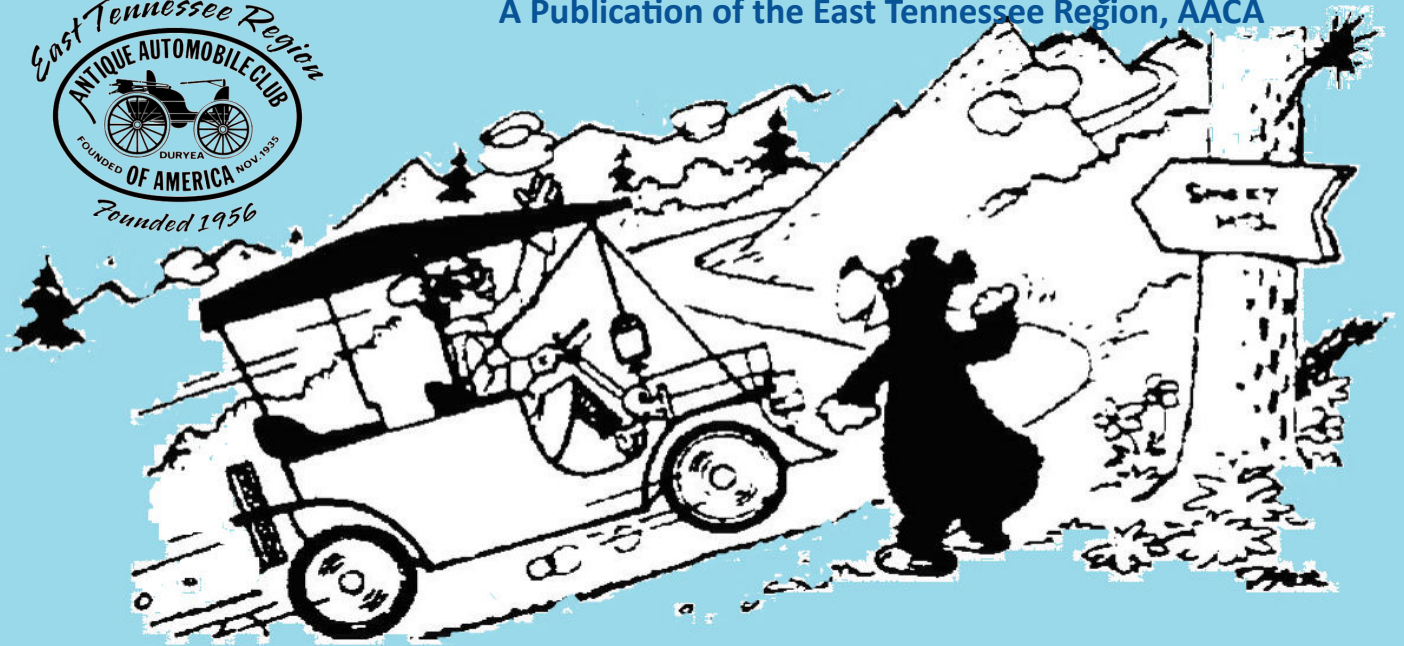


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Local and National Events

ETR Calendar of Events

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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.

August 2: Driving tour. Route to be determined. Roger & Jan Frazee.

August 14: ETR Monthly Breakfast, Hosts, Joel and Susan Weeks.

September 11: ETR Monthly Breakfast, Hosts Ken and Jean Lund.

October 9: ETR Monthly Breakfast, Hosts to be determined.

October TBD: *Cruise to Cumberland Gap* - RG and Sherry Lewallen.

October TBD: *Picnic at Riverview Family Farm* – Janice Williams

Upcoming Events from Other Organizations

May 10: Springtime in the Smokies (European cars) Tally Ho Inn, Townsend, TN

May 15-17: Grand National F-100 Reunion, LeConte Center, Pigeon Forge, TN

June 5-7: Pontiacs in Pigeon Forge, LeConte Center, Pigeon Forge, TN

AACA National Events

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

August 12-15, 2025: Eastern Divisional Tour—Aroostook County, ME

October 7-10, 2025: Eastern Fall Meet – Hershey, PA



The President's Corner

From Our President Matt Sartin



Happy Spring to all of our ETR AACA family members. It is hard to believe that we have pressed the clutch and shifted the year into 2nd Gear.

