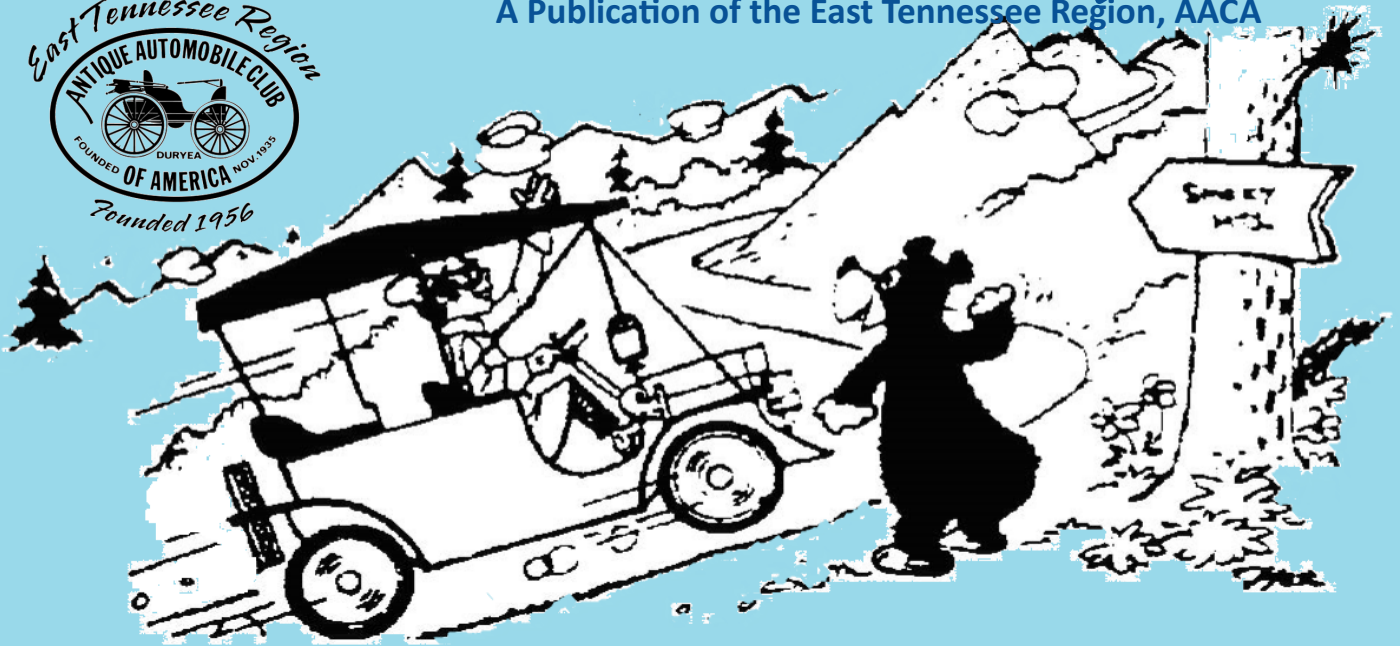


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Don Knott's daughter, Karen Knotts, rides in the back seat of Keith Bullen's 1957 Chevrolet during the Mayberry Days Parade in Granville TN.



# Local and National Events

## ETR Calendar of Events

**May 25:** Garage Tour and Lunch at Wayne Lequire's Maryville, TN, hosted by Jimmie and Debbie Hixson, and Robbie and Beverly Gray

**June 15:** Annual Moonshine Rod Run Newport, TN, hosted by Jim McManus and R.G. Lewallen

**July 20:** "Autos Through the Ages" Great Smoky Mtn. Heritage Center, hosted by ETR AACA Members

**August 17:** Rugby and Highland Manor Winery, hosted by Tom & Nancy Trame

**September 28:** ETR AACA Gas Economy Run, hosted by Dave and Beryl Hermanson, Tony and Jan Gardner, Joel and Susan Weeks

**October TBD:**

**November TBD:** Annual ETR AACA Business Meeting, hosted by Bob & Sylvia Witt

**December 13:** Christmas Party, hosted by Tom Howard, Sylvia Witt

## Upcoming Events from Other Organizations

**Third Saturday Each Month:** Lenior City Cars and Coffee, Lenior City TN

**Fourth Saturday Each Month:** Somernights Cruise-In, Somerset KY

**Every Friday Night During the Summer:** Foothills Mall Cruise-In, Maryville, TN

**May 11:** Blount County British Car Show, Tally Ho Hotel, Townsend TN

**August 10:** Crusin' for Kids Car Show, Loudon High School, Loudon TN

## AACA National Events

**6/20-22:** Eastern Spring Nationals, Saratoga, New York – Eastern Spring Nationals, sponsored by AACA Saratoga Region Event Details

**7/10-13:** 2024 Western Divisional Tour, Big Horn Mountain, Wyoming – Western Divisional Tour, sponsored by AACA Nebraska Region. Open to vehicles up through 1999.

