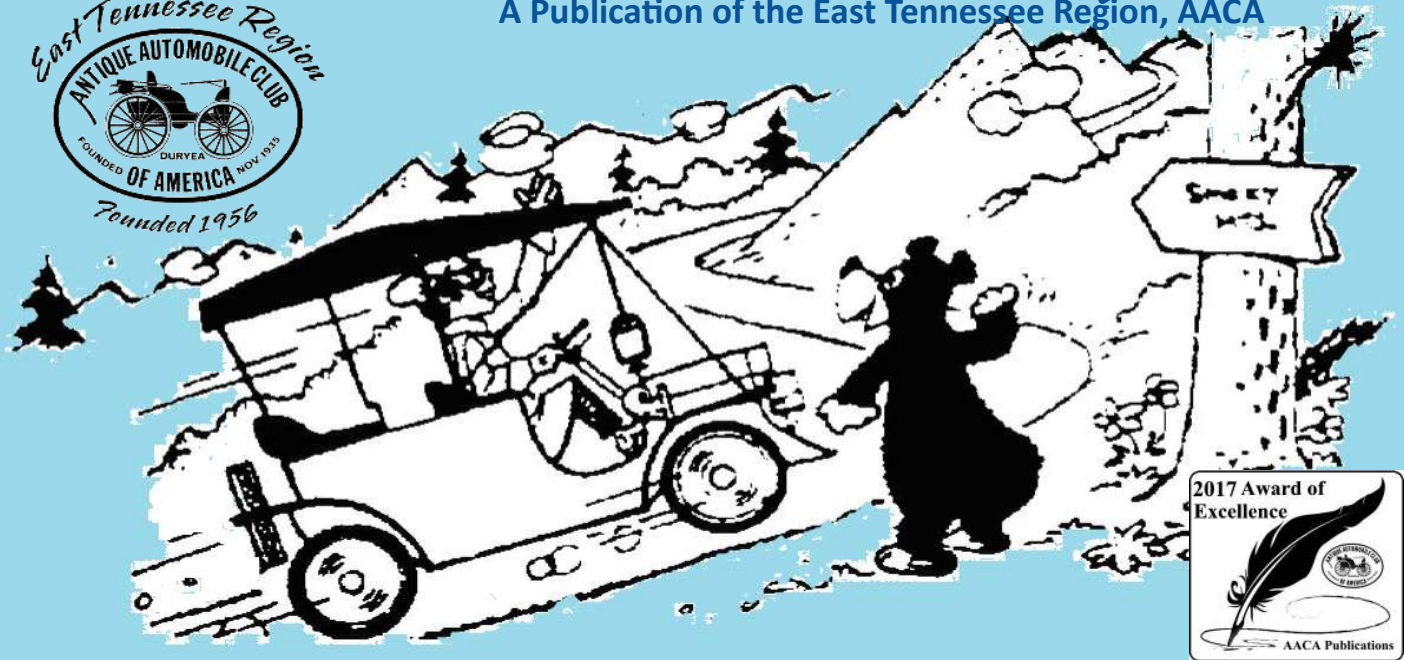


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New member David Dishman drove his 1958 Cadillac Standard Coupe during the August tour to the Somernites Cruise.



As the Wheel Turns

Brought to You by Our President, Tim Seay



Have you ever wondered what is the most prevalent thing that drives hobbyists to collect antique automobiles? For some it is the thrill of the hunt. Many tactics are employed when pursuing a special vehicle or that elusive "Barn Find". Often masterful detective work is used to piece

together various bits of information from numerous sources only to discover the vehicle you are searching for mysteriously disappeared years ago. But, oh what jubilation when your persistent and diligent efforts to track down the quarry pays off by finding that special vehicle. The value of even a mundane or run of the mill model can be greatly enhanced by a good story of how it was located.

Other hobbyists thrive on the restoration process itself. They have the uncanny ability to envision a rusty pile of metal and parts as an eye-popping completed vehicle. The countless hours of research, sourcing parts, cleaning, repairing, painting and assembly is the joy of the hobby for these folks. They appreciate the recognition they receive for their restoration talents and are very proud of the finished vehicle. But often, once their "labor of love" is completed, they either set it aside or sell it and then search for another project.

A third type of antique automobile enthusiast strives for the best, dare we say perfect, show-stopping, award-winning example of whatever vehicle they value. They may seek to collect a complete series of certain makes, models and years or they may have what appears to be a random assortment. Whether it's one vehicle or many, this type of collector enjoys having the finest possible example to display or trailer to shows and collect awards.

And then there is another type of antique automobile aficionado that thrives on getting behind the wheel and revels in the driving experience. While the vehicle may be a fully restored show car or merely "driver quality" the joy for these folks comes from being transported back to a simpler time. The noises, the smells and the view across the vintage hood all combine to create a unique experience that many yearn to indulge themselves whenever possible.

So, which type are you? Maybe a little bit of all of these or perhaps you are motivated by something not touched upon in these paragraphs. Share with your fellow ETRC members what drives you to be an "Antiquer." Jan and Roger would love to put your story in a coming issue of our newsletter.

Editors' Corner

From Co-Editor Jan Frazee



Fall is in the air and that means planning for the end of this year and the start of the new year ahead. With that thought in mind, don't forget to send your completed ballot to select members of the Nominating Committee to Sharon Jurkonie no later than Friday, September 14th. The Nominating Committee will present their slate

of officers to the members on October 20th at the ETR Bald River Falls Tour. The vote, including nominations from the floor, will take place at the Business Meeting on November 18th. New officers and directors will assume their duties in January, 2019.

Also, Sharon will be mailing ballots for nominations for the Jim Gillenwaters, Jr. Award in late October. This award was established to recognize a current member for making significant contributions to the club's well-being, and to honor the memory of Jim Gillenwaters, Jr., who was a past president of ETR-AACA and served as club Treasurer for 23 years. This Award is a special honor, and now is the time to be thinking of possible candidates.

It is never too early to start thinking about hosting a monthly tour for the club for 2019. The club's monthly tours for the year will be the main topic at the 2019 Planning Meeting held in January. The 2018 Planning Meeting resulted in a full calendar of events for the year.

