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RG Lewallen at Tri Five with his 1957 Two Door Hardtop Chevy that was a Top 25 Winner!





Local and National Events

ETR 2021 Calendar of Events

2021 September 18:

Tour to Memory Lane, Rogersville TN

Hosted by the Lewallens and the Frazees

October (Date TBD):

City Garage Car Museum, Greeneville TN

October 15-17:

Chattanooga Motorcar Festival

November (Date TBD):

ETR Business Meeting

December 17:

East Tennessee Region Christmas Party

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Upcoming Events from Other Organizations

Cruise In: Every Friday night, 5 – 9 PM, through October,

Foothills Mall, Maryville TN

September 9-11: Charlotte AutoFair—Hornets Nest Region AACA

Charlotte Motor Speedway

September 10-11: Shades of The Past, Pigeon Forge, TN

September 18: Fifth Annual Farragut Lions Club Show,

JC Penny's Parking Lot in Farragut, TN

September 25: Rods in the City, Powell United Methodist Church

October 02: Secret City Car Show, Oak Ridge, TN

October 30: Cruizin' for a Cure, Oak Ridge, TN

October 30: Veterans & Vehicles, Valley Grove Baptist Church, Seymour

AACA National Events

September 9-11: Southeastern Fall Nationals - South Carolina Region

Greenville, SC

September 19: Kinsport, TN - 43rd Annual Allandale Car Show -

Dan'l Boone Region - Allandale

October 6-9: Eastern Fall Nationals - Hershey Region - Hershey, PA

October 11-16: Southeastern Divisional Fall Tour - Savannah Region -

Mt. Airy, NC



Robert's Ramblings

From President Robert Quilin

Editors' Corner

From Editor-in-Training Melissa Johnston



It is hard to believe that 2021 is almost three fourths gone. As I stated previously, we are trying to make 2021 a more normal year. Unfortunately with the rise in Covid 19 cases, we still must use extreme caution

Our third annual "Autos Through the Ages" Car Show was a huge success. We had 120 antique and special autos registered with many more not registered. As a direct result of this outstanding show, our club gained 11 new memberships. The day after this event, Sandra, Tom Howard and myself met to go over details of this year's show and make plans to improve next year's show. We also incorporated input from our Board and included comments from attendees. Our plans are to have the date set for next year's show soon and work to make the 2022 show a greater success!

As I mentioned above, this year has flown by, and it is time for our members to vote for our Nominating Committee whose duty is to select candidates for ETR's Executive Board for 2022. RG Lewallen has sent ballots to all members asking for nominees to the Nominating Committee and for them to be submitted by mail or email to Secretary RG Lewallen by Friday, September 10. For our new members, the nominating committee will select our candidates for the open positions and report their choices at the October ETR meeting/tour. At our regular business meeting in November, the Nominating committee shall again present the slate of nominated candidates and an election of officers will be conducted in accordance with ETR By-Laws. I encourage everyone to participate in this election.

Please let me know ASAP if you plan to participate in the "Chattanooga Motorcar Festival", October 15-17, 2021. The planner of this event needs this information to allot space and to send more information directly to you. To get more information about the "Chattanooga Motorcar Festival," go to www.chattanoogamotor.com. Corky Coker is the grand marshal of this year's festival with celebrity guests, Wayne Carini and Keith Martin.

I am excited to report that we are having a lot of interest expressed for our September 18th event, a tour of "Memory Lane" in Rogersville. Please check out the announced details for this tour and plan to participate. Remember you need to sign the release of liability form attached to Sherry Seay's email dated August 20, 2021. Having had the opportunity to previously attend this "50's Town" with our grandchildren, I can tell you everyone will enjoy!



What a busy past few months it has been for the ETR AACA, but so much fun! Autos Through the Age was a great success with so many cars that I had never seen before and also new members that joined! This show was our main event but we all have stayed busy. A great cruise to Norris Dam and lunch at the Museum of Appalachia,

Cars and Canines show as well as many Friday nights at the Cruise In at Foothills Mall has kept everyone's tires rolling!

We have been busy getting our cars ready for the "Trip Down Memory Lane" cruise and the step back in time we get to take. It will be so neat to see what it was like. I have heard so many stories about small town life back in the 1950's.

