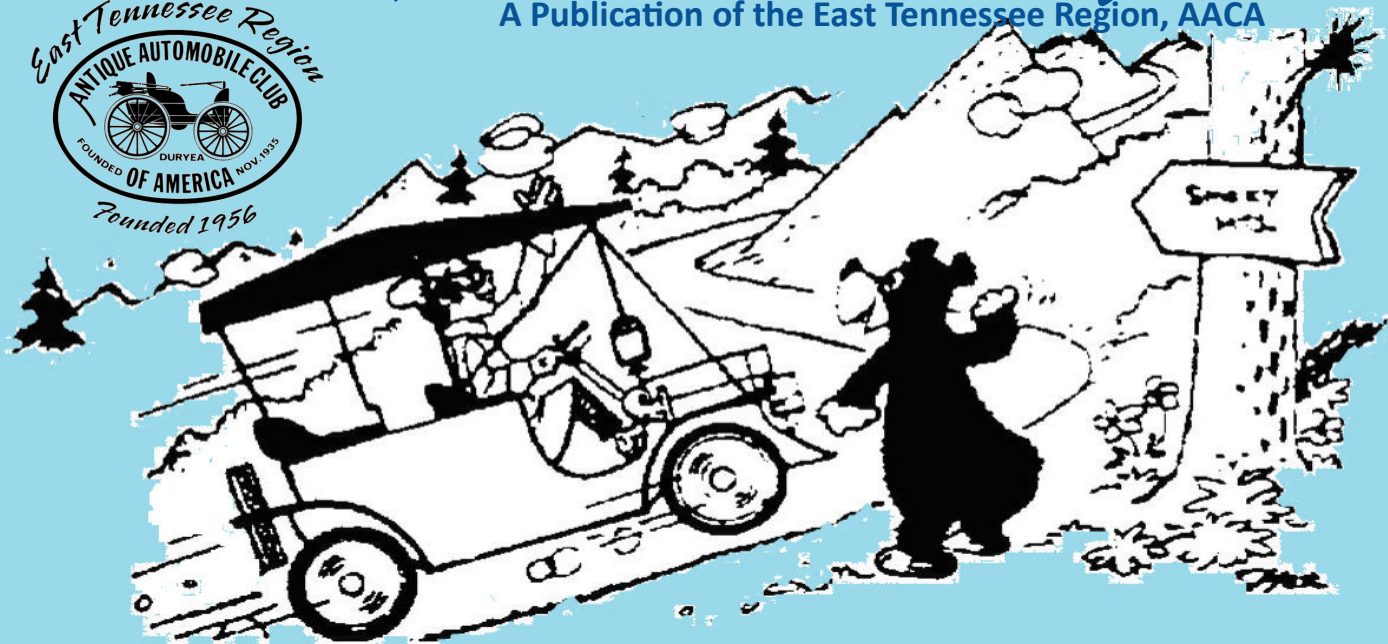


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ETR Calendar of Events

December 19, 2025: Annual Christmas Party—Rothchild Catering, Knoxville, TN

Upcoming Events from Other Organizations

March 19-21, 2026: Corvette Expo / Chevys in the Smokies. Pigeon Forge, TN

March 23-28, 2026: Ponies in the Smokies—Ford Mustangs. Sevierville Convention Center

April 16-18, 2026: Spring Rod Run 2026. LeConte Center, Pigeon Forge, TN

May 14-16, 2026: Grand National F-100 Ford Show Pigeon Forge, TN

June 4-6, 2026: Pontiacs in Pigeon Forge. Pigeon Forge, TN

August 20-22, 2026: Great Smoky Mountains Jeep Invasion—Pigeon Forge, TN

September 17-19, 2026: Fall Rod Run 2025. LeConte Center, Pigeon Forge, TN

AACA National Events

February 5-7, 2026: Annual Convention – Westfields Marriott, Chantilly, VA

March 26-28, 2026: Winter Nationals—Cartersville, GA

April 9-11, 2026: Southeastern Spring Nationals—Charlotte, NC

April 23-25, 2026: Annual Grand Nationals / Western Spring—Las Vegas, NV

May 28-30, 2026: Eastern Spring Nationals—Indiana, PA

June 11-13, 2026: Southeastern Fall Nationals—Oak Ridge, TN

June 15-19, 2026: Sentimental Tour—Mechanicsburg, PA

July 23-25, 2026: Central Spring Nationals—Green Bay, WI

August 19-22, 2026: Annual Grand Nationals / Zenith Awards—Allentown, PA

September 9-14, 2026: Founders Tour 91932-20010—Williamsburg, VA

September 20-26, 2026: – Revival AAA Glidden Tour—Dover, Delaware

October 6-9, 2026: Eastern Fall Nationals—Hershey, PA



The President's Corner

From President Matt Sartin



It's hard to believe that it is almost November. First, Gayla and I would like to thank everyone for your prayers and support during this difficult time for our family. We cannot thank everyone enough.

