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MEET YOUR NEW EDITORS DAVE and BERYL WITH BEST WISHES FOR 2025

Let's dust-off our collector cars and get ready to participate in ETR's Tours and Shows in the coming year



Local and National Events

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ETR Calendar of Events

January 10-12: 41st Annual Cabin Fever Car & Motorcycle Show. Pre-2000 Cars Only. Knoxville Expo Center, 5441 Clinton Highway

January 19, 2025: Annual ETR AACA 2025 Planning Meeting, hosted by the Quillins

Upcoming Events from Other Organizations

March 13-15: Chevys in the Smokies. LeConte Center, Pigeon Forge, TN

March 24-29: Ponies in the Smokies. Sevierville Convention Center, TN

April 10-12: Spring Rod Run 2025. LeConte Center, Pigeon Forge, TN

May 15-17: Grand National F-100 Reunion. LeConte Center, Pigeon Forge, TN

June 5-7: Pontiacs in Pigeon Forge. LeConte Center, Pigeon Forge, TN

September 11-13: Fall Rod Run 2025. LeConte Center, Pigeon Forge, TN

AACA National Events

February 6-8, 2025: Annual Convention – Embassy Suites by Hilton, Charlotte, NC

April 3-5, 2025: Southeastern Spring Nationals – Charlotte, NC

May 1-3, 2025: Western Spring Nationals / Grand Nationals – Tucson, AZ

June 1-7, 2025: Vintage Tour – Southern/Eastern Pennsylvania

June 19-21, 2025: Eastern Spring Nationals—Beckley, WV

July 2-5, 2025: Central Springs Nationals – Auburn, IN

July 24-26, 2025: Grand Nationals / Zenith – Dayton, OH

August 12-15, 2025: Eastern Divisional Tour—Aroostook County, ME

October 7-10, 2025: Eastern Fall Meet – Hershey, PA

October 18-22, 2025: Central Divisional Tour—San Antonio to Galveston, TX

October 22-25, 2025 – Central Fall Nationals – Galveston, TX



The President's Corner

From President Matt Sartin



First, Gayla and I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. It is hard to believe that another year has come and gone. However I'm so excited about the new adventure we will have as a club in 2025.

I would like to thank Bob Witt for the great job he did last year as President of our club. He has been so helpful to me already helping me learn my new role. Also I would like to thank many of you for your words of encouragement. Several members have reached out to me and said "Call me if I can help in anyway."

Our first club meeting will be on January 19th. This is our annual planning meeting to get our calendar set for the year. Many of you have already shared some great ideas with me. I hope each of you will attend the planning meeting and share your thoughts and ideas.

Recently on a trip to Oklahoma, Gayla found some of her family's history that she never knew. This led us on an adventure to Beaufort, SC where we got to see and learn more about her family. One thing that we learned and saw was her 3x great grandfather's house was used in the movie "The Prince of Tides." This got me thinking about our club's heritage and where we began as a club.

So as we move forward in 2025, I would like for us to travel back in time. I would love for everyone to share their AACA story with the club. I would like to know how you got involved with the club, what makes you like the cars you have and the car you dream of having. Also we would love to see old pics of you and your cars. So please send a story or stories and pictures to Dave & Beryl Hermanson, our Antiquer Editors.

Once again I hope to see everyone on the 19th for the planning meeting. Sandra Quillin will be sending more information about the meeting in a few days so be watching for her email. We look forward to hearing your ideas for tours in 2025. Each of you are what makes this club so great.

News From National

From Tom Howard, National Affairs Liaison



Happy New Year AACA and ETR members! The calendar shows that another year has passed into a new one and given my age I am so happy to be here to see it happen! In addition, for AACA and ETR members the year appears with a wonderful new list of nationally sponsored activities.

As usual, the new AACA year begins in February with the great annual convention. Presented in Philadelphia for over sixty years, The AACA Board decided the convention should leave the big city after 2021 and move to other unique locations every year. We visited Gettysburg, Pennsylvania in 2022, Williamsburg, Virginia in 2023 and in 2024 we visited Chantilly, Virginia, a suburb of Washington DC. Now for 2025, I believe for the first time, the convention will be held in the South in Charlotte, North Carolina. This will be a fantastic opportunity for members of the ETR and other southern AACA regions and chapters to attend, maybe for the first time.

After attending more than thirty five AACA annual conventions, the first being 1973 when our own ETR member Jerry Hodge accepted the position of National President, I am look forward to seeing you in Charlotte. Be sure to read the expanded article about the AACA National Convention on page 15 in this *Antiquer* issue.

