



The Broken Axle



Golden Crescent Region Antique Automobile Club of America, Victoria TX
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Our Club is at Pate – Our Members Make Pate Great



- Ron & Nena Albert & their guests
- Angie & James Lannigan & Rhonda & Peter
- Keith Bridges
- Ron Crain
- Randy Davis
- Bob & Susan Donaldson
- Gary East
- Roy & Pat Ekstrum
- Glenn & Jean Gisler
- Anita & David Harris
- Jim & Viki Moyers
- Richard & Kathleen Ross
- Willie & Joanne Sanders
- David Schutz, Clay & Brad
- Bill Spellacy
- Clyde Svetlik
- Vince & Nancy Velez & Vince's Mom

Thank you to all Pate Volunteers



Waiting for our favorite Friday night dinner at Babe's Chicken Restaurant



Kathleen prepared all the meals right here then serviced the camper while someone else “looks on”

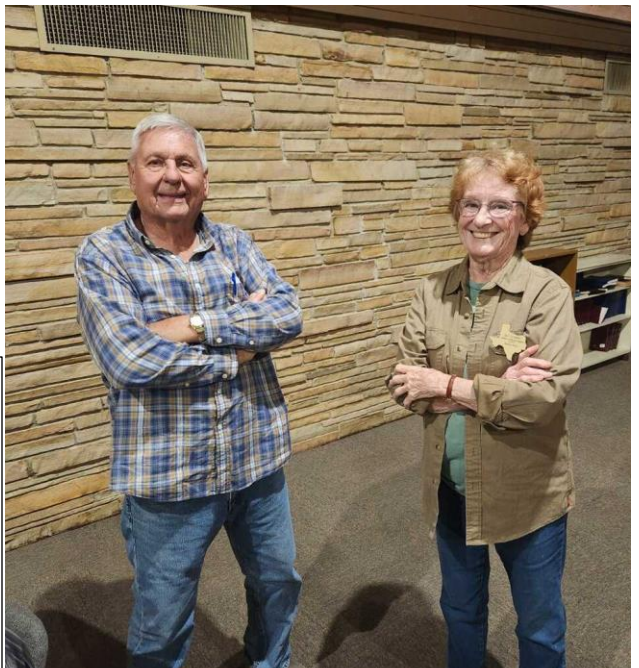




Our April 2026 Meeting



Be sure and sign up on the Pate Work Schedule.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President's Log

Hello car club,

We have put the Pate Swap Meet behind us for another year. The Meet was busy but went very well. I wish to thank all who were able to make the trip and put in the time at the gates.

The Texas Tour is next up on the list for the month of May.

Stay tuned into the club for some summer fun.

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

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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May Birthdays send corrections/additions to Editor

Simone Tipton May 1
 David Schutz May 3
 Mary Ann Menning May 10
 Tom LaGrega May 16
 Francie Rodriguez May 20
 Randy Davis May 21
 Jim Moyers May 21
 Nila Barfield May 24
 Mary Davis May 25
 Logan Schmedt May 25
 Jim Price May 27
 Larry Rausch May 29
 Jerry Whitworth May 30



May Anniversaries

Roy & Pat Ekstrum May 7
 Jeremiah & Jaclyn Schmedt May 7
 Ron & Nena Albert May 10
 Noel & Cindy Smith May 12
 Kenneth & Juana Smith May 16
 Martin & Francie Rodriguez May 20
 David & Anita Harris May 22



We think of and remember Helen Gibbs on her May 22nd birthday. We lost her on May 01, 2025

Calendar of Events – Subject to change
May 6,13,20,27, – Men’s Wed Morning Coffee
May 01 – Cuero Texan 1st Friday
May 10 – Mother’s Day
May 12 Monthly Meeting
 (Always the 2nd Tues)
Social 6:30 Meeting 7:00
Location: OSLC Chapel
May 20 – GCR Ladies Breakfast
May 21-26, 2026-72nd Texas Tour
Waco TX hosted by Central Texas Region
May 25 – Memorial Day, fly your flag
May 28 – DQ Gathering 6pm
 (The Last Thursday, 6pm)

Watch emails for any changes or additions.



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see our newsletter and other info.
<https://goldencrescentregion.aaca.com/>;
located within the AACA national website
under regions & chapters

AACA GOLDEN CRESENT REGION MEETING MINUTES April 14, 2026

President Richard Ross called the regular meeting of the AACA Golden Crescent Region to order April 14, 2026, at the OSLC Chapel, 4102 N Ben Jordan, Victoria. We counted 50 members.

OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE –Randy Davis led the members in prayer and led 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 previous meeting were approved as printed in The Broken Axle.

TREASURER'S REPORT Treasurer Kathleen Ross gave the club's financial position as of March 31, 2026. The motion was made, and all approved the Treasurer's Report.

OFFICERS' REPORT:

PRESIDENT: President Richard Ross reported that March 13-14 was our Bluebonnet Tour to Cedar Park/Burnet on the Vintage Train; 42 attended, we had a really good time. March 18th was the GCR Ladies Breakfast at IHOP, 10 attended. March 26th was our DQ Gathering; 15 attended. March 28th was the 40th Annual Goliad Massacre Re-enactment and Living History Demonstrations; 11 attended. Great lunch at Jalisco. April 4th was the Red Barn Easter Party, 7 attended. It was a great party. April 10th was the Harbor Hospice Sock Hop/Car Show. We had 10 cars on display; 22 members participated, very fun day.

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

SUNSHINE REPORT: Nena presented her report; Rita Sarlls sister passed; Paul Primm's son has cancer/ Garland's surgery; Bubba King's son-in-law in hospital following car wreck. 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.

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

April 15 – GCR Ladies Breakfast at IHOP

April 17-18-New Braunfels Swap Meet

April 23-25 Pate Swap Meet, see Richard for more info

April 25 – Northgate Church of God fundraiser, car show, BBQ, Etc., see flyer

April 26 – DQ Gathering 6pm

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BUSINESS – Thanks to Betty Kirby for auditing our club books.

Pate is here. Kathleen and Richard will be leaving Monday. Set up begins Wednesday at noon. We will set up all the gate tents, tables, chairs and hang all the signs. Thursday, Swap Meet Begins, we will be covering 4 gates from 10-5pm. Thursday, Friday and Saturday so sign up for your choice of time to work. Make sure you get your RV pass tonight so you can drive in and park at our campsite. The directions to find us are on the back of the pass. Make sure you have Richard or Kathleen's cell number. If you have any trouble, call one of them. Bring your Pate cap.

We have two new memberships, Ron Peterson in Cuero, and Rose Blaha.

Texas Tour 2026, in Waco, May 21-23, please let us know if you need registration info.

Ron Crain reminded us of a Veterans Fundraiser June 5th in Inez.

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

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

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

ADJOURNED

Marilyn Young, Secretary

“Where Are We Going”???



May 21-23-72nd Annual Texas Tour “Turning Back the Clock: (Theme) Waco TX

Thursday evening, 5:30pm, casual welcome dinner in the courtyard pavilion of host hotel.

Friday car judging and drive to nearby community to visit artisans performing crafts, plus BBQ lunch, drive to Hillsboro then back to hotel for dinner and entertainment in the hotel banquet room.

Saturday tour to West, TX to join a local car show, shopping, lunch. Next stop a private museum and auto related collection, back to hotel for dinner and entertainment in the hotel banquet room followed by awards.

Sunday, breakfast at hotel then back home.



Texas Tour

Registration

by Greg Herbert

The 72nd Texas Tour will be hosted in Waco, Texas, from May 21-23, 2026. The registration form can be printed, completed, and mailed with a check. Select the link below titled "Registration Packet 2026" to open and print the PDF version of the Registration Packet for the Texas Tour. <https://www.texas-tour.co/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/72nd-Texas-Tour-Registration-Packet.pdf>

This year's tour has been designed to take time driving our vehicles (which is the primary purpose of a group tour) and to visit interesting sights outside of the city of Waco, while maximizing the available time. Judging will occur concurrent with other activities to allow more time for touring and sightseeing.



72nd Texas Tour 2026

We have planned our tours and routes so that there is sufficient time for all activities without being rushed. None of our routes will ever require a speed greater than 45 miles per hour. Try it at this speed and you will be surprised at what you will SEE that you never saw before. We want to honor the history of the 1st Texas Tour that began in

Waco in 1954, so we are "Turning Back the Clock" to honor the tradition of a leisurely tour on two-lane roads.

To ensure the continued success of the Texas Tour for future generations, we ask that you bring with you or encourage a registration to be submitted by one or more people who have never before attended a Texas Tour – and who are younger than you are.

We invite you to arrive early on Thursday and follow our recommendations for Early Bird adventures and sightseeing before the official start of the planned events. We will provide guidance for places to visit, places to eat lunch, photo destinations, and interesting finds in Waco, so you can meet up with friends and have a relaxing day on your own visiting destinations that interest you.

