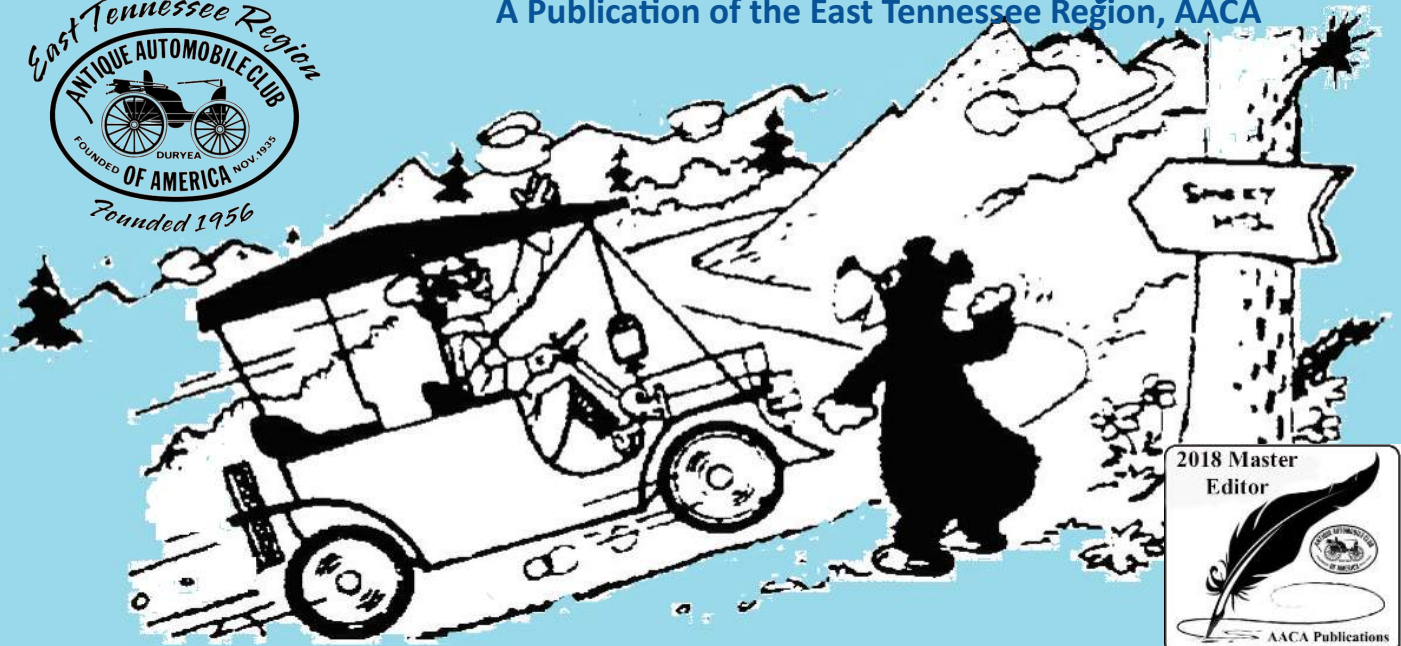


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ETR President Tom Howard and Daniel Paransky negotiate the cost of a brake job on Tom's '57 Chevrolet during the annual Tech Day at Dan's shop.



# Local and National Events

## ETR 2019 Calendar of Events

<b>July 20:</b>	Second Annual "Autos Through the Ages," car show, Townsend TN
<b>August 3:</b>	Covered Dish Picnic at Art Fensod's home, Loudon TN. Hosted by Art Fensod
<b>September 2:</b>	Member Appreciation Picnic, Springbrook Park, Alcoa TN
<b>October 19:</b>	Fall Foliage Tour. Hosted by the Roystons and Blake McCampbell
<b>October 24:</b>	ETR Participation in the Top Wrench Competition. Hosted by Richard Payne
<b>November 17:</b>	Annual Business Meeting TN Bank. Hosted by Tom Howard
<b>December 13:</b>	Christmas Party, Rothchilds Event Center, Knoxville. Hosted by Tom Howard

## Upcoming Events from Other Organizations

<b>July 14:</b>	Harper Auto's Cars and Coffee, West Town Mall
<b>July 20:</b>	Summer Jam All-Volkswagen Car Show, Tally Ho Inn, Townsend TN
<b>August 8-10:</b>	Tri-Five Nationals, Bowling Green KY
<b>Sept. 6-7:</b>	Shades of the Past Hotrod Roundup, Dollywood, Pigeon Forge TN
<b>Sept. 14:</b>	Knox County Sheriff's Office Car and Motorcycle Show, Knoxville Expo Center
<b>Sept. 14:</b>	Third Annual Smoky Mountain Mustang Club Car Show, Clinton TN. All makes and models welcome

## AACA National Events

<b>August 4-9:</b>	AACA Vintage Tour (1931 and earlier) - Kingston Ontario, Canada - Contact: Lynne or Joe Konarowski 905-987-5552
<b>Sept. 22-27:</b>	AAA Glidden Tour (1942 and earlier) - Hornet's Nest Region - Charlotte, NC
<b>October 9-12:</b>	9-12 - AACA Eastern Fall National - Hershey Region - Hershey, PA
<b>October 23-26:</b>	AACA Southeastern Fall National - Deep South Region - Mobile, AL
<b>November 6-9:</b>	AACA Western Fall National - Fallbrook, CA

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## Let's be Seen in 2019

From President Tom Howard



In looking at my calendar, I am amazed to see that over half the year has passed. Seems not long ago we were having our annual planning meeting where we were together assembling a great list of activities for 2019. Now we have already had some great tours, eaten good food and enjoyed wonderful fellowship.

