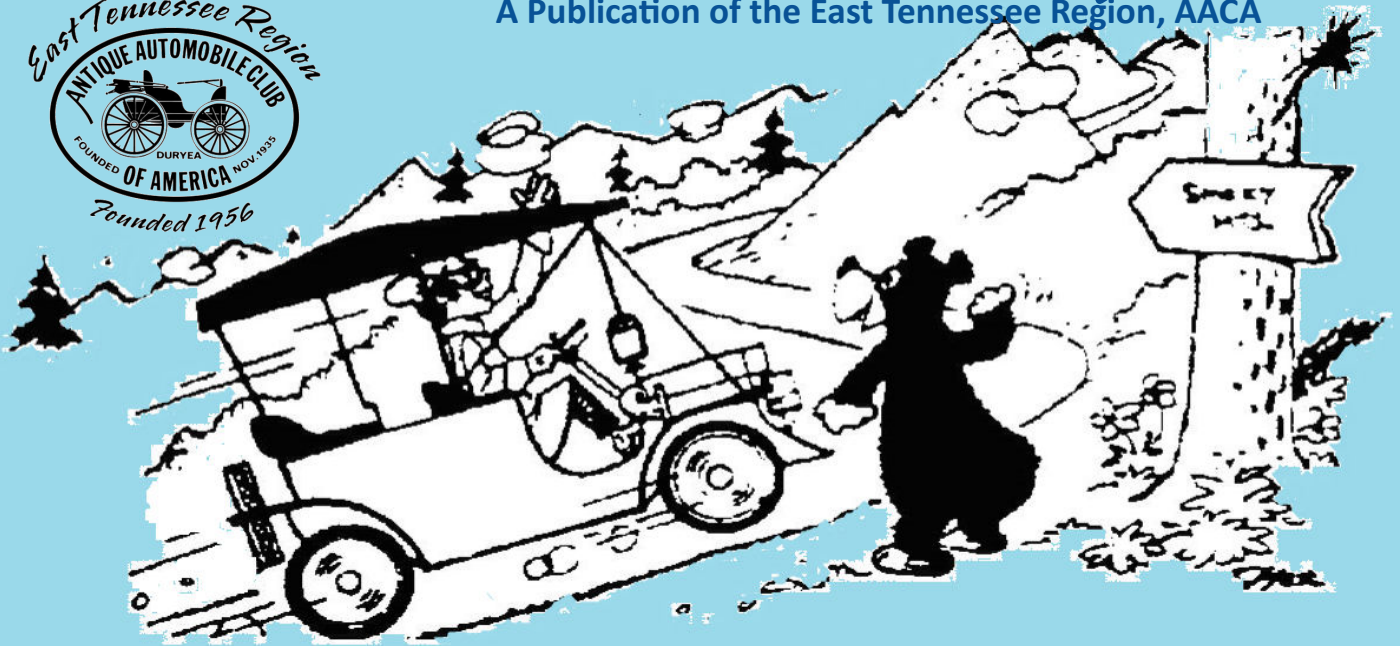


# Smoky Mountain Antiquer

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*Roger and Jan Frazee with their 1963 Chevrolet Corvair Monza Spyder Convertible*



# Local and National Events

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## ETR Calendar of Events

*Below is the schedule of ETR events through June, 2025. The Schedule for the entire year is available on page 6 and at [etr-aaca.com](http://etr-aaca.com).*

**March 13:** ETR Monthly Breakfast, Hosts, Hosts Robert and Sandra Quillin

**March 22:** *Murder Mystery Afternoon*, Knox County Association of Baptists, hosts: Matt & Gayla Sartin

**April 10:** ETR Monthly Breakfast, Hosts, Vic and Linda Varady

**April TBD:** Information, when available, will be posted on the website [etr-aaca.com](http://etr-aaca.com).

**May 8:** ETR Monthly Breakfast, Hosts Jerry and Teresa Mauch

**May 10:** *Garage Tour and Lunch*, hosted by Wayne Lequire.

**June 12:** May 8: ETR Monthly Breakfast, Hosts Tim and Sherry Seay

**June 14:** *First Baptist Church of Lenoir City's Car Cruise-In*, no entry fee, free food, and door prizes. Host: Matt Sartin

**June 14:** *Moonshine Rod Run*, automobiles participating in this show must pay an entry fee. Newport City Park, Cocke County. Guest parking is free. Hosts: To be determined

