

# Spoke



# Folks

Antique Automobile Club of America  North Alabama Region



*The beautiful 1929 Pearce Arrow 133 of NAR Member Wayne Scites at the New Sharon Senior Center Display. Do you see anything suspicious in this photo? See page 5 for Answer.*



# President's Message

Jeff Slagle *President*

As we welcome spring, let's take a moment to revisit a dramatic and lesser-known moment in automotive history. On March 11, 1927, the first recorded armored truck robbery in the United States took place near Pittsburgh. Orchestrated by the Flatheads Gang, the heist involved detonating a mine beneath a Brinks armored truck, disabling it and seriously injuring the guards. The gang made off with over \$100,000, and the incident forced security firms and law enforcement to rethink armored vehicle protection—ushering in a new era of criminal sophistication and tactical prevention.

Meanwhile, 2025 is officially rolling for NAR! We kicked things off in a big way with our February dinner meeting at Phil Sandoval's, where we had a fantastic turnout and filled our meeting area to capacity. It was great to reconnect, see new faces, and feel that energy as we headed into the season.

On March 22nd, we held our first official display event at the New Sharon Senior Center Craft Show in Hazel Green. With 16 vehicles on display, NAR made a big impression—the event organizers were beside themselves with gratitude and excitement over the participation. The cars were a hit, and the community atmosphere, made it a fun day for all involved. A huge thank you to everyone who came out and represented the club!


In addition to car displays, we've already helped make a couple of weddings extra special with our vehicles. And on the preservation side, a special shout-out to Jim True, who recently assisted in the creation of a video demonstration of a vintage 8-track player using his own car. That demo is now part of an interactive exhibit at the SIGNALS Museum, and it's an excellent example of how our members continue to find ways to share and preserve automotive history. Be sure to check it out—great job, Jim!

Although the St. Patrick's Day Parade was unfortunately canceled due to weather, we're just getting started. Our rescheduled regular business meeting is happening March 27, 2025 at 7:00PM at SIGNALS - Museum of Information Explosion located 1806 University Drive NW, Huntsville, AL 35801, and I encourage everyone to attend. It's a great way to stay engaged and help shape what's ahead.

Finally, a friendly reminder: NAR membership dues for 2025 are now due. If you haven't already submitted yours, please send payment to Treasurer Dave Robertson at:

6503 Rolphmire Lane, Madison, AL 35757

Thank you all for your energy, participation, and dedication to the club. Let's keep the momentum going as we roll into a great spring!

Warm regards,  
Jeff 

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North Alabama Region



# NAR Club Information

## Member Milestones

### March Birthdays

- 1 Martha Dion
- 6 Sally Barnett
- 13 Wayne Shaw
- 17 Sherry King
- 21 Russell Lowrey
- 29 Greg Stefanovic

### March Anniversaries

- 16 Kyle and Savannah Owen / 1<sup>st</sup> in 2025
- 24 Russell and Sherry King



## NAR Merchandise Available to Purchase

For NAR Item purchases, please call Laurie Ferenc at (716) 480-9739. Purchased NAR items will be brought to the next NAR meeting. Please try to bring exact cash amount.

### Available NAR Items

NAR/AACA Tote Bags	\$3.00
NAR Tire Gauge/Key Chain	\$1.00
NAR Jackets	\$55.00
NAR Mugs	\$5.00
Embroidered Long Sleeve Tee	\$25.00
Embroidered Short Sleeve Tee	\$20.00
Men's Embroidered Cotton Polo	\$35.00
Men's Embroidered Poly Polo	\$25.00

### Available NAR Items

Ladies Embroidered Cotton Polo	\$35.00	
Ladies Embroidered Poly Polo	\$25.00	
Printed T-Shirt (S, M, L, XL)	\$20.00	XXL/XXXL \$22.00
Printed Polo (S, M, L, XL)	\$25.00	XXL/XXXL \$30.00
NAR/AACA Magnetic Signs	\$15.00	Two for \$25.00
NAR Cap	\$13.00	
NAR Visor	\$10.00	

# NAR Club Information

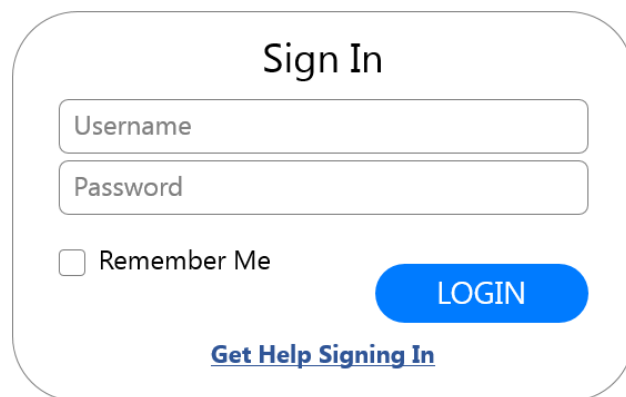
## NAR Online Club Directory

The NAR Online Club Directory is available for viewing on multiple devices, be they personal computers, smart phones or tablets. The directory is password protected and only available to NAR club members.

