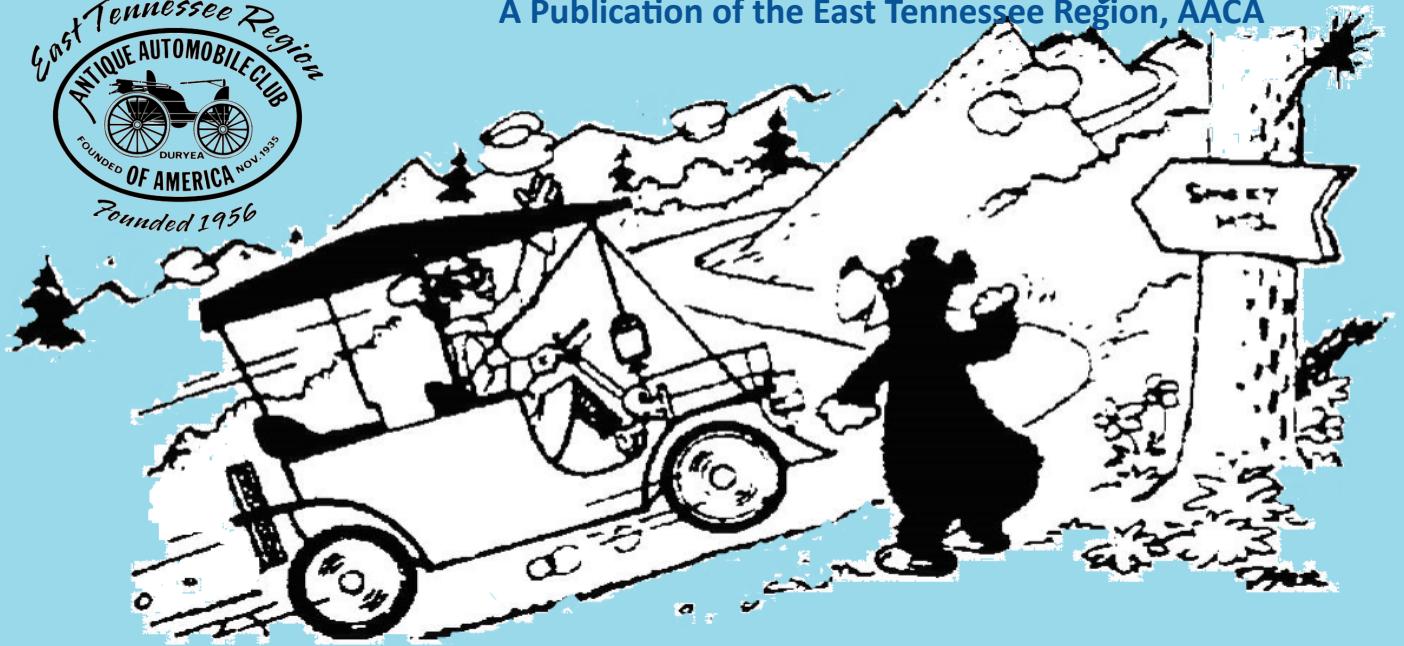


Smoky Mountain Antiquer

A Publication of the East Tennessee Region, AACA



May—June 2020

Volume 55, Number Three



Fourth of July Yard Art in North Knox County



Local and National Events

ETR 2020 Calendar of Events

2020 Officers and Board

President:

Robert Quillin

quillin1@bellsouth.net

Vice President:

Tim Seay

timaseay@gmail.com

Secretary:

RG Lewallen

lewallenrg@gmail.com

Treasurer:

Charlie Simpson

charliesimpson@century21.com

Immediate Past

President:

Tom Howard

sistom60@gmail.com

Board Members:

JW Weeks

juniewe@gmail.com

Vic Varady

varadyv@bellsouth.net

Len Royston

lenroyston@yahoo.com

Ken Lund

kjlund71@tds.net

Events Coordinator:

Sherry Seay

sherryseay@c21smr.com

Newsletter Editors:

Roger Frazee

rkfrazee@gmail.com

Jan Frazee

Janicefrazee@gmail.com

Webmaster:

Roger Frazee

July 18:	Bluegrass and Barbeque Tour, hosted by Art Fensod and Bob Edgemon
August 29:	Drive & Picnic at Metcalf Bottoms hosted by the Varadys and the Lunds
September 26:	Fall Creek Falls hosted by J.W. & Patricia Weeks
October 17:	Murphy N.C. tour hosted by Richard & Maggie Crawford and Tim & Sherry Seay
November 21:	Business Meeting, Covered Dish hosted by Robert & Sandra Quillin
December 18:	Christmas Party hosted by Tom Howard

Upcoming Events from Other Organizations

Now Through October:	Foothills Mall/JC Pennys Friday Night Cruise In ...largest Free Family Event ...Every Friday night.
Every Third Saturday:	Lenoir City Cars and Coffee. 8:00 AM — Noon
July 29:	Ponies in the Smolies Mustang Show. Sevierville TN
August 8:	Knox County Sherriff's Office Car and Motorcycle Show. Knoxville Expo Center
August 22:	Cars and Canines Waterfront Autofest. Melton Lake Drive
August 22:	First Baptist Church Lenoir City Cruise In First Baptist Church Lenoir City

AACA National Events

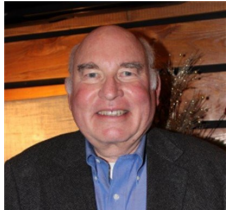
From Mark McAlpine, VP National Activities: Here are the remaining AACA national activities for 2020:

August 21-22:	Grand Nationals in Allentown, PA
Sept. 13—18:	Glidden Tour (hosted by the VMCCA) in Saratoga Springs, NY
October 10:	Eastern Fall Nationals (show only—no swap meet) in Hershey, PA
October 19-23:	Central Divisional Tour in Broken Arrow, OK



Robert's Ramblings

From President Robert Quillin



Fellow ETR members, I am really missing seeing all of you and enjoying our wonderful car tours! Due to the coronavirus problems, the ETR Board made the decision to cancel our June trip to Dunlap for the Coke Oven Tour and our third annual "Autos Through the Ages" car show scheduled for

July at the Heritage Center in Townsend, Tennessee.