**July 10:** ETR Monthly Breakfast, Hosts Janice Williams

**July 19:** *Autos Through the Ages*, GSMHC (Heritage Center), Townsend

## Upcoming Events from Other Organizations

**March 13-15:** Chevys in the Smokies. LeConte Center, Pigeon Forge, TN

**March 24-29:** Ponies in the Smokies. Sevierville Convention Center, TN

**April 25—26:** Crusin' the Smokies, Cherokee NC

## AACA National Events

**April 3-5, 2025:** Southeastern Spring Nationals – Charlotte, NC

**May 1-3, 2025:** Western Spring Nationals / Grand Nationals – Tucson, AZ

**June 1-7, 2025:** Vintage Tour – Southern/Eastern Pennsylvania

**June 19-21, 2025:** Eastern Spring Nationals—Beckley, WV

**July 2-5, 2025:** Central Springs Nationals – Auburn, IN

**July 24-26, 2025:** Grand Nationals / Zenith – Dayton, OH



## The President's Corner

From Our President Matt Sartin



Well folks it is hard to believe that February is in the books. According to the groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, we have 6 more weeks of winter. Personally I don't see how Phil can miss his shadow with so many spotlights aimed at him. I too saw my shadow which meant it's time to get our ride out to cruise.

I would like to thank those who braved the bad weather to represent our club at The Cabin Fever Car Show where we got some great new members. I can't wait to get to know you and have the privilege of hearing your car stories.

So far this year, we have had 2 great events. The Planning Meeting and Cabin Fever Therapy. I personally had a great time at Cabin Fever Therapy. I loved seeing and hearing our members talking about their display. One thing I loved most was hearing Dee Cruvey, Tom Howard and Len Royston talk about some past events. It was AWESOME when they shared that several years ago our Club displayed antique cars on Gay Street.

Our next club event is a Murder Mystery Dinner on March 22nd. The time and place will be announced in a few weeks. If you don't want to be a character in the murder mystery you can still come, watch and have a great time. This event will be great for everyone to get to know each other better.

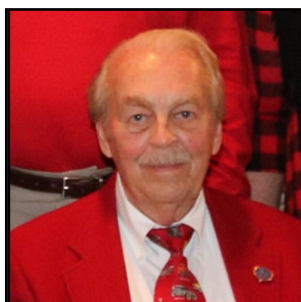
In closing, I would like to encourage everyone to keep sending in your car stories to our Antiquer editors, Dave and Beryl Hermanson. I have enjoyed reading the stories and seeing the old car pictures from the past. Also, if you are a veteran, please share with Dave the branch of the military in which you served and when.

Matt Sartin



## News From National

From Tom Howard, National Affairs Liaison



It will not be long before Spring will be here and we are thankful for that. It is time to get those old vehicles ready for another great year of ETR and AACA touring and showing.

In early February, AACA kicked off the year with a very successful membership convention in Charlotte, North Carolina. Several of our ETR members, including Dave & Beryl Hermanson, Rick Lay, RG & Sherry Lewallen and myself, were in attendance and we had a great time. Details and pictures concerning this event from a report in this issue.

Now you can begin your year of attending AACA Nationals by returning to Charlotte in early April. As in past years, the event will again be held at the NASCAR Super Speedway. However we have been advised that excellent changes are in store. While the vehicle judging and show will still be on the great asphalt field, the meetings will be in track buildings instead of the tent. In addition, the flea market will be significantly expanded reminiscent of the old days. This would be a great time for those ETR members who have not attended an AACA meet recently to do so. In addition, it is conveniently located close to home.

Beyond Charlotte, we will have a fantastic opportunity in 2025 to attend AACA Nationals in Arizona, West Virginia, Indiana, Ohio, Texas and Pennsylvania. There will also be the Vintage Tour in Pennsylvania in June for vehicles through 1931. The Revival AAA Glidden Tour will be in Kentucky this year hosted by the VMCCA. For destination cities and dates for these events, refer to the calendar in the *Antique Automobile* or the ETR *Antiquer* publications.

A reminder: To receive registration forms and additional details about any AACA Nationals, just cut out the Activity Request Card from your address page insert in any *Antique Automobile* issue, mark the events needed and mail to AACA headquarters as instructed.

It will be another fun year for the ETR and AACA members. I will look forward to seeing you soon at club activities.

**Stay up to date with the  
ETR Website  
[etr-aaca.com](http://etr-aaca.com)**



## Upcoming Events

### By Sandra Quillin, Events Coordinator



ETR members met at TN Bank on January 19 to plan the activities and tours for 2025. We first had a BBQ meal and then got to work on building our 2025 calendar.

We held our February event at Knox County Association of Baptists on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Cabin Fever Therapy was a lot of fun as we enjoyed the collections and hobbies of our fellow members. For lunch, we enjoyed

soups, sandwiches, chips, dips, salads and fruits, and of course, great desserts! Our members are great cooks.

