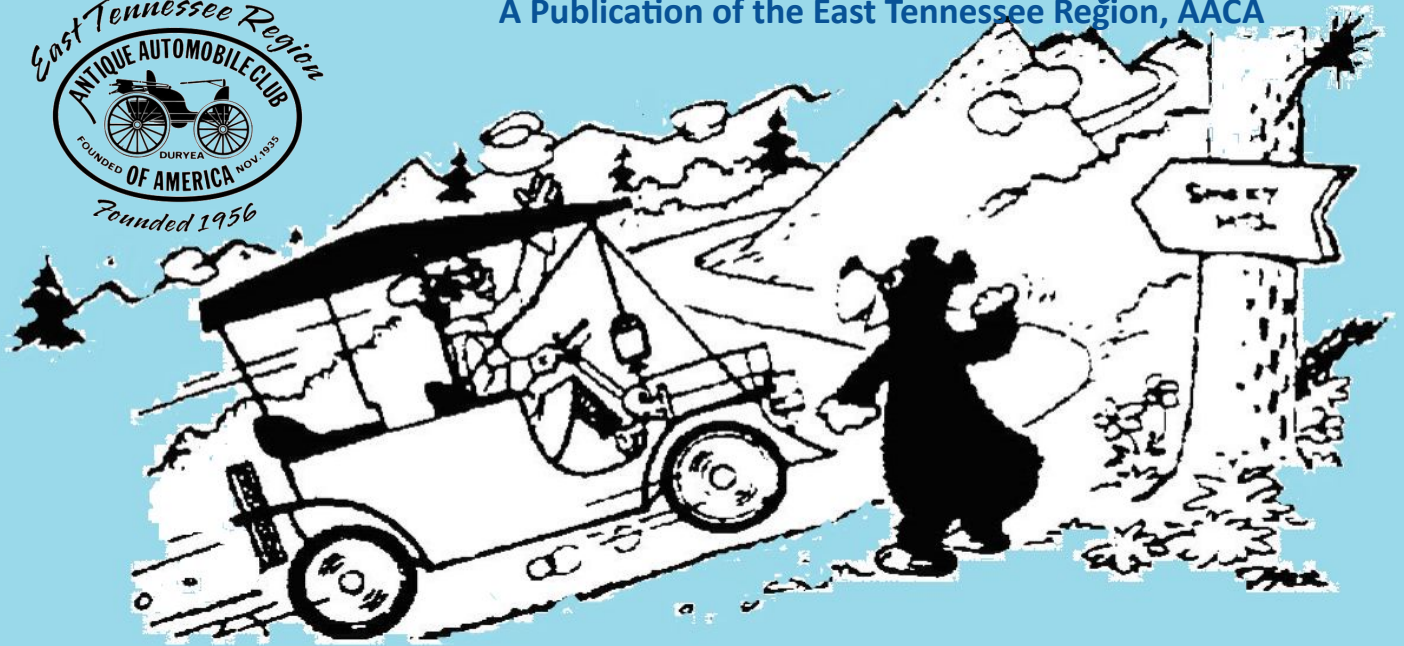


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Andre and Joan Bourque's 1924 Ford Model T Roadster Pickup



# Local and National Events

## ETR 2020 Calendar of Events

<b>March 21:</b>	Tour & Red Skelton Show hosted by Tracy & Loretta Rollins
<b>April TBD:</b>	TVA & Raccoon Mountain hosted by Robbie & Beverly Gray
<b>May 16:</b>	Memory Lane Tour hosted by Roger & Jan Frazee and R.G. & Sherry Lewallen
<b>June 6:</b>	Dunlap Tour (Coke Ovens) hosted by Jimmie & Debbie Hixson
<b>July 18:</b>	Heritage Center Car Show, Townsend
<b>August 29:</b>	Drive & Picnic at Metcalf Bottoms hosted by the Varadys and the Lunds
<b>September 26:</b>	Fall Creek Falls hosted by J.W. & Patricia Weeks
<b>October 17:</b>	Murphy N.C. tour hosted by Richard & Maggie Crawford and Tim & Sherry Seay
<b>November 21:</b>	Business Meeting, Covered Dish hosted by Robert & Sandra Quillin
<b>December 18:</b>	Christmas Party hosted by Tom Howard

## Upcoming Events from Other Organizations

*Information provided, with permission, by Memory Lane Cruisers, Clarksville TN*

<b>April 3 - 4th:</b>	Sevierville, TN - "The Possum Motorcycle Gathering" <a href="#">WEBSITE</a>
<b>April 16th - 18th:</b>	Pigeon Forge, TN - Spring Rod Run 2020 at the LeConte Center <a href="#">WEBSITE</a>
<b>April 24-26th:</b>	MAGGIE VALLEY NC: 26th Annual Southeast MiniTruckin Nationals: Southeast Mini Truckin Nationals <a href="#">FLYER</a>
<b>April 25th:</b>	Rogersville, TN - Grainger County Ridgerunners Car Club presents the 1st Annual Ridgerunner Rumble <a href="#">FLYER</a>
<b>April 25th:</b>	NEWPORT TN: 12TH ANNUAL CRUISE AGAINST CANCER: The next Cruise Against Cancer. Newport City Park, 240 Smith Street. <a href="#">FLYER</a>

