



The Broken Axle



Golden Crescent Region Antique Automobile Club of America, Victoria TX
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Tour to Gonzales & Cost to visit the Menning Ranch & Car Collection



Jim won the car drawing



Betty Kirby checking our receipt.



Glenn & Peter enjoying downtown Gonzales



Safe in the Menning garage is this car that was once in Jo's family and is super special to her.



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We had 39 members plus 12 Classic cars, and maybe that many more from the Gonzales Car Clubs. It was a nice outing. Thanks to the Mennings for inviting us.



Arriving at the Menning Ranch



Meeting at The Texan in Victoria before we headed towards Gonzales. Nancy, Jo, Daisy & Garland, Juanita & Kenneth; Pat & Roy; David & Sherry; Clay & Bridgette; Jerry Whitworth; Gary East



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Ronda, Daryl, Juana, Jo, Red, Betty, Clay, Theresa & Bill
Sherry, Bridgette, Bill; David Schutz; Joanne, Willie, Kathleen, and her mascot friend

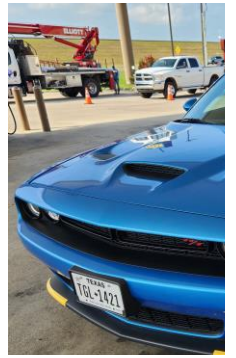


Nancy, Chris; Pat & Roy, Clyde & Margaret, Frankie & Nola, James & Marsha, Noel & Cindy
Frankie, Jim, Viki

Some of the Gonzales club members



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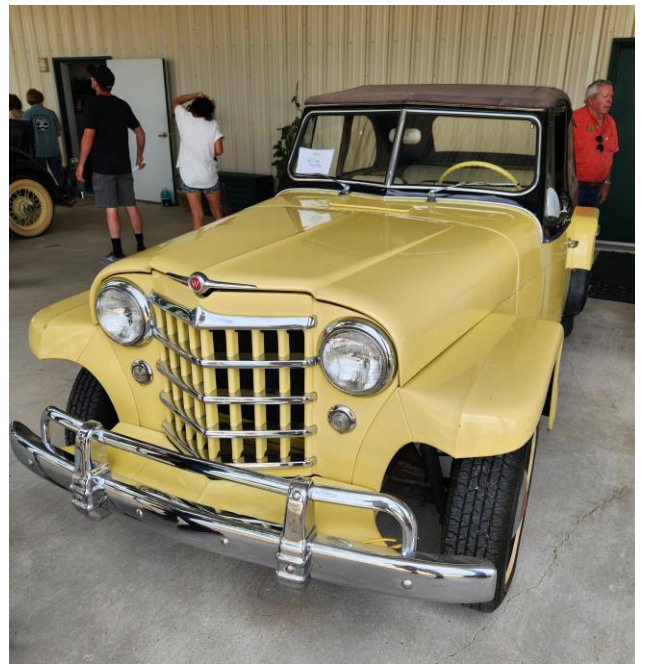


Some cars from the Gonzales club.

Clyde & Margaret



Gonzales & Cost Tour Page 5 – Visiting the Menning Collection



Our May Meeting

We celebrated Brayden Garoni entering the Navy later this month.



Our trip to Egypt TX, here is Brayden with his Grandmother Darlene



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President's Log

Hello car club and welcome to this Texas summer weather. It was a very good tour to Gonzales and the Menning ranch. Thank you to Kathleen and Mary Ann for bringing this tour together. Leroy and Mary Ann, thank you for the work it must have required to straighten up the shop for a viewing of your cars. Thank you for the dessert and drinks, as well as your hospitality. Let us welcome Clay and Bridgette Schutz as new members to the club. We are glad to have you. I will remind you all, to stay tuned into the club for fun to come and a chance to get those old cars out for a run.

Blessed to serve,
President's Log Out



2025 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



Be sure to like the Golden Crescent Region
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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.