I would like to thank all of our veterans. Without your service to this great country, we would not be able to have the freedoms we take for granted.

Unfortunately, I was only able to attend 1 of our last 3 club events. However Sandra told me that the Train ride and tour to Cumberland Gap were both great events. Thanks to all who helped in planning those tours. Also I would like to thank Janice Williams and her family for hosting our fall picnic where we had great food and fellowship.

I would like to encourage everyone to keep sending in your car stories. I personally have loved reading each story then talking to you in person about your car and cars. Remember these stories can be of cars you currently have or cars you wish you still had.

In closing I would like to encourage everyone who can to please attend our annual business meeting. It will be held on November 16th at the TN. Bank, 1311 W Lamar Alexander Pkwy, Maryville, TN 37801.

And again we would like to thank you for your much-needed prayers and support during the loss of my son Grant William Sartin.



News From National

From Tom Howard, National Affairs Liaison



Wow! It is the end of October and the wonderful calendar of AACA national events for 2025 is history. And what a great year it has been. We began the year with our National Convention in North Carolina and then traveled to eight other states from Maine to Arizona. All the meets and tours were outstanding including the Grand National in Dayton Ohio held entirely on the grounds and in the buildings of the fantastic National Museum of the U. S. Air Force.

The fall Hershey Nationals was especially exciting this year due to totally beautiful weather and the 947 vehicles registered exceeding last year. And the great number of visitors attending the Friday show must have been a record in recent history. And then the year ended in Texas with a great Divisional Tour immediately followed by a meet on gorgeous Galveston Island. Truly 2025 is a year to remember for AACA national activities.

Now, if you liked 2025 just look ahead and realize what AACA has planned for 2026. In February the Annual Convention will again be held in Chantilly, Virginia followed by eight Nationals, two Grand Nationals (East and West), and a Special Nationals in Puerto Rico. If that is not enough, there will be four exciting tours: the Sentimental Tour in Pennsylvania, a Divisional Tour in North Carolina, the Founders Tour in Virginia and the Glidden Tour in Delaware. That is fourteen AACA national activities in one year. There should be something for everyone!

And especially of interest to us here in East Tennessee is that several meets and tours will be in a reasonable travel distance giving us all a chance to experience the activities provided for us as members of AACA. You can show a vehicle for judging or bring your driver or original car to a nationals. We have classes for all those. Become a judge, or maybe visit trade shows at nationals. Or maybe just enjoy the area and the other functions provided by your hosts. Or maybe go on of the tours where you will meet other members and drive your old car for several days visiting places you may have never seen before. Just try one - you might be surprised how much fun you can have.

In closing, it has been a great pleasure for me to provide these articles for the *Antiquer* this year and hope many of you will take advantage of the many benefits offered to us as members of AACA. I will look forward to seeing you down the road in 2026.



Upcoming Events

By Sandra Quillin, Events Coordinator



Members of ETR have had a variety of events these past months with the successful Train Tour in August, Two Garages Tour in September, Amazon Facility Tour, Fall Gathering at River View Farm and the Cumberland Gap Tour in October. With the year coming to a close, most of our activities are now centered around the Annual Business Meeting and our Christmas Party at Rothchild's. Also during these past months our Breakfast

Gatherings have continued to be popular.

Mark your calendars for these events as we wrap up another year ...

November 16—Annual Business Meeting at TN Bank in Maryville hosted by Matt and Gayla Sartin. See page 5 for additional details.

December 19—Annual Christmas Party at Rothchild's hosted by Tom Howard and Sylvia Witt. See page 15 for additional details.

Spreading a Little Sunshine

By Sandra Quillin, Sunshine Correspondent

During September, I have sent notes of cheer on behalf of ETR to Richard Crawford, Carole Guthrie, Bob Witt, Jack Smith and Jim Watkin.

Several ladies from ETR will be spending a few hours preparing previously used Christmas cards for our distribution to nursing home patients this Christmas. Thanks to the contribution of used cards to the club, we will be recycling over 1,000 cards this holiday season! Please remember to save your used Christmas cards for Sandra Quillin to recycle for Christmas 2026.