**8/22-24:** Special Eastern Fall Nationals, Hampton, Virginia – Special Eastern Fall Nationals, sponsored by AACA Historic Virginia Peninsula Region

**9/12-14:** Western Fall Nationals, Loveland, Colorado – Western Fall Nationals, sponsored by AACA Poudre Valley Region

**9/22-27:** Revival AAA Glidden Tour®, Fairfield, Pennsylvania – Revival AAA Glidden Tour®, sponsored by the AACA Sugarloaf Mountain Region

**October 8-11:** Hershey, Pennsylvania – Eastern Fall Nationals, sponsored by AACA Hershey Region.

**October 23-26:** Huntsville, Alabama – Southeastern Fall Nationals, sponsored by AACA North Alabama Region

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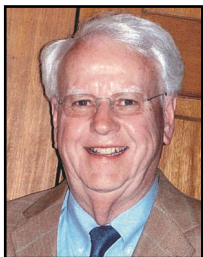
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## The President's Corner

From President Bob Witt



Spring has finally arrived and on some days it already feels like summer. Many of us have participated in the outstanding activities chosen in January.

I would like to thank Jack Sartin, Terry Bright and Bob Edgemon, for sharing their garages and collections to ETR AACA members on

March 23rd. Each collection was different, and all were outstanding. They certainly brought back fond memories. There was a huge turnout. We were all ready to get our cars out to tour and socialize.

Thanks to those who attended the Top Wrench Competition on April 4, 2024. ETR AAACA helped to sponsor this event where High School students competed in a competition of their automotive skills.

Although I was unable to attend the weekend to Grandville, TN on April 12th & 13th, I understand that the group attending had a "grand" time. Thank you to Tim and Sherry Seay, and RG and Sherry Lewallen for sponsoring this trip.

Our club has many more good events planned for the balance of this year. Watch for emails announcing them. For example, May 25<sup>th</sup> Wayne Lequire's Garage Tour. Don't miss it!

### **Save the date: July 20, 2024 "Autos Through the Ages"**

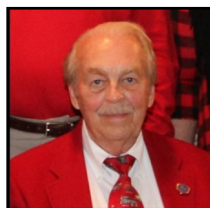
This is the largest event of the year for ETR AACA. The team of Robert and Sandra Quillin, Tim and Sherry Seay, and Tom Howard have been making plans for this year's show. When this team reaches out to you to volunteer for the show, please say "YES"!

I want to thank Roger Frazee for helping the club with this Antiquer.

See you at the next event.  
Bob Witt

## News From National

From National Affairs Liaison Tom Howard



Another spring has arrived and nature is in full bloom. It is a time for a new beginning. Flowers appear and trees explode with new leaves. And we all begin making plans for new adventures as we will look forward to this new year.

For those of us immersed in the old car hobby, those plans certainly include monthly meetings with our East Tennessee Region and for many of us for National AACA meets and tours.

As of this writing, five excellent AACA National activities are already history. After our great national convention in Virginia, the Louisiana Region hosted in March the Cajun Country Founders Tour based in Lafayette. Those who attended the sold out tour reported it provided a wonderful five days filled with fantastic food (especially all you could eat crawfish), plentiful music and outstanding southern hospitality. In attendance were ETR members Randy & Rita Rutherford.

Then, also in March along came the Special Winter Nationals in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico. Yes, there is an AACA Region there. The ETR was well represented with Rick, Dawne and Jordan Lay in attendance. Congratulations to Jordan for receiving her seventh judging credit there. Be sure to read Rick's article in this issue to learn why AACA members love to attend Puerto Rico meets.

Next, on April 8-9, the AACA Grand Nationals and the Southeastern Spring Nationals were held in Charlotte, North Carolina. With ideal weather, both these meets were well attended with over 300 entries each. But of interest to me is that in Charlotte there were more ETR members in attendance and the most vehicles shown at one national activity that I can remember in recent history. It is gratifying to know that our members are enjoying the benefits offered by AACA by participating in national meets and tours. Now we are looking forward to attending AACA Nationals in June in Saratoga Springs, New York and Hampton, Virginia in August. It will be a great summer for our hobby at national and local activities. Looking forward to seeing you all this summer at both national and local antique vehicle activities.

Unfortunately, due to scheduling conflicts, Jan and I have not been able to attend many events this year. Hopefully that will change with the May event. We are looking forward to visiting Wayne Lequire's collection of interesting cars and airplanes and to reuniting with our friends in the East Tennessee Region.

In our absence at the monthly events several region members have provided articles, stories, and pictures to fill the pages of this edition of the Antiquer. It is with the help of our members that this newsletter remains the voice of our club.

