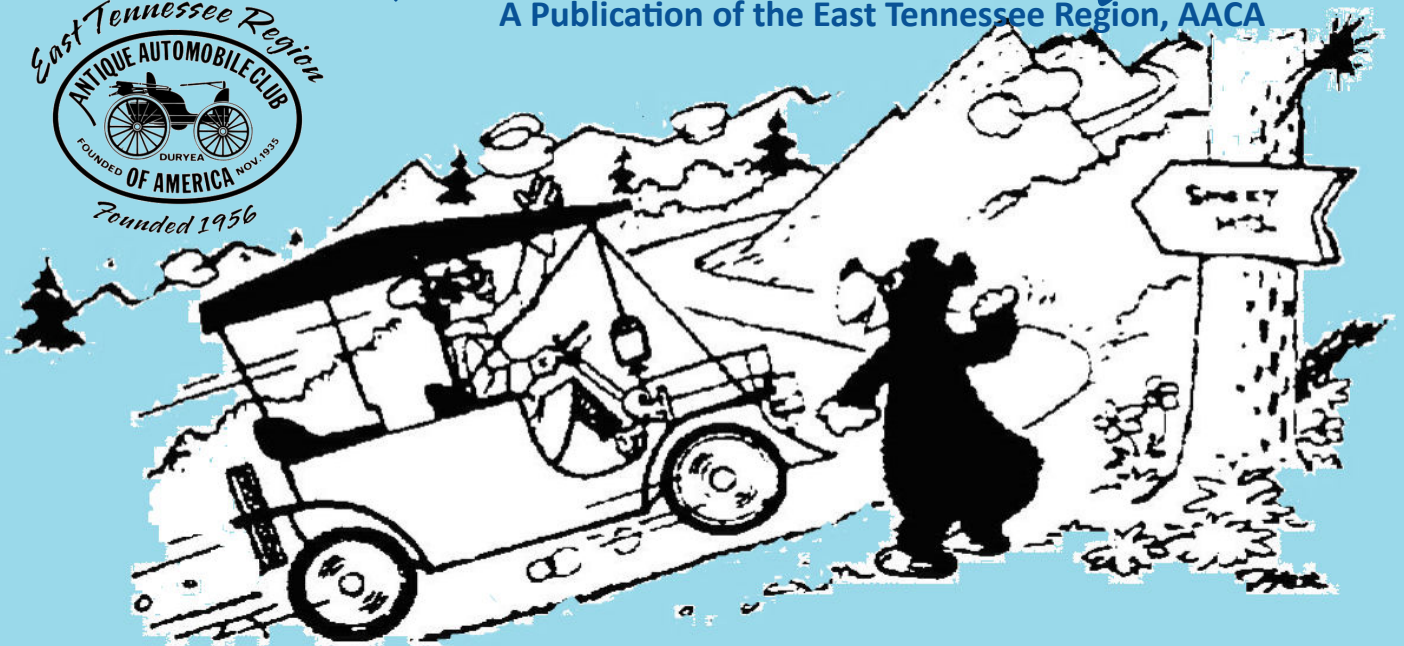


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Local and National Events

ETR Calendar of Events

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September 11: ETR Monthly Breakfast at Den Delfis Pancake House in Knoxville. Hosts Ken and Jean Lund.

September 26: *Hiwassee Loop Train Ride — Delano to Fanner*. Optional lunch beforehand at the Farmhouse Restaurant in Etowah

October 9: ETR Monthly Breakfast, Hosts Bob and Sylvia Witt.

October 18: *Cruise to Cumberland Gap* — Hosted by Tim and Sherry Seay

October TBD: *Picnic at Riverview Family Farm* — Hosted by Janice Williams

November 13: ETR Monthly Breakfast at Don Delfis Pancake House in Knoxville. Hosts to be determined

November 16: *Annual Business Meeting*, TN Bank, hosted by Matt & Gayla Sartin

December 11: ETR Monthly Breakfast, Hosts to be determined

December 19: *ETR AACA Christmas Party*, Rothchild's Banquet Center in Knoxville.

