



The Broken Axle



Golden Crescent Region Antique Automobile Club of America, Victoria TX
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President's Annual Award Presented to Keith Bridges



The President's Award goes to Keith Bridges. A very active member of our club. He worked all four days at Pate Swap Meet. He helped set up, break down as well as worked gates 5 hours a day to ensure we covered all our duties. Well deserved, Keith, thank you for being an active member and supportive of our club.

Blessing Hotel Lunch and Palacios Valentine Parade 02.14.2026



The birthday girl Betty with her sister Simone





And as usual, we finished the day at DQ





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President's Log

Hello car club, another exciting tour is on the schedule.

The Bluebonnet Tour will take us to Cedar Park for the train ride to Burnet. I hope you all have your ticket to ride!

Pate Swap Meet is fast approaching, so get your lodging in order. We need as much participation from you all as possible.

Spring 2026 is loaded with all kinds of entertainment. If you have an idea for a tour, contact Kathleen and let's do it.

Stay tuned into the club for more opportunities to get those old cars out for a tour.

Blessed to serve,
President's Log Out



Richard Ross

2026 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.



2026 Dues

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Make check payable to: AACA-GCR
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March Birthdays send corrections/additions to Editor

Pat L Ekstrum	March 02
Erin Adams	March 03
Vince Veliz	March 03
Suzy Freeman	March 05
Joanne Shaffer	March 11
Daisy Arnold	March 12
Norrell Schulte	March 19
Herb Decker	March 28
Nancy Whiddon	March 29
Jenifer Danysh	March 31



March Anniversaries

Rick & Dee Gunkel March 26



- Calendar of Events** – Subject to change
March 4,11,18,25, – Men’s Wed Morning Coffee
March 06 – Cuero Texan 1st Friday
March 08 – Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 10– Monthly Meeting
 (Always the 2nd Tues)
Social 6:30 Meeting 7:00
Location: OSLC Chapel
March 13-14 – Bluebonnet Tour 2026
March 17 – St. Patrick’s Day
March 18 – GCR Ladies Breakfast
March 27-29- Model A Club Tour
April 23-25 Pate Swap Meet
May 21-26, 2026-72nd Texas Tour
Waco TX hosted by Central Texas Region

Watch emails for any changes or additions.



April 23-25, 2026

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AACA GOLDEN CRESENT REGION MEETING MINUTES February 10, 2026

President Richard Ross called the regular meeting of the AACA Golden Crescent Region to order February 10, 2026, at the OSLC Chapel, 4102 N Ben Jordan, Victoria. We had 47 members to sign in plus 2 visitors.

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 member to the meeting, plus Keith Bridges daughter Kimberly, and Gary East sister Mary Ann.

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 January 31, 2026. The motion was made, and all approved the Treasurer's Report.

OFFICERS' REPORT:

PRESIDENT: President Richard Ross reported that on Jan 21st 6 ladies attended the weekly ladies breakfast at IHOP. On Jan 23rd we had our Cruise to the Goliad Forge. On that very frigid day 29 attended with 18 at lunch after the presentation. Jan 29th was our monthly DQ gathering. We had 12 attendees, it was a very nice visit, and the ice cream is always appreciated. Feb 6th was the monthly Cuero Show & Shine.

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.

Feb 10 – Club Meeting 6:30 Social; 7pm meeting at OSLC 4102 N Ben Jordan St Victoria.

Feb 14 – Valentine's Day, Palacios Harmonie Club Parade

Feb 16 – President's Day

Feb 18 – GCR Ladies Breakfast at IHOP

Feb 26 – DQ Gathering 6pm

Mar 06 – Cuero Texan 1st Friday

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Mar 13-14 – Bluebonnet Tour

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BUSINESS – Your 2026 membership dues are all collected except for 4 memberships. We have declared 84 memberships for Pate and 140 members in our club as of right now.

Bluebonnet Tour Our Bluebonnet Tour will be March 13-14. We will be traveling to Cedar Park on Friday, staying the night in a hotel, and riding a Vintage Train from Cedar Park to Burnet. We will load the train at 8:30. Train departs at 9 and returns at 3:30. HOTEL AND TRAIN RESERVATION ARE BEING BOOKED SO LET Kathleen know by Thursday, Feb 12th if you are planning to attend. Stay tuned. Oh, course if you would like to come up just for the train ride on Saturday you can meet us at the train depot. <https://www.austinsteamtrain.org/special-events/hill-country-flyer/>

Annual President's Award – For three months President Richard Ross has been trying to present the President's Award. It goes to a very active member who has participated in almost all activities through the year 2025 He worked all four days at Pate. He helped set up, break down as well as worked gates 5 hours a day to ensure we covered our duties. The President's Award goes to Keith Bridges.

Some past recipients are 2019 Kathleen Ross; 2020 Bill Lovel; 2021 Nancy Whiddon; 2022 Clyde Svetlik; 2023 Gary & Betty East; 2024 Jimmie Price.