2025 Dues

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June Birthdays send corrections/additions to Editor

Georgie Whitworth June 5
Darleen Dolan June 6
Margaret Meitzen June 7
Jeremiah Schmedt June 9
Sandy Bayer June 11
Kathleen Ross June 11
Adam Serna June 11
Theresa Spellacy June 13
Pat Roe June 15
Linda Teare June 20



June Anniversaries

Mike & Wanda Boyd June 5
Henry & Jenifer Danysh June 17
James & Marsha Steffek June 24



Calendar of Events – Subject to change

May 31 – Cruise to Cost, TX Lee Roy
Metting car collection and ranch, lunch at
Running M

June 04,11,18, 25 – Men's Wed Morning Coffee

June 06 – Cuero Texan 1st Friday

June 07 – Yoakum Tom Tom & Car Show

June 10– Monthly Meeting

(Always the 2nd Tues)

Social 6:30 Meeting 7:00

Location: OSLC Chapel

June 15 –Father's Day

June 18 – GCR Ladies Breakfast

(The third Wednesday)

June 26 – Our Monthly Mini Show & Shine

(The Last Thursday, 6pm)

Watch emails for any changes or additions.



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Happy June 15 er's Day



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AACA GOLDEN CRESENT REGION MEETING MINUTES May 13, 2025

President Richard Ross called the regular meeting of the AACA Golden Crescent Region to order May 13, 2025, at the OSLC Chapel, 4102 N Ben Jordan, Victoria. We had 55 including Adam Serna's brother. Jerry Whitworth indicated he drove his 1956 Buick Special.

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

WELCOME President Richard Ross welcomed all members and guests to the meeting.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT Treasurer Kathleen Ross gave the club's financial position as of April 30, 2025. The motion was made, and all approved the Treasurer's Report.

OFFICERS' REPORT:

PRESIDENT: President Richard Ross reported that on April 16th 13 attended the GCR Ladies Monthly Breakfast at IHOP. On April 19th was the Kirby/Adams Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch. Thanks again to these two families for hosting. On May 2nd at the Cuero Show & Shine & dinner we had 13 attendees/ 5 classic cars.

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

SUNSHINE REPORT: We offer our condolences to Mark Gibs and family on the passing of his mom and our member Helen. Her services will be Saturday May 17th. We also offer our condolences to Ron Albert on the passing of his brother. It was reported that Tom LaGrega is recovering from recent illness. 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.

May 02 - Cuero Texan Show & Shine, the first Friday

May 13 - Club Meeting 6:30 Social; 7pm meeting at OSLC 4102 N Ben Jordan St Victoria

May 17 - Helen Gibbs Funeral, 9.30 Rocky Creek Church

May 21 - GCR Ladies Breakfast - the third Wednesday, 8.30am.

May 29 - Our Club Mini Show & Shine Wendy's 6pm (corner of Navarro & Crestwood)

May 31 - Cruise to Cost, TX to see Lee Roy Metting car collection and ranch, lunch at Running M Restaurant (Gonzales) at 11am. Leave Victoria Texan on Main St. at 9.45am or Cuero O'Reilly's at 10.15 or 183/111 at 10.45 or the restaurant at 11.

June 06 - Cuero Texan Show & Shine, the first Friday

June 07 - Yoakum Tom Tom Parade 10am, leave Sam's at 8am, judging between 8& 10am

BUSINESS -We want to congratulate Brayden Garoni for sticking to his goals and being accepted into the Navy. He will leave May 29th. Tonight, our meal is in celebration for Brayden; John Garoni made the pulled pork sliders; potato salad furnished by Marilyn, Jo, Kathleen; corn salad furnished by Pat Ekstrum; beans furnished by Willie & Joanne; dessert is Celebration Cake, pies, chips; decorations by Kathleen & Daisy.

We voted in two new memberships; Greg & Debbie Chapman & Ted & Tara Tower. Welcome new members.

Kathleen is taking orders for short sleeved club shirts. Please let her know by May 31st if you would like to order.

