

# Spoke



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Antique Automobile Club of America  North Alabama Region



Official 1940 Alabama Highways Map



# President's Message

Jeff Slagle *President*

Greetings all,

Interesting Factoid – Did you know that the world's first parking meter, known as Park-O-Meter No. 1, was installed on the southeast corner of what was then First Street and Robinson Avenue in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on July 16, 1935? This small piece of history reminds us how far automotive infrastructure has come and the fascinating milestones along the way.

As we move through the heart of summer, I hope you are surviving the hot and humid weather and taking advantage of every opportunity to drive and/or showcase your vehicles. With about three months until the Rocket City Southeastern Fall National Car Show and roughly five months until Christmas, if you haven't already done so, now is the time to prepare your classics and maybe start making your wish lists early – you never know when you might need to drop a hint about that rare part you've been eyeing!

Last month's dinner meeting was a great success, with an excellent turnout and delicious food. We had a wonderful time catching up with one another and sharing stories about our latest adventures. The venue provided a cozy atmosphere that allowed everyone to mingle and chat comfortably.

Our club has been busy this past month with several fantastic events all over North Alabama and Tennessee. Some of the local events in which NAR participated were The Elite Car Club Car Show, National Collector Car Appreciation Day, and Hartselle Second Saturday. NAR also attended several Cars and Coffee and Cruise-In gatherings. These events are great opportunities to share our passion for antique vehicles and connect with fellow enthusiasts or future enthusiasts. Each event provided a unique platform to display our beloved cars and engage with the community, further strengthening our bond as a club.

Please be aware of recent email scams targeting our members. We've had reports of fraudulent requests for purchasing gift cards and wiring money. Remember, NAR will never ask for such transactions via email or by phone. Stay vigilant and report any suspicious emails immediately.

In closing, I want to thank each of you for your continued participation and support. Our club is a vibrant community because of your dedication and enthusiasm. Let's keep the spirit of classic car preservation alive and well.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting at 1806 University Dr NW, Huntsville, AL 35801, on Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. for the NAR Monthly Meeting.

See you at the next meeting!

Jeff 

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North Alabama Region



- The NAR dinner meeting was held on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We had a huge crowd in attendance at Old Greenbriar restaurant. The meal and service were fantastic.
- We were all excited to see Robert Scites feeling better and at the dinner!
- Jeff Slagle kept the meeting short with just a few housekeeping items.
- Next Meeting: July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## NAR Club Information

### Member Milestones

#### July Birthdays

4	<i>Benny Pugh</i>	17	<i>Eddie Letson</i>
3	<i>Kelly Entz</i>	18	<i>Konnie Mays</i>
5	<i>Harold Baugh</i>	19	<i>Nancy Cooper</i>
9	<i>Jim Stutts</i>	21	<i>Angie Henslee</i>
10	<i>John Richard</i>	23	<i>Gerald Moore</i>
13	<i>Joe Stegmaier</i>	23	<i>Debi Trumbull</i>
15	<i>Sue Pugh</i>	31	<i>Jules Haynes</i>
16	<i>Wayne Scites</i>	31	<i>Frank Tatom</i>
17	<i>Julia Newberry</i>		

#### July Anniversaries

11	<i>David and Carolyn Miller</i>
11	<i>Keith and Debbie Kizer / 33 in 2024</i>
16	<i>Robert and Hanna Scites / 8 in 2024</i>
28	<i>Doug and Nancy Cooper / 39 in 2024</i>



### Member Health Report

On Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, Gary Kinney was admitted to the hospital after suffering a heart attack. Despite receiving a pacemaker, his rehabilitation has unfortunately not been successful. According to his wife Patsy, he is not doing well and as a result, Gary is being moved to Hospice Care.

During this difficult time, please keep Gary and his family in your thoughts and prayers. If you would like to send a note or words of encouragement, you can do so at the following address:

102 Lowry Street NW  
Huntsville, AL 35805

Your support and kind words will mean a lot to Gary and his loved ones.



# NAR Club Information

## NAR Bereavement for Mr. Albert Birks

NAR member Al Birks has passed away at the age of 94. He was still talking about working on his cars over his last few weeks. Al's wife Joan had called at the beginning of May to say he had fallen and broken his hip. Hip surgery was performed and then Al went to rehabilitation, where he stayed for 7 weeks.

