



#### President's Message:

**Well, so much has happened since we last were able to meet!** Please stay safe from this vicious virus and continue to be responsible in your actions for your health and the health of others. And if you need anything let us know. A number of our members are fighting illnesses right now so please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

We had a great meeting last month at the Veterans Museum with 43 members and visitors there. For those who missed it, you missed a treat. Thanks to John Omenski for taking his time to let us come to the Museum and for sharing with us about the Museum and its mission. It's always great to see the work the Veterans Museum does in preserving our history.

**A hearty thank you to all the veterans in our club!**

Following governmental guidelines, we have **CANCELLED** our March dinner meeting at Dreamland BBQ. We will assess our events week by week and make the best determination we can as to those events that we can continue and those that should be cancelled.

Having said that, we still need to be moving forward as though those events may occur. Our annual Car Show is the one large event of the year and our major fundraiser. We've already received a number of sponsors for our car show so I continue to prepare our Show Program Book. If you can email your sponsors and ask them to sponsor us this year, then do so. They can email me their ad copy and mail a check. Do not feel a need at this time to go out and talk with them face-to-face. Once this virus is under control and certain guidelines are lifted then you can help with obtaining sponsors or door prizes.

Many upcoming car shows across our region are being cancelled or postponed. As Robert receives word of these changes he continues to update the list on our current website ([naraaca.org](http://naraaca.org)). The Alabama Packards group had wanted us to join them for a trip to Ave Maria Grotto with lunch at Carlton's Italian eatery in Cullman this week-end but that event is postponed for the time being. If it is re-scheduled we will let you know.

I look forward to seeing each of you at a meeting in the future. Until then stay safe and stay well.

. --Nell

## Minutes of the 2020 February meeting of the North Alabama Region AACA

- 1) February NAR Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by NAR President Nell Owen at the Veterans Memorial Museum. Nell Owen led the attendees in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance with 40 members in attendance, and 4 guests. (Tom Beam, Steve Waters, Roger Brown, and John Perry)
- 2) **Old Business:**
  - a. **Secretaries Report:** As published in the February Spoke Folks Vol. 57, No. 2 Motion was made by Jim True to accept and seconded by Dan Moore, members voted and approved.
  - b. **Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Carla Holder.
  - c. **Web Site Report:** Events updated on current site and Robert working the new page.
  - d. **NAR Club Gear:** Items available see or contact Jacqui Moore. Nell also has a few Auto Magnetic signs available.
  - e. **Facebook Site Report:** Jim True reported all is good and to "post at will"
  - f. **On-Line Roster:** <https://naraaca.ctrn.co>
- 3) **New Business:**
  - a. A club property inventory was conducted by Carla Holder and Pete Shreeves, thanks to them!
  - b. Hearty congratulations to Sally Barnett and her son Sam, whose 1948 Keller was awarded the prestigious W. Emmert Swigart Memorial Cup at the awards banquet during the AACA National convention in Philadelphia this month. The Memorial Cup is awarded for outstanding restoration of a rare and unusual automobile entered in a National Meet.
  - c. Congratulations to M.D. Smith who has two new books being released. I am having a book launch in March for the latest two books I have published on Amazon.com and Kindle. One is my Romance-Suspense novel, "Hidden Horizons - Destination Love." The other new book is "Four Minute Fiction." The Romance novel, Hidden Horizons features an instructor pilot, Sandy, who must decide between two men in her life, deal with accidental involvement of a drug ring at the small airport where she teaches. Lots of unexpected twists for her and finally a HEA ending. (Happily Ever After)
- 4) **Birthdays & Anniversaries:**