If you will be attending the National Convention, please let either myself or our Antiquer Editors, Dave and Beryl Hermanson, so we can recognize those attending in the next *Antiquer*.

After the convention, there is a extensive list of national activities this year. Please refer to the events calendar in any current issue of *The Antiquer* or *Antique Automobile* magazine for dates and locations. Note: AACA events will be held in eight states this year, some more than once!

In the past, this article's focus has been mainly on tours and nationals as it should. They are an important part of what AACA does. However, I think it is also good for our ETR members, especially those who are new to our club, to know more about the extremely important additional benefits available to AACA members. For that reason, This year I will examine in more detail for ETR members some of these additional benefits. Stay tuned!

For now, again, welcome to the new year. I look forward to seeing all of you soon at an AACA and ETR activity.



Upcoming Events

By Sandra Quillin, Events Coordinator



ETR members will have the opportunity to plan the year’s tours and activities on Sunday, January 19th. Members will meet at TN Bank in Maryville at 2 p.m. to discuss ideas for monthly tours and finalize a calendar for 2025.

To get our “wheels turning”, the following ideas were generated during the November 17th Annual Business

Meeting. We will discuss these ideas and others suggested by members on January 19, 2025.

- . Visit the Cookie Jar Restaurant in Dunlap, TN.
- . Tour Tom Christenberry’s Garage and follow with a picnic
- . Visit “Unto These Hills” in Cherokee, N. Overnight tour to Natchez Trace
- . Cabin Fever Therapy in February
- . Periodic breakfasts at different restaurants
- . Fuel Economy Run in March or April
- . Overnight tour to Fall Creek Falls
- . Overnight or Day tour to Granville’s I Love Lucy and Mayberry
- . Activities, April 11,12
- . Autos Through the Ages, July 19, 2025
- . Elizabethton Festival & Car Show, July 12, possible overnight
- . tour
- . Dawsonville, GA “Moonshine Festival & Car Show”, possible overnight tour, Oct. 23-26
- . Tellico Plains, August 14
- . Lenoir City First Baptist Car Show, June 14
- . Garage Tour and Lunch at Wayne LeQuire’s, Maryville

Please remember to bring additional ideas and calendars for this important meeting.



Spreading a Little Sunshine

By Sandra Quillin, Sunshine Correspondent

As we draw a conclusion to 2024, we need to remember those members who have health issues that prevent them from attending our ETR AACA events. Also with the winter weather prohibiting some of us from getting out, please let Sandra know of anyone who needs a note of encouragement.

During November I sent on behalf of ETR a get-well card to David Anderson who injured his hip and was confined to a rehab center for a few weeks but is now recuperating at home. I also sent a sympathy card to JW and Pat Weeks in the loss of their daughter Kara.

For the month of December, on behalf of ETR, I sent a get-well card to Bill Crisp who is recovering from surgery and to Brenda Crisp who is recovering from a broken knee cap. I also sent a card to Mary Lee Bohanan who has been hospitalized with heart issues. Mary Lee is now in rehab for recovery. I also sent a get-well card to Bo Croley who has been hospitalized with heart issues.

Scenes from the Business Meeting



Above—ETR members enjoying lunch

Below—Plenty of deserts provided by members





Sunshine Activities

By Sandra Quillin, Sunshine Correspondent



ETR members have been busy with sunshine activities for our community. Eight ladies met on November 7th in the community room at TN Bank, Maryville, to get Christmas cards ready for members to sign at our annual Business meeting. We worked for two and a half hours to prepare the “used” Christmas cards for nursing home residents. During

the November 17th ETR AACA meeting, members signed the Christmas cards for 345 residents. Several members volunteered to deliver the cards to the 8 nursing homes receiving the cards. Please remember to donate your old, used Christmas cards to Sandra Quillin so that they can be re-used for distribution to nursing home residents.

At the December 13th ETR AACA Christmas Party, guests brought donations of non-perishable food items for Connecting Hearts, a program which supplements Meals on Wheels. These items are distributed to people who receive



Meals on Wheels. Recipients are to keep these items on hand so they will have food when the distribution of hot meals cannot occur during bad weather.

Thanks to our members, we donated 1,258 individual servings to Connecting Hearts. In addition, we did not forget those folks who have pets! Our members also donated 11 pounds of dog food, pet toys, pet treats, 9 individual meals for cats and dogs, and a luxurious dog throw or bed.

Winter months are good ones for sunshine activities. We all need a little cheer when we cannot get out due to the cold or bad weather. If you have a Sunshine Activity that you would like to suggest for ETR members, please give Sandra a call or send Sandra an email.

Editor’s Corner

By Dave & Beryl Hermanson, Editors



HAPPY NEW YEAR ...