So far this year we have already had some great activities with around 100 members in attendance at these events. Unfortunately Gayle and I were not able to attend the last tour hosted by Roger and Jan Frazee, however I heard it was a great tour although the cold temperatures caused a change of plans for lunch after the visit to Beverly Park Place Health and Rehabilitation Center. Thanks to Roger and Jan for hosting.

Our Murder Mystery Dinner was a blast and thanks to everyone for doing a great job. As always, we had some great food and fellowship.

Our monthly breakfast outings have been a huge success and I am happy that those who can attend are coming out and joining in the food and fellowship.

This month our tour will be at Wayne LeQuire's farm in Maryville. He has a great collection of cars and antiques and I encourage everyone to come out on May 10th to Wayne's farm.

Congratulations to Rick Lay for being appointed to a National Directors position. Rick is a great man and will do a great job.

I would like to encourage everyone to keep sending your car stories. Also, if you are a veteran please send in your Service Branch, Service Dates and if possible a picture for a special Veteran's Section in the November-December issue.

In closing, I want to send a special greeting to all of our ETR AACA mothers ... HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

AUTOS THROUGH THE AGES IS COMING TO THE SMOKY MOUNTAIN HERITAGE CENTER ON SATURDAY, JULY 19th

WE'LL SEE YOU THERE!



News From National

From Tom Howard, National Affairs Liaison



Spring has sprung and with it a great year of activities for ETR and AACA has begun. It is exciting to see so members attending and enjoying meets and tours in both organizations.

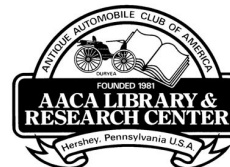
As reviewed in my last article, the Charlotte Nationals was going to be upgraded this year. We were

certainly not disappointed. The weather was outstanding. Along with the always great vehicle display, the flea market and car corral were both expanded which was certainly well received by vendors and patrons. In addition, an exciting feature this year was that several events including the judges breakfast and the awards banquet were held in a fantastic room on the fifth floor of the Speedway Club Tower surrounded by huge windows overlooking the entire racetrack and event grounds. Thanks Charlotte for hosting a great event!

Now the Dual In The Dessert - a Nationals and a Grand Nationals combined in Tucson, Arizona which will be in the history books by the time you read this. Then on to more Nationals in Beckley, West Virginia, Auburn, Indiana, Hershey, Pennsylvania and Galveston, Texas with a Grand Nationals in Dayton, Ohio. For the touring enthusiasts we have the Vintage Tour in Pennsylvania, Divisional tours in northern Maine and San Antonio, Texas and the Glidden Tour in Owensboro, Kentucky. A special year of AACA events for sure! On a sad note, we recently lost another AACA Past President Lloyd Riggs (1993). Originally from Pennsylvania, Lloyd lived many years in California and served our club with dignity. He was a great mentor to me as I moved along my journey in AACA.

On a brighter note, we congratulate our long time ETR member Rick Lay who was recently appointed to serve on the AACA Board of Directors. This honor is well earned and deserved based on his many years of participation in the club especially in the judging arena. ETR is proud to have two members currently serving on this board along with others who have served in different ways through the years including four National Past Presidents.

That is all for now. Looking forward to seeing you soon.





Upcoming Events

By Sandra Quillin, Events Coordinator



On March 22nd, Matt and Gayla Sartin hosted a Murder Mystery Dinner for members. What a fun afternoon for those 40 in attendance. Members brought covered dishes and we enjoyed a great meal, great fellowship and great acting by 22 members who decked out in their creatively designed costumes.

On April 12, Roger and Jan Frazee hosted the 'Spring at Last' Tour. Participants met at Beverly Park Place Rehab to display our antique cars and present Easter eggs to the residents. From Beverly Park Place, we took a fabulous 40-mile drive through backroads enjoying the beautiful spring blooms and scenic areas in Knox, Anderson, and Campbell Counties as we drove to lunch at Cove Lake State Park.

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 19th.

On August 2nd, Roger and Jan Frazee will host a tour to Clinton to visit antique shops. The date and tour details will be sent at a later time.

On September 19, 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.

December 19 is Christmas party time at Rothchilds! Details will be announced later.

Spreading a Little Sunshine

By Sandra Quillin, Sunshine Correspondent

Well, except for the springtime allergies, don't we love these warmer, sunnier days! Great weather for taking our antique cars for a drive!