## AACA National Events

<b>April 2-5:</b>	Southeastern Spring National - Hornets Nest Region - Charlotte, NC
<b>April 23-25:</b>	Western Spring National - Phoenix Region - Show Low, AZ
<b>April 26 - May 1:</b>	AACA Founders Tour - Phoenix Region - Show Low, AZ (vehicles 1936-1995)
<b>May 13-16:</b>	AACA Eastern Divisional Tour - Eastern Shore Region - Eastern Shore of Maryland
<b>May 7—9:</b>	Central Spring National - AACA National Headquarters - Auburn, IN

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# Robert's Ramblings

From President Robert Quillin



First, I want to thank President Tom Howard and the ETR Board for the outstanding year we enjoyed in 2019. Wow! After just finishing such a well-attended and interesting Cabin Fever event, I feel like we are on a roll.

Our events calendar for 2020 is active and varied with one of the highlights being our 3rd Annual, ETR AACA car show *Autos Through the Ages* scheduled for July 18 at the Heritage Center. Much preliminary planning has already been completed.

In addition to all the monthly events planned for 2020, I plan to add some events that we can only do through the week, such as a tour of the Amazon Fulfillment Center in Chattanooga and a tour of Local Motors Microfactory in Knoxville. Thirty ETR AACA members toured Chattanooga's Amazon Center in September 2015. Many members have requested that we schedule this tour again. I am in the process of scheduling a tour for 2020. Local Motors is pioneering the production of automobile bodies by using a 3-D printer. Many of you will remember the Rally Fighter displayed in last year's Heritage show. The Rally Fighter is one of the 3-D printed cars built by Local Motors. Currently I am in contact with Local Motors to finalize a tour date in May.

Sandy has hosted one event for the ladies in making Valentine pins for nursing home residents. She will host one prior to Easter, let her know if you are interested.

I am hosting a tour of the Fort Loudoun Dam for the Classic Ford club on March 4. If any ETR members are interested in touring the Dam, let me know and I will attempt to schedule a tour for ETR. Please email or call me if you are interested in these additional tours.

I am also excited about our Member Directory that Roger Frazee has set up on our club website. This idea came about because we had 49 new members join in 2019 and we wanted to get better acquainted with all members and their varied interests. My hope is that our club will continue to have more fun, food and fellowship as we celebrate our antique cars in the coming year!

**Note:** Just as we were about to forward this article to Roger Frazee for the Antiquer, we received the following from Amazon Tours: Due to an abundance of caution and following developments relating to preventive measures taken for health in the region regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19), we will be suspending all fulfillment center tours until further notice.

# Editors' Corner

From Co-Editor Jan Frazee



The ETR has had a great beginning in 2020! The Planning Meeting in January resulted in a full calendar of tours and events for the year. Our Events Coordinator, Sherry Seay, keeps us informed with her emails and texts on details of the monthly tours. ETR board members also

reach out with a personal invitation to ETR members for club events.

The Cabin Fever Therapy Event in February, hosted by the Quillins, was a wonderful social event which provided the opportunity to mix and mingle with one another while pursuing the displays of hobbies and collections of our members. Photographs of the "show and tell" event are on pages 12—17.

Keith Bullen, Ed Barrett, Melissa Johnston, Beth Fisher and Robert Quillin are great photographers -- thanks to them for their pictures of the January and February events.

Our March event, hosted by Loretta and Tracy Rollins, is scheduled for Saturday, March 21, and includes a driving tour, a live performance of the "Red Skelton Tribute Show" and dinner at the Sunliner Diner in Pigeon Forge. Read more about our first touring event of 2020 on page four.

Three new member families have recently joined the ETR: Buster and Jill Goodman, Kathy McCandless and Gene Gregory, and Chris and Betty Henry. Read more about them in the article on page 10. Welcome to these new members! Please join in the club's activities, introduce yourself to other members, wear your nametag, register for the membership directory on the website [www.etr-aaca.com](http://www.etr-aaca.com), and have your picture made at one of our events to include in the directory. Most of all, share your vintage vehicle(s) with us and join in as we tour the backroads of East Tennessee.

March is designated as Women's History Month. My contribution to this celebration of the role of women in American history is the article I wrote on Alice Ramsey, the first woman to drive an automobile across our country in 1909, on page 18.

Touring season is almost here. Time to get our classic cars ready. Typically, I find the sunscreen and my favorite ballcap while Roger washes and waxes our '66 Monza Corvair (nicknamed Junie B 2), changes the oil, details the engine, and puts the hubcaps in the dishwasher for that perfect mirror-like shine. Springtime, old cars and good friends -- life is great!

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## Keeping the Wheels Turning

By Sherry Seay, Events Coordinator



We had a great turnout for the Planning Meeting in January. A total of 55 attending and we got three new members.

The food was great and we came up with some great tours for 2020! The garage door opened on February 22nd with our

3rd Annual "Cabin Fever Therapy" event held at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. We had a total of 68 members attending and 2 guests for a total of 72 people! There were displays from car related items to sewing and china. Thanks to all who brought items for "show and tell" and to those who brought food. We always have a great time getting to know our members better and seeing all the things on display. Thanks to Roger Frazee for providing the information about our website and for Melissa Johnson for taking pictures.