Now it is time to look forward to events to come. First, the 2nd annual "Autos Through the Ages" antique vehicle show to be presented at the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center in Townsend, July 20th is one of our very special activities of the entire year. Registrations are coming in daily. Contact Tim or Sherry Seay for details and a registration form. I hope every member will consider bringing one or more vehicles to this event. After the Townsend show, we have more exciting activities in the coming months. Watch for details arriving in your inbox or mailbox as they approach.

At the May board meeting, your board voted to establish a member calling committee. My special thanks to Sandra Quillin for her work in designing, assembling and completing this program. As you know, I feel communication is very important and by keeping in touch with each other, especially our new members, we will continue to maintain an active and enjoyable organization for everyone. Please refer to the Editors' Corner in this issue for details.

In closing, I want to express our deepest and heartfelt thanks to all of you who have called or sent cards, emails and texts during this very difficult time in my and my family's lives. Your calls and personal writings with expressions of love and caring for Sis were so comforting for us. Our friends certainly will help get us through this time and we will move forward. I look forward to seeing you in Townsend on the 20th.

## Editors' Corner

From Co-Editor Jan Frazee



One of the goals of our President, Tom Howard, is to ensure that each new member to the ETR is made to feel welcome and included in the club's activities.

Various ways to achieve this goal have been discussed during the past few board meetings. One of the more popular ideas was to develop a "call list" which volunteers would use to contact new members to issue a personal invitation to attend an upcoming ETR event. The idea grew to include contacting those members who had not attended recent meetings. Then, the idea grew for the membership list to be divided among the board of directors so that each ETR member would receive a personal invitation to ETR events, and to generate better participation and communication with our members. Thus, many of you received a telephone call, as well as an email notification, of the June and July events.

As Tom said, "The idea of calling everyone may not continue; however, it's important that our new members feel welcome and they may appreciate a phone call. For our members who have not been able to attend an event for whatever reason — they might like to know they were missed. It's not really necessary to call those members who attend all the time; but, they might enjoy receiving a phone call, too." Receiving a call from a member of your ETR board also provides you an opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas to the club leadership.

Let us know your thoughts on our idea by sending an email to: [ETRAACA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ETRAACA@GMAIL.COM). The ETR Board members are listed on page two of this newsletter and their personal contact information is listed on the ETR Roster provided to you previously by our Club Secretary.

## Two Great ETR Events Coming up in July and August

**July 20: Autos Through the Ages Car Show**  
Heritage Center, Townsend TN

**August 3: Covered Dish Picnic**  
at the Home of Art Fensod



## Keeping the Wheels Turning

By Sherry Seay, Events Coordinator



The wheels have continued to roll with a number of successful events since our last report.

The "Garage Tour" with the Classic Ford Club in April allowed club members to visit 3 different garages with cars galore and more memorabilia than anyone can imagine. First stop was Cricket Patterson who opened the doors to her late husband, Ralph's remaining collection of memorabilia, cars and car parts. The second stop was Lester Sexton's garages, one of which contained a "town" with lots of racing memorabilia. The third stop was Tom Christenberry's garage containing his beautiful classic cars. We had great participation with 26 cars and 40 people attending and a big thanks to Chapman's Restaurant in Seymour for opening an hour early to accommodate the crowd!

In May, the Lewallens, Frazees & Grays hosted a driving tour and cookout at Frozen Head State Park. We didn't let the rain stop us and it actually took a break while we had our dogs and burgers! We had 24 members and 4 guests in attendance.

On May 18, Daniel Paransky hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tech Day at his shop with 14 people attending. Dan always teaches something new and this year the focus was on brakes.

June was our tour of the Foothills Parkway with Charlie Simpson and Dallas & Liz Burns. Although rain was predicted, it held off until we made it to the Carriage House for lunch. We had 17 cars and 32 people attending.

Planning for the Heritage Center Car Show "Autos Through the Ages" on July 20<sup>th</sup> is well under way. **If you haven't sent your registration in, please do so asap so that we can plan appropriately.** Put your car in gear and come join us!



## Sunshine Report

By Sandra Quillin, Sunshine Correspondent



On April 30, I sent get well cards from ETR to Sylvia Witt who was undergoing medical tests, Margie Alexander who had gall bladder surgery, and to Linda Varady who had hip surgery. It was wonderful to see all three of these ladies at touring events within the last month!

