

Welcome to 2026, Texas DFW Region !!

The President's Report

Greetings fellow car enthusiasts. It's an honor to be the 2026 President of our club.

We have a great group of board members and volunteers to allow the club to run smoothly. From my perspective, I would like to hear from all members what activities you would like to participate in, including driving tours, car shows, and social events. We are open to new ideas so we can share our antique cars and the history of our club/cars with our community.

Please share your stories with club members by submitting articles to the Spotlight editor.

We all look forward to a fun and exciting year. See you down the road!

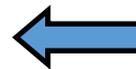
BRADY RICHARD



Next Meeting—January 18!!

Kip Motors

2127 Crown Rd., Dallas 75229



December Meeting and Holiday Celebration

Well, the end of year meeting had some twists and turns, but it was an exceptionally fun and well attended event. Themed for Hawaiian/beach celebration, with prizes for the 'best dressed' at each table, everyone got into the mood. It helped to have a great band of two that played oldie-goldies that we could all identify with. Nichole was our official photographer and she had a wonderful setup in the Brookhaven Country Club (a thousand thanks to the Lankenau!) entry way. With a beautifully restored 19th century sleigh provided by Kip, it was a perfect reminiscence back to the traditional Christmas celebration. Hopefully we got everyones photo that attended for Nichole's photo album to be published online.

Once you got to the check-in desk, the tradition changed to "PARTY", with Lynda and Nuris in beach attire wearing leis and themed dresses. People picked up their choices of excellent meal entrees, and were directed to the back of the room where the bar and hors d'oeuvres were available. Many, however, stopped at the coffee bar, as the day had turned quite cold!!

We had 70 adults and 1 child signup for the event, which we were quite happy with. 17 new 2025 members joined in. Which we know from experience is kind of a hard thing to do the first time – so we appreciate the commitment!



The meal was first on the agenda, and it appeared that everyone enjoyed their selections, with especial compliments on the chicken. Two Guyz with Guitars kept us entertained and solicited requests from the audience using pre-printed sheets of the repertoire – what a great idea!

I believe there were over 300 selections to choose from. Certainly more than the corner

juke box.

After the meal there was another rush on the coffee stand, which unfortunately ran dry quickly. More was on the way, but as we

coffee drinkers know, you CAN'T WAIT for coffee... sorry about that!!



December Meeting and Holiday Celebration Cont'd

So, then we got into our regular meeting and Chris led us through the paces. First, a little fun where we recognized new members, longest members, Bug Tussle attendance (Charlie G. has attended 47??, and he can't be more than 48 years old!), who traveled the furthest (Robbie and Jeffery Markam from Houston) and who won the Hawaiian Dancing Dashboard Doll at each table for Best Dressed (in theme). If there was a grand prize for that Jeff would have won in a walk! Then Lynda raffled off the beautiful table decorations that Judy Kerr-Gysinger had personally designed and donated to the club. Her selections really exemplified the season with the lit mini-tree on mirror and theme with beachy accompaniments and sea shells. She is so talented!

Then Chris turned over the floor to Kip for the elections. As the minutes reveal, there were some last minute nominations from the floor and elections of board members that were different than those recommended by the nomination committee. In an unexpected move, Nichole was nominated to return to the Bug Tussle director position and won in a close count. So, the big question now will be – when will BT be scheduled this year. We will all have to wait and see.... (drum roll please!)

Chris handed out new member name tags to those in attendance and closed the meeting with the outgoing board reports. The new board members picture was taken and that was essentially the end.



Again, a special thanks to the Lankenau for our ability to use their country club for the meeting and Kip for providing the picture sleigh – he did the restoration, including painting, last minute, just for the meeting. To Nichole for pictures; Lynda, Terry, Nuris, Mike, Ira and others for set-up and greeting; John and Lynda for playing host, and the new member photo board; Debra for being behind the scenes and helping with everything; and all that helped clean up! Til Next Year!!!!





Browse the Holiday Meeting official photos:

Simply click [HERE](#) and open in your web browser.

Thanks to Kip for the Sleigh and Nichole and Charlie for the photos !!



Sunshine Report

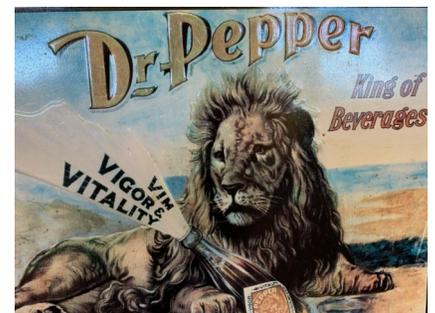
By Nuris Hester

Merry Christmas, goodwill towards men and make 2026 amazing!

