

Spoke Folks

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President's Message

Bob Ferenc *President*

Greetings to all.

It's hard to believe it's already July and the car show and cruise season is in full swing. May wasn't the best time to take the cars out as rain spoiled one too many shows. As they say, time flies when you are having fun and the next several months will be jam packed with many car events, festivals, concerts and family picnics. So, take the time and enjoy every one of them.

July is going to be a special month for NAR. On the first Tuesday of every month, we will be hosting our first cruise-in at Phil Sandoval's in Madison from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. So spread the word and let's get those cars out for a great evening of fun, music and food for the hungry ones. Remember this is a family event so no showing off that horsepower.

The Huntsville 250th anniversary parade is here and many NAR members will be displaying their vehicles in the parade or in the show area at the end of the parade. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and I would like to thank Jeff Slagle for being the NAR coordinator and for all the car/truck owners who participated.

We already have 3 NAR car displays under our belt. The first was at Merrill Gardens in Madison and it was a huge success, and it was even more special as we got to sing happy birthday to our own Nell Owen. The second was at Madison Village and the seniors had a great time. Lunch was provided for us at both facilities. The third event took on a different tone. It was scheduled for 27 June 2026 at the Goldton in Athens. On 13 June 2026 we lost a very dear and lifelong member Harold Caneer. His family held a Celebration of Life for Harold on 27 June 2026. Harold was a dear friend to many NAR members, and he always found the time to help others with their vehicles and share his vast automotive knowledge with anyone. He is survived by his wife Rosanna and two daughters. He will truly be missed. I do want to thank the Rocket City Mustang Club, State Line Cruisers and Tennessee Valley Mopar's who attended the Goldton display on our behalf. Thank you!

We had our first dinner meeting at Logans Steakhouse, and it was very well received by everyone. Great food, great fellowship, a little bit of trivia, and of course some business to make it official. Thank you to everyone that attended.

We do have a few garage crawls scheduled. Both will knock your socks off so stay tuned. Details from Ana will follow.

I can't go on without throwing another big thank you to Wayne and Kim Scites for the fantastic Memorial Day picnic. The club presented them with a plaque and a gift certificate.

We do have several new members so be sure to introduce yourself and welcome them to our club.

With the car show season in full throttle, we need to make sure we stay safe out there. The heat and sometimes crazy drivers can be a problem. So be careful. We have a great club. So, remember the next show or cruise-in you're at, extend a hand and invite someone to one of our next meetings and don't forget to wear your club gear and name tags.

I could go on but the wife is calling!

Thank you to everyone for supporting our club and happy motoring!

Bob 

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North Alabama Region



NAR Information

Member Milestones

July Birthdays

1 Al Emmi
3 Kelly Entz
9 Jim Stutts
10 John Richard
13 Joe Stegmaier
16 Wayne Scites
17 Eddie Letson
18 Konnie Mays
19 Nancy Cooper
21 Angie Henslee
23 Gerald Moore
23 Debi Trumbull
31 Jules Haynes
31 Frank Tatom

July Anniversaries

11 David and Carolyn Miller
11 Keith and Debbie Kizer / 35 in 2026
16 Robert and Hanna Scites / 10 in 2026
28 Doug and Nancy Cooper / 41 in 2026

August Birthdays

5 Gene King (88 in 2026)
8 Ed Lawrence
15 Alex Haynes
13 Laurie Ferenc
17 Annette Carignan
26 Marena McClure
28 Jonathan Doumar
30 Judy Smith



August Anniversaries

5 Jim and Angie True / 48 in 2026
20 Mike and Carol Grieco / 32 in 2026
20 Eddie and Kim Letson / 43 in 2026
24 John and Darlene Kleyer / 46 in 2026

Treasurer's Report

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|---|-------------|
| • Reconciled Checking Balance for 31 May 2026 | \$2,771.02 |
| • Reconciled Savings Balance for 31 May 2026 | \$19,075.35 |
| • Petty Cash Balance for 31 May 2026 | \$100.00 |
| • Checking Balance for 22 June 2026 | \$2,655.04 |
| • Savings Balance for 22 June 2026 | \$19,075.35 |
| • Petty Cash Balance for 22 June 2026 | \$00.00 |
- Online NAR Car Show Registration is now open
 - Paid Sponsors: Quest Real Estate, Streetside Classics, Phil Sandoval's, IPS, Hughes Properties, Eagle Collision, Clem Tires

NAR Information

Members Health and Concerns

It is with deep sympathy to inform our club that former NAR member Paul Wagner passed away on June 9, 2026. He and his wife Lynn were long time NAR members.