On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Matt and Gayla Sartin will host a Murder Mystery Dinner for members. Details will be sent to members by March 1.

April is not scheduled as of this time. We have two options being considered and should be making a decision soon. Details will be forthcoming.

On May 10, members will have an opportunity to visit Wayne LeQuire's Garage to enjoy lunch and Wayne's many automobiles, airplanes, and other "toys". Specifics will be sent to members before May 1.

In June, members have two options for club activities. On June 14, Matt Sartin will host the event at the First Baptist Church of Lenoir City's Cruise-In with no admission, free lunch and door prizes. Also on June 14, Ben Curtis will host the tour to Newport for the Moonshine Rod Run. Details will be sent for both activities before June 1.

Autos Through the Ages will be the July event, held at the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

In August, Roger and Jan Frazee will host a tour to Clinton to visit antique shops and then lead the group to Melton Hill Lake for the annual Cars and Canines event. The date and tour details will be sent at a later time.

On September 27, Tom Howard and Charlie Simpson will host a train ride from Etowah to Fanner. Members will have lunch in Etowah, prior to the train ride. The details will be sent at a later date.

In October, we will have another opportunity to experience the tour to Cumberland Gap, the Pinnacle, and Middlesboro, Ky. From the Pinnacle, the views of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Virginia are breathtaking. The date has not been set. Hosts of this tour are Keith and Coy Pierce and Paul Darling.

Also, in October, Janice Williams has offered her Riverview Family Farm in Farragut for scheduling a fall picnic. The date and details will be announced at a later time.

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## Spreading a Little Sunshine

### By Sandra Quillin, Sunshine Correspondent

ETR AACA members are keeping close to home with all the flu and pneumonia on the rage. For those of us who have avoided these health issues, we should feel very lucky!

Good news for member Charles Alexander who spent 43 days in the hospital and rehab center recuperating from pancreatitis and pneumonia. Charlie has been home for a couple of weeks and he and Margie are so excited to be staying in and enjoying being home. I have sent Charlie a card but he would welcome your cards and even calls.

Also, David Anderson has mended from his fall before the holidays and David too is happy to finally be home after a lengthy stay at the hospital and rehab center.

Bob Carter has been recuperating from knee replacement and wife Sharon has had a short stay in the hospital fighting pneumonia. I have sent cards to the Carters on behalf of ETR.

ETR member Jack Smith has been ill from a nasty bug but is finally feeling much better. I have sent Jack a card on behalf of ETR.

Thankfully, all these members are on the road to recovery and hopefully will be "back on the road again" soon! Please don't forget to give members who are "house bound" a phone call. It is so much better than a card!



## Editor's Corner

By Dave & Beryl Hermanson, Editors

## ETR Membership Meeting Minutes, 1/19/2025



The 2025 AACA Annual Convention is now history and we thoroughly enjoyed our first experience at one of these events. The seminars that we attended were very informative and we were amazed at the wide variety of topics covered. The Trade Show was another frequently visited venue meeting with representatives of other regions along with the folks from AACA and the AACA Library and Research Center.

During our time there we met up with several couples who had participated in our Southeastern Tour in May 2023. Everyone of these folks were very complimentary on the tour and ETR personnel who were hosts telling us that this was the best tour that they have ever participated in.

During the Trade Show, we had the opportunity to spend some time with Jen Wolfe, AACA Library Director, and gained additional insight on the scope and function of this world class library. While I was aware of the overall scope of their collections, the additional insight to the collection was in a word "mind boggling" to say the least. Jen also pointed out that AACA Members receive 2 hours of free research each year ... are you using your free hours? Those of you who have never had the opportunity to visit the Library, along with AACA Headquarters, please plan on doing this when you are in the Hershey area. You will be amazed!

During the Regions and Chapters Evening Dinner, hosted by the Hornets Nest Region, we were privileged to receive, on behalf of the ETR, the AACA 2024 Award of Merit for Regional Websites and the AACA 2024 Award of Master Editor for Regional Publications.

Looking back on our visit with Jen Wolfe one particular theme really stood out ... historical preservation. Dave is a longtime proponent of preservation and this has only increased as the years progress. As he discovered when writing his book on the Economy Runs, preservation in the 1930's, 1940's and early 1950's was not considered important and files, photographs, etc. were usually tossed. In some instances, individuals rescued these items before they were destroyed but in many cases not. Before additional items become lost to history, it is hoped that ETR members have made provisions for future generations to preserve not only our vehicles, including all paperwork and display items relating to these, but our other varied collections as well.

Please give this some serious thought.