Don't forget to bring donations to the Christmas party to support "Connecting Hearts" which helps out seniors who cannot receive Meals on Wheels during bad weather.

If you know of an ETR member who needs a card or call, please contact Sandra Quillin at quillin1@bellsouth.net or 865-591-9456.

'Twas the Night Before Hershey

Editor's Note ... The following was forwarded by Matt Hocker, Librarian and Cataloger, AACA Library and Research Center. We want to share this with fellow ETR Members and hope you enjoy this taken on "Twas the Night Before Christmas"...

'Twas the night before Hershey, and all through the Library

Not a file was open, not even for the Ferrari.

The books were displayed on all of the shelves with care,

In hopes AACA members soon would be there;

The librarians slept in their offices, their screens all a-glow;

While dreaming of the researchers, their cars, and the upcoming show.

And Steve in his Olds, and Jen in her big CR-V,

Had prepared us the week prior, and gave us some tea,

When outside of the front doors, there rose such a clatter,

We woke up to see visitors, excited with chatter.

When what wondering eyes did appear,

But researchers, some who had never been here.

They shuffled on in, and to the reading room they came,

All shouted their interests and research questions by name:

Now Dodge Brothers! Now Duryes!, Now Pontiac and Cord!

On, Chevy! On, Citroen! On, Lincoln and Ford!

To the top shelves of the stacks! And down through the hall!

Now bring 'em out! Bring 'em out! Bring 'em out all!

MARK YOUR CALENDERS!

AACA Annual Convention and National Awards

February 5—7, 2026

Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles

Chantilly, Virginia



Editor's Corner

By Dave & Beryl Hermanson, Editors



With Veteran's Day approaching when this issue "hits the press" we are pleased to honor those ETR Members who have served their country. This was taken in 1967 when Dave served onboard the USS EVERGLADES (AD-24) based in Charleston, SC. This idea behind this special section came from our President, Matt Sartin. As we

say in the Navy .. **"WELL DONE"** to all of our veterans!

Another Hershey Eastern Fall National Meet is in the History Books and once again it was a memorable experience for those of us who attended. As is currently being experienced by most of the other clubs, a decline in attendance and participation was seen as, unfortunately, the younger generation is not embracing the hobby as many of us "old timers" have. There were quite a few empty spaces and I understand that the Hershey Region is addressing this by working on compacting the overall spacing of the event. A highlight for us, other than Dave scoring some more missing items for his Literature Collection, was a visit to the AACA Headquarters and the Library and Research Center. We also enjoyed our first experience volunteering at the annual Library Sale and hope to continue with this volunteer opportunity.

ETR Members who were at Hershey included Tim Abramson, Susan Baker, Tom Christenbury, Dewey Curley, Tom Howard, Rick Lay, Ken and Jean Lund, Len Royston and Tim Seay. Our apologies if we missed anyone!

On a personal note ... due of unforeseen circumstances this will be the final issue for us as Editors of The Antiquer. We are pleased to have contributed to the publication of this newsletter but in all honesty it has also been a challenge. We will still look forward to seeing all of you and continuing to participate in ETR events in the coming months and years.

Wishing everyone the best during the Holiday Season and in the New Year.

Nominees Announced for the AACA ETR Executive Board

The ETR AACA nominating committee, selected by the membership, were Tim Seay, Sylvia Witt, Sandra Quillin, Bob Witt and Robert Quillin. As per ETR AACA By-laws, the nominating committee announced their choices for the Executive Board for 2026 at the October 18th meeting for the Cumberland Gap Tour.

The nominees are:

Matt Sartin, President

Tony Gardner, Vice-President

Susan Baker, Secretary

Susan Weeks, Treasurer

Bob Witt, Past President

Dave/Beryl Hermanson, Antiquer (nomination subsequently withdrawn by the Hermansons)

Ed Barrett, Webmaster

Sandra Quillin, Events Coordinator and Sunshine Representative

Jerry Mauch (1st year of 2-year term)

Robert Quillin (1st year of 2-year term)

Tim Seay (2nd year of 2-year term)

Sylvia Witt (2nd year of 2-year term)