Our 2024& 2025 Pate volunteers worked 2 ½ to 5 hrs. a day Thursday through Saturday. Thank you, volunteers. The 2024 volunteers are Richard & Kathleen; Clyde; Kenneth & Juana; Ron & Nena; Joanne; Keith; Glen & Rita; Jo & Jimmie; Garland & Daisy; Vince & Nancy; Brayden; Bill Spellacy. It was decided the 2024 Pate Worker Volunteer gift is a jacket. The 2025 volunteers are Richard & Kathleen; Clyde; Ron & Nena; Keith; Garland & Daisy; Bill Spellacy; David Schutz; Anita & David Harris; Gary & Betty East; Roy & Pat Ekstrum; It was decided that the 2025 Pate Worker Volunteer gift is a duffle bag.

We were reminded Texas Tour is May 15-18, 2025

CLUB HISTORY - Jo Cornstubble gave a history of an aspect of our club.

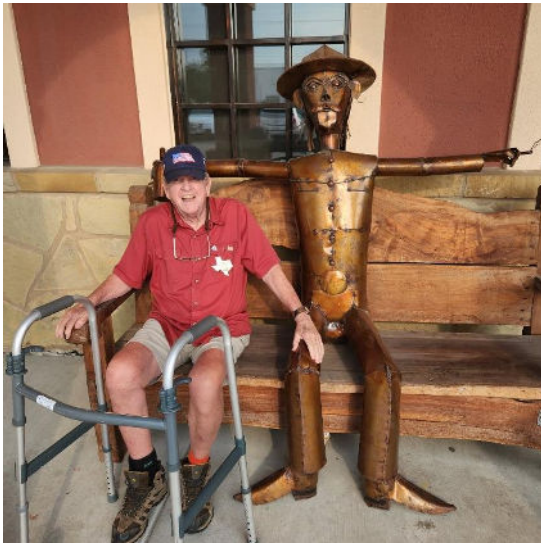
HOSTS RECOGNIZED -Juana Smith thanked everyone for the meal tonight and to our members who are always willing to help set up and serve. June is Potluck.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES -Vice President Garland Southern recognized all for the month of May 2025

ADJOURNED

Marilyn Young, Secretary

First Friday Cuero Texan Show & Shine -05.02.2025



Braydon Garoni, our future Navy Guy



Bob and Marilyn's food came to the table before they were in the restaurant





Butch and his 1956 Cushman



Richard reports - I located a kid and father for a giveaway at Pate. Here we are.



Helen I. Gibbs May 22, 1937 – May 01, 2025



Helen I. Gibbs, age 87, of Victoria, Texas, passed away peacefully on May 1, 2025. Born on May 22, 1937, to William “Bill” Gibbs and Elizabeth Horton, Helen lived a life full of grace, strength, and deep devotion to her family.

A beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, Helen's greatest joy was in caring for those she loved. She is survived by her devoted daughter, Betty Vandusseldorp; her loving sons, William Gibbs, Charles Gibbs, and Mark Gibbs; and her cherished sister, Lois Specker.

Helen's legacy lives on through her grandchildren—Terry Gibbs, Kennet, Keith, Jared, Mark, and Stephen—and her great-grandchildren, including Nathaniel and many others who brought her immeasurable happiness over the years.

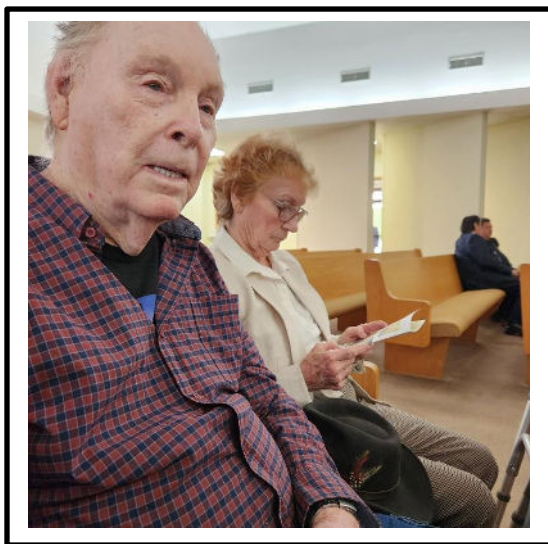
She was preceded in death by her husband, Ira W. Gibbs; her parents; and all of her brothers, who now embrace her once more.

