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Antique Automobile Club of America  North Alabama Region



Happy Thanksgiving 2024



President's Message

Jeff Slagle *President*

On November 15, 1977, the 100,000,000th U.S.-built Ford, a 1978 Ford Fairmont Futura, rolled off the assembly line in Mahwah, New Jersey. This milestone was a celebration of endurance, innovation, and community effort, a fitting parallel to what we celebrate this Thanksgiving season. Just like Ford reached this incredible achievement by working together, NAR continues to thrive because of each of you and your dedication to our shared passion for automobiles.

As we welcome November, a season filled with reflections of thankfulness and family, I want to express my deep gratitude to all of you. Thanksgiving is not just a time for turkey and traditions; it's a chance to celebrate the people and moments that make life meaningful. The NAR family is a blessing I hold close, and your efforts, energy, and enthusiasm keep the wheels turning all year long.

This month, NAR didn't slow down after the success of our recent car show. We've been active at events all over the area, including participating in the Veterans Day Parade. It was an honor to stand with so many of you as we paid tribute to the men and women who have served our country. To all our members who are veterans, I extend my heartfelt appreciation for your sacrifices and service. Further, a special thanks to my wife, Drea, for her service in the U.S. Navy, these contributions remind us of the true meaning of duty and commitment.

As the year begins to wind down, let's continue to show our appreciation for one another and celebrate all that makes NAR special. Whether it's lending a hand at an event, sharing stories about our cars, or simply showing up for each other, these moments create the bond that makes our club unique.

Wishing you all a Thanksgiving filled with love, laughter, and a table full of your favorite dishes. May this season of gratitude inspire us to keep celebrating the things we love most: our families, our friendships, and our shared love of automobiles.

Thank you for being part of this incredible journey!

Warm regards,
Jeff Slagle 

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Monthly Newsletter of the North Alabama Region
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North Alabama Region



Meeting called to order on 17 October 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Old Business

- Welcome, Pledge; Visitors introduced themselves
- Secretary Report; Dinner Meeting
- Club gear: nametags, shirts, caps, jackets, etc. Ready for the car show.
- Website: Dave Dunlap: Host; Siteground, web address: nar-aaca.org
- Facebook report: watch for hackers.
- Online roster: <https://naraaca.ctrn.co/directory/index.php>
- 152 registered for Nationals. Payments due to vendors on 10/18; SRC, Holiday Inn, Stars & Strikes

New Business

- Birthdays: 9 September, 5 October
- Anniversaries: 5 September, 1 October
- Sympathies: None
- Illness: Gerald doing great. Jeff's mother has dementia.
- Cars bought and sold.
- Member Projects: Chuck Nickey, Ed Hanish, Al Birks, Greg Stefan, Jeff Slagle
- Special recognition: NAR played a major factor in the success of the RCMC event
- Tammy Thompson - First Junior level AACA Hershey PA. 1910 Metz
- Upcoming.
 - > 18 October, Thrive
 - > 19 October, ATO, Patriots cars & coffee
 - > 20 October, Farley Church Fall Festival
 - > 24 October, THE BIG ONE
- 11 November, Veterans Day parade
- NAR elections are in November
- Board of directors; Joe Marchelites, Wayne Scites, Bob Ferenc, Harry Trumball
- Details coming soon for the Christmas party
- Car show update; Need pop-ups, canopies and a snack coordinator. The show field opens at 7. Judging starts at 11. Banquet at 6. The volunteer list is complete. Registration starts Wednesday at the Holiday Inn other days at the south box office. Thursday cruise to Gunter'sville. Parking is the only thing that isn't done.
- Refreshments provided by Jerry & Annette Carignan
- 39 members present
- Meeting adjourned: 9:11 p.m.

NAR Club Information

Member Milestones

November Birthdays

- 10 Jim True
- 11 Cecil Newberry
- 13 Joan Birks
- 20 Robbie Henslee
- 26 Randy Owen / 79 in 2024
- 28 Drea Slagle
- 29 Mike Mahan

November Anniversaries

- 12 John and Peggy Richard / 64 in 2024
- 16 David and Natalie Hoha
- 22 Terry and Shannon Johnson / 27 in 2024



NAR Monthly Meeting Refreshments

- 21st November Jeff Slagle / drinks and Nell Owen / snacks
- 14th December Christmas Party / Holiday Inn Research Park

NAR monthly meeting refreshments volunteers, please email Chuck Nickey at cnickey55@att.net.