Our next event is the Red Skelton Tribute Show on March 21 in Pigeon Forge. After a drive to the theater and watching the show, those who can are planning to eat at The Sunliner Diner. Put those cars in gear and let's hit the road again!

### March 21st Tour to Red Skelton Theatre

The tour will meet at Noon at the Shell/Kenjo Market, 2902 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy. Maryville, 37804 (US 321). The tour will depart at 12:30 p.m. and drive US 321 to the new extension of the Foothills Parkway.

The group will arrive at the theatre (167 E. Wears Valley Rd., Pigeon Forge) at 1:30 p.m. After snacks and a restroom break, the members will enter the theater for a 2:00 p.m. show.

The Red Skelton Tribute Show will end at approximately 3:30 p.m. Our group will continue from the theatre to the Sunliner Diner for dinner.

The cost of the Red Skelton Tribute Show is \$20 per person, provided we have 50 folks attending. This is a special showing and a discounted price. If you plan to attend the show, please call or text Loretta Rollins at 865-705-1557 or email Sandra Quillin at [quillin1@bellsouth.net](mailto:quillin1@bellsouth.net). Please mail checks made to ETR AACA, no later than March 15, to Charlie Simpson, 918 Moore Street, Athens, TN. 37303.

Please inform Loretta Rollins or Sandra Quillin if you plan to meet the group at the theater rather than make the drive from the Shell/Kenjo. We also need to know if you plan to eat with the group at the Sunliner Diner.

## Sunshine Report

By Sandra Quillin, Sunshine Correspondent



From our Sunshine corner, I sent ETR well wishes to Dewey Cruey who suffered with a brief hospital stay due to heart issues. Dewey is much better and attended our Cabin Fever event.

In February, I sent ETR well wishes to Bill Jurkonie who was hospitalized due to pneumonia. Bill is doing well, staying busy as always!

Please let me know of any members who need a note of well wishes or a member who loses a loved one so that I can inform all ETR members.

A special thank you to the 4 ladies who participated in the Sunshine—Valentine Activity. I will be hosting a similar event for the Easter holiday where we will make items to distribute to area nursing homes—watch for details in an email or text.

### Remembering ETR Charter Member Bill Haney

Sadly, we have lost one of the Charter members for ETR AACA. Although Bill Haney has not been a member of the East Tennessee Region for several years, he was a part of the old car community throughout his life.

He could often be seen at the Friday Night Cruise In at Foothills Mall. He frequently attended the event in his Model T or Model A Ford. Mr. Haney was 98 years old. A portion of his obituary is shown below:

William "Bill" Hugh Haney, of Maryville, passed away Monday, February 10, 2020 at Blount Memorial Hospital.

He was born Dec. 27, 1921, in Blount County to the late Hugh and Mae Haney. He was married to the late Mary Catherine Stoutt Haney for 50 years. He has one daughter, Betty Wagner, of Maryville.

Bill retired after 42 years as a mechanical maintenance supervisor at ALCOA Inc. He was a 1941 graduate of Maryville High School and a veteran of World War II. He served in the U.S. Navy aboard the submarine SEAL in the South Pacific.

He was a member of the Smokey Mountain Model T Club. He was an active member of Monte Vista Baptist Church. He enjoyed lunches with friends, restoring antique cars, attending church activities and spending time with family and friends.



## East Tennessee Region

# AACA Board Meeting Minutes

TN BANK, January 14, 2020



*By R.G. Lewallen, Secretary*

### Officers:

President: Tom Howard, Present  
 Vice President: Robert Quillin, Present  
 Secretary: R. G. Lewallen, Present  
 Treasurer: Charlie Simpson, Present  
 Tim Seay, Past Pres., Present

### Guests:

Sandra Quillin, Sunshine Correspondent

### Board:

Ken Lund, Dir., Absent, Excused  
 Len Royston, Dir., Present  
 Vic Varady, Dir., Present  
 JW Weeks, Dir., Absent, Excused  
 Roger Frazee, Newsletter Editor, Present  
 Jan Frazee, Newsletter Editor, Present  
 Sherry Seay, Events Coordinator, Present

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by President, Robert Quillin, at 6:42 PM. RG Lewallen conducted roll call and all board members were accounted for. Robert commended the club on the accomplishments of the past year and expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve with everyone this new year.

**MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** The November 12, 2019 Board Minutes were previously sent to the board by RG Lewallen, Secretary. Motion was made to accept the minutes as written, seconded and motion carried.

**President's Report:** Robert Quillin provided a recap of each event from last year and the success of each of them.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Charlie Simpson, Treasurer, gave the financial report as of December 31, 2019. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made and seconded. Motion carried. Details of the financial report are available to members upon request.

**ANTIQUER REPORT:** Jan Frazee reported that the latest Antiquer publication was emailed last week. Jan stated she and Roger will be attending the AACA Annual Convention in Philadelphia next month to accept the Master Editor Award for our Newsletter. She mentioned our members have been very active in submitting articles for the newsletter and that is contributing to the success. Jan reiterated that she and Roger would not be serving in the capacity of Newsletter Editor after this year.