Sympathy Cards can be mailed to:
Lynn Wagner
243 Crosswind Rd,
Toney, AL 35773

Paul Wagner Obituary:
<https://www.hazegreenfuneralhome.com/obituaries/paul-wagner-sr>

Huntsville's 2026 Forth of July Parade

As part of the 2026 America 250th anniversary celebrations, Huntsville will host a "Parade of the Eras" on July 4, 2026, as part of a larger, day-long celebration.

James Gossett, Parks and Recreation Director has asked NAR to provide automobiles that relate to each era of Huntsville's existence. More parade details will follow.

NAR Car Show Registration

NAR website pre-registration for our annual car show on October 24, 2026 is now open.

NAR Website Address: <https://nar-aaca.org/>



Car Show Pre-Registration is **now open!**

[More Info](#) OR [Register](#)

NAR Christmas Party

Date: Saturday, 5 December 2026
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Location: The Canteen at Stovehouse
3414 Governors Drive
Huntsville, AL 35805

NAR Member Seeks Automotive Assistance

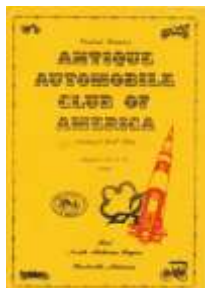
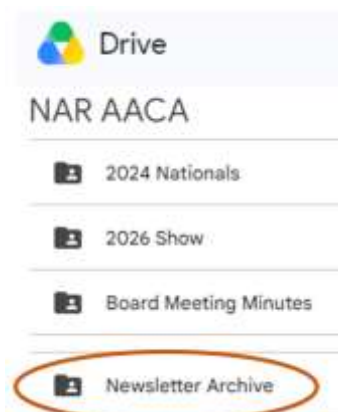
NAR member, Robert Vaughan, needs some help getting his 1931 Ford A Victoria started. He has run out of ideas, and is looking for some experienced assistance. Please contact Robert at (256) 975-7314.

NAR Information

Past NAR Newsletters are Available to View Online

NAR is proud to announce the easy access to past club newsletters that date back to the clubs founding in 1966. Following is the link to the NAR Google shared site that contains the Newsletter Archive.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/13soXHcUYviDSXkRrm1uxVK5D02JLeVqR>



Engagement Announcement

Dylan Arnold and Tori, after 14 years of love, are to be married this coming January 9, 2027.



The Goldton Display

27 June 2026

Tom Beam placed 1st with his 1955 GMC.



Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Guests were introduced
- Thanks to the Nickey's and Carrigan's for snacks and drinks
- Secretary's report was approved
- Treasurer's report was approved
- 96% of dues have been paid
- Show Chairman Report
- Registration will start in July
- Facebook Report - All is good!
- Website Report - added sponsor information to the membership online form
- Newsletter Report - All is good
- Don't forget your club gear! See Laurie
- NAR Member Business of the Month - Dave Robertson of Quest Real Estate

New Business

- Under the Weather
 - Harold Caneer
 - Linda Haney
 - Nancy Cooper
 - Kelly Entz
- Please pass out the car show flyers
- First car display of the year at Merrill Gardens on 17 May 2026
- Wachtel heads and tails will be rescheduled
- New Reoccurring Event
 - NAR Cruise-In on the 1st Tuesday of the month at Phil Sandoval's in Madison 6-8pm
- Reviewed the 2026 NAR Activities Calendar
- 4th of July Parade - Email Jeff Slagle your year, make, model, and color
- NAR Club video - Kent Ballard has volunteered his services to our club
- Bought, Sold, For Sale
 - Jerry & Annette Carignan purchased a 1957 Pontiac Star Chief