I am pleased to share that Bob Edgemon and Art Fensod have stepped up to volunteer hosting a tour to the Paint Rock area culminating in a meal at *Smokin' F BBQ* in Philadelphia, TN. Bob and Art have planned this event for July 18, a bluegrass band will perform for our enjoyment. The ETR Board approved this tour, but not unanimously due to COVID-19 concerns. Social distancing will be followed during this event. We are also looking forward to ETR's planned tours: August 29th to Metcalf Bottoms, September 26th to Fall Creek Falls, and October 17th to Murphy, NC. More updates will be forthcoming about these events. I hope that if traveling and socializing becomes less restrictive, we can plan additional activities for this fall. Please call me if you have an idea for an activity that we can participate in as a group and remain safe!

Recently I took time to reread several back issues of the *Antiquer*. Some of the articles that I enjoyed the most were about our new members. Each of our members is special to me, but I really enjoyed learning more about the varied backgrounds of our new members and their exceptional antique automobiles. During this ample time at home, I encourage all members to spend time exploring our award-winning website, accessible at www.etr.aaca.com. I also suggest when you have a few moments to pull up some of our back issues of the *Antiquer* on your computer and enjoy reading the unique stories about our members.

The seriousness of the COVID-19 outbreak has hit our family "close to home." After more than a week running a high fever, Sandy's brother was hospitalized in Knoxville for 10 days due to COVID-19 and fought a close battle with an antibiotic resistant staph infection and viral pneumonia. He is now recuperating at home and improving daily. His wife had very few symptoms during her battle with COVID-19. I share this to encourage once more all of you to stay safe, practice social distancing, be healthy! Looking forward to seeing you soon!



Editors' Corner

From Co-Editors Jan and Roger Frazee



From Jan Frazee: Welcome new members joining the ETR: Albert and Gail Leitch and their 1949 Buick Special Straight 8; and Nelson and Jan Lawhorn and their 1948 Chevy Fleet Master. Both family memberships were sponsored by Art Fensod.

Another new member of our club is Colson Lakin, who was awarded the ETR scholarship and complimentary ETR and AACA national memberships. Colson is a 2020 graduate of Halls High School and will be attending Lincoln Technical College in Nashville.

Congratulations to Margie and Charlie Alexander on achieving a milestone in their lives together – their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Margie and I recently spoke and one of her comments stuck in my thoughts: "With love you can get through anything in life."

I miss our monthly tours along the TN backroads, visiting with old and new friends, and ending the day with a fantastic meal. Stay safe, be well and I hope to see you soon!



From Roger Frazee: Is it time to start thinking about hosting another national tour? Our 2015 Eastern Divisional Tour was a huge success! The tour sold out almost immediately after registration opened and our guests really enjoyed three days of touring the Smoky Mountains and the foothills.

The ETR tour committee worked hard for two years to put the event together and nearly every ETR member volunteered to help in the execution of the gathering. When it was over, we were all exhausted and relieved. Many of us said with a smile "never again!"

That was then. This is now. A lot of people have joined the East Tennessee Region since 2015 and I am confident that our club can put together another fantastic national tour.

At my request, Mark McAlpine, VP National Activities, recently sent me a calendar of national events that are booked for the next five years. There are several opportunities for our club to host a tour in 2023 or 2024.

With all of the natural beauty and man-made attractions in our area, as well as the energy and enthusiasm of our members, we have all the resources we need to put together another memorable national tour. What are your thoughts?



Keeping the Wheels Turning

By Sherry Seay, Events Coordinator



It looks like the wheels are beginning to roll in the area as numerous events have popped back up. Cars and Coffee in Lenoir City and the weekly Friday night cruise-in at Foothills Mall in Maryville are both active as well as a weekly Saturday night cruise-in in Farragut.

The Board voted to hold it's first official event on July 18, 2020, at the Smoking F Barbeque Ranch hosted by Art Fensod and Bob Edgemon. This is a tour to once again see beautiful and scenic rural areas in Loudon, and Roane Counties.

The plan is to meet at 3:00 PM at the McDonalds in Loudon on Highway 72. Bobby Edgemon will lead the group. The tour will end at the Smoking F Barbeque Farm near Sweetwater where we will get to hear a Bluegrass Band playing as well as 'the best Texas Barbeque you ever laid a lip over.' A special pit stop will be made at the Edgemon Family farmhouse in Paint Rock on the way.

Social distancing will be followed and observed. It might be a good idea to bring your own chairs, just in case!! For more information, you can also go to the website for Smokin F BBQ at TheSmokinF.com and on Facebook at Smokin F BBQ & Barn.

For further information, contact Art Fensod at 865-408-0525.

For information about area car shows and cruise-ins, you can also go to Facebook and look for Tennessee Car Shows and Cruise Ins. Additional information can be found at club website, www.etr.aaca.com.

I don't know about everyone else, but it sure has been hard not seeing you guys and being able to go on driving tours with the club, so I'm really looking forward to getting things moving again! So get behind the wheel and LETS ROLL!

Help Wanted:

The East Tennessee Region needs an editor and a webmaster for 2021

No experience necessary!

The Frazees will be stepping down from their positions with the Antiquer and ETR Website at the end of 2020. Volunteer now to keep these two important club assets going.