Members Care and Concerns

- Konnie Mays is recuperating from surgery to remove her gall bladder.
- Angie True is recovering from surgery to replace her back stimulator.

NAR Monthly Meeting Programs

NAR would love to have its members share their personal antique car stories of interest at its monthly meetings. Presentation time should be between 20 to 30 minutes. If you have one you to share, please volunteer. If you have an idea for one, but need help to track it down, please contact Chuck Nickey at cnickey55@att.net.

- 21st November *NAR members encouraged to share*

This past Saturday was a beautiful Fall day. A few of our NAR members ventured over to Moultrie, Alabama to participate in the Moultrie Family Pharmacy Community Fest and Car Show. There were over 80 vehicles in the show. NAR member Ana Clare-Emmi won a door prize, and NAR member Charles Coats won a door prize and first place (1960-1970) class.



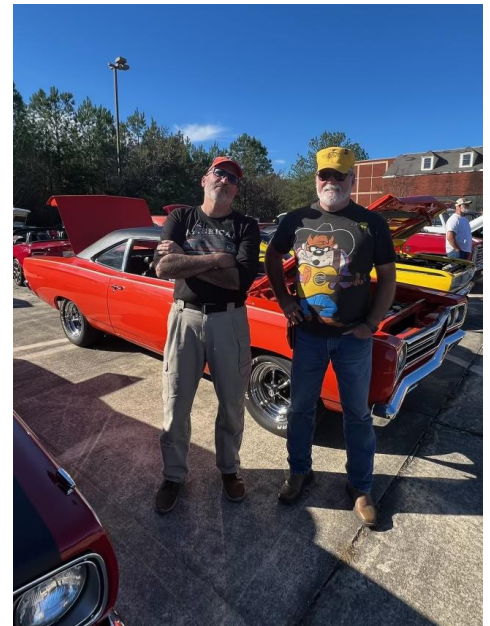
Charles Coats won first place (1960-1970) class.



Ana Clare-Emmi won a door prize



Charles Coats
1966 Mustang GT Convertible



Al Emmi and Harry Trumbull

North Alabama Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America

You're Invited to the Annual Christmas Party!

When: Saturday, December 14, 2024

Time: 6:30 PM (doors open at 6:00 PM)

Where: Holiday Inn Research Park

5903 University Drive

Huntsville, AL 35806

Menu Highlights:

- Roast Beef Au Jus & Baked Chicken
- Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, & Broccoli Casserole
- Pasta Salad & Creamy Potato Salad
- Mixed Greens Salad
- Freshly Baked Rolls
- Dessert: 1/2 Apple Cobbler & 1/2 Peach Cobbler
- Coffee, Tea, and Decaffeinated Coffee

Cost: \$30 per person

Note: Due to rising costs, we have adjusted this year's price accordingly.

RSVP by December 9, 2024

Contact Chuck Nickey at cnickey55@att.net or 256-658-1170

or Jeff Slagle at jhslagle@me.com or 256-679-9775

Let's celebrate the season together!

The top 4 reasons to be thankful for vintage cars

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.

Everyone Has a Friend (Or a Friend of a Friend)

There was an outreach model in the latter days of the 20th century, which was used by many volunteer organizations to promote growth. It was (and still is) called the FRAN Model. FRAN stands for friends, relatives, acquaintances and neighbors. The basic premise of FRAN is virtually everyone can look around and find someone who might be interested in their volunteer organization and its purpose. Obviously, AACA membership brings us into contact with many people who are interested in old cars. Let's use the FRAN Model to think about how you and I can promote AACA.

Friends Car shows, tours, cruise-ins, swap meets, monthly meetings, etc. are all ways we enjoy our hobby. Take a moment to think about your friends who might enjoy all these activities, as well. Consider inviting them to any and all of them. I do realize what some of you are thinking right now, "All my friends are already members of our chapter or region!" Okay, but when I came home from my first AACA Board meeting, I had four free membership applications in my hand. I sat down with my wife and within three minutes we were calling four families that we had known for years. They happily joined AACA.

Relatives Yes, a decade ago, I would have said no one in my family is interested. In the last several years, however, two of my cousins have bought beautiful classic cars, both of my daughters currently drive AACA eligible cars, and my grand daughter is a student member of AACA. Who knew!?!?

