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# Local and National Events



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## ETR Calendar of Events

Foothills Mall Cruise-In, Friday evenings, April 3 – October 30

March 12, Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, Alcoa 10 a.m.

March 21, Ladies Baking Class - Highland Park, Lenoir City

March 21, Men's Mystery Tour – TBD

April 9, Breakfast, Airport Hilton, Alcoa, 9:30 a.m.

April 11, UT College of Veterinary Medicine Open House

April TBD: Dogwood Drive, early dinner at food truck or restaurant

## Upcoming Events from Other Organizations

March 19-21: Chevys in the Smokies. LeConte Center, Pigeon Forge, TN

March 23-28: Ponies in the Smokies. Sevierville Convention Center, Pigeon Forge, TN

April 16-18: Spring Rod Run: LeConte Center, Pigeon Forge, TN

May 14-16: Grand National F-100 Show; LeConte Center, Pigeon Forge

## AACA National Events

March 26-28, 2026 – Winter Nationals – Cartersville, GA

April 9-11, 2026 – Southeastern Spring Nationals – Charlotte, NC

April 23-25, 2026 – Annual Grand Nationals/Western Spring Nationals – Las Vegas, NV

May 28-30, 2026 – Eastern Spring Nationals – Indiana, PA

June 11-13, 2026 – Southeastern Fall Nationals – Oak Ridge, TN



**The President's Corner** by **President Matt Sartin**

Greetings to my ETR AACA family! I don't know about you, but I personally can't believe that it is already March; which means that we roll our clocks forward and roll or ride our antique cars out of the garage.

So far we have had a couple of great breakfasts together and our Planning and Cabin Fever meeting. Gayla and I would like to welcome all of our new brothers and sisters to the ETR AACA family. We are looking forward to getting to see and getting to know you.

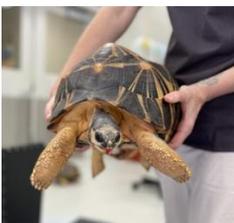
We have a great activity planned for March 21. Some of our members will attend a baking session, others will drive to a mystery destination to see something special. Save the date of March 21 for ETR AACA! Another thing I hope we can do as a club this year is have some drive and dine get-togethers. Our host picks a scenic route for us to drive and then we will meet at the host's choice of restaurant for dinner, fun, & fellowship.

As we celebrate our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, I would love everyone to send in some of your old car pictures and stories. Please send those stories and photos to me or Sandra Quillin.

In closing I cannot wait to see you all at our March activity. And remember, let's keep our wheels rolling and the memories flowing. *Matt Sartin*



The AACA Annual Convention held February 7 in Chantilly VA. posted the July-August 2025 issue of the Antiquer as they made the Master Editor Award presentation to Antiquer editors Dave and Beryl Hermanson at the AACA National Awards Banquet.



**University of Tennessee**  
**College of Veterinary Medicine**  
**April 11, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

# **A View of ETR AACA History**

## **THE 1969 TENNESSEE GLIDDEN TOUR**

**September 7 - 12 1969**

**By Jerry & Frances Hodge**

It is hard to believe that it has been almost 57 years since our ETR co-sponsored the 1969 AACA Glidden Tour (GT) in Gatlinburg.

ETR had been hosting local and regional meets / shows in the Gatlinburg area since the late 1950s.

Most of the activities were held on the spacious lawn of the original Greystone Hotel property. The Greystone was one of the first hotels in Gatlinburg. Today it is the location of Ripley's Aquarium.

In 1967 the ETR was asked by AACA national board member Harold Coker of the Chickamauga Region (CR) in Chattanooga to co-host the 24th revival of the first GT that was held in 1905. The 1905 route was from New York City to Boston, Mass and return.

The original Glidden Tours grew out of long distance automobile endurance runs of 1905 thru 1913 which sought to prove that cars were not rich men's toys but rather a new practical and reliable means of transportation. New England industrialist Charles Jasper Glidden originated the idea and tours were revived in 1946 by AACA.

Harold Coker and myself shared the duties of tour director with a majority of the ETR membership (about 40 in 1969) and the CR members all involved in multiple aspects of the six day tour.

Frances Hodge and Ethel Coulter, Registration Chairpersons, had received 324 pre-paid registrations (cars) with 700 GT drivers and guests in the month before the tour.

