club gear: nametags, shirts, caps, jackets, etc.
- Website: Vacant: Update; Host; Siteground, Lauren is working on building a new website
- Facebook report: going smoothly.
- Online rooster: <https://naraaca.ctrn.co/directory/index.php>

New Business

- New Members: Kenneth Walker, Ed & Laurie Lawrence (rejoined)
- Birthdays: June 6; July 13
- Anniversaries: June 5; July 3
- Illness': Peter in rehab; Bob Bentley in assisted living
- Sympathies: Chuck Knapp (84)

Cars Bought and Sold

- Robbie Henslee bought a 1968 SS Chevelle
- Wayne Scites bought a 1937 Airflow
- Michael Darnell bought a 1970 GTO

Member Project

- Chuck Nickey, Ed Hanish, Al Birks & Greg Stefanovic

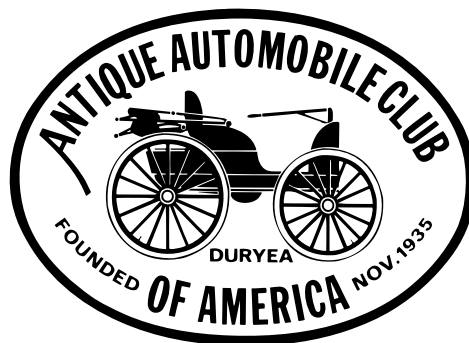
Car Show Update

- October 21,2023. Location; Orion Amphitheatre
- Dave Robertson; chairman
- Judges and volunteers needed.
- Orion will be providing digital marketing, food trucks and golf cart shuttles.
- HSV Visitors Commission is paying for the facility and goody bags.
- All show documents have been edited and printed (flyers, posters, handouts, and welcome letter).
- NAR Trailer cleaned and inventoried. The tires need to be replaced. Thank You Dave for getting it ready!
- Next Actions: sell sponsorships, solicit door prizes, sign contract, insurance certificate, update website, Facebook marketing, Chief Judge (Bob Fernac), confirm volunteers, trophies, plaques, secure show merchandise & mailer to last year's participants.
- Rocket City Nationals Car Show: Southeastern Region, Fall of 2024
- Location: Orion
- Date: October 16-19, 2024, or October 23-26 2024
- Application complete and submitted, show flyers, brochures, print ads in process. Activity plans in progress in coordination HSV Visitors commission. Muscle Shoals region has been contacted and will support with volunteers. TN Region has also been contacted.
- Daily schedules, flyers, ads, brochures, update NAR website, merchandise, t-shirts, participant gifts, judges' breakfast, awards banquet, youth activities & field marshal are things to do

NAR Meeting Minutes *Continued*

Upcoming Events:

- July 29, Rice Museum grand opening (New Market), Blasting Out Neuroblastoma (Hartselle)
- August 5, Cars & Coffee (Huntsville)
- August 12, Rocket City Octane Show (VBC)
- August 19, Horsepower cars & Coffee (Stovehouse)
- September 15,16, or 17th Dr Bentley has requested a car show at his assisted living facility
- Tonight's Program, Presented by Bob Weidman on his 1970 Monte Carlo
- Next meeting: August 24, 2023
- Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.



NAR Club Information

Member Milestones

Birthdays

Aug 1	Gene King
Aug 8	Ed Lawrence
Aug 13	Laurie Ferenc
Aug 17	Annette Carignan
Aug 18	Lori Hartman
Aug 26	Marena McClure
Aug 30	Judy Smith

Anniversaries

Aug 1	Harold and Ann Baugh
Aug 5	Jim and Angie True / 45 in 2023
Aug 8	Al and Joan Birks / 64 in 2023
Aug 24	John and Darlene Kleyer / 43 in 2023



NAR Monthly Meeting Refreshment

24 th August	<i>Dave and Julia Robertson</i>
28 th September	<i>Dinner Out</i>
26 th October	
16 th November	
TBD December	<i>Christmas Party</i>

NAR encourages members to please sign up to bring refreshments to our monthly meeting.