Selecting the leadership of our club, serving as an officer, and hosting a tour are important ways in which to enjoy the benefits of club membership and to contribute to the club's success. Other ways to participate include sending a card to a fellow member who's ill; attending a tour or meeting, especially if you can drive your antique vehicle; and, of course, submitting an article to the "Antiquer." This issue features articles by Robert Quillin, John McMurtrie, and Dallas Burns as well as ongoing reports by Sandra Quillin, Sunshine Correspondent, Sharon Jurkonie, Secretary, and President Tim Seay. Thanks to each of them for their contributions.

While Fall may be in the air, we have plenty more tours, meetings, friendships and old cars to enjoy before the end of the year.

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East Tennessee Region Member Ed Ashcroft Passes Away

Edward Ashcroft passed away in August, just months after the death of his wife, Linda.

Ed and Linda most recently lived in Athens, TN and were active in the East Tennessee Region for many years.

Prior to his move to Athens, Ed lived in Hamburg, NY, where he served as the Captain of the police department. He was also a member of the American Legion, the Shrine and the Elks.



Prior to retiring to Athens, Ed served as Captain of the Hamburg, NY Police Department.

Ed and Linda could often be seen driving their 1950 Mercury on ETR tours and events, and also owned a '39 Cadillac limousine and a '64 Oldsmobile Starfire convertible. His family says that his true passion was motorcycles. He once rode his bike to the Grand Canyon and back.

Ed and Linda had three daughters, Laurie, Darlene, and Marilyn, and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Ed's smile, his quick wit, and his willingness to help others will be missed by all who knew him and especially by his fellow AACA members who toured and enjoyed old cars with him.

East Tennessee Region Sunshine Report

By Sandra Quillin, Sunshine Correspondent

During the month of August, I sent a get-well card from ETR to Lafayette Williams who had surgery at UT Medical Center. Lafayette is now at NHC in Farragut for rehab. He and Janice hope to be back touring with ETR soon.

I sent a get-well card to Wanda Edgemon who returned home from rehabilitation for a few weeks but is now back in rehab. Wanda will be returning home at the end of August where she will have daily care givers.

A card of well-wishes was sent to Sue McCampbell who continues radiation and chemo therapy in her fight with pancreatic cancer.

Dallas Burns is currently in UT Medical Center where he had heart valve replacement surgery on August 27, a card from ETR is in the mail! Dallas plans to go to NHC Farragut for rehab once he is dismissed from UT.

Also, in August we lost another ETR member, Ed Ashcroft. I sent a sympathy card on behalf of ETR to Ed's family.

As we age, and our aches and pains become more frequent, why not combat them with a note of cheer sent to someone who could enjoy knowing that you are thinking about them?

Nominating Committee Ballots are Due

It is that time of year again. We need your votes to select a committee to nominate the best slate of Officers/Board members for 2019. Ballots were recently sent to all members. If you have not done so, please send the completed ballots to Sharon Jurkonie via email or snail mail.

Sharon will need to receive your ballot no later than Friday, September 14th. The votes will be tallied and the Nominating Committee selected will get started on their task to present their proposed slate to the members on October 20th at the ETR Bald River Falls Tour.

The final vote, including nominations from the floor, will take place at our November 18th Business Meeting.

For your convenience the Nominating Committee Ballot is printed on page 19 of the Antiquer.

Top Participation Award Contestants

MEN

Richard Crawford
Roger Frazee
Robert Quillin
Tim Seay
Charlie Simpson

WOMEN

Sharon Carter
Jan Frazee
Sandra Quillin
Loretta Rollins
Sherry Seay



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ETR 2018 Calendar of Events

September 29, 2018:

Backroads in Blount County Tour, Hosted by Tim and Sherry Seay

October 13, 2018:

Auto Fest (Smokies Stadium) Hosted by Bill & Sharon Jurkonie

October 20, 2018:

Bald River Falls/Fish Hatchery w/Classic Ford Club, Hosted by Tim and Sherry Seay

November 12, 2018:

Knoxville Veterans Day Parade

November 18, 2018: Business Meeting, hosted by Tim and Sherry Seay

December, 2018: Christmas party hosted by Sylvia Witt and Janice Williams

Upcoming Events from Other Clubs

September 13-15, 2018:

Ford Fall Festival, Townsend TN

September 20-23, 2018:

Hornets Nest Region AACA Charlotte Auto Fair, Charlotte NC

September 29:

The Vonore Car Show at Vonore Baptist Church (Contact Charlie Alexander for details)

September 29:

Cruise-in at New Beginnings Baptist Church in Corryton (Contact Mason Hewitt for details)

October 4-6, 2018:

F100 Truck Show, Pigeon Forge TN

October 7th:

Franklin, TN - 29th Annual Battlefield Region AACA Car & Cycle Show

October 12-14:

1st Kentucky Nationals—Goodguys Event, Lexington, KY

AACA National Events

September 2018

12-15 – Texas Panhandle, TX – AACA Central Divisional Tour, sponsored by Amarillo Region

16-21 – Twin Falls, ID Revival AAA Glidden Tour

October 2018

10-13 – Hershey, PA – AACA Eastern Fall Meet, sponsored by the Hershey Region AACA

21-26 – Metropolis, IL – Founders Tour, sponsored by S. Illinois Region & Ohio Valley Chapter

November 2018

5-9 – Natchez, MS – Sentimental Tour, sponsored by Louisiana Region (Progressive Tour)

February 2019

7-9 – AACA Annual Meeting – Philadelphia, PA

21 – 23 – AACA Winter Meet – Kingdom of the Sun Regions – Ocala, FL

April 2019

April 4-7, 2019

AACA Southeastern Spring Meet – Hornet's Nest Region – Charlotte, NC



News from National Headquarters, AACA

How It Started for Me



By Fred Trusty VP Regions Western Division: I guess I've been a gearhead most of my life. As a kid I was the neighborhood bicycle mechanic. I knew how to adjust chains, handlebars, seats, and fix flat tires.