Jeff Slagle – Feb 2D

Doug Cooper– Feb 3

Jane Haldeman – Feb 4

Ed Hanish – Feb 8

Cappy O'Halloran – Feb 10

David Miller – Feb 14

Harold Caneer – Feb 18

Hanna Scites – Feb 21

Peter & Claire Catanese Feb 14 Anniversary

- 5) **Folks on the Mend:** Pat Beckman (treatment for cancer), Julia King (Stem cell injection for hip), please keep them in your prayers! Condolences to Mike Mahan whose mother died unexpectedly January 30. She was 83.
- 6) **Cars Bought and Sold:** Judy Smith bought a triple black 2010 Bentley convertible with 5K miles. Ed Hanish bought 1922 WK Model 20A Cloverleaf Roadster. Judy Smith also sold her 1937 Plymouth. Judy Smith has her red 1957 T-Bird for Sale. Asking \$35K. Good tires. New brakes. Dan Shady has gone through mechanicals. Has both hardtop and soft top. Peter Catanese has several cars for sale: 1931 Ford A Victoria; 1966 MGB (AACA Jr.); 1967 VW (AACA Sr.); etc. John Adams has many parts for sale give him a call!
- 7) **On-Going Projects:** Terry Johnson - 1957 Chevy 3100 pickup Harold Caneer – Kurtis Kraft (Body 50% complete; chassis 80% **complete**) Randy and Nell Owen – 1941 Packard (98% complete) Ed Hanish – Willys Knight 70 and 70A - 1973 Dodge Challenger Al Birks – 1962 Corvair Convertible, Gene Moran – 1929 Essex Greg Stefanovic – 1928 Studebaker
- 8) **NAR Upcoming Events:** MARCH Saturday, March 14 - NAR in St. Patrick's Day parade, 10:30 am, Meet at Lot K; NAR POC: Jeff Slagle 256-679-9775. Thursday, March 26 - NAR Ladies and Gents night out, 6:30 pm, Location Dreamland BBQ, APRIL Thursday, April 23 - NAR monthly meeting, 7 pm, Optimist Rec Center, 703 Oakwood Ave., Huntsville, AL 35811. Program: TBD. Refreshments: Pete Shreeves/Mary Walton, MAY Saturday, May 16 - NAR Annual Car Show, 8am-2pm, Goodloe Scout Center/Scout Shop, 2211 Drake Ave., Huntsville, AL 35805 Monday, May 25 - NAR Memorial Day Picnic, 4 pm, Hazel Green UMC Pavilion, Across from Carter's Gin, US231/431 (North Parkway), Hazel Green, AL Looking for a volunteer for Set-up/decorations and food preparations, give Nell a call if you are interested.
- 9) **Door Prize:** This month's winners were Joe Marchelites and Mary Walton.
- 10) **Presentation:** Veterans Memorial Museum Presented by John Omenski.
- 11) **Refreshments:** Thanks to Carla Holder & Joe Marchelites for the refreshments.
- 12) Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM by President Nell Owen.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Skelly, secretary NAR-AACA

### **The February 2020 Meeting at the Veteran Museum**

By Nell Owen

We had a great meeting at the Veterans Museum with 43 in attendance. Thanks to Vice-President, Jeff Slagle, for arranging the venue for our February meeting. We appreciate that volunteer, John Omenski, took his time to allow us to meet there and to share with us about the Museum and its mission.



Venus and the Moon were in close proximity that night so our group got to enjoy seeing that as well. There was a good view of it across the dark expanse of the parking lot.

Thanks to Carla (and Joe) for the good refreshments and to everyone who helped to set up and take down the tables and chairs. Carla said it was much easier to get the remaining snacks and drinks out to the car since there were none left after the meeting basically. We hope everyone enjoyed it.



John Omenski gave an overview of the museum and its exhibits



Everyone enjoyed the military displays







The museum chronicles the history of the jeep



## A Project Update

By Nell Owen

Randy and I drove our 1941 Packard back home from the Hot Rod Shop in Corinth, MS after 2 years and 3 months work to replace the engine/transmission, upgrade the brakes, new wiring and gauges, new A/C system, new wheels/tires, etc. So that car project is finally complete...or as complete as any car project can be.



Nell and Randy with the Packard



Nell admiring the “finished” product

### MILESTONES:

#### **Birthdays:**

Martha Dion – Mar 1  
Wayne Shaw – Mar 13  
Sherry King – Mar 17  
Russell Lowrey – Mar 21

#### **Anniversaries:**

Rudy and Bonnie Chavez – Mar 13  
Russell and Sherry King – Mar 24

### REMEMBER:

Pat Beckman who is continuing her cancer treatments.

Julia King who is being treated with stem cell infusion for her hip

Angie True who was not able to have her cast removed after her surgery



**CAR SHOW LIST:**

- Mar 21 CANCELLED due to COVID-19

~~Asbury Community Car Show  
Asbury United Methodist  
980 Hughes Rd., Madison,~~

- Mar 26 CANCELLED due to COVID-19

~~NAR **AACA** Monthly Meeting  
Ladies' and Gents Night Out~~

- Mar 28 CANCELLED due to COVID-19

~~Chattanooga Cruise-In  
East Ridge, TN~~

- Apr 4 Cars and Coffee  
Books-a-Million  
1001 Memorial Pkwy  
Huntsville, AL  
Hosted by TAC  
7:30-10:30am

- Apr 4 ~~Fairview Lions Club Car Show~~

~~North Cullman, AL  
256-385-5596~~

- Apr 11 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Car/Truck Show  
8am-1pm; Entry \$20  
Benefits Relay for Life  
Okolona Baptist Church  
6628 County Rd 236,  
Town Creek (Hatton), AL  
256-366-8380  
Grand prize 700R4

- Apr 11 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual All Ford Fun Day  
Car Show  
8 am to 2 pm  
All Fords and Ford Powered  
Eckenrod Ford, Hwy 157  
I-65, Exit 310, Cullman, AL  
256-734-3361

- Apr 18 Cruisin' for a Cure  
Joe Wheeler EMC  
Classic/Antique  
Car Show  
9am-1pm; \$25, add'l \$10  
Lunch by Swamp Johns  
25700 AL Hwy 24  
Trinity, AL  
256-552-2356

- Apr 18 Camaro Club Cruise-in  
2-5pm  
Mad County DHR Bldg  
2206 Oakwood Ave.  
Huntsville, AL 35810

- