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Antique Automobile Club of America  *North Alabama Region*



2023 North Alabama Region AACA Annual Car Show



President's Message

Jeff Slagle *President*

Dear NAR Members,

In this month of October, a time resonating with historical significance for the automotive world, we find ourselves poised on the cusp of an important event. Reflecting on the legacy of innovation epitomized by the Ford Model T in 1908, we, too, have strived for excellence throughout this month.

Despite challenging weather conditions at the ATO Auto Emporium Car Show, our dedicated members showcased unwavering enthusiasm, demonstrating our resilience in the face of adversity. The Athens Sportsplex Charity Show for Childhood Cancer saw our commitment extend beyond the display of classic cars; it echoed our compassionate spirit, defining the essence of NAR.

At events like the Wheels for Teal benefitting Ovarian Cancer, RCMC Fall Cruise-in Benefitting Still Serving Veterans, and Sportsplex Show benefitting Childhood Cancer, our members' passion and dedication stole the spotlight, exemplifying our shared commitment to excellence.

The pinnacle of our efforts culminates in the NAR AACA Car Show at the Orion Amphitheater on Saturday, October 21st. With great anticipation, we are preparing for a substantial turnout. The weather forecast augurs well for our event, promising a day of sunshine and camaraderie.

I am heartened by the unwavering spirit and talent of our members. Your commitment, not only to the preservation of classic cars but also to the essence of friendship that defines NAR, is truly commendable.

As we approach this significant event, let us harness the energy of October's historical significance and our own achievements to make the NAR AACA Car Show a resounding success. It transcends being merely a gathering; it is a celebration of our shared passion and the culmination of our year-long endeavors.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Orion Amphitheater on October 21st, ready to make history together.

Jeff 

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North Alabama Region



28 September 2023

- Dinner meeting at 88 buffet.
- Car Show Update; October 21 at The Orion. Expect it to be a great show. Everything is going smoothly. We need judges. Ads are due September 28th.
- Nominations are open for NAR board for next year.
- Car Display at Fleming Farms Senior Living Facility; October 27th from 10:30-12:30. They are located at 4670 Bellewood Dr. SE, Huntsville.
- Suggestions needed; Location for our annual Christmas Party.
- Next Meeting; October 26, 2023

NAR Club Information

Member Milestones

Birthdays

October 1	Joe Marchelites
October 7	Ana Maria Clare-Emmi
October 8	Teri Moore
October 8	Ron Dion / 81 in 2023
October 11	Jim Mullins / 94 in 2023
October 29	Bob Bentley / 91 in 2023

Anniversaries

October 4	Roger and Konnie Mays
October 25	Gary and Patsy Kinney / 55 in 2023



NAR Monthly Meeting Refreshment

26 th October	Rosanna Caneer
16 th November	
TBD December	<i>Christmas Party</i>

NAR members are encourage to signup to bring refreshments to our monthly meeting.

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



Congratulations to the Scites!

Congratulations are in order. Walton Allen Scites made his entrance on September 29, 2023 about 4:30 pm. I'm sure Robert and Hanna are thrilled that their little boy has come and I know the proud grandparents are over the moon. If you'd like to send a note of congratulations Robert and Hanna's address is 165 Crosswind Rd., Toney, AL 35773 or you can flood Robert's e-mail at scitesrobert@gmail.com or Wayne's is watchwayne@yahoo.com. Welcome to a future NAR member. Blessings to them all.

Members Care and Concerns

- Ana-Maria Clare-Emmi had elbow surgery and is recovering nicely.
- Frank Tatom has been recuperating from his recent surgery.
- Peter Catanese continues to do rehab at home.
- Members John and Kathryn Fain have moved to Trussville, AL to be closer to family.
- NAR member, Lisa Vaughan, died October 3rd.