**Call to Order:** The President, Matt Sartin, called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm. 30 members of the ETR were present which included 10 members of the 2025 Officers and Board

The meeting was called for a membership vote on the change to the Bylaws, Article VI, Section 1. The Bylaws change had been approved by the Board and presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting in November 2024.

**ARTICLE VI – ELECTIONS, Section 1. A Nominating Committee shall be elected by the membership in September of each year. The Secretary shall mail ballots to each member (by U.S. mail or email as the member prefers) who will select five (5) members in good standing. The ballots shall be returned to the Secretary and shall be counted by the President, Vice President and Secretary. The three (3) members with the highest number of votes shall make up the Committee with two (2) members as alternates.**

**Proposed Change:**

**Section 1. Last sentence**

**Existing: The three (3) members with the highest number of votes shall make up the Committee with two (2) members as alternates.**

**Change: The five (5) members with the highest number of votes shall make up the Committee. (with two (2) members as alternates) deleted**

The change passed with none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 pm.





## ETR AACA Annual Planning Meeting

January 19, 2025

By *Sandra Quillin* ETR members met on January 19<sup>th</sup> to set the calendar of events for the 2025 year. After a barbecue lunch, members looked through ideas generated from the November business meeting and from other members at the meeting. Once the members decided which tours and activities they wanted to schedule for 2025, they looked at conflicts with calendar dates to choose the best date for the activities chosen.

The 2025 calendar has garage tours, car shows, a train ride, a picnic, a party, a visit to antique stores, an afternoon of sharing collections and hobbies, an afternoon of mystery ... all while enjoying beautiful drives to different areas in East Tennessee.

The 2025 calendar has a lot to offer to all ETR AACA members. We hope to have a large group of participants for each tour and event. Please plan to attend as many of these tours and events as possible! For additional details, please see our Upcoming Events column

Here's what's on the calendar ...

**February 1: Cabin Fever Therapy** hosted by Robert and Sandra Quillin

**March 22: Murder Mystery Afternoon** hosted by Matt and Gayla Sartin

**April:** Event details still being finalized.

**May 10: Garage Tour and Lunch** hosted by Wayne Lequire

**June 14: First Baptist Church of Lenoir City's Car Cruiser-In** hosted by Matt Sartin

**June 14: Moonshine Rod Run at Newport City Park** with hosts to be determined

**July 19: Autos Through the Ages at Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center in Townsend**

**August: Tour and visits to Antique Stores in Clinton** hosted by Roger and Jan Frazee. Date and times to be determined.

**September 27: Train Ride Tour out of Etowah** hosted by Tom Howard and Charlie Simpson. Time to be determined.

**October: Cruise to Cumberland Gap** with RG Lewellan working with other members to schedule. This will be like our well attended Fall Foliage Tour we did in 2023

**October: Picnic at Riverview Family Farm** hosted by Janice Williams. Date to be determined.

**November 16: Annual Business Meeting**

**December: Annual Christmas Party.** Date and location to be determined.

Another activity, in addition to our regular activity and tour schedule, the **Top Wrench Competition** scheduled for April 3rd at Crown College in Powell.

During our January 19th Planning Meeting, one of our members brought up a new idea that another of his car clubs began last year. They have breakfast together once per month for those members who would like to meet up for a fun get together. Some of our members thought why not give it a shot for another chance to get together, no strings or heavy planning for anyone. The monthly breakfast will be scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of each month as follows:

**February 13:** hosted by Tony and Jan Gardner

**March 13:** hosted by Robert and Sandra Quillin

**April 10:** hosted by Vic and Linda Varady

**May 8:** hosted by Jerry and Teresa Mauch

**June 12:** hosted by Tim and Sherry Shea

**July 10:** hosted by Janice Williams

**August 14:** hosted by Joel and Susan Weeks

**September 11:** hosted by Ken and Jean Lund

**October 9:** hosts to be determined

**November 13:** hosts to be determined

**December 11:** hosts to be determined

These events will usually be between 9 and 10:30 am with each member responsible for their meal tab.

Watch for an announcement each month as to the location and to whom members are to reply, indicating that they wish to attend the breakfast. This will ensure that the restaurant will have an adequate staff and seating available.

***Another excellent reason to get our collector cars out on the road especially when the weather is cooperating!***



# Roger and Jan Frazee's 1963 Corvair Monza Spyder

By R. G. Lewallen Roger & Jan Frazee recently completed the restoration of their 1963 Corvair Monza Spyder. This restoration has been quite a journey. Since completing the restoration, they have shown the Corvair at the Corvair National Convention in Dayton, OH where they achieved the Gold Award. After obtaining the Gold Award they showed the Corvair at the AACA Eastern Fall National Meet at Hampton, Virginia and obtained the First Junior award. The car received it's Senior Award in October at the AACA Nationals in Huntsville Alabama. I recently caught up with Roger and asked him a few questions about the car, the restoration and his love and passion for the Corvairs.