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



Members Care and Concerns

- Carl Holder had gall bladder surgery, but is home and doing fine.
- Joe Marchelites is going to scheduled therapy.

The Rice Gulf museum had a ribbon cutting ceremony and was also given a letter and plaque from Mayor Tommy Battle recognizing Jacoby's effort in maintaining the history of Gulf. The concession stand was a big hit and lots of folks bought t-shirts, caps, and other memorabilia. Thankfully, with the heat of the afternoon being so high, there were circulating fans placed in many locations inside the stations work bays. It was great to see so many NAR friends braving the heat. Those in attendance were Gene and Russell King, David Miller and Carolyn, Ron and Martha Dion, Cecil Newberry, Tom Beam, Jim Gilbertson and Debbie, Chuck Nickey, Lynn Nickey, Gerald Moore and Teri, John and Peggy Richards, Pete and Ed Hanish, Jeff Slagle, Drea Barnhart Slagle and granddaughter Flora Jane, and Edward Lawrence.



Whitney Jane Looney Benefit Car Show Saturday, 29 July 2023

Some pictures from the Hartselle show yesterday, pretty good turnout for a great cause. I believe it was over 75 cars



Congrats to winners Robbie Henslee (Best unrestored) and David Poehlein (Best foreign).



Best Unrestored / Robbie Henslee



Gerald Moore and Show Celebrity
"My Classic Car" Dennis Gage



Best Foreign / David Poehlein



Decent turnout at the Hartselle Spring Fling Car Show today, though it was more like a Summer Swelter. There was a breeze which helped and the American Legion took our advice to cut it down by an hour, and tips for an even better show next year. The live band they had was pretty good playing tunes from 70's and 80's. Several NAR members participated: Al Emmi, Harry Trumbull, James Charette, and Dave and Fran Baswell. Dave Baswell took home the Commander's Trophy and a handsome check with his '56 Chrysler 300 B, and I took People's Choice Trophy and a check with my '69 Road Runner. Now if we can only get that check through the bank drive thru window!



People's Choice / Al Emmi



Commander's Trophy / Dave Baswell



MOPARs on the Mountain Car Show Saturday, 5 August 2023

NAR members were present at the 25th annual MOPARS on the Mountain Car Show at Monte Sano State Park. Harry Trumbull, Ana Maria and Al Emmi, James Charette and Dave Baswell who BTW won first place in his category. Congrats!



1st Place / Dave Baswell



Jerry Carignan's garage would likely be the envy of many a Chevrolet fan.

Carignan boasts three giants of the brand's 100-year history; a 1956 Bel-Air sport coupe; an IROC-Z Camaro, and a 50th anniversary edition 2003 Corvette.

His pride and joy is clearly the black-and-white Bel-Air, a perfect restoration complete with the original-style wide whitewall tires and a mere 7,000 miles on the odometer. It is the third 1956 Bel-Air he has owned over the years.

"I've always loved them and after moving here from San Antonio in 1995, I decided I wanted to have another one," he said.

Carignan finally found his '56 in Connersville and has since restored it to original condition, attracting the attention of several would-be buyers - including one of the car's former owners.

"He lives in Atlanta and has offered to buy it several times." Carignan said. "But I'm not selling it I've promised it to my son."

The maroon Corvette convertible was bought from a previous owner in Detroit.



Jerry Carignan's two-door Bel-Air is lovingly restored to factory condition, with big whitewall tires accenting the red steel wheel topped with a bright chrome hubcap. The deep black finish of the front of the car gives way to an ivory finish at the rear., separated by the '56's signature chrome race-style trim. long a favorite of hot-rodders. The interior, also, has been redone. Unfortunately, following the factory-stock concept does not have one drawback. "You can't drive it in the summer much," Carignan laughs. "No air conditioner."

