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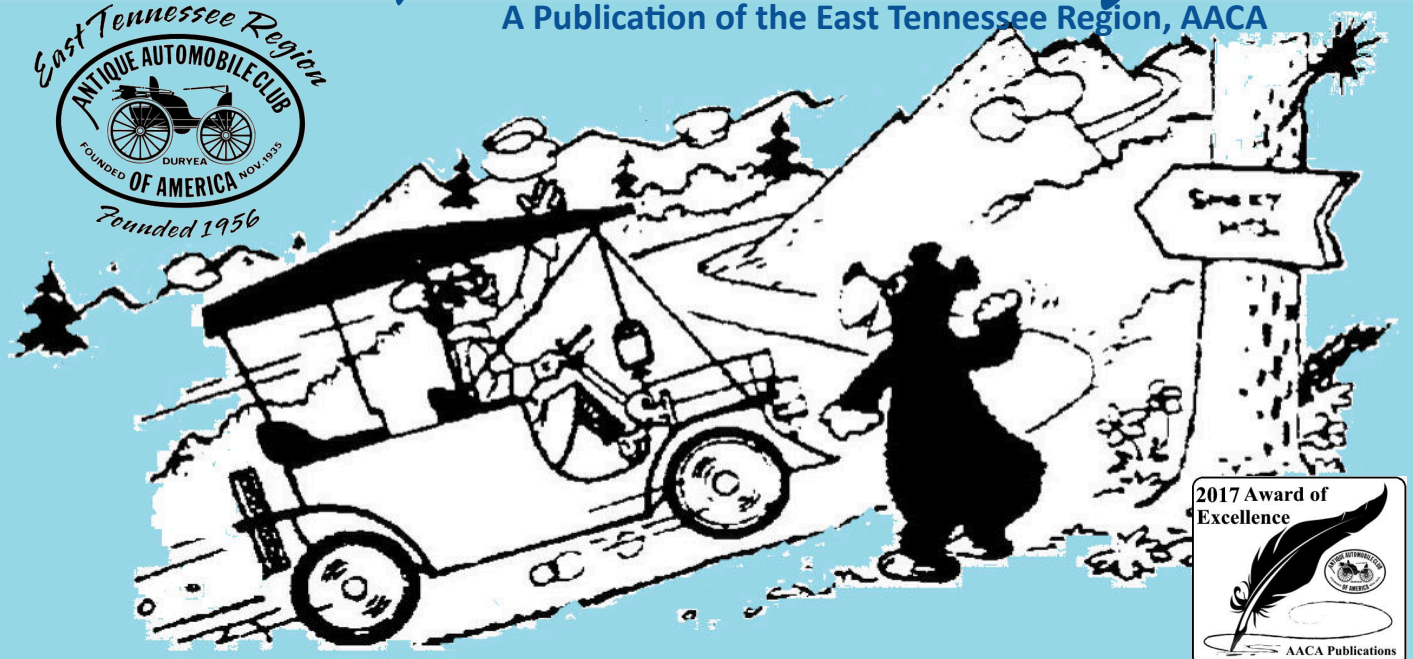

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Ken Lund eases his 1928 Ford Phaeton into place during the ETR's visit to the Westmoreland Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Local and National Events

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ETR 2018 Calendar of Events

July 14, 2018:
Roads Less Traveled Tour, Hosted by Tom and Nancy Trame
July 28, 2018:
Car Collectors Show at the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center, co-hosted by the East Tennessee Region AACA and the Smoky Mountain Heritage Center.
August 25, 2018:
Somerset Car Show (Kentucky) Hosted by Tim and Sherry Seay, Robert and Sandra Quillen
September, 2018:
Lane Museum-Nashville-Overnight (no date at this time) Hosted by Vic and Linda Varady
October 13, 2018:
Auto Fest (Smokies Stadium) Hosted by Bill & Sharon Jurkonie
October 20, 2018:
Bald River Falls/Fish Hatchery w/Classic Ford Club
November 12, 2018:
Knoxville Veterans Day Parade

Upcoming Events from Other Clubs

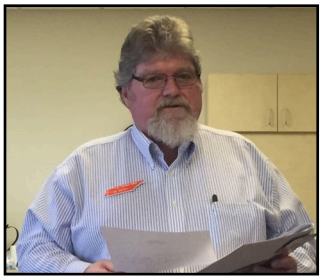
July 7, 2018:
Mossy Creek Cruzers Car Show, Jefferson City TN
July 20-21, 2018:
Knox Volks Motor Club Summer Jam Volkswagen Show, Townsend TN
August 10-11, 2018:
Tri-5 Nationals, Bowling Green KY
August 15-19, 2018:
Classic Thunderbird Club International Convention, Knoxville, Tennessee
September 13-15, 2018:
Ford Fall Festival, Townsend TN
September 20-23, 2018: Hornets Nest Region AACA Charlotte Auto Fair, Charoltte NC

