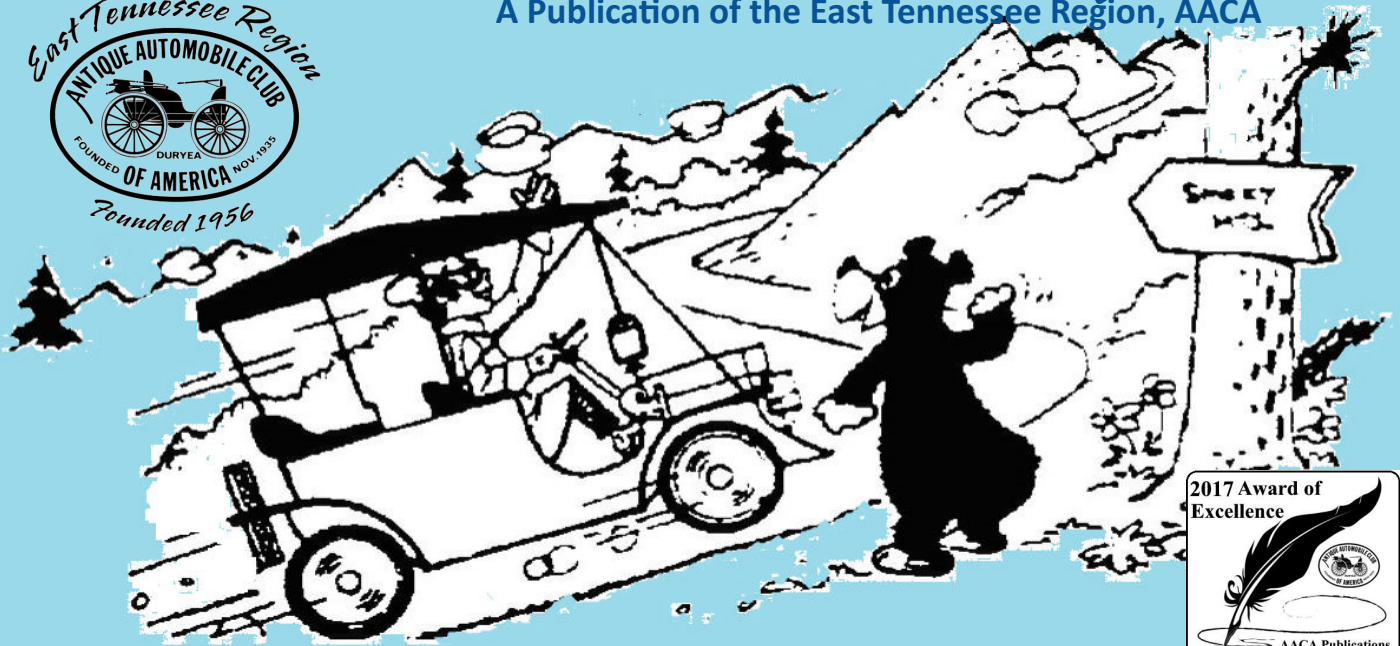


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This 1932 Chevrolet Roadster was discovered and purchased by ETR member Marshall England at the 2018 AACA Hershey Meet.



# Local and National Events

## ETR 2019 Calendar of Events

**January 20:** East Tennessee Region Annual Planning Meeting, TN Bank, Maryville.  
2:00 PM, meeting will include a covered dish meal.