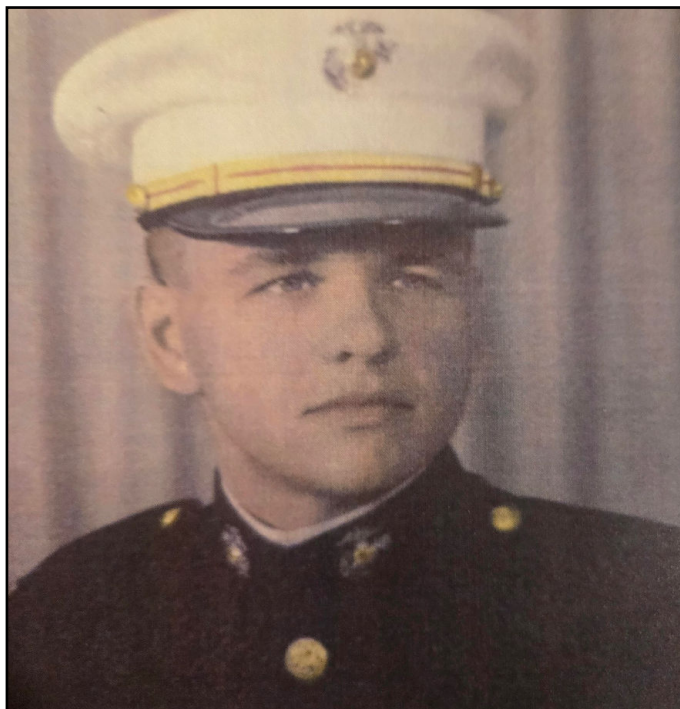
As per the ETR AACA By-laws, the Chairman of the Nominating Committee shall report to the members the slate of nominated candidates and will entertain nominations from the floor (membership) at the Business Meeting on November 16, 2025. If there are no nominations from the floor, the President may ask for a show of hands vote from the members present. If the majority of the members present vote in favor, the President may declare the slate of candidates elected by acclamation.

In cases where there is more than one candidate for an office, an election shall be held at the November meeting. Ballots will be distributed, gathered, and counted by the Nominating Committee. The candidate(s) receiving the majority of the votes shall be elected. The new Officers and Directors shall assume their duties on January 1, 2026.



ETR Salutes Our Military Veterans

GORDON BOHANAN – Served with the U. S. Navy Seabees in the 1960's.



Gordon Bohanan (top) and Dewey Crueley (bottom)

Dallas Burns

DALLAS BURNS – Served in the U. S. Marine Corps from 1961 to 1972 where he attained the rank of Major. He spent most of his service with the Marine Expeditionary Force serving in various capacities including Company Commander and Operations Officer. Dallas passed away on March 4, 2021.

ROBERT CARTER – Served in the U. S. Air Force in Communications / Radar as the Air National Guard Facility, McGee Tyson Air Base from 1965 to 1971.

DEWEY CRUEY – Served in the U. S. Army as a Caterpillar Operator in the Motor Pool Division at Fort Dix, New Jersey from 1961 to 1963.





ETR Salutes Our Military Veterans

TONY GARDNER – In 1971, while I was in graduate studies at Texas A & M University, signed up for two possible Air Force positions. Both positions were for a fighter pilot. The first was with the regular Air force and the second was with the

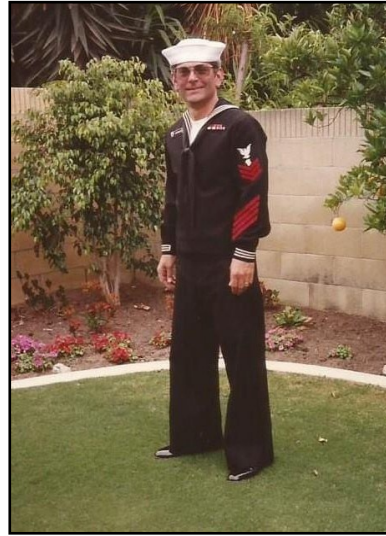


Tony Gardner

Air National Guard. In either case, flying an Air Force F4 Phantom jet in Vietnam. The Air National Guard offer came back first and flight training was to start in the Fall. When the time came to begin training, he was informed that they were not training any more pilots for a

while due to the wind down of the Vietnam War. As an alternate position Tony was a position in the Civil Engineers Electrical Section, directly assigned without additional training due to his advanced education in electrical & mechanical engineering. Stationed at Selfridge AFB and was a Tech NCO heading the electrical crew. The "Red Horse" Unit did multiple deployments to many locations, including Alaska, over the years. After completing his five-year active duty commitment, he continued to support the Local Air National Guard Unit through Military History Tours and Air Shows.