In May, I sent get well wishes to Tom Christenberry who was hospitalized at Blount Memorial Hospital. Tom is still recuperating but doing much better!

In June, I sent a get well card from ETR to Charles Alexander who was hospitalized at Blount Memorial with a ruptured appendix! I sent a note of cheer from ETR members to Sis Howard.

Sadly, we have just experienced the loss of ETR member Sis Howard. She will be missed by all. I will send a note of sympathy to ETR President Tom Howard in the loss of his wife of nearly 59 years.

Sometimes one can feel overwhelmed with how many friends and relatives are ill, or gone, or bombarded with problems? Don't question "what you can do" just do something – give them a call, make a visit, call someone who is missing a loved one, send a note, and don't forget the power of prayer! Before you go on to the next article, make a list of those in need that you want to contact this week. You will be blessed for doing so!

### Celebration of Life Scheduled For Sis Howard

A celebration of life service will be held at 2pm on Tuesday, July 9 at Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel with a reception immediately following.

The family will be available one hour prior to the service for visitation.

In lieu of flowers, you may make a donation in Sis's name to the Antique Automobile Club of America Library and Research Center, 501 West Governor Road, Hershey, PA 17033.

Sis's obituary is available at <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/helen-howard-obituary?pid=193256670>

Memories of Sis are published on page seven.

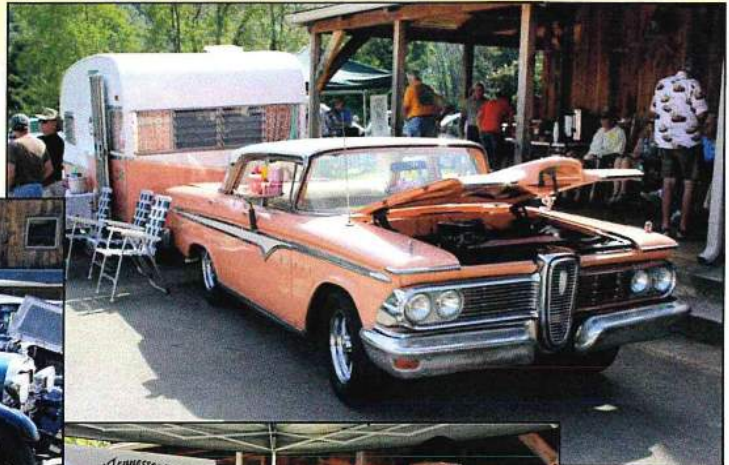
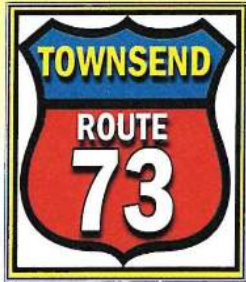


# 2nd Annual Autos Through the Ages Show

Over 50 Antique Cars on Display at  
The Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center  
in Townsend, Tennessee on Saturday, July 20

10am - 3pm Show is Free

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



SnoBiz  
snowcones  
will be here to  
keep you cool.

First 75 cars to register  
will receive:

- \*Two Free Admissions to the Heritage Center Museum
- \*Free Morning Coffee & Refreshments
- \*Two Free Lunch Tickets.



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If interested in participating,  
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# Remembering Sis Howard

December 25, 1939 - June 22, 2019



First Lady Sis Howard stood by the Howard's Pontiac Coupe that she and Tom dated in before they were married.

*By Rick Lay*

I loved Sis Howard. She and Tom are members of my family. I decided on that many years ago. Sis would often just call me up and say, "I just felt like calling you. Is that OK?" And yes, Sis, it always was. It was always a case of not having talked in a while and getting caught up on the latest AACA happenings or family things going on. But, it was always something I looked forward to.

I also always looked forward to the trips the Howards and the Lays took together. Often it was just me, as Dawne had to work during a meet weekend. But no matter - it was always a fun thing to be together. Charlie Simpson and I got to be with the Howards just a little over three weeks ago in Auburn. Sis had been really excited about going and we all really had a good time together. God blessed us with one more trip together and Sis seemingly felt great the whole time we were there.

As I write this remembrance, I am preparing to go up to Gettysburg with Dawne and Jordan on our way to Parsippany, NJ at the end of the week. It was only last year that the Lays (all three of us) and the Howards were in Gettysburg in May, 2018.

We all ate together every night eating at historic eateries like the Dobbin House and the Farnsworth House. Sis loved eating good food at unique places and we all enjoyed each being with her and with each other. And that was Sis – talking to her, she could make most anyone feel relaxed in a short amount of

time. She had a way of making folks feel like they had known her for years. And she always made you feel like she was truly interested in every facet of your life. I watched her so many times "melt the ice" by having a kind word and a smile whenever new folks would approach her.

Three years ago, the Howards and I got smart and stopped paying the high hotel and campground fees at Hershey. We found out about how we could rent a house for the week together and cut our week's expenses by more than half. That's the real test of friendship – living together under the same roof. It was always a blast – I enjoyed Hershey week even more because we did that. Sis was so looking forward to this year's house. It has a beautiful back yard and she was excited that Charlie Simpson would be our new addition to the Hershey contingent. Sis, I promise I will carry on that excitement for you this year at Hershey!