The cars, drivers and guests represented 26 states and Canada. A majority of the cars were from the states of Ohio - 69, Pennsylvania - 55, New Jersey - 53, New York - 28, Tennessee - 26, Virginia - 21, and Michigan - 12. Cars up to and including the year of 1932 were qualified to participate in the 1969 G.T.

There were two (2) 1904 one cylinder Olds Runabouts on our tour and a 1905 REO that qualified for the oldest models. There were fifty-nine (59) cars (mostly model T Fords) that were 1915 and older.

The on-site check-in began on Saturday, September 6, in the lobby of the headquarters Greystone Hotel where Frances, Ethel and other ETR members welcomed the G.T. Guests.

A tour safety inspection was conducted and chaired by ETR member Bill Dawn.

Ann Eady, member of the Peachtree Region in Atlanta was the editor of the Glidden Gazette that was published daily and circulated to tour participants.

On Sunday, we offered an optional pre-tour to Clingmans Dome at the top of the Smokies where chairman Ray Campbell handed out a special plaque for making it to the top. Two hundred (200) cars conquered Old Smoky and received their most coveted special plaques.

Sunday evening the tour kick-off banquet was held at the Gatlinburg Auditorium on Airport Road for our 700 G.T. guests.

Helma Gilreath of Helma's Restaurant on Asheville Hwy, Knoxville, catered both of our banquets and especially served hot lunches at Douglas Dam and in Cades Cove for GT guests and both regions working members.

Helma and her team did a fantastic job as the GT guests had never seen that good of hot food on a car tour. Most of the people were used to cold box lunches at even higher prices.

For many years after our tour, myself and most of our region members spoke of people coming up to them and complimenting our region on one of the very best tours - our hospitality, Gatlinburg, our food, the weather and our scenic areas of East Tennessee.

As a point of clarification, the G.T. is not a line up tour: the drivers are on their own to leave each day knowing the capability of their car, the route, mileage, rest stops and lunches that are scheduled along the tour route.

ETR member Charles Coulter and his team with the sponsorship of the E.T. AAA marked the routes early each day with signs, etc at major turns and intersections, and parking instructions.

On Monday, the tour route was through Chestnut Hill with a rest stop at Bush Brothers then on to Douglas Dam for lunch. Tours were given by TVA to see the power generating facilities. The return was through Sevierville to Gatlinburg. Distance 76 miles.

Tuesday was the beginning of the trip to Chattanooga via US 411 through Maryville, Athens, and Cleveland with several rest stops and lunch at Tenn Wesleyan College.

Upon arrival in downtown Chattanooga the CR Region Members handled tour activities Tuesday evening at the Olde West Dinner Theatre and Wednesday tours to Rock City, Chickamauga Battlefield and other local attractions. Total mileage 143 miles.

As a note of interest, our present ETR logo and the tour daily maps were drawn by former New Sentinel Cartoonist - Artist Bill Dyer (1912 - 1976) especially for the 1969 GT.

The CR members, including our own Jimmy Hixson, did a great job of coordinating the tour activities in Chattanooga.

On Thursday, the tour left Chattanooga via I-75 to U.S.11 to Cleveland, Athens, and a rest stop at the Lost Sea.

The tour continued to Madisonville, via Hwy 72 to Chilhowee Dam entering the Foothills Parkway through Townsend and the Little River Road back to Gatlinburg. Distance 149 miles.

Nightly entertainment was the showing in the Greystone Playhouse of other GT films from the AACA Library. An AACA official was taking a 16mm movie of our tour.

Friday was the last tour day and we took the Little River Road again to Cades Cove. Helma did another fantastic hot lunch at the Cable Mill in the Cove.

National AACA president Al Whiting handed out the official G.T. plaque as each of the 324 cars exited the Cades Cove Looproad. Distance 69 miles.