Contact Roger or Jan Frazee for more information

Sunshine Report

By Sandra Quillin, Sunshine Correspondent



In April, I sent ETR well wishes to Blake McCampbell. Unfortunately, in May, I sent ETR notes of sympathy to Blake's family following his passing.

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 send a

card from ETR

I read an article recently about how we can "makeup" for all the gatherings and celebrations we have been missing as we practice social distancing. The article led me to generate several ideas of my own. Why not plan a picnic with the neighbors? Each family could sit separately but close enough to chat from one family to another. On Mother's Day, each of our children brought their family and each family sat in a "family" spot in our driveway. We had a blast, I had one bathroom designated for company with Clorox wipes and paper towels. Robert and I avoided that bathroom for 14 days!

Another suggestion is to plan an outdoor movie night, watching the movie on a bed sheet affixed to the side of the garage or house – invite neighbors to bring a blanket or chair. How about a walk in the park where families keep 6 feet apart? Try to do this with your spouse seeing who can spot the first squirrel, rabbit, or robin. Have a competition to see who can find the most of each species.

If you have someone whose birthday you missed or a graduation, why not drop a note with a check or drop off a meal or cake. Waiting to buy an appropriate card is not necessary – it is the thought that counts!

Have you ever considered vacationing to one of your extra bedrooms? You might learn about a specific accommodation that is needed before you have a guest stay over. We have three porches/decks on our house. I am making sure that we take turns eating breakfast, lunch, and dinner on each of them once a week. WE NEED TO AVOID THE TV AT MEALTIME! Besides, it gives me a chance to see how many cobwebs I need to remove and how much the landscaping needs attention near each porch. Oh, do not forget to give a call to a former neighbor to catch up or a relative that you have not seen for too long!

On a personal note, thank you for the notes and prayers on behalf of my brother Tommy Gilliland and his battle with COVID-19, viral pneumonia, and a drug resistant staph infection. After 10 days of hospitalization, he is doing well and recuperating at his home in Blaine.



East Tennessee Region AACA Board Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2020 Via Teleconference



By R.G. Lewallen, Secretary

OFFICERS:

President: Robert Quillin, Present
Vice President: Tim Seay, Present
Secretary: RG Lewallen, Present
Treasurer: Charlie Simpson, Present
Tom Howard, Past President, Present
Jan Frazee, Newsletter Editor, Present
Roger Frazee, Newsletter Editor, Present
Sherry Seay, Events Coordinator, Present

Board:

Ken Lund, Director, Present
Len Royston, Director, Present
Victor Varady, Director, Present
JW Weeks, Director, Present

GUESTS:

Sandra Quillin, Sunshine Representative, Present

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President, Robert Quillin, at 6:32 PM. Roll call was conducted as members called into the conference bridge and all board members were accounted for. Robert shared that Blake McCampbell's family had expressed their appreciation for the club's support at the memorial service.

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING: The March 17, 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.

Vice President's Report: Tim Seay shared that Blake McCampbell will be missed and thanked everyone for the support at the memorial service this past Sunday.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Charlie Simpson, Treasurer, gave the financial report as of April 30, 2020. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made and seconded. Motion carried.

ANTIQUER REPORT: Jan Frazee reported the most recent Antiquer was the best we have had because of all the articles that were received from members. She stated that the success of the *Antiquer* is ensured by these contributions and it makes the job of editor more enjoyable.

WEBMASTER REPORT: Roger Frazee reported there have been 8 members ask to join the membership directory on our web page and about 20 have agreed to have their photo on our website.

EVENTS COORDINATOR REPORT: Sherry Seay reported that we have postponed or canceled most of our club events to date. She stated she has forwarded information about other local events that have been opening up in the community.

UPCOMING:

Coke Oven Tour – Jimmy Hixson has canceled the Coke Oven Tour at Dunlap, TN.

Heritage Center Car Show – Tim Seay reported that he spoke with the Heritage Center personnel last week regarding the car show in July. He stated they offered some options for re-scheduling the Heritage Center Cars of the Ages Car Show but they only have openings in August. After much discussion, it was decided that due to difficulties in planning and promoting and it possibly being a "less than stellar" show this year, it would be best to cancel. A motion was made to cancel the Heritage Center Car Show. This motion was seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business:

AACA National Club Members - We are still following up with a few members that have not renewed their AACA National dues for 2020. We will continue to monitor this and update our directory soon.

Scholarship Award – Roger Frazee reported that he has done some research on how scholarships are awarded and found that the protocol is that the scholarship money is deposited into an account at the college the student is attending. The scholarship money is not accessible to the student but is utilized by the college to pay for books, tuition, etc. We have 4 applicants;

Lucas Duncan – New Tazewell, TN

James Russell – Surgoinsville, TN

Colson Lakin – Corryton, TN

Alay Mystrie – Athens, TN

The votes were cast and Mr. Colson Lakin is the recipient of the scholarship for 2020. Roger Frazee will draft a letter to Mr. Lakin and send to the board for approval and, once approved, he will send the letter to Mr. Lakin.

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



News From National AACA Headquarters

Where Have All the AACA National Shows and Tours Gone?

By Mark McAlpine VP - National Activities



It's hard to believe how much and how quickly life has changed in our country and how long it has been since the last AACA national activity.

The AACA started off 2020 with a bang: first with our Annual Convention in Philadelphia, PA, followed two weeks later by the Winter Nationals in Miami, FL. (I still have some tan left from our time in Miami and a little ringing in my ears from the pounding of the flamenco dancer's shoes.)