We are thrilled to be the new Editors of The Antiquer and are looking forward to sharing the events of our club in the coming year. We have some big shoes to fill following in the footsteps of Roger and Jan Frazee, and Melissa Logan who have contributed so much over the years.

We are fairly new to AACA and the Collector Car Scene. Thanks to a chance encounter with Tom Howard in early 2021 we joined the ETR. Dave got his first collector car also in 2021 after we participated in one of the first Post Covid-19 tours which we really enjoyed. Some of you may remember the little Rose colored 1964 Rambler American. We have since graduated to a larger and more comfortable ride with the 1964 Buick Wildcat. Dave has been an avid memorabilia collector for most of his life with a large collection of showroom brochures dating back to 1930. He also has a large archive on the Mobilgas Economy Runs of the 1950’s and 1960’s which also includes the previous Gilmore Runs of the 1930’s and early 1940’s. His book on the history of the Economy Runs was published in 2004 and has been featured in the Author’s Book Signing events at Hershey for several years. We think that you now see a connection here as we co-hosted the ETR Economy Run Tour in late 2024.

Beryl, a retired nurse specialist, is an avid Cross-Stitcher and Quilter which keeps her busy most days and we both enjoy searching out both Cross-Stitch and Quilt Shops when we’re traveling. Sometimes you will even find Beryl cross-stitching as we’re traveling the roads on various tours.

We are looking forward to having your stories as part of our Newsletter. These stories would include the background and history of your current collector car or events that you have seen and/or been involved with in various tours ... just to give you an idea of what ETR members would like to read. We are also planning to feature thumbnail sketches of our new members in a new “Welcome Aboard” column we hope to feature on a regular basis.

Fair warning ... some of you can expect an E-Mail or Phone Call for stories about your car or your adventures!

Here’s looking forward to an exciting year!



ETR AACA Annual Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2024

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

All Officers, with the exception of two, were present at the meeting. All Board Members were present.

GUESTS

Thirty eight (38) officers and members were present at today's meeting.

CALL TO-ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President, Bob Witt, 2 o'clock PM. Herb Thomas opened the meeting with prayer. President, Bob Witt, thanked all board members and officers for this past year and recognized all retiring members of the board and officers.

Lunch was served.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Charlie Simpson, treasurer, was unable to attend so President, Bob Witt went over the financial report which is on file. The club is in good shape financially. There was no further discussion. Also mentioned that dues for 2025 are due and to be mailed to Charlie Simpson.

ETR BY-LAW CHANGES

Bob Bly has previously discussed these changes at prior board meetings. According to club by-laws, when changes are made it has to be done at an annual meeting such as today. It is proposed to change the current bylaws which currently states the nominating committee consist of 3 members to 5 members on the nominating committee. This way if one members has a conflict there will be two other members on the committee to fill in. This has been proposed today at the Annual Meeting and will be voted on at the planning meeting in January, 2025. There will be a called meeting at this time in conjunction with the planning meeting to vote on this change. There were no further questions and no further discussion.

ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR

Sandra Quillin passed out the calendar of events for 2024 and the count of members who attended each event. Suggested to keep these numbers in mind when planning on next year's events at the January, 2025 planning meeting. Christmas cards were signed today to be sent to eight local nursing homes.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Robert Quillin, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, gave a report on the candidates for officers and board for 2025. The committee consisted of Robert Quillin, Tim Seay and Sandra Quillin.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT Continued

The candidates are as follows:

President: Matt Sartin

Vice-President: Tony Gardner

Secretary: Susan Baker

Treasurer: Charlie Simpson

Past President: Bob Witt

Director: Tim Seay (year one of a two year term)

Director: Sylvia Witt (year one of a two year term)

Director: Jerry Mauch (year two of a two year term)

Director: Robert Quillin (year two of a two year term)

Antiquer Editor: Dave and Beryl Hermanson

Webmaster: Robert Frazee

Events Coordinator: Sandra Quillin

The new officers and board will take over January 1, 2025.

Robert Quillin asked those in attendance if there were any other nominations for the board and officers. There were no other nominations from those in attendance.

Since there were no nominations from the floor, Robert Quillin asked for a vote of the members present for the slate officers and board as listed. The vote was completed and officers and board were approved as recommended by the Nominating Committee.

A motion was made that the slate of officers and board members as read be accepted. The motion was seconded. None opposed. The motion carried.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The ETR Christmas party will be held at Rothchild's again this year on December 13 at 6:30 PPM. Sylvia Witt is leading our collection of non-perishable food items for Connecting Hearts ministry. The cost of the party for each member attending will be \$22 this as food prices have continued to rise.