**WEBMASTER REPORT:** Roger Frazee stated he was trying to determine the logistics of creating a pictorial directory for our club on the website. He has contacted the AACA National office to assist in getting that set up. He is hopeful to get our directory going soon.

**EVENTS COORDINATOR REPORT:** Sherry Seay reported that

we had 63 members attending the Annual Meeting in November and that the Christmas Party was a huge success with a total of 83 people present. Tom Howard stated he had several members complimenting the idea of helping those in need with charitable gifts at the Christmas party this year.

### UPCOMING:

The January Planning Meeting will be on Saturday, January 25 at First Baptist Church, Alcoa beginning at 12:00 Noon. The club will pay for the meats and members are asked to bring a covered dish and dessert. Roger was asked to lead a seminar regarding how to navigate our website.

The VMCCA Club will host the National Chrome Glidden Tour on April 26, 2020 through May 1, 2020. This tour will begin in Maryville and is being organized by ETR member, Jim Hixson. Tom Howard suggested that a group from our club be there to greet them as they arrive at the Hilton, which is the host hotel. Tom will meet with Jim Hixson and have more specific plans for our March meeting.

A general discussion was held on suggested events for 2020 that included:

Cabin Fever – February 22<sup>nd</sup> – First Baptist Church, Alcoa  
 Heritage Center, Townsend – July 18<sup>th</sup>

Membership picnic – Location and date to be decided

These events as well as others will be discussed at the upcoming planning meeting.

Robert Quillin requested we discuss in more detail the criteria concerning the official event for each month. After much discussion, it was determined the criteria for the official event will be as follows:

1. There will be only one official event per month (there can be other events but only one will qualify as the official event where the participation sheets will be counted).



# East Tennessee Region Sets 2020 Events Calendar and Welcomes Three New Member Families



President Robert Quillin and Events Coordinator Sherry Seay seek suggestions from the club's members as they put together the 2020 calendar of events.

The annual January planning meeting was highly successful as more than 50 members and guests came together to plan the club's activities for the upcoming year.

This year, the meeting was held in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church of Alcoa. The spacious room provided comfortable seating for all of the attendees. The meeting started off with a potluck lunch prepared by the great ETR cooks.

As members enjoyed their meal, they also took advantage of the opportunity to have their pictures taken for the upcoming ETR online membership directory. Robert Quillin and Keith Bullen shared the task of snapping portraits for the directory, while Beth Fisher meandered through the crowd, capturing candid moments on film.

The ETR board gathered in an ad hoc meeting to officially accept two new member—families into club. Wallace Gregory and Kathy McCandless joined the ETR ranks during the meeting, as did Buster and Jill Goodman. Tim Seay sponsored

both families.

After lunch, President Robert Quillin called the meeting to order and welcomed all members and guests. He also announced the board's decision to grant a free membership to each family who volunteers to host a 2020 event. At the conclusion of the announcements, Robert turned the meeting over to Events Coordinator Sherry Seay.



Buster Goodman is welcomed to the club by President Robert Quillin.





## January Planning Meeting Highlights



Photo by Keith Bullen

Janice and Lafayette Williams chat with Matt Sartin and Charlie Simpson.



Photo by Beth Fisher

Friends reunited: Marlene Viravec and Jan Frazee



Photo by Beth Fisher

Debbie Bullen, Robbie Gray, Beverly Gray



Photo by Keith Bullen

Richard Crawford, Tim Seay, and Tom Howard take care of business.



Photo by Keith Bullen

Charlie Simpson, Loretta Rollins, and Ken Lund



Photo by Beth Fisher

John and Carolyn Milligan





## News From National AACA Headquarters



### National Convention Raises \$\$\$ for AACA Headquarters

By Stacy Zimmerman THANK YOU to all of the members and their families who made the journey to join us for the 84th Annual Convention. THANK YOU to all of the trade show vendors, seminar presenters and volunteers who made this event such a success. The genuine enthusiasm and love for this hobby and AACA could be seen on all of your smiling faces the entire weekend. We hope you had fun, learned something and enjoyed being with your fellow enthusiasts.

Attendees had lots to keep them busy! From 50 educational seminars, 31 trade show exhibitors, the First Lady's Breakfast and the Annual Membership Meeting to the hands-on youth program, Regions & Chapters Presidents' Dinner and the Library's Pinewood Derby. All of these activities were crammed

Fund up to \$250,000. This was huge news! We could potentially raise a total of \$500,000 in one weekend for our new building.



Battery Saver was among the many vendors at the Convention Trade Show.



Hundreds of AACA members assembled for the General Membership Meeting during the Annual Convention.

into 2 full days, which ended with the Oscar-like AACA National Awards Banquet where 132 National Awards were presented.

**Congratulations to all of our  
2019 AACA National Award Winners!**

Your new [2020 AACA National Board of Directors](#) was also inducted during the Annual Convention. These Board members are here to serve you and this organization, so please do not hesitate to contact them.

Now in case you haven't heard yet, during the excitement of the Annual Convention, an anonymous donor made a pledge to match any donation made that weekend to the AACA Building

Well, those in attendance did not disappoint and showed extreme generosity -- regions, chapters and individual members, plus even the Auto Dealers Association of Greater Philadelphia made donations totaling \$115,000. Wow... just wow! You guys are all amazing! As you can see, we did not reach the \$250,000 limit at convention. But we are in luck because the donor extended the giving period, so this is your chance to have your donation doubled. Just take 5 minutes and make your donation at [capitalcampaign.aaca.com](http://capitalcampaign.aaca.com). With your help, we can reach this goal!