AACA National Events

July 2018
11-14 – Gettysburg, PA – AACA Eastern Spring Meet, sponsored by the Chesapeake Region AACA meet brochure
August 2018
20-24 – Geneva, NY – AACA Reliability Tour, sponsored by Gennesee Valley Antique Car Society Region AACA and Wayne Drumlins Region AACA
September 2018
12-15 – Texas Panhale, TX – AACA Central Divisional Tour, sponsored by Amarillo Region
16-21 – Twin Falls, ID Revival AAA Glidden Tour
October 2018
10-13 – Hershey, PA – AACA Eastern Fall Meet, sponsored by the Hershey Region AACA
21-26 – Metropolis, IL – Founders Tour, sponsored by S. Illinois Region & Ohio Valley Chapter
November 2018
5-9 – Natchez, MS – Sentimental Tour, sponsored by Louisiana Region (Progressive Tour)

As the Wheel Turns

Brought to You by Our President, Tim Seay



Wow! It's the end of June. This year is already half over and so is my term as president of the ETRC. Time surely does fly by when you're having fun. We've enjoyed a number of great events so far this year and there's plenty of excitement planned for the rest of the year.

It is certainly an honor to be chosen as president of such a great group and I'm determined to uphold the standard of excellence set by all the club officers that have gone before. It is often said that in order to be a good leader, one must be surrounded and supported by good people.

This club is blessed with so many members that have served and are willing to serve in a variety of ways to make the club beneficial and fun for all who belong.

If you haven't taken the opportunity to host or co-host an outing for the club, I encourage you to do so. I promise you will have fun and the rewarding experience will outweigh the effort you invest.

Summer has officially arrived, so dust off your antique or collector vehicle and let's go for a drive!

Sunshine Report

By Sandra Quillin, Sunshine Correspondent

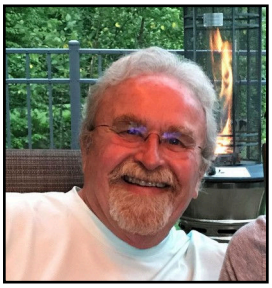
During the month of May, I sent a get-well card to Lafayette Williams who had suffered injuries from a fall. I also sent a sympathy card to Linda Royston after her father's passing. I sent a sympathy card to the Coulter family after the passing of ETR AACA co-founder, Kenneth Coulter.

During the month of June, I reported that Lafayette Williams and Wanda Edgemon are now home after being dismissed from rehabilitation. Lafayette is still dealing with issues from the fall but is walking without a walker. George Hodges is recuperating from recent thyroid surgery.

On April 27, we visited Concordia Transitional and Rehabilitation Center, Maryville. On June 15, we visited Westmoreland Health and Rehab, Knoxville. These experiences were so rewarding as we listened to the residents share their experiences with cars like ours. They were so appreciative of our visit. Nursing Home Coordinator JW Weeks and I hope that more members can participate in future nursing home "cruise-ins."

Editors' Corner

From Co-Editor Roger Frazee



We want your story!

Every old-car lover has a story. Most of us have lots of stories. Bev and Robbie Gray were kind enough to put Jan's and my story to pen and submit it as an article to this month's "Antiquer." Thank you, Bev and Robbie. You're too kind.

Now we want to hear **your** story. Tell us how you got interested in old cars. Tell us about your first antique car or your first car, period. If you're like many of us, your first car was also your first antique.

Tell us about the work you did (or are currently doing) on an automotive project. Tell us about how your car looked before it was restored.

Tell us about the lineage of your old car. Did you buy it new? Was it passed down through the family from one generation to the next; or did you see it parked by the roadside and snatch it up before common sense had time to kick in?

Tell us about the breakdown that left you stranded on a deserted country road. Tell us about the night you and your date ran out of gas at the end of a dark dead-end lane. No wait, don't.

Your fellow club members want to hear your story or stories. More importantly, they want to read about them, and your "Antiquer" editors want to publish them. Personal experiences make the best articles, and I know there are hundreds of interesting stories out there, just waiting to be written down.

Not a good writer? No problem. We're all in that boat. Your editors will help you put your thoughts into words and we'll assist, to the best of our ability, to make sure the grammar and spelling is correct.

Not a good typist? Not a problem. Hand-written articles are always welcome. Don't have time to write? Call us anytime. Jan and I will take diligent notes and put your story in print for posterity.

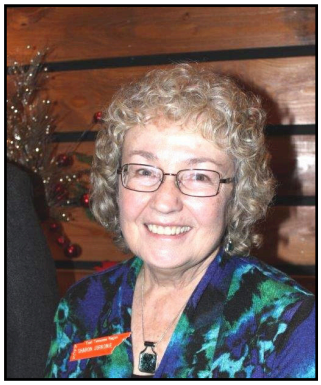
Now is your opportunity. Pick up that laptop, legal pad, or telephone and put your story in the next issue of the "Antiquer." You might be surprised at how much fun you can have seeing your story in print in our club's publication. Heck, your story just might even be submitted to the AACA's "Antique Automobile."

What? You haven't started yet?