Then our activities calendar rapidly fell apart as our country (and the world) was ravaged by the COVID-19 "coronavirus." The first AACA national activity to fall was the Southeastern Spring Nationals in Concord, NC. Days later, as social distancing and stay-at-home orders were issued across the country, the dominoes continued to fall: the Western Spring Nationals and Founders Tour in Show Low, AZ, were cancelled, followed by the Central Spring Nationals in Auburn, IN, then the Sentimental Tour in Davis, WV; and now the Reliability Tour in Lock Haven/Wellsboro, PA. Add in the cancellation of AACA region/chapter meetings and local, regional, and national car shows, tours, and cruise-ins, plus the closure of car museums, and I'm displaying symptoms of old car withdrawal.

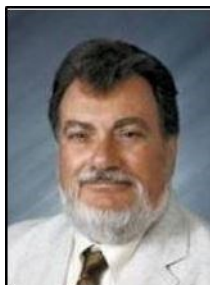
(Fortunately, the cravings are eased a bit by people being creative on the Internet and AACA Forum, allowing us to still vicariously experience antique vehicle activities "virtually" from the safety of our home.)

My observations about the cancellation of car shows and tours possibly come across as insensitive, but I miss participating in AACA activities. More importantly, I miss seeing AACA friends from around the country who we only get to see a few times a year at AACA activities and being able to make new additional friends.

Our country will get back to normal. I can't tell you when (but hope it's soon), but we will get through this.

Rising To The Challenge in Challenging Times

By Don Barlup VP - National HQ & Library



Some of our National Headquarters staff are working from home, while others are busy boxing up items, preparing for the move to our new Headquarters/ Library building in the Fall.

This is a large task and getting a head start on it will make the move much easier. Steve Moskowitz and Pat Buckley were successful in applying for the federally funded SBA Payroll Protection Plan, assuring that our staff continues to provide all the services that our members have been accustomed to.

While construction has come to a halt, due to the national shutdown, materials continue to arrive on site and Steve participates in the weekly construction conference calls. The construction shutdowns is set to be lifted soon and progress will continue.

Our Library staff has also been busy and head Librarian Chris Ritter reports the following: The Library staff has been very busy working from home – scanning books and photos, digitizing slides & filmstrips, making some interactive 3D models, cataloging sales literature, processing research requests and interacting with people. Our jobs have temporarily changed but AACA Library is still alive and well. Mike recently gave our website a facelift and I encourage you to check it out: www.aacalibrary.org.

There are still things to be edited, added and adjusted but it is certainly a lot brighter and has a more modern look – a lot like our new building!

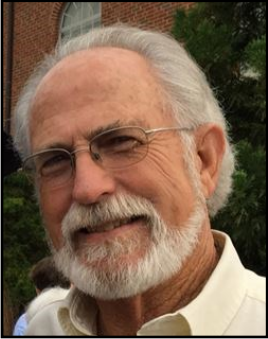
We'll reopen our doors in just a few weeks and adjust to whatever our new normal looks like. Until then stay healthy and safe. This too shall pass!





Remembering Our Friend Blake McCampbell

By Roger Frazee



Blake McCampbell

I knew Blake McCampbell for 19 years. That's a lot less time than many ETR members knew him. I'm sure everyone who had the honor to know Blake has precious memories of their time with him. These are a few of mine.

Blake was one of the few people I remember distinctly from the first East Tennessee Region meeting Jan and I attended in November of 2001. His welcoming words and sincere smile, along with that ever-present twinkle in his eye, sealed the deal on our decision to join the club. It would be the beginning of many tours, meetings, and meets with Blake, Sue, Angie, Preston, and Lindsey. Blake and Sue were the essence of fellowship, combined with a love of old cars.

Blake's father, Emory, was one of the founding members of the East Tennessee Region. Blake was just a kid when the club began back in 1956. Being the youngest regular attendee at the early ETR events earned Blake the lifetime title of "Charter Brat." As years went by, Blake and his father would restore several vintage cars, including the 1952 Ford Pickup that once belonged to Blake's grandfather, and the Model A Roadster that his dad purchased and drove home from Wisconsin. These cars, and others were engrained in the McCampbell family history, and were still owned and driven regularly when Blake passed away last May.

Every vehicle in Blake's garage had a story, and Blake took great pleasure in recalling the history of his cars and Cushman scooters, several of which had been passed down from one generation to the next.

While Blake wasn't driving his antique cars, he was restoring them. And he restored them to perfection. His two Cushman's achieved Grand National Senior awards. His Model A Roadster and Nash Metropolitan were also National First Place award winners.

His last project was the restoration of the 1949 Ford Convertible that he and Sue had owned and enjoyed for many years as a "driver." Restoring the Ford was a retirement project that began around 2010 and culminated with a Grand National Victory in 2013.

"I'm not sure I've got another restoration in me," Blake said

before beginning the nut & bolt reconstruction of the Ford. But with the help of master restorer, Eddie Skeen, the car made the transformation from an old car, rich in patina, to a classic show-stopper.

Blake didn't just love cars. He loved people. And he loved being an active participant in the organizations to which he belonged. As a Shriner, Blake transported children in need of medical care from their homes to the Shriners Children's Hospital in Lexington, KY.

He also enjoyed being involved in the organization of AACA events. Blake, Sue, and his family were instrumental in the planning and execution of every national event that was ever hosted by the East Tennessee Region. In 2015, Blake put together an entire day of touring for the Southeast Divisional Tour, which featured an excursion through sections of Blount County and the Smoky Mountains that only a telephone lineman would know about.



Blake and granddaughter Lindsey Kizer with the Ford pickup that once belonged to Lindsey's great, great grandfather.

To say that Blake was active in our club would be a gross understatement. He seldom missed an ETR event, and he hosted many monthly tours. He also served as president of the East Tennessee Region in 1980 and 2004. No one knew the back roads of the East Tennessee Foothills better than Blake. He delighted in leading the ETR members through the remote wilderness of Blount County.

