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Antique Automobile Club of America  North Alabama Region



A Bountiful Harvest - Thanksgiving 2023



President's Message

Jeff Slagle *President*

Dear NAR Members,

As we reflect on the past month, it's truly inspiring to see the passion and enthusiasm that our members continue to bring to the North Alabama Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America. November has been a month filled with significant events, both in the history of automobiles and within our own community.

One noteworthy event in the automotive world that took place in November was the introduction of the Cord 810, the first mass-produced front-wheel-drive car in the United States. On November 28, 1934, this groundbreaking vehicle was unveiled at the New York Auto Show. Designed by Gordon Buehrig, the Cord 810 featured front-wheel drive, independent front suspension, and a sleek, aerodynamic design. Its innovative features and distinctive styling marked a new era in automotive engineering and design, leaving an indelible mark on the industry.

In our own community, we have had a month filled with exciting events. The NAR Annual Car Show was a record breaking tremendous success, showcasing the passion and dedication of our members and the community. We also had the privilege of participating in events at Fleming Farms Senior Living, the Farley Fall Festival, The Residences at Wellpoint, Ditto Landing Car Show, and the Veterans Day Parade. It is your active involvement and enthusiasm at these events that truly make a difference and contribute to our community outreach efforts.

As we move into the holiday season, a time filled with holiday festivities and celebrations, let's carry the spirit of friendship and service with us. I encourage everyone to take some time to appreciate the joys of the season, spend quality time with loved ones, and continue spreading the goodwill that defines our club.

I would like to remind you all about our upcoming regular meeting on November 16, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Museum of Information Explosion, located at 1806 University Dr NW, Huntsville, AL 35801. Your active participation in this meeting is essential as we plan for the future and discuss exciting upcoming events.

In closing, I want to express my gratitude to each one of you for your dedication to our club and our community. Your passion for antique automobiles and your active participation in our events make our club truly special. I look forward to seeing you at our meeting and wish you all a joyful and peaceful holiday season.

Jeff 

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North Alabama Region



26 October 2023

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

Old Business

- Welcome, Pledge; Visitors
- Secretary minutes voted on and approved
- Treasurers Report: Jim True
- Club gear: Nametags, Shirts, Caps, Jackets, etc.
- Website: Vacant: Update; Host; Site ground, 110 views a week
- Facebook report: going smoothly
- Online roster: <https://naraaca.ctrn.co/directory/index.php>

New Business

- New Members: Kelly Entz, Murray Walker, Marvin Hill, Keith Kizer and a few more names I wasn't able to catch at the time.
- Birthdays: September 9, October 6
- Anniversaries: September 6, October 2
- Illness': Bob Bentley in assisted living
- Sympathies: Lisa Vaughn (October 3) and Peter Catanese (October 23)

Cars Bought and Sold

- Ed Hanish bought a new enclosed trailer
- Roger Jones bought a 1940 Mercury and a 1928 Nash Lafayette
- Keith Kizer bought a 1949 Chevy 3100 Pick-up

Member Project

- Chuck Nickey, Ed Hanish, Jeff Slagle, Greg Stefanovic & Roger Jones

Post October 21, 2023 NAR Car Show Update

- The car show was a huge success, applause to Dave for a great show. Thanks to everyone who helped!

Upcoming Events

- October 27 – Fleming Farms
- October 28 – Farley Community Church Fall Festival
- New Salem Baptist Church
- November 4 – Ditto Landing
- November 11 – Veteran's Day Parade (email to follow with more info)
- November 18 – Horsepower Therapy Cars & Coffee (Stovehouse)
- December 15 – Christmas Party; Location; Holiday Inn Midcity. 6:00 pm
- Snacks provided by Harold & Regina Caneer
- Need volunteers for snacks and presentations
- Officer Elections are upcoming. Please feel free to volunteer
- Tonight's Program, Presented by Wayne Scites on his 1929 Pierce Arrow
- Members Present: 34
- Next Meeting: November 16, 2023
- Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm

NAR Club Information

Member Milestones

Birthdays

10 th November	Jim True
11 th November	Cecil Newberry
13 th November	Joan Birks
20 th November	Robbie Henslee
26 th November	Randy Owen
28 th November	Drea Slagle
29 th November	Mike Mahan

Anniversaries

12 th November	John and Peggy Richard / 63 in 2023
16 th November	David and Natalie Hoha
22 nd November	Terry and Shannon Johnson / 26 in 2023



NAR Monthly Meeting Refreshment

16 th November	Las Trojas, 4920 University Drive, Huntsville, AL
15 th December	<i>Christmas Party</i>

NAR members are encourage to sign up to bring refreshments to our monthly meeting.

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





Huntsville's Veterans Day Parade

11 November 2023

WAFF - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Mx65TU2IhI>

View NAR at 30:12



I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who joined us at The Residences at Wellpoint for our special presentation! It was a delightful afternoon filled with vintage charm and wonderful memories. The joy and enthusiasm from the residents was truly heartwarming, and NAR's presence made the event even more special.