SPARK PLUG AWARD

Ballots were handed out to those in attendance who wished to vote this year. President, Bob Witt, will count all ballots received and the winner will be announced at the Christmas party.



Meet Your Board of Directors and Officers for 2005



From left to right ... Riger Frazee, Webmaster; Susan Baker, Secretary; Jerry Mauch, Director; Beryl and Dave Hermanson, Antiquer Editors; Tony Gardner, Vice-President; Charlie Simpson, Treasurer; Matt Sartin, President; Sylvia Witt, Director; Tim Seay, Director; Sandra Quillin, Activities Coordinator and Bob Witt, Past President. Not pictured ... Robert Quillin, Director



We are always looking for photographs from members who are participating in various tours and shows for possible inclusion in articles of *The Antiquer*.

Please send any that you may take to Dave Hermanson at hermcarnut@charter.net. Thank you!





ETR's Christmas Party



Rothchild's Catering always does a beautiful job with the table settings



Tom Howard, Matt Sartin and Bob Witt



Debbie and Jimmie Hixson with ETR Friends



Enjoying the Buffet



The Passing of the President's Gavel



ETR's Sparkplug Winner for 2024

Sandra Quillin



The Rearview Mirror—Looking Back at 2024

By Dave Hermanson and Sandra Quillin In 2024, ETR-AACA had a full complement of tours and shows which saw a good deal or representation from our members. The year started off with our annual Planning Meeting hosted by Bob and Sylvia Witt. The 36 attendees discussed various ideas for activities and by the end of the meeting we had a full calendar of tours and shows planned.

In February, we continued the tradition of having a “Cabin Fever Therapy” event hosted by Sandra and Robert Quillin. Sixty-five members attended and enjoyed a fabulous covered-dish luncheon with soups, sandwiches, salads and plenty of desserts. Due to limited space at the Knox County Association of Baptists, only twenty-seven hobby collections were displayed and not all the members could display their entire collections. Those attending enjoyed seeing a variety of displays which included Civil War Firearms and currency, a fabulous Hot Wheels collection, handmade wood-working collections of Model A Fords, Pre-WWII radios and repair kits, AACA mementos and history, 18th Century tools and tool box, kitchen tools from the 1940’s and a collection of Wizard of Oz mementos just to name a few.



Part of Terry Bright’s vast collection of memorabilia and collectibles

One of our most popular tours occurred in March with a Garage Tour in Loudon County hosted by Jack and Matt Sartin, Bob Edgemon and Terry Bright. Over 100 members attended and were especially amazed at Terry Bright’s varied collection which covers several buildings on his property including a replica of a small General Store. A long day with cool weather and a fun time was had by all.

In April, Tim and Sherry Seay and RG and Sherry Lewallen hosted 18 members for an overnight tour to Granville, Tennessee for their annual Mayberry, I Love Lucy Days. Also in April, 10 members attended the Top Wrench Competition at Crown College in Powell. Top Wrench is a drug free vocational program developed for high school students as an introduction to racing and team building in their careers in the automotive field. While not an official club tour, this pro-

gram is publicized and financially supported by ETR-AACA.

Another one of our most popular tours was held in May with a Garage Tour and Lunch at Wayne LeQuire’s private museum in Maryville. The tour was hosted by Jimmie and Debbie Hixson and Robbie and Beverly Gray, One hundred members attended the tour which included a delicious lunch prepared by Wayne and his friends. ETR members brought desserts for the luncheon. An unbelievable collection of cars, airplanes and other vehicles amazed those attending. One of Wayne’s special displays is a replica of the Creamland Diner which was owned and operated by his parents for many years. The consensus was that all participating would like to have another visit to Wayne’s in the future.

In June and despite the heat and humidity, 33 members participated in Newport’s 39th Annual Moonshine Rod Run hosted by Jim McManus and Kenny Widener. During this popular show, two ETR-AACA members received Top 25 Awards ... Harry Hart and his grandson for their 1962 Pontiac Super Duty and RG and Sherry Lewallen for their 1957 Chevrolet. Also in June, over 40 members attended the First Baptist Lenoir City’s Cruise-In which featured 450 cars on display. While not an official club tour, the club continues to publicize the show.

One of the most important events on the Club’s calendar is the “Autos Through the Ages” show held in July at the Smoky Mountain Heritage Center. While the day started out with clouds and rain, the sun came out and we had a beautiful day. Over 55 Club members volunteered in various areas as we hosted over 100 attendees along with 77 cars. The cars on display ranged from Matt Faust’s Brass-era Hudson Touring to current vehicles which included an Electric Rivian Pickup. Also on display was a beautiful 1958 Chevrolet Impala Sport Coupe and a Replica 1934 Mercedes 500K.