Acquaintances Think about people at work, people you see at social events or people who are friends of your close friends. Two of those four families that have joined AACA, which I mentioned above, were actually acquaintances at first. I got to know both families because they owned storage facilities, where I have stored our cars. As we became friends, I came to realize that both families owned AACA eligible cars. Next month one of those families is planning on showing their car at our regional event and the other plans to attend. It was only a matter of time and encouragement.

Neighbors Earlier this year a lady from another region told me about a neighbor's little girl who ran up to look at her pre-war car. This lady took the time to talk with the girl about cars and let her sit in the driver's seat. A few minutes later both of the girl's parents came over to see what was going on. After a brief conversation the whole family was taking a ride around the neighborhood and wanted to know if they could go to her chapter's next cruise-in.

The purpose of the AACA is to promote the old car hobby. According to the FRAN Model you just need to look around!

Calendar of Events

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

November

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

December

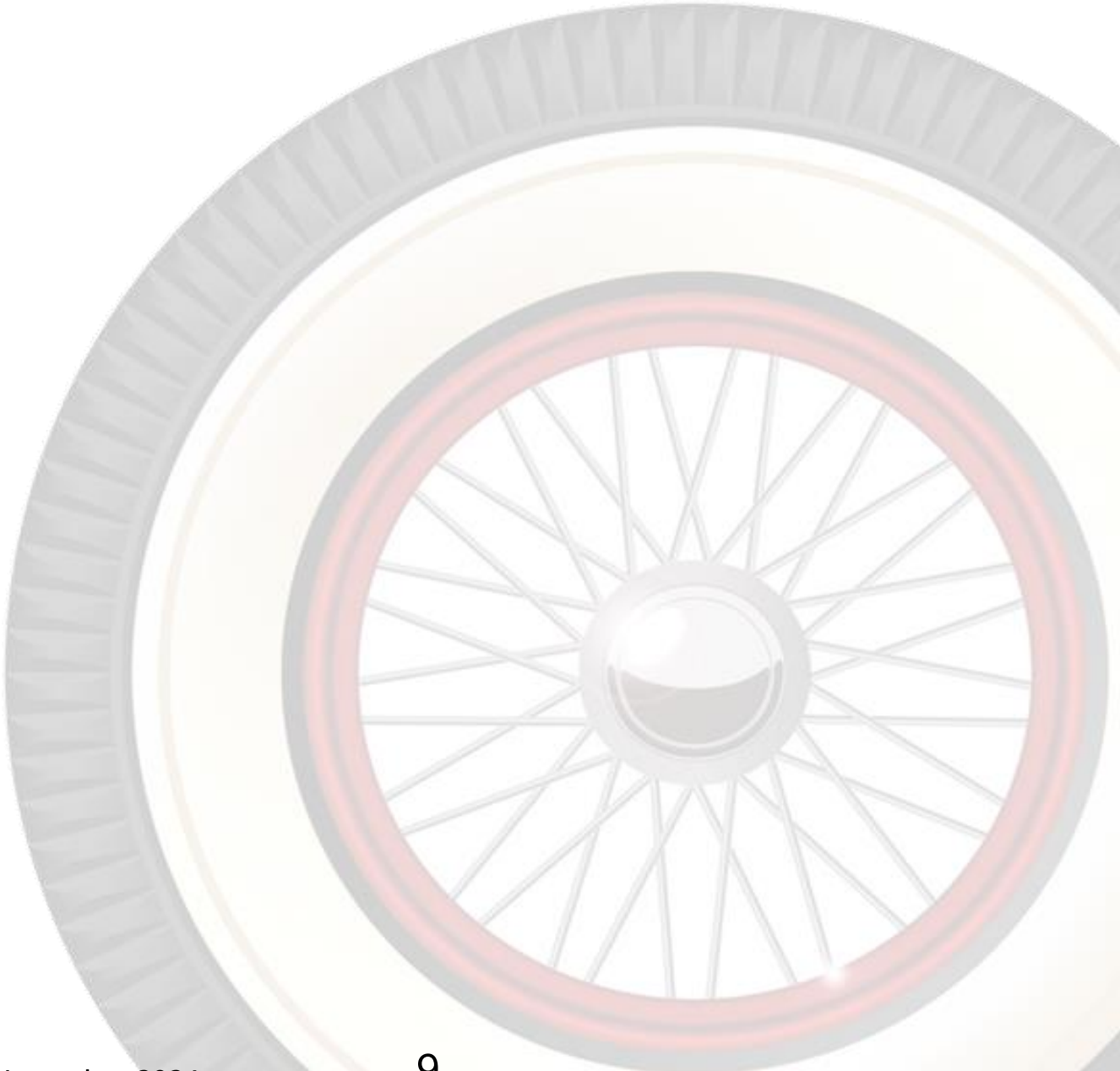
7 Cars & Coffee / MidCity / Huntsville, AL