Next it was go carts. I built my first go cart from old galvanized $\frac{3}{4}$ " pipe, scraps of plywood, wheels from a hand dolly,

and a horizontal shaft Briggs and Stratton engine off of an old garden tiller. The steering wheel was a piece of plywood and the clutch was nothing more than a piece of pipe bent at ninety degrees with a pulley on one end that you pushed down on with your hand to tighten the belt.

We had lots of fun with that contraption until one of the neighborhood kids ran it into my dad's car. Fortunately, the car was parked. Unfortunately, my dad happened to be sitting on the porch. Even though I could have fixed the damage my dad made me disassemble it, the go cart that is. That was fine because I had my eye on a new way to go fast.

I was 14 years old so I knew that in less than two years I would have my driver's license. I would buy hot rod magazines and read them from cover to cover. I didn't understand half of what I was reading but I had a passion for learning about anything with an engine.

I sure wish I had known about AACA back then. I had a big decision to make in life at the age of 16. I could keep playing football but that meant no money, no car, plus you need both for the other hobby I was learning; girls. I thought I was on top of the world making \$1.65/hr. at the local grocery store. I saved every penny and bought a well-used 1965 Ford Custom. It was basically a stripped down Galaxy 500 but to me it was cool. Paychecks went for chrome reverse wheels with wide white letter tires, an AM/FM 8 track player and of course pizza, movies and girls.

After that it was a '69 Mustang Mach I, a '73 Camaro, a '70 Honda 175, a '72 Honda CB350, a Gremlin, a '54 Ford pickup, a Harley, and the list goes on and on. I would buy a car, drive it while I worked on it, then sell it and buy another one. I had fun, made some money, learned how to work on cars, and went through a lot of girlfriends. I wish I still had every one of them today, the cars that is.

The point is that there are still 14-year-old kids out there that have never heard of AACA. If we can find some of them, they might grow up to be gearheads like me.

Major Changes for 2019 Grand National Meet

Reprinted from the July Speedster: First, there is a new date for 2019 which is May 30-June 1! The meet will still be held in Auburn, Indiana. The event will still be held at the RM Auctions facility in Auburn.

There is no host hotel and most likely you will have to find rooms in Ft. Wayne. Hotels in Ft. Wayne are bountiful along I-69, which is on the same road as RM so it's an easy drive to the facility. All trailer parking and activities will be at the Auburn Auction Park area. We will have a list of hotels soon, but recommend you start making plans ASAP if you want to attend.

We do have a small block of rooms at the Comfort Inn for \$119 + tax (260-480-7030) and the Hampton Inn for \$129 + tax (260-483-3999), as well the one on DuPont Rd. Another hotel on the same road is La Quinta for \$99 + tax (260-490-7950). All three hotels have been used before and come recommended. They are near restaurants, too! They are all located only a 10-15 minute drive to RM right on the expressway.

The AACA has signed contracts with several more hotels a bit farther out, but again an easy drive.

The Hyatt Place is available for \$102 + tax (260-471-8522), and is about a 20 minute drive.

Wyndham Garden Fort Wayne is available for \$109 + tax (260-999-6040) and is about a 15 minute drive.

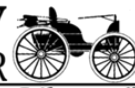
Ramada Plaza is available for \$94-104 + tax (260-205-8568) and is about a 15 minute drive.

We hope to have several more shortly. Do not procrastinate as all of these blocks have a deadline.

Next, and something the Board of Directors feel you will be pleased about, is a change in the rule for eligibility to attend the Auburn Grand National meet. You no longer have to wait a year!

Starting in 2019, any vehicle that has won a Senior award by the registration deadline for the current year's AGN may attend the meet. The board felt this was in the best interest for the membership and changed this long-standing rule to better serve you.

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East Tennessee Region AACA Board Meeting Minutes

TN BANK, MARYVILLE

July 17, 2018



By Sharon Jurkonie, Secretary

Officers:

President: Tim Seay, present

Vice President: Tom Howard, present

Secretary: Sharon Jurkonie, present

Treasurer: Charlie Simpson, present

Guests:

Sandra Quillin, Sunshine Correspondent, present

Board:

Bill Jurkonie, Director, present

Robert Quillin, Director, present

Vic Varady, Director, present

JW Weeks, Director, absent

Lafayette Williams, Past President, absent

Roger & Jan Frazee, Newsletter Editors, present

CALL TO ORDER: The Board meeting was called to order by President, Tim Seay, at 6:17 p.m.

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING: The May 15, 2018 Board Minutes were previously sent to the Board by Sharon Jurkonie, Secretary. Charlie Simpson motioned to accept the Minutes as written. Bill Jurkonie seconded. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Charlie Simpson, Treasurer, gave the financial report as of 6/30/2018. Details of the report are available to members upon request. Tom Howard motioned and Roger Frazee seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. It carried. Rick Lay completed the audit of Charlie Simpson's 2017 financial records for the club. Charlie passed the audit. Thanks, Rick and Charlie.

ANTIQUER REPORT: Roger and Janice Frazee, Antiquer Editors, are always looking for articles and pictures for the Antiquer. They did receive a note of appreciation from the Terry Johnson family for the article on Terry Johnson, deceased.

EVENTS COORDINATOR: Sherry Seay, Events Coordinator, reported the Tech Session on May 19 at Dan Paransky's home went very well. 10 members attended. It was informative including how to adjust headlights and use lead to fix body issues. This was the Official Monthly Event of May.

George Hodges hosted a cruise in to the Newport Car Show on June 15. 21 club members attended. The show had a good turn out and the park is a great place to hang out. Tom Christenberry's Parklane was recognized in the top 25 vehicles. Dewey Cruey and George Hodges's son both won a door prize. Fun was had by all. This was Official Monthly Event of June.

5 cars made a cruise in visit to the Westmoreland Nursing home on June 15. Always appreciated by the patients and staff.