Pretty good day for NAR folks today at the Gentry-Isom VFW Post 2702 Annual Car Show today. Members present included Al and Ana Maria Clare-Emmi, Jim Charette, Harry and Debi Trumbull, Robbie and Angie Henslee, Linda and Bob Weidman, and Dave and Fran Baswell. Top 10 winners were Al Emmi, Harry Trumbull and Robbie Henslee.



Another great day with car show friends at the RCMC Fall Cruise-In at Johnny Grylls. Today Ana Maria Clare-Emmi celebrated her birthday and brought cupcakes to share. Several in NAR won trophies, but not sure if any won door prizes. We finally wore down John Gentilecore and he decided he would join NAR, so we'll send him an application. John had left the show by the time Nell got to her car to get an application. John Gentilecore won the 50/50 drawing and also won the Woody Anderson Ford trophy. Al Emmi won the Johnny Grylls trophy. Harry Trumbull, Roger Mays, Randall Doc Owen, and Michael Darnell won 4 of the Top 20 awards. It was good to see Lynn Nickey there with Duncan, Margaret Darnell, Debi Trumbull, and Linda and Bob Weidman. As usual NAR members were winners! It was a beautiful, cool Fall day!





On a beautiful, sunny and breezy day, a group of NAR members attended Wheels for Teal Car Show. There were about 40 gorgeous classic cars worth seeing. As always, NAR members took the biggest awards. Bob Ferenc & Laurie took Best of Show. Robbie Henslee & Angie Clark Henslee, Harry Trumbull, Edward Lawrence, Al Emmi, & Michael Darnell took Top 20. Robbie also won a door prize. Congratulations to the winners! Other NAR members who attended the show were Chuck Nickey, Lynn Nickey, Margaret Dunn Darnell, and the NAR self-appointed photographer for the day Ana Maria Clare-Emmi.