One of the feature cars at the Smoky Mountain Heritage Center was Jerry Hodge’s 1965 Buick Skylark GS Convertible



The Rearview Mirror—Looking Back at 2024



Another feature car at the Smoky Mountain Heritage Center was Tony and Jan Gardner’s Replica 1934 Mercedes 500K

In August, 28 members drove over to Rugby and the Highland Manor Winery on the tour hosted by Tom and Nancy Trame. Not only did members visit the historic sites in Rugby, but the town hosted a British Car Show with three British Car Clubs participating showing 30 varied models. After their visit in Rugby, members ventured over to the Highland Manor Winery for lunch and wine tasting.

September saw a unique type of tour ... the ETR-AACA Gas Economy Run hosted by Dave and Beryl Hermanson, Joel and Susan Weeks and Tony and Jan Gardner. Due to the after-effects of Hurricane Helene, cloudy and rainy weather, caused the participating number of antique cars to be very low. Twenty-two members attended with four members actually participating in the Economy Run. The tour travelled through Tellico

Village and Madisonville, stopping for a lunch break at the Charles Hall Museum in Tellico Plains. The museum staff really rolled out the red carpet for us. The tour then headed out to the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum and concluded in Vonore where the mileage figures were calculated. As the mileage results were calculated, members enjoyed ice cream treats courtesy of Vic and Linda Varady.

We wrapped up the tour and show portion of events in October with a fall foliage tour through West Knoxville and Loudon County. Matt Sartin led the tour where members ended up at Riverview Family Farm for an afternoon picnic hosted by Janice Williams and Sandra and Robert Quillin. Sixty-seven members attended the picnic with many participating in the tour. An auction was held at the picnic, raising \$142 for Samaritan’s Purse.

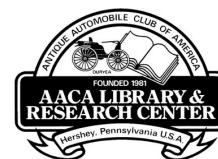


At the Riverview Farm Picnic, we always have plenty of delicious side dishes to share



Jerry Mauch’s 1993 Ford Mustang and Roger and Jen Frazee’s 1961 Chevrolet Corvair Lakewood

The year ends with the annual Business Meeting held in November, hosted by Bob and Sylvia Witt, where the 39 attendees participated in the election of the 2025 slate of officers for the ETR-AACA Board of Directors. Members signed Christmas Cards for area nursing homes and proposed ideas for tours in 2025. Our annual Christmas Party, hosted by Tom Howard and Sylvia Witt, was held at Rothchild’s in Knoxville with their usual delicious menu for 86 members to enjoy.





41st Annual Cabin Fever Car & Motorcycle Show

By RG Lewallen The Cabin Fever Car Show is a three-day event that is historically held around the middle of January every year. This year is the 41st Annual Cabin Fever Car Show and once again is being held at the Knoxville Expo Center from January 10th through the 14th. Again this year, the East Tennessee Region is going to have an information booth at this event and will be the third year our club has participated in Cabin Fever. We are looking forward to a good time of fellowship as well as making new friends and hopefully recruit some new members as well.

January, being in the middle of winter, is a great time of the year to have an indoor car show and this event has always been a home run with car enthusiasts! With show cars (both original and modified), motorcycles, a swap meet, and vendor booths it has everything to offer those interested in the old car hobby. In years past we have always had several of our members well represented with vehicles along with members who volunteered to help in our display booth.



Henry Hart with his 1962 Pontiac Catalina Super Duty



Jimmy Hixon next to Robbie Gray's Jeep

Mike Berry, well known from Halls Auto Parts, has been sponsoring this event now for 41 years and it continues to grow every year! We are looking forward to seeing you at this year's event. You can still volunteer to help in our display booth, or just come by our booth and sit down and visit for a while. Cabin Fever is a great way to break the mulligrubs of winter.

If you have any questions, you can contact fellow ETR members Kenny Widener at 865-719-1463 or RG Lewallen at 865-310-8543. We are looking forward to seeing you at Cabin Fever!

**A Reminder ...
Your 2025 Dues are Due. If
you have not yet renewed,
Please send your check for \$25
to Treasurer Charlie Simpson
today!**





East Tennessee Region AACA Board Meeting Minutes November 12th, 2024

OFFICERS

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

BOARD

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

GUESTS

Tom Howard, National Affairs Liaison
 Sylvia Witt, Tony Gardner, Dave Hermanson, Matt Sartin

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President, Bob Witt, at 6:15 PM.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was made by Secretary, Debbie Hixson. Members present as listed above.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the previous Board meeting on September 10, 2024 have been sent to each board member and officers. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded. None opposed. The motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT

The treasurer's report was emailed by Charlie Simpson for the time period of August 31 to October 31, 2024 prior to the meeting. No additional comments were made. A record of this report is on file. A motion was made to approve the current financial report. The motion was seconded. None opposed. The motion carried.