## When did your love & passion for the Corvair begin?

Growing up I did not like the Corvair at all. The Camaro was my favorite car during my youth. Later, when I became involved in the antique car hobby I was more into Volkswagens.

One day I came across a Corvair for sale at a good price, so I bought it with the plans to flip it. This car actually broke down on me on the way home, so I had to repair the car in order to resell it.

It was during this repair that I really changed my opinion of the Corvairs. The project helped me appreciate the engineering that went into the America's only rear engine, air-cooled car. That's when I learned that the engine was well-designed and working on it was straight forward. It is basically a VW Beetle engine with two additional cylinders.



This is how the Corvair looked the day the Frazee's brought it home

## Since becoming a fan of the Corvairs, has the turbo charged Corvair always been your dream car?

The turbo Corvair was not really on my radar, but this car became available and with it being a turbo, convertible, and a local car and having a very good solid body made the car more attractive to Jan & me, so we made the purchase.

## When did you all purchase the Corvair?

We purchased the car in March of 2018 from a fellow member of the Knoxville Area Corvair Club. He had begun disassembling the car with hopes of restoring it.

## What was the largest hurdle to overcome during the restoration project?

Detailing the chassis and rebuilding the front and rear suspensions were challenges, as I had not done that type of work before.



Tim McMurray and Kenny Widner install the convertible top trim.

## What advice or encouragement would you offer to anyone considering a full restoration project as you have done on this Corvair?

Don't get discouraged. Many people that start an automobile restoration and never complete the project. There are many highs and lows you will experience along the way. My advice would be once you start just hang with the project with an end-goal in mind. The rewards will outweigh the challenges.

For me, the highlight of the project was when I turned the key, and the engine came to life. I was so excited, I drove the car through my subdivision, with no doors, no hood, and no trunk lid. It was at that point that I felt like I was going to succeed with the restoration.



## Roger and Jan Frazee's 1963 Corvair Monza Spyder



The installed interior features seats covered by fellow ETR Member Charles Alexander

### Interesting facts that Roger shared with me about the history of the Corvair;

My 1963 Corvair Spyder was assembled at the GM factory in Willow Run, Michigan.

The Corvair Spyder was manufactured from 1962 – 1964. It is a turbo-charged version of the Monza. It's 146 cubic inches engine rated at 150 horsepower.

7,472 Spyder convertibles were made in 1963. My Spyder was produced the third week of February 1963 and sold new to a Knoxville resident by Beaty Chevrolet on Broadway. Jack West (no relation to Steve) was the salesman.

The car was later sold to the second owner in the early nineties. The second owner painted the car with spray cans and then neglected it, allowing the top to rot the interior to become moldy.

The third owner, Matt Zuvan is a mechanic and has owned several Corvairs. When he was preparing to move out of state, he needed to get rid of the Spyder and a '65 Evening Orchid Corsa.

I purchased the partially disassembled Spyder, which had 42,000 actual miles on the odometer. A fellow member of the Knoxville Area Corvair Club purchased the Corsa. Both cars have now been restored.

After making the deal to purchase the car, R. G. Lewallen and I took a trailer to Norris to pick up the Spyder. Many of the parts were in boxes.

Once I began the restoration, I discovered that the boxes actually contained parts from three different cars. I had most of the parts that were taken off of my '63 Spyder, lots of parts for a '64 car and a few odd parts that were thrown in for good measure.

ETR members Jan Frazee, R.G. Lewallen, and Kenny Widener

all had a hand in the restoration project.

ETR Member Charles Alexander reupholstered the seats and installed the convertible top.

ETR member Daniel Paransky cleaned and painted the engine shrouds and the engine compartment sheet metal. He also restored the rocker panel trim.

Tim McMurray did the paint and body work. This work started in 2023 and was completed in June 2024.

The Corvair Ranch in Gettysburg, PA rebuilt the transmission and the differential. I partially disassembled the engine and replaced all worn, broken, or missing parts. I sent the carburetor and turbo charger to Golden Colorado for rebuilding.



The Frazee's Spyder at the 2024 AACA Fall Nationals in Hampton VA.

Tennessee Metalizing cleaned and powder-coated the suspension parts and the wheels. Classic Auto Glass replaced the windshield.

Jan and I are looking forward to getting the car out and driving it more, once we have completed the show circuit. But first, we'll be competing at the Grand National Meet in Dayton Ohio next July.

We are looking forward to watching Jan & Roger achieve as many awards as possible within the AACA & the Corvair (CORSA) clubs!