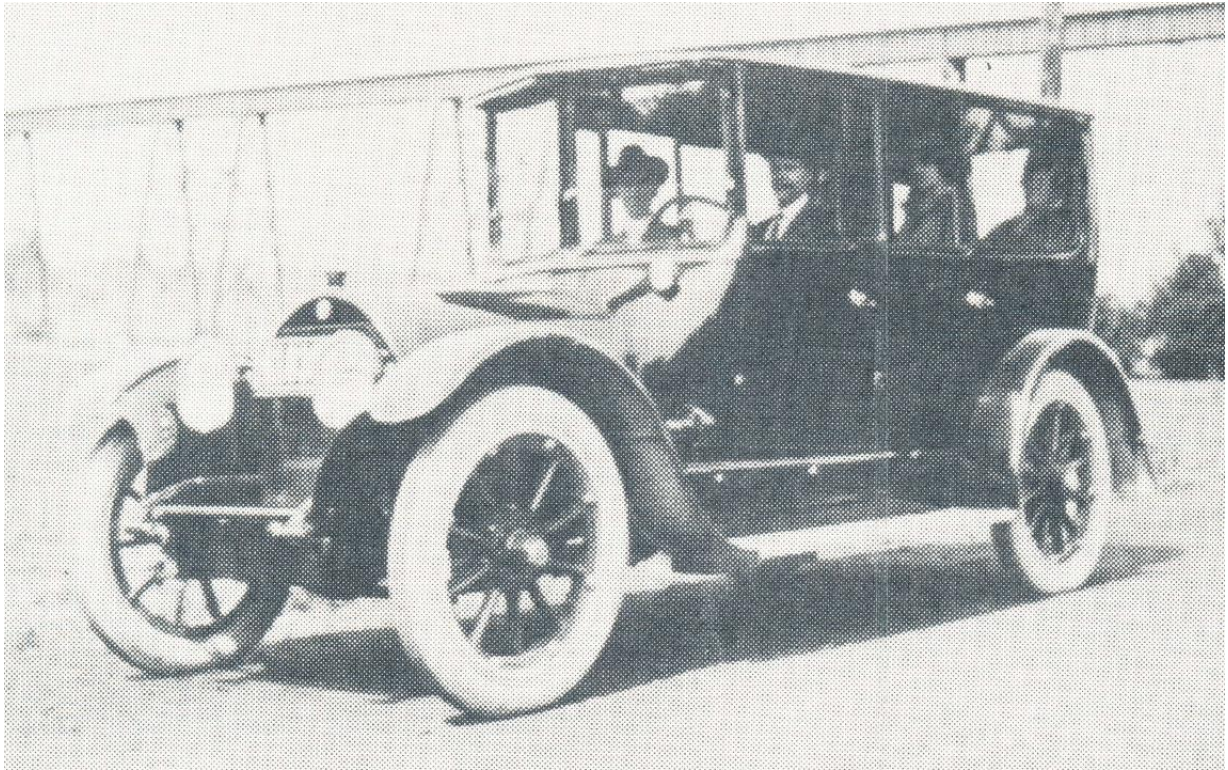


So many shows today, the NAR groups were at various ones. Several of us went to the Athens Sportsplex Charity Show for Childhood Cancer. We also had two couples, Dan Wachtel and Susan and John and Ginny Gentlicore, say they wanted to join the club and had several more ask about the club. Former member Clem Greek said he had retired and would be moving some items back to the area so we look forward to seeing him at meetings and shows. NAR members attending were Jim True, Roger Mays, Terry Johnson, Clem Greek, Gerald Moore and Teri, and Randall Doc Owen. There were other car friends there and we made some new ones. There were so many shows today that attendance was less at this show than in past years. Show officials announced at one point they had almost 100 cars.





Digging Around In The Attic



The above photo is a reproduction of an original photo of the McCann's 1917 Cadillac 7 Passenger Convertible Touring taken shortly after its purchase near Nashville, Tennessee.

The car was purchased, in Nashville, May 11, 1917, for \$2,700.00 by Mr. John Geist. The car was repainted in 1927 and the wheels were swapped to a smaller size because of the unavailability of 27" tires. It was put on blocks in 1932 until 1948.

The car was left in the hands of Mr. Geist's son until 1948 when it was traded to a local dealer for a new car. At this time it was acquired by Mr. H. Read from Scottsville, Kentucky, where it rested on blocks for another 14 years except for an occasional 4th of July Parade.

The picture, one of three, was acquired from a daughter of Mr. Geist last December with the help of Ed Baltz. Our fellow member Ed is a nephew of Mr. Geist's son. The original owner's manual and cancelled check are still in Nashville, but yet unavailable. Mr. Geist did locate the trouble light which is now with the car. Except for a little piston ring problem the Cadillac is in fine original condition.

The 1917 Cadillac came in 11 different body styles. Nine of them were aluminum. The McCann's is a steel body except for the hood. It has a 90° V-8 engine with cast in block heads and 314 cubic inch displacement (3-1/8" x 5-1/8"). Maximum torque is at 2400 RPM. It has a pressure feed system electric Delco starter, generator, and lights, Cadillac carburetor, dual water pumps and standard 3 speed transmission with an air compressor take off.

Your First Car

Did anyone ever think that their first car would become a collectible or better yet, a classic, probably not. I bought my first car in the summer of 1957 from a man that worked for the Virginian Railroad coal piers in Norfolk, VA. The \$700.00 I paid for this car had been saved from my paper route earnings and various grass cutting jobs. The car was a sporty 1951 Ford Victoria, which was Ford's first year for a 2 door hardtop. It was painted a yucky two-tone green with a flathead V8 engine and 3 speed transmission and plenty of coal dust. The cost of the car was not the only expense; my dad would not let me purchase a car until I could pay for the liability insurance attached to his policy. Can anyone relate to this?