On July 14, Tom and Nancy Trame led a tour to Cherokee Dam and Rogersville, where the club ate lunch at the 'Eatery' and were given a tour of The Thomas Amis Historic Site (c.1780) and Amis Mill Eatery – destinations in themselves. Home of the oldest stone dam in Tennessee, this property was constructed by Thomas Amis in 1780. Capt. Amis hosted many famous figures including Andrew Jackson, John Sevier, Daniel Boone and many revolutionary heroes. The Mill ruins are still standing and witness to an era gone but not forgotten. This was the Official Monthly Event of July.

October 13 – Auto Fest hosted by Bill & Sharon Jurkonie. \$25 includes t-shirt, 2 BarBQ dinners, door prizes. There will also be a 50/50 raffle, a \$1000 cash prize to a club and \$2500 to a show participant. Autocross course is also on site for an additional \$75. Let Bill Jurkonie know of any interest.

October 20 is a tour to the Bald River Falls/Fish Hatchery with the Classic Ford Club. Host will be Charlie Alexander who is President of the Classic Ford Club and an ETR member. This will be considered the Official Monthly Event of October.

Unofficial is the Dawsonville event on October 27th.

November is the Annual Business Meeting and the Veterans Parade. We all hope Lafayette Williams will be feeling better in order to lead us in the Vets Parade.

December is the Christmas Party. Sherry Seay will talk with Janice and Sylvia about this event.

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East Tennessee Region Welcomes Four New Members

By Jan Frazee

The East Tennessee Region welcomes four new members. We look forward to getting to know each of the members and their families during the upcoming ETR events.

Carol and Brian Yaiser, whose membership is sponsored by Tracy and Loretta Rollins, are full-time residents of Middleport, NY where they live on the family farm and part-time residents of Kingsport, TN. Brian is a financial planner and Carol works as an administrative assistant. Brian and Carol own a 1968 Roadrunner GTX, and favor Mopar products. Brian enjoys boating, horses, antiques, and construction, while Carol's hobbies include sewing, knitting and crochet, gardening and reading. Carol and Brian are looking forward to joining the ETR members at a club event in the near future.

Mason Hewitt joined the ETR during the exhibition of antique cars at the Heritage Museum in Townsend in July. That same afternoon, Mason purchased a 1988 Cadillac, which he plans to use as his daily driver. Mason maintains and drives his grandfather's collection of antique cars which includes a 1965 Plymouth Sport Fury Convertible, a 1967 Chrysler 300 Convertible, a 1968 Cadillac Coupe DeVille, a 1963 Cadillac and a 1966 Chrysler Newport. Mason lives in Strawberry Plains, TN and is a typewriter repairman. He also belongs to the TN Valley Region — Walter P. Chrysler car club.



Mason Hewitt and his grandfather's 1966 Chrysler New Yorker.

David Dishman also joined the ETR during the event at the Heritage Museum in July. Originally from Huntington, WV, David lives in Lenoir City, TN and is a driver for a trucking company based in Athens, TN. In 1979, David joined the military and was so certain that he would one day own a 1958 Cadillac that he purchased an owners manual for his dream vehicle.

David finished his military tour of duty, and held onto that owners manual for 20 years. In 1999, David purchased a 1958 "standard coupe" Cadillac in Chesapeake, OH and to this day, can't find the owners manual he had for so many years! David's hobbies include sight seeing and antiques.



David Dishman and his 1958 Cadillac Coupe.

Matt Sartin also joined the ETR during the exhibition at the Heritage Museum in July, and Matt's membership is sponsored by Dewey Cruely. Matt is the original owner of his 1972 Chevelle SS, and also has the privilege of maintaining and driving his father's 1989 Trans Am, which is a one owner car originally purchased from Briggs Pontiac. Matt, along with his brother and father, operate Jack's Auto Parts in Lenoir City. The business was originally started by Matt's grandfather in 1958, then purchased by Matt's father in 1996. According to Matt, Dewey Cruely is one of their best customers and has been a patron since the 1960's. Matt is heavily involved in the Lenoir City Car Show, sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Lenoir City. The event is held annually on the second Saturday in June, and features cars, trucks, tractors, motorcycles and, according to Matt, "anything a person is proud to own and show is welcome." Matt has a son, Grant, and lives in Lenoir City.



Matt Sartin and his father's 1989 Trans Am.



Roads Less Traveled Tour Features a 240 Year-Old Home and a Fascinating Piece of American History

The June tour to Rogersville, hosted by Tom and Nancy Trame, began as the morning fog was making way for a pleasant July day. Following welcoming announcements from President Tim Seay and driving directions from Tom Trame, the 100 mile trek to Northeast Tennessee was underway.

The group made a brief rest stop at Cherokee Dam before arriving at historic downtown Rogersville, where members enjoyed browsing through antique shops before venturing on to the Amis (pronounced Amy) House for lunch and a tour of the property.

Although the estate has been in the Amis family since it was given to Thomas Amis by the federal government in 1778, it has only been opened as a public venue in recent years. The property is currently owned and operated by Wendy and Jake Jacobs, who have turned their home into a museum. Wendy

Among the famous people who stayed at the Amis House were Andrew Jackson, John Sevier, William Bount, Daniel Boone and many others. Thomas Amis also operated a store, mill, and



Proprietors Wendy and Jake Jacobs welcomed the club into the historic Amis House, which is also their home.

distillery on the property. A clerk in the store, Joseph Rogers, fell in love with and married Thomas' daughter. Her dowry included several acres of land that later became the town of Rogersville.

Jake and Wendy provided a wealth of information, not only about the Amis estate, but about the revolutionary war period and its effect on East Tennessee. Their dedication as caretakers of the Amis property and their enthusiasm for sharing the rich history of the area, provided a unique opportunity for the ETR tour participants to learn about the early formation of the East Tennessee area.

Grateful appreciation goes out to Tom and Nancy Trame for organizing this unique and fascinating "Roads Less Traveled Tour."



Prior to the tour, several ETR members review the route to Rogersville.



The oldest stone dam in Tennessee provides a scenic view from the Amis House Restaurant.

is the fifth great granddaughter of Thomas Amis. The Jacobs purchased the house and surrounding land in 2008. Soon after, they built a restaurant, overlooking the stone dam and former site of the Amis mill.