# 41st Annual Cabin Fever Car & Motorcycle Show

*By R.G. Lewallen* The Cabin Fever Car Show was a great event in spite of the bad weather. With the show being held inside it is a great way to get out and be with other antique vehicle enthusiast even when it is snowing. During this event the East Tennessee Region sponsored a booth as in past years.



**A general view of the show. Most of the models were either modified into Hot Rods or Customized**

This year we had 20 ETR members help us in manning our booth as we were able to add 5 new members to our region during this event. More importantly we had some great fellowship visiting with fellow members and looking at some beautiful vehicles. There were some vehicles and people that could not get out, but we still had about 160 vehicles displayed this year. The ETR had 19 of their vehicles registered for this event but because of the weather 17 vehicles actually made it to the event. We had 14 of our members vehicle win an award this year so the ETR & the ETR vehicles were well represented at this event. I want to thank everyone that came out and helped us with our display booth. Without everyone helping out we could not support this event.



**Gene Cable's 1979 Ford Ranchero**

# ETR Members Tour Melton Hill Dam

*By Sandra Quillin* Seventeen ETR members toured TVA's Melton Hill Dam on January 29, 2025. Robert Quillin had scheduled the tour for September 2024, but TVA **has instituted a vetting process for visitors so it took a few weeks** to prepare for and schedule the tour.

Members met at the Melton Hill Dam site at 9:45 a.m. and were greeted by Eric Hamby, the manager of Melton Hill Dam. He gave us a 10-minute description of the site and a brief history of the dam and its location. Melton Hill is the only dam in the TVA system which is located on a tributary. Melton Hill has three spillways for moving water from one side of the dam to the other.

When we entered the dam, we were given hard hats and safety glasses to wear on the tour. Many of our members commented on the neatness and cleanliness of every area in which we toured. The dam gave us the impression of being new, even though the dam was built in the early 60's. Eric Hamby and his electrical supervisor answered many questions from our members, particularly from the three engineers in our group.



**All set up in our Safety Gear, ETR members are ready for the tour of Melton Hill Dam**

We were allowed to watch the turbines at work and the control room was very fascinating. Safety was definitely an issue and we saw evidence of the postings for safety as well as the equipment used for safety. The tour took approximately 90 minutes and participants were very complimentary of the willingness of the staff to answer questions and "to explain how things worked."

A few of the members made a trip to Cracker Barrel to have brunch after this exciting and informative tour.





# 41st Annual Cabin Fever Car Show



Jim McManus' 1957 Ford Fairlane 500 Skyliner



Jim and Tammu Cox's 1968 Pontiac GTO



Scott Hills; 1964 Chevrolet C-10



Scott's ready to go camp



Bill Crisp's 1967 Oldsmobile Cutlass 4-4-2



Jim Thomas' 1965 Ford Mustang GT350-H



# Cabin Fever Therapy Event

By Sandra Quillin and Dave Hermanson On February 1, 2025, 36 members gathered at the Knox County Baptist Association for our annual Cabin Therapy Event. In addition to our usual terrific selection of food and deserts, the following members participated showing their varied collecting interests:

**Tim Abramson** — Lights for cars in the early 1900’s

**Bob Bly**—Wristwatch Collection

**Dewey Cruet**—Photos of cars from tours and tour plaques

**Tony Gardner**— Lionel Train Collection

**Beryl Hermanson**—Cross Stitching and Quilting



**Dave Hermanson’s Chevrolet Promotional Car Collection covering the years 1951 through 1954**

**Dave Hermanson**—Chevrolet Dealer Promotional Cars

**Tom Howard**—Scrapbooks, AACA Prints and Model Cars

**Bill Jurkonie**—Train Collection

**George Palmer**—Confederate Money Collection

**Sandra Quillin**— Handmade Christmas Crafts and Ornaments

**Rick Rawe**—1933 Radio

**Loretta Rollins**—Sewing materials from the 1800’s

**Tracy Rollins**—Hand tools and firearms from the 1800’s

**Matt Sartin**—Car Photo Collection

**THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS YEAR’S CABIN FEVER THERAPY EVENT**



**A portion of Tony Gardner’s Lionel Train Collection**



**Sandra Quillins display of Handmade Christmas Crafts and Ornaments**



# AACA Annual Convention in Pictures



Trade Show—AACA Booth on the left



AACA Library and Research Center Booth



Meet Jen Wolfe and Amoi Goldman from the AACA Library



Representatives from AACA Maine Region



Award of Master Editor for Regional Publications



Award of Merit for Regional Websites



## 33rd Annual Top Wrench Competition Cancelled

*By Roger Frazee* The 33rd annual Top Wrench Competition was suddenly cancelled this month, when Crown College withdrew the use of their facility as the venue for the event.