### AACA Library Spring Cleaning Sale

The big move to the new building is on the horizon, and the AACA Library has several duplicate books, sales literature and photos for sale. Trust us when we say the less we have to take, the better! And what better way to do that than a massive sale? From now through mid-April all items in our eBay store are 50% off. That includes reproduction photographs, original sales literature, history books and more. Click [here](#) to view our offerings. In addition to our eBay store sale, we also are running a 50% off sale on books for sale at the library. These are not listed online and are available on a first come, first serve basis. Purchase them in person or order them over the phone - you only pay for shipping and handling.

For more information, contact Matthew Hocker at [mhocker@aaca.org](mailto:mhocker@aaca.org) or 717-534-2082.





# Old-Car Lovers Celebrate the 85th Anniversary of the AACA at the Annual Convention in Philadelphia

Club banners lined the walls of the Philadelphia 201 Hotel Lobby as hundreds of AACA members gathered for the annual convention in February.

Attending the meeting from the East Tennessee Region were Bo Croley, Jan and Roger Frazee, and Sherry and RG Lewallen. Perennial attendee Rick Lay had to scuttle his trip to the convention after multiple airline delays in Knoxville.

The convention featured dozens of informative seminars, ranging from the history of American air-cooled cars to restoration techniques. There were also seminars focusing on developing youth interest in the automobile hobby and hosting a national event.



**This 1903 electric Studebaker hack was among the unusual cars on display at the convention.**

Between seminars, guests enjoyed the Trade Show which featured dozens of automotive vendors, as well as booths manned by local regions who will be hosting tours and meets in 2020. There were also several unusual automobiles on display, including a 1903 Electric Studebaker hack that was built to shuttle senators from the Senate Office Building to the Capitol in Washington D.C.

During the General Membership Meeting, new national officer and board members were installed. James Elliot, from Yorktown, VA accepted the presidential gavel for 2020. This year's executive vice president is Wayne Tuck, from Hillsborough, NJ. A complete listing of the 2020 National Officers and Board is available at <http://www.aaca.org/About-AACA/officers-a-directors-roster.html>.

The highlight of the membership meeting was the announcement that the new AACA Headquarters will be ready for occupancy in time for the Hershey Nationals in October.

The building fund still needs to raise two million dollars to meet its goal of having the new building paid for when the doors open. AACA officials are confident that this goal is within reach.



**RG and Sherry Lewallen accept the Chocolate Town Trophy from 2019 AACA President Mel Carson.**

The three-day event concluded with the Awards Banquet where Sherry and RG Lewallen received the Chocolate Town Award for their 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air.

The Chocolate Town Trophy is awarded to the outstanding Senior Car entered in the Fall Meet in each Division. The award was established in 1972 by the Hershey Estates and the Hershey Foods Corporation.

Jan and Roger Frazee brought home the Master Editor Award for their work on the Smoky Mountain Antiquer.

As the 2020 drew to a close, the attendees prepared to return to their home regions, having gained new friends, fresh ideas and a sense that the Old Car Hobby is alive and well in America.



## ETR Members Create Valentine Pins for Nursing Home Residents

*By Sandra Quillin* Five ETR members met at First Baptist of Alcoa on February 10th to make Valentine pins from felt and ribbon for nursing home residents.



**Jennifer Payne, Maggie Crawford, Joan Borque, and Sherry Seay** create Valentine pins for area nursing home residents.

Joan Borque, Maggie Crawford, Jennifer Payne, Sandra Quillin and Sherry Seay cut, sewed and glued for 3 hours to make 104 Valentine pins for distribution. The camaraderie was great, and we laughed after each one of us made a few mistakes in the process!

Sandra delivered 60 pins to Foothills Transitional Care and 44 pins to Fairpark Nursing and Rehabilitation. The activities directors were thrilled with the pins and were looking forward to distributing them on Valentine's Day!



**The Finished Product!**

## East Tennessee Region Welcomes Three New Member Families

The East Tennessee Region AACA is pleased to welcome three new member families, who have joined since the beginning of the year. We are looking forward to seeing each of them during the upcoming events and tours.

**Buster and Jill Goodman** are from Maryville and have two daughters, Mary Anne and Elizabeth, and one son, Matt. Buster is retired and enjoys woodworking, stained glass and mosaics. His wife, Jill, is a bookkeeper who enjoys quilting. Buster's interest in antique cars was sparked by "growing up working on old Fords." The Goodman's membership in the club is sponsored by Tim and Sherry Seay.

**Kathy McCandless and Gene Gregory** live in Maryville and both are retired. They own a 1954 Ford Skyliner and belong to the Classic Ford Association. Tim Seay sponsored the membership of Kathy and Gene in the ETR.

**Chris and Betty Henry** are from Knoxville. They own a 1939 Packard 1700 and a 1940 Mercury 8 Coupe. Chris is employed by the U. S. Postal Service and enjoys fishing, hunting and the outdoors. Betty owns B & G All Occasion Catering and Henry's Bakery & Deli in Corryton. She is a regular guest on TV Station WBIR's "In the Kitchen" segment. RG and Sherry Lewallen sponsored the Henry's membership.