Upcoming Events from Other Organizations

September 11-13: Pigeon Forge Fall Rod Run at the LeConte Center, Pigeon Forge

September 15: Tellico Plains Cars and Coffee at the Charles Hall Museum. This event is held on the Second Sunday in September and October

September 20: Lenoir City Cars and Coffee, Downtown Lenoir City. This event is held on the Third Saturday of each month through October.

AACA National Events

October 7-10, 2025: Eastern Fall Meet hosted by the Hershey Region— Hershey, PA

October 18-22, 2025: Central Divisional Tour hosted by the Texas DFW Region —San Antonio to Galveston, TX

October 22-25, 2025 — Central Fall Nationals hosted by the Gulf Coast Region — Galveston, TX

February 5-7, 2026 - AACA Annual Convention—Chantilly, Virginia



The President's Corner

From Our President Matt Sartin



It is hard for me to believe that this year and my term as President is half over. The year is flying by.

We have had a lot of great events and still more are to come. I would like to thank everyone for making our Autos Through the Ages a big success. I would like to thank Mr. Frank Graffeo and his staff at the

Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center for all their support and hospitality during the show.

Also a BIG Thank you to Ms. Janice Williams and Mr. Ed Barrett for letting us come to see their impressive collections. Also a special thanks to Ms. Janice and her family for having us at their event barn. Her place is truly very picturesque.

I would like to welcome all of our new members. Since our last newsletter, we have added around 20 people to the ETR AACA family.

Even though the year is half over, we still have some great activities left. So just keep looking for Sandra's email messages on them.

In closing, I want to remind everyone if you were in the military, please send Dave Hermanson your service date if you have not done so already. In addition, we want to hear your stories about your antique cars and/or your first rides.

**MARK YOUR CALENDER AND
SAVE THE DATE...**

**AUTOS THROUGH THE AGES
AGAIN RETURNS TO THE GREAT
SMOKY MOUNTAIN HERITAGE
CENTER ON JULY 18, 2026**

News From National

From Tom Howard, National Affairs Liaison



As I write this column, It seems this year has passed very quickly. Now here we are near conclusion of summer and approaching the fall season.

Actually though, It has been a great year so far. In review, the excellent calendar of AACA Nationals and Tours hosted by a wonderful

group of AACA members has already provided the opportunity to visit events in North Carolina, Arizona, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Indiana, Ohio and Maine. Attending National events is such a pleasure not only to view many parts of our great country but to visit with other AACA members and see the vehicles at each show.

Now as we enter fall, my favorite season of the year, not only because of the turning of the leaves into a color spectacle and the little cooler temperatures, it is Hershey Time In October! Approaching sixty years since my first visit to the AACA Hershey meet (1966), and having only missed four since then, I always eagerly anticipate going again. During the week attending and participating in events, meeting old friends and making new ones and especially judging in the Friday show are all reasons I enjoy this event. If you attend, come by and visit us in my flea market spaces CY 8-10.

Following Hershey there is one more Nationals this year in Galveston, Texas in late October. This is a great time of year to visit this beautiful part of Texas and a wonderful way to end this outstanding year of AACA national events.

As always, I look forward to seeing you down the road at national and regional events.





Upcoming Events

By Sandra Quillin, Events Coordinator



ETR AACA's seventh annual Autos Through the Ages car show was held on July 19 at the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center in Townsend. The show was very successful! We had 124 cars on display with over 600 guests and members in attendance! We added 13 new members to ETR AACA during the show -- A Success In-

deed!

On August 17, we held the Two Garages Tour at the garages of Janice Williams and Ed Barrett. We had 61 attendees and ended the day with continued fellowship and a quiet and peaceful burger and ice cream meal at the Riverview Family Farm.

A surprise addition to our activity calendar occurred on August 25 with a tour of the Amazon Fulfillment Center in Louisville, TN. We had a limit of 30 attendees and our group was very impressed with the organization, speed and accuracy with which Amazon delivers orders to their customers! The number of packages ordered/delivered per day was mind-blowing!