Four Reasons to be Thankful for Vintage Cars

Kyle Smith / 2019 Hagerty

The love of vintage cars runs deep within many car enthusiasts. We were curious to find the most potent catalysts for that passion, so over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend we asked exactly why you're thankful for your vintage ride. We received a great number of responses outlining just what it is about old cars that draws you to them. Here's what you had to say.

The adventure

Owning antique cars is an adventure at any level. Will the new project that the tow truck dropped off actually run someday? Is your little British roadster fit for a 50-mile run down the highway to that car show? We don't know the answer without some relatively unscientific testing, also known as going out and giving it a try. The adventure creates memories, for better or worse, endearing us to the four-wheeled inanimate objects in our garages and driveways.

The people

The easiest way to make friends is through shared experiences. Luckily, owners of vintage cars and trucks often have similar experiences during their time as caretakers for aging metal. Those experiences and stories they spawn bring together a group of folks who all appreciate similar things. If you join the hobby as an outsider, you will quickly find more than a few folks to help guide your classic-car journey, and many may become your friends for life.

The smile

It is a unique feeling of accomplishment to achieve anything related to classic cars. Fixing something for the first time (or the 10th time) brings its own tinge of pride and confidence. Sliding onto a vintage bench seat and turning a small metallic key two clicks starts more than the engine, it starts our brains down a path toward making great memories. These complicated-yet-simple machines can bring us joy on the worst days by simply providing an escape from the stressful world around us.

That youthful feeling

Much of the vintage car market is driven by folks buying what they lusted after when they were young. The fun part of that is that owners drive the cars like they were time machines. Some are lucky enough to own a car they grew up in, while others buy back their first car to capture a bit of history. Regardless of your ride's personal backstory, a classic car can warp time and make us feel decades younger. These cars can't time travel, but don't tell that to any of us when we're cruising on a Friday night.



America's Automotive Library Identifies its oldest Artifacts

The Chris & Kathleen Koch AACA Library & Research Center has identified its oldest antique automotive artifact. It is a copy of A Handbook for Steam Users Being Rules for Engine Drivers and Boiler Attendants by M. Powis Bale, from 1890. In addition, a February 14, 1891, issue of Scientific American features an analysis of the 3-wheeled Butler Petrol-Cycle from Great Britain.

According to Library Director Jen Wolfe, "Since automotive history is an inexact science, trying to pinpoint the first piece of automotive material ever published is impossible, though Duryea is credited with producing the first American automobile in series by 1896." Some believe that Panhard began producing promotional literature, in color, during 1892 (from Panhard & Levassor: Pioneers in Automobile Excellence, by David Beare), which the AACA artifacts predate.

The Smithsonian's Smith Hempstone Oliver contended that the first automotive catalog appeared in 1888/1889, from Philadelphia's Moto-Cycle Manufacturing Company. It featured Lucius D. Copeland-designed steam cycles and steam carriages. (The Bulb Horn, May-June 1966) Either way, as a function of the publication timeline above, "America's Automotive Library" is at the forefront. The AACA Library & Research Center was established in 1977 and houses over 3 million individual automotive artifacts at its Hershey, PA headquarters. It is the largest and most comprehensive institution of its kind. In addition, the Library also oversees nine single-marque collections within its climate controlled, secure and professionally managed facility, which includes a state of the art fire suppression system.

The library is open and free to the public during normal hours of operation. On-site research is free to anyone who visits. AACA Members receive 2 hours of free offsite research per calendar year to be used within the calendar year. Additional research, photocopies, scans and reproductions are available for a fee. Donations such as literature, books, artwork, manuals, periodicals, toys/models, etc. are welcomed and encouraged. Upon receipt of materials, the Library will provide the donor with a letter acknowledging the gift.

Visit the library website at <https://aacalibrary.org/> for more information.



2023 Calendar of Events

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

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 Highway, Taft, TN / 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- 16 **NAR AACA Monthly Meeting** / Las Trojas / 4920 University Drive, Huntsville, AL / 6:30 p.m.
- 18 **Horse Power Therapy Cars and Coffee** / Stovehouse / 3414 Governors Drive, Huntsville, AL 35805 / 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

December 2023

- 2 **Cars & Coffee** / MidCity / 5909 University Drive, Huntsville, AL 35806 / 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- 15 **NAR Christmas Party** / Holiday Inn MidCity / 5903 University Drive, Huntsville, AL 35806 / 6:00 p.m.
- 16 **Horse Power Therapy Cars and Coffee** / Stovehouse / 3414 Governors Drive, Huntsville, AL 35805 / 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.



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
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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For more information about the club contact the President, Jeff Slagle (256) 679-9775
or visit the club website at <http://naraaca.org>