### 2020 EASTERN SPRING NATIONALS

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## Ham Carey's Unique Car Finds Include a Big Orange Caddy and a British Taxi

What car could be better for a UT graduate than an orange and white Cadillac? Although Ham Carey wasn't really looking for a Caddy with this unusual color scheme, he knew it was the car for him the moment he saw it.



Ham Carey provides a ride around the block for an admirer of his big orange Cadillac.

Ham located the car in Florida and purchased it against the advice of a friend, because of the bright color scheme. Obviously his friend wasn't from East Tennessee. The colors were perfect. Ham made the purchase and had his son, Sam, drive it home from Florida.

The 1981 Caddy has 66,000 miles on it and sports a factory eight-track player. "I have a tape that plays the UT Marching band on one side, and Tommy Dorsey on the other," Ham said. One day, a couple saw the car parked near the Loudon County Courthouse. The lady asked Ham if she could have her picture taken in the car. Of course, Ham was glad to oblige. Not satisfied with a mere photo op, the woman then asked Ham to drive her around the block. She is shown in the picture, above. "I have no idea who she is," Ham said.

Another one of Ham's unusual automobile purchases was a 1964 Austin Taxi, which a friend located in England. Ham had been in England in the seventies and like the looks of the taxis there. He could not pass up the opportunity to own one. So Ham and his friend partnered to buy the cab and had it shipped to Charleston SC from Great Britain. They trailered it to Tennessee from there.

Ham and his friend would take turns enjoying the unusual car. They often drove it in parades. "Of course, I'd drive it on the left side of the road in a parade," Ham said.

As a bit of British taxi history, Ham explained that, by law, passengers were not permitted to ride in the front of cabs. The

front passenger seat was reserved for a bale of hay, just in case the vehicle had to be towed home by horse.

Eventually, the unique taxi was donated to the Pigeon Forge Fire Department, where it was auctioned off at a fundraiser.



"Handsome Ham" Carey prepares to chauffeur a wedding party in his British limousine.

### Andre and Joan Bourque Are Having Fun with Their Yard Sale Roadster



This 1924 Model T Roadster belongs to ETR members Andre and Joan Bourque. The car was purchased at a yard sale in Connecticut in 2013, and Joan and Andre have "had a blast with it ever since". Andre plans to trailer the roadster to the Harpers Cars and Coffee at West Town Mall on Sunday morning, April 26.



## Third Annual Cabin Fever Therapy Event Breaks Records for Attendance and Displays

The February Cabin Fever Therapy Event, hosted by Sandra and Robert Quillin set new records for attendance and participation as more than seventy people showed up to view nearly 35 separate exhibits.

The day began with one of the club's legendary pot luck lunches, provided by the fabulous East Tennessee Region cooks. Following lunch, Loretta Rollins provided a description of the upcoming March tour across the Foothills Parkway. The tour is being hosted by Tracy and Loretta Rollins and will include a visit to the Red Skelton Tribute Theatre.

Roger Frazee gave an overview of the East Tennessee Website and explained the password-protected member directory that is now available at [etr.aaca.com](http://etr.aaca.com).

Before the day ended, folks were making plans for next year's event. Thank you Robert and Sandra Quillin for putting together such an enjoyable event for the East Tennessee Region members and guests.

Additional photos of the event are shown on the following pages.

### Don't Miss the March Tour and Show

Hosted by Tracy  
and  
Loretta Rollins



BRIAN HOFFMAN'S REMEMBERING RED - A TRIBUTE TO

# RED SKELTON



Marshal England and Pat Patterson chat during the Cabin Fever Therapy event.

After lunch and announcements, it was time for the highlight of the day, as members explained their various hobbies and collections to the group. Each displaying member was provided a table to set up their exhibit. The club members were free to browse each table and learn about the varied interests of the East Tennessee members.



April 2—5  
2020

**AACA Spring Nationals**  
**Auburn, Indiana**  
**May 7—9**





## Cabin Fever Therapy Event



Lorna Barrett, Ray Yates and Pat Patterson examine the Barrett's display of Polish Pysanky eggs and automotive decanters.



Parris and Lou Puma display their collection of vintage post cards.



Bob Davidson demonstrates his wood carving skills.



Dino Griffiths and Rick Rawe



Rick Rawe and Bob Griffiths talk about Bob's handmade wooden models.



A portion of David and Rosey Sheffey's antique children's china collection.





## Cabin Fever Therapy Event



Photo by Robert Quillin

Ed Barrett's collection of automotive decanters.



Photo by Jan Frazee

Charlie Alexander brought several vintage bicycles.



Photo by Melissa Johnston

Richard Crawford brought his collection of model cars and coin banks.



Photo by Jan Frazee

Maggie Crawford displayed her collection of rolling pins.



Photo by Melissa Johnston

Jean Lund and Sandra Quillin talk about Jean's collection of Blue Ridge pottery.



Photo by Melissa Johnston

Ed Barrett talks to Ray Yates about his decanter collection.





## Cabin Fever Therapy Event



Bob and Sharon Carter brought antique riding toys, Carousels, and tea sets.