"I've always loved them and I knew I had to have one. Since it's a convertible, it's a lot of fun to take out on nice days."

Jerry Carignan

on his maroon Corvette convertible

"I've always loved them and I knew I had to have on," he said. "Since it's a lot of fun to take out on nice days."

The '87 Camaro was purchased from a family near Logansport, who had originally bought it as a tribute to their son.

"It's such a sad story," he said. "They has a son about to graduate from high school and he always wanted a Camaro. But he was killed in a car

accident before graduation. They bought the car in memory of him and held on to it for a long time. It was an emotional experience for them to see me drive the car away, but as they told me, they were just ready to let go."

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"I'm not much of a show person," he said. "I just love the cars for myself. I like to get out and drive them and enjoy them for what they were meant to be."

Carignan says his love of the Chevrolet brand was something passed down by his father.

"He always drove Chevys and I've always been a Chevy man because of that." he said. "Next to my family, it's my second love."

A True Garage Find – Part I

About four years ago I heard about a 1962 Oldsmobile Super 88 from a man that I had met at a local cruise in. The next day I called and talked with the grandson of the original owner. His grandfather purchased the car new but passed away in 1966 so his grandmother inherited the car. She didn't drive so it just sat in the garage. The grand kids would get the car out every now and then to take her for a ride but very few miles were logged between 1966 and 1988. She passed away in 1988 and her son inherited the house. He had no interest in the car, so it just sat there until he passed away in 2018.

I met the grandson at the house and sure enough, it was an all original 1962 Oldsmobile Super 88 with 57,000 miles. It was covered in dust and all four tires were flat and dry rotted. I was able to turn the engine over with a long breaker bar on the crankshaft nut so that was a good sign.

The best part was that it had clear plastic seat covers so the seats were like brand new. A deal was made to purchase the car. I loaded it onto my trailer and brought it home to my shop. I knew I would have to go through all systems to make it roadworthy. I figured I'd have the car running and in good shape in a few months.

As usual, life got in the way so here it is four years later, and it's still not finished. That's why this article is titled Part I. Part II will be when I finally finish it.



2023 Calendar of Events

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

August 2023

- 24 **NAR AACA Monthly Meeting** / Museum of Information Explosion / 1806 University Drive, Huntsville, AL / 7:00 p.m.
- 26 **13th Annual Elkmont Highschool Car Show** / Elkmont High School / 25630 Evans Avenue, Elkmont, AL 35620 / 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- 26 **14th Annual Shoals Area Mustang & All Ford Show & Shine** / McFarland Park Florence, AL
- 26 **Cruise-In** / Downtown Arab / 1st Street NW, Arab, AL / 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- 26 **2nd Annual Autism Awareness Car Show** / Rogersville Park, Rogersville, AL / 8:00 a.m.
- 26 **2nd Annual Rocket City Welcome Open Car Show** / Stovehouse / 3414 Governors Drive, Huntsville, AL 35805 / 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. / Benefits Wounded Warriors
- 26 **Charity Car Show** / River Run Lions/Street Rod Garage / Marshall County Park #1 / Guntersville, AL / Registration 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- 26 **1st Annual Victory Tabernacle Car Show** / 2620 Blue Spring Road / Huntsville, AL 35810 / 8:00 a.m.
- 26 **1st Annual Car and Truck Show** / Gurley Rec Center / 311 Third Street, Gurley, AL / 9:00 a.m.
- 26 **Wheels at Wolverine** / 2430 Point Mallard Drive SE, Decatur, AL / 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

September 2023

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

October 2023

- 7 **Cars & Coffee** / MidCity / 5909 University Drive, 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 Drive, Huntsville, AL 35805 / 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- 26 **NAR AACA Monthly Meeting** / Museum of Information Explosion / 1806 University Drive, Huntsville, AL / 7:00 p.m.