## Upcoming Events from Other Organizations

**January 11—13:** Cabin Fever Car Show, Knoxville Expo Center

**January 11—13:** World of Wheels Custom Auto Show, Chattanooga, TN

**January 19:** Nashville Autofest Indoor Show and Swap Meet, Nashville Fairgrounds

**February 3:** Stones River AACA 31st Annual Swap Meet, Nashville Fairgrounds

**March 15—16:** Corvette Expo, LeConte Center, Pigeon Forge, TN

**March 20—23:** Ponies in the Smokies Mustang Show, Sevierville Convention Center

**April 10—13:** Bronco Super Celebration, Townsend, TN

## AACA National Events

**February 7-9:** AACA Annual Meeting - Philadelphia, PA. 717-534-1910

**February 21-23:** AACA Winter Meet - Kingdom of the Sun Regions - Ocala, FL  
website: <http://2019aacawintermeet.org>

**April 4-7:** AACA Southeastern Spring Meet - Hornet's Nest Region - Charlotte, NC

**April 29-May 1:** AACA Southeastern Divisional Tour (up to 1993)  
North Carolina -Cape Fear Chapter, NC

**May 30-June 1:** AACA Annual Grand National - Auburn, IN. 717-534-1910

**June 2-7:** AACA Founders Tour – Nebraska Region - Seward, NE

**June 26-29:** Eastern Spring National Meet - New Jersey Region - Parispany, NJ

**August 4-9:** AACA Vintage Tour (1931 and earlier) - Kingston Ontario, Canada -  
Contact: Lynne or Joe Konarowski - 905-987-5552

**Sept. 22-27:** AAA Glidden Tour (1942 and earlier) - Hornet's Nest Region -  
Charlotte, NC

**October 9-12:** 9-12 - AACA Eastern Fall National - Hershey Region - Hershey, PA

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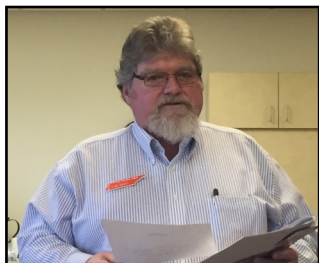
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## As the Wheel Turns

Brought to You by Our President, Tim Seay



WOW! That old saying that "time flies by" certainly holds true for me during 2018. Serving as President of the East Tennessee Region AACA car club this year has been a great honor and a wonderful experience for me.

The time, effort and resources that I contributed to the club during my tenure as President were offered willingly. I feel strongly that since I had enjoyed many privileges and benefits as a member of the club, it was only fitting that I should do whatever I could to "give back" to help it grow and continue the long history of success.

One of the unexpected benefits of serving as a Board of Director and Officer for the club has been the opportunity to get to know fellow members better and build lasting friendships. It has also been deeply satisfying to be a part of creating activities that were fun, informative and entertaining.

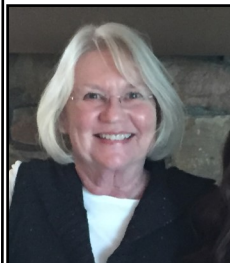
I want to express my sincere appreciation to the Board Members and Officers that served with me while I was President. I could not have fulfilled my duties without your support and assistance. I encourage each and every member to make a special effort to show all those that fill the various roles in the administration of the club how much you appreciate their selfless contributions to ETR AACA. Again, I thank everyone for the distinct honor and privilege to serve as your President for 2018. Let's all work together to "Keep Those Wheels Turning" for 2019.

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## Editors' Corner

From Co-Editor Jan Frazee



Our thanks and appreciation go to the following outgoing officers and directors for their leadership to the club: Lafayette Williams, Past President; Bill Jurkonie, Director and Sharon Jurkonie, Secretary.

Lafayette served a one-year term as Vice President, a one-year term as President and a one-year term as Past President. Bill served a two year term as Director and Sharon served as the Club's Secretary for four years.

Each of these board members provided their unique skills and countless hours of hard work and dedication to the success of our club. While they may no longer serve on the board, we look forward to their continued involvement and participation in all the club's activities.

Newly elected board members are Tom Howard, President; Robert Quillin, Vice President; RG Lewallen, Secretary; Charlie Simpson, Treasurer; Ken Lund, Director; and Len Royston, Director. Continuing to serve on the board are members: Tim Seay, as Past President; JW Weeks, Director; Vic Varady, Director; Sherry Seay, Activities Coordinator; Roger Frazee, Webmaster; Jan and Roger Frazee, Newsletter Editors. We thank these board members in advance for their leadership and guidance for the club in the coming year.

The upcoming Planning Meeting, scheduled for January 20, is an excellent opportunity to participate in developing the club's monthly activities, tours and their hosts for the coming year. We hope to see everyone there, and to hear their ideas for events!



## Sunshine Report

By Sandra Quillin, Sunshine Correspondent

Fellow ETR Members: Did you accept my challenge from the last issue of the Antiquer – to brighten the day of someone you know by making a phone call or sending a written note?