DAVE HERMANSON – Served in the U. S. Navy as a Personnelman / Yeoman from 1966 to 1971 (Active Duty) then as an Active Reservist from 1973 until his retirement in 1989. While on active duty he served aboard the Destroyer Tender USS Everglades (AD-24) participating in several deployments including



Dave Hermanson

one to the Mediterranean before being transferred to the Naval Training Center in San Diego. During his service with the Naval Reserves from 1973 to 1989, he was assigned to a unit which was part of the Military Sealift Command. During this time, he was selected four times for Active Duty for Training assignments in Sase-

bo, Japan and on Okinawa.

MIKE MUMLEY – Served in the U. S. Army from 1990 to 2018 first with an Engineer Unit then on to the Marksmanship Team. After a break from Active Duty joined the Vermont Army National Guard as a Cavalry Scout being deployed to both Iraq and Afghanistan. When in Afghanistan, my wife and two sons were deployed there as well.

DAVID SHEFFEY – Served in the U. S. Air Force from 1966 to 2009. Stationed at OFFUTT Air Force Base from 1969 to 1974 where he flew NC-135s used to monitor airborne nuclear tests. In 1977, after starting work at Oak Ridge with the Department of Energy, flew KC-135s with the Air National Guard at McGhee Tyson. Activated during Desert Shield and Desert Storm retiring as a Lt. Col. In 1993 ... serving as a pilot for 27 years except for a 4 year break between Active and Reserve Duty.

BOB WITT – Served in the U. S. Army with the 1st Infantry Division at Fort Riley, Kansas from 1963 to 1965

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE



Two Garages Tour

By Sandra Quillin On the afternoon of August 17th, members of ETR visited the garage of Janice (Lafayette) Williams and the garage of Ed Barrett to see their very fine collections of antique automobiles. Because we had limited parking spaces at one of the garages, we split the membership into two groups and switched garages halfway through the tour so everyone had the chance to see both garages and their automobiles!



Above and Below ... Portions of Ed Barrett's Collection



Sixty-one members and guests enjoyed a beautiful day for a drive... seeing beautiful antique cars, visiting with fellow club members, driving along Fort Loudon Lake, visiting a cattle farm and relaxing as we ate burgers and ice cream from the farm's food wagon. The setting was perfect as we enjoyed watching the black Angus cattle graze in the fields of grass along the Fort Loudon Lake.

THANK YOU JANICE AND ED

ETR's Herb Weise Wins Best of Show

ETR's own Herb Weise won the Best of Show at the Edsel Owners Club Meet held on Oak Ridge in August. Many of us are familiar with his beautiful 1958 Pacer Convertible.



CONGRATULATIONS HERB



Another beautiful Pacer Convertible at the Show



Cumberland Gap Tour

By Dave and Beryl Hermanson On a beautiful Fall Saturday, 28 ETR members gathered at Food City in Halls for the October Cumberland Gap Tour hosted by Bob and Sandra Quillin. Unfortunately, our original host Tim Seay experienced a last-minute mechanical issue with his car on the way to Food City and was unable to continue on the tour.



Dave and Judy Wilhite's Plymouth Barracuda drew a lot of attention when we gathered at Food City

Leaving Food City, we followed the Maynardville Highway (State Route 33) making our way north driving on the Original Thunder Road Route as we made our way to the Tazewell Municipal Park for a stretch break.



Stretch Break at Tazewell Municipal Park. We enjoyed the beautiful weather which was in tap for the tour

Leaving the park, we continued to Tazewell's Historic Rose Gulf Station. Although the museum was closed, tour members were able to look in the windows as well as checking out the outside displays at this historic spot.



Tazewell's Historic Rose Gulf Station

Following U. S Highway 25E, the group proceeded to Cumberland Gap National Park. All of the cars climbed successfully up the very steep winding road to the parking area. A short walkway took up to the Pinnacle viewing area. The views of downtown Cumberland Gap and beautiful mountains of Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky were great photo and viewing opportunities.



Our cars all made it back down the mountain and through the tunnel to Middlesboro, Kentucky with lunch at Cracker Barrel. Some members ventured to the town of Cumberland Gap where an Airstream Trailer gathering was being held while others ventured to Downtown Middlesboro for their Annual Car Show.



Hershey 2025



A portion of Chocolate Field North

By Dave Hermanson As mentioned in our Editor's Column, Hershey was again a wonderful experience despite seeing more empty spaces than in past years and understand that the Hershey Region will be addressing this issue. We also noticed a slight decline in European and Canadian visitors this time around.



