

The Broken Axle



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Celebrating Model A Day – Combined Clubs Picnic We had 50 in attendance, 17 Model A Members; 41 GCR Members;6 guests



The maiden outing for Ronda's new 1956 T-Bird and one of our guests, Cole, with his 1931 Model A







Our September Meeting continued



First Friday Cuero Texan Show & Shine



Frank's turn to have his picture taken with Amigo Jalisco Taqueria



Nice to see Kathleen here tonight after being with Dee during Dee's surgery & hospital stay for over a week. We hope you get some rest.



First Friday Cuero Texan Show & Shine - continued



















It was a good time together, Nice dinner, lots of cars, lots of people, and my favorite car & color, and I missed it all! I don't know whose car this is, will have to find out.



















Marilyn checking out all the cars



What our members are doing 09.14.2024

















Two clubs at coffee 09.18.2024



That's terrible! Looks like a combination '57 Chevy, '58 Chevy, '59 Chevy, '58 Buick, and '70 Buick. Reminds me of the Johnny Cash song, One Piece At A Time. Larry Rausch

2025 Chevrolet Bel Air - the iconic car that's making a comeback in ways no one expected! This video dives into every detail of the modern classic, from its jaw-dropping retro design to its mind-blowing performance. Is the 2025 Bel Air the ultimate blend of nostalgia and innovation? We reveal what's under the hood and why this reborn legend is breaking all the rules. Whether you're a fan of classic cars or cutting-edge technology, you won't want to miss this! Watch now to discover why the 2025 Chevrolet Bel Air is leaving everyone speechless and why it might just be the best car of the year! Is the 2025 Chevrolet Bel Air the Ultimate Modern Classic? - YouTube



What our members are doing

09.04.2024 Cars & Tech at Victoria Texan coffee shop.













And there's the Model A

Weekly coffee & tech 09.11.2024 at The Texan on Main St



Last Thursday Victoria Texan Show & Shine







PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President's Log

Hello car club,

We had a good turnout for our Combined Clubs picnic on 09.21. There were six cars in the lineup for the Kolache Fest parade in Hallettsville on 09.28. We won first place in the car club division. Ronda's new 56 T-Bird won first place in the 50-59 class at the car show. Kathleen, our event coordinator, has an exciting tour lined up for October. Stay tuned for more club Fall fun.

Blessed to serve, President's Log Out



Richard Ross

2024 REFRESHMENT LIST		
January	Potluck	
February	Potluck	
March	Potluck	
April	Pizza – Club Treat	
May	Potluck	
June	Potluck	
July	Ice Cream Social – Club Treat	
August	Potluck	
September	Club Treat	
October	Potluck	
November	Potluck	
December	Christmas Party	



AACA's Facebook page.

Some information contained in our newsletter may have been reprinted from other newsletters; we thank and acknowledge them. And we thank all club members & friends for pictures and info provided for our newsletter each month.



2024 Dues If you have not paid Make check payable to: AACA-GCR Amount \$50 includes local & Nat'l Mail to Kathleen Ross 103 Twin Oak Dr Victoria TX 77905 (Lifetime members no charge)



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October Birthdays send corrections/additions to Editor

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Julia Hobbs	Oct 3
Mario Scorza	Oct 5
Willie Sanders	Oct 9
Bill Spellacy	Oct 10
Glenn Sarlls	Oct 12
Laura Lockhart	Oct 16
Jo Cornstubble	Oct 19
Viki Moyers	Oct 21
Joe Freeman	Oct 24
Cindy Smith	Oct 26
Daisy Southern	Oct 27
Marsha Steffek	Oct 27
Louise Ellis	Oct 28

October Anniversaries

Billie & Joyce LovelOct 2Clyde & Margaret SvetlikOct 18Vince & Nancy VelizOct 21Gary & Betty EastOct 31



Calendar of Events – Subject to change Oct 04 – Cuero Texan 1st Fridav **Oct 08– Monthly Meeting** (Always the 2nd Tues) Social 6:30 Meeting 7:00 Location: OSLC Chapel Hosts: Covered Dish **Oct 12– Cuero Turkey Fest Parade** Oct 12– Annual Fly In; Pt Lavaca Airport **Oct 08– Monthly Meeting** Oct 16 – GCR Ladies Breakfast (The third Wednesday) Oct 19 – Yorktown Western Days Parade Oct 26 – Ronda's Halloween Party ... @ The Big Red Barn Oct 31 - Victoria Texan Show & Shine (The last Thursday 6pm)

Watch emails for any changes or additions.