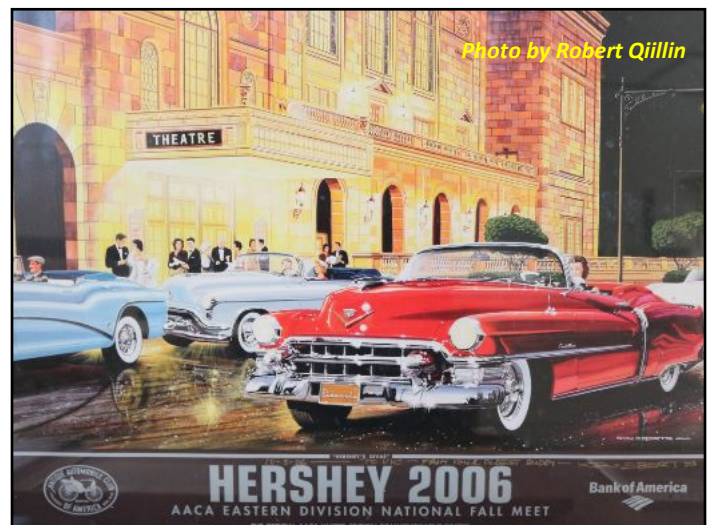
Robert Quillin brought his collection of political campaign pins.



Tom Howard displayed automobilia from days gone by.



Sandra Quillin displayed a variety of antique dollies. She also provided a collection of vintage Playskool toys.



Victor Vardy brought a collection of Hershey AACA prints. Victor is a personal friend of Ken Eberts, the artist.





## Cabin Fever Therapy Event

*Photo by Robert Quillin*

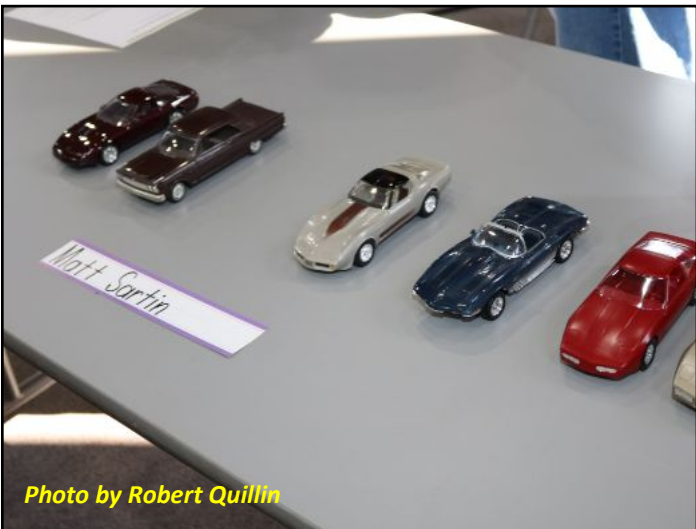


Tom Trame and Blake McCampbell visit at Tom's display of die cast model cars.



*Photo by Robert Quillin*

Bob and Lin Helsel displayed their stamp watches and Wells Fargo Belt buckles.



*Photo by Robert Quillin*

Matt Sartin displayed his collection Corvette promotional cars.



*Photo by Robert Quillin*

Roger Frazee displayed vintage 35mm projection equipment.

Photo Unavailable: Steve Coppock provided a Power Point presentation showing the transformation of a stock T-Model Ford to a more "street-able" vehicle.



*Photo by Ed Borrett*

The Cabin Fever Therapy Event began with a delicious lunch.



*Photo by Melissa Johnston*

Gary and Susie Bright displayed a few of the curiosities from their collection.





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Photo by Melissa Johnston

Debbie Bullen and Beverly Gray displayed several of their embroidery creations.



Photo by Robert Quillin

Marshall England and Pat Patterson talk about Pat's display about the Moretti automobile.



Photo by Melissa Johnston

John Bennett provided a Pickleball display.



Photo by Melissa Johnston

Jerry Hodge displayed historic local photographs and a collection of dash plaques from various AACA national events.



Photo by Robert Quillin

Mark, Melissa, and William Johnston pause for a rest during the Cabin Fever event.





# Alice Huyler Ramsey: The First Woman to Drive an Automobile from New York to San Francisco

*Editor's note: This article is inspired by the AACA Cape Fear Chapter newsletter, Cape Fear Chrome, Lisa Schnitzler, Editor. Special thanks to Lisa for her assistance, cooperation and inspiration.*

By Jan Frazee The San Francisco *Chronicle* headline on August 7, 1909, read "PRETTY WOMEN MOTORISTS ARRIVE AFTER TRIP ACROSS THE CONTINENT."

Alice Ramsey, twenty-two years old, had driven 3,600 miles in 59 days from Manhattan, New York with a top speed of 42 miles per hour, to earn this publicity. Ramsey and her three female companions departed Manhattan, in the rain, on June 9, 1909. Alice's companions were her husband's sisters (both in their 40's) and a friend who was only 16 years old. None of her companions knew how to drive, but they were well outfitted for the trip wearing hats, goggles, and dusters. Alice added a rubber helmet to her outfit, adorned with a medallion given her for participation in the 1908 Montauk Point 200 mile long endurance race.