And I plan to bring a bottle of something with me to our house this year so Tom, Charlie and I (and whoever else wants to come over) can sit down one night, reminisce and have a toast to you! You will always be in my heart, dearest Sis.

*Editor's Note: Sis Howard will be the subject of West Peterson's editorial in the July–August edition of the Antique Automobile. Her obituary can be read at <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/helen-howard-obituary?pid=193256670>*



# ETR Members Visit Private Car Collections During May Tour



East Tennessee Region members and guests joined the Classic Ford Club on a tour of three private car collections during the May event. Tom and Cindy Christenberry welcomed guests to their garage, as did Christy Patterson and Lester Sexton. The day was topped off by a great lunch at Chapman's Restaurant. Photos by Robert Quillin.



A few of the classic Fords on display at the Christenberry's.



Tim & Beth Fisher, Linda Royston and Loretta Rollins having fun during the April Garage Tour.



This midget racer is part of the Sexton's car collection.



Members and guests arrive at the home of Christy Patterson.



# Region Members and Guests Travel to Frozen Head State Park for a Cookout and Fellowship

The weatherman was not optimistic on the day of our scheduled tour to Frozen Head State Park. In fact, an hour before our scheduled rendezvous, the sky opened up in a deluge. Water was ponding on the roadways. Not a good day for a tour? It was a great day for a tour! Just as our departure time was approaching the clouds cleared and the rain stopped. Nearly 30 ETR members and guests turned out for the event and several braved the weather in their antique cars.

The tour and picnic at Frozen Head was co-hosted by Sherry and RG Lewallen, Bev and Robbie Gray, and Jan and Roger Frazee. While the Grays and the Lewallens were at the picnic pavilion preparing for the club's arrival, the Frazee's were gathering the participants together in Oak Ridge, the starting point of the day's adventure.

The club welcomed guests Cindy and Scott Hill, their daughter Jessica, and their grandson Darren McCurry. The Hills, who own several antique cars, were guests of the Lewallens. Also in attendance was RG and Sherry's granddaughter, Lilah.



Robbie Gray and Guest Jessica McCurry take up the hamburgers at the Frozen Head cookout.



While the ladies prepare the food, Richard Crawford holds court with the men of the East Tennessee Region.

Once the announcements were made the tour got under way, wandering along the picturesque roads of Anderson and Morgan Counties, to the beautiful and secluded Frozen Head State Park. As each car crossed the wooden bridge at the entrance to the park, Beverly Gray snapped pictures of the club's arrival. At the reserved pavilion, Robbie and RG had the grill fired up as they prepared hamburgers and hot dogs for the group. While the barbeque chefs plied their craft, Sherry and other volunteers worked to lay out the amazing side dishes and deserts that she and other members had prepared for the day.

Following lunch members and guests took advantage of the opportunity to visit, bond, and catch up with each other, while the youngsters took out on a trek to explore the surrounding woods. Unfortunately, a cloudburst caught up with the kids and soaked them. But Lilah, Jessica, and Darren took it in stride. The rain doesn't seem to matter when you're having fun outside with friends.

Tim and Beth Fisher also did some exploring after lunch, as they trekked to one of the park's picturesque waterfalls before leaving the park to return home. The rain caught them off-guard too, which surely made for a chilly ride back to Knoxville.

In all, it was a great day, despite the weather.



Carole and Jerry Guthrie relax after a great lunch.





# Dan Paransky Holds a Tech Day at His Greenback Machine Shop

“One wheel at a time!” Those were the words emphasized by Master Mechanic Daniel Paransky as he began disassembly of the rear brake system on Tom Howard’s 1957 Chevrolet.



Vic Varady, Robert Quillin and Tom Howard take a break from the “Brakes 101” seminar.

As the class, consisting of East Tennessee Region members and guests, learned about hydraulic brakes, co-host Barbara McGovern was assisted by members Loretta Rollins and Sandra Quillin in the preparation of sandwiches and other goodies for the group.

Tom made his Chevy available to the club for the tech day, which was held at Paransky’s Machine Shop in Greenback.

Tom’s car had an issue with the left rear brake binding and



Loretta Rollins (left) and Barbara McGovern provide sandwiches, snacks, and ice cream during the Tech Day.

overheating. It made a for a perfect troubleshooting project for the tech session.



Stan and Dan inspect brake parts under a magnifying glass to determine which ones can be re-used.

It wasn’t long before Dan and his assistant, Stanley Wade found the cause of the problem. A rubber brake hose had collapsed internally, preventing the return of brake fluid to the master cylinder. While the wheel was apart, Dan and Stan demonstrated the correct way to rebuild a wheel cylinder.

“Wheel cylinders are cheap,” one of the students said. “Why not just replace them?”