Afterwards, Joan brought him home, but he developed an infection and had to go back to the hospital and then to a nursing home. He passed away after a week at the nursing home. But, he was so glad to have been able to go back home for a while and see that his cars were ok. Their sons Carl and Albert have been helping their mother Joan. The service and visitation will be July 22<sup>nd</sup>, followed by burial at the National Cemetery in Corinth, Mississippi. Al's obituary is available to view online at

<https://www.magnoliafuneralhome.net/obituaries/albert-birks>.

If you'd like to send Joan a card, her address is: 1 CR 230, Corinth, MS 38834. Joan reminisced about the Corn Boils, picnics, and the shows NAR held. Joan said they had missed the club after moving to Corinth from Washington state. We've have certainly missed seeing them the last few years.

Joan and Al won the NAR 2018 Best Original Car award with their beautiful 1962 T-Bird. This T-Bird will be driven to Al's funeral service. Afterwards, family plans are to sell the T-Bird and other cars which include a 1962 Corvair Spyder Convertible, a 1963 Corvair Spyder Convertible, a 1967 Corvair Monza Coupe, a 1978 Pontiac T-Top, and a 1978 Buick Estate Wagon. Al was very meticulous in taking care of their vehicles.



# NAR Club Information

2024 Rocket City Southeastern Fall Nationals

24-26 Oct 2024

## Did You Know?



- Registration is now open online at [aaca.org](http://aaca.org); select the AACA Member Login tab; enter your member # & PIN; select Meet Pre-registration; click on Southeastern Fall Nationals and Register for the events you will be attending. After completion, you will have an option to pay your registration fees with a credit card. If you can't access the online registration, call headquarters at (717) 534-1910 to request a hardcopy Registration card for you to complete. Complete the form and mail with a check for your fees to the address listed.
- Any AACA member can become an AACA Judge. First time judges must attend a Judges' School, Judges' Breakfast and will judge Drivers Participation Class (DPC) vehicles on the show field. NAR will be hosting a Judges' School on Friday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Judges' Breakfast on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.. The only cost to become a Judge is the \$10 fee for the Judges' Breakfast. To register to be a judge, log onto [aaca.org](http://aaca.org); AACA Member Login; enter member # & PIN; select Judges Pre-registration; select our event Southeastern Fall Nationals and select Register and then complete the Registration Form.
- Historical Preservation of Original Features (HPOF) – Vehicles in this class will depict vehicles that display originality over restoration. This class allows us to see history and to display collector vehicles in their original, manufactured condition. Vehicles in this class are commonly referred to as a 'survivors'. Vehicles in this class will NOT be point judged but 'evaluated'. See Judging Guidelines, Section 3 Appendix 3-10 & 3-11 for HPOF Certification Forms. A vehicle having achieved the HPOF certification award is eligible to be evaluated for the AACA Original award at a subsequent Nationals.
- No vehicle will be allowed on the show field without being pre-registered. All vehicles will be given an identification card for the vehicle's windshield. The card will be included inside of the entrant's registration folder.
- Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, judging will commence at 11:00 a.m.. All entrants arriving after 11:00 a.m., without just cause, will be allowed to enter the show field but will be disqualified from judging. All vehicles shall remain on the show field until 3:00 p.m. or released by the Chief Judge.
- The Indigo Hotel has been added as an additional hotel available for Nationals participants. The hotel is the new hotel being constructed, just north and within close walking distance of the amphitheater. Rate is \$199+tax including breakfast, king bed, 2 persons. Call (256) 843-0305 to make your reservation.

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## Did You Know?



- Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 p.m., NAR will kick off the 2024 Rocket City Southeastern Fall Nationals by hosting the first of many social activities. This one will be held at the Holiday Inn – Research Park. We will have cold and hot appetizers, non-alcoholic beverages, and a cash bar. Our goal is to not only welcome registered show participants but also to meet and greet AACA National VIP members, judges, and major sponsors. It only costs \$15.00 per person. NAR members, we need your attendance to make this event a memorable one!
- The second social event will be held on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. We are excited to announce that NAR has reserved Stars & Strikes' Stratosphere room from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.. We will be offering hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic beverages. We will also have music and a cash bar. Those who register for this event will get a ONE HOUR "All you can play" arcade game card. Stars & Strikes – Huntsville is the family entertainment center with over 50,000 square feet packed full of state-of-the-art games such as arcade machines, axe throwing, Escapology, bowling, etc. Don't forget to register for \$25.00. You will be in for a great time, guaranteed!