On behalf of ETR AACA, I just sent Sharon Carter a get-well card for her short stay in the hospital with another fight with pneumonia. She is back home and hopefully finished with this battle!

On April 12, our club members visited with several residents at Beverly Park Place in North Knoxville. Many members drove their antique cars which were admired by the residents on the cool spring morning.

While at Beverly Park Place, ETR presented 196 Easter eggs with Hershey kisses to Sharon Smith, Activities Director. During the holiday, these eggs will be placed on the food trays of each resident.

If you know of an ETR member who needs a card or call, please contact Sandra Quillin at quillin1@bellsouth.net or 865-591-9456.





Editor's Corner

By Dave & Beryl Hermanson, Editors



Our first cars ...

Through Dave's High School and Junior College days he relied on the family cars, either a 1963 Plymouth Belvedere or a 1965 Ford Mustang Coupe for transportation. After joining the Navy and transferring to shore duty at the Naval Training Center in San Diego he purchased his first car. Growing up in a basically Plymouth household the

first car of choice was a 1969 Plymouth Valiant. After checking out several dealers in the Los Angeles area, he found a nice Metallic Blue 2-Door Sedan with the Two-Hundred Trim Package (which added a little extra chrome on the side and nicer interior) at Coast Chrysler-Plymouth in Manhattan Beach, California. A Six-Cylinder with Automatic and Radio it was about as base as you could get.



After modifications done in 1970 ... a nice change



1969 Plymouth Valiant after taking delivery in March 1969

After the 1970 Valiant models were introduced, including the widely successful Duster Coupe, the new grille design looked much more pleasing than that offered on the 1969 models. With the help of a friend, we swapped out the grille, which required some modifications to enable it to fit properly, swapped out the tires for whitewalls and painted the rims black keeping the small "dog dish" hubcaps still keeping a stock look. He even swapped out the license plates for the new Yellow on Blue design that came out in late 1969.

However, new car fever came calling in late 1971 when the Valiant was traded in for a new Valiant Scamp Hardtop.

For Beryl, growing up in New York—the oldest of 5 girls—they always had a Station Wagon at home. When she went to college, majoring in Nursing at the University of Virginia, she was not allowed to have a car until her Senior Year when she had a semester of Home Health. In January, 1969, while home for semester break, she was going to a movie with a friend when they passed a Buick Dealer. Sitting in the showroom window was a Sun Yellow Opel Kadett Coupe which to her looked like a baby in an incubator. Remember, she was a nurse after all! The next day, she took her dad to see the car and since she was only 20 at the time, he helped with the negotiations and arranging for a loan. When she had to go back to school for the Second Semester the Opel stayed home. Once she was home for the summer it was all hers! She named her "YO" for Yellow Opel!



1969 Opel Kadett Coupe in the showroom in January 1969



The Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center Welcomes the Return of Autos Through the Ages

By Katrina Kursell, Social Media Coordinator On Saturday, July 19th, *Autos Through the Ages* will take place at the beautiful Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center.

The folks at the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center are honored and excited to once again host this annual event. "We are committed to work with our Antique Auto Club friends to produce the best show yet!" says Heritage Center CEO Francis Graffeo.

"In fact I'm proud to say I'm the newest member of the East Tennessee Region, Antique Automobile Club of America."

Situated on 13.5 rolling acres, the Heritage Center features captivating museum exhibits with hand-on activities for young and old, including live historic interpreters in authentic dress, during special events and field trips.

There are countless indoor and outdoor exhibits from firearms to forges and authentic 19th-Century buildings in a Historic Village and Farmstead.

The Center provides year-round educational programming for kids and families. The spacious 375-seat covered amphitheater features a wildly popular Summer Concert Series. Plus, festivals and special events draw thousands year after year. The Center's museum features a significant Native American Collection of artifacts as well.

It's roots date back to February, 1999, when University of Tennessee archaeologists unearthed millions of artifacts buried for centuries in Tuckaleechee Cove, known today as Townsend.

The Heritage Center was conceived and built in 2005 to preserve this history and house these artifacts.