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AACA GOLDEN CRESENT REGION MEETING MINUTES September 10, 2024

President Richard Ross called the regular meeting of the AACA Golden Crescent Region to order September 10, 2024, at the OSLC Chapel, 4102 N Ben Jordan, Victoria. We had 47 members; Garland Southern 2023 Dodge Challenger R/T Scat Pack; Gary East 19.5 Pontiac; Keith Bridges 2021 Corvette; Walt Hanken 1984 Chevy.

<u>OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE –</u>Willie Sanders led the members in prayer and the Pledge to the US Flag prior to eating refreshments.

WELCOME President Richard Ross welcomed all members to the meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The minutes of the August meeting were approved as printed in The Broken Axle.

<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u> Treasurer Kathleen Ross gave the club's financial position as of August 31, 2024. The motion was made, and all approved the Treasurer's Report.

OFFICERS' REPORT:

<u>PRESIDENT:</u> President Richard Ross reported that on Aug 21st, GCR Ladies Breakfast, 13 attended the gathering at IHOP. On Aug 24th, we had our Camp Carancahua Picnic; 56 attended; 13 classic cars. The food was fantastic. Thanks to Darleen & Mario for reverbing the Community Center. Larry for cooking the burgers; and arranging with the Magician for the Magic Show entertainment. Randy for cooking the shrimp boil; Ron Crain for securing and preparing the shrimp and gate entry; Kathleen for buying all supplies and organizing everything. Chris, Nena, Theresa Spellacy, Mary, Margaret, Cindy, Kathleen, and others for serving and cleaning up. We all enjoyed the day. July 29th was our Victoria Texan Show & Shine and thank you to those who were able to show up regardless of the train blocking the highway. Sept 6th; Cuero Texan Show & Shine; 18 attended; 16 for dinner.

EDITORS REPORT: Nancy Whiddon reminded everyone to please sign in and state if driving an old car.

<u>SUNSHINE REPORT</u>: Nena reported she sent get well/hope you are feeling better card to Rita. Dee Govro is still in the hospital recovering from surgery. Please remember to keep all in your thoughts and prayers and notify Nena of member illness or passing.

ACTIVITIES REPORT: Kathleen Ross reviewed some upcoming events.

- Sept 06 Cuero Texan Show & Shine, the first Friday
- Sept 10 Club Meeting 6:30 Social; 7pm meeting at OSLC 4102 N Ben Jordan St Victoria
- Sept 14 John Wesley Church Car Show 5.30-8pm
- Sept 18 GCR Ladies Breakfast the third Wednesday, 8.30am
- Sept 21 Combined Clubs Picnic
- Sept 26 Victoria Texan Show & Shine-the last Thursday, 6pm at Victoria Texan on Main Street.
- Sept 28 Annual Kolache Fest Parade in Hallettsville
- Oct 04 Cuero Texan Show & Shine, the first Friday
- Oct 08 Club Meeting 6:30 Social; 7pm meeting at OSLC 4102 N Ben Jordan St Victoria
- Oct 12 Gateway Flight Center's Annual Fly-In will be held on Saturday, Oct 12th at the Calhoun County Airport in Port Lavaca, TX.
- Oct 12 Cuero Turkey Fest Parade
- Oct 16 GCR Ladies Breakfast the third Wednesday, 8.30am
- Oct 19 Yorktown Western Days Parade
- Oct 26 Ronda's Halloween Party @ The Big Red Barn
- Oct 31 Victoria Texan Show & Shine-the last Thursday, 6pm at Victoria Texan on Main Street.