A NAR club members account and initial password will be provided by the Directory Administrator. If you have any trouble logging in, please contact Jim True at [j.true@mchsi.com](mailto:j.true@mchsi.com).

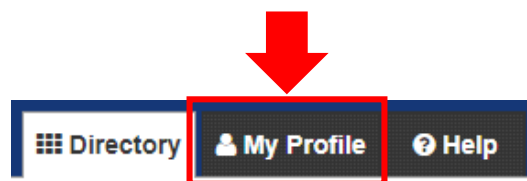
### How to access via personal computer (PC)

1. Enter <https://naraaca.ctrn.co> in PC web browser.
2. Enter your *Username* and *Password*.
  - Your *Username* will be **firstlast** all lower case with no space – Username Example: **bobsmith**.
  - Your *Password* will be provided by the Directory Administrator.
3. Press LOGIN.



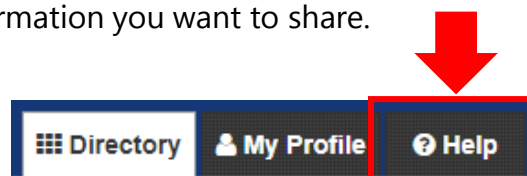
### How to change password and update profile

1. Click the **My Profile** tab in the upper menu bar.
2. Change your password to something you can easily remember. Enter your new password in the password field and click update. Your password is encrypted and is not visible to anyone.
3. You can update the information in your profile. You control the information you want to share.



### Need help with the NAR directory?

Click the **Help** tab in the upper menu bar. This can answer most any question you may have.



### How to download the mobile app onto a Smartphone and Tablet



Download the mobile app by searching for **Online Member Directory** in your app store. Enter the NAR mobile code: **NARAACA**. When the app opens, enter your username and password, then select **remember me**.

We hope you use, learn from, and enjoy the NAR online club directory!

# NAR Club Information

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## NAR Monthly Meeting Refreshments

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27 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Drinks: Natalie Doumar / Snacks: Dave Robertson</i>
24 <sup>th</sup> April	<i>Drinks: Kelley Entz / Snacks: Frank Tatom</i>
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<i>Drinks: Dave Robertson / Snacks: Natalie Doumar</i>
26 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>City Café</b> / 2003 Drake Ave., Huntsville, AL
24 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>Drinks: Rob Vaughn / Snacks: Ed Lawrence</i>
28 <sup>th</sup> August	<i>Drinks: Dave Dunlap / Snacks: Kelly Entz</i>
25 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>88 Buffet</b> / 6125 University Dr., Huntsville, AL
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	<i>Drinks: Claire Catanese / Snacks: Ron Dion</i>
20 <sup>th</sup> November	<i>Drinks: Dave &amp; Natalie Hoha / Snacks: Al &amp; AnaClare Emmi</i>
6 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Party / Holiday Inn</b> / 5903 University Dr, Huntsville, AL

**Front Cover Answer:**  
*Teri Moore was being a bit sneaky. Lol*



What a wonderful Spring-like day we had for the NAR display at the New Sharon Senior Center in Hazel Green at the request of Claire Catanese. We had a very eclectic display of cars and trucks according to Jim True. Former NAR members Dale and Gwyn Wright who live nearby stopped in for a visit and it was good to see them. There was a food truck on site plus the New Sharon ladies had made hot dogs and hamburgers for sale as well as delicious cakes and pies. Those from NAR who came were Jim True, Terry Johnson, Dave Robertson, Joe Stegmaier, Gerald and Teri Moore, Keith and Linda Haney, Wayne Scites, Harry and Debi Trumbull, Al Emmi, Tom Beam, and Randy and Nell Owen. Several who wanted to come were ill and could not make it. We were sad they were ill. By all accounts our breakfast at Savie Café on Highway 53 was exceptional. We also learned that they have a room that holds 50 so we might consider an event there. What a way to start our Spring!