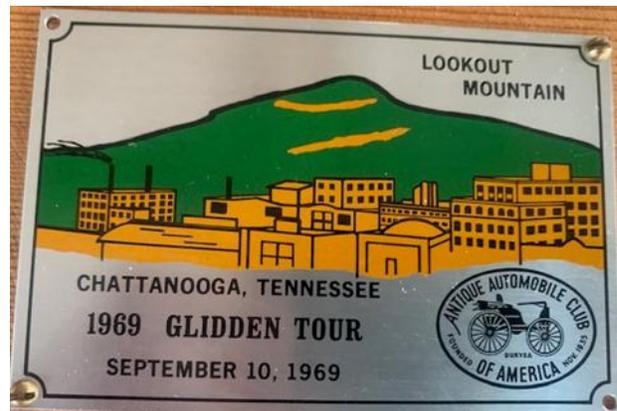
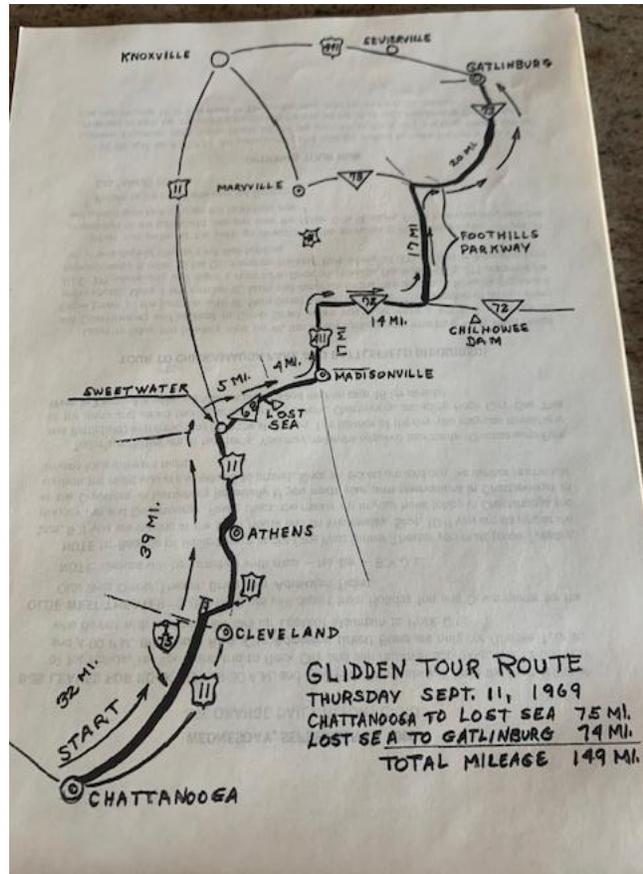
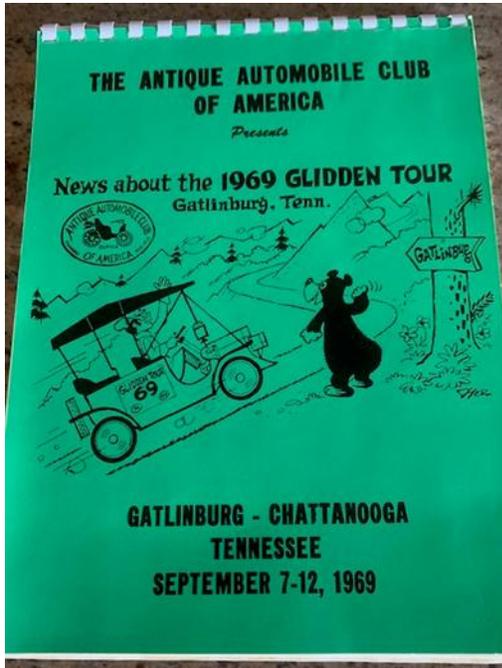
Friday evening the awards banquet was again held at the Civic Auditorium that looked very festive with the decorations by the ladies of the ETR.