<u>BUSINESS</u> –AACA dues for 2025 - -some have received from National notices that it's time to pay membership dues. Please ignore this. Kathleen will collect dues in Nov and Dec for local and national If you pay directly to AACA National, we are not notified and last year several memberships were paid twice. Dues should be paid by Dec 31st. Nine memberships have already been paid. Texas Tour 2025; May 15-18 in Greenville TX. You may be receiving a packet from Roy Studinski, Registrar. You may go online at <u>www.netraaca.com</u> to register online soon, or email Roy Studinski at <u>TexasTour@netraaca.com</u> if you need extra registration forms. Richard Ross reviewed the guidelines for cruising together. As leader he will try and keep speed at 55mph. Antique cars are now 1999 and below, line up first. Newer models will bring up the rear. Also keep an eye on your review mirror and watch out for the vehicle behind you. Richard & Kathleen will be attending the Quarterly Pate Meeting & Elections this weekend and receiving our 2024 Distribution Share.

<u>CLUB HISTORY</u> - Jo Cornstubble gave a history of an aspect of our club.

<u>HOSTS RECOGNIZED</u> –Juana Smith thanked everyone for helping out with our club treat tonight. Next month is potluck. <u>BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES</u> –Vice President Garland Southern recognized all for the month of September 2024. <u>ADJOURNED</u> Marilyn Young, Secretary

Keith Bridges 2021 CorvetteGarland's 2023 Dodge ChallengerGary East 1935 PontiacWalt Hanken 1984 Chevy









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Gateway Flight Center's Annual Fly-In will be held on Saturday, October 12th, 2024, at the Calhoun County Airport here in Port Lavaca, Texas. We'll be out serving BBQ from 10am to 2pm, so be sure to come by and grab some good food, check out some warbirds and enjoy some live music! This year will be featuring the USCG HC-144B "Ocean Sentry" as well as many classic airplanes.



Let's Have a

Party!!!

Costumes Encouraged, but not

required

Pot Luck Meal

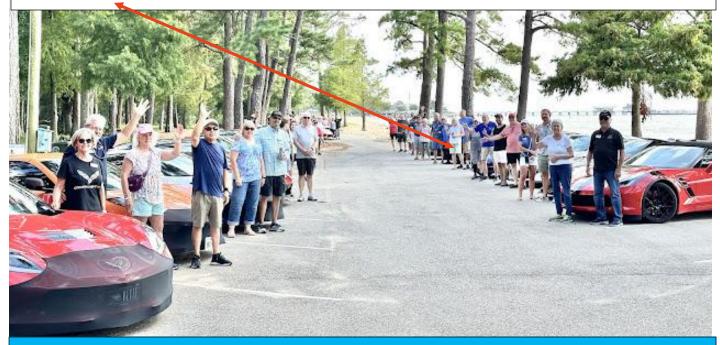
October 26, 2024 3:00 pm til ?? Ronda's Big Red Barn - 970 CR 125 (abt 9 miles west on Hwy 111) Edna, TX

Games, Dancing, Music & just great visiting (Alcohol not provided or encouraged)



What our members are doing

Larry & Jennifer participated in The Corvette Association 2024 Corvette Caravan to Bowling Green, KY