East Tennessee Region

AACA Board Meeting Minutes

TN BANK, MARYVILLE May 15, 2018



By Sharon Jurkonie, Secretary

Officers:

President: Tim Seay, present

Vice President: Tom Howard, present

Secretary: Sharon Jurkonie, present

Treasurer: Charlie Simpson, present

Guests:

Sandra Quillin, Sunshine Correspondent, absent

Board:

Bill Jurkonie, Director, present

Robert Quillin, Director, present

Vic Varady, Director, present

JW Weeks, Director, present

Lafayette Williams, Past President, absent

Roger & Jan Frazee, Newsletter Editors, absent

CALL TO ORDER: The Board meeting was called to order by President, Tim Seay, at 6:08 p.m. He mentioned Lafayette Williams was in rehab after his fall and wished him a speedy recovery.

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING: The March 20, 2018 Board Minutes were previously sent to the Board by Sharon Jurkonie, Secretary. Bill Jurkonie motioned to accept the Minutes as written. Tom Howard seconded. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Charlie Simpson, Treasurer, gave the financial report as of 4/27/2018. Vic Varady motioned and Sherry Seay seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. It carried. Charlie mentioned the yearly audit of the financial books need to be performed and that Rick Lay did this last year and could do it again this year, if approved by the Board. Vic Varady motioned and Robert Quillin seconded to have Rick do the audit. The motion carried.

***ANTIQUER* REPORT:** Roger and Janice Frazee, Antiquer Editors, were absent from the meeting. We all agreed they were doing a great job on the *Antiquer*.

EVENTS COORDINATOR: Sherry Seay, Events Coordinator, said the cruise-in to the Concordia Nursing & Rehabilitation facility in Maryville was well attended with lunch at the TC Grill. The Cumberland Gap tour was also well attended with lunch at Angelo's In The Gap. Some members enjoyed spending time downtown as the Mountain Fiesta was going on. Jay Weeks said he would like to have more Nursing Home cruise-ins. Dan Paransky is hosting a Tech Session at his home on May 19th. George Hodges is hosting a club tour over in Newport to partake in the Moonshine Rod Run, hosted by the Hard Times Street Rod Club on June 15/16 for cars older than 1958. $25 registration fee. The Trame's are hosting an event on July 14. Tom Howard mentioned, in the past, club events were not scheduled when there was a National event on the same weekend. July 11-14 is the AACA Eastern Spring Meet in Gettysburg, PA. The Jurkonie's are hosting Auto Fest the same weekend as the AACA Eastern Fall Meet in Hershey, PA. October 10-13.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Robert Quillin reported Sandra Quillin sent out Get Well cards to Lafayette Williams and Wanda Edgemon. A Sympathy card was sent to Linda Royston in the passing of her father.

OLD BUSINESS:

Memorials – The club will make a $100 donation to the Tuckaleechee United Methodist Church in Townsend, TN in honor of Mary McCampbell, deceased member, to be used for a stain glass window for the church. Charlie Simpson also wrote a check for $100 as a donation to the Smokey Mountain Model A Antique Car Club in honor of Terry Wade Johnson, deceased member. Vic Varady will give the check to the Treasurer of this club as Vic as a member.

Heritage Museum Car Show – Tim Seay has been working with The Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center in Townsend for our club to host their Antique Car Collectors Show on Saturday, July 28, from 10-4 p.m. (no rain date). Members of our club, Jerry Hodges and Steve West, have both donated $500 to this cause. And another $500 was donated by the Smoky Mountain Tourism Development Authority. Club help is needed for parking the 50 antique cars they hope to have on display on the paved area. Vic Varady and Charlie Simpson are on the Parking Committee. The selection of the 50 will begin with our club first before going out to other clubs. The hope is to have a car from every decade. Tom Howard committed to working on the registration form (which would gather information about the driver and the car) for the event by June 1st with a response by mid-June. Roger Frazee could put it in the next Antiquer. The car/driver information could be put on a windshield card for display. Possibly this could become an annual event. Robert

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Daniel Paransky Conducts a Technical Seminar at His Greenback Machine Shop

"This is why everyone uses Bondo these days," Daniel Paransky said as he demonstrated the tedious art of using lead to repair a dented body panel.

Body repair was one of many topics that Daniel Paransky covered during the June Tech day which was held at the Paransky Machine and Fabrication shop in Greenback, Tennessee.

During the seminar, Daniel and his assistant, Stanley Wade, transformed a badly dented piece of sheet metal into a smooth and flawless body panel by filling the damaged area with lead and then carefully filing and shaping the repaired area to the proper contour.

Propping himself up on the Farmall Tractor he recently restored, Daniel Paransky covers a multitude of topics.

The process took many steps, from the preparation of the bare metal, to the application of flux and melted lead, to the use of multiple files to create a smooth and paintable repair. Although repairing body panels with lead is superior to using polyester (Bondo), the process is rarely used anymore, due to the skill and time required.

As Daniel and Stan worked away, Daniel's guest Barbara McGovern and ETR member Loretta Rollins prepared a table full of cookies, muffins and other goodies for those in attendance.

Following the body repair demonstration, Daniel spoke on the facts and myths surrounding ethanol fuel, and explained the uses of various fuel and oil additives available for antique and modern automobiles.