For everyone traveling in the upcoming months, please be sure to be safe and stay well! Many of us will be traveling to Charlotte, Hershey and various other events this fall. My family will be headed to the 54th Annual Mountain Moonshine Festival in Dawsonville. GA come October with the 1940 Coupe and we too will be sure to careful with this large gathering.

Enjoy the upcoming cool weather, fun cruises and event! Can't wait to see you at Memory Lane!



The ETR AACA Club on the August 14th Driving Tour

Be Sure to Return Your Nominating Committee Ballot to RG Lewallen by September 10th!



News From National

Tom Howard, ETR National Affairs Liaison



As I write this column, the calendar has just turned the page to September, the first month of fall. For many of us. it is an exciting time. Even though the days get shorter, we look forward to some cooler temperatures and the leaves begin to change color leading to their beautiful full

display in October. Best of all though, for many antique vehicle enthusiasts, we realize that the annual Hershey meet is only a month away. This year, however, first we are also looking forward to attending a national AACA meet on September 10/11 in Greenville, South Carolina featuring an approximate 250 vehicle display and a special commemoration honoring our first responders on the 20th anniversary of 9/11.

Then Hershey!! Sis and I first attended the Hershey meet in 1966. Through 2018, I missed only three and Sis missed only five. As with many AACA members, Hershey week in our family was long ago elevated in importance to birthdays and anniversaries. In fact, high on the list of the ten commandments for the car collector is "Thy shalt not allow thy daughters nor thy sons to get married during the holy days of Hershey."

After everyone missed Hershey in 2020, this year's Hershey week will be especially important. A highlight for many members will be the first opportunity to view our new national headquarters and library building. It just opened to the general public on September 7. During Hershey week special tours will be available to AACA members but all members and others are invited to just come and brose the facility. There is no doubt that this fantastic facility and the world class library housed within will represent AACA well as the world's premier antique vehicle organization for many years to come.

In addition, this will be the last year for the current format of our days at Hershey. It has been announced that next year (2022) the entire event will be moved back one day, meaning the flea market and car corral will open on Monday instead of Tuesday and the show and judging will be on Friday instead of Saturday. This is an adjustment proposed by the Hershey Food's Company, owners of the property we occupy for our flea market, car corral and show, so that they may use their parking lots and schedule major events at the Giant Center on Saturday evening.

If you are in Hershey during the meet, you are invited to come by flea market spaces CY 8,9 and 10. For years we have called this the East Tennessee Region headquarters. Several of us will usually be there and will be glad to see you. Until then, be safe, take care of yourself and others.

Sunshine Report

Sandra Quillin, Sunshine Correspondent



Let's all begin a habit of spreading sunshine, even if just a little each day...

ETR member Bill Little has been moved to residential care at The Lantern, at Morning Pointe (Lenoir City). On behalf of ETR, I sent Bill a note of encouragement. Bill is

such a sweet man; I hope many of our club members will send him a personal note.

On behalf of ETR AACA, I sent a sympathy card to Bob Griffitts' family after Bob senior's passing July 18th. Also on behalf of ETR AACA, I sent a sympathy card to Jimmie and Debbie Hixon in the passing of Jimmie's mother Mary.

With Covid on the rise, we need to remember where we were at this time last year. We need to reflect on how careful we were trying to be before the vaccines. Also, the efforts we made at that time need to be made again. We have many members and families who are struggling with the effects of the virus on our daily lives. Two of our members tested positive this week, they both had the Pfizer vaccine in January. We have to be cautious and realize that the vaccine is not protecting us like we had hoped. We need to make every effort to be smart and sensible in our daily activities.

Do not forget to spread a little sunshine to someone every day. It is such a little effort for such a warm, fabulous feeling of joy! Let's all take the time to contact someone who is lonely just to say hello and go from there to a conversation about any subject so that the one you call feels useful, loved, worthy of another human's time and effort. Please let me know of any members who could use a note of cheer!



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> **East Tennessee Region AACA**



East Tennessee Region AACA Board Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2021 Via Zoom



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 6:35 PM. Roll call was made by RG Lewallen and members were present as listed.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Robert Quillin thanked everyone for attending and stated it was the first time we have met face-to-face since February of last year.