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November 2023

- 4** **Cars & Coffee** / MidCity / 5909 University Drive, Huntsville, AL 35806 / 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- 18** **Horse Power Therapy Cars and Coffee** / Stovehouse / 3414 Governors Drive, Huntsville, AL 35805 / 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- 16** **NAR AACA Monthly Meeting** / Museum of Information Explosion / 1806 University Drive, 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** **NAR AACA Monthly Meeting** / Christmas Party





Annual Antique & Classic Car, Truck, & Motorcycle Show / Swap Meet

Saturday,

October 21, 2023

Registration: 8:30 - 11:00 AM

Awards ~ 1:00 PM

Orion Amphitheater

701 Amphitheater Road

Huntsville, AL 35806



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- Vehicles - Thru 1931
- Vehicles 1932-1945
- Cars 1946-1954
- Cars 1955-1959
- Cars 1960-1969
- Mustang 1964-1969
- Camaro/Firebird 1964-1969
- MOPAR 1964-1969
- Chev/Olds/Buick 1964-1969
- Cars 1970-1979
- Cars 1980-1989
- Cars 1990-1998
- Foreign Vehicles
- Project Vehicles
- AACA Senior
- Motorcycles

Modified

- M1. Vehicles Thru 1931
- M2. Vehicles 1932-1945
- M3. Vehicles 1946-1954
- M4. Cars 1955-1959
- M5. Cars 1960-1969
- M6. Cars 1970-1981
- M7. Cars 1982-1998

- MT1. Trucks thru 1954
- MT2. Trucks 1955-1969
- MT3. Trucks 1970-1998

- SC. 2nd Gen Collector Vehicle
- NG. Non-Judge

1st, 2nd and 3rd Place for All Classes*
And ... SPECIAL AWARDS

- NAR President's Choice
- Show Chairman's Choice
- Ron Barnett Memorial (Best of Show Original)
- George R. Snellen Memorial (Best MOPAR)
- Best in Show Modified

*Classes may be modified day of show

REGISTRATION FEES

\$20 - First Vehicle ▪ \$10 - Each Additional Vehicle ▪ \$10 - Non-Judged Swap Meet Space** - FREE!! ▪ Spectators - FREE!!
Trailer Parking Available ▪ **Contact Show Chairman



Website: www.naraaca.org

Show Chairman:

Dave Robertson

daveRobertson44@gmail.com

2023 Eastern Fall Nationals Hershey, PA ▪ October 3-6, 2023



Hershey Show Car Deadline Extension!

The Friday show car registration deadline has been extended to August 31, 2023.

If you have already registered,
THANK YOU!!

This notification is being sent out to all AACA members.

Flea market registration is now closed.

Car Corral spaces will be available onsite.

EVERY year we get a significant number of members who are upset that they missed the registration deadline. We have sent out numerous reminders but understand life sometimes gets in the way. Here is your chance to still make it into the show. The Hershey Region and National Headquarters feel that it is in everyone's best interest to make this accommodation.

Late entrants may not make it into the Fall Hershey program book. In addition, special parking may have to be provided for late comers.

The show this year will have a special artist tent area, improved AACA merchandise area and an all new fall event poster by noted artist, David Snyder. We expect great food vendors as well. Judges will be treated to a great premium for their efforts.

Online registration is still open at members.aaca.org. You will need your member number and pin number. Fill out the form, print it out and send your payment and form to the Hershey Region. The mailing address is on the printed registration form. **PAYMENT AND REGISTRATON FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE REGISTRATION CHAIR BY AUGUST 31ST.** Any questions please call National Headquarters at **(717) 534-1910**.

Thanks everyone! See you in October!