Helen will be remembered for her unwavering strength, her gentle warmth, and the boundless love she so generously shared with her family and all who knew her.

Services will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2025, at 9:30 with a chapel service to begin at 10:00 am at Rocky Creek Baptist Church; Burial to follow at Nursery Cemetery.

Under the care of Angel Lucy's Funeral Home

Thanks to our members who were able to attend Helen's Homegoing Service – Richard Ross, Nancy Whiddon, Mary & Frank Boldt, Red & Betty Kirby, Nena Albert, Marilyn Young, Joanne Shaffer.



Wednesday morning Cars, Coffee & Tech 05.07.2025



Wednesday morning Cars, Coffee & Tech 05.17.2025



Wednesday morning Cars, Coffee & Tech 05.21.2025



The guys



And the cars



Wednesday morning Cars, Coffee & Tech 05.28.2025



The 71st Texas Tour is just a memory, but what a wonderful time we all had in Greenville!

The host club, AACCA Greenville, did a great job in lining up beautiful country roads for our drives to Sulphur Springs to visit the Heritage Park Village and Bonham to visit historic sites, including the Sam Rayburn Library and Museum and Fort English. In celebration of Audie Murphy's 100th birthday, many attendees toured the Murphy Museum as a self-guided tour.

One highlight was a demonstration at Greenville High School of their award-winning robotics and solar car programs. The student team has completed a solar car that will compete in an international race in Australia later this summer. It was amazing to learn about what these young people have accomplished.

The registration, hospitality room, and banquets ran smoothly and provided plenty of time for meeting and reacquainting with fellow antique car hobbyists. The judging and ladies' event were held at the Greenville Civic Center, and many attendees have posted wonderful pictures on Facebook and the Texas Tour website. Be sure and look them up for a virtual visit to the tour.

The 72nd Texas Tour, sponsored by the AACCA Central Texas club in Austin, will be in Waco next May, and the host club is already preparing for a special event for us all to enjoy.

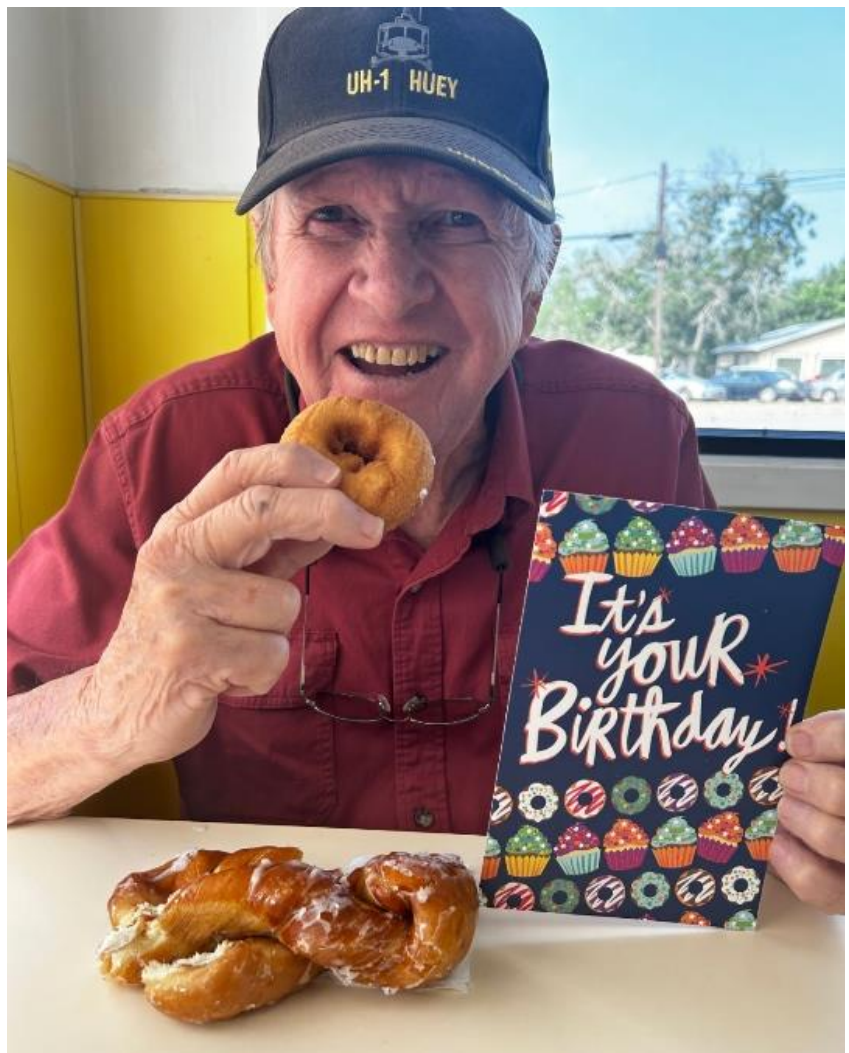
What our members are doing, out and about