- Projects
 - Ed Hanish
 - Chuck Nickey - Working on both mustangs
 - Jeff Slagle - K5 Chevy Blazer
 - Harold Caneer - Projects on hold
 - Jonathan Doumar - Truck project
- NAR - Show Your Ride!
 - Tom Beam - 1955 GMC Truck
 - Angie Henslee - 1977 Pontiac Trans Am
- NAR Memorial Day Picnic - Highlight of the year
- Plaque given to Wayne and Kim Scites for hosting the picnic
- NAR Private Group Facebook Page - try to use twice a week if possible
- Notify Bob if you aren't receiving NAR emails. Two emails were sent last week
- NAR AACA board is currently reviewing the By-Laws
- Two weeks notice will be given via email
- Changes will be voted on at June meeting
- June Dinner Meeting will be at Logan's Roadhouse on Balmoral on June 25th at 6:00
- Congratulations to Randy and Nell Owen on their anniversary
- DOOR PRIZES
- Snack Break
- Tonight's Presentation - Jerry & Annette Carignan - Classic Car Insurance - My Personal Experience
- 39 Members Present
- Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.



February 18, 1940 - June 13, 2026

Harold Caneer went to Huntsville high school and graduated in 1957 with NAR member Gene King. Gene is the one who talked to Harold about the club and invited him to join.

I don't remember the year when Harold and Rosanna joined, but once they did become members they not only attended meetings but hosted dinner meetings and other car events at their house. I remember Harold working on the "Command" car as he referred to it and was glad that he could get it done to gift to his daughter after driving it in the 2014 Veteran's Day parade with other NAR members. Then he said he was going to work on another car for the other daughter.

Next, he said he was working on restoring a Checker that Rosanna liked. (And, of course, he won the Totcky award for that car.) He re-created the Kurtis Kraft from scratch with plans he came up with (which also won the Totcky award) and after that project, he told Randy and me that he was working on a Willys Jeep truck. He was always busy with many projects; but anytime anyone asked for help or needed a tool, Harold was always willing to lend not only a helping hand, but a place to work or a tool to use.

He and Rosanna hosted numerous car events sharing their place with everyone and inviting the club to join in. And in the summer that meant the pool was open. In 2009 they hosted a Labor Day picnic for NAR, in 2013 they agreed to host the club's AACA Founder's Tour evening event; in June 2016 and June 2017 they hosted the NAR dinner meetings, in 2020 during Covid they hosted cars on the Oakland-Packard tour and in February 2020 everyone was invited to Harold's 80th birthday celebration, and then in July 2022 everyone was invited to Gerald Moore's 75th birthday celebration at the Caneer's. In May 2026, after Harold had recovered sufficiently from his hip surgery, the club was invited to share refreshments with Harold and Rosanna, so they could visit with everyone. These are just a few of the ways Harold and Rosanna have contributed to the club over the years.

Harold was definitely one of a kind and will be missed.

Harold Caneer Obituary:

<https://www.laughlinservice.com/obituaries/Robert-Harold-Caneer?obId=48694344>

Cars for Sale

1965 Chevy II Nova

- 230 6 Cylinder, 4 door, automatic transmission, runs good, needs some minor TLC. Radiator leak and transmission pan seeps.
- Asking price \$5,000 or best offer
- Contact Chris at (931) 260-0931, a friend of NAR member David Miller



1997 Bentley Turbo

- Mint condition
- Asking price \$25,000
- Contact Dylan Arnold at (256) 693-9081



2001 GMC Sonoma

- The truck has an issue with #1 cylinder
- Around 200,000 miles
- Asking price \$1,900
- Contact Dave Robertson at dave@questhuntsville.com

Show Your Ride

1977 Pontiac Trans AM



Robbie and Angie Henslee

Angie and I acquired this Trans Am in 2021. We are the 4th owners. The previous owner purchased the TA for \$19,000.00 in 2006. This was his favorite car in the collection passing.