Vice President's report – Tim Seay commented on the upcoming car show in Townsend on July 17th. He stated that over 100 cars have registered. More information will be sent out to the members that have agreed to help during this show.

Past President's report — Tom Howard reported that he and Charlie Simpson and Rick Lay had attended the AACA event in Auburn. Tom stated it was a good show with about 340 cars on the show field. Charlie stated this show was combined with the Buick and Hudson clubs.

Treasurer's report – Charlie Simpson gave the Treasurer's report as of June 30, 2021. Charlie stated he has about 70 raffle tickets for the Jeep Commando and plans to take some to the Townsend show on July 17th. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report, the motion was seconded and the motion carried.

Antiquer report – Roger and Jan Frazee reported that Melissa Johnston is getting ready to send out the next issue of the Antiquer. Melissa is planning on taking over as editor of the Antiquer next year. Roger also reported he and Jan had attended the AACA National Convention that was held at Williamsburg, VA in May. This was another successful event for Roger and Jan with them receiving two national awards, Master Editor Award and the Ann S. Eady Memorial Award

Event's Coordinator Report- Sherry Seay reported the following activities:

July 17 – Autos Through The Ages Car Show in Townsend August 21 – Cars for Canines in Oak Ridge

September 18 - Memory Lane in Rogersville, TN

October – Greenville, TN tour - the best date will be the 2nd or the 30th because of conflicts with Hershey and the Mecum Auction in Chattanooga. Mason Hewett will be hosting this tour

November – Annual Business Meeting if we can find a location for the meeting.

December 17 - Christmas dinner at Rothchild Catering

Sunshine Report – Sandra Quillin reported that get well cards and sympathy cards were sent out as listed below.

Get Well:

Teresa Mauch	5-13-21
Lois Walker	5-14-21
Teresa Mauch	5-21-21

Sympathy:

Bob Bly (Ann)	6-3-21
John Walker (Lois) 6-28-21

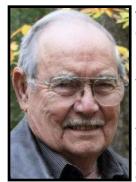
ETR Dues and Membership – Charlie Simpson reported that we have collected dues from several family members since our last scheduled meeting in May.

Application for Membership – We have two more complimentary memberships for National AACA that can be used if we have anyone interested in joining. The applicant must never have been a member of AACA National to utilize this complimentary membership.

Autos Through the Ages – Tim Seay reported that the date of this event will be July 17th at the Heritage Center at Townsend. Sandra Quillin has published a working list of those helping with this important event. As of this date we have over 100



Remembering Robert "Bob" Griffitts



The East Tennessee Region has lost another long-time friend, member, and past president. Robert (Bob) Griffitts passed away last month, just weeks after the death of his wife, Dino.

Bob and Dino were active participants in the region's activities and usually arrived at club events in their classic red Thunderbird. Occasionally they would tour with the club in their metallic blue Lin-

coln Continental convertible.

Most recently, Bob and his son, Robert Junior, attended the June car show in Lenoir City in their 1968 Ford F-100, Camper Edition. The Griffitts purchased the pickup new and used it to travel around the country, camping along the way.



Bob Griffitts relaxes on the tailgate of his 1968 Ford pickup during the June Lenoir City Car Show.

Bob served several terms on the board of the East Tennessee Region and was president of the club in 2007. He was also a charter member of the Smoky Mountain Thunderbird Club.

Before retirement, Bob served for 20 years in the Air Force as an aircraft maintenance supervisor, where he was responsible for B-52 bombers. After the Air Force, he worked at Cherokee Aviation as a licensed FAA aircraft mechanic.

Bob is survived by his son, Robert Jr. (Katherine) and his daughter Rebecca Ann Griffitts (William) James. He is also survived by three grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

In Bob's memory, the East Tennessee Region has made a contribution to the Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia, Tennessee.





For Sale: 1990 Cadillac Brougham D'Elegance:

First Place and Senior Award winners in 2018 and 2019 at the Cadillac/LaSalle Club Grand National meets in San Marcos, TX. and Louisville, KY, respectively. 66,570 pampered, totally accident and rust free miles. AC and other systems operating as designed. New battery. Family-owned since new. Absolutely the finest. Asking \$14,000.

Contact club members David Sheffey, Charlie Simpson, or Liz Burns at emails and phone numbers provided in the ETR club roster.