What a fun and festive Dec party the Richardsons put together for the DFW AACA. Thank you John and Lynda for the meeting and Judy lovely table decorations which a few of us continue to enjoy displaying in our homes. We also thank Nichole and Kip for providing a picture perfect winter background for our 2025 pics. We did miss seeing a few members at the Christmas party who were unable to attend due to health issues. We missed Jerry and Linda Smith, Bill Denman and Martha Smith, but we were happy to see Fred Cruz, Debra Mahanna and Dot Lang.

Oh my, where did 2025 go? Well, our board members did an outstanding job with Pate Swap, Bug Tussle and Runaway Scrape, to highlight a few memorable moments. We need to also thank each member that hosted a monthly meeting! Now is the time to consider hosting a mtg in 2026; it is the combined effort of all that makes for a vibrant and successful club.

Not to sound like an Ad campaign for Dr Pepper, but did you know our beloved Texas beverage original poster featured a lion with Dr Pepper, King of Beverages followed by three words vim, vigor and vitality. Maybe we should raise a glass of Dr Pepper in the New Year and wish all our members plenty of vim-vigor-vitality in 2026!



Think like a proton-always positive (in other words, stay on the sunny side, always on the sunny side).

Blessings from your sunshine chairperson, Nuris Hester



New Members of 2025

We Are So Happy You Have Joined *AACA Texas DFW Region* !!



Adrian Bordlemay



Ben & Jan Davis



Brooks Harkey



Charley Van



Currin Harris



Duffy & Tina Oyster



Floyd & Clarice Stober



Jessica & Iain
Macleod



Jamie & Randall
Pfluger



John Becker



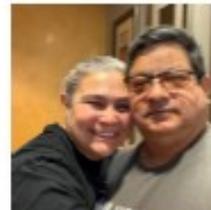
Michelle & Jon Jobe



Madeline & David
Walsh



Madelyn & Sophia
Tucker



Carmen & Manuel
Vasquez



Marty Gentes



Merle & Myra Schwalen



Rene Zurfas



Ricky & Nancy
McClendon



Robbie Markham



Tony & Mattie
Farmer

**Sadly, Those
Whom We
Have Lost
In 2025...**



Bev Podmers



George Smith

**New Members
without Photo:**

Richard Cross

Karen Phillips

**Denny and Lori
Hunt**

Bernard Siegal

January 18, 2026

First Meeting of the Year !!

Kip Motors

2127 Crown Road, Dallas 75229

Bring your favorite folding chair !!

Sliced Brisket BBQ Sandwiches

A-L please bring Sides

M-Z please bring Desserts

PLEASE RSVP debra@kipmotors.com



Membership

By Tammy Keith

MEMBERSHIP CORRECTIONS

Add Jamie Pfluger (with Randall) to your directory.

The Cruz's new address is: 155 Country Rd. 2221, Mineola, TX 75773

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you have not renewed your membership for 2026, please go online to [AACA Texas DFW Region](#) and go to the MEMBERSHIP TAB, or send a note to our Membership Chair, Tammy Keith at AACATxDFW1@gmail.com .

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATE

If you have made any additions to your fleet of antique vehicles, or if you have sold any, please update your vehicle listing for the 2026 directory stating the year, make and model. Likewise, if you have moved, please send current information to our Membership Chair, Tammy Keith at AACATxDFW1@gmail.com .

No new members were registered in December....So get out there and find a new friend and a new Texas DFW Region participant !

December Monthly Meeting Minutes

DATE: Sunday, December 14, 2025

TIME: 12:30 p.m.

PLACE: Brookhaven Country Club

Call to Order

Chris Stathopolo, 1st Vice President, opened the meeting

Approval of Minutes.

The minutes as they appeared in the November Spotlight were approved

Welcome New Members & Guests

John Richardson, 2nd VP welcomed new members

John recognized folks that have been members for more than 10 years.

He also recognized Charlie Gambulos II as the member that has attended the most Bug Tussle Treks.

There was a drawing for the table decorations

John also recognized members who won "Best Vintage Hawaii Theme Costume" at each table. The prize was a Dashboard Hawaiian Dancing Doll.

Sunshine Report: Nuris Hester

No Sunshine Report was called for

Presidents' Report: – Andy Riemitis

No President's Report, as the President was not in attendance

First Vice President's Report – Chris Stathopulo

Kip Lankenau, Nomination Committee Chair, announced that the slate of nominations for new officers and board members were published according to the club bylaws in the November Spotlight.