The East Tennessee Region is traditionally a sponsor of Top Wrench and received board approval to renew its sponsorship for the 2025 event.

In a statement posted on the Top Wrench Website, officials of the event said:

*It is with heavy hearts that we announce the cancellation of this year's 2025 Top Wrench Competition. We recently learned that Crown College would not be hosting our event this year. Due to the short notice and difficulties in scheduling, we have been unable to secure an alternative venue. We are thankful to our many community partners who helped us in our search for a new location, though we were not able to find one that would meet our requirements for size, accessibility and safety.*

*We apologize for the disappointment this decision causes everyone involved, most of all our students. We recognize the planning and preparation that has already gone into this event by our students and teachers and are sad for the inconvenience of having to cancel plans that have already been set in motion.*

*We are already building relationships with new partners and look forward to planning our biggest and best competition ever for 2026.*

Top Wrench, which began in 1992, is a program that brings students from approximately 30 area high schools together for a day-long competition that showcases students' automotive technology skills. Students compete in events that include welding, painting, engine troubleshooting, and pit crew speed contests.

For the first several years the event was held at the Air Force base, located at McGhee Tyson Airport. Eventually, increasing security measures at the base made it impractical to bring 600 students, faculty, and spectators onto the site.

As a result, Top Wrench was moved to Crown College, where it was held in a large assembly hall as well as the adjacent college's automotive training center. In recent years the event grew to include outdoor displays, including a mobile welding lab, military vehicle displays, and law enforcement vehicle displays.

## Welcome Aboard - New Members Who Recently Joined

**Charles and Paulette Anderson** from Knoxville – 1993 & 1994 Chevrolet C-10

**Billy and Rhonda Cable** from Maryville – 1975 Corvette  
Billy is the son of members Gene and Joann Cable

**Johnny Craig** from Powell – 1968 Plymouth Road Runner

**Gary and Renee Fields** from Louisville

**John and Sheri Lacko** from Loudon – 1969 Mustang Mach I

**David Maples** from Friendsville – 1956 Ford

**Michael Rochford** from Oak Ridge – 1933 Buick

**Angela Shelton** from Morristown – 1957 Studebaker Pickup

**Marty and Carolyn Tate** from Cleveland – 1969 and 1970 Pontiac GTOs



**Angela Shelton with her 1957 Studebaker Pickup  
And Cabin Fever Award**



# East Tennessee Region AACA Board Meeting Minutes January 14, 2025

## OFFICERS

President: Matt Sartin, Present  
 Vice President: Tony Gardner, Present  
 Secretary: Susan Baker, Present  
 Treasurer: Charlie Simpson, Excused Absence  
 Past President: Bob Witt, Present  
 Newsletter Editors: Dave Hermanson, Present; Beryl Hermanson  
 Excused Absence  
 Webmaster: Roger Frazee, Present

Events Coordinator/Sunshine Rep: Sandra Quillin, Present

## BOARD

Director: Jerry Mauch, Present  
 Director: Robert Quillin, Present  
 Director: Tim Seay, Present  
 Director: Sylvia Witt, Present

## GUESTS

Tom Howard, National Affairs Liaison

**Call to Order:** The President, Matt Sartin, called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

Sympathy card sent to: JW & Pat Weeks (for daughter Kara) 11/25/24

**Roll Call:** Secretary, Susan Baker, made roll call and members present are noted above.

**Approval of minutes:** The minutes of previous meeting were presented. Tony Gardner moved to approve minutes; Dave Hermanson seconded. The minutes were approved with none opposed.

**Finance Report:** Treasurer, Charlie Simpson, had previously emailed the Financial Report for 10-31-24 through 12-31-24 to the Board. Matt said he will meet with Charlie to review the financials for his information. Tim Seay moved to accept the financial report; Roger Frazee seconded. The report was approved with none opposed.

**Additional Discussion:** The Board discussed whether to continue buying name tags for all new members at a cost of \$10 each, plus \$5 if they are mailed to them. Many new members have not picked up their name tags or come to any events. Other clubs have the members pay for their name tags. Matt requested that this discussion be tabled until the March Board meeting; Tim moved to table discussion; Dave seconded. The motion passed with none opposed.

Tom Howard said he would meet with Charlie to review the roster to identify if people given memberships continue to stay in the club and pay their own membership.

**Sunshine Report:** Sandra Quillin provided the Sunshine report.

Get Well cards sent to following:

David Anderson	11/24/24
Bill Crisp	12/5/24
Brenda Crisp	12/5/24
Mary Lee Bohanan	12/5/24
Robert (Bo) Croley	12/7/24
Charles Alexander	1/14/25

**National Affairs Liaison:** Tom Howard reported that the AACA National Convention will be the February 6 through 8 in Charlotte, NC. About 8 people from ETR will attend.

