



The Broken Axle



Golden Crescent Region Antique Automobile Club of America, Victoria TX
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Combined Clubs James Kasper Memorial Picnic Sponsored by the Victoria Model A Club



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Thanks everyone for turning out for the Combined Clubs James Kasper Memorial Picnic hosted by the Victoria Model A Club. We had 48 in attendance, 6 Model A's, 9 classics, 2 Corvettes. We enjoyed shrimp boil, hamburgers, sides, desserts. We thank Clyde for offering prayer before the meal, David Harris, Model A Club President, the cooks & helpers. We have lots of volunteer helpers who also help to serve & clean up. We also thank Betty & Gary East for providing car games, prizes & recognition. Red & Betty Kirby were also there to celebrate their 67th anniversary. It was a good day.



Betty working the games table, Larry Parker keeping her company, Juana getting instructions from Gary East & she did it!



Looks like a winner!



Getting ready to throw



Clyde playing, Guess how many in the Jar, games.

Who's next?



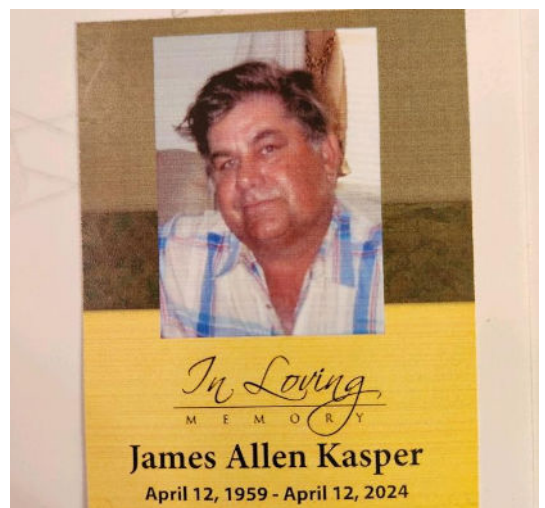
Our cooks and helpers, visiting with each other, eating, playing games. It was a good day.



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James & Chris Kasper, James Kasper was Mr Model A, he loved the Model A, he was a member, a working member of the Victoria Model A Club since 2015. he was President, Tour Chair, planned and led tours, Auctioneer, wore many hats, he was a faithful, vital member and is greatly missed. He passed away on April 12, 2024.



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Ronda shared on Facebook, celebrated mom, and dads (Red and Betty Kirby) 67th anniversary today ❤️ Not sure I liked the shirt 🌈



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President's Log

Hello car club, here we are in October already. We had a good turnout for the picnic with the Victoria A's. Thank you to that club for the invitation.

We were also able to meet up for the Hallettsville Kolache Fest parade. The club took a first place at the parade.



Remember, get those old cars out, cleaned up, and ready for more fun this fall.

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
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.



2025 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

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
Clay Schutz	Oct 25
Cindy Smith	Oct 26
Daisy Southern	Oct 27
Marsha Steffek	Oct 27
Louise Ellis	Oct 28



October Anniversaries

Clyde & Margaret Svetlik	Oct 18
Vince & Nancy Veliz	Oct 21
Gary & Betty East	Oct 31



We think of Billie & Joyce Lovel who would have celebrated their wedding anniversary on Oct 2nd. We lost Joyce on June 25th of this year.

Calendar of Events – Subject to change

- Oct 1,8,15,22, 29 – Men's Wed Morning Coffee**
- Oct 04 – Cuero Texan 1st Friday**
- Oct 05 – Gonzales Come & Take It Car Show**
- Oct 11 – Cuero Turkey Fest**
- Oct 14– Monthly Meeting**
(Always the 2nd Tues)
Social 6:30 Meeting 7:00
Location: OSLC Chapel
- Oct 15 – GCR Ladies Breakfast**
(The third Wednesday)
- Oct 30 – Our Monthly Mini Show & Shine**
(The Last Thursday, 6pm)

Watch emails for any changes or additions.