East Tennessee Region members enjoyed a delicious lunch at the restaurant before venturing along the old stagecoach road to the historic home.

Preserved through the centuries by descendants of Thomas Amis, the stone house is now open for tours, conducted by Jake and Wendy.

Since the house was located on the only road leading to the western frontier, it served as a hotel and refuge for travelers.



East Tennessee Region Shows Cars, Signs New Members at the Townsend Heritage Center

An estimated 700 visitors enjoyed the cars and the hospitality provided by the East Tennessee Region AACA at the Smoky Mountain Heritage Center.



J.W. Weeks, Sherry Seay, and Maggie Crawford work the registration tent at the Heritage Center Car Show.

The car show celebrated the opening of the new Transportation Exhibit at the center. ETR members Jerry Hodge and Steve West were instrumental in creating the permanent exhibit at the museum. Hodge, West, and ETR President Tim Seay worked with the museum staff to organize and promote the July 27th car show. The event was sponsored by Twin City



Among the cars on display was Tom and Cindy Christenberry's 1956 Ford Parklane Station Wagon.

Buick, West Chevrolet and the Smoky Mountain Tourism Development Authority.

Guests to the show were welcomed by members of the East Tennessee Region. Several visitors expressed an interest in joining the club, and three visitors signed up to become members.

Members who joined the club during the car show are Matt Sartin and David Dishman from Lenoir City, and Mason Hewitt from Strawberry Plains. The East Tennessee Region welcomes these new members and looks forward to touring and visiting with them in the future.

Due to space constraints, the show was limited to fifty vintage cars. Most of the automobiles were provided by ETR members, with a contingent of cars from the English Auto Society, the Walter P. Chrysler Club, and the Classic Ford Association. Vehicles on display represented every decade from the teens



David Sheffey (white shirt) discusses the pros and cons of his Cadillac Alante with other car show attendees.

through the nineties. The future of transportation was represented by a 2018 Tesla Model 3, provided by Jack and Susan Goodwin.

Among the more unusual vehicles on display was a 1929 Model A fire truck which was purchased and restored by John Rochelle. Also, Jerry and Frances Hodge displayed an extremely rare 1956 Buick Skylark convertible, and Tom and Cindy Christenberry brought a one-year-only 1956 Ford Parklane station wagon.

ETR Alumnus Angel Gregory was also on hand, dressed as her alter ego, Daisy Delaine. She displayed a pink and white 1959 Edsel and matching 1962 Shasta Airflyte travel trailer.

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ETR Alumnus Angel Gregory talks with a young spectator about her pink and white Edsel and matching travel trailer.

There was an impressive row of Model A Fords at the show and another row of Tri-Five Chevrolets.

The celebrity car was provided by Maryville resident Roy Garrett. He brought a 1978 Pontiac Trans Am that was purchased new by Merle Haggard. Legend has it that Haggard lost the car, years ago, in a poker game.

During the show, visitors enjoyed the shade and rocking chairs on the veranda of the Heritage Center. Inside, the Center pro-

vided a collection of vintage home movies featuring glimpses of the Smoky Mountains, roads, and area landmarks from the fifties and sixties. The Heritage Center also provided lunch for those registered for the show, as well as free admission to the museum. Visitors particularly enjoyed the new transportation exhibit. Housed in a new building, next to the existing museum, the Transportation Exhibit chronicles transportation in East Tennessee from the horse and buggy days through the advent of the automobile.



Visitors to the car show enjoyed the new Transportation Exhibit at the Heritage Center Museum.

Although the show was organized to promote the opening of the Transportation Exhibit, there has been talk of making the show an annual event. Will that happen? We'll have to wait and see.



Jerry and Frances Hodge displayed their 1956 Buick Skylark convertible at the Heritage Center.



Tom Howard (left) provides information on the East Tennessee Region to a prospective member.



Mustangs Abound as ETR Members Travel to Somerset KY for the August Somernights Event

The August ETR event, hosted by Sherry and Tim Seay, and Sandra and Robert Quillin, featured a trip to Somerset KY and a visit to the massive Somernites Cruise. Among those joining the event were new members David Dishman and Matt Sartin. David drove his 1958 Cadillac Coupe, while Matt drove his father's 1989 Pontiac Trans Am.

The group gathered early in Oak Ridge and headed north, stopping at the regionally famous Raezacks Restaurant in Helenwood, for breakfast.



Jerry Guthrie (left) and Robert Quillin admire one of the many cars on display at the August Somernites Cruise.



Barret Jackson Live Host Cristy Lee signs autographs for fans.

the Mustangs and other classics took a cruise through the town.

Now in its 18th year, the Somernites Cruise is a highly organized event. Dozens of volunteers, donning distinctive yellow tee shirts, directed traffic through the town and assisted drivers to their parking spots. A dozen food trucks provided refreshments while a DJ played music in the town square.

The route along U.S. 27 was scenic and secluded as it wound through the hills of Morgan and Scott County. Once in Kentucky, the route became peppered with classic cars as gearheads from around the region headed for downtown Somerset for the largest gathering of cars in the Southeast.

All collectible cars are welcome at Somernites, and a different marque is featured each month. In August Mustangs were the featured car. More than 700 Mustangs were in attendance, from the early '64s to the classic Shelybs to the powerful Roush Mustangs. The show, however, was not limited to Mustangs. More than 2,000 cars were on display along the downtown streets, as well as in all of the parking lots scattered throughout the town.

Also in attendance was celebrity Cristy Lee, host of Barrett Jackson Live and co-host of All Girls Garage. Cristy greeted her fans and provided autographs.

The show concluded at six o'clock with a "Super Cruise" along Somersset's primary streets. Spectators lined the streets as all



This '66 Fastback was among the 700 Mustangs in attendance.



The Story Behind John and Rhonda McMurtrie's 1971 Dodge Dart

By John McMurtrie

My Bride (Rhonda) and I recently joined the East Tennessee Region AACA after relocating from Franklin, TN, to Knoxville to be closer to our daughters and their families, which include three (3) grandchildren.