So many people have so many memories of Blake and Sue McCampbell. I have many and have tried to relate a few here. If you knew Blake at all, you have your own precious memories of him. Those memories will surely be cherished forever.

Click [HERE](#) for Blake McCampbell's obituary.



The ETR Automotive Technology Scholarship Presented to Colson Lakin

The East Tennessee Region AACA is proud to present the 2020 Automotive Technology Scholarship to Mr. Colson Lakin, a graduate of Halls High School.



ETR Scholarship Recipient Colson Lakin

Colson, who lives in Corryton, focused his high school studies on the Halls Automotive curriculum and became proficient in automobile troubleshooting and repair. He has received his ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) student certification and has won various skills competitions, including engine troubleshooting at the 2019 Top Wrench Event.

Halls High School Counselor Caton Eskew remarked "Colson has a passion for anything automotive, and has maintained this passion since he was a child. He enjoys spending his time at old car shows, and loves to work on older cars that run without the element of modern technology and computerization."

When he was not in the classroom, Colson can usually be found with his head under the hood of one of his buddy's cars. He has helped friends with oil changes and brake jobs and has worked on one of his buddy's race car. "I love working on the 305 Chevy engine in the race car," he said.

Colson's personal ride is a 2006 Chevrolet short-bed pickup truck. He is making plans to upgrade the engine in his truck and "eventually make it fast," he said.

Colson will be attending Lincoln Technical College in the fall and plans to major in Heavy Equipment Maintenance Technology. "There is something about a fuel injected engine running on diesel fuel that is really interesting to me," he said during a recent interview. After completing his work at Lincoln Tech, Colson hopes to return to Knoxville and put his skills to use professionally.

In addition to the \$1,000.00 scholarship award, Colson also received a one-year complimentary membership to the East Tennessee Region and the National AACA. Colson expressed his sincere appreciation to the club for the scholarship.

Our club members congratulate Colson Lakin and look forward to meeting him in person soon.

New Members Jan and Nelson Lawson Introduce Themselves



Nelson and Jan Lawson with their '48 Chevrolet Fleetmaster

By Nelson Lawson I bought our 1948 Chevrolet Fleetmaster in 2012 and finished it in 2014.

We moved to Tennessee in October 2017 from Orlando, Florida. Jan was a teacher for 36 years and retired in 2008. I was in electronics most of my life and retired as owner of a commercial cabinet shop, which I sold in 2007.

The East Tennessee Region is delighted to have the Nelsons as members.



Young Gearhead Brings New Life to Old Buick

By Art Fensod

I recently met Maguire Headrick at the Foothills Mall Cruise-in. He had found a '53 Buick Super sleeping in the basement of J & K Grocery, an old grocery store in Maryville.



Maguire Headrick (right) stands with his parents in front of his 1949 Buick.

Maguire started working on the car several months ago. This car had not been started or driven in 53 years. The engine was all gummed up, as well as the oil in the oil pan. He replaced the lifters and did some work on the cam shaft, and after a few weeks, got it running and operational once again. Maguire also replaced the old tires and he and ETR member Jim Payne drove it on Interstate 75...up to 55 to 60 miles per hour.

The eighteen year old Maryville High School graduate plans to attend Tennessee Tech in Cookeville this fall, where he will major in Mechanical Engineering.



Welcome New Members Albert and Gail Leitch



Albert Leitch of Seymour TN, and his 1949 Buick Special Straight 8.



Maguire Headrick and Albert Leitch with Al's Buick.



Art Fensod, Bob McMullen, and Bob Edgemon Put Together an Impromptu Tour of Roane and Loudon Counties



Good friends and old cars made for a perfect impromptu tour, which was organized by Art Fensod, Bob Edgemon, and Bob McMullen.

By Art Fensod

On Sunday, 31 May, a small group of old-car friends decided to tour the rural Loudon and Roane Counties.

Bob McMullen suggested we meet at my home in Loudon at 1:30 and have Bobby Edgemon lead the group thru scenic Stockton Valley. After some twenty miles, we stopped at a Texas Barbeque, near Sweetwater, called Smokin' F Barbeque. It's a newly established restaurant in rural Loudon County.

After leaving Smokin' F, Bob Edgemon lead the group of antique cars through miles of more beautiful rural roads. The day ended with a late lunch at the Sweetwater Gondolier Restaurant.

Those in attendance included Bob McMullen in his Model A Ford, and Bobby Edgemon with his 53 Ford. Art Fensod and Ham Carey toured in Art's 48 Buick, while Jim Payne rode with potential new member, 18 yr. old Maguire in his 53 Buick. Tracey and Loretta Rollins and two friends drove their '56 Olds.

Tom Howard and Charlie Simpson rode in Charlie's 67 Cadillac. Dallas Burns and Liz toured in their 90 Cadillac. Mason Hewitt came with his mother in his 77 stretch Lincoln Limo.

Mason also brought a potential new member, who drove a

1977 Lincoln Coupe. David Sheffey came in his 90 Cadillac Alante and Cheryl Morgan drove my "new" 50 Packard.

It seems more people showed up than expected, as many of our members suffered from cabin fever. We all enjoyed getting together once again despite the virus!!



The Packard, Buick, and Ford motor companies were well represented on the tour.



Marshall England Locates and Brings Home a 1955 Bentley



Marshall England's 1955 Type R Bentley Four Door Saloon

By Marshall England

I found my 1955 Type R Bentley 4 door saloon (sedan) in Hemmings Motor News in January 2020.

It was located in Binghamton, New York and a body off restoration had been completed in 2019 after an extensive (and expensive) search for parts, many of which had to be ordered from England. The mechanic who did most of the work gave an example in which one part for the transmission cost \$2,400 there versus \$125 for the comparable part for a US car.