## Dollars and Sense

*NAR Auto Antiquarian News - March 1968*

Let's take a look at antique automobiles from that hard realistic viewpoint, MONEY AND HORSESENSE. All of the early cars have great artistic attraction. Some tend to fit each of us better than others and other years are pleasing to almost all of us. We are also all aware of the tremendous pleasure in restoring, owning, and being around the antique motorcar. There are also many of us who have certain sentimental attachments to certain autos. The other area of interest is the fact that these elderly mechanical contraptions have intrinsic value. Every hour you put into a vehicle and each part you buy has value, and should be weighed carefully. Some cars depreciate while others grow in value. These factors are what I think we should now view and consider anew.

In the consideration of the type of automobile to restore, the amount of money available to make your initial purchase, and money supply must be known. Most people start with from \$100.00 to \$1,000.00 on their first car and add as required and available.

The availability of cars is not in any way the crux of the problem. There are over 100 antique autos for sale less than 20 miles from Huntsville. I know of over 50 listed Classics for sale in this area. Anything you desire is available, all you have to do is find it. This is a real challenge to most and requires only good detective work. Within a day's drive almost anything is available from a 1920 Model "T" Ford" with 2000 actual miles to a 1927 Rolls-Royce Limousine in mint condition. I've found two locations with over 10 Fords (T's, A's, 32-34's), complete, unrestored and for sale by a non-restorer.

Let's divide all antique autos into four loose groups:

1. Model "A" and "T" Fords
2. Pioneer and Vintage Cars
3. Production and Special Interest
4. Classics

Next, let's assume we buy an example from each group in average, unrestored condition and a fairly interesting specimen. We must also take into account the experience background of the restorer. The ability to do the mechanical rebuilding, body work, interior wood work, upholstery work, painting, and electroplating is not possessed by most of us. The cost of facilities alone for these various operations can be prohibitive. If you have the talent to do most of your own work you can pay for all the basic tools and painting equipment on your first car with the money saved in doing this work yourself. Let's further group the restorers and label them HOBBIST (with the ability to do everything except the chrome plating and upholstery work) and CONTRACTOR (who does only disassembly, cleaning, chassis painting, minor mechanical work and reassembly). A third group who is really not a restorer is the INVESTOR who has the car restored from start to finish by a professional.

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The following comparison chart was made to show as fairly as possible the cost and labor of restoring example cars from each group. The cars were picked, on the basis of information available. Four antique auto price guides were used to establish these prices. You will notice the restored prices are not maximum or HMN asking prices, but confirmed average sales prices. For example, the 1950 Ford prices are based, on 68 cars and 2 separate computer polls. Each group has economic advantages as you can see from the comparison chart. The Ford class has good potential with a low initial investment. The early cars require less cash and time to restore and have good value growth. Production cars are the easiest to locate and have the lowest initial cost but realize the slowest growth. The Classic cars offer as much enjoyment as the other groups, but have far better economic potential.

Classics require more work, but not more quality, for excellent workmanship is not relative and is the same on a 1926 model "T" Ford as a 1934 Lincoln. Parts are harder to find, but if we restrict our parts to authentic (original) items and realize, this is part of the challenge, practically anything can be found.

Do you remember when Model "A" Roadsters were \$75.00 and 1931 Chryslers top price was \$100.00 ????? Will a 1931 Cadillac Phaeton bring \$50,000.00 or a 1902 curved dash Olds actually sell for \$22,000.00 in 1925 ????. Have you ever thought about the fact that most of our antique autos will outlive us ????. Let's make the most of our time from a really different hobby, one that not only gives tremendous pleasure, but can add greatly to our financial security.

Auto Owner		Initial Cost	Restoration Materials	Labor	Restored Today	Value 4 Years Ago	Wage Rate
<b>Group I</b> 1930 Ford Std Roadster	H	\$540.00	\$600.00	1400 hrs	\$2900.00	\$2000.00	1.25 hrs
	C	\$540.00	\$2100.00	200 hrs	\$2900.00	\$2000.00	1.25 hrs
	I	\$540.00	\$2300.00	-----	\$2900.00	\$2000.00	-----
<b>Group II</b> 1910 REO Touring	H	\$2500.00	\$500.00	1100 hrs	\$5000.00	\$2700.00	1.80 hrs
	C	\$2500.00	\$2230.00	150 hrs	\$5000.00	\$2700.00	1.80 hrs
	I	\$2500.00	\$2400.00	-----	\$5000.00	\$2700.00	-----
<b>Group III</b> 1937 Buick Century Conv.	H	\$530.00	\$600.00	1400 hrs	\$2500.00	\$1500.00	.98 hrs
	C	\$530.00	\$1770.00	200 hrs	\$2500.00	\$1500.00	.98 hrs
	I	\$530.00	\$1800.00	-----	\$2500.00	\$1500.00	-----
<b>Group IV</b> 1933 Packard Std 8 Conv.	H	\$1500.00	\$800.00	1800 hrs	\$6800.00	\$3000.00	2.50 hrs
	C	\$1500.00	\$4800.00	200 hrs	\$6800.00	\$3000.00	2.50 hrs
	I	\$1500.00	\$5000.00	-----	\$6800.00	\$3000.00	-----