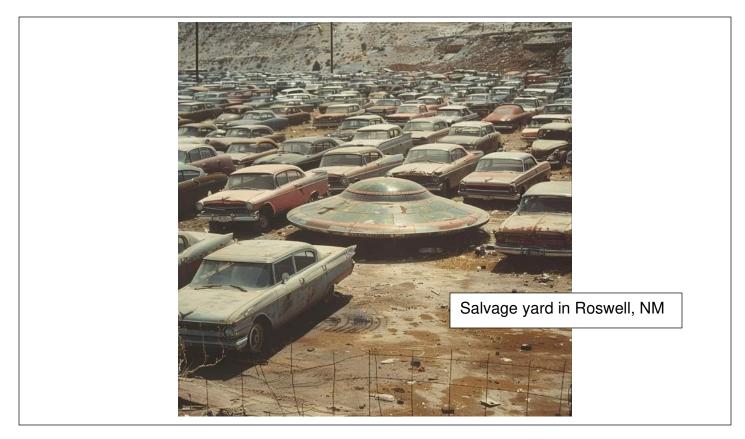


I continue to be bothered with scam telephone calls. I recently had a call from a Pakistani fellow telling me that I had a problem with my computer and he was from Microsoft. He said the problem was very serious and needed immediate attention. I asked him if Microsoft was a city in Pakistan and he explained that it was a computer company. I said I didn't have a computer. "you don't?",,, "NO",,,, "Ahh, it must be a problem with your laptop",,, "I don't have a laptop either",,, "Ahh, then it must be your iPad",,, "I don't have one of those either",,, "Tablet?",,,, "Nope, as a matter of fact I don't even have a telephone"

After a few seconds of awkward silence, he said "you must be lying to me!"

I responded "Well, you started it!"

PS: The Scam Telephone Call story is pure fiction



Some of you will remember Billy & his brother Jerry Bassham, past members of our club



Billy Gene Bassham, 81, of Ganado, Texas passed from his earthly life into the arms of our Lord on September 7, 2024. He was born April 14, 1943, in Corpus Christi, Texas to J.D. and Thelma Bassham. The family moved to Ganado when he was a freshman in high school. He was a proud member of the Ganado High School graduating class of 1962. Immediately following graduation, he joined Pipeliners Union 798 of Tulsa, Oklahoma and began his career in pipeline construction on the Colonial Pipeline in Mississippi. He traveled to almost every state in the United States while welding on major pipelines including the Trans-Alaska Pipeline in 1975. He served the

union as a Welder Helper, Welder, Welding Foreman, Union Steward and Inside Guard at union meetings. After retiring from the union, he worked as a Welding Inspector on many major pipelines including the Kern River Project. He inspected the construction of this pipeline from Utah to California. Locally, he owned Ganado Welding Service. He welded for various oil field companies and did general welding in the area.

Billy was a member of Pipeliners Local Union 798 for 62 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Ganado, Texas, and Campers on Mission of Texas.

He married his high school sweetheart, Gladys Preuss, in 1962. They were blessed with two daughters, Bobbi Ann, and Vicki Lynn, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Billy is preceded in death by his parents and brothers: Ray (Marieta), Harold and Jerry Bassham. He is survived by his devoted wife, Gladys; daughters, Bobbi Ann Bassham Wigginton (Jay), Vicki Lynn Bassham Schneider (Patrick); grandchildren: Jason Sulak (Shanna), Lauren Wigginton Bryant (Lawrence), Chelsea Schneider, Allison Schneider, and Nolan Schneider; great-grandchildren: Evan Graham Sulak, Lawrence Jay Bryant, Conrad Bassham Bryant, and Elliot Ann Bryant. He is survived by numerous nephews, nieces and sister-in-law, Faye Bassham. He is also survived by cousins Karen Christie (Ronny), Linda Rhoton (Craig) and Finis (Sonny) Bassham. Billy's family was the greatest joy of his life, and he will be remembered for his love and commitment to them.

Billy was a man of deep Christian faith, grounded in a strong belief in the Lord. His trust in God was a source of comfort and strength. He held a special love for his family, but his other passions included fishing, his antique cars, traveling, camping, playing the guitar, snow skiing, water skiing, and watching TV.

The family will receive visitors on Saturday September 14, 2024, at 10:00am at the First Baptist Church of Ganado with a funeral service beginning at 11:00am. Interment to follow at Ganado City Cemetery. Pallbearers are Jay Paul Wigginton, Patrick Schneider, Nolan Schneider, Lawrence (Bucky) Bryant, Don Bassham, and Randy Vaughn. Honorary pallbearers are The Class of 1962, C.A. Preuss, and Floyd Sims.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Ganado, PO Box 385, Ganado, Texas 77962

Taken from the South Jersey Club Newsletter. One of their members had a wreck while on tour driving a 1951 Chevrolet Fleetwood. The inlet for the fresh air vent on Chevrolets of the 1949-54 era is directly behind the grill which pushes air into the passenger compartment but also transmits exhaust fumes if you are following closely. The driver was overcome by the fumes, passed out at the wheel. The car veered off the road onto the grass and struck a signpost. The driver came to when the car struck the signpost breaking the post off and bending the bumper and grille of the car. The driver was okay.