The engine, transmission and clutch were rebuilt as needed and the body received multiple coats of new paint in a black over gray combination with red pin striping. The chrome and red leather interior were perfect when the restoration was begun and were covered with protective paper during the mechanical procedures. The undercarriage was stripped of all surface rust, old paint and grease, then primed and painted with rust preventive POR 15 paint. The white wall tires were relatively new and did not need replacing.

The car is heavy, weighing about 5100 lbs. and has a very

smooth ride. Before I purchased it, I looked up the following information on 1952 through 1955 Type R's in Wikipedia:

The Type R is a 4-door saloon with a 4.6-liter engine, straight 6-cylinder, 130 hp. The transmission was a 4-speed standard or optional automatic. Except for the radiator shell and carburetor, it was almost a replica of its sister the Rolls Royce Silver Cloud. It was considered a stop-gap version before the S series Bentleys in late '55-'56 which had restyled bodies with the front and rear fenders blending smoothly with each other. Although there was little difference between the type R's and Silver Clouds, the former outsold the latter by 2500 units to 760.



Art by Beth Fisher



The Hodges' Packard has a Rich History plus East Tennessee Connections

By Jerry Hodge

In May of 1927 a 143-inch wheelbase chassis of a new Packard automobile (without a body) was purchased for the Edward H. Butler family of Buffalo, New York, and delivered to the Brunn Body Company, also in Buffalo, to have a hand-crafted aluminum body built on the chassis.



The Hodges' 1927 Packard was originally used to transport foreign dignitaries while visiting Buffalo NY.

It was only appropriate that the Butler family, who owned the Buffalo Evening News, have a formal chauffeur-driven automobile to use for the various foreign dignitaries the visited the Buffalo area mainly during the summer months.

When the new town car/landaulet body was completed, along with the latest new steel wire wheels (also made in Buffalo) that replaced the wooden wheels, the finished product was a chauffeur-driven automobile weighing 4,660 pounds with a division window between the driver and the passenger compartments as well as a rear quarter top that would open to permit the rear seat passengers to view the surrounding area as well as be seen by the local people. The car was only used on special occasions as the Butlers owned several other vehicles for their daily use.

The Packard was used by the Butler family for this purpose from 1927 until 1944. During World War II the big 700 x 21 tires were removed and given to the rubber/scrap drive to aid the U. S. War effort.

In 1946 the Packard was purchased by Ed George, chief of the

North Java, New York, Fire Department, where it was used for various duties, one of which was a parade vehicle-squad car, which also doubled for the transportation of iced-down beverages for the fireman to drink as they walked alongside the Packard, The beverages were kept in the large leather-covered trunk mounted on the Packard's rear luggage rack.



The masterfully restored interior of the Packard

The fire department used the Packard until approximately 1954, when a Mr. Stone, who owned a water well-drilling business from Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee, discovered the car on a trip to New York, purchased it for \$450, and transported the formal Packard back to Tennessee.

In 1962 a friend of Mr. Stone, Roy Johnson, who owned the Johnson Spring Company in Jefferson City, Tennessee purchased the Packard and drove the less than 5300 actual mile car home.

My first recollection of the Packard was as a young man with an interest in antique automobiles and participating in the

Continued on page 13



Hodges' 1927 Packard

Continued from page 12

Hillbilly Homecoming Fourth of July parades with my 1931 Chevrolet roadster that I had purchased in 1956. *(Editor's Note: Jerry's '31 Chevrolet is featured in the April-May edition of the Antiquer)*

Roy Johnson's son, Danny, would bring the Packard to the local parades and shows in our area and used the car for transportation while attending the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

In 1965 the Packard developed some minor engine trouble that required the straight eight-cylinder engine to be removed from the chassis for the repair. Mr. Johnson and his son, Danny, decided while they had the engine out of the car it would be an opportune time to do a detailed paint restoration on the 11,808-mile car. The rest of the car was disassembled (body and drivetrain removed.)

Unforeseen circumstances and a hitch in the U.S. Army for Danny put the restoration on hold, and the various parts of the Packard were stored in a corner area of the spring factory building. The stripped chassis was chained to the ceiling so as not to take up any more space than needed.

Events and time go by fast and the disassembled Packard sat in the same place for 17 years until October 1982, when, after the death of Roy, the Johnson family sold the spring factory to another company with the understanding that the old Packard was not part of the business and would be removed from the building.

I was fortunate enough to purchase the Packard in its disassembled state of which approximately 90-95% of the original parts survived and were still with the car stored in various areas of the spring factory.

After a few months of trying to sort out the jigsaw puzzle of Packard parts, I began the painstaking job of restoration and reassembly of the car.

With only 11,808 actual miles on the Packard, most all of the parts only needed to be repainted or re-chromed and some of the upholstery material needed replacing. The original leather top, which folded down and also covered the passenger area, had to be replaced by master craftsman J. H. "Pop" Rice, of Hariman, Tennessee. Most of the other paint work was done locally and in the paint shop at Twin City Buick.

The original all-black color was modified in that a light gray with an accent area of a darker gray was painted on the town car/landaulet body.

Important Changes for the Allentown Grand Nationals and Hershey Nationals

By Tom Cox, AACA Vice President Public Relations

The Board of Directors of the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) has rescheduled the Annual Grand Nationals at The Nicola Bulgari (NB) Center for American Automotive Heritage in Allentown, Pennsylvania, to August 21 and 22, 2020. This will include our annual Zenith competition. The 22nd will be the date of the show itself.

A couple of very important items to note is that the grounds at The NB Center will be available to current AACA members only and that everyone will have to sign a waiver of liability to The NB Center. There also will be no closing banquet, but we are working on a potential replacement on the field.