Saturday concludes with dinner and entertainment in the banquet room at the hotel, followed by awarding of the Texas Tour "Class Judging", "Revolving Trophies" and other special awards. This would be the ideal time for you to present yourself in vintage attire for recognition during the dinner.

We look forward to seeing you at the tour. If you have questions or issues related to hotel reservations or the Registration Packet, please feel to contact us for assistance.

Greg Herbert
Registration Chairman
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TexasTourAACA@aol.com

Our club is signed up for Victoria's First 4th of July Parade

Mark your calendars! Victoria's FIRST ever 4th of July Parade will take place on Saturday, July 4th!
We can't wait to see the creativity and patriotic spirit you bring to America's 250th birthday!



AMERICA

250

Parade



CELEBRATION

7.4.26

10:00 AM

Downtown Victoria

Easter Egg Hunt & Potluck at Adams Red Barn hosted by Adams & Kirby Families 04.04.2026



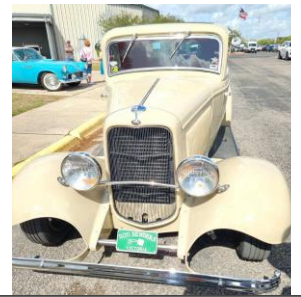
Easter Egg Hunt & Potluck continued



Seniors Sock Hop at the Community Center April 9th Lunch with Elvis



Sock Hop Page 2





Our Cuero Member Ron Peterson won 1st Place at the Shiner Volunteer Fire Department



Wednesday morning Cars, Coffee & Tech 04/01/2026



Wednesday morning Cars, Coffee & Tech 04/08/2026



Wednesday morning Car, Coffee & Tech 04.15.2026



JR's car, my favorite!

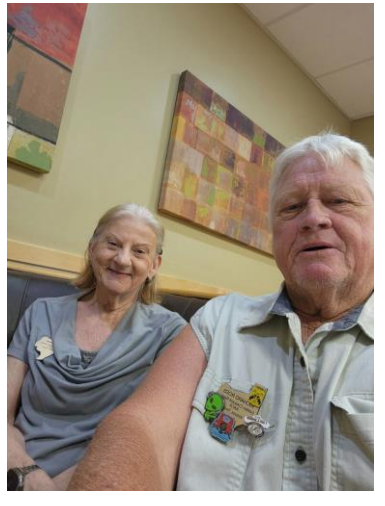
Wednesday morning Cars, Coffee & Tech 04/29.2026



Everyone is tired from Pate; Garland is the only one who drove a car! Actually, everyone looks exhausted!



Last Thursday of the month Get Together at DQ



Project from Walt





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

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 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)



May 10th

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](#).

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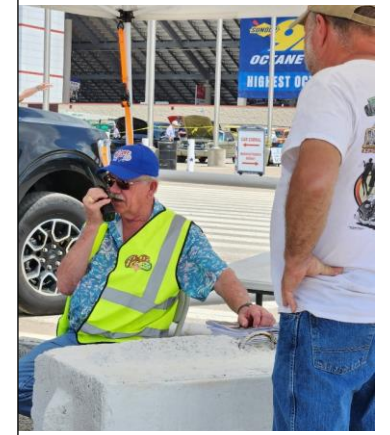
The Hilton Waco Hotel is located at [113 South University Parks Drive, Waco, TX 76701](#), on the Brazos River, and adjacent to the Waco Convention Center.

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.



Retro –from our May 2025 issue



OF THE ERA

Self-Generating Headlamps

By Walt Gosden, Floral Park, NY, coachworklines@aol.com

This is a member submitted article.

Using a motor vehicle at night required illumination to see where one was going. As with horse-drawn carriages, early automobiles had lamps fueled by kerosene. These needed to be replenished with fuel fairly often, and a lamp that needed less attention to function soon came into being. Calcium carbide and mixed water produce acetylene gas that can be used to power lamps if lit with matches.

Carbide tanks were usually mounted to the chassis area of a car just before or aft of the vertical wood dash panel that separated the engine from the drive. A rubber tube connected the brass line that exited the carbide tank where the water and carbide crystals were mixed.

All of this worked well and was used on most vehicles. They were manufactured by a variety of companies, usually not the car manufacturers themselves. The carbide lamps and tanks were obviously feet apart distance-wise and accessory manufacturers determined a lamp that would generate light in one unit would be much more convenient. The lamp would be much larger and heavier, as would the bracket to hold it in place, which had to be stouter to do so.

The lamp you view here was "British Made" by Powell & Hamner of Birmingham, England. It is 10 ½ inches high, 11 inches long, and 6 inches wide with an 8 ¾ inch front rim. The cylindrical container inside was removeable and connected to the "wick" where the gas would be lit.