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<https://goldencrescentregion.aaca.com/>;

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under regions & chapters



AACA GOLDEN CRESENT REGION MEETING MINUTES September 09.2025

President Richard Ross called the regular meeting of the AACA Golden Crescent Region to order September 09, 2025, at the OSLC Chapel, 4102 N Ben Jordan, Victoria. We had 44 members to sign the book. Kenneth Smith indicated he drove his 1991 Lincoln Mark VII

OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE –Richard Ross 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 Herb & Barbara Decker 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 August 31, 2025. The motion was made, and all approved the Treasurer's Report.

OFFICERS' REPORT:

PRESIDENT: President Richard Ross reported that Aug 1st was dinner at Aimee's Bluebird Café and then the Cuero Texan Show & Shine, 15 attended. On Aug 20th 8 attended the GCR Ladies Breakfast at IHOP. Aug 28th at the DQ on Moody St Show & Shine we had 22 attendees 7 classics, 1 Corvette. Aug 30th was the Cape Carancahua gathering; 45 attended, 12 classics, 3 Corvettes. Very sad to report that Keith's Corvette was in a fender bender on the way to Cape C. Sept 5th was dinner at Aimee's Bluebird Café and then the Cuero Texan Show & Shine, 12 attended, 3 classics, 2 Corvettes.

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

SUNSHINE REPORT: Nena presented her report. 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 05 - Cuero Texan Show & Shine, the first Friday

Sept 09 – Club Meeting 6:30 Social; 7pm meeting at OSLC 4102 N Ben Jordan St Victoria.

Sept 17 – GCR Ladies Breakfast – the third Wednesday, 8.30am.

Sept 20 – We are invited by the Victoria Model A Club for the Annual James Kasper Memorial Combined Clubs Picnic at noon at Patriot Park.

Sept 25 – Our Club Mini Show & Shine at 6pm, at Wendy's on the corner of Crestwood & Navarro.

Sept 27 – Hallettsville Kolache Parade & Car Show afterwards.

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Oct 05 – Come and Take It Car Show, Gonzales TX

Oct 11 – Cuero Turkey Fest Parade 11am

Oct 14 – Club Meeting 6:30 Social; 7pm meeting at OSLC 4102 N Ben Jordan St Victoria.

Oct 30 – Our Club Mini Show & Shine at 6pm, at Wendy's on the corner of Crestwood & Navarro.

BUSINESS – The Pate Swap Meet Fall Meeting will be Sept 13th in Waco. We will receive our 2025 distribution check. The Central Fall Nationals in Galveston hosted by the Gulf Coast Region is Oct 23-25. At our Oct meeting we will be accepting nominations for our 2026 Officers. We welcome new members attending tonight Herb & Barbara Decker, he has a 1947 Ford Coupe. Sponsor is Ron Crain. Jerry Whitworth mentioned that Veterans & First Responders Appreciation Day is Sept 11th 9-2 at 4103 N Navarro.

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

HOSTS RECOGNIZED –Juana Smith thanked the club for the meat tonight and members for bringing sides & desserts. Next month is potluck.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES –Vice President Garland Southern recognized all for the month of September 2025

ADJOURNED

Marilyn Young, Secretary

Wednesday morning Cars, Coffee & Tech 09.03.2025

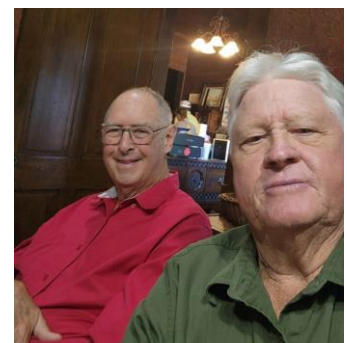
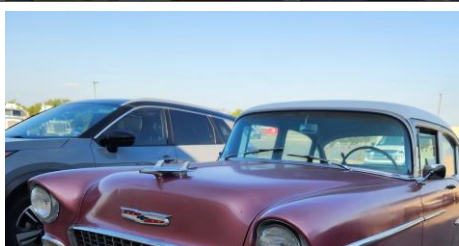


Keith and his Corvette



Just to update the photo of Keith's Corvette, Sorry Keith, thank goodness you were not hurt.