## Notes from the Editor

From Roger Frazee, Interim Editor

Putting this issue of the Antiquer has been a pleasure. With all of the activities and interesting stories to report on; and all of the contributions from club members, the biggest problem Jan and I had was finding space to print everything. Believe me, for a newsletter editor, that's a good problem to have.



## Spreading a Little Sunshine

### By Sandra Quillin, Sunshine Correspondent



Spring has finally arrived with beautiful flowers, dogwoods, and warmer days.

During the month of April, on behalf of ETR, I sent a get-well card to Debbie Berger who recently underwent surgery. I also sent two notes of cheer to Art Fensod who is battling cancer. I also sent well wishes to Jimmie Hixson and Charlie Simpson.

Jimmie Hixson has been residing at Knoxville Rehabilitation Hospital for a month as he improves and looks forward to going home. I sent a note of encouragement to Charlie Simpson as well as a note of congratulations for the positive results of his cancer treatment.

You know, keeping folks in your thoughts and prayers is so much appreciated and such a loving thing to do! Cards and calls are easy to do! You don't have to go out to buy a pretty card; a note on an index card or notebook paper can say a lot – it says you care, and you want to let someone know you are thinking about them! Hey—send a text!

Please send Sandra Quillin the names of ETR AACA members who need a note of cheer or who have lost a loved one. If you have a Sunshine Activity that you would like to suggest to ETR, please give Sandra a call or send Sandra an email.

## The East Tennessee Region Participated as Sponsors for the 2024 Top Wrench Competition

In a show of support for Tennessee's up and coming automotive professionals, the East Tennessee Region became a sponsor of the 2024 Top Wrench Competition.

Present for the day-long event were ETR members Herb Thomas, Robert and Sandra Quillin, Roger Frazee, David Akerblom, and Randy Schwerdt. Herb and David displayed their '66 Mustangs. Robert and Sandra displayed their '57 Thunderbird, and Randy showed his 1929 Ford Model A Truck.

More than 600 area high school students demonstrated their automotive skills that day, in events such as welding, engine troubleshooting, painting, and pit stop competition.

Top Wrench President Kenny Boatman expressed his appreciation for ETR's continued support of this annual event.

## Upcoming Events

### By Sandra Quillin, Events Coordinator

On May 25, the Hixsons and Grays will be hosting a visit to ETR member Wayne LeQuire's garage in Blount County.

Wayne has several garages and an airstrip! Wayne has too many cars to count, even airplanes. He also has a replica of his parents' Creamland Drive-In where Wayne will cook and serve burgers with the trimmings.

We will enjoy lunch at Wayne's while we appreciate the beautiful setting with cars and more cars! Our hosts will be sending us details about where we will meet for the garage tour.

In June, we have two great activities beginning with the Cruise-In on June 8 at First Baptist Church of Lenoir City. With free food and no admission fee, this cruise-in grows every year. In 2023 there were over 550 cars in attendance.

On June 15, ETR members will participate in the Annual Moonshine Rod Run to be held in Newport, TN. Many members will register to show their cars while others will participate as guests, walking through the shaded show grounds to see the display of so many cars and trucks. The hosts for this event are Kenny Widener and Jim McManus. Watch for details about this event to arrive before June 1.

ETR AACA will host the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual "Autos Through the Ages" car show at the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center on July 20<sup>th</sup>! We hope to have at least 150 cars participating in this year's show. There will be a free lunch and museum admission to the first 125 registered for the show. Details will be sent to members via email or US mail. Questions about the show can be directed to Sandra Quillin at [quillin1@bellsouth.net](mailto:quillin1@bellsouth.net) or 865-591-9456.

Plans are currently underway by Tom & Nancy Trame as they design our tour for August 17 to Rugby and Highland Manor Winery in Jamestown. Details will be sent via email before August 1.

Three couples are planning our ETR AACA Gas Economy Run for September 28. We will receive details about this exciting day around September 1. A note of thanks for their planning efforts is extended in advance to the Hermansons, the Gardners and the Joel Weeks.

Summer is going to be busy for ETR AACA. Be sure to inform Sandra Quillin of other car activities and events so that she can share them with other club members.

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# East Tennessee Region AACA Board Meeting Minutes March 12, 2024

## OFFICERS

President: Bob Witt, Present  
 Vice President: Bill Jurkonie, Present  
 Secretary: Debbie Hixson, Present  
 Treasurer: Charlie Simpson, Excused absence  
 Past President: R. G. Lewallen, Present  
 Interim Newsletter Editor/Webmaster: Roger Frazee, Present  
 Events Coordinator/Sunshine Rep: Sandra Quillin, Present

## BOARD

Director: Herb Thomas, Present  
 Director: Bob Bly, Present  
 Director: Robert Quillin, Present  
 Director: Jerry Mauch, Present

## GUESTS

National Affairs Liaison: Tom Howard  
 Sherry Lewallen, Jan Frazee, Sylvia Witt

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President, Bob Witt, at 6:30 PM. Roll call was made by Secretary, Debbie Hixson. Members present as listed above. The minutes from the last board meeting were presented to everyone present. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded. None opposed. The motion carried.