My antique car is a 1971 Dodge Dart GT with a 340 c.i. engine, which I purchased in 2006. My history with this model of car dates back to my Junior year of high school when, as a



The McMurtries' Dodge Dart is a throwback to John's high school days.

sixteen year old new driver my father entrusted me to drive his 1970 Dodge Dart Swinger 340 to high school and on dates.

That lasted about six months or so when he finally came to the realization that I was in all likelihood going to eventually wrap the car around a tree or some other stationary damage-inflicting object.

He sold the Dart Swinger and bought a 1973 Volvo 142 with a three speed manual console shift, which, while being a fun car to drive with the manual transmission, didn't begin to come close to duplicating the torque and horsepower the

Swinger had when the throttle was punched.

I never forgot the Swinger, and promised myself that someday I'd have one. Fast forward to 2004 and the presence of the Internet and eBay. I started looking for another Dart Swinger 340 on eBay and, with the support of my Bride, began to seriously consider buying one.

After about eighteen months of searching eBay listings and any other car website I could find, I found my future Dart on a listing out of Texas. I did some background research on the seller and called him about the car; and came to the conclusion that this was the one. I paid the buy it now price sight unseen to end the auction and had the car shipped to Franklin.

The Dart had been listed on eBay by a car broker for the owner who was a personal friend of his, who had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. The owner was given several months to live before the cancer ended his life, and no one in his family had any interest in the Dart. He contacted his friend the



The stroked 416 c.i.d. engine provides plenty of horsepower for the sporty Dart body.

broker and asked him to list the car and passed away about a month after I bought it.

Since purchasing the Dart, it's been Resto-Moded inasmuch as I've upgraded it to four wheel disc brakes, bigger tires and wheels. I also stroked the 340 out to a 416 c.i. displacement.. The car is a blast to drive and since it's not a popular model I still on occasion get questions such as "What year Camaro is that?" You just have to shake your head sometimes....



Burnses and Sheffey's Attend Cadillac Grand National Meet in San Marcos TX



Dallas and Liz Burns drove their 1990 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham to the Grand National Meet in San Marcos, TX, where they won first place in their class.

By Dallas Burns

The Cadillac & LaSalle Club {CLC} held it's Grand National Meet 5 – 9 June 2018 at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Convention Center in San Marcos, Texas. Having never been to a CLC function and upon deciding to attend, I called the CLC and just said "sign me up for everything", not really thinking much about our car being judged.

We departed Athens, TN on the 30th of May driving our 1990 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham dElegance and arrived in San Marcos on the 4th of June after relaxed driving, sightseeing and visiting college friends and relatives along the way. David and Rosey Sheffey joined us at the Meet.

While at the Meet we participated in a selection of tours available in the area which included a driving tour, tours of San Antonio River Walk, the Alamo, the State Capital in Austin, armadillo races, glass bottom boat cruises, the National Museum of the Pacific War, remember Admiral Chester Nimitz, car collections and more.

One of the most interesting trips was to the Commemorative Air Force Museum where they were putting the final touches on a C-47, named "THAT'S ALL BROTHER" that led the initial invasion wave of paratroopers during the Normandy invasion of World War II-----she flies again !! Receptions and dinners were abundant !

The 9th of June was the day all cars to be judged were to be on the field early. There were approximately 120 cars to be judged and more on display. Temperature that day was 105 F but on the blacktop it was more like 115 +! Five judges finally came by went over our car in detail for over a half an hour, asking specific questions from time-to-time. Each car on the field received similar judging. The oldest car I remember seeing was a 1914 Cadillac 30 Touring Car-----beautiful-----as were MANY others.

The evening of the 9th we attended the Awards Banquet along with a number of new found friends at our table. Then the time arrived that the MC announced that the First Place car in "Primary Class P-28" {I still don't understand their classification system !} was our 1990 Cadillac ! What a surprise !

The morning of the 10th we departed San Marcos and the CLC Meet taking five days to return to Athens again at a relaxed pace visiting high school and Marine Corps friends enroute. We arrived home on the 15th of June after 2,453 miles, the Cadillac ran like a Cadillac should, she never missed a beat !

The next CLC Grand National Meet is scheduled to be held June 2019 in Louisville, KY -----we just might have to try our luck again! And it is not near as far.

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Robert, Tracey, and David Quillin Travel to Alabama to Participate in The Porsche Experience

By Robert Quillin

The engine screamed, and the tires squealed as we came out of the turn and up the hill toward the straightaway as the tachometer reached 7500 RPM for the upshift.



Robert Quillin stands beside a new Porsche with his sons, Tracey (left) and David (right).

Seven brightly colored Porsche 911 models played follow the leader around the Barber International Raceway near Birmingham, Alabama. Recently my son, Tracey, purchased a Porsche at Harper Porsche Audi here in Knoxville. As a result, he was invited to participate in the Porsche North American Driving School. He asked my youngest son David and me to participate as well.

The Porsche driving school is located at Barber Motorsport Park, which sits on approximately 880 acres. The 2.38-mile track consists of 17 turns and several hills. It is used for Indy and Gran Prix type races as well as motorcycle racing.

Included in the Barber Motorsport Park is the Barber Vintage Motorsport Museum. It is the world's largest motorcycle museum with over 1600 motorcycles, according to Guinness World Records.

When we arrived, we were greeted by several world-famous race car drivers. At least 30 late model Porsches were at our disposal to drive during our various events. After a brief orientation, we were introduced to our other instructors for the session. We were greatly impressed with the friendliness and

courtesy of the staff.

Our first challenge was the off-road course consisting of steep hills, water pits, boulders, and other off-road obstacles. We would ride with our expert instructors over the course and then we were given our Porsche to drive on the course. I was assigned a 2019 Porsche Cayenne SUV. Even though the course was rough, I learned by using the Porsche's built-in electronic stability functions, and by navigating very slowly, I was able to negotiate the amazing obstacles.

At the next event, we were treated to our first racing track experience. We students picked one of the various models available. We then followed an instructor with radio controls in the lead car who pointed out the best way to negotiate the track. After this initial experience, we all rotated cars and increased speed as we acquired experience and confidence.