Any AACA member who would like to register for the Grand Nationals, please do so online at members.aaca.org. The limit on cars has been reduced to 600. If the State of Pennsylvania does not approve our event by July 22, we will be forced to cancel it completely and as such refund in full all registrations. Again, please understand preparation for this event is fluid, but we will communicate all details to registrants in plenty of time prior to the show. Also, we have called all the hotels on our original list to let them know about the date change, but please call your hotel and confirm new dates. There will be no Thursday activities.

Additionally, we have previously announced that the Eastern Fall Nationals in Hershey, Pennsylvania, is planned as a car show only event on October 10, 2020. The Hershey Region AACA, AACA and Hershey Entertainment & Resorts are solidly behind this effort. We are all taking steps to ensure the show is done in a safe manner. This event is also fluid, but a plan is coming together and we believe you will be happy to have the opportunity once again to experience Hershey in the fall.

Chocolate World is now open! As stated above, we can plan, work, spend and do everything necessary to host you, but Hershey will also require approval by the State of Pennsylvania to be held this year. We are cautiously optimistic this can be done.

Starting in July, any AACA member who would like to register for the Hershey car show may do so online at members.aaca.org or call headquarters to request registration materials be mailed to them.

We look forward to hosting these events and welcome your participation and support of the AACA and the antique automobile hobby. In the meantime, stay safe, stay involved in the hobby in any way you can and hopefully soon we can enjoy being together celebrating the history of the "automobile."



**ALL MAKES AND MODELS WELCOMED
CARS TRUCKS AND MOTORCYCLES**

**GOODY BAG AND DASH PLAQUE
FOR FIRST 100 REGISTERED**

**AWARDS FOR TOP
25 VEHICLES**

**10:00AM-2:00PM
AWARDS 2:00PM**

**697 MELTON LAKE DR.
OAK RIDGE, TN 37830**



**\$20 REGISTRATION
DAY OF SHOW**

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SUMMERKNIGHTCRUISERSKNOXVILLE





Happy 60th Anniversary Margie and Charlie Alexander

Bride is Seeking a Vintage Car for Her Wedding Day



It was love at first sight when Charlie walked into the Richy Kreme Do-Nut Shop where 16 year-old Margie was working.
Happy Anniversary Margie and Charlie!

Knoxville Antique Car Owner Needs Help with His '32 Chevrolet

The following email was received recently from an East Tennessee resident needing help with their 1932 Chevrolet. If you can help get this beautiful car running, please send an email to etraaca@gmail.com.



The owner of this 1932 Chevrolet needs help to get it running again.

My son and I have a 1932 Chevrolet Confederate and need to find someone who can get it in driveable shape. The car is at my son's home in Knoxville (I live in Kingsport). It rolls, brakes, and steers but does not run. The car has been in my family since my great grandparents bought it new. I'm not really interested in turning it into a show car, I just want us to be able to drive it.

The following email request and picture was received on June 26th. If you are interested in providing the wedding car for this event, please contact Malisa Overbey at this email address: malisa.overbey@hotmail.com.

My daughter is getting married at the Alandale on July 11th. Do you know anyone who would be interested in driving her from back of the mansion to the front of the mansion. Car will not be on the main road. Wedding starts at 4:30pm and they will be done in about 1 hr. Of course, we will pay for the service. Her dream car for the wedding is some like the picture on your website.



The writer selected Blake McCampbell's Model A as the type of wedding car she has in mind.



This picture of a 1915 Model T Ford was posted recently on Facebook. The inscription on the back of the photo reads "Touring in California, Summer 1935." Reprinted with permission.



Automotive Pioneer Charles F. Kettering

By Jan Frazee

"It doesn't matter if you try and try and try again, and fail. It does matter if you try and fail and fail to try again" Charles Kettering.

Charles Kettering's automotive inventions included the electric starter for vehicles, quick-drying automobile paints and finishes, "anti-knock" fuels, variable-speed transmissions, the storage battery, voltage regulator, generator, electric automobile lights, four-wheel brakes, spark plugs.

His non-automotive inventions include the electric cash register, an incubator for premature babies, the Delco light (a light/power source for places not accessible to power lines), freon-based refrigeration (Kettering's home was the first in the US to have air conditioning), an aerial torpedo, which is credited as the first aerial missile, and the Kettering hypertherm, used to treat syphilis of the brain. In all, Kettering held US 186 patents.



This circa 1913 photo shows Charles Kettering working on a Buick.

Charles Kettering was born in Ohio in 1876. Upon graduation in 1904 from The Ohio State University (at the age of 27 with a degree in electrical engineering), he was hired by the National Cash Register Company (NCR) as head of their research laboratory. In 1909, he and NCR colleague Edward A. Deeds founded the Dayton Engineering Laboratories Company (DELCO).

General Motors purchased DELCO in 1918 as a part of the United Motors Company. In 1920, Charles Kettering became vice-president of the General Motors Research Corporation, and remained in that position for more than 25 years. Charles Kettering died in 1958 and is buried in Dayton, Ohio.

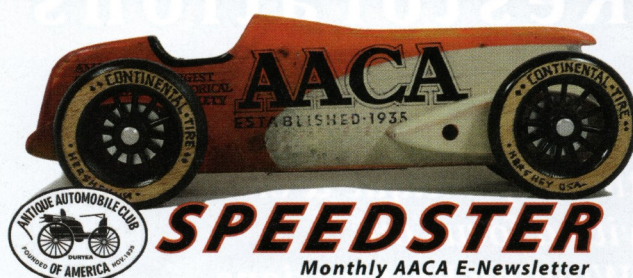
Kettering was also a philanthropist, establishing the C. F. Foundation for the Study of Chlorophyll and Photosynthesis at Antioch College in Yellow Springs, OH. Along with industrialist Alfred Sloan, he funded the Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research in New York City.