During the month of November, I sent a get-well card from ETR to Gary Bright who is recuperating from back surgery. During December, I sent two get-well cards to Bill Little who was hospitalized for gall bladder surgery and later was admitted to Well Park at Shannondale for rehabilitation.

During December, Bob Carter lost a sister. I sent Bob and Sharon a sympathy card from ETR AACA.

Ten days before Christmas 2018, we had four visitations for

receiving of friends in a 3-day period; all were in their late 60's, 70's or early 80's. We never know who is going to miss us or hate that we have gone too soon! Will that someone be a friend that called you "out of the blue" one day? Or sent you a handwritten note or card?

I read a book a few years ago where the main character decided that rather than "put away her Christmas card list" she would keep it out and every week she would call at least one person on her list. Her goal was to talk personally with everyone on her Christmas card list before time to send out the next year's cards. Sadly, she passed away before completing her list of calls. Consider this idea of "staying in touch" with someone you care about enough to send a Christmas card.



## East Tennessee Region AACAA Board Meeting Minutes

TN BANK, November 13, 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; Janice Williams

### Board:

Bill Jurkonie, Director, present

Robert Quillin, Director, present

Vic Varady, Director, present

JW Weeks, Director, present

Lafayette Williams, Past President, present

Roger & Jan Frazee, Newsletter Editors, present

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Board meeting was called to order by President, Tim Seay, at 6:45 p.m. Tim expressed to Lafayette for all of us how good it was to see him feeling well enough to join us. We hope he continues to recover.

**MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** The September 13, 2018 Board Minutes were previously sent to the Board by Sharon Jurkonie, Secretary. Charlie Simpson motioned to accept the Minutes as written. Robert Quillin seconded. The motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Charlie Simpson, Treasurer, gave the financial report as of 10/29/2018. Vic Varady motioned and Bill Jurkonie seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. It carried. The treasure's report is available to members upon request.

**ANTIQUER REPORT:** Roger thanked those Board members who have sent them stories for the Antiquer. He also said if someone asks him to reprint an article from the internet, he can't print it without first obtaining permission from the author.

**EVENTS COORDINATOR:** Sherry Seay, Events Coordinator, reported 23 people attended the Blount Back Roads Tour that Tim & Sherry Seay and Robert & Sandra Quillin hosted. Lunch was at Elvira's. Some went on to the Old Timer's Festival in Townsend.

October 12-13 – Auto Fest was hosted by Bill & Sharon Jurkonie. This was combined event with ETR and Smoky Mountain Classic Thunderbird members. 15 cars total. Corvette's were the featured car. Antique tractor exhibit and around 12 new RV's were on site for a walk through. Door prizes were awarded during both days of the event. High dollar awards

were awarded at the BBQ to the Auto Cross participants and \$1000 to the club with the most members attending.

October 27 was the tour to the Bald River Falls/Fish Hatchery with the Classic Ford Club. Hosts were Charlie & Margie Alexander and Robert & Sandra Quillin. Charlie is President of the Classic Ford Club and an ETR member. 27 attended with the highlight of the tour being the Fish Hatchery. Lunch was at the Tellico Plains Café. The Tellico Plains Festival was also going on – music and 60 vendors.

October 26-28 – Charlie Simpson, Tim & Sherry Seay attended the Dawsonville Mountain Moonshine Festival. This was a charity event for KARE for kids.

November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Roger Frazee, Tim Seay, JW Weeks, Robert Quillin and Tom Christenberry attended an event at the Crown College in Powell. Lots of student interaction at this indoor car show.

Veteran's Parade on November 9 was not attended by any ETR members due to the rainy weather. Richard and Maggie Crawford did go to Pero's to eat, meeting up with the Smoky Mountain Classic Thunderbird Club.

November 18 is the Annual General Club Meeting at 3:00 TN Bank for 2019 tour planning and Officer election.

December 15 is the Christmas Party hosted by Janice Williams and Sylvia Witt.

**SUNSHINE REPORT:** Sandra Quillin, Sunshine Rep, sent out Get Well cards to Wanda Edgemon, John McKee, Dallas Burns, Sue McCampbell, Art Fensod, and Loretta Rollins.