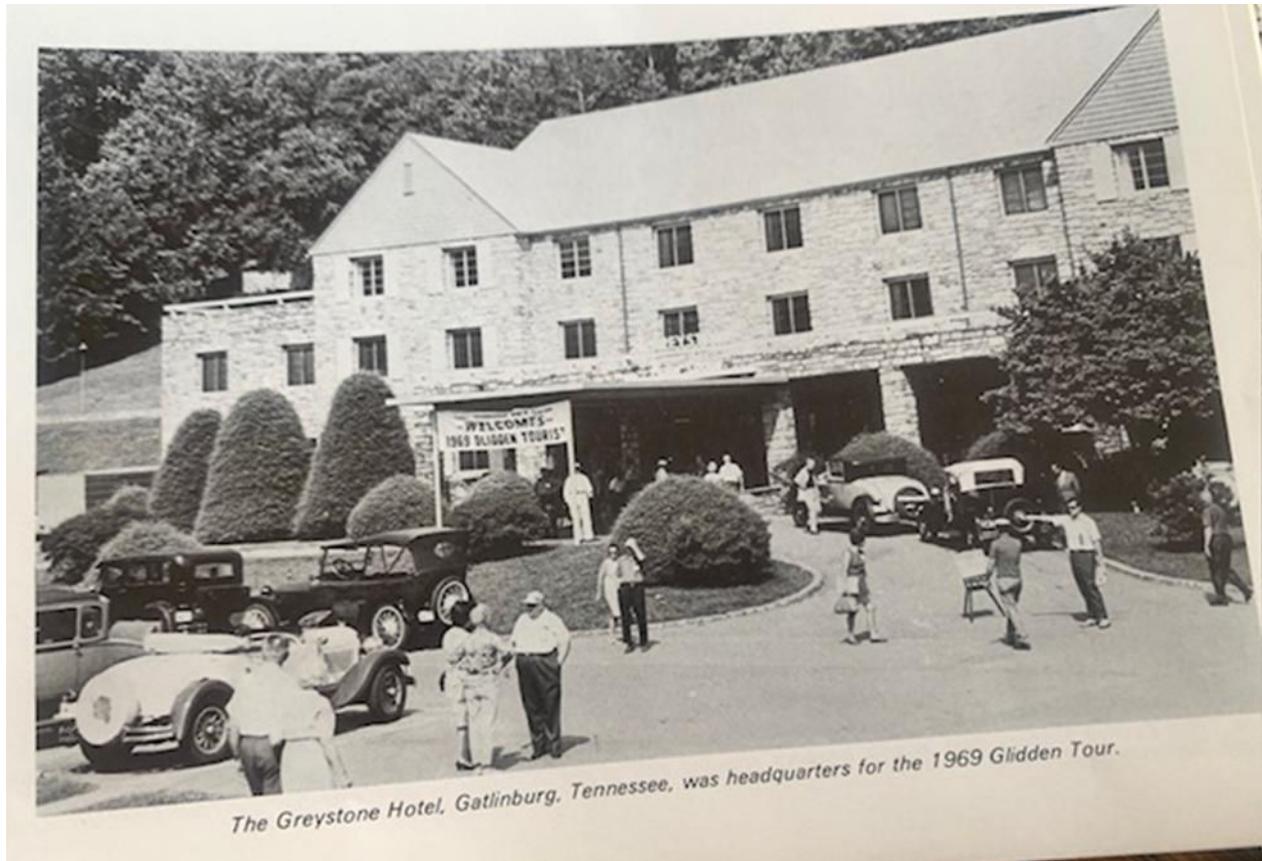
Forty-six (46) trophies and freshmen diplomas were waiting to be claimed by the deserving Glidden Tourists.

William Swigart presented the freshman graduation certificates (of which I got one) and Dean of Graduates, Leslie Henry, presented 22 engraved brass plaques to the Glidden Tourists who had participated in 15 or more tours.

Saturday morning, as the cars left Gatlinburg for home, they drove beneath a big banner that read - "Glidden Tour, Y'all come back!"







Frances Hodge receives her freshman diploma for the 1969 Glidden Tour



*J. C. Lamb and Ray Campbell, members of the host Regions, greeted the Glidden Tourists who completed the pre-Tour run to the top of the Great Smoky Mountains (Clingman's Dome) in authentic East Tennessee hillbilly dress and presented each a special dash plaque.*



*Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Aslan of Hartsdale, New York, driving their 1909 Buick touring.*

**Editor's Note: On behalf of all ETR AACA members, we want to thank Jerry and Frances Hodge for this wonderful reflection on one of ETR AACA's historical milestones.**



**Glenn and Martha McCluen** joined ETR AACCA February 11. They live in West

Knoxville, just up from Duncan Boat Dock, on Martha's grandfather's farm. She is a native Knoxville, graduating from Webb School and UT. Glenn grew up in Rockwood and also graduated from UT. Glenn and Martha met one afternoon when he stopped by Webb to pick up his sister, who also attended Webb. Martha and Glenn dated for the next 8 years. (Glenn said he wanted to be sure she could cook everything he liked!)

The McCluens were married in 1972, and Glenn says somehow, Matha has managed put up with him for 54 years! Martha is retired from Knox County Schools, having taught at Powell High for most of her career. Glenn retired from the trust department of Home Federal Bank after 35 years.