Stanley explained that rebuilding is the better option when your shop is located in the back woods. “Besides,” Stan said, “a wheel cylinder that we rebuild will be better than a new one.” “It’s usually better to repair than replace,” he explained.

Dan and Stan’s wisdom was interspersed with jokes and wise cracks as they raised the car higher on the lift to further examine the brake system.

“This is what we call an I.O.,” Dan said as he pointed to a minor oil leak. “That stands for Income Opportunity!”

By the end of the day, the oil leak had been fixed and Tom’s brake problem had been diagnosed from stem to stern. Dan concluded the tech day by showing the group a wide variety of special automotive tools and unusual wrenches that are used in the trade.

The East Tennessee Region is fortunate to have Dan, Barbara, and Stan as resources whenever we need a car repair, a delicious sandwich, or just a good laugh.



# June ETR Tour Explores the “Missing Link” of the Foothills Parkway

The magnificent Foothills Parkway is perhaps the oldest unfinished highway in United States. Commissioned by Congress in 1948, the road is designed to skirt the northern and western perimeter of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The fabled “missing link” section between Walland TN and Wears Valley finally opened in the fall of 2018.

In June, the East Tennessee Region traveled the parkway, with its breathtaking views and treacherous curves. The tour was hosted by Charlie Simpson and Dallas and Liz Burns. As an added treat, Charlie’s sister, Becky Love, made a delightful batch of cookies for everyone to eat along the way.

Unfortunately, the weather was less than cooperative during the tour. A strong storm front was barreling toward the Smokies as ETR members and guests gathered just South of Maryville. Opening comments and driving directions were brief before the group headed out for the parkway, just ahead of the storm clouds.



Doug and Jeannie Terry made the trip in their 1955 Thunderbird, which is identical to the car Doug drove in high school.



Sherry Seay (left) and Bob Witt visit for a few minutes as the East Tennessee Region prepares to leave on the Foothills Parkway Tour.

Before long, the caravan entered the south section of the scenic road, near Chilhowee Dam. The first section of the tour was familiar to everyone, as this segment of the parkway was the first part to be completed, and has been opened since the late sixties. Tour leader, Charlie Simpson, made the wise decision to forego the planned stop at Look Rock overlook so the group could stay ahead of the storm. As the journey progressed through Walland, the ETR members and guests entered the “Missing Link.”

This section was the most difficult part of the Parkway to build. The road had to be cut into the side of the mountain that overlooks Townsend and the valley below. It stands as a monu-

ment to modern engineering and perseverance, as it took more than fifty years to carve the road into the rock.

As the tour neared the end of the Parkway near Wears Valley, the storm clouds could be seen on the western horizon. There was no time to waste in getting to the scheduled lunch stop in Townsend.



Storm clouds gathered as Blake McCampbell’s Model A and the other antique cars waited patiently for their owners to return from lunch.

The roads were still dry when the group reached the Carriage House Restaurant, but not for long. Once everyone was inside and enjoying their meal, the sky opened up in a deluge that, while intense, was over in short order. So while the cars got a little wet, the people stayed dry and enjoyed a great lunch and fellowship, after a wonderful morning of touring.



# ETR Members Attend Auburn Meet Lewallen's '57 Chevy Earns Junior Grand National Status

By RG Lewallen

The Grand National show at Auburn was a great event this year! We feel privileged to have been able to go to that show and enter our '57 Chevy in this year's Grand National.



Sandra and Robert Quillin pause for a photo on the showfield at Auburn.

It was great to see several of our own ETR members at Auburn including Tom & Sis Howard, Robert & Sandra Quillin, Charlie Simpson, and Rick Lay! Unfortunately Tom & Cindy Christenberry were scheduled to attend but were not able to make this one. Tom & Cindy, you all were missed.

Unofficially there were 381 on the showfield at Auburn. All of which had previously earned Senior status at previous meets.

In addition, there were 16 vehicles competing for the coveted Zenith Award, arguably the highest AACA award given.

This year there was a change in the requirement of a Senior Award vehicle being eligible to enter in the AACA Annual Grand National. Previously any Senior Award recipient had to wait until the following year to be eligible for the AACA Grand National. With the change, a car can compete in a Grand National meet in the same year it achieved its AACA Senior Award.



This 1923 Studebaker was among the many magnificent cars at the Auburn Grand National Meet.

There is only one Grand National event each year. The Grand National is hosted in Western or Central Divisions on the odd numbered years and the East and Southeast Region in the even numbered years.

Since Sherry and I were showing our '57 we did not have a lot of time to look around at all the cars on the show field as we were concentrating on getting our '57 ready. The people at Auburn are great, very friendly, helpful, and encouraging.

The town of Auburn is a great place to host an event like this. Several museums are located in Auburn like the Auburn, Cord and Duesenberg Museum, the National Automotive and Truck Museum, Early Ford V8 Foundation and Museum, National Military History Center, as well as the Kruse Museum and Hoosier Air Museum. Next year the Spring Nationals will be in Auburn (May 28 – 30). Sherry & I are already making plans to attend!