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# 2019 Officers Elected, New Member Welcomed and Original Banner Unveiled at November Business Meeting

Both the docket and the room were crowded as President Tim Seay called the November business meeting to order. The first order of business was a fantastic pot luck meal provided by the great cooks in the East Tennessee Region.

Roger and Jan Frazee will continue as co-editors of the Smoky Mountain Antiquer, and Roger Frazee will continue as the



Bob Bly, left, talks to the club about his love for antique cars.



Blake McCampbell displays the original 1956 ETR banner.

Following dinner, Sandra Quillin distributed Christmas cards for the members to sign. Continuing an ETR tradition Sandra started several years ago, the signed cards will be distributed to area nursing homes to brighten up the rooms of the residents.

After Treasurer Charlie Simpson provided the Treasury Report, he reported that nine new member-families have joined the club this year. He also asked for a moment of silence to remember the eight members who passed away in 2018.

Members were delighted to see Lafayette Williams, Dallas Burns, and Art Fensod at the meeting, following their surgeries and hospital stays.

The membership also welcomed new member Richard Payne, and Bob and Ann Bly who joined the club earlier this year.

President Seay presented the Nominating Committee's slate of proposed officers for 2019. The nominating committee was comprised of members Tom Howard, Sandra Quillin, and Tom Trame. The membership voted unanimously to elect the committee's nominees.

The 2019 officers are: Tom Howard, president, Robert Quillin, vice president, Charlie Simpson, treasurer, RG Lewallen, secretary. Tim Seay will continue on the board as immediate past president. The board for 2019 consists of: Vic Varady and JW Weeks, who are beginning the second year of their two year terms; as well as Ken Lund, and Len Royston who are new to the board. Sherry Seay will continue as Events Coordinator,

club's webmaster.

As a special treat, Blake McCampbell presented the club with the original banner from 1956. The banner was given to Blake by Anita Young. It had been stored for many years by the late Randy Moats, who served as the club historian. Plans are being made to frame and preserve the banner for posterity.

The membership began planning the schedule of 2019 events and tours with possible event ideas suggested. The schedule will be finalized during the January planning meeting.

**2019 January Planning Meeting**  
**Sunday, January 20, 2:00 PM**  
**TN Bank, Maryville TN**  
**Covered Dish Pot Luck**  
**Meat will be Provided by the Club**



# News from National Headquarters, AACA

## They're Only Original Once

By Fred Trusty, HPOF Chairman



I have heard some misconceptions lately about the HPOF class so let's take a closer look at the Historical Preservation Original Features Class or as a lot of people call it, The Original Class.

HPOF was created in 1988 to reward and provide incentives to keep vehicles in their original unaltered state and provide a living history of how factories manufactured these vehicles. They also serve as a record of how these vehicles should be restored.

There are two major areas evaluated in HPOF; **maintenance and preservation**. An HPOF vehicle is one that retains its original components and features not restored or altered. It must be an authentic vehicle as the dealer could have prepared for delivery to the customer with any feature, option, or accessory in factory literature or company directives for the model year of the vehicle. *These are the same standards as class judging.*

With HPOF, if a component serves the purpose for which it was intended, it's acceptable in most cases. For example, a bumper with some scratches and dings would be fine but one where all the chrome has flaked off and has holes rusted through would not be acceptable. There must be enough of the original vehicle left to be an example to a restorer.

Maintenance - Maintenance items are parts that will eventually have to be replaced if the vehicle is driven. Examples are batteries, belts, brakes, compressors, fuel pumps, hoses, alternators, tires, water pumps, and many other parts. Maintaining a vehicle is vital to its longevity so replacing maintenance items is not only accepted but it is encouraged and will not have a negative effect on the certification of the vehicle. Note that period correct replacements should be used and installed correctly.

Preservation: Many damaged exterior items can be replaced with NOS parts or better examples from salvage with no effect on the certification of the vehicle. Examples include bumpers, hoods, fenders, running boards, trunk lids, and most trim pieces. The same thing goes for many interior items as well.

Searching the local salvage yards, swap meets, eBay, Hemmings, or other sources to find a correct replacement might take a while but part of the fun of the old car hobby is the hunt.