## FINANCE REPORT

Sandra Quillin read an email from Treasurer, Charlie Simpson, who was unable to attend. Discussion made that the club President, Treasurer and Secretary need to be on the bank account. Charlie Simpson is in the process of handling this. A copy of the current financial report has previously been emailed to Officers and Board members for the time period of January 1, 2024 through February 29, 2024. A copy of this is on file. A motion was made to approve the current financial report. The motion was seconded. None opposed. The motion carried.

## SUNSHINE REPORT

Provided by Sandra Quillin as follows:

### GET WELL:

Andre Borque	1-22-24
Sharon Carter	1-22-24
Jerry Mauch	1-22-24
Sharon Carter	2-1-24
Melissa Logan	2-20-24
Art Fensod	2-20-24
Charlie Simpson	2-20-24

### SYMPATHY

Vic Weals and family (Diana)	1-18-24
Michael Mumley (father)	1-24-24

## NATIONAL AFFAIRS LIAISON

Tom Howard gave an update on National AACA. Everything is quiet at the moment. A great meeting for National Convention this year. The National Convention next year will be in Charlotte, NC. The upcoming meeting in Puerto Rico will be attend-

ed by Rick Lay and family from East Tennessee Region. Several of our club members will be attending the Grand National in Charlotte. There is also a meeting in New York in June, 2024.

## EVENT COORDINATOR REPORT

### CABIN FEVER:

Sandra Quillin reported Cabin Fever was the best one so far. There were 27 displays of a large variety. Everyone enjoyed the therapy.

### 3-CAR GARAGE TOUR:

This event will be held in March, 2024. At the time of this meeting 44 members have already signed up to attend. Parking volunteers are needed.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Upcoming events include the Top Wrench meet, Granville Tour, visit to Wayne Lequire's garage in May, Cruise-in at First Baptist Church in Lenoir City Moonshine Rod Run in June and Autos Through The Ages in July. More information on these events will be provided closer to time of the event.

## ANTIQUER REPORT

Bob Witt thanked Roger Frazee for volunteering to take care of The Antiquer until a permanent editor can be found.

Roger thanked everyone for contributions that were made to the last edition of The Antiquer. Roger will continue to help out until a new editor is found and will help them in any way he can.

## WEBMASTER REPORT

AACA has provided, at no charge, a hosting service for the club. GoDaddy has been signed up for a trial basis and came up with a new domain name, ETR-AACA.com. This is live now. GoDaddy is very easy to navigate. GoDaddy is \$148.00 for web page assistance and \$11.00 a month for the domain. Roger Frazee will continue to keep the web page up until someone else is found to take it over. A motion was made to sign up with GoDaddy for \$280.00 a year. The motion was



## Rick, Dawne, and Jordan Lay Travel to Puerto Rico For the AACA Winter Nationals

By Rick Lay Going to Puerto Rico all started back in December when I remarked that there would be an AACA Winter National in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico – a suburb of San Juan.

Daughter Jordan immediately asked, “Can we go?” to which I replied, “I guess!” Jordan had never flown before, so it would be an added treat! And so, we (Jordan, Dawne and I) got up on Wednesday morning, March the 20th at 3:00 AM to make a 7:00 AM flight from Chattanooga to Atlanta, and then on to San Juan, landing at 12:46 PM.



**Rick and Jordan Lay pick up their judging shirts prior to the show at the AACA Winter Nationals in Puerto Rico.**

After changing into shorts we left the hotel and walked 2.5 miles to Condado Beach. Along the way we passed the Caribe Hilton and the Condado Plaza Hotel, where Dawne and I stayed back in March, 2007 for the very first Puerto Rico Region sponsored AACA National.

While in the Condado area, we ate at a restaurant called Serafina, complete with a hen and her chicks walking around!

Thursday morning, we were downstairs at 10:30 AM to meet Stephanie Torres Conty for a private tour of San Juan. We toured old (Viejo) San Juan and El Morro fortress, ending our great tour about 3:30 PM. The last stop was the Ron Del Barilito distillery – Puerto Rico’s oldest rum distillery. Our guide then gave us a little added “Culture” tour by taking us around the Santurce area to see the wall art paintings on buildings.

Back at the hotel, we were downstairs at 5:30 PM to get on the bus to the welcome dinner at Restaurante Antonio. We had an

authentic Puerto Rican dish, Paella. We had both the meat and the seafood versions of it all without cost and courtesy of the Puerto Rico Region.

Friday morning, Jordan and I picked up our “Judge” shirts from Mario Guzman, the meet chairman and then ate at the restaurant downstairs called “Comeda” I tried a juice on the menu listed as “Soursop.” The Spanish name for it was Guanabana... and it looked like coconut milk, it but had a unique sweet flavor that I had never tasted before. It was made from a tropical fruit on the island. Later that morning, we got on the bus and headed to Guaynabo for the AACA Roundtable and Judging School.

After returning to the hotel late that afternoon, we loaded at 6:00 PM for “Downtown Cupey.” Again, we had a free pizza party there courtesy of the region – complete with the Puerto Rico beer – “Medalla.”

Saturday, Jordan and I were up at 5:30 AM, and downstairs at 6:45 to board the bus for Judges’ breakfast at 8:00 AM. I taught Exterior CJE (Continuing Judges Education) class and Jordan took Jean King’s Professionalism in Judging CJE. There were about 60 judges total, evenly divided between mainland folks and island folks.

There were 172 vehicles registered and I had 24 vehicles to look at for National Awards.

Jordan got her 7th judging credit and was on one of the 12 teams comprised of five judges each. She had mostly Mustangs (very popular in Puerto Rico) plus a rarely seen (even on the mainland in AACA) Clenet.

We ate lunch on site after judging and I had a Puerto Rico favorite called Mofongo – it is a rice dish and I can’t tell you what’s in it... but it was great!

Later, at the awards banquet, we were greeted with two pigs on the rotisserie, and we enjoyed pork and a salad plus beans and rice. After eating, we got a surprise visit from Elvis. He performed for about an hour and then the awards started. We finished and got in bed about midnight, and we were back up at 3:30 AM to get ready for the trip home.

The region says they will do another National in three years. I would encourage anyone in ETR to make the trip. The region there treated all of us mainlanders (as they call us) like royalty. We wanted for nothing and they went out of their way to make sure all of our needs were met. What a great trip!



# East Tennessee Region Members Haul in the Hardware at Charlotte

The East Tennessee Region made an unprecedented presence during the Southeastern Spring Nationals in Charlotte.

This year, "Charlotte" was a dual meet. That is, the event included both regular class judging plus the Grand National competition which occurs only once each year.



Keith Bullen proudly displays the Senior Grand National trophy he received during the 2024 Southeastern Spring Nationals (Charlotte).

Seventeen ETR members attended the Spring Nationals and eight members entered a total of ten cars for class judging. Others served as judges and spectators.

Every car entered from the region received the award the owner was seeking.

Receiving their Senior Awards at Charlotte were Henry Hart, for his '62 Pontiac Super Duty Catalina, and Jay Snead, for his 1962 Super Duty Pontiac Grand Prix. Jay also received a Driver Participation Award for his '67 Chevelle.

Bringing home Senior Grand National Awards were Robbie and Beverly Gray, for their '52 Willys Jeep; Keith and Debbie Bullen, for their '55 Chevrolet and their '57 Chevy convertible; as well as R.G. and Sherry Lewallen for their '70 Chevrolet C-10 pickup truck and their '69 GTO Judge. Kenneth King received a Repeat Grand National for his 1956 Mercury Montclair.

Robbie and Bev's Jeep also received a Preservation Award during regular class judging. Keith and Debbie Bullen received Preservation awards for their '55 and '57 Chevrolets. R.G. and Sherry Lewallen received Preservation awards for their '69 GTO and their '70 Chevrolet C-10 pickup truck.

Rick Lay received a Historic Preservation of Original Features (HPOF) Original award for his '98 Mercury Grand Marquis, and

Ken and Jean Lund captured a Repeat HPOF Award for their '99 Mercedes SL500.

Members of the East Tennessee Region who served as judges during the event included Tom Howard, Rick Lay, R.G. Lewallen, Randy Rutherford and Richard Lentinello. R.G. received an award for achieving 25 judging credits during the Charlotte meet.

Kenny Weidner and Jim McManus shopped the car corral and brought home a 1962 Buick Wildcat.

Below are a few of the comments that ETR members made regarding their experience during the 2024 Eastern Spring Nationals (Charlotte).

**From Robbie Gray:** "The 2024 Charlotte Meet was a wonderful opportunity for ETR AACA members to receive AACA Grand National Awards as well as National Awards. The Jeep will now be retired from National and Grand National Meets and enjoyed at local shows and veteran events."

**From Rick Lay:** "When I first started judging, 30 years ago, the late Charlie Coulter asked me if he could give me some advice. He said to get a wire-bound journal and after each National meet, write something about the event - who you saw, what you did, etc. So I have been journaling for the past 30 years and 300 judging credits.