"A carburetor is a fixed-feeding device," Dan explained, noting that that the fuel systems on older cars do not self-adjust to the quality of fuel being used. "Find the gasoline that is right for your car, and stick with it."

Regarding ethanol, Dan provided evidence of how damaging the fuel can be to older engines. He passed around a fuel pump diaphragm that was partially disintegrated by alcohol fuel. He also showed the group a fuel line that looked fine on the outside but was completely blocked on the inside. The damage had been caused by ethanol fuel.

Speaking about oil, Dan explained that older engines with flat tappets require oil with a high zinc content. Most modern oils do not contain the levels of zinc required for our old cars. He cautioned, however, that motor oil which has high levels of zinc will damage the catalytic converters on modern cars.

Demonstrations continued as Dan performed a headlight alignment on Charlie Simpson's '63 Cadillac. Following that, he demonstrated spot-welding techniques and used his tire-truing machine on Charlie's Caddy.

Daniel hopes to provide more tech sessions in the future and would like your suggestions on topics to cover. His knowledge, coupled with his unique sense of humor, make Daniel a valuable asset to the club.

Daniel and his assistant, Stanley Wade, demonstrate the vanishing art of repairing body panels with lead.

ETR Members Travel to Newport for the 34th Annual Moonshine Rod Run

One of East Tennessee's best-kept secrets is the Moonshine Rod Run that is held each summer under the shade trees of the beautiful Newport City Park.

Event host George Hodges drove his 1950 Ford Crestliner to the Newport Show .

George Hodges hosted the East Tennessee Region's June tour to the Newport show. Those who attended were treated to a spectacular display of pre-1958 cars of every shape, size, and color. Attending the event as ETR guests were George's son, George Andrew Hodges, and grandson, George Benson Hodges.

Dewey Cruey (left) and Tom Howard celebrate Tom's recent retirement during the June ETR tour.

Dee and Dewey Cruey made the trip in their 1941 Chevrolet convertible, and Charlie Simpson drove his vintage Cadillac.

Tom and Sis Howard were attending the first old-car event since Tom's official retirement. Tom is looking forward to attending many more local and national meets now that he no longer has to work every Saturday.

Dewey and Dee Cruey 's 1941 Chevrolet was among the original cars in attendance at the Newport show.

Also attending the show from the East Tennessee Region were John and Diane Ross, Roger Frazee, Tom Christenberry, Blake McCampbell, Tim Seay, and Richard and Maggie Crawford.

Don't be misled by the term "Rod Run." The car show in Newport featured many, many cars that had been restored to pristine original condition. Among the more than 400 cars parked beneath the trees were several bone-stock Fords, Chevrolets, and Mopars of every style and vintage.

The show is put on annually by the Hard Times Street Rod Club. Proceeds from the show benefit cancer research. The event attracts show cars and spectators from all over Tennessee and surrounding states and is gaining the reputation as one of the premier old-car events in the country.

East Tennessee Region members who have never attended the Moonshine Rod Run are urged to put it on their 2019 calendar. Whatever your taste in collectable cars, you will enjoy the variety of vehicles, as well as the beauty of the city park and the hospitality of the friendly people of Newport.

Health & Rehab Center Residents and ETR Members Enjoy a Morning of Sunshine and Old Cars

By Jan Frazee

"I had car just like that, only it was a Model T not a Model A," and "Oh, I wish I could take a ride in that pink car with the top down," and "I bet I could get that GTO up to 90 in under a minute" were just a few of the enthusiastic comments made by the residents of the Westmoreland Health & Rehab Center as they viewed the antique cars displayed by ETR members on Friday, June 15.

The Center had invited the ETR members to participate in the event, which was held as part of the activities the Center had scheduled for the celebration of Father's Day.

The Quillin's '57 T-Bird gets two thumbs up from a resident.

More than 30 residents braved the heat of a sunny June morning to enjoy the antique vehicles, visit with club members and share memories of their own cars.

Club members who participated in this fun event were: J. W. Weeks and his 1965 GTO; Ken Lund and his 1928 Model A; Sandra Quilllen and her 1977 Mercedes 450 SL; Robert Quillin and his pink 1957 Thunderbird; and Roger & Jan Frazee and their 1966 Corvair Monza.

Roger Frazee, Jan Frazee, J.W. Weeks, Ken Lund and Sandra Quillin visit the Westmoreland Health and Rehab Center.

J. W. Weeks and Sandra Quillin organized the club's participation in this event. Both J.W. and Sandra have volunteered to coordinate visits to other area nursing homes and rehabilitation centers in the future.

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Quillin suggested ETR have a table with our flyers and banner on exhibit. Roger Frazee may have old AACA Museum films to show. The local media could also promote the event. There will be food trucks.

Scholarship Info from National – Since Roger Frazee was getting more information on this subject, it was tabled until the next Board meeting as Roger was absent.

Randy Moats Historian Club Items – Blake McCampbell and Charlie Alexander will stay in contact with Anita as to when they might be able to obtain whatever historical information Randy has for ETR. Randy had movies of the annual Hillbilly Homecomings in Maryville. Jerry Hodges may also have some old movies.