*Editor's Note:* RG and Sherry received the First Junior Grand National Award for their '57 Chevrolet. They plan to compete for the Senior Grand National Award next year.



Sherry and RG Lewallen entered their 1957 Chevrolet in the Grand National Meet at Auburn.



## ETR Members Attend Cadillac Nationals Burnses Bring Home the Gold

By David Sheffey

Rosey and I attended the Cadillac and LaSalle Club Grand National held in Louisville, Ky, June 11-15. I elected not to drive my Allante but perhaps should have. There were five or six Allantes on the show field. Personally, I think mine was better than those. ETR members Ken and Jean Lund attended with their red Cadillac convertible; and Dallas and Liz Burns made the trip with their '90 Fleetwood Broughm d' Elegance.



Dallas Burns dusts off his award-winning Cadillac in preparation for judging at the Cadillac Nationals.

Dallas and Liz won the Senior Award at the meet, which is presented to cars that score at least 95 points out of a possible 100. Last year, the Burns' Caddy took First Place honors at the San Marcos meet, for scoring above 90 points.

To add to his satisfaction, at the silent auction Dallas picked up four matching wheel covers for his '69 Cadillac for a great price. I think Christmas came early for the Burnses.

Rosey and I certainly enjoyed the event, especially the various venues selected by the club for charter bus tours, which included both the Markers Mark and Jim Beam distilleries. We also viewed an excellent car collection in Elizabethtown.

Across the river in Indiana we toured an outstanding fire museum containing various antique equipment.

Also on the Indiana side was a tour of the Steamboat Museum and a beautiful mansion once owned by the Howards, the premier steamboat builder for boats on the Ohio.

## Robert Quillin Spots a One-of-Kind Stainless Steel 1936 Ford Sedan

By Robert Quillin

One of my favorite automobiles on our recent trip to the AACA Grand Nationals in Auburn, Indiana was a 1936 Ford Tudor Sedan with a stainless-steel body.

In 1936, Allegheny Ludlum, a steel company based in Pennsylvania had Ford build six stainless steel bodied 1936 sedans. The six sedans were all standard production vehicles except for their stainless-steel bodies. Allegheny Ludlum Company had the patent for stainless steel in 1936. All six Fords were put in Allegheny's fleet and the stainless bodied Fords were used to promote the use of stainless steel. The six Fords were driven for about 10 years. In 1946 these Fords were all retired with about 200,000 miles on each of them. Two were damaged beyond repair during use by Allegheny's employees, two are still retained by Allegheny's company and two are in museums. Joe Floyd, a South Dakota businessman and Ford collector donated his 1936 stainless steel Ford to the Early Ford V8 Foundation Museum in Auburn, Indiana. The original finish on the 1936 Fords was a natural metal sheen that was neither dull nor shiny. Joe Floyd's 1936 stainless steel Ford underwent approximately 1000 hours of polishing! He also donated 17 other 1936 Fords. Floyd donated one million dollars to the museum which provided the museum 10,000 additional square feet to house Floyd's collection of 1936 Fords. His collection is unique because it included an example of all the models offered by Ford in 1936. This section of the museum is set up like a 1936 Ford dealership and is named Floyd Motors.

I encourage anyone traveling near Auburn to partake of an afternoon enjoying the history and vehicles of the Early Ford V8 Foundation Museum.



This stainless steel 1936 Ford is on display at the Early Ford V8 Foundation Museum in Auburn, Indiana.



# Frazees Attend the Southeastern Divisional Tour, Hosted by the Cape Fear Region

By Roger Frazee

The coast of North Carolina has been a vacation favorite for Jan and me for nearly as long as we have been married. So we were especially excited to read that the Cape Fear Chapter, North Carolina Region, was sponsoring the 2019 Southeastern Divisional Tour in their own backyard.

Our registration form was filled out weeks before the mail-in date; and when that date arrived, we drove the application to the main post office to assure that there would be no delays in getting our information to the Cape Fear Chapter. A few days later, we got an email from Tour Chairman Matt Hinson. We were in! We were car number 16!



Jan found a great spot for a picnic on the way to Wilmington.

With the paperwork behind us, we began getting the car ready for the trip. We had decided early on that we would drive our '66 Corvair on the tour and that we would forego trailering her. As the old saying goes, "getting there is half the fun."

So we tuned up the Vair, changed the oil, changed the spark plugs, and put together a spare parts kit that included essential ignition parts, a fuel pump, and of course a spare fan belt. We also swapped out the period-correct bias ply tires for the utilitarian radials. We were ready.

Having served on the East Tennessee Region's 2015 Divisional Tour Committee, Jan and I were looking forward to enjoying this tour without having any responsibilities. Watching the Cape Fear members working so hard to take care of their guests brought back a flood of memories of the two-plus years of planning and execution that our ETR members performed just four years ago.

As we were riding the ferry we spotted a 1965 Cadillac on the boat that looked familiar. We were surprised and delighted to see that the car still had the windshield sticker from the 2015 tour that ETR hosted in Pigeon Forge. We also met and renewed friendships with several others who toured with us in 2015. Clearly, touring is the best part of the AACA experience for many members.