IMPORTANT LINKS:

[Eastern Fall Nationals Brochure](#)

[Online Show Car Registration Form](#)

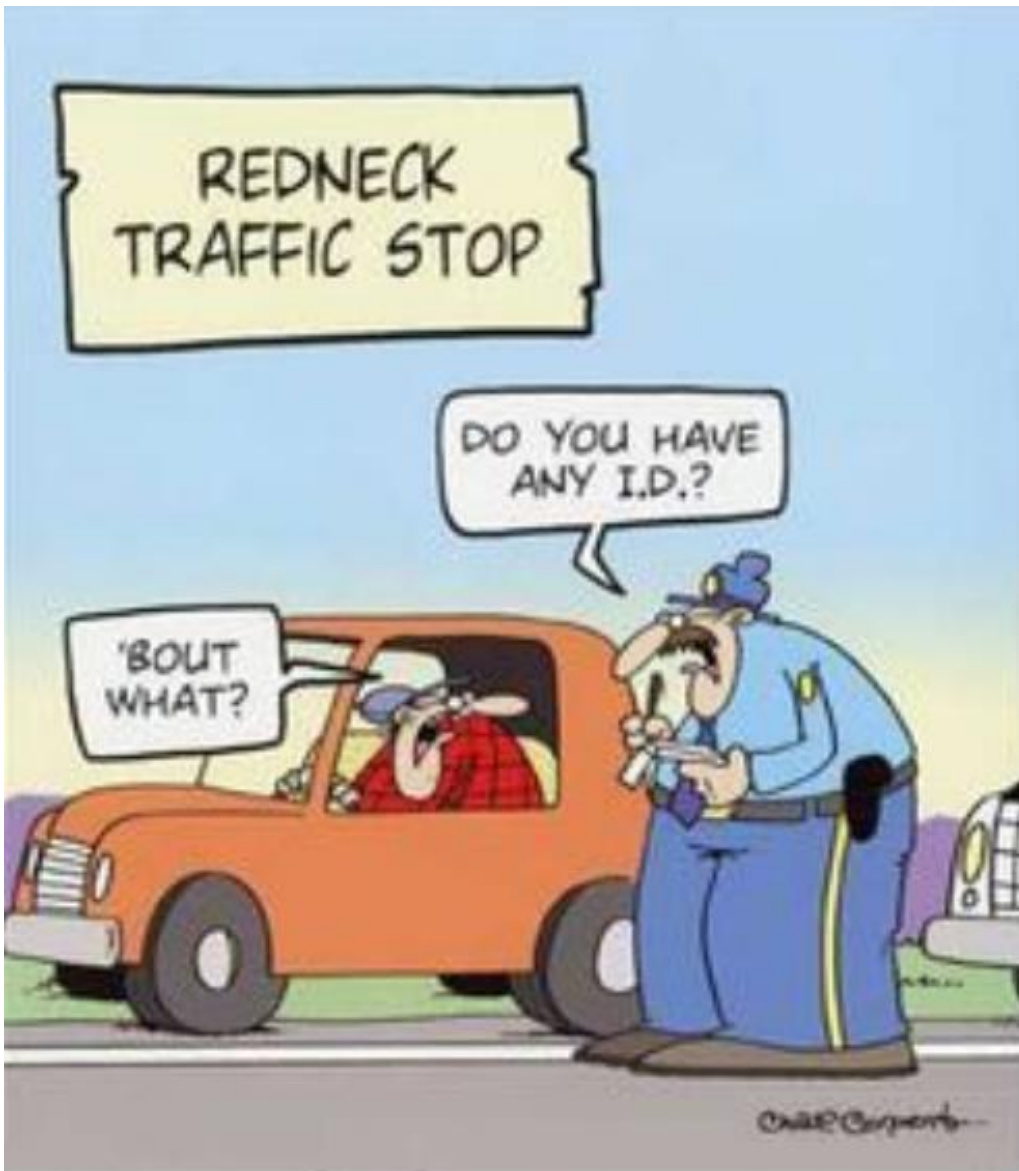
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AACA 2023 National Calendar

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

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

- 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





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>