By-Law Review – The Committee (Tim Seay, Jay Weeks, Blake McCampbell and Rick Lay) is in the process of reviewing the current By-Laws for changes and, in particular, about Honorary Members. JW asked if National has guidelines to follow regarding By-Laws. Tom Howard said yes and directed him to the Policy and Procedure Manual.

NEW BUSINESS:

Additional Business from Floor – Tom Howard explained the National organization's position on the Museum. They are split and a lawsuit is pending. They each have their own Board. The National Headquarters have purchased a new building in Hershey which they will occupy in late 2019 along with the Library.

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Vic Varady talked about a 2 night overnight to Nashville including a visit to the Lane Museum September 28-30.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Sharon Jurkonie, ETR Club Secretary

East Tennessee Region Pioneer Terry Johnson Passes Away

Terry Johnson is remembered fondly by East Tennessee Region members for his active participation in regional and national tours and for his friendly smile and cheerful attitude.

Terry was very active in the East Tennessee Region during the sixties, seventies and eighties, and participated in several national Glidden tours.

Terry Johnson (right) enjoys a reunion with friends and his 1932 Ford Sedan Delivery during the club's visit in 2015.

Terry nicknamed his 1932 Ford Sedan Delivery the "Tiltin' Hilton" because the vintage car also provided lodging for Terry on overnight tours and events.

A few years ago, Terry was reunited with his Ford and his friends in the East Tennessee Region when the club visited him at a nursing home in Norris TN. Among those who attended was the current owner of the "Tiltin' Hilton, " Frank Henderson.

Terry's smile extended from ear to ear when he saw the '32 panel truck; and everyone delighted in the opportunity to see and visit with Terry once again.

In addition to being a lifetime member of the East Tennessee Region, Terry was also active in the Smoky Mountain Model A club. Terry is missed by all who knew him. He was also a musician, and played drums with local dance bands. His love of old cars, music, and his friendly smile will always be his legacy.

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ETR Members Attend National Meet in Auburn IN

By Charlie Simpson

ETR members Charlie Simpson, Rick Lay, Tom Howard and Sis Howard made the trip to Auburn, Indiana for the AACA Central Spring Meet. This meet was held jointly with the Nash Car Club of America and in conjunction with RM Auctions annual spring auction of approximately 350 cars and various automobilia items over two days.

Auburn is the home of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum, which is located in the old factory where these iconic cars were built.

The auction and show is held at a large auction complex just south of town on Interstate 69 that was originally built by Dean Kruse and housed much of his military vehicle collection. Although the site is large and requires lots of walking, it is laid out well and there is ample parking on asphalt for show cars. Many of the auction cars are parked under roof awaiting auction.

This Buick Convertible, restored by AACA member Doug Seybold, was among the cars on display in Auburn.

The weather was cool and cloudy for Friday's auction but rain was predicted for Saturday. Sure enough, Saturday morning brought a light drizzle and kept the AACA and NCCA show car numbers down considerably. Still, there were lots of beautiful autos of all vintages to admire, as well as many vintage Nash models that you don't see very often.

Although the rain kept the weekend from being perfect, it was a great weekend with good friends and some excellent meals at the Italian Grill and Mad Anthony's. I'm sure we all plan to make the trip again next Spring.

In 2019, Auburn will be the venue for the AACA Annual Grand National Meet. The meet will be held on May 30—June 1.

Remembering East Tennessee Region Founder Kenneth Coulter

Kenneth Coulter passed away in May at the age of 99. His legacy is his love of antique cars and the club he founded more than sixty years ago.

Kenneth Coulter (left) and Randy Moats at the ETR Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration in 2006.

It began with a classified ad in the Maryville Daily Times. Kenneth Coulter and his brother, Charlie, enjoyed tinkering with their Model A Ford and thought others in the community might share their interest in old cars, so they ran an ad announcing a meeting for the purpose of organizing an antique car club. The result was overwhelming as more that fifty people crowded the shed at Coulter Florists & Greenhouses in Maryville.

From that meeting, the East Tennessee Region AACA was born. Kenneth and his brother, Charles, were the founders. Among those attending that first meeting were Emory McCampbell, father of ETR member Blake McCampbell, and A.L. Christenberry, uncle of ETR member Tom Christenberry. Blake and Tom recall the early days, before that meeting at Coulters Florist, when Kenneth would drive his Model T in the Hillbilly Homecoming event that was held annually in the foothills of the Smokies.

"Kenneth would pick up celebrities at the airport," Blake recalled, "and drive them to the Hillbilly Homecoming in his Model T." Among the dignitaries that rode with Kenneth in his Model T were Senator Estes Kefauver and Beverly Hillbillies stars Donna Douglas and Max Bayer Jr.

Kenneth's love for old cars continued to grow, as did his collection of Fords. According to his longtime friend Tom Christenberry, one of the most cherished cars in his garage (nicknamed Ford Haven) was a 1941 Ford Sedan that had belonged to his aunt. "Kenneth went to Louisville to pick the car up at the factory," Tom said. "When he got there, the car wasn't ready, so he stayed over and watched it being built. The next day, he drove it home." The classic Ford has been restored once and remains in the Coulter family to this day.