For me, the most exciting experience was the acceleration test with the Porsche "launch control". With this test, a 911 Turbo S with twin turbos and 580 horsepower was used. A professional driver rode shotgun and instructed us to put the dual clutch automatic transmission in drive, then hold the brake with the left foot and floor the accelerator with the right foot. When we released the brake the engine roared and the takeoff was like holding on to a rocket! This 911 model goes from a



Robert puts a Porsche SUV through its paces on the off-road course.

standing start to sixty miles per hour in 2.8 seconds with a top speed of 205 mph. Its cost is in the \$200,000 range.

As we were leaving the motorsport complex, I received a call from my wife. Sandra wanted to know if I was having fun. I replied it was one of the most fun-filled days of my life – so what color Porsche do you want?



Keeneland's Annual Concours d'Elegance Offers Classic Cars in a Beautiful Setting

The day began for many at the track kitchen, nestled among the horse barns at the Keeneland Race Track in Lexington, KY. On this particular July morning, however, the thoroughbreds took second billing to a few hundred classic cars as the 2018 Keeneland Concours d'Elegance got under way beneath the shade trees of perhaps the most picturesque horse racing venue in the world.

The Keeneland Concours is an annual event that brings the best of the best cars in the world together for a day of fellowship, judging competition, and Kentucky hospitality.

Again this year, ETR member Perry Anthony served on the Car Selection Committee for this world-class event. Among the car owners invited to compete were East Tennessee Region members Marshall England, Art Fensod, and Elby Lloyd. Cars that compete in Concours must first be nominated. Nominations receive careful consideration before the entrants are selected to compete.



Elby Lloyd stands beside his 1963 Thunderbird at the 2018 Keeneland Concours.



Marshall England's 1931 Coupe was entered in the Vintage Class at the Concours event.

This year's featured marque was BMW, and was represented by several BMWs from nearly every decade. BMW motorcycles were also engaged in the competition.

In addition to the automobiles and motorcycles, there were classes for antique horse-drawn carriages and early bicycles. The show was truly a tribute to transportation throughout the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries.

Among the more unique vehicles on display were an electric-powered delivery truck, a Stanley Steamer touring car, and a four-cylinder overhead valve Indian motorcycle.

The Keeneland Concours is sponsored annually by local businesses in the Bluegrass state. It is organized and conducted by volunteers of local car clubs, including the Bluegrass Region, AACA.

Since 2006, all proceeds from the Keeneland Concours go to support The Kentucky Childrens Hospital. The club has established an endowment for newborn research for the charity. To date, the Keeneland Concours d'Elegance has raised more than \$700,000 for the endowment.



Art Fensod displayed his 1948 Buick Convertible in the Vintage Class.



Classic Thunderbird Club International Holds Convention in Knoxville



180 Classic Thunderbirds converged in Knoxville for the 2018 Classic Thunderbird Club International Convention.

That was quite a flock of birds that landed in Knoxville last month, when 600 Classic Thunderbird enthusiasts converged on the town for the 2018 International Classic Thunderbird Convention.

The event, which drew '55—'57 T-bird owners from 43 states, Canada, Europe, New Zealand, and Australia was the culmination of more than three years of planning by the Smoky Mountain Classic Thunderbird Club. Several members of the East Tennessee Region AACA were instrumental in putting the event together, including Bob and Sylvia Witt, Bill and Sharon Jurkonie, Perry and Alyce Anthony, and Len and Linda Royston.

Originally, the convention was slated to be held in Sevierville but complications caused the club to examine Knoxville as a possible location. Bob Witt and Bob Bly worked closely with Visit Knoxville and spent three days touring the hotels and meeting venues in the city. After seeing what Knoxville had to

offer for a convention of this size, it became the logical choice, according to Bob Witt.

The primary hotels for the convention were the downtown Holiday Inn and the Crown Plaza. All of the banquets, meetings and the Concours judging were held at the Knoxville Convention Center.

Among the popular events during the meet were tours that explored the scenic back roads of East Tennessee. The Thunder Road led the flock of Birds to Douglas Dam, The Bush Bean Factory, and Newport TN.



ETR Secretary Sharon Jurkonie was busy working the Smoky Mountain Club exhibit at the 2018 Classic Thunderbird Convention.



This stunning 1956 T-Bird was shown by Robert Pech, Brecksville, OH.

"We thought we would have about thirty cars on the tour," Bob Witt said. "As it turned out, over 100 cars signed up for the tour." To accommodate the large turnout, the tour was run on two consecutive days. Another tour traveled through the foothills of the Smokies and provided the T-birds with an opportunity to run the famous Tail of the Dragon.

The Concours judging was organized by ETR member Bill Jurkonie. The indoor venue at the Convention Center allowed the owners to showcase their cars under the lights in air-conditioned comfort. Classes judged included a Touring Class, a Specialty Car class and a Concours Class.

Among the rarest of cars at the convention were a few 1957 F-Code supercharged fuel injected Thunderbirds.



July Board Meeting Minutes

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SUNSHINE REPORT: Sandra Quillin, Sunshine Rep, sent out Get Well cards to George Hodges. A Sympathy card was sent to Kenneth Coulter family.

OLD BUSINESS:

By-Law Review – Tim Seay reported there has been no action yet but plans to have a committee meeting before the September 18 Board Meeting.

Scholarship Update – Roger Frazee read information on the AACA website about what exists now and criteria needed. Applicant must be an AACA member. We could give the winner AACA and ETR membership. He distributed 3 documents to the Board for their review. Roger would like to have an email discussion on the material. AACA Scholarship; Louise Bianchi Chiotti Memorial Scholarship Award; and Susquehannock Region Automotive Technology Scholarship. Bill Jurkonie asked what is the club's financial responsibility. The reply was that we can create our own scholarship and use one of these as a model.