ETR's Tim Seay and Dewey Curley with Beryl Hermanson

On Tuesday, while checking out the inventory one of Dave's favorite Brochure and Manual Dealers, who came "motoring up" but our own Tim Seay and Dewey Curley. Nice seeing some of our ETR members among the thousands who attended this year.

Tuesday afternoon features one of the highlights of Hershey the annual AACA Library and Research Center's Sale. Partic-



ipants began lining up around 3:00 to obtain their timed entry tickets (4:00, 4:15, 4:30) for one of the two tents stocked full of literature, books and manuals. This year, Beryl and I volunteered to assist and were assigned to monitor the entry into the "High

End" tent where we were pleased to run into ETR's Secretary Susan Baker.





A Visit to AACA Headquarters

By Dave Hermanson No trip to Hershey is not complete until one makes a visit to the AACA Headquarters and Research Library. The spacious lobby features beautiful pre-war and post-war cars from their collection ... all real beauties!



A few of the pre-war cars on display with a 1936 Ford in the foreground

Heading upstairs you will find the famed Library and Research Center. Visitors are free to roam the book shelves and use the books for research in the Reading Room and staff is available



The Library's Reading Room

to retrieve specific items from the archives for review and copying. Members receive 2 hours of free research each year.

Beryl and I had the opportunity to meet with both Jen Wolfe, Library Director and Matt Hocker, Librarian and Director. Jen gave us a tour of a separate climate controlled area is the heart of the Library's collection ... rows upon rows of all facets of automobilia and memorabilia along with publications from



various clubs also being housed there for posterity. The Buick Heritage Alliance's archives are maintained there.

Here on the left is a small section of the Library's Archives ... this one dealing with Buick.

Jen also told us that they have several large collections, one reported to be the largest collection of Plymouth memorabilia known, awaiting for inclusion into the Library's collection.

Below ... Yours Truly and Jen Wolfe





East Tennessee Region AACA Board Meeting Minutes September 16th, 2025

OFFICERS

President: Matt Sartin, Present
 Vice President: Tony Gardner, Excused Absence
 Secretary: Susan Baker, Excused Absence
 Treasurer: Susan Weeks, Present
 Past President: Bob Witt, Present
 Newsletter Editors: Dave & Beryl Hermanson, Present
 Webmaster: Ed Barrett, Present
 Events Coordinator/Sunshine Rep: Sandra Quillin, Present

BOARD

Director: Jerry Mauvh, Present
 Director: Robert Quillin, Present
 Director: Tim Seay, Present
 Director: Sylvia Witt, Present

GUESTS

None

Call to Order: The President, Matt Sartin, called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. He started the meeting thanking the Board for their attendance and condolences on behalf of his son's passing. President Sartin welcomed Ed Barrett as webmaster to the Board and gave Ed his compliments on the website Ed has created.

Roll Call: Substitute Secretary, Sandra Quillin, made roll call and members present are noted above.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of July 8 Board meeting were presented. Tim Seay moved to accept the minutes; Bob Witt seconded. Motion passed with none opposed.

Financial Report: Susan Weeks stated that the Financial Report is incomplete. Susan said that she still has some questions. She asked who is on the CD with TN Bank. Matt Sartin responded that he is on the CD and wants Susan Weeks to also be on the CD. Susan will check with Lana Samples on September 17 about getting on the CD as ETR treasurer. She added that the software program that she had purchased to assist with the financial accounting was not what she needed. She returned the program and therefore no cost was assessed to ETR AACA. Susan said that Dave Hermanson is working with her to set up a better accounting system. A motion was made to approve the Financial Report by Tim Seay, seconded by Robert Quillin. All present voted aye to pass the motion.

Antiquer Report: Dave said that he wanted the September-October Antiquer to be a special issue with pictures and the names of members to which the cars belong. Our next issue will be a catchup issue. It will contain ETR breakfast pictures, a Military section with photos, and a Hershey Report with pictures. It will be our last regular issue. Tim Seay stated that our Antiquer has won several AACA awards in the past.

Dave and Beryl said that it is time for them to move on and time for the Board to move on, to look for a new editor for the An-

Antiquer Report continued: tiquer. Dave said the Board needs to get their heads together to discuss how we want the Newsletter prepared...do we need to tie it into the website? We need a new source for putting it out. The Publisher software program is supported through October 2026. Matt Sartin said we have had an outstanding Antiquer year so far. Dave said that we need to discuss the future of the Antiquer, whether to continue on as we have or on a completely different format which could involve a tie in with the website. Matt said we may want to discuss the Antiquer at the November Business meeting. Dave added, we may want to consider doing our newsletter like the National Speedster. Dave suggested that Sandra ask members to send any photos that they take at ETR tours or activities to Dave Hermanson. Dave will make a proposal on different ideas of what we could do with the Antiquer. Dave and Ed will discuss Dave's proposal and any additional ideas. They will consider presenting this to the Board at the November Board meeting. Dave did offer to help in 2026 for a couple of months with the Antiquer and the new process or new editor.