Tom recalled the early days of the East Tennessee Region, when roads were more suitable for antique cars. "Kenneth and his buddies would drive their Model As to Ohio, to Michigan, anywhere they wanted to go," he said.

Kenneth would also occasionally entrust his valuable antique cars to his friends. Blake McCampbell recalled the time when, at the age of 16, he was handed the keys to Kenneth's yellow '31 Model A Phaeton. Kenneth wanted Blake to drive the car to an event in Gatlinburg.

Kenneth remained active in the antique car hobby until he passed away. He was a regular at the Foothills Mall Friday night cruise-ins, showing up there weekly in his Model A. He was also a regular at the Airport Hilton restaurant where he enjoyed lunch every Monday with fellow car buffs and old friends Tom Christenberry, Bill Haney, Jim Eubanks, and Charlie Ballard. The group meets there every week to this day, although now there is one less chair at the table.

Aside from his love for antique cars Kenneth was a community leader in many ways. He owned and operated Blount County's oldest business, Coulters Florists and Greenhouses, and was a member of the Tennessee Nursery and Landscape Hall of Fame. His business was commended by the Tennessee General Assembly and the Blount County Commission upon being named one of the nation's top 250 florists.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served four years in the Pacific with the 33rd Infantry Division.

In 2017, Kenneth was recognized for his 75th year of membership in the Free and Accepted Masons at New Providence Lodge in Maryville. He was involved in many philanthropic projects of the Masons, including support for the Shriners Hospital for Children.

Kenneth Coulter will always be remembered for his dedication to his country, his family, his friends, and to the antique car community. His obituary and life's story is available at http://www.mccammonammonsclick.com/obituary/Kenneth-Ellison-Coulter/Maryville-Tennessee/1798465.

News from National Headquarters, AACA

Reprinted from The Speedster

AACA is proud to support the SEMA Action Network (SAN) in declaring July 13, 2018, as National **Collector Car Appreciation Day (CCAD)**.

It is a day to help raise awareness of the entire car hobby and its role in American society. This will be the ninth consecutive year for what has become an annual event to recognize the importance of automotive restoration and collection.

Each year since 2010, this "holiday" has been marked by a U.S. Senate Resolution at the request of the SAN to honor the classics of the past and the future.

The U.S. Senate helped launch CCAD by passing Resolutions each year since 2010 at the SAN's request. The previous resolutions were sponsored by Congressional Automotive Performance and Motorsports Caucus Co-Chairs Senators Richard Burr (R-NC) and Jon Tester (D-MT).

The Senators have been strong advocates for the automotive hobby in Washington, D.C., and recognize the integral role collector cars have played in fostering our nation's appreciation for the automobile's unique historical place in our history. The Caucus is an informal, non-partisan group that pays tribute to America's ever-growing love affair with the car and motorsports.

As this annual event continues to grow worldwide, states, provinces, counties and cities are following suit with their own recognition.

How are YOU participating?

Is your Chapter or Region having an automotive-related happening during the month of July?

Events can range from informal gatherings and club meetings to more organized events, such as car shows, tours, cruises and parades. The official list at **this link** will help auto enthusiasts nationwide find events in their local area to join in and celebrate.

Participating organizers will receive a complimentary copy of the Congressional resolution for display at each registered event.

For more information, visit the National **Collector Car Appreciation Day website** or contact the SAN at **san@sema.org**.

Junior Membership Program
New Members and Writers Wanted

Reprinted from The Speedster

Do you have children or grandchildren? If so, you might be interested in signing them up for the Junior Membership program. Membership is open to all children up to age 12, and each Junior member will receive a special membership card and a year-long subscription to AACA's quarterly children's magazine, *Wheels*. Each issue of *Wheels* is filled with interesting reads and fun-filled puzzles and games. To find out more about this program, **click here**.

We are very interested in publishing content from our Junior members and encourage them to send in their own stories, poems, fan art, etc. We also welcome content from adults in the hobby, as well. If you think you have a fun or interesting story to share, please contact Matthew Hocker at **mhocker@aaca.org** or 717-534-2082.

AACA LIBRARY & RESEARCH CENTER
"America's Automotive Library"

This unique elephant float was created by the Budd Mfg. Company , an early automobile body builder.

The Edward G. Budd Manufacturing Company was founded back in 1912 and gained fame for pioneering the first all-steel body car.

Publicity stunts to demonstrate the advertised strength of Budd bodies included having elephants walk on top of them.

Given their predisposition toward pachyderms, it should come as no surprise that Budd built a special steel elephant to be used as a float in a 1926 Philadelphia parade.

What's it Like to Own a 1949 Packard? "Ask the Man Who Owns One."

The Packard cormorant (goose) hood ornament flies high above the unique and massive grille on Art's 1948 Packard.