On September 26, ETR members will drive to Etowah, TN for lunch and then take a train ride to Farner before heading back to Etowah. Contact Sandra Quillin (865-591-9456) for further information.

On October 18, we will travel to Cumberland Gap for lunch and a visit to the Pinnacle where we will enjoy the beauty of fall foliage in Tennessee, Virginia and Kentucky. Later in the day, several members will travel on to Middlesboro, KY to attend a cruise-in. Watch for an announcement about an ETR picnic to take place in October!!

On November 16, ETR will hold its annual Business and Organizational Meeting at TN Bank in Maryville. During the meeting we will elect the ETR Officers and Board of Directors for 2026 as well as address Christmas cards for area nursing homes. We will also begin discussing our Tours and Activities for 2026 – be sure to put on your thinking caps!

Our ETR breakfasts have been lots of fun and well planned by our hosts. We hope more members will join us on these second Thursdays of the month. Our September 11th breakfast will be hosted by the Lunds at the Don Delfis Pancake House in Knoxville. We hope to see new faces each month as we continue these breakfasts.

Spreading a Little Sunshine

By Sandra Quillin, Sunshine Correspondent

Spreading a Little Sunshine!

In July, The ETR Board of Directors approved \$100 donations to charities on behalf of the late Charlie Simpon (AACA Library) and the late Joel Weeks (Misericordia Home - Chicago).

During August I have sent notes of cheer on behalf of ETR to Richard Crawford during his stay at Morning View Rehab and later to his home in Maryville. Also in August, I sent a get-well card from ETR to member Bill Crisp and he recuperates from a bout of pneumonia.

Ladies should be watching for an invitation to spend a morning working on preparing previously used Christmas cards for our distribution to nursing home patients this Christmas. An announcement will be sent via email.

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.



Gene Cable's 1979 Ford Ranchero at Autos Through the Ages



Editor's Corner

By Dave & Beryl Hermanson, Editors



The Summer Show season is in "full swing" as the saying goes. With this in mind, we are pleased to devote this issue to what many consider to be the ETR's Premier Event ... Autos Through the Ages.

We hope that you will enjoy this special photo edition.

Summer also brings many individual marque

clubs together. One of these was the Edsel Owner's Club gathering in Oak Ridge in late July where our own Herb Weise won Best of Show with his 1958 Pacer Convertible. We will have a report on this in the November-December Issue.

Two ETR Members, Jerry Hodge and yours truly travelled to Concord, North Carolina for the Buick Club of America National Meet. Both Jerry's 1955 Century and our 1964 Wildcat were in the Display Category and therefore did not compete for awards. The Hermanson's Wildcat was one of approximately 25 participants receiving the Driver Award. The hot and humid North Carolina weather had a small effect on overall attendance but there was an abundance of beautiful Buicks on display ranging from Pre-War models, Rivieras and Skylarks from the 1960's and 1970's to Two-Seater Reattas. A Contemporary Class was added this year for vehicles prior to 2010 and several Regal Tour-X Wagons participated.



Jerry Hodge's 1955 Century on the Show Field Friday Evening with other participants are set up for Saturday's Show

Turning our attention to Chrysler Corporation's efforts to turn around sales in 1958 which nosedived after major design and engineering changes were rushed into production resulting in quality that left a lot to be desired especially with ill-fitting panels and early onset of rusting. This quality reputation caused each of Chrysler's divisions to pay dearly when the much improved 1958 models made their appearance. Special models were offered in the Spring of 1958 in an effort to turn around sales. Dodge produced several special including the Spring Swept-Line Styling for all models featuring special side molding and Special Two-Tone Saddle Trim offerings. We don't know how popular these spring models were received by the public, but we can safely assume that sales were fairly low.

One of these special 1958 models resides in ETR Land ... a Wedgewood Blue and Sapphire White Coronet 2-Door Lancer Hardtop owned by Bill and Deanie Johnson of Maryville. While we see a regular turnout of models from Ford and General Motors from the post-war era, it is special to see some of these more unique models at shows and tours for all to see. Check out Bills' Dodge Coronet on page 7.