Glenn has always loved cars, especially the ones with which he grew up during the 50's and 60's. However, he says he did not start collecting them until recently.

In the fall of 2021, Glenn's good friend invited Glenn to accompany him to a Mecum collector car auction in Chattanooga. His friend has an extensive car collection, which was actually begun by his father. Glenn says that's another story.

Glenn and his friend went to the auction, and one of the cars being offered was a beautiful blue 1969 Corvette. It caught Glenn's eye immediately because it was so similar to one that Glenn had owned many years ago. While serving in the Army in Vietnam, Glenn had corresponded with the Chevrolet dealer in Rockwood and ordered a brand new 1968 Corvette, to be delivered when he returned home. The car had every option that Glenn wanted. He had that car for a couple of years, but wrecked it while driving too fast in a pouring rainstorm. Glenn had always wished he could have that car back, and the 1969 Corvette being auctioned was almost a clone.

Glenn said his friend looked at him and said, "Do you want it?" Glenn said, "Of course!", and he started bidding. Well, Glenn says he bought the car and he has gotten the collector bug. Today, Martha and Glenn have 6 collector cars, all 1969 or older.

**Mary Bellune** lives in Maryville and joined ETR AACCA on March 5. Mary loves to travel, meet new people, sew and weave, watch sports, spend time with family, work on "fix - up" projects, and generally she says she enjoys just "goofing off". Mary retired as a flight attendant with PSA/American Airlines in 2020. Mary learned to drive on a 1963 Ford Galaxie convertible with a hydraulic top. Over the years she has enjoyed driving a Dodge 600 convertible and a 1996 Chevrolet Cavalier ragtop. Last year she bought a 2013 Volkswagen Beetle TDI convertible which is her first "foreign" car and her first diesel! Mary will be one of our co-instructors of our Pie Pastry event on March 21, 2026.

Forty-one members met for three hours to plan tours and activities for 2026 at TN Bank in Maryville. After having to re-schedule the meeting twice due to seriously cold weather, the members were anxious to get a schedule of activities for 2026.

The following **tentative** schedule was planned; however, some dates are open or not fully confirmed with our hosts.

**ETR AACA Tours and Activities - Tentative Calendar 2026**

February 22:	Planning Meeting and Cabin Fever Therapy, 2 pm – 5:00 pm	TN Bank	Sartin & Quillins
March 21:	Ladies Baking Class - 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm - 21 Highland Park,	Lenoir City	Sartin, Bellune
March 21:	Afternoon drive to a mystery destination, dinner at restaurant in Lenoir City		Sartin, and ??
March 26-28:	AACA Winter Nationals – Cartersville, GA		
	Car Show on March 28, ETR members will caravan to show on the 28th		Quillins, and ??
April 11:	UT College of Veterinary Medicine Open House		Quillins and ??
April <i>TBD</i> :	Dogwood Drive, early dinner at food truck or restaurant		Quillins and ??
May <i>TBD</i> :	Saturday afternoon drive to mystery destination, early dinner at a restaurant		Quillins and ??
May <i>TBD</i> :	OPEN		
June 13:	Cruise-In First Baptist Church Lenoir City		Sartins
June 11-13:	June 11-13, 2026 – Southeastern Fall Nationals – Oak Ridge, TN		
	Car Show on June 13	hosted by the Volunteer Region	
July 18:	Autos Through the Ages, Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center		ETR AACA Members
July <i>TBD</i> :	Saturday afternoon drive to mystery destination, early dinner at a restaurant		<i>TBD</i>
August 5-8:	Southeastern Divisional Tour – Flat Rock, NC – hosted by Great Smokey Mountain Region & Little Detroit Chapter: Car show on August 8		
	ETR members will caravan to show on the 8th		<i>TBD</i>
August 15:	Saturday afternoon drive- mystery destination, evening meal, ice cream		Sartins
September 12-13:	Fall Creek Falls Tour		Hermansons
September or October <i>TBD</i> :	ETR AACA Fall Picnic	Destination <i>TBD</i>	Quillins & <i>TBD</i>
October 31:	Fall Foliage Tour - Sequatchie Valley		Witts
November <i>TBD</i> :	ETR AACA Business & Organizational Meeting, <i>TBD</i>		Sartins, Quillins
December <i>TBD</i> :	Christmas Party, <i>TBD</i>		<i>TBD</i>

Members unanimously encouraged the continuation of the monthly breakfasts and several indicated an interest in holding periodic Saturday drives with a group dinner following.