Autos Through the Ages

Over 120 Cars Covering More a Century of Automotive History

The third annual Autos Through the Ages was once again a great success! Held at the Great Smoky Mountain Heritage Center in Townsend, the East Tennessee Region AACA club had over 120 cars participating in this show with even more on lookers and guests. We want to say a special thank you to all of



Tri Fives line the parking lot with their beautiful chrome grills and tail lights.

Picture By: Laura Captain Photography

our members who helped make this event possible from the set up and clean up, to parking, directing traffic, registration, showing your cars and everything else in between. It would have been impossible without everyone's help! Thankfully, the rain held out for us and all went well!



Over a Century Worth of Automotive History Lined the Heritage Center Parking Lot at Autos Through the Ages.

With over a century of automotive history lining the field of the Heritage Center, it was easy to spot some of the first seen cars on the early 20th century, rare cars that less than 10 exist of, new modern electrics cars and everything in between from your famous finned late 1950's cars, the well known racers of the 1960's and 1970's— the British Antique Club and Corvair Club joined in the fun! There was so much history parked at the Heritage Center for the Autos Through the Ages car show, not just the history of the cars and roads they've traveled over the years but all the history and stories every owner can tell you about their car too. No car comes without a good story!

This is one of the larger car shows we have been involved with since COVID has had us in quarantine for so long and it was great to get out, even with heat. Along with the great turnout of cars and on lookers, our ETR AACA also had quite a few new members join our club! These new members are of all ages and come with cars of all different makes and models!

The East Tennessee Region AACA would like to thank West



The 1951 Fabulous Hudson Hornet from the Hudson Essex Terraplane Museum.

Chevrolet, Twin City Buick & GMC, and Blount County Smoky Mountains.org for the sponsorships provided for the Autos Through the Ages show and all the advertising and promoting that helped make this show a success.









Driving Tour Preview of Day Three of the 2023 Southeastern Divisional Tour

By Sandra Quillin

On Saturday, August 14, thirty-three ETR members and guests gathered at the TVA Bull Run Fossil Plant's parking lot in Clinton to form up for a 50-mile driving tour. The tour was a preview of the Day 3 Tour of the 2023 Southeastern Divisional



ETR AACA Members line up in their classic cars for a fun run through Rocky Top.

Tour hosted by ETR AACA. After approximately a 30-minute drive through Heiskell to Norris Freeway and Andersonville Highway, the group stopped for lunch at the Museum of Appalachia Restaurant. From lunch, the group made a short tour through the town of Norris and proceeded to Hwy. 441 where



TVA Bull Run Fossil Plant lined with many makes and models of cars that have parked there over the last 60 years.

members traveled to Norris Dam, the Visitor's Center and West Overlook of Norris Dam.



The West Overlook of Norris Dam

The route continued to Rocky Top and on through the Briceville community into Oliver Springs. From Oliver Springs, the tour traveled the remaining 7 miles of the 50-mile tour into Oak Ridge. The last stop for the tour was at the Shoney's restaurant where we met for ten minutes to discuss the highlights of the tour and to determine if the group felt any changes should be made in the tour route. All agreed that the route was great as planned by the Day 3 Tour committee.



Thirty three members joined in on the tour and test run to help plan for Day 3 of the Tour to be hosted in 2023 by ETR.





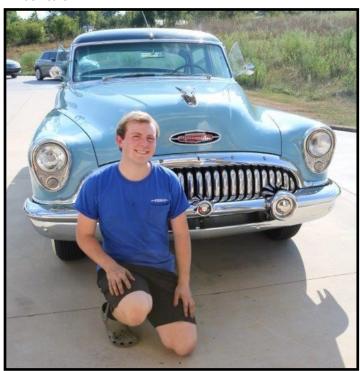
Maguire's Mechanical Engineering Inspiration



Most boy's first car is not a 1953 Buick.

At just 14 years old Maguire Headrick quickly learned he had an understanding and knack for things like radios. televisions, trains and all types of the early electronics to first come out. Now in college, Maguire is going to school to study Mechanical Engineering in Industrial

Automation, however his car collection that helped inspire this career path still keeps him busy! Outside of college Maguire has even done an internship with Jim Watson working with British cars.