An overview of a previous Autos Through the Ages

Photo Courtesy of The Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center



Reid and Anne Raithel's 1969 Camaro

By Reid Raithel In the fall of 1968, when I was 11 years old, my father and I set out on a mission to purchase a new car for my father to drive to and from work, replacing a 1961 Ford Falcon. We toured car dealerships along Van Nuys Blvd. in Southern California checking out the 1969 models that were just arriving on showroom floors. Van Nuys Blvd offered nearly every US manufactured vehicle along with a few imports that intrigued my father but with hesitancy when it came to an actual purchase. I recall visiting dealerships ranging from Ford to Chevrolet, Pontiac to Plymouth and Oldsmobile to Dodge. We even ventured to see Toyotas and Opel GTs.

As we narrowed the list the two that stood out were the Camaro and Toyota Corollas. The latter soon dropped from the list leaving the purchase to Pollard Ravenscroft Chevrolet who had just moved to a brand-new dealership just down the road from where my parents had purchased a 1964 aqua blue Impala SS 5 years prior for a cross-country trip to the New York World's Fair. Salesman, Mike Rabin, sat with my father and I to fill out the order form as our new Camaro would be specially ordered from the Van Nuys manufacturing facility a few miles to the north. Mr Rabin asked what model and I replied "Z28 or SS" but I was corrected by my father and the standard Camaro box was checked off. Next was the interior and exterior color selection. I quickly stated LeMans Blue, with blue being my favorite color and reminding me of "Dodger Blue". Again, I was overruled but given a choice of Cortez Silver with blue interior or Frost Green with light green interior. The latter was the same as the Falcon colors and I wanted something different and new so silver and blue it was. My desired 396 cu in engine was also overruled, as was the 4-speed manual transmission, for a 327 and 350 turbo hydro automatic transmission that was the same as in the Impala. My father was paying cash so remaining options were closely evaluated to fit our budget.

The wait time of 2 to 3 months seemed like an eternity. One day in mid-December the phone rang with news that our new car had arrived. We hurried to the dealership and exchanged vehicles. In anticipation, we had cleared a spot in our 2-car garage for the Camaro and I would spend time sitting in the driver's seat thinking someday I would start the engine of this awesome car.



With my father soon after we took delivery of the Camaro in
December 1968

For several years, my father drove the Camaro to and from our San Fernando Valley home to Downtown Los Angeles. I enjoyed our outings, together and as a family, riding in front and back seats to obtain groceries and several Dodger games. Once I was of age to receive my driving permit, I hopped in the Camaro to begin learning to drive. On my 16th birthday I took my driving test in this car to obtain my license. Freedom, although I had to continually ask to borrow the car.

18 months down the road my father passed away and the Camaro was now mine without conflict but not under good circumstances. A few modifications were installed including aluminum rims, Headman headers and glass packs to my mother's dismay! I would take my high school girlfriend out on dates although occasionally we would drive in her 66 Chevelle. We were even involved in my first accident in this car, t-boning the driver's side door of the other vehicle that was at fault. We were "thankful?" for the one witness that saw it all and told officer's that the offending car had "fallen from the sky"! Yes, he had smoked a bit of pot before witnessing the incident.

I drove the Camaro for the remainder of high school and 4 years of college. But, following graduation and with my career job start up, it was time to purchase a



Reid and Anne Raithel's 1969 Camaro

new car, a 1980 dark blue Camaro Z28. The 69 would now be parked and rarely driven for over 25 years until 2007. The Z28 was short lived and followed by several vehicles while the 69 remained stashed away under my ownership.



The start of the restoration in 2008

With the assistance of a neighbor, who happened to be a 69 Z-28 owner, factory original purist, and editor of Chevy High Performance magazine, Bob and I laid out a plan to bring the car back to life. Over the course of nearly 2 years, we restored it to what you see today. A childhood buddy of his, who owned a paint shop in Lancaster, California, meticulously painted the car over a 9 month stretch. Of course, my favorite color from December of 1968 was applied and resembling the desired Z-28. The tired 327 with 2-barrel Rochester carb has been exchanged for a 350 v8 Chevy crate engine with a 4-barrel Edelbrock carb. Otherwise, the car is essentially stock and original. In September of 2024, the car was transported from Southern California to Eastern Tennessee being the first time out of the state of California. Anne and I now enjoy frequent drives in the region of our Seymour home and look forward to adventures in 2025 and beyond.



On display at the 2024 Autos Through the Ages

SOME HISTORICAL FACTS ABOUT THE 1969 CAMARO

By Dave Hermanson For 1969, the Camaro received a new although minor design although retaining the same body that was introduced in 1967 as a totally new Camaro was slated for introduction in February 1969.