1st Friday in Cuero 09.06.2025



What our members are doing



Happy Birthday Dear Nena Albert 09.07



Ronda & Daryl enjoying fresh squeezed orange juice on a stop during their travels from Edna TX traveling the East Coast from Key West to Canada.



Getting ready for deer season, Kathleen & Richard celebrated their wedding anniversary on 09.07 – 51 years! WOW!

Wednesday morning Cars, Coffee & Tech 09.10.2025



Wednesday morning Cars, Coffee & Tech 09.17.2025



Wednesday morning Cars, Coffee & Tech 09.24.2025



Hallettsville Kolache Fest Parade & Car Show 09.27.2025



First Place Antique/Classic Cars



Where is Jim Moyers??

What our members are doing

Good luck to our members John & Theresa Garoni

To my family, friends, and fellow citizens of DeWitt County. After much discussion, personal reflection & prayer, I am announcing my candidacy for Justice of the Peace Precinct #1 DeWitt County. I moved to DeWitt County in 1996 & began my career of public service in law enforcement. For almost 30 years, I have served our community as a peace officer & member of different organizations. My desire is to bring this paradigm of service, experience, and professionalism to the office of Justice of the Peace Pct. 1. I look forward to your consideration and support.

Thank you. Respectfully, John V. Garoni



Some good news

Some good news from our friends from Rio Grande Valley Chapter. Claudia & Moses Mendoza. He has been President and planned the Texas Tour a few years back. The Mendoza's met Gary & Betty East on a cruise and then introduced our club to them.

Congratulations Claudia Mendosa.

Claudia reports on Facebook, Yesterday was an exciting and emotional day. After so many years, I became an American citizen. The young lady next to the director is my former student. She just happened to be one of the agents.



BRAYDEN GRADUATED FROM A SCHOOL



Ronda & Daryl at Hallettsville Kolache Fest Parade & Car Show 09.27.2025



Wednesday morning Cars, Coffee & Tech 10.01.2025



1st Friday in Cuero 10.03.2025



Trivia Question

What popular movie included a car as a critical part of the plot which would ultimately be willed to a central character...on the condition that it must remain totally stock and unmodified?

Trivia Answer

Gran Torino. The full-length feature directed, produced and starring Clint Eastwood is the story of a Highland Park, Michigan, Korean War veteran and retired Ford factory worker who befriends a troubled Asian neighbor and his family by confronting ever-escalating gang violence. Eastwood ultimately wills his beloved 1972 Ford Gran Torino in an act of cultural redemption to the Southeast Asian teen (who originally tries to steal it) on the condition that it remain totally stock and unmodified. Perhaps Eastwood is an AACA member?!



Let's Have a Party!!!



*Costumes Encouraged, but not
required
Pot Luck Meal*



October 25, 2025

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)



Retro – the front page from our October 2024 issue

Celebrating Model A Day – Combined Clubs Picnic

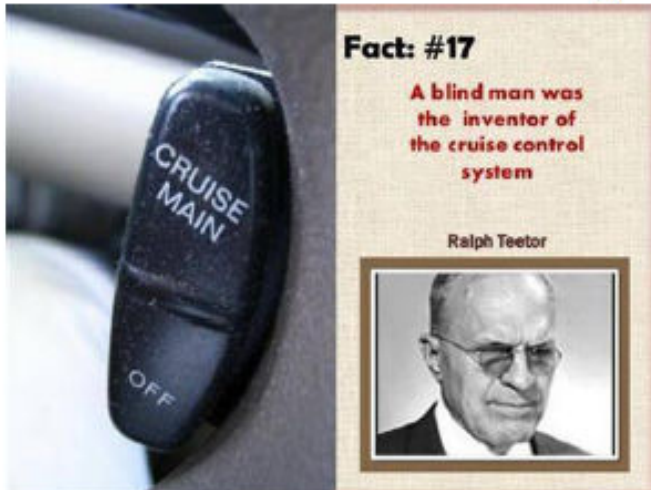
We had 50 in attendance, 17 Model A Members; 41 GCR Members; 6 guests



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



The story of Cruise Control



Today, no one blinks twice at the cruise control button on their car. But the story behind it is as remarkable as the technology itself.