Gary & Betty at Texas Tour with the 57 Chevy Belaire Wagon



Anita & David Harris in Fort Collins, CO to celebrate granddaughter Catie's graduation from Colorado State.



Jim got a donut for his Birthday



Wendy's Mini Show & Shine

Our first time at Wendy's for our monthly last Thursday of the month Mini Show & Shine we had 22 members 3 gests, 10 classics, a nice evening with visiting and dinner.



Henry's new PU



Sorry everyone, we didn't get a picture of all the cars.

Jo posts - It has been a really nice day. So enjoyed a local car show after getting my pretty Corvette



What our members are doing – out with the Model A Club



Downtown Weesatche, our members David Harris & David Schutz



What our members are doing



Richard reports: I have been trying to get this broken exhaust bolt out for hours. Finally went and got a box of crayons. Believe me, that blue crayon and some heat did the trick!

I thought that was an innovative idea. Richard says he saw the idea online. Steve says he uses half and half acetone and automatic transmission fluid mixed up and put in a spray bottle.

Richard continues I used a torch to heat it up. Touched crayon to bolt, melted crayon was drawn into the threads and acted as lubricant

Daisy Southern's cousin has this PU for sale



AACA Rummage Box Spring 2025

Where's the Starter? By Dave Bowman, VP – Judging

There have been many articles about where is the hidden gas filler, so what about starting the car? It's not just about where is the key fob. Early cars, as we know, were crank started from the front of the engine. Set the timing, set the throttle or you will break your arm. So, what came after that? I'm going to miss a few and get some years wrong but stay with me. In the 1930's, Chevrolet and others adopted a mechanical starter with a pedal above and to the right of the accelerator pedal to press and engage

Please see the attached flyer for the Tom Tom car show & entry form.

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Awards Ceremony – 4 PM



Show Categories

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2. Modified Truck	10. Race Car (not street legal)
3. Street Rod	11. Modified Cars
4. Factory Muscle Car	12. Motorcycles
5. Classic (1955-1970)	13. Fat Fender Cars
6. Classic (1971-1985)	14. Rat Rods
7. Classic (1985 & Up)	15. Youth (15&Under)
8. Antique (Car or Truck)	

For more information, contact Yoakum Area Chamber of Commerce
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CAR SHOW CATEGORY: _____