A wide variety of options were available including ten engine options ranging from the base 230 cubic inch Six and 327 cubic inch V8 all the way through the 396 cubic inch V8 which was part of the SS-396 package.

Total production reached 243,100 units with 230,799 being sold in the United States. In standard form, the six was listed at \$2621 with the V8 starting at \$2726. The option list was extensive. Production figures show that approximately 141,000 Coupes were sold. Reid's Camaro is one of these.

Several Option Packages were offered. The most popular was the Rally Sport Option which featured a distinctive black-out grille with concealer headlights. The most popular package, the Rally Sport accounted for 37,773 sales.

The SS package was primarily a performance option available as wither the SS-350 or SS-396 and accounted for 33,980 sales.

The Camaro with RS Trim and SS-350 power package was selected as Pace Car for the 1969 Indianapolis 500.



ETR's Monthly Breakfast Vienna Coffee House

By Sandra Quillin Twenty-nine ETR members had a relaxing and informative breakfast meeting in Maryville on March 13. ETR member Steve West, former Mayor of Maryville, owner of West Chevrolet on Alcoa Highway, sponsor of Autos Through the Ages...shared the history of Maryville and the car dealerships from the early 1900's to present day. Even those members who have lived most of their lives in Blount County had forgotten some of the earlier car dealerships. One attendee said, "We need to get Steve to lead us on a walking tour of Maryville!"

This was the first visit to Vienna Coffee House for several of our members. We were a bit crowded in the meeting room, but it was easier to meet as a group so that we could all socialize with just our club members. Several members left with at least one bag of coffee to brew at home or for a gift.

One of the benefits of the monthly breakfast is to get to try a new restaurant, not necessarily in your own community. The monthly hosts choose the eating establishment. During February we traveled to First Watch in Farragut, in March to Vienna Coffee House in Maryville, and in April we will meet at the Carmichael Inn in Loudon. We hope more members will join us as we venture to our next Monthly Breakfast.



Steve West relating the history of Mayville's Auto Dealers

Not the "Ordinary" ETR Tour or Activity

By Sandra Quillin For ETR AACAA's March activity/tour, Matt Sartin and his wife Gayla hosted a Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre on March 22nd. Members met at TN Bank in Maryville, brought covered dishes, dressed in costumes, and had a grand old time! The play was based on an Irish Pub. Twenty-two characters were played by our members and a couple of guests. Fourteen observers watched as the three acts of the play took place with a break for a delicious dinner of sandwiches, salads, chips, dips, and all the trimmings... especially delicious desserts! The meeting began at 4 p.m. and ended at 7 p.m. Many thanks go to the great actors and their terrific costumes, to the cooks who brought such great food, and to those who helped set up and clean up for this fun afternoon!

Thank you to Matt and Gayla Sartin for a hilarious time for all!



As always ... There's plenty of delicious dishes to enjoy!



Murder Mystery Dinner hosted by the Sartins



Everyone waiting for the fun to begin!



Matt and Gayla Sartin



Sherry Shea, Susan Baker and Linda Varady



Bob and Sylvia Witt with Tony Gardner



Debbie Hixon leading everyone in singing "Rocky Top"



Teresa Mauch and Mary Bellum in Character



East Tennessee Region Members Attend the Southeastern Spring Meet and Experience All that is “Charlotte”

Most folks call it “Charlotte” when they refer to the annual AACA Southeastern Spring National Meet which is hosted by the Hornets Nest Region. And if you missed “Charlotte” this past April, you missed a beautiful sunny weekend, packed with hundreds of classic cars and friendly people.



AACA President Dave Anspach presents the “Original” award to ETR member Ben Curtis for his 1985 Pontiac Trans Am.

The annual AACA meet in Charlotte is a part of the larger Charlotte Auto Fair, which is held at the massive Charlotte Motor Speedway. The Auto Fair consisted of a giant car corral where cars, offered for sale, were parked along the circumference of the two and one half mile racetrack. The track’s infield was transformed into a giant flea market where new and used car parts and automobilia were on display.

Among those who attended the three-day event were several members of the East Tennessee Region. Two cars belonging to ETR members were on the show field, as their owners competed for national awards. Ben Curtis debuted his 1985 Pontiac Trans Am and received an “Original” award, while Jan and Roger Frazee brought home a “Preservation” award for their 1963 Corvair Monza Spyder.