Robert Quillin discussed with David Anderson a Memorial contribution for his wife, Carol. He wanted this contribution to go to Friends of Cumberland Trail, Inc. which Carol was involved with. Robert will get this information to Charlie Simpson, Treasurer.

NEW MEMBERS REPORT

A list of all new members to ETR AACA for the year 2024 up to October 31, 2024 was presented to each member present. As of October 31, 2024 we have had 20 families to join. A copy of this list is on file.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Provided by Sandra Quillin as follows:

GET WELL: None sent

SYMPATHY: David Anderson (Carol) 9-16-24

NATIONAL AFFAIRS LIAISON

Tom Howard states there is not much to report at this time. Hershey was a great event this year with 925 cars present. The flea market was better this year when compared to previous years. The library sale was good. Vendors had a better year. The weather was perfect. The meet in Huntsville, Alabama had 125 cars. Next year the national convention will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina. Looking forward to 2025, it will be a great year for AACA. Also, one of our club members, Rick Lay, is running for the National Board.

EVENTS COORDINATOR REPORT

Sandra Quillin reports that the covered dish picnic at River-view Family Farm was a great success. There were 67 members present. Three cars broke down during the tour. An auction was held and \$142.00 was raised which will be sent to Samaritan's Purse. There was plenty of delicious food to eat.

The upcoming organizational/business meeting will be held November 17, 2024 at TN Bank in Maryville. At this time 39 members have signed up to attend. We will sign Christmas cards to be given to local nursing home residents.

The Christmas party will be held on December 13, 2024 at Rothchild's. According to Tom Howard the menu will be the same as in previous years. A donation of food will be given to Connecting Hearts. Trophies and honors will be given out also.

In the last four years the price of a meal has increased \$1.00 each year. Discussion was held whether the club needs to increase the price of each meal to club members which has previously been \$20.00 per person with the club subsidizing the additional cost. The price of food is not going down. In order to keep the club money solvent and not to have problems in the future, it is recommended to increase the price per person \$2.00. The ETR subsidizes almost 50% of the cost each year. A motion was made to raise the cost of the Christmas Party meal to \$22.00 per person. The motion was seconded. None opposed. No further discussion. The motion was passed.



East Tennessee Region AACA Board Meeting Minutes

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Sandra Quillin reported it had previously been decided to do away with the Participation Awards and to just have a sign-in sheet at each event. A list of activities for this year with the total number of attendees is attached. The garage tours are the most attended events. Logan Hull has left The Heritage Center. Hopefully this will not affect Autos Through The Ages in 2025.

Discussion was held requesting more nursing home drive-by tours. Roger Frazee has had requests for nursing home visits. The residents very much appreciate seeing the cars. The timing of these visits is difficult to work out at times but will further discuss this at the next planning meeting.

Robert Quillin states the Melton Hill Dam tour is again possible. It was cancelled by TVA this year. Robert is currently working on this with more information to follow.

ANTIQUER REPORT

Roger Frazee and Dave Hermanson are currently working together and have put out the latest issue of The Antiquer. Dave and Beryl Hermanson will take over The Antiquer in 2025. Roger states the newsletter will be in good hands. Dave is already working on articles for the next copy of The Antiquer. He is always open for suggestions. Bob Witt, President, welcomes Dave and Beryl as the new editors for The Antiquer. Bob Witt also thanked Roger and Jan for all of their hard work in the past.

WEBMASTER REPORT

Roger Frazee states the web page is in maintenance mode. Not much to report at this time. Any suggestions for improvement in the web site are appreciated.

OLD BUSINESS

WAYNE LEQUIRE GARAGE TOUR: President, Bob Witt, sent a check along with a thank you letter to Wayne LeQuire in the amount of \$125.00 for hosting the garage tour this year. Wayne did not want to accept the check. This is something he enjoys doing for multiple club events. He complimented the letter from Bob. It was decided that he will void the check.

BI-FOLD HANDOUTS: Tom Howard and RG Lewallen have been preparing the bi-fold handouts for ETR AACA. Several revisions were made to update the handouts. The total cost for the handouts was \$189.68 for 500 copies printed by Image Printing. These bi-folds will be handed out during club events.

NEW BUSINESS

BY-LAW CHANGES: Bob Bly has been working on this with the club's approval. It is recommended to restate the make up of the Nominating Committee of ETR AACA from 3 to 5 people.