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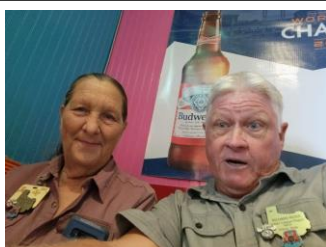
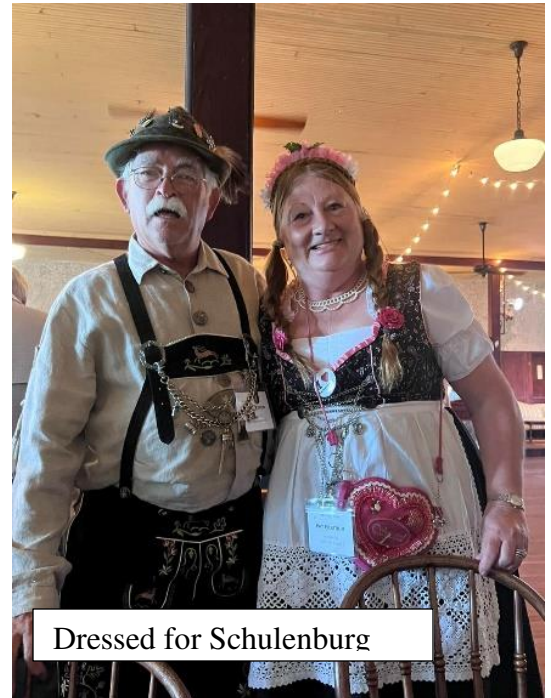
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Also see the link Goliad will be having a car show June 28

[Cars & Stripes Car Show](#)



Retro – our club hosted the 2023 69th Texas Tour, Schulenburg TX





From The Editor

Nancy Whiddon

My friend Nena

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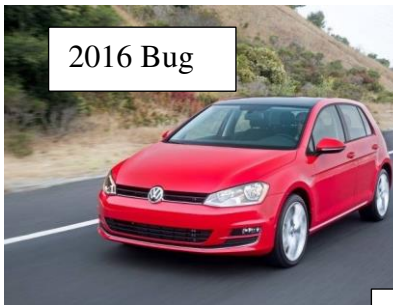
Me & my Miata

Nov 2017 - I had been hinting to Steve that I needed a car that would actually start when I turned the key, didn't suddenly stop in the middle of the street or I could take it to the dealer when I had trouble as he is not always able to accompany me to all the car club events. What I really wanted was a 2002 Retro T-Bird like the one Jerry Bassham has. Steve thought I needed a Mazda, so I got this 2015 Mazda Miata Hardtop Convertible. I was feeling a little guilty because I did not get another Mustang because, after all, I am a Mustang girl.

We got it the day after Thanksgiving 2017 and drove it to the Club Christmas Party. I was telling my friend Nena all about my new **2015** car. She had gotten a 1965 Mustang a few months earlier for her birthday. Then she told me that she had just gotten a **2016** Bug, and it was out in the parking lot. She just had to outdo me, just kidding, I love Nena!



Ron, Nena & the 1965 Mustang



2016 Bug



Then in late 2019 Nena & Ron show up in this 2002 Retro Baby T, the very car that I had originally wanted!



At the recent Palacios parade Feb 8th, we were finally able to drive my 1965 Mustang Convertible in over two years. It still isn't quite right.



And Nena shows up in this newly acquired beautiful 1965 Mustang Convertible that she got for her birthday!

Nena is my inspiration. This lovely lady was raised in a large, very poor, migrant farm family. She had to drop out of school early to help out at home. When she was in the 3rd grade, she had a teacher that inspired her, and Nena's dream was to one day be a teacher herself. She grew up, got married, had a baby but never lost her dream. She was able to get her GED, go to college, and get her teacher's certification and she did teach school for 29 years. She is retired now and she and Ron travel and collect cars! We love you Nena & Ron, you are beloved members of our club, and Nena, you are an inspiration to us all!

Nena responds: Thanks, you make me feel special and yet humble! It is only the Lord's love, mercy and Grace that has gotten me this far To Him be the glory. Thank You so much my friend. Love you bunches!

Our Nena is famous and inspirational as featured in this newspaper story, Beeville 04.06.1995.