It's Almost Time for Hershey!



2025 Autos Through the Ages



Smoky Mountains Heritage Center in Townsend



Some of the 124 cars participating



Tony Gardner's 1934 Replica Mercedes and Wayne Rollin's 1957 Ford



Thunderbird Row ... 1957 and 1956 models



Registration Desk Volunteers ... Beryl Hermanson, Jim Baughman,
Kayla Smullen and Sherry Shea



New Member Recruitment ... Bob Witt and Robert Quillin with a
potential new member



2025 Autos Through the Ages



Tom & Cindy Christenberry's 1964 Ford Galaxie 500



Bill and Deanie Johnson's 1958 Dodge Coronet Lancer



Tony Gardner with his 1934 Replica Mercedes 500K



Henry Hart with his 1962 Pontiac Catalina Super Sport



Jerry Hodge with his 1965 Buick Skylark GS



Dave and Beryl Hermanson's 1964 Buick Wildcat



2025 Autos Through the Ages



Terry Bright's 1955 Buick Special Riviera Hardtop



You can always count on Terry for a special display in his Buick



Matt Sartin with his 1972 Chevelle SS 350



Wayne Rollins with his 1957 Ford Fairlane 500 Skyliner



Tim & Sherry Seay's 1957 Ford Sheriff's Car



John "Rock" Rochelle with his 1929 Ford Fire Truck



2025 Autos Through the Ages



The late Art Fensod's 1948 Buick Super Convertible



Bob Bly & Vivian Snellman with Bob's 1964 Buick Riviera



Tom Clary and Larry Benson with Tom's 1973 Citroen SM



Tom & Larry recently participated in the 2025 Great Race



Steve West with his 1956 Chevrolet Bel-Air Convertible



Tom Howard and Harry Hart with Tom's 1957 Chevrolet



2025 Autos Through the Ages



George and Nancy Dailey's 1949 DeSoto Club Coupe



John & Sheri Lacko's 1969 Ford Mustang Mach I



Jerry & Teresa Mauch's 1993 Ford Mustang



Wayne & Myra Tudor with their 1963 Chevrolet Impala SS



Brad & Debbie Berger's 1971 Buick Skylark Gran Sport



Robert & Sandra Quillin's 1996 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham



2025 Autos Through the Ages



Richard Croley's 1963 Buick Wildcat



Susan Baker with her 1970 Volkswagen Convertible



David & Vallerie Akerblom's 1966 Ford Mustang



Bill Stewart's 1970 Ford Mustang Mach I



Mason Hewitt with his 1967 Chrysler 300 Convertible



Bob Carter's 1963 Buick Special Convertible



2025 Autos Through the Ages



David Wilhite relaxing by his 1962 Plymouth Valiant



Reid & Anne raithel's 1969 Chevrolet Camaro



Tracy & Loretta Rollins' 1948 Buick Super



Andre & Joan Bourque's 1924 Ford Model T I



Members of the Walter P Chrysler Club were on hand with special displays commemorating Chrysler's 100th Anniversary



Tim Seay, Matt Sartin and Tom Howard taking a break



ETR Salutes our 50 Year AACA Members

By Dave Hermanson

We are proud to honor five of our members who have 50 or more years of membership with the Antique Automobile Club of America. Robert (Bo) Crowley was not available for our photos.