Kip then called for any nominations from the floor.

President: Brady Richard was approved by unanimous vote.

1st Vice-Pres: Charlie Gambulous II was approved by unanimous vote

2nd Vice-Pres: Cole Clayton nominated Jeff Podmers from the floor, Debra Lankenau declined her nomination. Jeff was approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer: Debra declined the nomination and nominated Vickie Richard, she accepted and was approved by unanimous vote.

Secretary: Terry Hrehocik was approved by unanimous vote.

Bug Tussle Trek: Cole Clayton accepted the nomination, Pamela Crisson nominated Nichole Gambulous from the floor, Nichole accepted, and was approved by a split vote.

December Monthly Meeting Cont'd-

Tour Director: John Richardson was approved by unanimous vote.

Board of Directors at large were unanimously approved as follows: Michael Hrehocik, Doyle Morse, Randall Pfluger, Currin Harris and Andy Riemitis.

Second Presidents' Report: – John Richardson

John and Chris handed out new membership badges.

John stated that the January meeting will be held at Kip Motors.

Treasurer's Report: – Debra Lankenau

No Treasurer's report was called for.

Secretary's Report: Terry Hrehocik

The minutes were accepted as originally published.

Communications Report: Debra Lankenau

No Report called for.

Tour Director's Report: George Lang

No report called for.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

No new business.

Adjournment:

Chris S. moved to adjourn the meeting and John seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously

Respectfully submitted by

Terry Hrehocik, Secretary

Region History - Pate Swap Meet

By Kip Lanckenau, AACA Texas DFW Region Past President

Since our founding in 1955 as the first AACA Region in Texas, our club has demonstrated leadership which benefits all hobbyists within this great state. Our Bug Tussle Tour has been open to all owners of antique vehicles, whether members or non-members, since its' inception. As charter members of the Texas Tour, we helped bring clubs together from around the state. As members of the Texas Antique Vehicle Club Council, we fought to protect the right to drive your antique vehicles on the road, to prohibit emissions testing for antique vehicles, and blocked numerous other forms of government overreach of our hobby.

In 1972, we were one of the chartering clubs which came together to form The South Central Swap Meet Association (which later became the Pate Swap Meet Association). Amongst its first officers were Texas Region members Karl Binner (Vice President) and Dan Croft (Secretary).

Held on the grounds of the then recently established Pate Museum of Transportation and named after its founder Adlai McMillan "Aggie" Pate, the swap meet quickly grew to become one of the largest. For the next twenty-five years, antique vehicle enthusiasts made their way to Cresson every spring to trek through hundreds of acres of vendors, despite the legendary challenges of wind, rain, sleet, heat and MUD.

After the passing of "Aggie" Pate in 1988, the swap meet continued in Cresson until the eventual closing of the Museum and development of the family property, relocating to the Texas Motor Speedway in 1997, the first few years in the racetrack infield, before moving outside due to growth. By 2024 The Pate Swap Meet had surpassed Hershey in size, its nearly 10k vendor spaces officially making it the world's largest swap meet.

Charlie Mathews served as our club's first Pate director, until replaced by Bob Young. Neely Kerr served three years, then Neely and Charlie Gambulos Sr served as co-directors for the next twenty. In 2005, AACA Texas Region President Travis White appointed Charlie Gambulos Jr to be our Pate director, a position he still holds today, with George Lang frequently serving as our Alternate Director. Charlie currently also serves as Vice President of the "Pate Swap Meet GP, Inc."

**SOUTH CENTRAL
SWAP MEET**

Sponsored by South Central Swap Meet Association Members:
AACA, HCCA, MAFC, MARC, EARLY V-8

Representing the major cities of Texas

THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY
APRIL 26-29TH 1973

Soon to be the Largest Meet in the South

PLACE: PATE MUSEUM
14 MILES SOUTH OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS HWY. 183
180 ACRES OF WELL KEPT GROUNDS

BUY - SELL - TRADE ALL KINDS OF ANTIQUES
Antique Cars, parts and Household Items
Professional-Amateur - Vendors Welcome
Small Charge to vendors to cover expenses

PUBLIC INVITED --- FREE

CAMPERS WELCOME --- FOOD AVAILABLE

Small Air Strip on Grounds - Large Airports nearby - Lots of
Motels Available on South Side of Fort Worth

Sponsoring Association or Pate Museum not responsible for Accidents or Damages.