Also, some members of the East Tennessee Region served as judges during the meet. Tom Howard and Rick Lay were assigned to National Awards judging while R.G. Lewallen judged in Class 22 which consisted of trucks and commercial vehicles. Notably absent from the meet was Jordan Lay who was unable to judge at the meet due to obligations at work.

Other ETR members seen wandering the show field included Beverly and Robbie Gray, Sherry Lewallen, and Richard Lentiello.

This year’s Eastern Spring Nationals was a joint venture that included AACA vehicles as well as those owned by members of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America. Dozens of vintage



This 1911 Oldsmobile, complete with 43” wheels is one of the brass-era cars on display at the Southeastern Spring National

original and restored motorcycles were on display and several AMCA members took home awards for their bikes.

The event concluded with an awards presentation and buffet dinner that, this year, was held in the lobby of the Club Level of the speedway grandstands.



This vintage Indian Motorcycle was one of the many bikes belonging to members of the Antique Motorcycle Club of America

The Hornets Nest Region is to be commended for putting on another outstanding AACA Eastern Spring National Meet, known to most folks as “Charlotte.”



April “Spring at Last” Tour and Car Display Kicks off the East Tennessee Region’s Touring Season



ETR members and residents of the Beverly Park Place Health and Rehabilitation Center

There was a chill in the air on the morning of April 12th as members and guests of the East Tennessee Region gathered for the “Spring at Last” car display and tour, hosted by Roger and Jan Frazee.

The starting point of the day was the Beverly Park Place Health and Rehabilitation Center, where the group was greeted by several residents of the Fountain City senior-living facility.

Each of the residents in attendance seemed to have a favorite among the ETR cars on display. Some enjoyed the pristine 1969 Camaro, owned by Reid and Anne Raithel. Others liked the Model A, driven by Steve Wickizer, and several were attracted to the three Mercedes roadsters, owned by the Lunds, the Quillins and Tim Abramson and Susan Baker.

Also, among the favorites was a Mazda Miata, owned by John Modesto and a Ford Bronco, owned by Paul and Katherine Darling.

The star of the show was the ‘57 Ford police car owned by Tim and Sherry Seay.

“That’s a familiar sound,” said one resident as Tim sounded the siren. When questioned, the elderly gentleman joked that he had ridden, “once of twice” in the back of a car similar to the Seays’ black and white cruiser.

After departing Beverly Park Place, the club caravanned along tree-lined back roads for a forty-mile tour to Cove Lake State Park. The dogwoods and spring flowers were in full bloom as our group wound around “roads that only a postman would know,” as Sandra Quillin described the route.

Due to the chilly temperatures, the group opted to scrap the original picnic idea. Instead, we all went inside to enjoy a barbecue lunch at Ricard Ridge restaurant, situated within Cove Lake State Park.

With warm weather ahead, the April “Spring at Last” tour was a great kickoff to the touring season.

Visit the East Tennessee Region Website
etr-aaca.com



Mike Rochford's 1933 Buick Series 50

By Mike Rochford I got my love of old cars from my father who owned a 1952 Studebaker, 1955 Buick and a 1960 Cadillac among other cars.

This is my 1933 Buick Series 50 Model 56C, Convertible Coupe with Rumble Seat, that I bought from John and Jeannette Thornquist of Bloomington, Illinois in August 2024. It has the Straight Eight Cylinder, 86 Horsepower engine. Buick made only 350 Series 50 Cabriolets in 1933 and this low production figure was a result of the Depression. Only four are known to survive today.

The Buick was originally restored in 2013 with new Leather Upholstery being added in 2015. To improve safety and dependability, the following improvements were made:

3.9 Ring and Pinion from a 1937 Buick Century, Hydraulic Brakes to replace the mechanical Brakes, 12 volt electrical systems, alternator installed in original generator housing, turn signals, fog lights are on with ignition, four-way flashers, LED lighting throughout and seat belts. Also, leak-proof water pump seals, modern spin on the oil filter inside original case, high speed 3.7 rear end gears and an electronic ignition with a kill switch. Engine upgrades included new high compression pistons, rebuilt head including new valve guides ... the engine has excellent oil pressure.