Kettering said *"My interest is in the future because I am going to spend the rest of my life there."* Certainly, he played a major role in shaping the future of the automotive industry, as well as medical science.

Author's note: The following sources were used to obtain information upon which this article was written:

1. Ohio History Central, Charles F. Kettering, /w/OhioCentralHistory. www.ohiohistorycentral.org/4/12/20
2. Marc A. Shampo, PhD, Robert A. Kyle, MD, David P. Steensma, MD "Charles F. Kettering – Medical Philanthropist and Inventor," Mayo Clinic Proceedings, 5/12, Volume 87, Issue 5, Page e35, Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research. [URL:https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC412/2020](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC412/2020)
3. History.com Editors, "Charles F. Kettering, inventor of electric self-starter, is born." Website name: HISTORY URL:https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/charles-f-kettering-inventor-of-electric-self-starter-is-born. Access date: April 12, 2020
4. Wikipedia contributors. "Charles F. Kettering." Wikipedia, *The Free Encyclopedia*. Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, 2 Mar.2020 Web. 12 Apr 2020

Are you receiving AACA emails?



If we have your email on file, we can keep you up-to-date with the latest happenings at AACA. This year is momentous with the purchase of the automotive collection from the Free Library of Philadelphia and the anticipated grand opening of your new national headquarters/library. There will be a lot to learn.

SPEEDSTER is our monthly eBlast newsletter and is a great way to keep abreast of news about the club and its members while waiting for your next issue of *ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE*. We have noticed that our files do not contain correct email addresses of some members, while some members may have mistakenly opted out of our Constant Contact email blasts. We can rectify that for you if you wish to receive our communications. Just call us at 717-534-1910 and let us know that you want to receive *Speedster* and make sure we have your correct email. Remember, you can always opt out at any time.

Thank you for staying connected with us!



East Tennessee Region AACA Board Meeting Minutes

Continued From Page five

Get Well:

Tom Christenberry	3-18-20
Beth Fisher	3-18-20
Bob Edgemon	3-20-20
Blake McCampbell	4-24-20

Sympathy:

The Kizer Family (Blake McCampbell)	5-18-20
Randy McCampbell (Blake McCampbell)	5-18-20

NEW BUSINESS: A general discussion was held on the changes taking place with our AACA National events, as well as other venues, with the COVID-19 virus outbreak.

Tom Howard gave an update on the AACA National Meets and stated the AACA National Headquarters is closed and that three tours and five meets, to date, are canceled. As of yesterday, the Grand National is still on the books for Allentown in July as well as the Hershey Meet in October.

Len Royston – Len hosted a T-Bird “Masked Tour”. Everyone wore protective masks and carried a boxed lunch while maintaining social distancing during the lunch and the event. There were 21 participants and it was a successful tour.

The Lenoir City Cars and Coffee has resumed, as well as the Foothills Mall Cruise-in Car Show.

There was an open discussion regarding ERT tours for the remainder of the year.

August Picnic in the Metcalf Bottoms - After discussion it was felt that we would like to still plan on hosting this event but a final decision will be made at the July Board Meeting.

September 26 Fall Creek Falls Tour - This tour is still being planned.

A motion was made to suspend the participation points for this year. The motion was seconded and this motion carried.

Roger Frazee reported he has obtained a spreadsheet from Mark Alpine, AACA National Headquarters, of the available dates for a national tour or meet. Roger will forward the spreadsheet, that indicates which months are available, so we could look at hosting a national event.

Adjourn:

Charlie Simpson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

R. G. Lewallen, ETR Secretary

Memories of the 2019 Member Appreciation Picnic

Below is the latest installment of the continuing column about last summer's Member Appreciation Picnic.

By Sandra Quillin

ETR Members and their Favorite Cars:

Marshall England shared that he bought a 1936 Buick Century Convertible which he restored. The '36 Buick won Marshall a “best of show” in the Buick Nationals.

Bob McMullen said, “I owned a 1962 Studebaker in 1970. I paid \$175.00 for it and drove it for 120,000 miles! It was a great car!” Roger Frazee's favorite car was a 1968 Camaro in which he and Jan had their first date.

Ed Barrett said: “My 1965 Corvette was my favorite car and I still have. I have owned it for 21 years!” Frances Clark owns a Honda Odyssey Van which is her favorite car! Richard Crawford shared, “My Dad's 1955 Ford is my favorite car and I still own it!”

Sherry Seay's favorite car is her 1990 Red Miata Convertible. Sherry has owned “Ruby” since 1992. Built in April of 1989, Ruby was the 96th Miata that came into the U.S. from Japan.

ETR Members and their Favorite Tours:

Preston Kiser's favorite ETR tour was the very first one he experienced -- a Scavenger Hunt held around 1996.

RG Lewallen's group responded that the tour led by Art Fensod and Bob Edgemon in August 2019 was a favorite tour because lots of folks attended, the covered dish meal was great, the lovely stop at Bob Edgemon's cabin was so enjoyable and the backroads route had not be traveled by many of ETR's members.

Riley Compton (Bill Little's granddaughter), Lorna Barrett, Dallas Burns and Rocky Rochelle all shared that the September 2019 Membership Appreciation Picnic and Backroads Tour was a highlight due to the route on roads they never knew existed!

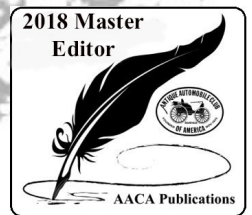
The Amazon Fulfillment Center tour and the VW Factory tour in Chattanooga were very educational and memorable for Sandra Quillin.

Smoky Mountain Antiquer

Roger and Jan Frazee, Editors

4535 Deer Grove Way

Powell, TN 37849



Blake McCampbell, forever in our hearts