Heritage Museum Car Show – Tim Seay has been working with The Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center in Townsend for our club to host their Antique Car Collectors Show on Saturday, July 28, from 10-4 p.m. (no rain date). 46 cars are committed with 10 others available if needed. Tim thanked Robert Quillin for promoting the program to the members. All the cars need to be in place by 9 a.m. The parking crew will be there by 8 a.m. Procedure is to park your car, check in at the ETR booth and put a card on your windshield. Food trucks will be on site. Signs will be on the road (using the Moonshine and Mountain Mist signs from Janice Williams). Sandra Quillin wondered if ads were in the Maryville papers, Facebook and with the Chamber of Commerce. Wristbands for members. Robert Quillin wondered if we needed Fire Extinguishers in the vehicles.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tim Seay said Tom Trame requested the club send a donation to the Thomas Amis Museum. Roger Frazee made a motion to send \$200, Sherry Seay seconded the motion. One opposed. Charlie Simpson has the information on where to send the money.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS BROUGHT FROM THE FLOOR:

Charlie Simpson asked about a donation in memory of Kenneth Coulter. He will ask Blake McCampbell for some ideas. Tim Seay will ask Tom Christenberry.

Tim Seay would like to start a club album. Roger Frazee said it could be electronic. Tom Howard said we could inherit Randy Moats' historic stuff. We could have a photo gallery on the website and a hardcopy as well. Janice Frazee suggested a work day to digitalize Randy's records. Tim Seay suggested we offer Anita a work day to find the records, but the court is still involved. George Hodges has a storage facility and some of it can be placed in the Heritage Museum. Charlie Simpson said we need to have another club historian.

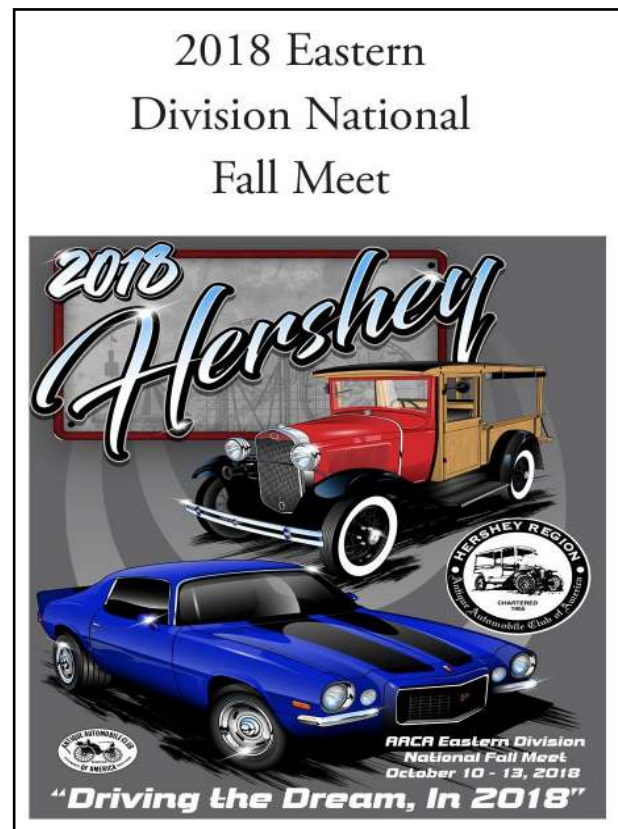
Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Sharon Jurkonie, ETR Club Secretary

ADDENDUM AFTER THE BOARD MEETING:

The following new members were approved by the Board via email after our July 17 Board meeting:

Brian and Carol Yaiser, recruited by Tracy and Lorretta Rollins. These next 3 members joined the club while visiting the Heritage Museum event on July 28: Matt Sartin, Lenoir City; David Dishman, Lenoir City; Mason Hewitt, Strawberry Plains.





Classic Ford Offered For Sale

From the Estate of ETR Member Tom Eustis



1937 Ford Convertible Sedan - A very nicely detailed older restoration. Beautiful black paint, excellent interior and top. Runs Strong. Would make a perfect driver and with little TLC would be a show contender. For additional information, contact Tom Howard - 865- 680-8242 or Blake McCampbell - 865-384-4018.





East Tennessee Region

Nominating Committee Ballot

In accordance with ETR By-Laws, a Nominating Committee for officers and board members shall be elected by the membership each year. **Please mail this form to Secretary Sharon Jurkonie, 534 Southview Circle, Kodak, TN 37764 or reply via email to sharonjurkonie@comcast.net. Ballots must be received no later than **Friday, September 14, 2018.****

The ballots shall be counted by the President, Vice President, and Secretary. The three members with the highest number of votes shall make up the Nominating Committee with two members as alternates. The Committee's nominee choices for 2019 Executive Board shall be reported at the October 20th, 2018 ETR Bald River Falls Tour. At the November 18th business meeting, the Nominating Committee Chairman shall present the slate of nominated candidates, take any nominations from the floor, and call for a vote on candidates at that time.

Please indicate your choices for the Nominating Committee

Member Vote for Nominees

Spouse Vote for Nominees

1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.

Note: Member Nominees and Spouse Nominees are listed separately so joint members may each participate in the selection.

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September and October Featured Old-Car Events

- ♦ **Backroads in Blount County**.....September 29, 2018. This is the Official ETR September event, hosted by Tim and Sherry Seay. It will feature a drive through Blount County with a stop at Elvira's Restaurant in Wears Valley <https://www.elvirascafe.net/> and an option to attend the Old Timer's Festival in Townsend. Details to follow.
- ♦ **The Vonore Car Show** at Vonore Baptist Church.....September 29, 2018, from 9 am to 3 pm with Judging starting at 10 am. Last year they had approximately 250 cars and the entry fee goes to help children. For more information contact ETR Member Charlie Alexander at 865-379-0688.
- ♦ **Cruise-in** at New Beginnings Baptist Church in Corryton on September 29, 2018 hosted by ETR Member Mason Hewitt. It is free and coincides with their Fall Festival, and runs from 9 am to 4 pm. Come anytime, it is not a judged show. Contact Mason at 865-254-7667.
- ♦ **Auto Fest** (Smokies Stadium) October 13, 2018. Our club's participation in this event is hosted by Bill and Sharon Jurkonie.
- ♦ **Bald River Falls/Fish Hatchery w/Classic Ford Club, October 20, 2018:** Our club's participation in this event is hosted by Tim and Sherry Seay.