Sunshine Report: Sandra Quillin reported:

Get Well:

Bill Crisp, Richard Crawford, Jan Gardner

Sympathy:

Steve Coppock

Matt Sartin

Webmaster Report: Ed reported that he had looked at two programs for websites and chose Site 123. He said he had talked to AACA and our website is linked on to AACA's site. Ed discussed that AACA has a media site that we can use. Ed gave us an idea of the kinds of information that are included on the AACA's media site. It contains older issues of ETR AACA's Antiquer and many photos. Ed shared that Haggerty also has a club listing. He updated the listing for ETR AACA on

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Webmaster Report Continued: the Haggerty listing. Ed shared that Roger Frazee had called him and asked him to take over as admin for the ETR Facebook page. Ed requested that the Board share any thoughts about additions or deletions regarding the ETR AACA website. Robert Quillin suggested that Ed add the revised ETR membership application to the website. No other suggestions were given but several commented on the great job Ed had done in establishing the website. Ed shared the ETR AACA website at:

www.easttennesseeregionaaca.com Ed shared the link to the ETR AACA Facebook page as: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/418835305493041>

Events Coordinator Report: Sandra Quillin reported on recent events.

Autos Through the Ages – July 19 Financial Report \$1,948.32 spent – over 700 attended, 55 members volunteered to work the show, 14 new members joined ETR AACA.

Note: Matt Sartin asked that a Thank You note be sent on behalf of ETR AACA to the Townsend Fire department because of their spending the day (in case of emergency) at our July 19th show. Sandra stated she would send a note.

Two Garages Tour – August 17 Attendance: 61
Amazon Tour – August 25 Attendance limited to 32
Monthly Breakfast – July 10 (22), August 14 (29), September 11 (23), October 9, November 13
Train Ride – September 26 Registered to attend: 48
ETR Fall Picnic – October 12, RiverView Family Farm
Cumberland Gap Tour – October 18

Sylvia Witt and Ed Barrett both commented on how well the ETR breakfasts were going over with members. They both felt the relaxed atmosphere, no program, and opportunity to get to know members better was the reason for the success of the breakfasts.

New Business

Memorial for Patsy Coppock: Robert Quillin stated that ETR AACA will make a \$100 contribution to the New Visions Sunday School Class, Concord United Methodist Church, 1120 Roane Dr. Farragut, TN 37934 in memory of Patsy Coppock.

Membership Application: Robert Quillin stated that the

Membership Application Continued: plication for ETR AACA needs to be updated with the new Treasurer's name and address. There will be no change for the membership application process: applications go to the Treasurer and then are sent to the Board for approval. Name Tags can continue to be ordered through Trophy House in Athens. Tom Howard will pick up name tags that new members order.

Member Recruitment, Cabin Fever Car Show in January:

Dave Hermanson stated that he thought the Board should determine if we want to participate in the January Cabin Fever Car Show. Some discussion ensued around the comments that the show is not a club function; it is a money maker for the hosts of the show. A statement was made that last year, ETR paid \$160 to have a booth in the show. Many of the members had volunteered to work at the ETR table at the show but said they had little if any participation from those attending the show. A motion was made by Bob Witt that we do not participate in the Cabin Fever Show in January. Robert Quillin seconded the motion. All members voted aye in favor of the motion.

Christmas Party Slideshow: Dave Hermanson said that due to some members leaving ETR, we do not have a plan for showing a slideshow of the year's activities during the Christmas party. Jerry Mauch volunteered to prepare the slideshow. Jerry and Ed Barrett will work together on the slide show. There was still some indecision on how to present the slideshow since the ETR member with the projector has dropped from the club. Jerry requested that Sandra send him a copy of the drone video from the July 19th Autos Through the Ages show.

Christmas Party Update: Sandra Quillin shared that the contract with Rothchilds shows 94 participants expected. Sandra had spoken with Demi at Rothchilds who said that we would not be held responsible for the 94 participants. We would be responsible for the number we give Rothchilds approximately one week before the party. Sandra will check with Demi again on the number for the party. Sandra said that she will also check to see if the \$125 fee for a two-hour VIP Bar is a requirement for the contract. Bob Witt suggested that we might check with Lana Samples about borrowing the Maryville TN Bank projector for our Christmas Party slideshow.