This has been approved by The Board previously. This recommendation has to be made at an annual club meeting which will be held on November 17, 2024 at TN Bank in Maryville. This will allow the club members to approve what the Board has recommended. The Board has approved the By-Law changes but it still has to go to the membership at large. The Board can call a special meeting but can only discuss one item. A motion is needed to call a special meeting on same day as the planning meeting. Discussion will take place at the beginning of the meeting and can limit to 10-15 minutes. A majority vote will pass the motion. This is the legal procedure to amend By-Laws. Sandra Quillin sent out an email regarding the discussion for amendment of the By-Laws.

Bob Bly made the motion that the Board call a special membership meeting for the purpose of voting on proposed amendment to the By-Laws with respect to the Nominating Committee and that said special meeting take place concurrent with the Annual Planning Meeting scheduled for January 19, 2025 and that notice thereof be given through the normal chain of communication with respect to notification of the Planning Meeting. The motion was seconded. None opposed. No further discussion. The motion passed.

STUDEBAKER AVANTI NATIONAL CALENDAR: During our Secret City Tour in 2023 Roger Frazee took a picture of a Studebaker Avanti as it was going across Norris Dam. The owners of the Studebaker Avanti asked Roger for permission to use the picture in their local newsletter. Recently Roger got a copy of the national Studebaker Avanti calendar and the picture he had taken was the August calendar picture.

ROTATING BOARD MEMBERS: Bob Witt recognized the Board members and officers who are rotating off in 2024. Two directors, Herb Thomas and Bob Bly. RG Lewallen will rotate off as past President. Debbie Hixson as Secretary and Roger and Jan Frazee of The Antiquer, also Bill Jurkonie as Vice-President. Bob thanked everyone for their hard work.

CABIN FEVER EVENT: RG Lewallen discussed the Cabin Fever Event held in Knoxville at the Expo Center each January. The first year the club participated we gained 8 new members and in 2024 we gained 4 new members. A lot of ETR members bring their cars. This is a good opportunity to bring exposure to AACA and also ETR club. The cost of the event is \$160.00 to be held January 10, 11 and 12, 2025. After discussion, a motion was made for ETR to participate in the Cabin Fever Car and Motorcycle Show for the cost of \$160.00. The motion was seconded. None opposed. No further discussion. The motion passed.

I.C. KIRKHAM MEMBERSHIP AWARD: Tom Howard brought up discussion for this award. This

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award recognizes the efforts of a region or chapter to grow their membership. Tom will submit our club to the competition with the amount of new members we have gained in 2024. Tom will also include a short paragraph explaining what the club did to increase membership. ETR missed this award last year by a very few.

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The organizational/business meeting will be held November 17, 2024 at TN Bank in Maryville.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the Board Meeting was made at 8:00 PM. The motion seconded. None opposed. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Hixson, ETR secretary



Meet Gene and Joann Cable (above) and David Wilhite (below)



Welcome Aboard - New Members Joining in 2024

The following folks joined the East Tennessee Region-AACA during 2024 ... Welcome Aboard and we are looking forward having you participate in our club events during 2025. There are some really nice cars here ...

David and Paulette Anderson from Knoxville

Larry Benson from Greenback 1965 Alfa-Romeo – 1967 Citroen – 1967 Ferrari

Gene and Joann Cable from Maryville 1965 Mustang – 1977 El Camino

George and Nancy Dailey from Knoxville 1949 DeSoto

Mark and Mendi Edwards from Loudon 2002 Thunderbird

Bill Ellis, Jr. from Walland 1951 Ford – 1954 Chevrolet – 1970 Oldsmobile Cutlass

Jack and Susan Goodwin from Louisville

Wes and Sandy Hibbert from Sweetwater 2005 Thunderbird

David and Rebecca Kiger from Knoxville 1968 Pontiac Firebird

Dave and Connie Kirk from Louisville 1932 Chevrolet – 1966 Corvette

Kirk and Katie McElroy from Louisville 1960 Ford Fairlane – 1968 VW Dune Buggy – 1967 Mustangs

Joe and Karen Michniacki from Maryville

Robert and Cathy Milligan from Knoxville 2 1931 Fords

Michael and Terrie Munley Powell 1936 Ford Four-Door

Doug and Pennie Owen from Knoxville 1957 Ford plus Mustangs

David and Susan Rankin from Friendsville Camaro

Bob and Patsy Receveur from Friendsville Vintage Indy Cars

Tom Smith from Knoxville 1964 Ford Galaxie 500

Robby and Amanda Tarpley from Lenoir City 1968 Pontiac Firebird – 1970 Volkswagen

David and Judy Wilhite from Louisville 1962 Plymouth Valiant



AACA Annual Convention Charlotte / Concord, North Carolina

By Dave Hermanson, The AACA Annual Convention is coming to North Carolina. This year's event will be held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Charl Golf Resort and Spa from February 6 to 8, 2025.