Maguire and his second 1953 Buick.

Maguire's oldest car was purchased from Walker Johnson. He is the second owner of this 1953 Buick and even has some of the Johnson's family pictures from when they originally purchased this car and Walker was a young boy. Maguire also owns another 1953 Buick that had a frame off restoration before he purchased it but since he has had it he has redone the gas line, tank and carburetor.



Maguire's daily driver, a 1966 Chrysler 300 all original.

Buicks aren't his only car choice in cars - Maguire also has a

1977 MGB that he has made the hub caps for himself and this is the car he learned to drive stick shift with originally. His MGB has actually taught him more than just driving stick. Maguire talks about an incident when this car caught fire on him from a bad wiring harness and after this he added a dual shut off.

Maguire will be attending Tennessee Tech University this fall and taking his 1966 Chrysler 300 to college with him. This four door beauty is all original down to the paint. To make sure it was ready to make the drive, he's replaced the master cylinder, rear end, carburetor, power steering and recharged the air conditioning so it will make the drive around town safely!



Maguire's choice in electronics.



Learning more than just American cars, Maguire enjoys his MGB.



Top 25 at Tri-Five Nationals in Bowling Green, KY

By Keith Bullen

On the first of August we went to the Tri-Give Nationals in Bowling Green, KY and camped eleven nights in our motorhomes. The weather was beautiful each day up until the last



Robbie and Beverly Gray's 1957 Black and White Chevy 4 Door Hard Top next to RG and Sherry Lewallen's 1957 Blue Two Door Hard Top

day of the three day car show event and on Saturday we got a down pour for at least thirty minutes.

When the rain ended, the awards were presented to the outstanding '55, '56, and '57 Chevrolets in attendance. The awards ceremony was held on the Beach Bend Drag Strip.



RG Lewallen, Keith Bullen and Robbie Gray at American Tri-Five Nationals in Bowling Green, KY.



RG and Sherry Lewallen's 1957 2 door hardtop was picked in the Top 25, which was such an honor out of nearly 3,000 cars present.

Robbie and Beverly Grey brought their '57 4 door Chevy along with RG and Sherry Lewallen's '57 2 door Chevy, Keith and Debbie's car stayed home this year because it was having motor work done at the time of the show.

RG invited Debbie and I to join AACA last winter and it has been such a great experience and adventure to say the least.



RG Lewallen running the strip in his Top 25 Winner.



Cars for Canines Event Draws ETR Members and Area Car Enthusiasts

The antique car hobby has gone to the dogs. Or, so it seemed on Saturday, August 21st when more than 200 classic and antique cars arrived at Melton Lake Park in Oak Ridge for the second annual "Cars and Canines" event.

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A young fireman sits in the drivers seat of Rocky Rochelle's 1929 Ford fire truck during the Cars for Canines Event.

"It's all for the puppies," said Katy Watt, president of "Explore Oak Ridge," as she mingled with the spectators along the shore.



Jimmie and Debbie Hixon attended the show in their Model A Roadster.

The day featured Frisbee-diving dogs as well as demonstrations of trained bomb-sniffing dogs, courtesy of K-9 SOS (Search On Site) training service.



ETR members Rocky Rochelle and Jerry Hodge relax along the Lake Melton shoreline during the show.

Some of the members of the East Tennessee Region who were spotted at the event included Jimmie and Debbie Hixon, Jerry and Frances Hodge, Rocky and Julie Rochelle, Art Fensod, Tom Howard, Robert and Sandra Quillin, RG and Sherry Lewallen, Robbie and Beverly Gray, and Roger and Jan Frazee.

Several food trucks provided lunch and refreshments during the day, and there were arts and crafts tents set up for the spectators to enjoy.



Hundreds of spectators enjoyed the cars and canines along the shores of Melton Lake in Oak Ridge.



1949 Buick Woody Wagon Straight 8 and All!

After the first car he drove at 15 years old was a 1949 Buick Super 4 Door Sedan, Mark Margetts fell in love with these cars and was set to have one of his own when he grew up.

With only eight still remaining in the world, this 1949 Buick Roadmaster Model 79 is a one in a million catch! Due to the wood decaying, rot and rust, woodies are becoming harder and harder to find.