That journaling is why I can tell you that the first Southeastern Spring National in Charlotte at the speedway was April, 2008. I have never missed one yet with the exception of the April, 2020 meet - canceled by the Hornet's Nest Region because of the pandemic. I have judged at every one of the Charlotte Nationals.

My favorite part of the weekend was (1) again seeing friends that I have known for 30 years or more, and... (2) Tom and I eating at Red Bridges Barbecue Lodge in Shelby, NC on the way over!"

**From Ken Lund:** "Jean and I took her 1999 Mercedes SL500 to Charlotte for HPOF certification. This was our 2nd time showing at Charlotte as we received HPOF for our since sold 1993 Allante in 2019. We enjoyed visiting with our ETR friends, especially having dinner with Ric Lay, Tom Howard and several of their AACA friends."

**From Tom Howard:** "I believe it was the best attendance for our region members and certainly vehicles shown at a national meet that I can remember. "



## Jay Sneed's 1962 Pontiac has an Interesting History with his Family and the AACA

Most of us who love and collect old cars yearn for the days before our beloved rides got away. Very few of us get the opportunity to locate and reclaim the cars of our youth. East Tennessee Region's Jay Sneed is one of those lucky people who, once again, owns the car that he and his father restored even before Jay was old enough to drive.



**This 1962 Pontiac Grand Prix was restored by Jay Sneed and his father. After many years the car is back in Jay's possession.**

The story of Jay's 1962 Pontiac Grand Prix is full of twists and turns. "My dad bought the car when I was 14 or 15," he said. "We restored it together." The father-son duo first showed the car in 1984 at a Pontiac-Oakland club meet.

After the death of his father in 2001, the Pontiac "got gone" Jay said. It was not until a few years ago that he was able to track the car down. Fortunately the car ended up in the hands of Tommy Nolan, in Richmond VA, who is an AACA member and a collector of Super Duty Pontiacs.

Eventually, Jay had the opportunity to meet Mr. Nolan and to see his Pontiacs. "I didn't really go to buy it," Jay explained, but I knew it was there."

The car in Mr. Nolan's collection that Jay went to look at was a 1963 Catalina four-speed. It was the car that Tommy had for sale and it was within Jay's budget. Of course, while he was there, Jay spotted his old Pontiac and told his story. Under Tommy Nolan's ownership, the Grand Prix had received all the major AACA awards, including the prestigious Grand National trophy.

"Man, this is the car you need," Tommy said. Jay was a bit taken back by the comment. "If I ever decide to sell it, you're the guy who needs to buy it."

Then, about a year later, Tommy contacted Jay and let him

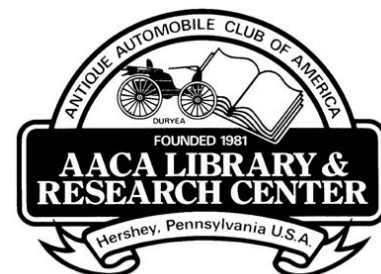
know that the car was for sale and offered him the first chance to purchase it. "He gave me a number and I went and got it," Jay said.



**Jay Sneed holds the Promotor's Choice trophy he won while showing the Pontiac at the 2024 Pigeon Forge Rod Run.**

According to AACA rules, once a car is sold, it is stripped of all previous awards and starts over as a "Junior" car. This gave Jay the opportunity to show the car under his name and earn the awards on his own.

In 2023, the Grand Prix captured its First Junior award in Charlotte and received its Senior badge during the recent 2024 Charlotte meet. He plans to take the car to Dayton, OH in 2025 to compete for a Grand National Award.







# Cabin Fever Event Kicks Off Spring

By Sandra Quillin On Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, sixty-five ETR members and guests attended ETR AACA's 6<sup>th</sup> annual Cabin Fever Therapy event held at the Knox County Association of Baptists.



**Randy Kerns displays his extensive collection of Hot Wheels and accessories during the February Cabin Fever event.**

The event kicked off with 27 hobby collections. Space was limited and not all members could display their entire collection. We enjoyed seeing Civil War Firearms and currency; a fabulous Hot wheel collection; a collection of military mementos; Meerschaum Pipes; Pocket watches; and wrist watches.

Other displays included quilts, doilies, and flower pots; vintage jewelry; vintage hats, gloves, scarves, and purses; a large pin collection; a train display; a duck hunting display; handmade wood-working collections of Model A Fords, signs, toys; embroidery crafted items; hand-pieced and hand-quilted quilts; Pre-WWII radios and repair kits; die cast and slot car collections; Christmas crafts; AACA mementos and history; pencil drawings/portraits; speedometer and old car parts.

Also on display was a 1956 training film strip from Chevrolet; 18<sup>th</sup> Century tools and tool box; kitchen tools from the 1940's; a collection of Wizard of Oz mementos; and a cut-away engine utilized for instructional purposes.