Some retro fun for Richard, he enjoyed the picture of our group at the Burton Cotton Gin last April that was again featured in last month's issue and asked for more retro.



What I used to see on our tours & cruises, not so much anymore. And the stories, remember the time I broke down and a mechanic just happened to be at home right across the street. Or remember when you broke down and we spent the whole trip at the hotel working on your car.



Combined Clubs Picnic 2023



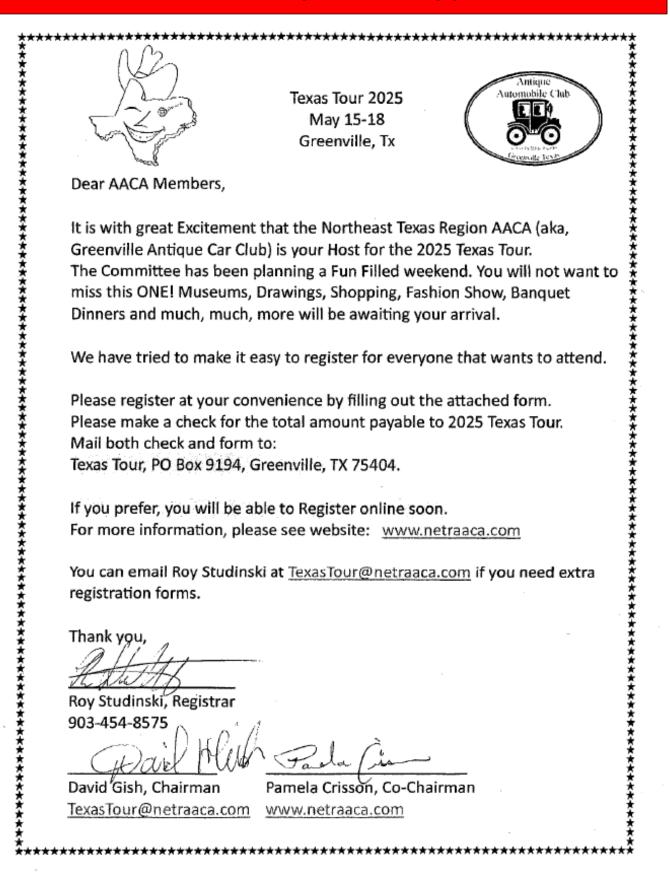
James Kasper & Willie cooking the burgers at the Combined Clubs Picnic 2021. We miss James, he was such an integral part of the Model A Club.