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

HOSTS RECOGNIZED – Juana Smith thanked everyone for the potluck, next month is our potluck.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES –Vice President Garland Southern recognized all for the month of February 2026

ADJOURNED

Marilyn Young, Secretary

“Where Are We Going”???



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Step aboard the Hill Country Flyer, our signature excursion and a cherished tradition for families, friends, and neighbors across Central Texas! This full-day adventure invites you to experience railroading the way it used to be, inside fully restored vintage railcars that have been carefully preserved by the Austin Steam Train Association and its dedicated volunteers.

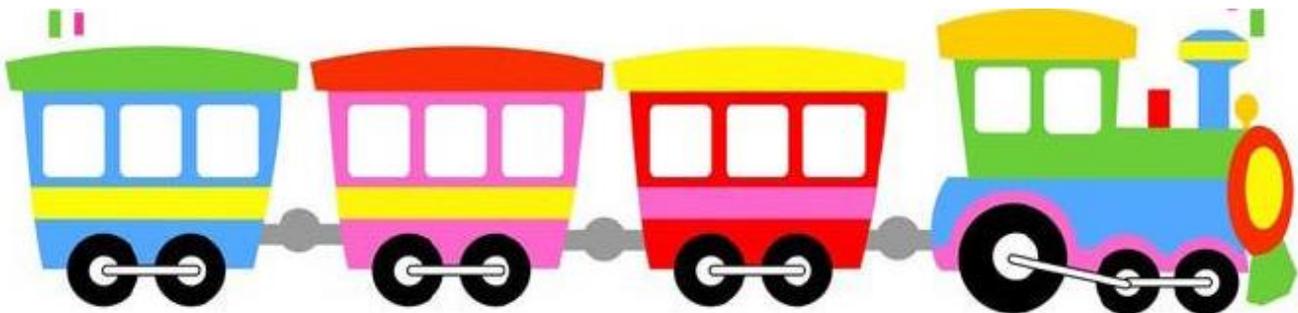
Guests are invited to walk through the train, enjoy refreshments and souvenirs from the concession car, and appreciate the details that bring this rolling museum to life. A two-hour layover in Burnet offers time to explore the historic town square, share lunch, or visit Wedding Oak Winery before reboarding for the afternoon ride home.

As the locomotive eases the train back toward Cedar Park, you'll find yourself settling into that familiar rhythm—the sound of the rails, the shared conversations, and the feeling of being part of something special.

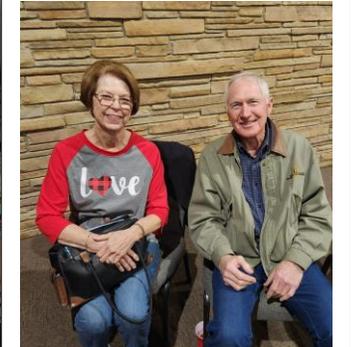
The Hill Country Flyer turns a simple day trip into a memory worth keeping.

This ride is 66 miles round trip with a 2-hour layover in Burnet.

- Departs Cedar Park at 9:00 AM
- Layover in Burnet from 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
- Returns to Cedar Park at 3:30 PM



Our February Meeting



What our members are doing

Richard took Jim on a road trip to Lampasas Feb 2



Checked out the ghost tractor in the park



The reason they were in Lampasas

Wednesday morning Cars, Coffee & Tech 02.04.2026



Wednesday morning Cars, Coffee & Tech 02.11.2026 & 02.18.2026



Wednesday Feb 18 Ladies Breakfast at IHOP



Wednesday morning Cars, Coffee & Tech 02.25.2026



DQ last Thursday of the month Get Together

We had a nice group and several cars.



We just got word that Jimmie got his truck back, yah!



At our last meeting Garland shared these two cars for sale for a friend of his.



1954 Ford
\$28,000.00 or B/O
Susie Garcia
361 579-9106



2004 SSR Chev
\$8,000.00 92,000
Susie Garcia
361 579-9106

Bubba King's friend Ron Kocian with Weekend Warriors car for sale



Bubba King called me awhile back, sorry it has taken me awhile to let you know about this car 1940 Chevrolet Master Deluxe, a few days ago Ron Kocian told me it had not been run in a year, and it was being checked out, today he told me he just got it back to him driven from Crescent Valley and it runs great. See Ron 361.935.7414 or Bubba King 361.648.1957 for more info. The car belongs to Warrior's Weekend and can be seen in the back @ 3603 Miori Ln across from Dollar General.



Retro –from our March 2023 & 2022 issue





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Some Other Car Events Around Victoria

First Friday of the month-Evan's Pizza
First Saturday of the month-Frida's Tex
Mex
Third Thursday of the month-Dairy Treet

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 file. If you do not see it in the newsletter, please email me nkw348@gmail.com or text 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.



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