Once the calendar discussion was completed, Tim Seay presented copies of 4 newsletters from antique car clubs for members to see the difference between them and ETR AACA's Antiquer newsletter. Members shared that the most important items for inclusion in the newsletter should be the following: (1) calendar of events;

(2) officers and contact information; (3) acknowledging new members with photos; (4) photos and recap of drive or activity; (5) promote upcoming events; (6) archival events since it is the anniversary year and (7) copies of Board meeting minutes.



**February 22, 2026 Planning Meeting – Cabin Fever Therapy, 41 attending**

Because of the re-scheduling of the Planning Meeting, Matt Sartin suggested that we ask members to bring a hobby or collection to display as we have done in the past for Cabin Fever Therapy. David Wilhite brought 3 family historical documents from Cades Cove, and newspapers his grandfather had drawn with pencil as a child. Tim Abramson shared 3 books on antique cars and literature which he had purchased at the AACA library sale. Gene Cable brought three books on antique muscle cars for sharing. Len Royston reported on and displayed memorabilia from the Mecum Kissimmee Auction of the Phil Bachman Ferrari Collection. Len attended this auction with his brother. He shared the details of the auction and special restrictions regarding the sale. Sonny Kirchner brought a collection of model cars, many were Buicks that he received from his father who had worked at Buick dealerships. Sonny's favorite car was given to him before he was 10 years old. Ed Barret brought a display of race car models and gave us details about them. Robert Quillin brought his matchbook collection and 3 Coca Cola bottles which are anniversary productions. Sandra Quillin displayed handmade gift bags, a crib quilt, and a gift basket to represent those she has made for her grandchildren.

Thanks to all attending, we had a great feast of sandwiches, veggie trays, chips, and desserts galore! The feast was a terrific way to end our meeting after a long agenda and the fun of sharing our hobbies and collections. It was such a joy to be able to sit, visit, and enjoy one another after the long wait for this meeting!



## News From National by Tom Howard, National Affairs Liaison

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As I write this today it is 81 degrees and the Jonquilles are in bloom. To me this is a sure sign of spring and the time to have the old cars on the road. For the antique vehicle hobbyist it is time for fun.

For AACA members it has already started with a great Annual Convention in Chantilly, Virginia in February. There were many interesting seminars, fun events to attend and a fantastic awards banquet whereas you viewed in the picture above the Hermansons received the Master Editor Award for their 2025 publication of the ETR Antiquer. In addition, our own Rick Lay was officially introduced as a new member of the national board. This convention was certainly a fun-filled three days for all attendees.

Now it is on to a calendar of great Nationals beginning in March with the Special Nationals in Puerto Rico followed the next week by the Winter Nationals in Cartersville, Georgia. With approximately 125 vehicles entered and a lengthy list of special activities planned including the famous Savoy Museum, Cartersville promises a fun weekend for all.

Following closely is the always great Charlotte Nationals in April made even greater this year as the entire event will be inside the historic NASCAR Speedway with even a opportunity to drive on the track. For AACA and NASCAR fans both, it is a "don't miss" weekend! Then there is both a Nationals and Grand National in Las Vegas. Next will be the Eastern Spring Nationals in Pennsylvania.

In addition on June 11-13 the Volunteer Region will host the Southeastern Fall Nationals in historic Oak Ridge. Plans are underway for a great weekend of activities for guests from many states. The AACA National Board of Directors will be holding their summer meeting at this event. The Volunteer Region invites all local AACA members to participate and attend this event being held here in ETR's backyard.

Registration for the event will be open soon. You must register through AACA Headquarters. To receive detailed information and to register send the request card included in your Antique Automobile publication to AACA Headquarters in Hershey. You may also call the AACA office at 919-534-1910 with your request.

It is going to be a great year for AACA and all the members here in Tennessee. See you soon!