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## Being Invisible

By Wayne Tuck, Vice President, Membership



Are you one of our invisible AACA members? Do you only get the car out of the garage for an old car event? Do you get it out in the driveway only to clean it and put it away when you're finished?

Are some of your friends and neighbors not even aware that you are an old car fan? Yes, many of us are invisible to the public as far as our old car hobby goes. If so, we are missing many opportunities to promote our hobby to others. Try taking your car out to the convenience store to pick up a loaf of bread and see how many folks will come over and ask questions about the car. Drive to work and see if the car doesn't attract a lot of attention.

We spend a lot of time talking about attracting youth to our hobby. Try picking up one of your children or grandchildren at school with an old car. Don't just stop at the curb to pick them up. Park the car and see how many young people are attracted to it. Take it to a high school sports event and not only students, but their parents also will ask questions.

Have you ever been asked about your activities with an old car and replied "I belong to AACA" and received the response "What is that"? Maybe we should reply "I belong to the Antique Automobile Club of America, the largest and oldest car club in the world".

Be proud of your club. Do you carry trifold brochures, contact information and membership applications with you in your car? Don't be caught speechless or unprepared when these opportunities arise. So get that car out and drive it. Get out in your community. Be proud to be seen in public with your pride and joy. Don't be invisible.

## Free First-time Membership for Veterans

The Military Sponsorship Program is available to all of the Military Veterans that have proudly served to protect our homeland and freedoms. With this program, AACA is extending a limited number of complimentary 2019 memberships for first-time AACA applicants. More information on this program and an application can be found on the AACA website under member information and drop down to Military.

These complimentary 2019 memberships are for first-time AACA applicants and are limited by the funds available for this program. These complimentary applications for membership are intended for individuals who have a genuine interest in the antique car hobby.



# Sylvia Witt and Janice Williams Host Another Fabulous ETR Holiday Party

Sylvia Witt and Janice Williams may have outdone themselves this year when they teamed up to host another great East Tennessee Region Christmas Party.



Sherry Seay, Maggie Crawford, Tim Seay, Charlie Simpson, and Ray Yates relax after dinner at the 2018 ETR Christmas Party.

This year, the venue was the elegant Bridgemore Clubhouse in Farragut. Steve Coppock was instrumental in securing the facility for the event. Guests at the party enjoyed a spectacular meal, which was catered by Calhouns.

After the dinner and gift exchange, outgoing President Tim Seay presented the slate of officers and board members for 2019.

The incoming president is Tom Howard. The vice president is Robert Quillin. Charlie Simpson will continue next year as Treasurer. RG Lewallen is the incoming club secretary. Tim Seay will serve on the board as the immediate past president.

The board will consist of returning members Vic Varady and JW Weeks, and new board members Len Royston and Ken Lund. Sherry Seay will continue as events coordinator. Roger and Jan Frazee will continue as co-editors of the Smoky Mountain Antiquer. Roger Frazee will also continue as webmaster for the club's web site.

Tom Howard's first order of business was to present Tim Seay with a plaque honoring him for his hard work as the club's 2018 president.

Ceremonies continued with the presentation of the East Tennessee Region awards for 2018. The prestigious Jim Gillenwater Award was presented to Charlie Simpson.

The Ladies' Participation Award was won by Sandra Quillin. The recipient of the Gentlemens' Participation Award was not in attendance. Therefore, the award will be presented at a future meeting.

Several members received \$50 cash awards for hosting monthly events during 2018. The awards were presented to the following recipients:

Robert and Sandra Quillin received the award for hosting the February Cabin Fever Therapy Event.

Roger and Jan Frazee, and RG and Sherry Lewallen received the award for hosting the April tour to Cumberland Gap.



Charlie Simpson, Robert Quillin, Tom Howard, Ken Lund, Vic Varady, and Tim Seay are among the 2019 officers and board members.

Daniel Paransky received the award for hosting the May Tech Day.

George Hodges received the award for hosting the tour to the Newport Car Show.

Tom and Nancy Trame received the award for hosting the tour to Rogersville and the Thomas Amis Historical Home.