## Do not restore your car. Your costs will far exceed the value of the finished product

### DON'T DO THAT.

I've seen and heard it a thousand times. Someone, not always a novice, will seek advice on what to do with a project car they've either discovered, inherited, or have been thinking about purchasing. Almost without fail, a person who feels they have influence will quickly chime in: "Don't restore it. You'll end up with way more money in your project than it's worth."

I often wonder if similar situations occur outside our antique car hobby. Say, for instance, a group of friends are standing around and out of the blue one of them declares, "I'm thinking of taking up golf. What do you all think?" Taking a page from the book of the influential advisor above, the first response would be, "Don't do it. Your costs will far exceed the value of those score cards at the end of each round." After all, there are clubs to buy, special shoes to wear, appropriate (or inappropriate) outerwear, country club fees, tee-time fees, caddy fees, golf cart rental (or purchase, along with a trailer), 19th-hole spending, etc. The retail value of each of those items is practically nothing once they've left the shelf, with little or no possibility of them being worth anything within our lifetime.

Here's my take: It's a hobby. For as long as I've been in the antique car hobby, six decades now, it's been just that, a hobby. Hobbies contribute to the benefit of not only the person involved, but the people around them. Fellowship is enriched as individuals are fulfilled, have more to offer and share with family, friends and colleagues. It's not about the end result, it's about the journey, the friendships, the camaraderie, the relationships, the pride in craftsmanship, and most of all, the memories. It's also about spending time with family, twisting wrenches and sharing the driving with sons, daughters, grandparents, and your spouse.

Just as golf is for the majority of those who commit time to it. Should we even try to quantify the enrichment received in having a hobby? In my opinion, no. With our cars we spend years restoring, maintaining and cleaning our pride and joy, taking it to shows and/or tours all around the country, constantly trying to make it look as nice as possible if not trying to improve its appearance. In fact, as we're raising a glass with great friends at the end of a fun day on the road or on the show field, our spirits are raised as well. Priceless.

In my opinion, the pursuit of any hobby is not worthwhile if the only goal is to become better off financially.

Think of the relationships forged through AACA as you consider donating to the AACA Building Fund. The Antique Automobile Club of America is a club devoted to help you enjoy your hobby in ways in which you could never do on your own. It's well worth it, both for you and the hobby.

# 2025 Calendar of Events

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

## March

29 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show / Washington Park Baptist Church / Muscle Shoals, AL / 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

## April

2 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Car Meet / Village of Providence / Huntsville, AL / 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

3-5 AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals / Charlotte, NC

5 Cars & Coffee / MidCity / Huntsville, AL / 8:00 am to 10:00 am

5 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Car Show Rev'd Up for Autism Alabama / Meridianville, AL / 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

8 Charity Classic Cruise-In / Tullahoma, TN / 5:00 am to 8:00 pm

12 Priceville Cars & Coffee / Morgan County Veterans Memorial / Decatur, AL / 8:00 am to 11:00 am

12 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Cars & Coffee / Old Towne Café / Ardmore, AL / 8:00 am to 10:00 am

12 Spring Fever Cruise-In / Ray Coffey Park / Courtland, AL / 8:00 am

12 Lexington Spring Fling / Benefits FFA / Lexington, AL / 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

19 HPT Cars & Coffee / Stovehouse / Huntsville, AL / 7:30 am to 10:00 am

19 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Cruise In Rick's BBQ / Rick's Barbecue / Ardmore, TN / 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

19 Cruisin' for a Cure Car Show / Joe Wheeler EMC / Trinity, AL / 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

19 VooDoo Customs Conjure / Lincoln County High School / Fayetteville, TN / 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

20 RCMC Sonic Cruise-In / Sonic Drive-In County Line Road / Madison, AL / 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

24 NAR / AACA Meeting / SIGNAL Museum of Information Explosion / Huntsville, AL / 7:00 pm

26 Orphan Car Show / Senior Center / Huntsville, AL / 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

26 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Car/Bike/Truck Show / Athens, AL / 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