Jerry Hodge, Tom Howard and Tom Christenberry



Jimmie Hixon

Welcome Aboard to Our New Members

Gary Cable from Maryville – 1966 Ford Mustang

John and Anne Brady from Maryville – 1951 MG TD

Ron Graham from Townsend – 1964 Chevrolet Corvair Spyder

Bruce and Melissa Granville from Lenoir City – 1956 Austin Healey

Wendy Hill and Patrick Wyrick from Maryville – 1953 Willys Aero Eagle

W. Hollis and Betsy Loveday from Knoxville – 1957 Ford Thunderbird

Ron and Maggie Lucas from Sevierville – 1937 Chevrolet Master Deluxe and 1961 Studebaker Lark Wagon

John and Nancy Lyle from Knoxville – 1964 Chevrolet Corvette

Tim Masten from Knoxville – 1966 Chevrolet Corvette

William and Jane McAlexander from Louisville – 1930 Ford Model A, 1940 Ford Woody and 1953 MG TD

Keith McQueen from Sevierville – 1979 Chevrolet Corvette

Steve and Patty Moore from Townsend – 1931 Ford Model A and 1963 Ford Falcon

Bill and Barbara Robinson from Athens – 1968 Plymouth GTX

Conrey and Sandra Ryan from Knoxville – 1988 Chevrolet Corvette and 2002 Ford Thunderbird



Tim Masten with his 1966 Chevrolet Corvette



East Tennessee Region AACA Board Meeting Minutes May 20, 2025

OFFICERS

President: Matt Sartin, Present
 Vice President: Tony Gardner, Present
 Secretary: Susan Baker, Present
 Treasurer: Vacant
 Past President: Bob Witt, Present
 Newsletter Editors: Dave & Beryl Hermanson, Present
 Webmaster: Vacant
 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 6:34PM. He started the meeting with a moment of silence in remembrance of Charlie Simpson.

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

Approval of minutes: The minutes of June 5 Board meeting were presented. Tim Seay moved to accept the minutes; Tony Gardner seconded. Motion passed with none opposed.

New Treasurer: Matt presented Susan Weeks as candidate for Treasurer. Board members had concurred with this appointment via email. Her appointment was confirmed by unanimous vote. Susan Weeks was unable to attend this meeting in person, but she joined via FaceTime for part of the meeting.

Finance Report: Tony Gardner reviewed the finance report that he had sent out to the Board (see attached.) Tony Gardner and Dave Hermanson have been reviewing financial records that they were given from Charlie Simpson. Statements for May-June are incomplete, but as much information as available was incorporated in the report. Tony Gardner commented that the Dues line does not match the number of members since some dues payments were made in the prior year.

Dave Hermanson is reviewing the records and has started a list to track membership payments. His list will also be able to track renewals and retention, especially for members who join at Auto Through the Ages. He hopes to have this list out to the Board for information in August.

Susan Weeks stated she will review documents and get signature authority for the accounts. She will work to ensure we follow best accounting practices for benefit of the club and dues-paying members. She will research possible software products to track accounts. Robert Quillin has some checks and cash for recent memberships. He will make a deposit and give the information to Susan Weeks.

Tony Gardner stated that we need to define what membership means and if there are deadlines for renewal payment. He would also like to define our policy on how long a membership lasts when one joins. Membership information is included in the By-Laws. Members who join in October, November and December are valid through the following year, which matches AACA National policy. See later discussion of membership under New Business.

Jerry Mauch moved to approve the financial report; Dave Hermanson seconded. The motion passed with none opposed.

Antiquer Report: Dave and Beryl Hermanson reported they are completing the current edition. They need help as they don't have the technology to do the publishing and mailing. They need a more user-friendly format and software package to publish the newsletter in future.

This edition will include a photo page on First Baptist Lenior City Car show, the picnic at Wayne LeQuire's home, and a memorial for Charlie Simpson including a story about his dune buggy. Tom Howard and Rick Lay are providing Memorials for Charlie Simpson. The next issue will include the upcoming Autos Through The Ages Show. The Hermansons continue to want stories about our members and their cars. Susan Baker said she has photos and can do a write-up about the Newport Moonshine Rod Run event in June.