Tim Seay and Robert Quillin received the award for hosting the tour to the Somernights Cruise In in Somerset, KY.

Tim and Sherry Seay, and Robert and Sandra Quillin received the award for hosting the Blount Back Roads Tour in September.

Charles and Margie Alexander, and Robert and Sandra Quillin received the award for the tour to Bald River Falls in October.



# Coker Family Sells Tire Business

CEO Wade Kawasaki leads group that buys Coker Tire and related businesses

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By Dave Flessner

Sixty years after Harold Coker started his tire business in Athens, Tennessee, the Coker family has sold the tire and antique wheel production business to the company's management team, backed by the private equity firm of Irving Place Capital.

Coker Group CEO Wade Kawasaki announced today that he is leading a management buyout of Coker Tire, Wheel Vintiques, Universal Vintage Tire, Phoenix Race Tires, Specialty Wheel and Roadster Wire Wheel brands.

The sale comes after five years of continuous growth for the Coker Group under Kawasaki, who Corky Coker brought to Chattanooga to run the company and who will remain at the helm of the business after the sale.

Coker Tire Company, Inc., based in Chattanooga, is the world's largest manufacturer and supplier of collector vehicle tires and motorcycle tires with distributors in more than 30 countries for such brands as Firestone, Michelin, U.S. Royal and BFGoodrich. In an announcement of the sale, Kawasaki said the Coker Group will continue to operate under the same leadership team and staff while expanding both its range of products and its portfolio of companies.

Corky Coker, the son of the company founder, the late Harold Coker, retired from the tire business in 2014 but he will continue to own and operate the Honest Charley Speed Shop and his property management company in Chattanooga with his children.

"I would like to thank Corky Coker for his decades of leadership at Coker Tire and for the confidence and trust he has placed in me as I have led the company and positioned it for the next chapter," Kawasaki said today in an announcement of the sale. "We intend to accelerate growth with our partners at Irving Place Capital as we expand into newer models and markets while continuing to serve the traditional restoration market that has been our home for six decades."

Corky's father, Harold Coker, founded Coker Tire in 1958 as a local tire store, which grew over the years until Corky took the reins and began aggressively expanding the product line to support the booming restoration market. The company grew its

offerings to include the hot rod, muscle car, motorcycle, motorsports and import markets.

"After my retirement in 2014, the Coker Group flourished under the leadership of Wade and his team," Coker said. "Coker Group has been and will continue to be committed to our core vintage customer and I have full confidence that this next step will be terrific for the company and the employees. The collector car market is evolving, and with the current surge in interest in 1970s, 1980s and even 90s vehicles, no one is better suited to expand the company strategically than Wade, who has always had a deep appreciation for these vehicles."

Irving Place Capital is an active investor in the consumer, industrial and packaging sectors, including the high-performance vehicle aftermarket through its ownership of Dynojet Research. Irving Place Capital Co-Managing Partner Phil Carpenter worked with aftermarket veteran Dan Gresham and Kawasaki on the transaction.

"We are excited to work with Wade and the Coker Group –this partnership positions the company for long-term growth both domestically and internationally," Carpenter said. "The Coker family built a brand and a portfolio of companies that are beloved by enthusiasts around the world. By partnering with Wade and his team we will together advance that legacy well into the future."

Lillian Coker, the co-founder of the company, said today "it is sad to see this part of my life come to a close" and the conclusion of a dream her husband, Harold, began in 1958.

"But as I thought about it, we all must come to a time of change and this change will be new ownership of Coker Tire," she said. "So it is my hope and prayer that those who carry Coker Tire Company into the future will be as blessed as we have been."

Lillian Coker said the key to the company's success over six decades has come in customer service.

"If you serve people well, profits will come," she said Harold once said. "If profit is your only motive, you won't do as well." "May God bless those who carry it into the future," she added.

*Editor's note: The Coker family were early members of the East Tennessee Region. Harold Coker served as the national AACA president in 1972. Harold, Lillian, and Corky Coker were honored guests at the ETR business meeting in 2011.*

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# Savana Hodge, 2019 Miss Tennessee USA, Granddaughter of ETR Members Frances and Jerry Hodge

*Editor's Note: We gratefully acknowledge Frances Hodge for providing the information and picture for this article.*

Savana Hodge, granddaughter of ETR members Frances and Jerry Hodge, was crowned the 2019 Miss Tennessee USA on October 13 at Austin Peay University in Clarksville.