In that race, sponsored by the American Automobile Association (AAA), Alice drove a new Maxwell runabout given to her by her husband, John Rathbone Ramsey, who never learned to drive. The Maxwell-Briscoe company officials were impressed with the driving ability Alice demonstrated during the Montauk Point race. They proposed Alice make a transcontinental trip designed

to market their automobile to women. Maxwell-Briscoe would provide a 1909 touring car, expenses, assistance and parts, and a separate car with a press person who would accompany Alice and her companions on the trip across the country.

The Maxwell DA driven by Alice on the trip was a dark green, four-cylinder, 30 horsepower model, equipped with two bench seats and a removable Pantasote top. According to *Wikipedia* "Pantasote is an imitation leather material made by the Pantasote Company, beginning in 1891." The car had to be cranked to start and there wasn't a gas gauge. To check the amount of gas in the twenty-gallon tank, two of the women had to remove the front bench seat and use a ruler to measure the level of gas.

Ramsey wrote of the challenges and adventures of her trip in her book, *Veil, Duster and Tire Iron*, published in 1961. One example of the ingenuity of these "pretty" women was when the Maxwell's radiator needed water. Having no extra water stored in the vehicle, and nothing handy to transport any, Ramsey's companions used items from their toiletry kits made of cut glass and sterling silver to gather water from ditches along the road.

Alice Ramsey was the first woman to be inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame in 2000. She died in 1983 at the age of 96. The Maxwell-Briscoe motor company became a part of the Chrysler Corporation in 1926.

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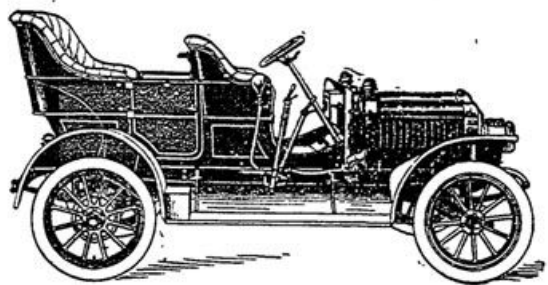
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Alice Huyler Ramsey and three companions traveled from New York to San Francisco in their 1909 Maxwell.  
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## "Maxwell"



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2. This event should include a tour or an opportunity for members to drive their antique automobile.
  3. This event should be held on a weekend.
- These criteria are the same as was recorded in the January, 2018 Board Minutes.

A motion was made and seconded that we eliminate the \$50.00 gift for those that host an event for this year. The motion carried.

**SUNSHINE REPORT:** Sandra Quillin reported cards were sent to the following:

Get Well: Jan Frazee, Bob Carter and Sherry Seay  
Anniversary – Bob and Dino Griffiths (69<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

### OLD BUSINESS:

**Scholarship Award** – Roger Frazee stated that last fall he, Robert and Tom visited Crown College and that they have a great teaching garage. They want us to make the scholarship exclusive for Crown College. We also have TCAP interested in meeting with us to discuss the scholarship. Vic Varady and Robert Quillin volunteered to go with Roger to meet with TCAP to discuss the scholarship. Roger also stated he has a list of 130 high schools in Tennessee that he would like to send letters to regarding our scholarship program.

**Call Committee** – The call committee should be ready to make calls for our upcoming January planning meeting after we get a listing from Sandra Quillin by the end of the week.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Photo Directory** – Roger Frazee is working to develop our pictorial directory. There was a suggestion that we also be able to print a hard copy of the directory. Roger stated he would incorporate a hard copy to be available as well.

### Adjourn:

Charlie Simpson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
R. G. Lewallen, ETR Secretary

**Charlotte Spring Nationals:  
The deadline to register for cars  
and judges is March 14**

## Getting to Know our Members... Oh, Those Good Old Days

*By Sandra Quillin* During the September 21<sup>st</sup> Membership Picnic, Sandra asked ETR members to respond to the following: On which make, and model car did you learn to drive? Straight or automatic shift? How old were you when you learned to drive and what age were you when you got your Driver's License? In which state did you get your Driver's License?

Bob Edgemon responded that he learned to drive on a 1948 Chevy straight shift. He was 15 or 16 when he got his Tennessee driver's license.

Jan Frazee's experience was a bit different in that she learned to drive when she was a child growing up on the farm. Jan would drive the family pickup truck helping her dad feed cattle.

Judy Levy told us she learned to drive on a '56 Buick Roadmaster. Her Dad taught her when she was 14 years old. Judy learned in the Kroger parking lot in Parkersburg, West Virginia, passing the driver's test the first time out. Liz Burns learned to drive at 13 ½ on a 3-speed, 1948 Chevrolet, in Alabama.

Carol Anderson learned to drive at the age of 15 in a Willis Jeep Station Wagon. She received her driver's license at 16 in Minnesota.

Robert and Sandra Quillin, who were next door neighbors at the time, learned to drive on their fathers' 1949 Fords with straight shifts.

Sandra says that is why she can drive in reverse, better than Robert. To practice driving, she could only drive the 200 ft. L-shaped driveway, having to go forward, then in reverse the full length in order to go forward again!



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Nothing beats good friends and good chocolates!  
Linda Varady and Sharon Carter share a laugh and a candy bar during the February Cabin Fever Therapy Event.