National Affairs Report: Tom Howard reported he had been to the AACA Eastern Spring Nationals in Beckley, WV; and then the Central Spring Nationals in Auburn, IN. The Grand Nationals in Dayton, OH, are in July. Several members are taking cars to the Grand Nationals. They have over 300 cars registered for the Grand Nationals. The next event will be the Fall Nationals in Hershey, PA, in October. Then the Central Fall Nationals in Galveston, TX

Dave Hermanson reported that the AACA Library has a collection of over three million items. Recently the

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East Tennessee Region AACA Board Meeting Minutes

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Library .received large donations from collectors, including a tractor trailer load of items, and a van load of over 1000 owners' manuals. The Library has a sale during Fall Nationals at Hershey. The Library is looking for volunteers to help at the sale.

Sunshine Report: Sandra Quillin reported:

Get Well:

None sent

Sympathy:

Becky Love, Joe Simpson, Rob Simpson (Charlie Simpson)

Events Coordinator Report: Sandra Quillin reported on recent events.

First Baptist Lenoir City Car Show – 25 members attended.

Moonshine Rod Run in Newport – 24 members including some in Ford Group

Monthly Breakfast – 21 members have registered for July 21.

Janice Williams is hosting this breakfast at The Flying Biscuit Café.

Monthly Breakfast attendance:

June – 20 attendees

May – 19

April – 26

Mar – 29

Feb – 21

Upcoming Breakfasts:

August – Susan Weeks, First Watch, Lovell Road

September – Ken and Jean Lund

October – Sylvia and Bob Witt

Autos Through the Ages is July 19. Sandra Quillin gave the signed contract with the Heritage Center and copy of insurance to the Secretary to file. Sherry Seay and Sandra keep a database; as of today – 125 registered.

New Business

70th Anniversary Ideas: ETR will have 70th anniversary next year. The club started in Maryville. Matt Sartin asked Tim Seay to explore with Blount County Partnership if we could have some kind of show and/or parade to mark this occasion.

August Activity/Tour: Need an idea and sponsor for August. Beryl Hermanson may have an add on for this tour with a coffee stop at a Nursing Home in Wartburg. She will confirm.

September Activity: Tom Howard will coordinate. Friday, September 26, is the Train ride. The Train is five hours; cost \$54 each; would have a 10% discount with 30 or more people. Need to make a reservation ahead. Group would eat lunch at restaurant prior to ride.

October Activity/Tour: Tim and Sherry Seay will host tour

Membership Incentive: Robert Quillin made a motion that we offer a “Car Show Special” at Autos Through The Ages. If people join the ETR at Autos Through The Ages, they will receive ETR membership for this year and the following year. Dave Hermanson seconded. The motion passed with none opposed.

Memorial for Charlie Simpson: Robert Quillin stated that we will make a \$100 contribution to AACA Library in memory of Charlie Simpson

Memorial for Joel Weeks: Matt Sartin will send the \$100 donation to the Misericordia Home, Chicago, IL, in memory of Joel Weeks.

Process for Membership Application: The application needs to be updated with new Treasurer name and address. No change for the process: applications go to the Treasurer and then sent to the Board for approval.

For purchasing Name Tags Charlie Simpson had been using Trophy House in Athens. Tom Howard will pick up name tags that new members order.

Webmaster Search: Robert Quillin has been trying to find someone with the right skills to be the Webmaster. Robert has talked with a member about pursuing the webmaster position. That member is considering the position. Matt Sartin will call him to discuss further.

New Members: Robert Quillin had applications from Will and Joan McAlexander, and W. Hollis and Betsy Loveday. Tony Gardner moved to approved them; Bob Will seconded. They were approved with none opposed.

Old Business

Tom Howard has the supply of our color tri-fold pamphlets. He will bring them to Autos Through The Ages. He asked what else do we want to do with these? Tom Howard will check on the magnetic car signs that Charlie Simpson had.

Sandra Quillin asked about the By-Law Change that was approved at the January Planning Meeting. Susan Baker stated she had updated it and had sent out to members. However, she had not sent to National, and will do so promptly.

Next Board meeting will be September 16, 2025, 6:30 pm, at TN Bank in Maryville. Meeting was moved from September 9 due to conflicts for several members.

Meeting was adjourned 8:44 pm.

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Gene Cable's 1979 Ford Ranchero

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