The Buick received National First Prize in judging Class 20B in the AACS Auburn Indiana Meet in 2021 with First Prize Winner's Plaque No. 36582. It is now qualified to compete for the Senior Award.



Welcome Aboard - New Members Who Recently Joined

Francis and Christy Graffeo

Francis is the Chief Executive Officer of the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center in Townsend — Our hosts for "Autos Through the Ages"

Rick Lay is Appointed to the AACA National Board

The AACA has appointed Rick Lay, of the East Tennessee Region, to serve as a Director At Large on the National Board. The appointment was necessary after two directors resigned for personal reasons. Jerome Dean, of Philadelphia, PA was appointed to fill the other vacancy.



**Rick Lay (left) and Tom Howard
at the Huntsville Meet in October 2024**

Rick has been a member of the AACA since 1985. He began showing vehicles in 1994. Later, he became interested in judging and today is a Senior Master Judge with over 300 Judging Credits. Rick also conducts the Driver's Orientation seminar at every AACA national meet.

Rick joins ETR member Richard Lentinello, who is in his second year of service to the AACA leadership. Having two ETR members serving on the board is indicative of the quality of the membership of the East Tennessee Region.

The East Tennessee Region congratulates Rick Lay on the board appointment and wishes him the best as he assumes new duties and responsibilities in Antique Automobile Club of America.



East Tennessee Region AACA Board Meeting Minutes March 11, 2025

OFFICERS

President: Matt Sartin, Present
 Vice President: Tony Gardner, Present
 Secretary: Susan Baker, Present
 Treasurer: Charlie Simpson, Present
 Past President: Bob Witt, Present
 Newsletter Editors: Dave and Beryl Hermanson, Present;
 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 6:39 PM

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; Robert Quillin seconded. The minutes were approved with none opposed.

Finance Report: Treasurer, Charlie Simpson, emailed the Financial Report for 12-31-24 through 02-28-25 to the Board. Roger Frazee moved to approve, Jerry Mauch second. Report approved with none opposed.

Antiquer Report: Dave reported good feedback on their first issue. He needs more stories from members on why and how they acquired their cars and why they joined AACA. They also want to introduce new members in future editions. Dave mentioned that Microsoft Publisher, which they use for the newsletter, will not be supported in the future. They will need to find new software.

National Affairs Liaison: Tom Howard reported that the AACA National Convention in February was very good. The first meet this year will be in Charlotte and will feature a large flea market. Meetings at the meet will be in a building and not outside in tents. More info about the meeting was included in *Antiquer* newsletter. AACA Library (in Hershey, PA) reports many AACA members are using the library. Access to the Library is one of the benefits of AACA membership.

Webmaster Report: Roger reported that the host platform for our website (GoDaddy) was charging for some items that we do not need. Roger has eliminated those items and the cost for the next year will be \$203.88. Roger has reformatted the website and requests feedback.

Sunshine Report: Sandra Quillin provided the Sunshine report.

Get Well cards sent:

Charles Alexander	2-17-25
Jack Smith	2-17-25

Bob Carter	2-17-25
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Sharon Carter	2-17-25
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Sympathy:

None sent

Roger commented that our April 12 Tour will start at the Beverly Park Place Health and Rehab Center on Tazewell Pike so that residents can see the cars. Another tour this year may include similar visit to a nursing home in Wartburg.

Event Coordinator Report: Sandra presented the current Tours and Activities list, which includes attendances (attached.)

Comments on the activities:

March 22 - Murder Mystery Dinner – “Murder at the Shaken Shamrock Pub” – Hosted by Matt and Gayla Sartin. 33 have signed up for this event so far. It will be at TN Bank. Sandra will assign character roles to participants.

We have two events on June 14. The Cruise-in in Lenoir City is free; the Moonshine Rod Run has an entry fee to display a car but attendance to see cars is free.

July 19 – Autos Through the Ages. Sandra has sent the Heritage Center Director the revised contract and is waiting to finalize.

September event, Train ride from Etowah to Fanner, TN will need to be on a Friday or Sunday, as they do not offer the shorter train on Saturday. After a poll of the board, it was decided to do this event on a Friday in September, to be determined.

Old Business:

Budget Report: Tony Gardner presented the 2025 Proposed Budget developed by the Ad Hoc Budget Committee. The budget is the best estimate of income and expenses based on last year and activities planned for this year. Board discussed several of the entries.