There were 76 cars on the Cape Fear Tour, including a 1912 Cadillac, a 1912 Buick, several Model As and a host of beautiful cars from the thirties through 1995. There was one other Corvair entered, a red Monza identical to ours. Although it did not tour with us, a 1927 Model T showed up each evening to help welcome guests back to the hotel after the day's touring. Highlights of the tour included a visit to the North Carolina Aquarium, a ferry ride from Fort Fisher to Southport, a tour of Glenn and Casi Healey's magnificent private car collection, and a tour of the battle ship North Carolina, which is permanently moored near downtown Wilmington.

The three-day event ended with a closing banquet and awards presentation, where national AACA President Mel Carson presented the Cape Fear Chapter with an award for their outstanding achievement in hosting the tour.

The following day, Jan and I relocated to Carolina Beach for three more days of surf, sunshine and North Carolina hospitality before beginning our trek back to Knoxville. We had a magnificent traveling adventure, AACA tour, and mini vacation, all rolled into one. Thank you, Cape Fear folks, for putting on a great tour. We'll be back!



This 1912 Cadillac, owned by Bob Lancaster of Wilmington NC, was one of the oldest cars on the tour.



# Janice and Lafayette Williams Share Their Love of Antique Cars, Farming, and Each Other



"Every car has a story," Janice Williams explained as she and Lafayette peruse their collection of Chevrolets from the fifties and sixties.

Like many car collectors, Lafayette Williams could not afford his dream car when he was a teenager, but the dream never faded. At the age of 60, while attending a livestock convention in Peculiar, Missouri, Lafayette and Janice located a beautiful blue 1957 Bel Air, and made a deal to purchase their first collector car.

After arriving home from the convention, the Williams returned to Peculiar with a trailer and towed their new-found treasure back to their home in Farragut. They had the old-car bug, for which there is no known cure.

One evening, while Janice and Lafayette were attending a local cruise-in, a baby blue Cadillac pulled up beside them and the Williams made their acquaintance with the Caddy's owner, David Sheffey.

David asked the Williams if they were members of the AACA. "We don't drink," Lafayette replied. After David explained that the AACA was not the group that helps alcoholics, the Williams joined the club and entered their Chevy in the national meet that was being held in Oak Ridge (ETR member Tom Howard was President of AACA that year). Not only did Lafayette and Janice win their First Junior trophy at the meet, but their car was skyrocketed into the National Awards program and they

became the recipients of the coveted Louis Chevrolet Award for 1998.

The Williams were hooked on the old car hobby. Soon they began the hunt for another Chevy, this time a 1955. More cars followed, and the Williams' collection of classic Chevrolets continued to grow. Today their stable includes a pristine Chevy from every year from 1955 through 1963. Every car in their collection has been expertly restored and is of the highest quality. Most have earned their Junior and Senior AACA awards.

During their quest for the world's finest Chevrolets, Janice kept her eye out for a car like her mother used to drive, a 1929 Model A two-door sedan. It wasn't long before she located the perfect "A" and set out for Iowa to retrieve it. Along the way, they stopped to look at a '58 Chevrolet and made a deal to purchase that car too. "It was serendipitous," Janice said, "that we ended up with two cars while we were on our way to get one."

Soon, the Williams were running out of garage space and something had to go. So they had to make the tough decision to release the '29 Ford because it "didn't fit in" with all of the Chevrolets.

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The Williams enjoy driving their cars and participating in the monthly ETR events, as well as parades and local cruise-ins. Lafayette's favorite parade car is a red 1959 Impala convertible, which can be seen transporting the Grand Marshall in the annual Knoxville Veterans Day Parade.



Lafayette Williams stands beside one of his favorite cars, a 1961 Impala Convertible.

"Showing cars is a lot like showing livestock." Lafayette said, "Except the cars don't kick and run away." Aside from his old car hobby, Lafayette is a life-long farmer and cattleman. He developed and operated the Knoxville Livestock Center from its start in 1989 until he sold it and retired in 2008. Last year, the Tennessee Cattleman's Association awarded Lafayette the John Barteo Distinguished Service Award. The Association also established the Lafayette Williams Business Person of the Year Award in his honor the same year.

Janice is a retired University of Tennessee Extension Agent and holds a masters degree in tailoring. The couple are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year and are the parents of Byron Williams and Rachel Samulski. They have two grandchildren, Iris and June.

The Williams have been very active in the East Tennessee Region since joining the AACA. Janice served as president of the ETR in 2014. Lafayette was president in 2017. Having traveled to many National meets and tours, they encourage all ETR members to become involved in national events. "People who don't participate in national events are missing out" Janice said.

## Welcome New Members Dawn and Herb Wiese

ETR welcomes new members Dawn and Herb Wiese and their 1958 Edsel Pacer Convertible.

After living in Chicago for 40 years, and then Nashville, TN (Dawn's hometown) for several years, Dawn and Herb currently reside in Lenoir City, TN.