Woman moves from cotton fields to college. Nena De Los Santos Albert is a self-made woman and a local success story. The 10th of 11 children born to migrant farm workers, Nena was born in Runge and raised in Karnes County. Nena's family followed the cotton harvest trail, picking cotton from August until December. In January, the family would stop roaming, and little Nena would enroll in school for five months. She completed the seventh grade in Pettus before dropping out of school to work in the cotton fields herself. The work was hard, hot, and dirty.

Despite attending school only part-time, Nena made the honor roll in the third grade. Sparked by her accomplishment and her admiration for her teachers, a flame began to grow. Nena wanted to grow up to be "somebody." She wanted to be a teacher. This goal was not changed by having to drop out of school or by any of the other hardships of her early years.

To supply the basic needs of food, shelter and clothing, Nena worked picking cotton as a migrant farm worker until she was 20 years old. She married, gave birth to a daughter, and eventually divorced. At age 29, she took her first steps to what she called "freedom", she earned her GED. The following year, with a dream of reaching her goal to become a teacher, she borrowed the money to attend Bee County College. After earning an associate degree in science at BBC, Nena worked a year to earn money for her next educational objective.

Her next step was to enroll in the University of Houston in Victoria. To meet her expenses, she worked during the day at H.E.B. checking groceries. Her efforts earned her \$36 a week and she paid a babysitter \$10 a week to care for her 9-year-old daughter. In the evenings, she made a lonely commute from Kenedy to Victoria to attend night classes.

It took five years, but Nena earned her ticket to freedom. She had a degree in education with a minor in Spanish. She also had nine hours in special ed and nine in English as a second language. She did her student teaching in Kenedy and was hired immediately to teach in Karnes City in 1980.

This determined lady, now judiciously educated, found school eager for her talents and expertise wherever she lived. She taught in Meyersville and in Cuero before moving to Pettus in 1990. A Primary school teacher, Nena has taught third, fourth, fifth grades, kindergarten, and special education. Currently, she is inspiring kindergarten students at Pettus Elementary School, where her favorite words are "You can do it! Don't give up!"

In addition to her primary school classes, this diminutive lady who is a role model to her students also teaches GED classes in Pettus. Two students and possibly a third will receive their GED status this year. Perhaps they too will be able to achieve "freedom" as did their teacher.

Nena's self-esteem was bolstered by the act of doing it on her own, without government assistance of any kind. She says, "I was too proud to accept food stamps." This is a true story of hard work and determination by a lady who set her goals and made sacrifices to achieve them.

This dynamic, attractive lady married Ron Albert in 1982. Ron has three children and six grandchildren. Nena's daughter, now 24 years old, has completed two years of college and is working with mentally challenged adults. She also is planning to obtain her degree in education, with a specialty in special education. Nena's parents, now deceased, would surely be pleased if they could see their daughter now. Her father was a Pentecostal preacher, and her mother was a housewife after they retired from the cotton fields.

Chili and Jack Umphres, residents of Tuleta, met Ron and Nena when they bought a house in their neighborhood. After Ron finished his workday for Southwestern Bell and Nena finished hers at Pettus Elementary, the couple drove to Tuleta to renovate their house. "They are hardworking and friendly," says Jack. Her husband says, "they are a lovely couple." Never one to be idle, Nena buys and refinishes furniture in her spare time.

The Bee County Republican Women are pleased to announce that Nena De Los Santos Albert was the speaker at their meeting which was held Thursday at the River Bend Restaurant. The title of her talk was "From the Cotton Field to the Classroom."

Welcome to all our new members. I may not have your birthday & anniversary date on file. If you do not see it in the newsletter, please email me nkw348@gmail.com or text me 361.648.1961. Also, if you have more than one email, please let me know so all members are able to receive the newsletter and announcements. Nancy Whiddon, Editor.



JFK and his Model A

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AACA Texas DFW Region

Save the date for the AACA Central Division Fall Tour, The Runaway Scape, a four-day progressive tour from San Antonio to San Jacinto. Follow the footsteps of early Texian history on October 18 - 22, 2025. Registration coming soon.