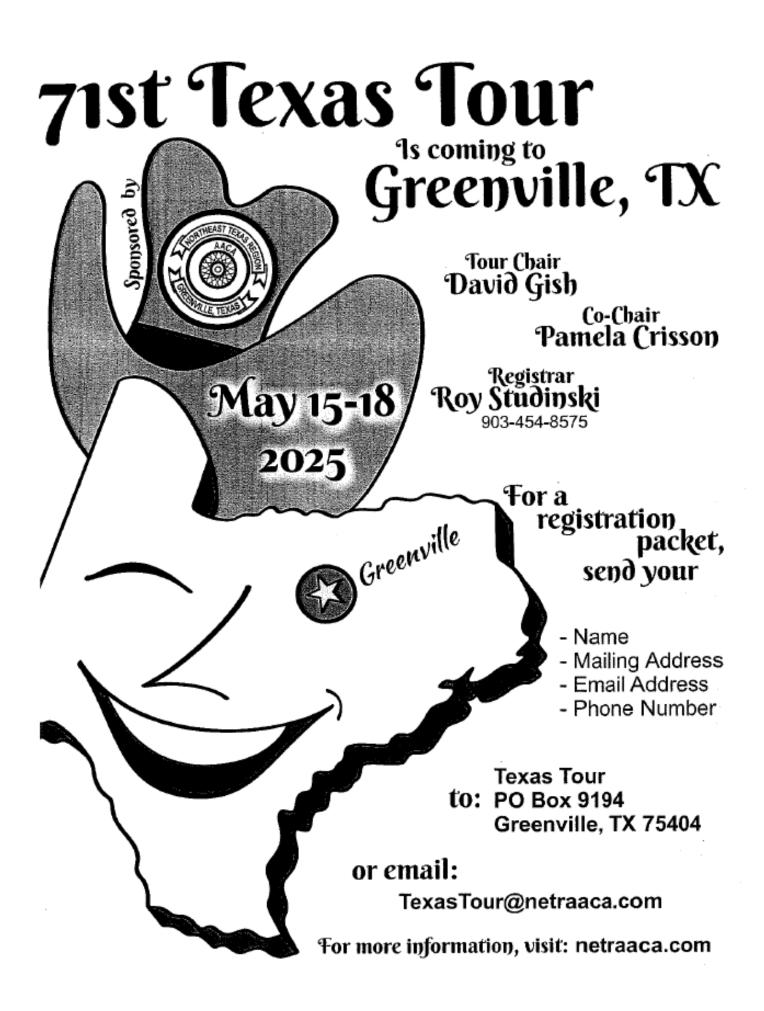






2025 Texas Tour Registration Packet – 4 pages





	71 st Texas Tour Registration Form May 15 – 17, 2025	
Driver:	Phone (Cell or Ho	me)
Mailing Address	City	State Zip
Email Address		
Car Club Member		_
Make of Car:	Body Style:	Year
Car Judged Yes No Trailer parking required Yes	I can help judging Yes No _ No	
What year was your first tour?	How many tours have you bee	n on?
Friday Dinner Beef C Saturday Dinner Beef		
Thursday Night Cook Out wou Friday Dinner Beef C Saturday Dinner Beef		
Passenger #2 Thursday Night Cook Out wou Friday Dinner Beef C Saturday Dinner Beef	ld you like Hamburgers or l hicken Vegetarian	
Thursday Night Cook Out wou Friday Dinner Beef C Saturday Dinner Beef		Meal selection: Hot Dogs

If more passengers please include on additional page.

Please make your hotel registration at:

Headquarters will be at Best Western Plus Monica Royale Inn & Suites

3001 Mustang Crossing Anx,

Greenville, TX 75402.

903-454-3700

Room costs \$ 105 + Tax per night

Alternate Hotel: Holiday Inn Express

2901 Mustang Crossing,

Greenville, TX 75402.

903-454-8680.

Room costs \$114.00 + Tax per night.

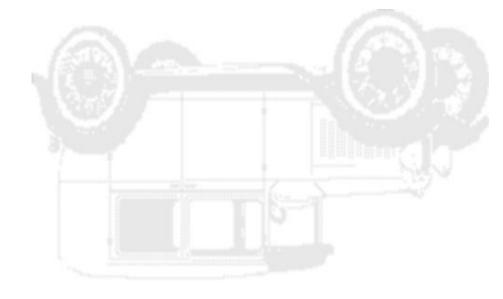
Registrants (Each)	Cost Each	Total
Driver	_1_@ \$154	\$154
Adult Passenger (s) #	@ \$149	
Children Under 16 #	@ \$75	
Shirts:		
SMMED LG XL	@ \$20	
2XL 3XL	@ \$22	
Raffle Tickets	@\$5	
71 st tour plaques	@ \$5	
If Pay Pal 3.5% fee		
Total Due		

I (we) release the Northeast Texas Region of AACA, committee members, the Texas Tour and host venues from any and all liability arising from participation in the Texas Tour. I have public liability and other adequate insurance on my car, and understand that a fire extinguisher is required in all antique vehicles.

Signature: _____ Date:

Return completed form and check to: Texas Tour PO Box 9194 Greenville, TX 75404





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