Tom reviewed some of the many AACA National events and activities. He highlighted the *Antique Automobile Magazine*; car shows that include the Driver Participation Class that members with antique cars that are not necessarily "show" car could enter; and the Judging Program. Tom will include special articles about these type activities in our *Smoky Mountain Antiquer* newsletter. Tom also handed out copies of the new ETR-AACA color brochure.

**Event Coordinator Report:** Sandra reported on the following events.

**Christmas Party:** 94 people attended the Christmas party (more paid), and everyone enjoyed the party. Pictures are on the website

**Planning meeting** is Sunday, Jan 19, 2:00 pm at TN Bank in Maryville. Important to have good attendance and participation so that we create a full schedule of activities. Sandra expressed concern that some activities require money for members to participate, such as Moonshine Rod Run. Board discussed clarifying at the planning meeting which events have a cost to participate, such as attending a show, buy lunch, etc; and to have a mix of events that are free to attend and those that may have a cost. Having events with other AACA regional clubs was suggested.

**Antiquer Report:** Dave reported that the first issue (with new editors) is out! He wants more involvement and acknowledgment of members. He plans a "Welcome Aboard" column listing new members. He will request stories from members on why and how they acquired their cars and why they joined AACA.

**Webmaster Report:** Roger reported that the website is thriving with 134 hits last week. New pictures on various events including the Christmas Party are posted. Roger would like any suggestions

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on what to included.

**Cabin Fever Car Show:** Roger reported that the show was huge success with a large number of nice cars displayed, including 17 cars from ETR members. Many members volunteered at our information booth. Six new members signed up, and he met people from other AACA Regions.

**Top Wrench Competition:** The event will be April 3 at Crown College. Last year ETR helped sponsor with a \$1000 donation at Silver level. The event is an opportunity to meet young people interested in cars and the automotive technology profession. ETR had several cars on display last year that attracted a lot of interest. Roger made a motion that ETR continue with a \$1000 donation at the Silver level this year; Jerry Mauch seconded. After discussion about the club finances the motion was withdrawn. Roger moved to continue support of Top Wrench Competition (people and car displays) with amount of donation to be determined later; Dave seconded. The motion passed with one vote opposed.

General Board Discussion on the finances and how the club plans spending. Tony made a motion to develop a budget for 2025, with the President to appoint an ad hoc committee and schedule for submittal of a budget. Sandra seconded the motion; it passed with none opposed. Matt appointed Tony Gardner chair of the ad hoc Budget Committee with Charlie Simpson, Bob Witt, Tim Seay, Tom Howard, and Susan Baker as committee members.

**Old Business:**

**Bylaw change** concerning the nominating committee was passed by the Board previously, and the change was reviewed and discussed at the November 2024 Annual meeting. We will have a general membership vote on the Bylaw change at the start of the January 19 planning meeting.

**New Business**

**Auto through the Ages:** Tim Seay, Sandra Quillin, and Robert Quillin met with Francis Graffeo, the new Director of the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center (GSMHC) in Townsend. The new Director is still supportive of Auto Through Ages car show, which is held at the Center in July. After their meeting the Director sent a Draft Contract Agreement that defines responsibilities for ETR-AACA and for GSMHC. Sandra lead the Board through the draft contract, which she had already marked up for changes. Additional changes were made concerning the ETR-AACA Certificate of Insurance, and to change the termination and cancellation option to 90 days notice from 30 days notice. Bob Witt moved to accept the contract as marked up

with changes discussed; Tony seconded. The motion passed with none opposed.

The GSMHC Director asked if ETR would share a flyer promoting the Heritage Center, and they would reciprocate sharing information about ETR-AACA. Board discussed incorporating this information in the May-June and July-August issues of the *Smoky Mountain Antiquer*.

**Other events:** Robert Quillin mentioned a possible Garage tour, with possible dates May 10, 17, or 24 . The Melton Hill Dam tour is January 28. He is also working on a possible tour of the Smith & Wesson Facility. That would have a limit of 30 people per tour, would be a weekday morning with names submitted ahead of time. May request 2 tours depending on interest.

**Board Meeting Schedule**

The next Board meeting is March 11, 2025

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Baker  
ETR Secretary

**A Reminder ...**  
**Your 2025 Dues are Due. If**  
**you have not yet renewed,**  
**Please send your check for**  
**\$25 to Treasurer Charlie**  
**Simpson**  
**today!**

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**Daniel Paransky in his shop with a customer's Volkswagen Beetle Convertible**