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Volunteer Region/Conflicts/Update Sandra shared that to her knowledge, only 5 memberships have been dropped which are now in the Volunteer Region. Sandra shared that she does not think we will know the effect of the new Volunteer Region on the membership of ETR AACA until dues are paid for 2026. Sandra shared a conversation with an ETR member who does not plan to renew his ETR membership because he can no longer participate. Sandra shared that she knew the gentleman was also a member of the new Volunteer Region and that she had encouraged him to continue to participate in ETR AACA because dual membership is not a problem with ETR AACA. The other Board members discussed that they too felt dual membership was not a problem.

Membership Dues: Dave Hermanson volunteered that perhaps the non-renewals can be addressed by the board before we start the renewal process. A discussion ensued about when to request dues for 2026. It was decided by discussion Sandra shared that to her knowledge, only 5 memberships have been dropped which are now in the Volunteer Region. Sandra shared that she does not think we will know the effect of the new Volunteer Region on the membership of ETR AACA until dues are paid for 2026. membership dues of \$25 should be paid to ETR AACA no later than December 31, 2025. Further discussion ensued as to when to drop from membership those who have not paid. It was decided that we would make that decision at the November Board meeting. A motion was made by Matt Sartin and seconded by Dave Hermanson that Membership dues, the Treasurer's search, By Laws and SOP search re: dues and drop-dead date will be discussed and determined during the November 11th Board meeting. All present voted Aye. The motion carried.

70th Anniversary Ideas: Matt requested that we table the final item on the agenda, until the November Board meeting. Tim Seay suggested that we add to the November Board meeting, the establishment of a committee to work on the 2026 Budget for ETR AACA.

Next Board meeting will be November 11, 2025, 6:30 pm, at TN Bank in Maryville.

Meeting was adjourned 9:05 pm.

Welcome Aboard—New Members Who Recently Joined

Chris and Haley Bada from Knoxville

Bill and Carol Gnerlich from Lenoir City – 1983 Ford F-150 XLS, 1974 Corvette, 2014 Ford Mustang GT and a 2016 Chevrolet Corvette ZO6

Ralph and Krista Gouge from Maryville – Buick, Oldsmobile and Pontiac. Ralph is also a former Air Force and Space Force member and unfortunately we were unable to include George in our Salute to Veterans.

George and Peggy Roberts from Loudon – 1964 and 1969 Chevrolet Corvette Coupes



Meet George and Peggy Roberts

Sonny Kirchner and Pam Sokol from Maryville – 2002 Ford Thunderbird and a 2015 Audi TTS Convertible

A Reminder ... Dues for 2026 are now due. Send your check for \$25 to:

Susan Weeks, Treasurer

110 Talah Way

Loudon TN 37774



ETR'S Annual Christmas Party - A Christmas Buffet

What: ETR AACA Annual Christmas Party --- A Christmas Buffet!

Where: Rothchild Catering – 8807 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923

When: December 19, 2025 – Friday Evening – 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$25.00 Per Person

Make your check payable to ETR AACA and mail to Susan Weeks, 110 Talah Way, Loudon, TN 37774. Please get your checks to Susan asap.

Also, please RSVP to Tom Howard at 865-680-8242 (call or text) or by email at sis-tom60@gmail.com by 12/6/25 if you are planning to attend, or not, so that we may have an accurate count for the caterer.

In the Spirit of the Season, rather than a gift exchange, again this year we are asking everyone to help us in supporting the charity “Connecting Hearts” which is a supplement to Mobile Meals for Seniors. If everyone brings some nonperishable individually packaged items to contribute to this program, we can help Seniors by supplying them with food to store for future use.

Here is a list of suggested items: Individually packaged Mac & Cheese, fruit cups (applesauce, peaches, etc.), pudding cups (not refrigerated), vienna sausages, tuna packs, instant oatmeal or grits, juice boxes, peanut butter and crackers, etc. Some may have pets, so dog or cat food is also acceptable.

If you have any questions about the donations, call Sylvia Witt at 865-755-8011 (cell) or 865- 693-8857 (home).

We hope to see you at the 2025 Christmas Party!



Smoky Mountain Antiquer

Roger Frazee

4535 Deer Grove Way

Powell TN 37849



Wendy Hill and Patrick Wyrick's 1953 Willys Aero Eagle