Packard's advertising slogan was "Ask the man who owns one," so that's just what we did. The "Antiquer" staff tracked Art Fensod down during a blinding rainstorm and inquired about his recently acquired Packard Custom 8 automobile. Art found the car when it was advertised in "Roundup" magazine. He placed a call to the owner in Warren, Ohio; made the deal and purchased the classic Packard sight unseen. "It is everything the seller said it is," Art said, as he showed off the beautiful black lacquer paint, new chrome, and spotless interior.

Although little is known about the car's history, it is interesting that Art found the car in Warren, Ohio, birthplace of the Packard Motor Car Company. It is clear that it has led a pampered life. The Packard has 44,000 miles on the odometer and is completely free of rust.

Chrome accents emphasize the classic Packard lines.

Art Fensod stands proudly beside his beautiful black Packard.

The car was built during the fiftieth anniversary year for Packard, and the company commemorated the occasion by putting an extra dose of pride, and chrome, into the cars built that year. The 1949 Packard was so well received that it outsold Cadillac by 20,000 units during the model year. Art's car features a classic grille in front and another similar grille between the tail lights. The previous owner invested $10,000 just redoing the chrome.

Art's Packard is show quality inside and out and is destined to do well on the show fields under the loving care of its new owner.

Like the rest of the car, the interior is pristine.

Two Tennessee Gearheads Discover Engineering History in Ohio's Gem City.

By Roger Frazee

Having grown up in Central Ohio, I have visited Dayton hundreds of times during my life. Usually, a trip to the Gem City includes a visit to the Air Force Museum at Wright Patterson Air Force base, but not this time.

Steve Webber, Tom Ontko, Cass Edwards, Jan Frazee and a Mendelsons clerk stand in the building that was once the Delco manufacturing plant.

Since the primary reason for Jan's and my recent trip to Ohio was to see a collection of B-17s which were flying into Urbana, we decided that visiting the Air Force Museum would be redundant. This was a perfect opportunity for our Dayton friend, Tom Ontko, to put together a gearhead's tour of his beloved city. So, we set about to learn more about Dayton's place in automotive history. Our first stop was at Mendlesons, one of the world's largest industrial surplus stores. Known as the "first place to look for every last thing," Mendelsons is three stories of wonderful junk. This is the place where one can find everything from Geiger counters to dentist chairs. More significantly, Mendelsons is located in the original Delco (Dayton Engineering Laboratories Company) manufacturing plant. We were standing in the same building where, in 1911, Charles Kettering and his team of engineers invented the electric starter. It is also the building where, a few years later, Kettering would invent leaded gasoline.

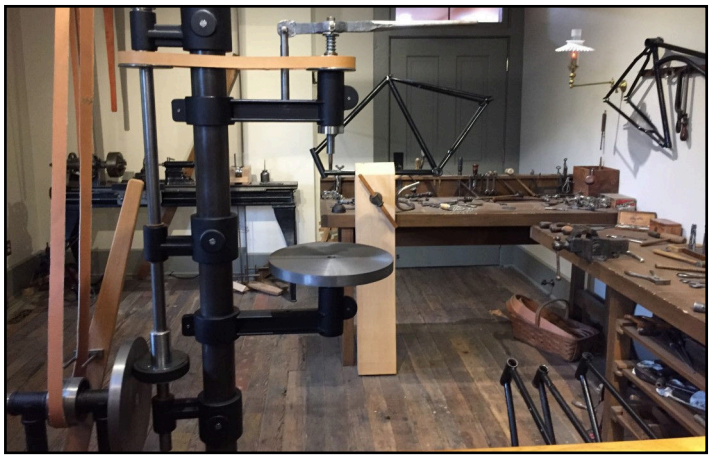
After leaving Mendelsons, with a few mechanical oddities in hand, we ventured on to the Citizens Motor Car Company-Museum. Once an automobile dealership in downtown Dayton, the building now houses the world's largest collection of

This magnificent dual-cowl Packard is just one of the many fine cars on display at the Citizens Motor Car Company museum.

Packards. The venue provides a chronology of Packards from the early days through the company's merger with Studebaker and its final demise in 1958.

Our final stop was the Wright Brothers' bicycle shop. The small machine shop has been restored to the way it looked at the turn of the 20th century, when Orville and Wilbur Wright were in the bicycle manufacturing business.

To tour Dayton, Ohio is to discover a city rich in the history of the engineers who shaped the technology of the 20th century.



Belt driven machinery accents the restored Wright Brothers bicycle shop.

Frazees Win HPOF & Century Award At Spring Meet in Charlotte

By Bev and Robbie Gray

As new members of the East Tennessee Region and AACA we have recently gotten acquainted with Roger and Jan Frazee. We had the opportunity to talk with them about their antique vehicles and their involvement with the club.

The Frazee's appreciation of antique vehicles started with Roger at an early age. The story begins with a Model T Ford and a Model A Ford owned by Roger's uncle who lived 50 miles away. Roger's uncle would drive to their home and give all the children a ride in the Model T.

When Roger reached driving age, his uncle handed Roger the keys to his Model A and said, "take it for a drive". Roger immediately left in the Model A, picked up Jan, and the two of them went cruising through Frankfort, KY.