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Make no mistake, the Pate Swap meet is a business, a Texas corporation with by-laws, officers and a board composed of directors from each of its fourteen shareholders (the participating clubs) and holds regular meetings. Each shareholder (club) is represented by a Director, Alternate Director, and shareholder chief officer (club president), but only gets one vote (cast by the Director, or in their absence by the designated Alternate Director, or in their absence by the shareholder chief officer). The corporation currently has four paid positions; Registrar (Nichole Gambulos since 2023), Webmaster, Swap Meet Coordinator, and Swap Meet Coordinator Assistant (Charlie Gambulos since 2023), with one-year contracts, all of whom are members of participating clubs.



Through our co-joined efforts with other clubs, the Pate Swap Meet has served our hobby and provided the majority of our club's income for more than fifty years. This association has enabled us to support meets, tours, scholarships and many other activities (including Christmas party). Please be sure to thank Neely, Charlie, Nichole and George for their many years of dedicated service to our club.

2026 Tours Update

Currently Scheduled:

2026 Texas Tour Hosted by Central Texas Region May 21-25 in Waco

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS ASAP !!

Not yet scheduled:

Club Tune-up Tour

Club Spring Tour

Bug Tussle

Club Fall Tour

John and Randall are taking suggestions for tours this year, whether a favorite tour you have been on or one you have heard about. Robbie has offered to host, so that may be a meeting or a great stop on a tour.

johnhrich@tx.rr.com or 214-914-6742

New Member Spotlight—Floyd and Clarice Stober



Hi, my name is Floyd Stober and I own the beautiful 1954 Hudson you've seen at a few meetings this year. I've owned this Hudson for 34 years.



Let me back up though. I served in the Army for 7 years. While stationed in Germany, I operated as a truck mechanic. Also while there, I rebuilt an old Mercedes and joined the Horseless Carriage group.

I went on my first Bug Tussle in 1970 and drove a 1950 Mercedes 170. My most memorable was when I drove a Tan and White Pierce Arrow. I recently sold a 1911 Franklin to Brady!

When I met my wife, we did a tour to Denver / Silverton over about 4 days. She doesn't like riding in cars but didn't say anything to me on that first car trip. After only 3 months, we were married and have now been married 35 years. These days, I drive and she flies!! I meet her at our destination with the cars.

I owned a 1923 Franklin and trailer that needed a tow vehicle. I bought the 54 Hudson to be the tow vehicle! 360,000 miles later, I just replaced the motor. It now has a 400 Chrysler engine out of a 1975 Chrysler Cordoba. It is one of only five of these Hudsons built with a leather interior.

This is the BEST road car I've ever owned. It just feels good!!

Welcome Floyd and Clarice—we look forward to seeing the Hudson often! LYNDA RICHARDSON

Don't Get Scammed

Members,

Please always remember that **Officers from this Club will never reach out to ask you to send money/gift cards to someone.** Some common signs that it is a scam are:

- They communicate that it is very important that it's done quickly
- They are asking for you to purchase gift cards or something like that to be a gift or to pay a vendor
- Their signature isn't quite right ("Patrick Yoas" instead of "Pat Yoas")

Their Email Address looks too formal (ie. execboardpresidentoffice2025@gmail.com)

- It sounds like we're a business, instead of a club of car enthusiasts

This is a common scam, that we have seen happen multiple times a year to people in our club, and it has happened to other car clubs. If ever you are unsure, and you don't have the ability to contact the Officer directly through a phone call, don't do anything at ALL!! Ignore the email !!

AACA Texas DFW Region

Social Media Volunteer Guidelines

Our social media presence helps share our love of classic cars and connect our community. Volunteers are essential to that success! To keep our accounts secure and our message consistent, please follow these guidelines.

1. Purpose

These guidelines ensure our social media pages—especially Facebook and Instagram—reflect the club’s mission, protect member privacy, and maintain continuity as volunteers come and go.

2. Access & Roles

- **Admins** manage account settings, link platforms, and assign roles.
- **Editors** create and schedule posts, reply to comments, and share photos/events.
- Access is granted through **Meta Business Suite**—please do not share passwords.
- All accounts must have **two-factor authentication (2FA)** enabled.

3. Posting Guidelines

- Keep content **positive, respectful, and relevant** to antique and classic cars or club activities.
- Use **official event photos or media** only when permission has been granted.
- Avoid personal opinions, political statements, or off-topic content.
- Double-check spelling, dates, and facts before posting.
- When in doubt, **ask another volunteer or admin** before publishing.