26 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Cruisin' for a Cure (Huntingdon's Disease) / Fayetteville, TN / 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

27 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Arc of the Shoals classic car show / Tuscumbia, AL / 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

## May

1-3 AACA Western Spring Nationals / Grand Nationals / Tucson, AZ

3 Cars & Coffee / MidCity / Huntsville, AL / 8:00 am to 10:00 am

3 Marching Indians Annual Car Show / East Limestone High School / Athens, AL / 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

3 Asbury Car Show / Asbury Methodist Church / Madison, AL / 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

3 Rocket City Spring Tune-up / Trash Panda Way / Madison, AL / 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

3 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Southern Showdown / Southern Heritage Center / Columbia, TN / 6:00 am to 3:00 pm

6 Charity Classic Cruise-In / Tullahoma, TN / 5:00 am to 8:00 pm

7 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Car Meet / Village of Providence / Huntsville, AL / 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

10 Priceville Cars & Coffee / Morgan County Veterans Memorial / Decatur, AL / 8:00 am to 11:00 am

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- 10 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Sharon Johnston Park Car Show / Coleman Road / New Market, AL / 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
- 17 HPT Cars & Coffee / Stovehouse / Huntsville, AL / 7:30 am to 10:00 am
- 17 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Cruise In Rick's BBQ / Rick's Barbecue / Ardmore, TN / 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- 17 Chapman Pool Open House and Car Show / Pettus Drive / Huntsville, AL / 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm
- 17 Chadwick Foundation Inaugural Benefit Car Show / McFarland Park / Florence, AL / 8:00 am
- 17 Legends Showcase / Ditto Landing / Huntsville, AL / 12:30 pm
- 18 RCMC Sonic Cruise-In / Sonic Drive-In County Line Road / Madison, AL / 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- 22 NAR / AACA Meeting / SIGNAL Museum of Information Explosion / Huntsville, AL / 7:00 pm

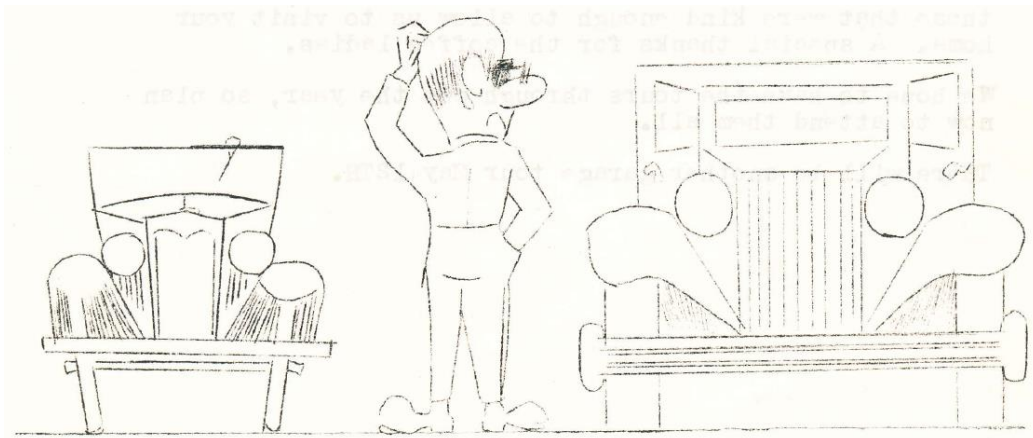
## June

- 1-7 AACA Vintage Tours / Southern/Eastern Pennsylvania
- 4 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Car Meet / Village of Providence / Huntsville, AL / 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- 7 Cars & Coffee / MidCity / Huntsville, AL / 8:00 am to 10:00 am
- 7 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Street Rod Show / Spring Park / Tuscumbia, AL / 7:00 am to 2:00 pm
- 7 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Car Show / Cabela Drive / Huntsville, AL / 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
- 10 Charity Classic Cruise-In / Tullahoma, TN / 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- 14 Priceville Cars & Coffee / Morgan County Veterans Memorial / Decatur, AL / 8:00 am to 11:00 am
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- 22 RCMC Sonic Cruise-In / Sonic Drive-In County Line Road / Madison, AL / 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- 26 NAR / AACA Club Dinner / City Café / Huntsville, AL / 7:00 pm

# AACA National Calendar

## Upcoming AACA 2025 National Calendar

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



"What to restore? Decisions, decisions."

*NAR Auto Antiquarian News March 1968*





# 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, 3503 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
_____	_____	_____	_____
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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>