This particular Trans am was a special order built in Norwood, Ohio and was sold at Kyle Pontiac - Buick in London, Ohio. The TA found its way to Alabama via Indiana and Missouri. The TA still retains its last Missouri DMV inspection sticker dated February 2007.

Vehicle Information:

- Total sticker price - \$7,252.66
- 1977 PONTIAC Y81 TRANS AM
- Unrestored Original Survivor
- Approximately 25,500 miles
- Original Starlight Black paint w/ original Special Edition Stripes & Decals and gold trim
- PHS Documentation
- Original Window Sticker
- Original Build Sheet
- Original and very rare to still be intact "hairy hose" flexible duct hose from air cleaner to fender.
- 1 of 549 Y81 Special Edition Hardtop Coupe Trans Am's built with the W72 T/A 6.6 litre engine / automatic in 1977

1955 GMC 100 Series



Tom Beam

Monroe County Alabama has been home to many notable figures including William Weatherford, a.k.a. Creek Indian chief Red Eagle and authors Truman Capote and Harper Lee. But, my favorite resident was Robert McMillian, the original owner of my 1955 GMC truck.

Robert purchased the truck new from the Tri-Motor Company in Monroeville, Alabama. At Roberts passing, the truck was inherited by his son William McMillian. My brother, Kenny, purchased the truck in 1975 from Williams daughter Joyce Stringfellow. I purchased the truck from my Kenny in 1987 to become the fifth owner.

The truck is painted the original colors Aqua Blue and Dover White. It is fitted with 15 inch B.F. Goodrich Silvertown tires, a Delco AM radio, and is covered with many chrome accessories. It has a standard 3-speed, column shift transmission. The truck is still powered by the original Pontiac "Strato-Streak", 287 hp, eight cylinder engine.

In June of 1989, I started a full restoration and was finished by December 2012. From 2013 to 2026 the truck has participated in many local car shows and has brought home many first place trophies.

Activities

Merrill Gardens Display

17 May 2026

What a wonderful afternoon at the NAR Car Display at Merrill Gardens at Madison.

We had an amazing turnout with over 20 beautiful classic cars on display, and tons of folks gathered to reminisce about the good old days while admiring these timeless rides. There was great food, drinks, music, and plenty of smiles all around.

We also had the joy of celebrating our very own Nell Dockery Owens' birthday. What a special way to spend the day surrounded by wonderful friends and fellow car enthusiasts.



Activities

NAR Memorial Day Picnic

25 May 2026

A wonderful Memorial Day picnic. Thank you Wayne and Kim for hosting our annual picnic at their home. Even though the rain came we were all dry inside. The food, conversations and seeing everyone made for a great day. NAR presented Wayne and Kim with a plaque for their continuous support of our club.



Activities

Monthly NAR Meeting

28 May 2026

We had a fantastic turnout for the May monthly NAR meeting.

A special thank you to our guest speaker, Jerry Carignan, for sharing his experience dealing with classic car insurance following his car accident. His story and insights were both informative and appreciated by everyone in attendance.

We also enjoyed great snacks, drinks, and prizes throughout the evening. A big thanks to Jerry and Annette Carignan, and Chuck and Lynn Nickey, for providing the delicious refreshments.



Activities

Madison Village Display

10 June 2026

A huge thanks to North Alabama Region (NAR) of the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) for providing the beautiful display yesterday. For all those who made such a fun day possible, including our kitchen staff who showed out once again, we are so grateful.

Community Senior Life



Activities

Southeastern Fall Nationals / Oak Ridge, TN

13 June 2026

Some of the cars from the Oak Ridge, Tennessee car show. It was rather warm but a very enjoyable show. Dave Robertson and I have been asked by at many folks when we are hosting another National car show.



NAR Merchandise

Quantities and sizes are limited so order today! Please bring exact cash amount.

To place an order, please call or text Laurie Ferenc at (716) 380-0795. Laurie will bring your purchased items to the NAR monthly meeting after the date of purchase.