4. Tone & Engagement

- Use a friendly, welcoming voice—like you’re chatting with fellow enthusiasts.
- Respond kindly to comments or questions.
- Report any inappropriate comments, spam, or negative interactions to an admin.

5. Security & Privacy

- Never log in from public or shared computers.
- Do not download or share private member information.
- If you leave the volunteer team, your access will be removed—no hard feelings, just good housekeeping!

6. New Platforms or Changes

Only admins may:

- Link new social media accounts (e.g., Instagram).
- Change page roles, ad accounts, or login settings.
- Approve partnerships or promotions with other organizations.

7. Questions or Issues

If you notice suspicious activity, errors, or concerns, contact an **admin immediately**. Together we’ll keep our online community safe and enjoyable for all members.

72nd Annual Texas Tour

Hotel Registration and Information

The Central Texas Region – AACA is pleased to host the 72nd Texas Tour. Lodging will be at the Hilton Waco Hotel, and the dinners and breakfast will be served at the hotel each day.

When: May 21-23, 2026

Where: Waco, Texas

Headquarters Hotel: Hilton Waco Hotel

Link for Hotel Reservations is: [Texas Tour](#).

Headquarters Hotel: Hilton Waco Hotel

The Hilton Waco Hotel is located at 113 South University Parks Drive, Waco, TX 76701, on the Brazos River, and adjacent to the Waco Convention Center.

Make reservations while rooms are still available.

Use this link to complete your reservation for the [Texas Tour](#) to receive the discounted rates listed below. Discounted rates are good until April 19, 2026.

King Bed with Sofa Deluxe Room (2 guests) – Rate \$149 plus 3.6% TPID fee = \$ 154.37

Two Queen Beds Deluxe Room (2 guests) - Rate \$149.00 plus 3.6% TPID fee = \$ 154.37

Room rate includes a full hot breakfast buffet in the restaurant each morning.

Additional Information regarding the tour will continue to be updated and available at the following link: www.TexasTour.co (yes, not “com”)

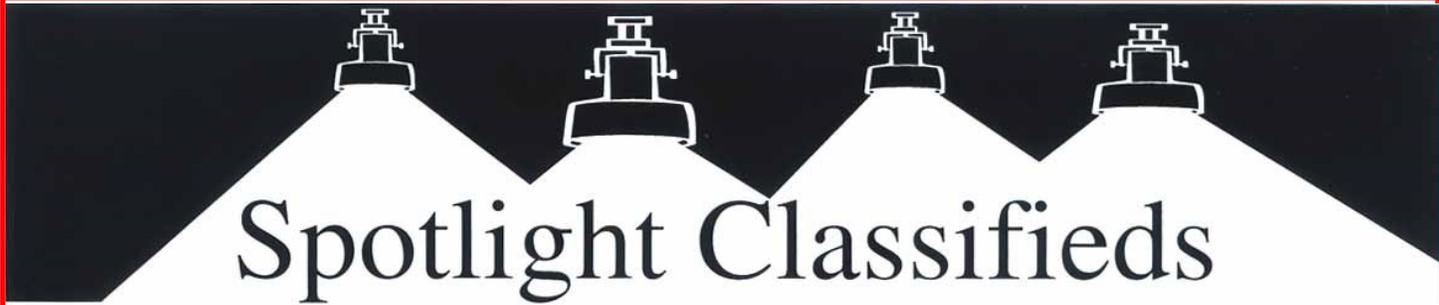
If you have any questions or need additional assistance with hotel reservations, please contact:

Greg Herbert, Registrar
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(512)923-1505 (Cell)

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(512)694-9803 (Cell)



Spotlight Classifieds

New Listing from Lee Roy Menning:

I'm cleaning out my shop, so I have various cars available. Please contact me at 361-550-8713 or 361-550-8711. 5104 FM 433, Cost TX 78614

1927 Dodge Touring Car

1929 Chrysler Sport Coupe Model 75

1931 Chrysler Sport Coupe Model CD8

1932 LeSalle Sport Coupe Model 345-B

1932 Plymouth Sport Coupe Model PB

1931 Rolls Royce Town Coupe Model PII

1934 Lincoln Sport Coupe Model KA

1938 Ford Coupe Model Deluxe

1953 Willys Jeepster

1988 Jeep

1985 Chrysler Fifth Avenue

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2026 CALENDAR

**Every 3rd Sunday at
2pm (mostly)**

January Meeting

January 18, 2026

Kip Motors

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