Cruise control was invented in the 1940s by an American engineer named Ralph Teetor, and here's the incredible part. He was completely blind.

Teetor lost his sight at the age of five after an accident, yet he grew up to become a brilliant inventor. He had an extraordinary memory, and his sense of touch was so sharp that he could literally feel machines with his fingertips. Over his career, he worked on multiple engineering breakthroughs,

including an improved transmission designed for heavy trucks.

But the idea for cruise control came from pure frustration. Whenever Teetor rode in a car with his lawyer, he noticed the man's terrible driving habit. He would speed up while listening and slow down while talking. The constant jerking drove Ralph crazy. He thought there has to be a way to keep the car steady.

By 1948, he had patented a system. He first called Controlematic, later renamed cruise control. His design used an electromechanical unit that monitored driveshaft speed and adjusted the throttle to keep the car steady.

Crysler was the first to introduce it in 1958 under the name auto pilot, and Cadillac followed in 1960, calling it cruise control. Within a decade, it became a must-have feature in luxury cars and eventually standard across the industry.

Friends would joke that Ralph himself could never truly experience cruise control. But he always said he was happy knowing that millions of people, "strangers he'd never see" enjoyed safer smoother more comfortable drives thanks to his invention.

In 1988, Ralph Teetor was inducted into the automotive Hall of Fame. His story remains a powerful reminder that true vision couldn't come from sight; it comes from imagination and persistence.

So next time you set your car to cruise down the highway remember the blind genius whose idea turned long drives into something just a little easier for everyone.

(copied from the November 2025 Motor Sports magazine)

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make reservation for the *Antique Car Club* room block. Group
rate is \$182. **Hotel Reservation Deadline: September 30**

Texas Rangers Presentation • Welcoming Day Party Activities
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Galveston Ferry Ride to Port Boliver Peninsula • Judging
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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