Following the success of last year's convention, the organizers began the task of making this year's even better with the theme "AACA Looks to Thrive in '25."

Two pre-convention excursions are planned for Thursday, February 6th. Limited to 192 attendees, a tour of the Hendrick Heritage Center which is a 58,000 square-foot museum dedicated to the heritage of automotive mega-dealer and NASCAR team owner Rick Hendrick and his passion for classic and high-performance cars. Not open to the public, this is a rare opportunity for AACA members to take in all that is on display at the museum.

The second pre-convention excursion is a day trip to the North Carolina Transportation Museum in Spencer which is the site of the Southern Railway's largest steam locomotive repair site. In addition to railroad exhibits, it also has a collection of automotive and aircraft exhibits. Limited to 240 attendees, the tour includes a train-ride luncheon.

The official program begins on Thursday evening with the Board of Directors' Welcome Reception which, as in past years, has become more of an AACA Family Reunion.

On Friday, February 7th there will be an abundance of educational seminars and various antique automobile trade show exhibits. Just maybe ... the trade show could open a little early on Thursday afternoon! A special luncheon, hosted by AACA's First Lady Audrey Harris, will have as the keynote speaker Lyn St. James. Lyn was the first female Rookie of the Year at the 1992 Indianapolis 500. Following her visit, Lyn will be inducted into the National Motorsports Press Association Hall of Fame on February 8th.

The Regions and Chapters Dinner will also take place on Friday, this year hosted by the Hornets Nest Region AACA. Guest speakers will include 2024's President Jack Harris and 2025's President Dave Anspach. Following the dinner, the Roaring 20's Speakeasy Casino Night will take place where players will gamble with "play money" in period themed attire being suggested.

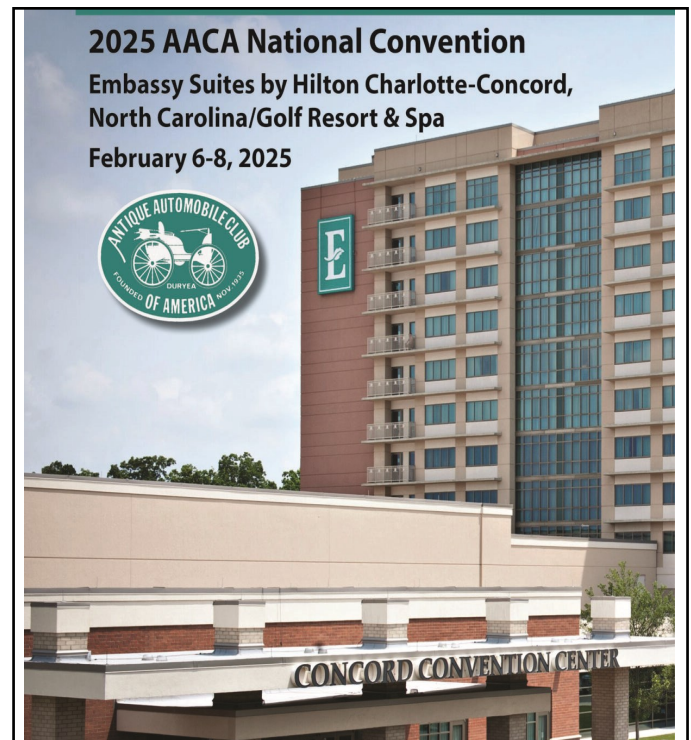
On Saturday, February 8th the educational seminars and various antique automobile trade show exhibits will continue. Some of the topics to be covered in the seminars includes the history of Amderson cars, which were built in nearby Rock Hill, SC, Pre-War car tires and a look at the use of the automobile in art. National Judging Schools will also be held. Later in the day the General Membership Meeting will be help.

Closing out the convention on Saturday evening will be the formal National Awards Banquet. Here AACA National Awards

automobiles along with Special Service Awards, Editor/will be bestowed on owners of the best-of-the-best antique Webmaster Accolades, Region/Chapter recognition and presentations of scholarships.

Spoiler Alert ... There will be some exciting news about the Antiquer shared at the Banquet

Editor's Note ... Information on the AACA Annual Convention taken from Steven Rossi's article in the November/December



British Built Reliant Scimitar at the Autos Through the Ages Show in Townsend

Smoky Mountain Antiquer

Roger Frazee

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President Matt Sartin with Tom Howard in his 1957 Chevrolet Bel-Air Sport Coupe