Miss Davidson County, Savana Hodge, is crowned Miss Tennessee USA

Frances and Jerry, who live in Maryville, are very proud of Savana and her accomplishments. Frances said "Savana has always set goals, and then worked hard to make those goals a reality. She's consistently been a high achiever." Frances added that Savana was always interested in whatever she and Jerry were doing. "Savana wanted me to teach her how to cook and how to sew. Growing up around old and new cars, she loved being in the garage with "Pop" (Jerry) and talking to him about his love for 'all things about old cars' and the automobile business. She and her cousins loved helping him wash the antique cars."

Savana Eryn Hodge, was born August 3, 1993, to Tom and Mary Anne Hodge of Maryville, TN. Having lived all her life in Blount County, Savana graduated from Maryville High

School in 2012 where she was a cheerleader and served as editor of her high school yearbook. The summer of 2011, she served as a page in the United States House of Representatives Page Program having been sponsored by Congressman Jimmy Duncan.

A 2016 graduate from Belmont University in Nashville with a degree in International Business, Savana is now employed by the Stryker Corporation as a Trauma & Extremities Sales Representative.

Savana's pageant platform is "Our Time Is Now." Savana says "timing is everything" and she believes all of her past experiences have prepared her to be the voice of Tennessee through her new role as Miss Tennessee USA.

During her time at Belmont University, Savana said she was involved in an eclectic group of organizations which gave her well-rounded social and professional experiences. She prides herself on setting goals and achieving them, but she emphasizes that she has gotten to this point because of the encouragement and support of her family.

She plans to focus her volunteer efforts around helping children through the Make-a-Wish Foundation among other local organizations. She adds "It's our time to show up, it's our time to be kind, and it's our time to dream big."

## Welcome New Member Richard Payne

Richard is a fan of antique cars and especially the classic Chevrolet Corvair. He was first introduced to Corvairs as a teenager when his father bought a 1967 model. Currently, Richard owns a 1961 Volvo PV 554; 1963 Chevrolet Fleetside Pickup; two 1964 Chevrolet Corvairs; a 1965 Chevrolet Corvair Corsa; a 1966 F100 Pickup and a 1967 Chevrolet Corvair. Richard is a member of the Knoxville Area Corvair Club and served as Club President in 2010. He recently retired from the Tennessee Air National Guard, where he served as an airplane mechanic for more than 27 years.





## Tupelo MS Automobile Museum to Close, Its Contents Sold to Benefit Charitable Educational Foundation



Museum Owner Jane Spain stands next to a 1954 Mercury. This is one of the many cars that will be auctioned off this spring.

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*By Dennis Said* Jane Spain's favorite car in the Tupelo Automobile Museum is a 1954 Mercury Sun Valley. Painted a pale yellow, its innovative and distinctive plexiglass panoramic roof allowed passengers to soak up the views.

And that's what she and her late husband, Frank, did in the late 1990s, when they drove the car from Alaska back to Tupelo. The memories of that trip – even when the car broke down in the Yukon, where they had to wait a few days for parts – are indelibly etched in her mind.

"It was an awesome adventure," she said with a smile.

But the Sun Valley, along with the other 177 vehicles in the museum, will be sold at auction in late April, never to be gathered under one roof again.

Spain made the bittersweet decision to sell the cars because, after 16 years, it was no longer sustainable to run the museum. Most importantly, she said it was time to do what the construction of the museum was meant to do – fund a charitable educational foundation Frank had envisioned.

Proceeds from the sale of the collection – whose value ranges from nearly \$10 million to perhaps twice as much or even more – will go to the foundation.

"Every nickel will go toward it," Jane said. "I'm not keeping any of it."

Nor is she keeping any of the cars, despite the many memories and stories that so many of them hold. Not even the beloved Sun Valley.