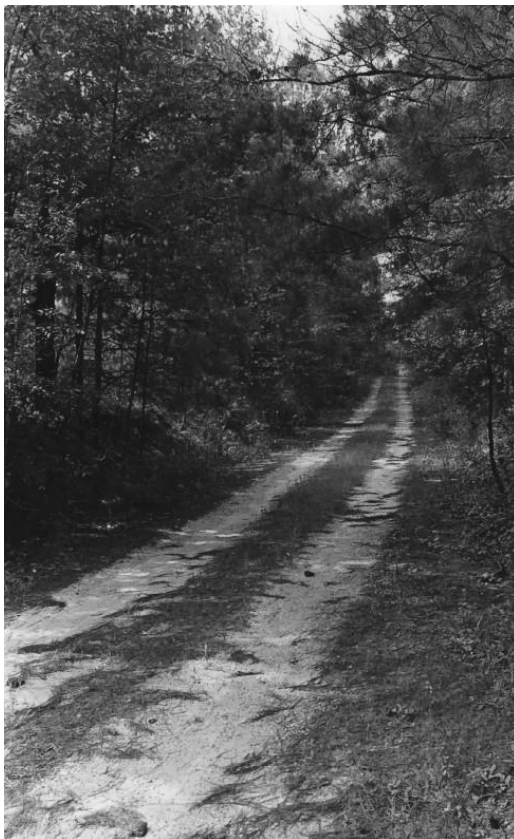
## Alabama's Historic Byler Road / Alabama's First Public Road

Byler Road is the oldest public road in Alabama still in use today. Constructed in the mid-1820s, it connected Courtland, near the Tennessee River, with Tuscaloosa, near the Black Warrior River.

Byler Road was named for Captain John Byler, who served in Andrew Jackson's army at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend. On December 16<sup>th</sup>, 1819, Alabama Governor William W. Bibb signed a bill authorizing Byler and his associates to construct a toll road that would link the Tennessee Valley with the Black Warrior River. Byler would be allowed to keep the tolls from the road for twelve years as long as the road was maintained. The road's northern starting point began at Jackson's Military Road in Lauderdale County. Private investors funded much of the road's construction as the road would allow cotton to be transported from the Tennessee River to the Black Warrior River, then onward to the port at Mobile and Europe. Up to 25 stands were created along the road's length, providing lodging and meals to travelers.

The road spurred development in Lawrence, Winston, Walker, and Fayette counties, and was traveled by both Union and Confederate armies during the Civil War. A half-mile section of the road in Tuscaloosa County was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1974.