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East Tennessee Region AACA Board Meeting Minutes

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Budget Report Continued:

Included in the proposed budget is the committee's recommendation that the club no longer buy name tags for new members, but ask the new members order and pay for name tag. Charlie made a motion that beginning March 1 new members will have the option to purchase name tags; and the club will no longer automatically buy them. Bob Witt seconded. The motion passed with one opposed. Roger said he would update the application with information for members to purchase name tag.

Dave stated that much of the cost for the *Antiquer* newsletter is printing and mailing to some members who do not have email or request to get a paper copy. There was some discussion about phasing out the printing but no action taken. The number of members without email is getting fewer.

Sandra stated that the budget does not include supplies such as paper plates, cutlery, cups and other supplies used during meetings and activities. Tony suggested added \$200 to the "Activities, Sunshine, Notification" entry to cover these items.

Roger would like the budget to include a greater amount for supporting young people such as Top Wrench. However, unfortunately, the Top Wrench event will not happen this year. Board can review that allocation when events or opportunities arise.

Charlie moved that we accept the budget as adjusted; Robert Quillin seconded. The motion passed with none opposed. The accepted budget is attached.

Tim Seay made a motion for the Treasurer to update the budget with income and expenditures at each Board Meeting. Sylvia Witt seconded. The motion passed with none opposed.

New Business

Christmas Party – Tom Howard and Sylvia Witt led a discussion of plans for the annual Christmas Party. For the past five years the party has been at Rothchild Catering & Conference Center. Tom asked if we should stay there or look for another venue. Sylvia reported on estimated costs for other places and for having a catered event at a location such as East Tennessee Baptist center where we would be responsible for set up and cleanup. The costs seemed to be similar. General discussion was that board liked Rothchild and did not want members to work to set up and clean up. Several board members were concerned with the amount that the club spends on this event above what each attendee pays. The budget had estimated that members would pay \$25 each and

the club would contribute about \$20 each. After discussing these options Roger made a motion that we hold the dinner at Rothchild and charge \$25 per person with the club subsidizing the balance. Tony seconded. During discussion an amendment to the motion was accepted to approve Rothchild as the location and to work out the cost and charge later. The motion passed with none opposed. Tom said he would work with Rothchild to get a cost proposal.

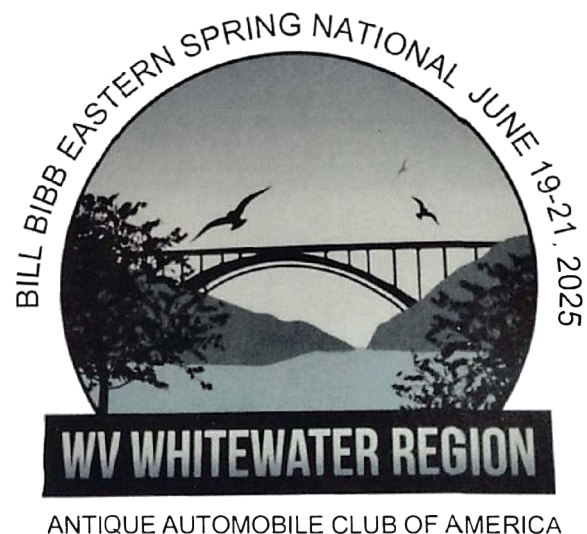
AACA National Meet – Roger Frazee reported that he, Tom Howard and Rick Lay have investigated the Club hosting a national AACA meet in August 2026 or August 2027. Oak Ridge has best facilities available in the area. Katy Watt, President, Explore Oak Ridge, has said that Bissell Park would be available at no charge, and that Melton Lake Park (with paved lots) could be used in case of rain. A National Meet is a three-day event – Thursday, Friday, Saturday – that features a judged car show, judges training, AACA meetings and an Awards Banquet. This event would require a dedicated committee of about 10 and many volunteers. Support is available from National AACA. The event would be close to a self-supporting / break-even event and not a significant money-maker such as the National Tour.

Charlie moved that we let the team of Roger Frazee, Tom Howard, and Rick Lay continue to explore hosting this event and report back to the board. Jerry seconded. The motion passed with none opposed.

Board Meeting Schedule

The next Board meeting is May 13, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.



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New Member Mike Rochford's 1933 Buick Series 50 Model 56C