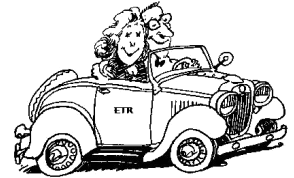
"I have plenty of memories, but you know, if I clung to every memory, I'd keep so many of them and then I'd feel guilty if I didn't keep this one or that one," she said. "So my thing is it needs to make more memories – all of them do."

The cars will all find new homes. Some will go to collectors, some will likely go to museums in Europe and elsewhere. But Spain hopes that some of them, like the Sun Valley, will be driven again.

"They have sat here, and we took very good care of them, but they need to be out on the road, and they need to start new experiences," she said. "Most will hopefully go somewhere where somebody will make new memories with them."



# November Board Meeting Minutes



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Sympathy cards were sent to Bob Edgemon (Wanda) and Perry Anthony (brother).

### OLD BUSINESS:

**Scholarship Update** – Roger Frazee will convey to the members at the Planning meeting the Board’s proposal to establish a scholarship in the amount of \$1000. Details to be worked out next year. The committee is Tom Howard, Tim Seay and Janice Frazee.

**Memorial Donations** – Tom Howard motioned \$100 be donated to the AACA Library in memory of Art Copcutt. Lafayette seconded the motion. All approved. Vic Varady said the Model A Club sent their donation in Art’s memory to the Knoxville Area Boy Scouts.

Charlie Simpson had an acknowledgement letter from AACA for ETR’s donation to the Library in Ken Coulter’s memory. He also received an acknowledgement from the Shriner’s Hospital for ETR’s donation in Ed Ashcroft’s memory.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**New Memorial Donation** - Robert Edgemon has asked that a donation be made to the Tennessee Chapel Baptist Church in Kingston in Wanda’s memory.

**\$50 Recipients for 2018 Official Tour Hosts** – The following tour hosts will receive \$50 at the Christmas Party. (Sherry Seay will communicate the rules for host eligibility to win \$50 for the 2019 tours at the November General Meeting.)

- February 25 – Cabin Fever Therapy Event – Sandra & Robert Quillin
- April 21 – Cumberland Gap Tour – Roger & Jan Frazee and RG & Sherry Lewallen
- May 19 – Tech Day – Daniel Paransky
- June 16 – Newport Car Show – George Hodges
- July 14 – Rogersville and Thomas Amis Historical Home – Tom & Nancy Trame
- August 25 – Somerset Car Show (Kentucky) – Tim Seay & Robert Quillin
- September 29 – Blount Back Roads Tour – Tim & Sherry Seay and Robert & Sandra Quillin
- October 27 – Bald River Falls/Fish Hatchery w/Classic Ford Club – Charles & Margie Alexander and Robert & Sandra Quillin

Charlie Simpson motioned to continue the \$50 hosting event award in 2019 in accordance with previous guidelines. Bill Jurkonie seconded the motion. It carried.

**2019 Slate of Officers** – Nominating Committee was Tom Howard, Sandra Quillin and Tom Trame with 2 alternates of Art Fensod and Blake McCampbell. Slate was presented by Sandra Quillin to the members present at the October 27 Bald River Falls Tour. Proposed slate of 2019 Officers is –

- President – Tom Howard
- Vice President – Robert Quillin
- Secretary – RG Lewallen
- Treasurer – Charlie Simpson
- Director – Ken Lund (2-year term)
- Director – Len Royston (2-year term)
- Director – JW Weeks (2<sup>nd</sup> year of his 2-year term)
- Director – Vic Varady (2<sup>nd</sup> year of his 2-year term)
- Web Master – Roger Frazee
- Antiquer Editors – Roger Frazee, Janice Frazee
- Activities Coordinator – Sherry Seay
- Past President – Tim Seay

\*Computer skills are needed for the Secretary position. Some of the reports use Access software. Vic Varady motioned we pay up to \$250 to an outside resource to convert those Access reports. Bill Jurkonie seconded the motion. Tom Howard will speak with Jeff Turner who created the programs in Access to see if he might be of assistance.

**New Member** – Roger Frazee had a new member application for Richard Payne from Maryville. The Board approved this new member. Roger will use one of the 2019 Complimentary National Dues for this new member.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted by  
Sharon Jurkonie, ETR Club Secretary

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