**Tony Gardner provided a display of his antique radios and test equipment.**

We had a fabulous, covered-dish luncheon with soups, sandwiches, salads, veggie and fruit trays, and plenty of desserts. Thank you ETR members for sharing your delicious food with those attending the Cabin Fever Therapy event.

Cabin Fever Therapy is a wonderful example of Fun, Food and Fellowship with the ETR membership.



**Ed Barrett brought a sample of his automobilia collection.**

**2024 AACA Eastern Divisional Tour**  
 June 9-13 ▪ Fredericksburg, VA  
*From Our Founding Fathers to the Final Frontier*  
**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**



## ETR Members Enjoy a Tour of Three Private Car Collections During the March Garage Tour Event

By Sandra Quillin Our ETR AACA members were privileged to participate in a tour of three garages on March 23rd. More than 94 members and guests attended the tour with more than 55 cars in our touring caravan.

We first toured the garage of Jack Sartin. Jack's 13 outstanding cars were beautifully restored and maintained in an immaculate garage with lots of memorabilia to enjoy.



Bob Witt mingles among the Mustangs in Bob Edgemon's garage during the March Three Garage Tour.

The second stop for the tour was at Terry Bright's home, garage, and replica of an historic grocery store. Terry has acquired several collections of automotive memorabilia including 51 fully restored gasoline pumps, display cabinets, cigarette vending machines, a vast collection of canned quart containers of motor oil, antique cash registers and too many other items to list.

His restored country store brought back many memories of products no longer available such as spices, cigarettes, tobacco, food items, over the counter medications... again, too many items to list. We enjoyed the beautiful view from Terry's home and the beautiful drive through Lenoir City, through the city of Loudon and the countryside of Loudon County.

From Terry Bright's garage, we drove through lovely rural sections of Loudon and Roane Counties to Bob Edgemon's garage in Paint Rock. Bob's neat and tidy garage filled with beautiful antique cars was located in a quiet pastoral setting with sheep in the adjoining pastures. We definitely enjoyed the setting and the company of fellow car enthusiasts as we wound down

the busy touring day to three amazing garages.

We appreciated the efforts and invitation from the three garage owners, Jack Sartin, Terry Bright and Bob Edgemon. The ability to view these private collections is just one of the many reasons to belong to ETR AACA.



Members of the East Tennessee Region enjoy some fellowship among the cars in Jack Sartin's Garage.

Our club members will enjoy another fabulous garage tour on May 25 when we visit the vast collection owned by Wayne LeQuire of Maryville. Please add this date to your ETR touring calendar!



Terry Bright's historic grocery replica reminds visitors of days gone by.



## East Tennessee Region Members Enjoy a Weekend at the Granville Mayberry—I Love Lucy Days



Kenny Widener lines his '59 Chevrolet Apache truck up for the Mayberry Days Parade in Granville TN.

By R.G. Lewallen What a unique and fun filled weekend we had during our tour to Granville, TN. Just going to Granville in itself is a step back in time but to have the opportunity to visit during the Mayberry & I Love Lucy weekend made the weekend even more enjoyable!

This tour was offered as either a two-day tour or a one-day tour. We had 18 club members participate in this event and 9 antique vehicles that made the trip. All of our vehicles were featured in the cruise-in and we had the opportunity to drive in the "Here Comes Everybody Parade" with some of our antique cars carrying the dignitaries that were present for the weekend!

Below are some of the comments from ETR members who attended the tour.

**From Keith and Debbie Bullen:** "We really enjoyed the tour. We had never been to Granville and didn't even know there was a place in Tennessee that had a Mayberry town. The museums and shops were outstanding. We are big fans of both Mayberry and I Love Lucy, so we thoroughly enjoyed the skits and plays, the actors were so friendly and loved entertaining us, posing for photos and just talking. The food was delicious, the vendors in town were very interesting and had some

unique things. We always enjoy getting together with our car club members and having special fellowship with them. We really enjoyed the parade when all the cast hopped in the antique cars for the parade on Saturday. It was fun to watch them drive through the town waving to all the fans in the awesome vehicles. We're glad we were able to attend, it was a great weekend. We appreciate Tim and Sherry and RG and Sherry for suggesting this tour and giving us great information and directions."

**From Ken and Jean Lund:** "In addition to the fun of Mayberry & I Love Lucy days, Granville was a trip to the past in a small, friendly, quaint riverside town with historic buildings (including a two-story preserved General Store) on the Main Street. There were also artisans with crafts from the past (i.e., potter, broom-maker, blacksmith, weaver, & more). What a unique way to raise money to preserve the history of their town; the actors were great!"