14 NAR Christmas Party / Holiday Inn Research Park / Huntsville, AL

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

14 Patriot 1st Annual Winter Car Show / Bob Jones High School North Lot / Noon to 4:00 p.m. /
Madison, AL

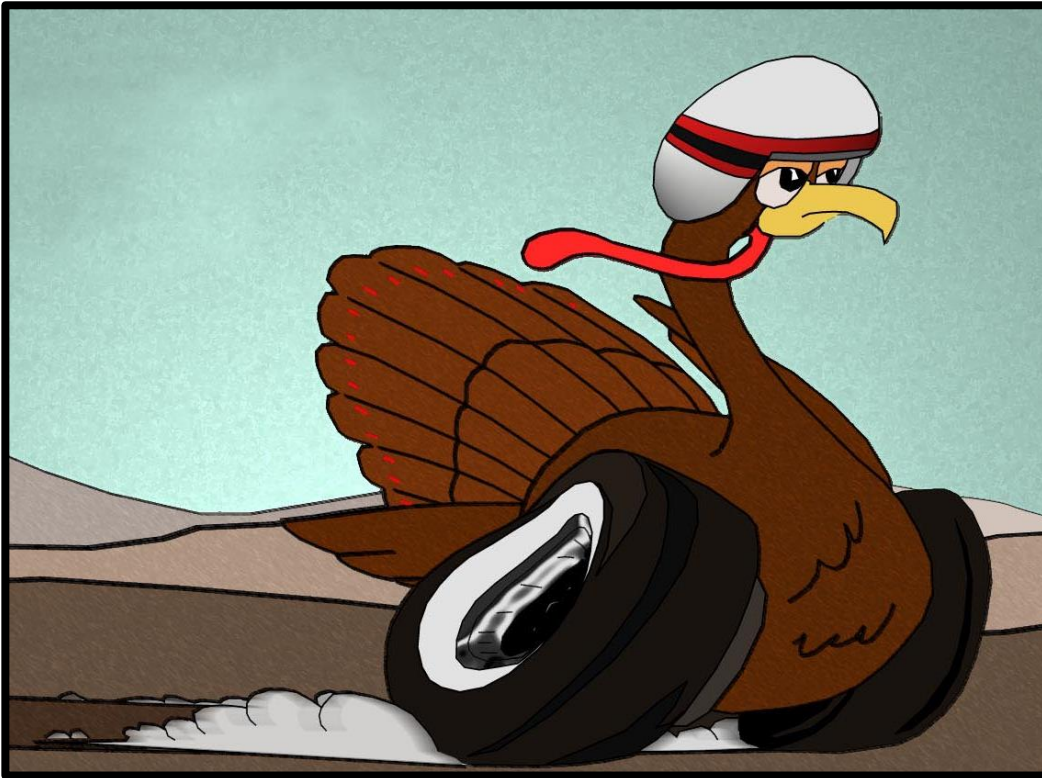
21 Horse Power Therapy Cars and Coffee / Stovehouse / Huntsville, AL



AACA National Calendar

Upcoming AACA 2025 National Calendar

February 6-8	Annual Convention – Charlotte, NC
April 3-5	Southeastern Spring Nationals – Charlotte, NC
May 1-3	Western Spring Nationals / Grand Nationals – Tucson, AZ
June 1-7	Vintage Tour – Southern/Eastern Pennsylvania
July 2-5	Central Springs Nationals – Auburn, IN
July 24-26	Grand Nationals / Zenith – Dayton, OH
September 7-12	Revival AAA Glidden Tour® – Owensboro, KY
September 18-20	Southeastern Fall Nationals – Corydon, IN
October 7-10	Eastern Fall Meet – Hershey, PA
October 22-25	Central Fall Nationals – Galveston, TX





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 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>