*Tom Howard*

### **AACA National Events through June 2026...**

**March 26-28, 2026 – Winter Nationals – Cartersville, GA**

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**and...June 11-13, 2026 – Southeastern Fall Nationals – Oak Ridge, TN**



## The Story of My “Well Traveled” 1965 Corvette

I don't know exactly what I was doing on that exact day, but the reality of life for me on July 23, 1965 was that I was a 13-year-old skinny Indiana kid, delivering newspapers riding my second-hand Schwinn. The top songs on the radio were “Satisfaction” by the Rolling Stones and “Wooly Bully” by Sam the Sham and the Pharaohs. My eighth year of Catholic grade school loomed ahead of me that coming Fall. That is about as much as I can recall of my life that July. But, on that same day in St. Louis Missouri, 1965 Corvette number 22,964 (out of 23,564) was being completed at the Corvette assembly plant. Its body had been prepared, painted and trimmed out by A.O. Smith in Ionia, Michigan. GM had contracted A.O. Smith to build 50% of the mid-year bodies. It was then shipped by train to St. Louis to be introduced to its chassis, drivetrain and interior at the hands of GM employees. It was subsequently shipped to Jim Rathmann Chevrolet in Melbourne, Florida and on September 13<sup>th</sup> it was purchased off the showroom floor by local residents Richard and Peggy Schneider. Their salesman was Jim Rathmann himself, a very well-known race driver and the winner of the 1960 Indy 500. The Schneiders enjoyed their new Corvette, hauling a small boat with it and even taking it to the Sebring endurance races, sleeping in it and cooking next to the car in the track parking lot.

Not long after buying the '65, Richard Schneider, an engineer who worked for General Electric, moved his wife, two daughters and the '65 to the tiny Island of Andros in the Bahamas. Richard took a job there as a contractor for the U.S. Navy which had a facility on the Island doing research and testing of underwater equipment and weapons. For the next seven years the '65 fulfilled the role of family hauler on the island, carrying everything from groceries to Christmas trees strapped to the roof. When the family returned to Florida, they sold the '65 to a co-worker on Andros. Eventually it was shipped back to the U.S. and changed hands two more times before ending up in a shed in South Carolina.

In 1989, the car's fifth owner, Dr. Duncan Brown of Jacksonville, Florida purchased the '65 and commissioned a year-long professional frame-off restoration to meet the judging standards of the NCRS (National Corvette Restorer's Society). During the restoration the '65 was found to be a “no-hit no-rust” all-original matching numbers car. Dr. Brown used the Corvette purely for NCRS show purposes, driving it less than 500 miles in his 9 years of ownership. During that time, the '65 achieved three NCRS “Top Flight” awards. In early 1998, he sold the car to a large Corvette dealer in Ohio. I noticed the car in the dealer's advertising. After a close inspection of both the car and the associated historical documents (judging sheets, restoration receipts, title and delivery paperwork) as well as phone calls with Dr. Brown and the owner of the restoration shop, I bought it and had it shipped to Knoxville.

In our conversation, Dr. Brown told me he had searched for years in vain to find the car's original owners, the Schneiders. He went so far as to travel to Andros to see if he could get a line on

what was probably the only mid-year Corvette on the tiny island at the time. But he had no luck. Typical of many Corvette owners, I also wanted to get in touch with the Schneiders to hear about the car's history and their ownership experience. But how?

Well, back in 1998, the internet was in its early stages. So, knowing the full name of the first owners and a good bit of history of the car I decided to do an on-line search for every Richard Schneider I could find. All told, I located almost 100 of them nationwide. I made up a flyer with a picture of the car and some of its history. I then mailed one to every Richard Schneider on my list, asking the recipients to please contact me if this was the car they had owned 30 years earlier. I figured I had a snowball's chance in hell that I'd be lucky enough to find them. But, to my astonishment, four days later I got an email from Peggy Schneider. She was amazed and immensely pleased to learn that their "favorite car of all-time" was still on the road and being well cared for.

One night soon after, Peggy and I spoke on the phone for over an hour and she shared many memories. She told me how they had bought the '65 directly from Jim Rathmann and how they had taken it to Sebring and used it for everything that a family car could possibly be used for. She was even kind enough to send me photos they had kept all those years of them with the car. As a Corvette fanatic, I knew I had hit the jackpot. Things got even better soon after when Dr. Brown sent me dozens of photos of the car taken before and during the restoration.