October 18-22, 2025 – Central Divisional Tour – San Antonio to Gonzales, TX – hosted by Texas DFW Region – 214-498-0531

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KNOWLEDGE IS EVERYTHING

You've probably heard the old tale of the engineer who charged \$10,000 for fixing a machine — \$1 for turning a screw and \$9,999 for knowing which screw to turn.

Well, that wasn't just a fable. The engineer was real. His name was Charles Proteus Steinmetz (1865–1923), and he was a genius in electrical engineering.

One day, Henry Ford ran into a serious issue at his River Rouge plant. A massive generator had malfunctioned, and none of Ford's top engineers could figure out what was wrong. So, Ford called in Steinmetz.

When Steinmetz arrived, he asked for three things: a notebook, a pen, and a cot. Then he spent two full days and nights in the plant, listening to the generator and scribbling mysterious calculations.

Finally, he asked for a ladder, a tape measure, and some chalk. Slowly, he climbed to the top of the generator, measured a spot, and marked it with a chalk "X".

Then he turned to the engineers and said: "Take off this panel, unwind the coil from this exact point, and remove 16 turns of wire." They followed his instructions — and just like that, the generator was humming again, good as new.

A few days later, Ford received an invoice from Steinmetz: \$10,000 Surprised by the steep fee, Ford asked for an itemized breakdown.

Steinmetz replied:

- Making chalk mark: \$1
- Knowing where to put it: \$9,999

Ford paid the bill. No complaints, no questions.

This legendary story was later shared in a 1965 Life magazine letter by Jack B. Scott, whose father had worked for Ford.

He stood just four feet tall, his body curved by a hump in his back and a crooked gait, and his stunted torso gave the illusion that his head, hands and feet were too big. But he was a giant among scientific thinkers, counting Albert Einstein, Nikola Tesla and Thomas Edison as friends.



Thank you to the Nutzen Jolts Newsletter of the Punzsutawney Region AACA May 2025, Indiana, PA

Collector Car Appreciation Day is July 11

How Will YOU Celebrate?



This year marks the 16th consecutive commemoration in what is now an annual holiday to raise awareness of the vital role automotive restoration and collection plays in American society.

I know every day is Collector Car Appreciation Day (CCAD) for many of us but having a specific day when EVERYONE is celebrating brings visibility to our hobby and reinforces the importance of old cars. Now, if you can't celebrate on July 11th, that's okay – just make sure you set aside some time during the month of July to do something special.

Here are just a few ideas on how to celebrate Collector Car Appreciation Day:

1. Organize or attend a car show.

Organize a car show and invite local collectors and admirers to come together and celebrate the beauty of collector cars. Make sure there are awards and prizes in place. No time to plan a show? Then just find one to go to and/or participate in.

2. Take a drive.

Simply take a drive in your collector car. Head out on an open road adventure and enjoy the scenery or take a scenic route for some sightseeing. Either way, it's sure to be a memorable experience.

3. Visit a classic car museum.

Visit a classic car museum and admire the beauty of these historic vehicles. Learn about the history of each car and get up close to see them in all their glory.

4. Join a collector car club or sign up a friend for a \$25 half-year AACA membership.

Join a collector car club and meet other enthusiasts like yourself. Meet up with other members for events, car shows, and more. Already belong to enough clubs (AACA being the best one, of course!)? Why not sign up a friend who you think would enjoy all the benefits AACA has to offer?

5. Restore an old car/work on your current project.

If you're feeling ambitious, why not restore an old car? Find an old classic and spend time restoring it to its original glory. It's sure to be an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

Help promote this special day by posting on social media using the hashtags #CCAD and #AACA. If your Region/Chapter is having an activity for Collector Car Appreciation Day, please share a few sentences and photos with us so we can publish them in *Speedster*. Send them to Stacy at szimmerman@aaca.org.



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