Herb retired in 2001 from his career as a commercial pilot with Delta Airlines, and Dawn is retired from her career as a flight attendant with American Airlines.



The Wieses restored this 1958 Edsel Pacer Convertible.

In 2004, Herb purchased their Edsel Convertible from his brother-in-law's father who had the car stored in his garage. He then began a seven-year nut & bolt restoration.

Herb was invited to show his '58 Edsel at the 2013 Concours d'Elegance of America in Plymouth, Michigan, where the car won Best of Class. He also received the award for the Most Significant Ford at the 2018 Concours in Plymouth.

The 1958 Edsel received the AACA First Junior Award in August, 2014, at the Central Fall Meet held in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.



# News from National Headquarters, AACA

## Show Us Your AACA Pride

By Stacy Zimmerman, Editor  
AACA Speedster

I have no doubt that each of you holds some level of real pride in this hobby and your involvement in it. (You wouldn't be taking the time to read this newsletter if you didn't!)

When you pop your head into the garage and see your baby sitting there, do you instantly smile? That's pride in your vehicle.

When you are with your car at a show and someone asks a question, do you talk for 15 minutes about all of the restoration projects you've completed to get it to where it is now? That's pride in your work.

When your kids or grandkids ask you to tell them stories about how you fell in love with antique cars, do you also include a few statements about why preserving these cars is so important? That's pride in your hobby.

When friends, family and acquaintances know you as the "car guy/gal" and ask you what the best car club to belong to is, do you answer AACA without hesitation? That's pride in your organization.

**Do YOU have AACA pride?** Your pride in this hobby and AACA can be show in a multitude of ways - everything from what you wear to how you act. Do you wear AACA gear - shirts, hats, etc.? Do you have AACA decals on your trailers and badges on your cars? Do you display your AACA awards proudly in your home or garage? Have you donated items to the AACA library? Are you planning to make a donation to the new AACA HQ building? Are you hosting an AACA event (National or local) to promote the club?

I'm sure you can think of a million other ways to show your pride - these are just the few that I thought of while writing this article. So, now's your chance...

### SHOW US YOUR AACA PRIDE!

Take a photo of how YOU show your AACA pride and email it to me. I will put together a collage of pride photos and share them in the next *Speedster*.

## Get a Friend to Join AACA for Only \$20

By Karen White,  
AACA Membership Department

It's hard to believe that we are almost halfway through the year. As we approach the month of June, we are preparing to process ½ year memberships. The ½ year membership allows new members to join the club for the second half of the member year and pay half the yearly membership fee. The ½ year membership includes the months June through December at a cost of only \$20.00 (\$25 for non-U.S. members).

Starting June 1, all eligible new membership applications will be processed as 2019 ½ year memberships. Applications received with a \$40.00 payment June 1 through September 30 will be refunded \$20.00.

The ½ year membership is for first-time new members only! The ½ year members receive three bi-monthly issues of Antique Automobile magazine (July/August, Sept/Oct & Nov/Dec).

Starting in October, unless a new member requests otherwise, we will cease to process 2019 ½ year memberships. All new membership applications will be applied to the 2020 member year.

New members applying for membership during the October to December time period will receive the Nov/Dec 2019 and all 2020 issues of Antique Automobile.

If you have any questions regarding the ½ year membership program, feel free to [contact me](#).

Attention AACA Regions/Chapters: Don't forget to use the complimentary 2019 membership applications sent to each region/chapter. If you have not used these, please do so by September 30, 2019.

[Click here for the AACA Membership Application](#)







# Local Antique Cars For Sale



**1955 T-Bird** Excellent #2 Driver. Many new parts. Torch red with red and white interior. 292 three speed with overdrive. Both tops are included. Car achieved the Silver Award at the 2018 Knoxville International CTCI Convention. Asking \$29,900. More pictures are available upon request. Car is located in Loudon, TN. Contact Bill Jurkonie (CTCI #309834) at 865-932-0470 or 865-406-8829, or by email at t35scb@aol.com.



**Buick 1939 Special Sedan** Restored exterior, engine, chassis, chrome, all trim, door handles, grille, bumpers, two parking lights, wide white wall tires, new upholstery, 4 door panels, running board trim. Outstanding straight-8 engine. 8,900 original miles. Synchronesh transmission. Electric fuel pump. Located in Maryville TN. **Price reduced from \$27,800 to \$23,500.** Contact Marshall England at 865-724-2721 H 865-306-4568



**1931 Chevrolet Coupe:** Fully restored. Featured at the 2018 Keeneland Concours D'Elegance. Contact Marshall England at 865-724-2721 H 865-306-4568



**1931 Ford Woody.** This Woody was restored in the mid 80's and is an AACA National Senior award winner. More pictures available upon request. Contact: Cathy Peeples bcspeeples@comcast.net \$30,000 located in NE TN.

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Parting Shot: Lindsey Kizer conks out in the rumble seat of her Grandfather's roadster during the April Garage Tour.