The lamps were lit by a match after the acetylene gas was formed mixing the carbide crystals with water. Once lit, it could be adjusted to get a larger or smaller flame. This lamp does not have a thick glass mirror reflector at the back but instead uses polished metal liners to reflect light in the body and on the rim. The brass lamp would get very hot! As heat was conducted, numerous holes, as can be seen, were made to function to let the heat escape. Note how well the holes also added to the design/appearance.



Good morning, Nancy I wanted to share with you and your car club a Car Show we will be hosting for the 4th of July in Cuero. We will also have a parade at 4pm that day if any of your members would like to be in as well. I have attached a flyer for both. The registration link for the Car show is: <https://form.jotform.com/260996670871068> And the Parade is: <https://form.jotform.com/260986188086069>

We hope you all will be able to join us! We will have food trucks, live music, and kids' activities. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions!

Executive Director



361-275-2112



The flyer is for a classic car show. At the top, it features the "AMERICA 250 Cuero, Texas" logo with a star and stripes motif. Below this are two rows of five stars each. The main title "CARS & STRIPES" is in large, bold, white letters, with "Classic Old Car Show" in a smaller, cursive font below it. The central image is a blue and white illustration of a classic convertible car, viewed from a front-three-quarter angle, set against a red and white sunburst background. Below the car, the text reads "THE SHOW WILL BE HELD AT CUERO MUNICIPAL PARK LEONARD ROY HARMON DRIVE". The date "★ JULY 04 2026 ★" is prominently displayed, with "4PM-7PM" underneath. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner. At the bottom, contact information is provided: "FOR MORE INFORMATION 361-275-2112 WWW.CUERO.ORG" and "REGISTER AT ADMIN@CUERO.ORG". The bottom right corner also lists "FOOD TRUCKS ★ LIVE MUSIC ★ FIREWORKS @9PM".

I also received an email from the Runge Chamber about their July 4th Parade start time 10.15

Dear Parade Enthusiasts,

The Runge Chamber of Commerce cordially invites you to participate in the **2026 Independence Day Celebration and Parade!** This year's festivities will take place on **Saturday, July 4, 2026.**

We would be delighted to have you join us. To confirm your participation, please complete the attached **parade entry form** and return it **by Friday, June 26, 2026**, via mail or email. There is **no fee** to enter the parade.

Important Parade Details:

- **Check-in Time:** Begins at 7:30 a.m.
- **Judged Entries:** Must be in position and ready by 9:00 a.m.
- **Parade Start Time:** 10:15 a.m.
- **Parade Check-in Location and Route:** To be shared at a later date

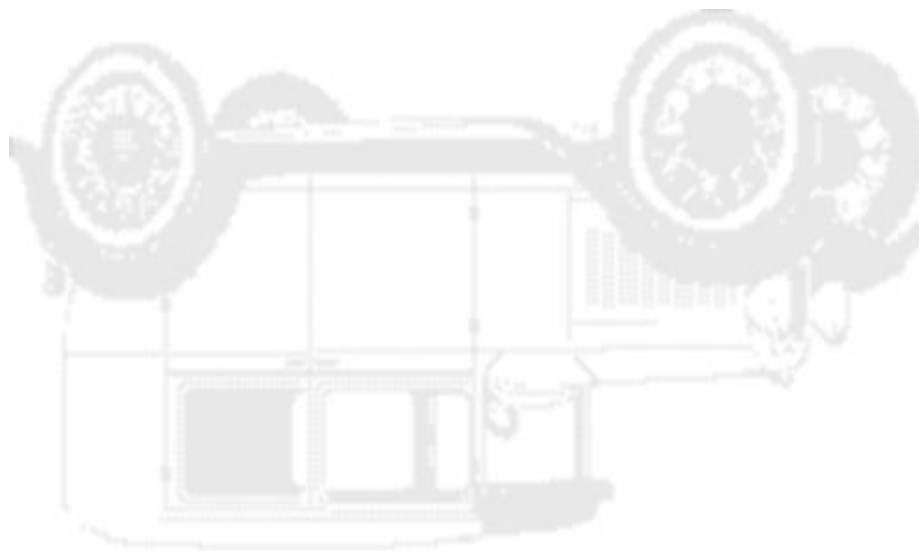
Please review the attached **parade application** for full details. Should you have any questions, feel free to **email or call** us.

We look forward to celebrating Independence Day with you and hope to see you in the parade!

Warm regards,

Runge Chamber of Commerce

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May 10