**From Scott and Cindy Hill:** "We had a great time. We found Granville to be a friendly town. From Sutton General Store to the Mayberry, Lucy Museum. The Darling boys, well they's all

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# East Tennessee Region Members Enjoy a Weekend at the Granville Mayberry—I Love Lucy Days

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keyed up and sang Dooley. Charlene took off with Boil Them Cabbage Down.

The food was good all the way to the fish muttle and hog backbone. Eat'n speaks louder than words.



**Andy Griffith's daughter, Dixie Griffith (left) and Don Knott's daughter, Karen Knotts were special guests during the Mayberry Days Weekend.**

The Law and Order boys were great and Nurse Mary was giving tetanus shots. Aunt Bee and Opie found out how much they needed each other and we got a "Hello Doll" from the Fun Girls.

We got to meet Dixie Griffith, She's Nice! As well as Karen Knotts. Floyd had two chairs, no waiting. Goober was sewing up his hand and Gomer was selling gas at 30 cents a ding but the water and air is free.



**Keith Bullen gets a speeding ticket from Deputy Sheriff Barney Fife.**



**Tim Seay asks Goober to take a look at his '40 Flathead Ford.**

Otis was sober but said he'd get over it, while Mayor Pike was looking for votes. The parade with all the antique cars, Mayberry and Lucy Stars was a grand finish."

One of the best comments came from Randall Clemons, who heads up the team of over 250 volunteers that keep the non-profit town of Granville thriving.

"Thank you so much for coming to Granville. It was an honor to have all of you. Such a nice group. Please come again."

Editor's note: The East Tennessee Region is grateful to Tim and Sherry Seay, and R.G. and Sherry Lewallen for planning and coordinating such a great weekend event.

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seconded. None opposed. The motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding finding someone qualified to handle the web page and be editor of The Antiquer. According to ETR by-laws, when a member resigns it is up to The Board to find a replacement. It was agreed The Board could contact current members and see who might be interested in these positions. Roger Frazee will put together a list of duties for The Antiquer and the web page.

### **AUTOS THROUGH THE AGES**

The committee has met to start the planning for the event this year. The city of Townsend has come up with a meeting registration which goes through the City Council. Logan Hull from The Heritage Center thinks ETR will be exempt from this. The main expense for the event is the food. Sandra gave each member present a handout sheet with information breaking down the cost of the event. Planning on 235 meals for club members and volunteers. A donation box was suggested to also help with the cost. The Autos Through The Ages committee will discuss this further. Bob Witt stated the need to recognize Jerry Hodge and Steve West because they are key to this event each year. Suggested to block off an area and let them bring one of their cars to advertise their business. A motion was made that ETR will provide \$1,000 that will help with the cost of Autos Through The Ages. The motion was seconded. None opposed. The motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **BAPTIST CENTER RENTAL:**

The rental for the center is \$100 for 50 people and \$150 if over 50. At Cabin Fever over 50 people attended. ETR wants to be honest about the attendance so will let them know and see if they will accept the additional \$50. A motion was made to approach the Baptist Center and let them know of the attendance over 50 and see if we owe them the additional \$50. The motion was seconded. None opposed. The motion carried.

#### **TOP WRENCH:**

ETR has previously voted to send in \$1,000 in order to have a booth at the Top Wrench event. This has been sent in. RG Lewallen has two volunteers to help with this event. Tom Howard has obtained some items from AACA to give away. There will be an outdoor display of cars. A buffet lunch is available. The date of the event is April 4, 2024. Additional volunteers are needed.

#### **TRI-FOLD HANDOUTS:**

Melissa Logan was working on these. She and Beth Fisher revised the handouts. Melissa will be contacted by Sandra Quillin and get more information on this.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **NAME TAGS:**

Suggestion made to start passing along club cost for name tags. Name tags are currently free to new members. Could possibly lose the opportunity to gain new members if we charge for these when a person joins ETR. After discussion with Board members present it was decided for now to leave things as they are regarding name tags. A motion was made for ETR to keep paying for the name tags of new members as we are currently doing. The motion was seconded. None opposed. The motion carried.

#### **NEW MEMBER:**

RG Lewallen passed out an application for a new member who is a veteran. A motion was made to accept the new member. The motion was seconded. None opposed. The motion carried.

President, Bob Witt, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. The motion was seconded. None opposed. The motion carried.

#### **BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:**

The next meeting will be May 14, 2024 at Witt Building Material Company at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Hixson, ETR Secretary



Sandra Quillin and Herb Thomas provide AACA information to students at the 2024 Top Wrench Competition. Story on page four.

## Smoky Mountain Antiquer

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Parting Shot: Wedged between two Mustangs, ETR Member David Akerblom engages in car talk with high school students at the 2024 Top Wrench Competition. One of the Mustangs is owned by David. The other is owned by ETR member Herb Thomas.