(1)



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(1) Magnetic Signs	\$11.25 / (2) \$19.00	Embroidered Long Sleeve T-Shirt	\$18.75
(2) Cap	\$15.00	Embroidered Short Sleeve T-Shirt	\$15.00
(2) Visor	\$14.00	Men's Embroidered Cotton Polo	\$22.50
(3) Jackets / S, M, L, XL	\$50.00	Men's Embroidered Poly Polo	\$18.75
(3) Jackets / 2X, 3X	\$54.00	Ladies Embroidered Cotton Polo	\$16.50
(4) Printed T-Shirt / S, M, L, XL	\$15.00	Ladies Embroidered Poly Polo	\$16.50
(4) Printed T-Shirt / XXL, XXXL	\$16.50	Printed Polo / S,M,L,XL	\$18.75
(5) Gray Rocket Polo	\$18.75	Printed Polo / XXL, XXXL	\$21.00
Tote Bags	\$1.00	Dated Rocket Polos	\$11.25

A Short History of My 1928 Chevrolet

Taken in 1953, these pictures are of my 1928 Chevrolet I had in Highschool, painted my Orlando Senior High colors. When I entered Stetson my Dad & Mom repainted the car as you see it!

One picture is of the "Pep" Band members. At a given point the Pep Band was asked to present the car at a half time football game, being the focus of the half time with Band members. So, the 1928 Chevrolet & Band members presented the half time show at the particular football game!

The picture has no relation to Home Coming, but represented all of Stetson. Enjoy!

I am the driver as it was my car driving my freshman year!!

E. Tyrrell (Terry) Owen – Class of 1956!



Randy sitting on the running board after Terry & Randy's Dad brought the car home.



Terry and Randy Owen



Daytona Beach



Terry's Band Uniform, OHS (Orlando High School). Only one high school in 1952.



Pep Band Members

Sharing Keeps the Story Alive

There's something special about old cars. It's not just the chrome or the curves, or even the sound of an engine that doesn't quite purr the way new ones do, it's what they represent. These machines carry more than just people, they carry memories. Some are deeply personal, the first time behind the wheel, a long summer road trip, cruising to your favorite diner with the windows down and music up. Others reflect the broader journey we've taken as a society, the innovations that pushed the industry forward, the missteps that taught us hard lessons, and the trends that defined entire generations.

In every restored panel and every original detail, there's a story waiting to be told. Some of those stories are well-known: iconic models, historic races, design breakthroughs. But just as important are the stories that live quietly in the hearts of everyday enthusiasts. Stories of rebuilding a car with your grandfather; of breaking down on the side of the road and finding help from a stranger; or of finally tracking down the vehicle you always dreamed of owning.

That's the real heart of this club. Yes, we love the cars. But more than that, we love what they mean. We're memory keepers, in a way. We help ensure that the past doesn't disappear beneath the dust and rust. We can't remember everything. But together, we can preserve the memories that matter most, the ones that connect us, inspire us, and remind us why we do what we do.

So here's my ask to you: send in your stories to your local region or chapter newsletter editor or share with the entire AACA club. Tell us about the car that got away or the one you finally found. Share a road trip memory, a restoration saga, or even a photo with a few lines about what it means to you. Big or small, every story adds to the rich tapestry we're building and once it's shared, it lives forever.



I bet my tractor can pull more than yours

AACA 2026 National Calendar

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

<https://aaca.org/events/category/aaca-national-calendar/>

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|------------|--|
| Aug 5-8 | Southeastern Divisional Tour – Flat Rock, NC |
| Aug 19-22 | Annual Grand Nationals / Zenith Awards – Allentown, PA |
| Sept 9-14 | Founders Tour (1932-2001) – Williamsburg, VA |
| Sept 12-26 | Revival AAA Glidden Tour (Pre-1943) – Dover, DE |
| Oct 6-9 | Eastern Fall Nationals – Hershey, PA |





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 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, Bob Ferenc (716) 380-0795
or visit the club website at <https://nar-aaca.org>