Roger and Jan Frazee take "Uncle John's" A for a spin.
Circa 1969

This is when Jan became interested in antique vehicles. Having an interest in Roger, she was immediately interested in old cars. This interest in Roger and old cars grew and resulted in Jan becoming Roger's wife and a collector of antique vehicles.

The Frazees now own four antique vehicles and have bought and sold a dozen more. They have won multiple awards with their vehicles. When asked about favorites, Roger stated, "the one I drove last." Their vehicles include a 1917 Overland. Roger and Jan call the Overland Katie (named after Roger's Aunt Katie who drove the family Overland as a child). Katie (the car, not the aunt) recently received two awards this past April at the AACA National Meet in Charlotte, NC. It received the HPOF (Historical Preservation of Original Features) and the Century Award (car over 100 years old). Last year, the Frazee's 1966 Corvair Monza received a First Junior at the AACA meet in Huntington, WV.

They also own a 1962 Corvair Rampside truck, which Roger considers his work truck; and a 1963 Corvair Spyder, which the Frazees are currently restoring. Their goal is to someday win a First Junior with the Spyder.

The Frazees receive the Century Club Award from AACA President Chuck Crane (right).

In addition to awards for their vehicles, Roger recently received the AACA Web Master Award, which is an award for managing our local web site www.etr.aaca.com.

The Frazees have been members of the ETR and AACA since 2001, and are very active within the clubs. They are editors for "The Antiquer," our ETR newsletter. Both share in the writing. Roger does the layouts while Jan does all the proofing.

To make our newsletter more interesting, they really need articles concerning information, experiences, and restoring vehicles from club members.

Their most rewarding experience was working on the committee to host the 2015 Southeastern Divisional Tour. The tour took two years of planning and had about 150 cars participate. The three-day tour, based out of Sevierville, included day trips to Cherokee, Newport and the Foothills Parkway.

Since Roger and Jan are active within the club they encourage new members to become active. Their advice is, "get your cars out, come to events, and get to know the people in the club – just jump in and participate". Jan said, "the more involved you are, the more you will enjoy the AACA."

Eastern Spring Meet

Gettysburg, PA

July 11—14

Hosted by the Chesapeake Region

Top Participation Award Contestants

In Alphabetical Order

Men

Roger Frazee
George Hodges
Tracy Rollins
Tim Seay
Charlie Simpson

Women

Maggie Crawford
Janice Frazee
Sherry Lewallen
Loretta Rollins
Sherry Seay

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Hosted by Tom and Nancy Trame

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Car Collector's Show at the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center in Townsend on Saturday, July 28

10am - 4pm Show is Free

(***Non-Members***-Additional fee for visiting the museum)

Presented by
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- Food available on site for purchase
- Classic Car Films shown throughout the day
- Door Prizes
- 50 antique cars including:
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- Food available on-site for purchase.

"If interested in participating, please contact Tim Seay at 865-604-1586 or email at Timaseay@gmail.com"

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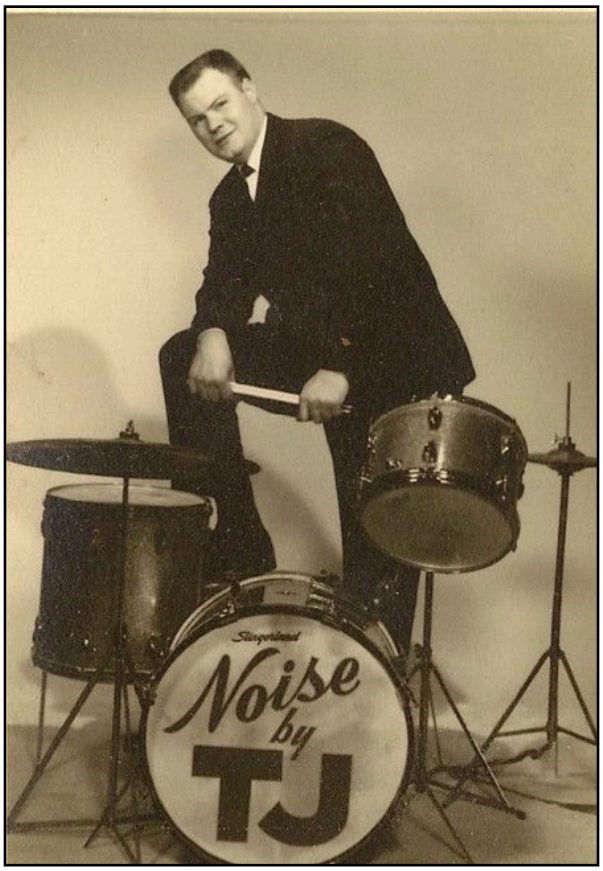
Terry Johnson and Kenneth Coulter: Forever in Our Hearts



Left: Terry Johnson engaged in his second passion — playing drums with local jazz groups.

Above: Kenneth Coulter drives Senator Estes Kefauver in the Hillbilly Homecoming parade. *Circa 1956*