Mark purchased this Buick in 1996 while it was still in pieces and did an off the frame restoration including a full rebuild of the straight-eight engine.



Buick Fireball Straight 8 Motor

Mark says it took about 20 years to complete the full restoration and bring it back to the condition it rolled off the assembly line in. This Roadmaster is 100% original down to the 6 volt



Restored Completely, Back to the Way it Would Have Rolled Off the Assembly Line!



This Buick Roadmaster is one of eight remaining Woodies from the Model 79 made in 1949

wiring, 320 cubic inch straight-eight motor and drum brakes. Mark says he's never sold any of his cars; they all have too much meaning to him.

The Margetts family brought the 1949 Buick Roadmaster and a 1969 Mercedes 600 – M100 to Autos Through the Ages in July.





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vehicles registered! Tim will be getting with those that have agreed to help out in this event for further instructions. With all the funds being donated for this event, we will be responsible for reimbursing the Heritage Center for their expenses for this event.

The board approved the purchase of 12 shirts for members who do not have a shirt who are working the car show at Townsend.

Sandra Quillin stated she has contacted Buddy's Bar-B-Q and they can furnish a boxed lunch consisting of either a ham sandwich or turkey sandwich along with chips, cookie, and a fruit for \$6.79 plus tax. These meals will be furnished for those club members and others that have brought a vehicle to the car show until we run out of meals. Sherry Seay and Sandra Quillin will work together on the distribution of the meals for the car show.

Robert Quillin suggested that we have an incentive to attract new members at the Auto Through the Ages car show similar to what we have done in previous years. A motion was made and seconded that, for anyone wanting to join the ETR during the Autos Through the Ages show, we give them the membership for the remainder of this year and also cover the membership for 2022. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

2023 Divisional Tour — Roger Frazee reported the hotel and banquet arrangements have been finalized. Jan Frazee reported that we now have signed contracts with the three hotels with a rate of \$112 plus state and local taxes. The host hotel is the DoubleTree with Hampton Inn and Holiday Inn Express being the overflow hotels. There are plans to have wash stations for people wanting to wash their vehicles. Roger reported that the first day tour will be led by Len Royston's team and reported an overview of day one. Tim Seay reported an overview of day two. Charlie Simpson reported an overview of the tour for day three.

Memorial Donations – A memorial donation of \$100.00 will be made to the AACA Library in memory of Louis Walker. Bob Bly has asked for the \$100.00 donation in memory of Ann Bly be made to the Arthritis Foundation of Knoxville. Charlie Simpson will forward these contributions.

National Collector Car Appreciation Day - This year it will be on Friday July 9th. Robert has registered our club's Heritage Show event on the SEMA web site.

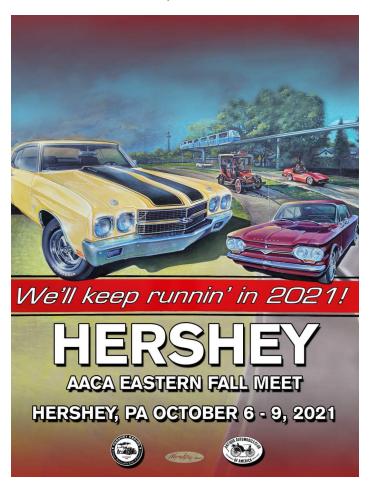
Chattanooga Motorsports Festival – This event is October 15th and October 16th Robert Quillin has signed our ETR AACA club up for both days of this event.

Memory Lane tour – September 18th – Tour to be held at Memory Lane in Rogersville, TN. We plan on having participants bring their own boxed lunch and meet at the Food City parking lot in Halls. This tour will require that we rent two porta potties and one hand wash station. The total cost of these items will be \$325.00. Since this is more than the \$125.00 general expense that is allotted for a tour, a motion was made to approve up to \$500.00 for the Memory Lane tour. This would be in addition to the \$125.00 normal expense allotment. The motion was seconded and the motion carried.

Board Meeting Schedule: The schedule for our Board meetings for the remainder of 2021 will be the following dates, September 14 and November 9.

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted, R. G. Lewallen, ETR Secretary







Parting Shot: When not in his red Thunderbird, Bob Griffitts enjoyed touring in his 1963 Lincoln Continental convertible.