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Antique Automobile Club of America  North Alabama Region



Merry Christmas 2024!



President's Message

Jeff Slagle *President*

Dear Members,

Did you know that on December 17, 1903, the Wright Brothers made history with the first powered flight? Their determination and ability to innovate set a standard we still strive for today. Like the Wright brothers, our passion for classic automobiles reminds us of the power of perseverance, creativity, and hard work.

Reflecting on 2024, this year has been one of remarkable accomplishments for NAR and its members. We proudly participated in over 130 shows and displays across North Alabama. From parades to holiday events, our club was a vibrant presence in the community, sharing our love for automotive history.

We also celebrated some major milestones:

Dave Dunlap launched our impressive new website, a vital resource for members and the public.

Tom Beam earned the prestigious AACA Master Editor Award for 2023.

Bob Ferenc's '67 Plymouth Satellite was nominated for an AACA National Award as "Very best of all vehicles shown" with the final results to be announced soon.

Of course, our flagship event, the Southeastern Fall Nationals at the Orion Amphitheater, set a new benchmark for excellence. It was an incredible effort from our club, proving what we can accomplish together.

Looking to 2025, we aim to build on this momentum. I'm excited about expanding our tours, creating opportunities for some school displays, and encouraging younger generations to discover and embrace antique cars. With your enthusiasm and support, NAR will continue to thrive.

As we celebrate this holiday season, let's take pride in all we've achieved and look forward to the road ahead. I wish you and your families a joyous Christmas, a happy New Year, and many miles of smooth driving in 2025.

See you at the January 23, 2025 meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Museum of Information Explosion, 1806 University Drive, Huntsville, AL 35801 and don't forget to renew your NAR and AACA memberships!

Warm regards,
Jeff Slagle 

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NAR Club Information

Member Milestones

December Birthdays

- 2 Angie True
- 3 Susan Stefanovic
- 6 M.D. Smith
- 7 Susan Wachtel
- 10 Chuck Nickey
- 13 Bob Weidman
- 14 Julia King / 84 in 2024
- 23 Robert Scites
- 25 Carol Grieco
- 29 Linda Haney

December Anniversaries

- 27 Ron and Martha Dion / 55 in 2024



Members Care and Concerns

- Martha Dion is recovering from eye surgery.
- Dan Wachtel is recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Harold and Rosanna Caneer are both battling the flu.
- Harry and Debi Trumbull recently fought off COVID.
- Carla Holder broke her thumb.
- Keith Haney has had an issue with his ankle. He went to the podiatrist this past Tuesday.

Annual NAR Membership Dues

As we wrap up a fantastic year for NAR, it's time to take care of an important detail - renewing your membership for 2025.

Membership dues for 2025 are \$20.00 per family and are due by end January. You can pay your dues at one of our upcoming meetings or mail a check to:

Dave Robertson
6503 Rolphmire Lane
Madison, AL 35757

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COMMENTS - The Publication Staff wishes to thank everyone for the wonderful support during this year. Especially those who gave so generously of their time, materials, photography, and the contributions of original articles and suggested reprints. The Staff extends special thanks to Herm Gierow, Ken Barry, Bob Ewing, Jerry Peoples, Bill Ashby, Dan Shady, Jerry Thach, Don Pryor, Jim Beal, Bill Hayle, Louise Azary, and Ernest Cross for their help. We especially thank Tommy Gooch for his art in the early months; (Mrs.) Cassie Schade for "driving" her typewriter so faithfully; Jack Stuart for his many, many photographs; and, Pat Spriggs for her help and patience with your toiling editor in the "wee" hours. During this year, it has been the aim of the Auto Antiquarian News to present not only news and information about car shows and meets, tours, parades, meetings, and social events that strengthen our hobby and bind our friendships closer, but other material as well, We have endeavored to offer technical and historical information that is interesting and educational. Hopefully, some of it has--or will be--used in restoration or as a knowledgeable source for those who participate in judging.

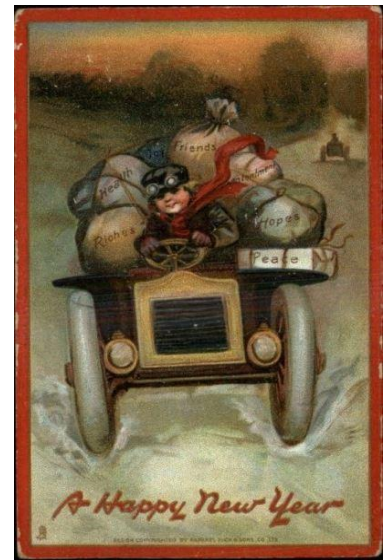
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS - Our thanks to Jimmy Kimsey for the excellent report on the car show in Decatur, Alabama....and Jack Stuart for his account of the tour to Cullman, Gadsden, and Ashville. We are indebted to Jim Beal for the Ten Commandments for John Q. Public, printed loose to affix to your car during shows or displays.....and to Jean-Paul Boutet of 28 Nogent-Le-Rotrou, France for the fine article dealing with aspects of IGNITION from 1886 to the present.



Christmas and New Year Images

Victoria Lynn just posted a great image of Santa with a 28/29 Model A Roadster Pickup and was trying to ID the car and year, which of course was quickly nailed down by the forum experts, but it made me think - there are so many holiday images out there on old postcards and greetings cards, I thought it would be a cool thing to do this time of year to share your favorites. Every year I pull an antique postcard from my own personal collection and we make our own Christmas card. Some years it's very difficult to find commercially produced cards with old car images so it became a do-it-yourself project for us. I know this could easily fit under the "memorabilia" heading, but in view of the time of year, and in an attempt to get our minds off of a year that hopefully will get the heck outa here quick, I felt this was an appropriate topic for General Discussion. Enjoy the pics and select your favorites.



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



Santa has arrived!





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>