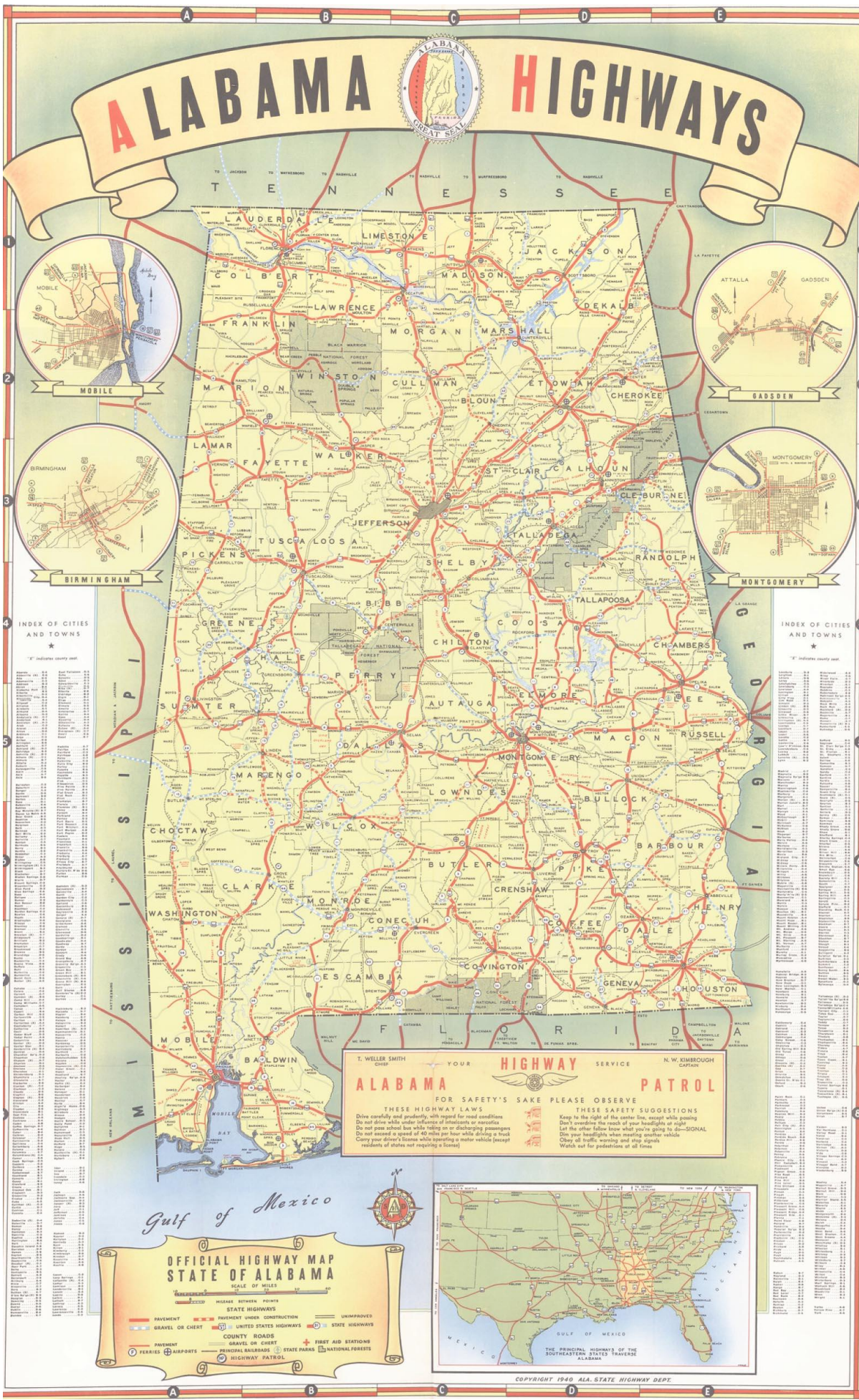
In 2024, the state of Alabama began adding historic markers along the route of Byler Road.



Byler Road in 1974, Tuscaloosa County, AL



2024 state of Alabama Historic Markers





## AACA Awards 101

Are you mystified by the AACA awards program? It is not that complicated. A great seminar on the subject was recently presented at the Central Spring Meet in Independence, MO. The awards follow the life cycle of our vehicles. HPOF or Historic Preservation of Original Features is an evaluated class for survivor vehicles relatively unchanged from when they were new, first receiving the HPOF badge. After receiving the HPOF certification the vehicle is evaluated for Original status, which receives the Original Tab. Later in the life cycle, the vehicles become drivers with changes along the way such as radial tires instead of bias, newer radios and the like, but with major things like engines still correct but maybe rebuilt or upgraded. These are DPC or Driver Participation Class vehicles which are evaluated, not point judged, and receive a DPC badge. Both of these classes receive participation awards when shown. As the vehicles then age and get thrashed and trashed, they are in need of full restoration to get back to the level of when they were received by the dealer from the factory. These vehicles then come into the point judging classes.

All vehicles must arrive on the judging field under their own power and start out with 400 points. Authenticity is the key, with Condition and Workmanship also part of the deductions from 400 points. Vehicles enter at the Junior level and proceed upwards toward the Senior and Grand National levels. Details are found in the Official Judging Guidelines Manual and are presented also in Judging Schools. Preservation awards are given once the Senior level is attained and the vehicles are shown at National Meets.

There are national awards presented at the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia in various categories each year. Every vehicle shown at a National Meet or Tour is looked at by the National Awards Team (the folks in the yellow shirts with lots of judging credits). Nominations are made by the team during the year, owners are notified later in the year and they decide if they want to be considered. The team meets in Hershey in early December and picks the winners for presentation at the Annual Meeting.

That's how simple the whole process is. Join the fun at the next National Meet in your area.