This car was my first attempt at car restoration. My dad had a beautiful 1953 Oldsmobile 98 Holiday Coupe painted dark blue roof and light blue bottom. I liked it so much that I painted the Ford the exact same colors. I also added the usual custom items of the day, fender skirts, spinner hub caps, the all essential dual exhaust with glass pack mufflers, new seat covers and something special. A new 1954 Pontiac grill bar would fit perfectly in the Ford grill area, so I had to have one on this now modified car. Who said modified cars were a new trend? The car to have when I was in high school was a 1949 – 1951 Ford or Mercury and now I was in the groove in my senior year at Maury High School.

How about telling your own story to your Region or Chapter? Your Editor will love you for it and maybe help with your next restoration!



2023 Calendar of Events

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

October 2023

- 21 NAR Annual Antique & Classic Car, Truck, & Motorcycle Show & Swap Meet** / Orion Amphitheater / 701 Amphitheater Road, Huntsville, AL / Registration 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. / Awards 1:00 p.m.
- 21 3rd Annual The Bill Chill Car Show** / Bridge Street Town Center / Huntsville, AL / Register 8:00 a.m. to noon / Awards at 2:00 p.m. / Entry \$20 / www.tracksupport.net/big-chill-car-show
- 21 HPT Cruise-In and Street Party fundraiser** / Cars, Concert, and Craft Beer / Closing Meridian Street from Pratt to Walker / 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- 21 14th Annual Marine Corps League Toys or Tots Car Show** / Clarion Inn, 4900 Hatch Boulevard / Muscle Shoals, AL / Registration 7:00 a.m. to noon / Show 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. / Entry \$35 or a \$35 toy / (256) 443-5264
- 21 Harleys and Hotrods** / Harley Davidson / noon to 3:00 p.m. / Free food and grilling by Harleys for Hope Charity Fundraiser / 15100 Al Highway 20 / Madison, AL 35756
- 21 3rd Annual Shoals CASA Rogersville Gives Back Car Show** / Rogersville Recreational Park / 100 Optimist Drive, Rogersville, AL 35652 / Entry \$25 / 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. / (256) 765-0041
- 21 Annual Chicken Stew Sale and Car Show** / Busby Church / 19 Busby Road, Loretto, TN 38469 / 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. / \$20 entry
- 21 Horse Power Therapy Cars and Coffee** / Stovehouse / 3414 Governors Drive, Huntsville, AL 35805 / 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- 22 Wheels at Wolverine** / 2430 Point Mallard Drive / Decatur, AL / Every 4th Sunday / 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- 26 NAR AACA Monthly Meeting** / Museum of Information Explosion / 1806 University Drive, Huntsville, AL / 7:00 p.m.
- 28 3rd Annual Car Show** / CarQuest / 2022 Danville Road / Decatur, AL / Entry: 1 non-perishable food item / 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. / (256) 400-0302
- 28 Car & Truck Show** / New Salem Baptist Church / 314 James Road, Owens Cross Roads, AL 35763 / 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. / Entry free, donations accepted, Free Food / (256) 518-9328
- 28 46th Annual Car / Truck Show** / Lawrence County Classic Cars / Rotary Park / 927 No. Military Avenue, Lawrenceburg, TN / Entry \$20 / 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. / (931) 242-2491 / <https://www.facebook.com/lawcocclub>

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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.
- 4 **8th Annual Rods and Wheels Cruise-In** / Near Kingston Pavilion Ditto Landing, Huntsville, AL / Entry \$20 / 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. / Awards 1:45 p.m. / Live music at 10:00 a.m. / (256) 882-1057
- 11 **Priceville Cars N' Coffee** / Morgan County Veteran's Memorial, Priceville, AL / Second Saturday every month / \$5 buys all the coffee you can drink
- 11 **Cars and Coffee in the Country** / Taft Grocery and Grill / 1374 Ardmore Hwy, Taft, TN / 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 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

AACA 2023 National Calendar

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

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

October 22-27

Revival AAA Glidden Tour (VMCCA) / Thomasville, GA



THE FIRST MOTOR SHOW





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>