As the car's sixth owner, I also followed the NCRS path with the '65 earning three additional "Top Flight" awards including a National in 2000. I've participated in AACA events with the car achieving both Senior and Preservation Awards. It has also achieved a VCCA (Vintage Chevrolet Club of America) Senior Award. In 2003, I was pleased that the car was invited to represent the year 1965 at the National Council of Corvette Club display at Corvette's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary bash in Nashville. It has also been shown at the Keeneland Concours in Lexington, Kentucky where it finished "second in class" to a freshly restored 1967 Ferrari 275 GTB/4. And it has been featured on the cover and in the pages of a popular national car magazine.

It has now been over 35 years and 10,000 miles since its restoration, but the old '65 still looks good enough to keep me happy and engaged. Peggy Schneider and I stayed friends and spoke regularly over the years about what the '65 had meant to her family and how it inspired them to later purchase many more Corvettes. Sadly, Peggy passed away recently. Her daughter let me know how much Peggy had enjoyed our conversations, hearing about how "our car" was doing and reliving fond memories.

One last note: As mentioned, in 2000 the '65 got an NCRS National Award at a meet held at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Sitting just behind the '65 on the show field that day was the actual '78 Corvette Indy Pace Car driven during the race by honorary

driver and 1960 Indy winner Jim Rathmann...the man who sold the '65 to the Schneiders. It struck me that it was ironic and somehow appropriate that these two old cars could end up so close together after all those years and miles gone by. I guess in a number of ways, for people and for cars, it really is a small world.

Ed Barrett



First owner George Schneider 1966



First owner Peggy Schneider 1968



Current and Sixth Owner since 1998, Ed Barrett



## Sunshine Happenings

by Sandra Quillin

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During February, I sent a get well note to Jean Lund who is recovering from a broken hip. I sent Jerry Mauch a note of cheer after his back surgery and a get well note to Tim Seay following his knee replacement surgery. I sent notes of sympathy to the family of Carole Guthrie and to Jane Loyd (Elby Loyd).

Our hats off to some of our ETR AACA members who volunteered their time and skills to participate in the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center's "Close and Clean Up Event." Thank you to Gene Cable who worked 2 sessions, Bill Stewart, Sonny Kirchner, Herb & Dawn Weise, George Roberts, and the Quillins. The staff and director Frank Graffeo (ETR member) were very pleased with the time given and the quality of work performed. Our thanks to the Heritage Center for allowing us to host our "Autos Through the Ages" car show each summer at the GSMHC on the third Saturday of July!

Members, if you know of a member who needs a note of cheer or a call, please notify Sandra Quillin at [quillin1@bellsouth.net](mailto:quillin1@bellsouth.net) or 865-591-9456.

### March – April 2026: What's Happening for ETR AACA Members??

March 21.... The ladies of the club are going to meet for a baking class conducted by Gayla Sartin and Mary Bellune. We will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Ruritan Club House, 21 Highland Park, Lenoir City. Gayla and Mary will teach us how to pie crusts for a fruit-filled pie. The class will end about 4 p.m. After class, we will join our husbands and go to an early dinner as a group.

March 21.... The guys in the club will meet at the Ruritan Club House for a mystery drive through Loudon County, into Monroe County to a destination to be announced later. Matt Sartin will lead the drive and return back to Lenoir City where the husbands will pick up their wives and we will go to an early dinner together.

March 28....The Quillins are planning to lead a caravan of those who would like to attend the car show on the final day of the AACA Winter Nationals being held in Cartersville, GA.

April 11....Members will meet up to caravan to the UT College of Veterinary Medicine for their annual Open House. We will plan to have lunch in the UT gardens if the weather is appropriate.

April TBD....Members will meet up to drive a Dogwood Trail together and then have an early dinner at a food truck or restaurant. Plans are not definite at this point, but it is definitely the time of year for a beautiful drive.

More details on each of these events will be sent by email to ETR AACA members. Please hold the dates of March 21 and March 28; also hold the date of April 11. Final plans will be shared by email.



# Breakfast Anyone?



**Next scheduled Breakfast - April 9, Airport Hilton Restaurant, 9:30 a.m.**

Call Sandra Quillin at 865-591-9456 to register at least 2 days prior to breakfast.  
We need breakfast hosts for May – December, call Sandra to volunteer.



**January 15, Monthly Breakfast, First Watch, Lovell Road – 19 attendees**



**February 12, Monthly Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, Lenoir City – 16 attendees**





Blake McCampbell (1945 -2020), who first became associated with ETR AACA as a young boy drives through the historical Rose Gulf Service Station in Tazewell, TN on a previous ETR AACA tour.