# 2024 Calendar of Events

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

## July

25 **NAR / AACA Monthly Meeting** / Museum of Information Explosion / Huntsville, AL

## August

3 **Cars & Coffee** / MidCity / Huntsville, AL

3 **26<sup>th</sup> Annual Show Mopars on the Mountain** / Huntsville, AL

7 **First Wednesday Car Meet** / Village of Providence / Huntsville, AL

10 **Priceville Cars N' Coffee** / Morgan County Veteran's Memorial / Priceville, AL

10 **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Rocket City Octane Auto Show** / Huntsville, AL

10 **Bee Line Highway Classics and Cruisers 2nd Saturday Cruise-In** / Hartselle, AL

17 **Horse Power Therapy Cars and Coffee** / Stovehouse / Huntsville, AL

17 **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Shoals Area Mustang & All Ford Show & Shine** / Florence, AL

17 **Priceville Annual Cruise-In** / Priceville, AL

18 **Rocket City Mustang Club Cruise-In** / Sonic / Madison, AL

22 **NAR / AACA Monthly Meeting** / Museum of Information Explosion / Huntsville, AL

24 **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Autism Awareness Car Show** / Rogersville AL

24 **Charity Car Show** / Guntersville, AL

## September

4 **First Wednesday Car Meet** / Village of Providence / Huntsville, AL

6-7 **68<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show** / Red Boiling Springs, TN

7 **Cars & Coffee** / MidCity / Huntsville, AL

14 **Priceville Cars N' Coffee** / Morgan County Veteran's Memorial / Priceville, AL

14 **Bee Line Highway Classics and Cruisers 2nd Saturday Cruise-In** / Hartselle, AL

15 **Rocket City Mustang Club Cruise-In** / Sonic / Madison, AL

21 **Horse Power Therapy Cars and Coffee** / Stovehouse / Huntsville, AL

21 **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show** / Ingalls Harbor Pavilion / Decatur, AL

26 **NAR / AACA Quarterly Dinner-Out** / Las Trojas / Huntsville, AL

28 **Faith and Fellowship 4th Annual Car Show** / Shelbyville, TN

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## October

- 5 **Cars & Coffee** / MidCity / Huntsville, AL
- 5 **24<sup>th</sup> Annual Car and Truck Show** / John Barnes Ballpark / Ardmore, TN
- 12 **Priceville Cars N' Coffee** / Morgan County Veteran's Memorial / Priceville, AL
- 12 **Bee Line Highway Classics and Cruisers 2nd Saturday Cruise-In** / Hartselle, AL
- 18-19 **Tennessee Valley Auto Fest Inaugural Car Show** / Wicks Family Field / Huntsville, AL
- 19 **Horse Power Therapy Cars and Coffee** / Stovehouse / Huntsville, AL
- 23-26 **Southeastern Fall Nationals** / Sponsored by NAR / AACA / Huntsville, AL

## November

- 2 **Cars & Coffee** / MidCity / Huntsville, AL
- 2 **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Rods and Wheels Cruise-In** / Ditto Landing / Huntsville, AL
- 9 **Priceville Cars N' Coffee** / Morgan County Veteran's Memorial / Priceville, AL
- 16 **Horse Power Therapy Cars and Coffee** / Stovehouse Huntsville, AL
- 21 **NAR / AACA Monthly Meeting** / Museum of Information Explosion / Huntsville, AL

## December

- 7 **Cars & Coffee** / MidCity / Huntsville, AL
- 14 **Priceville Cars N' Coffee** / Morgan County Veteran's Memorial / Priceville, AL
- 21 **Horse Power Therapy Cars and Coffee** / Stovehouse / Huntsville, AL
- TBD **NAR / AACA Quarterly Dinner-Out** / Location TBD

# AACA 2024 National Shows and Tours Calendar

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

<https://aaca.org/aacanationalshowsandtourscalendar/>

September 12-14 Western Fall Nationals / Loveland, Colorado

September 22-27 Revival AAA Glidden Tour® / Fairfield, Pennsylvania

October 8-11 Eastern Fall Nationals / Hershey, Pennsylvania

October 23-26 Southeastern Fall Nationals / Huntsville, Alabama

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# 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 Dave Robertson, 6503 Rolphmire Lane, Madison, AL 35757

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](http://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>