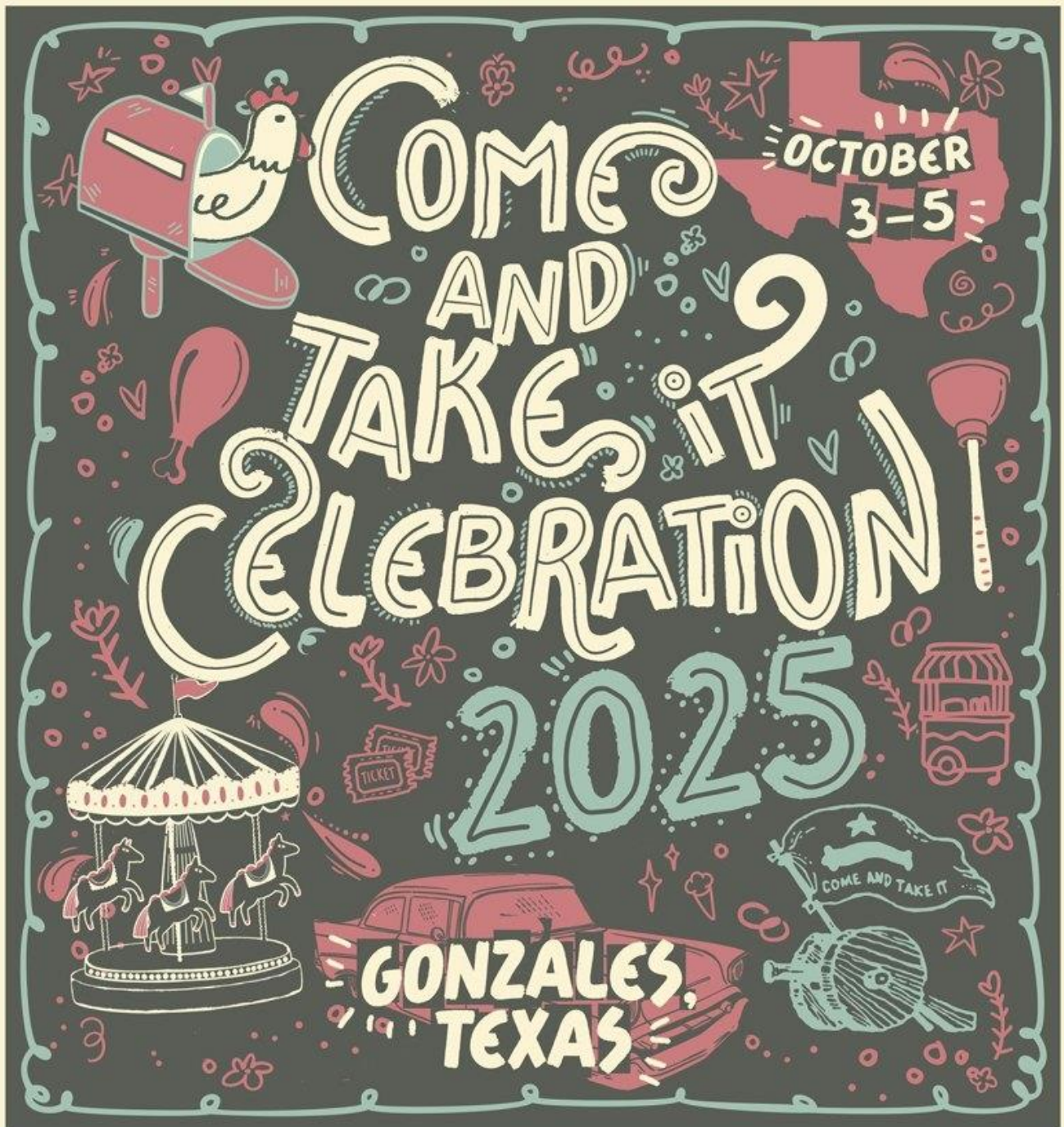
Link for Hotel Reservations is: [Texas Tour](#).

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.

Welcome to all our new
members. I may not have your
birthday or anniversary date on
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me 361.348.1965. 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.





From the 2019 parade as pictured on the Cuero Turkey Fest Association Page.

LAST CHANCE!! Galveston Show Deadline Extended to October 4!

The Texas Coast is Calling...

See Y'all Soon!

October 23-25, 2025

Central Fall Nationals

Galveston, TX

Registration Deadline Extended: October 4

[Click here for brochure](#)

[Click here to register online](#)



At its Golden Era in the late 1800s, Galveston Island was known as the “Playground of the South” – a booming tourist destination built on its attractive beaches, convenient location, high-traffic port, and numerous attractions. Galveston has reclaimed that title in recent years with an influx of new attractions and cruise ships that keep drawing visitors to this charming historic beach town on the Texas Gulf Coast. The Gulf Coast Region is excited to host this show and anxiously awaiting your arrival!

Event highlights include a Texas Rangers presentation, welcoming day party activities, technical session on chrome plating, driving tour to the Galveston Ferry ride to Port Boliver Peninsula, Judging School, membership roundtable, Island Banquet with band and silent auction, Judges Breakfast, CJE, Owners Briefing, lots of southern hospitality and awards presentation.

Host Hotel:

Moody Gardens Resort and Spa

One Hope Boulevard, Galveston, Texas 77554

Call 409-683-1299 Monday-Friday between 7AM-8PM to make a reservation for the Antique Car Club room block. Group rate is \$182.

Book online: tinyurl.com/2025TXnationals

Hotel Reservation Deadline: September 30

Questions?

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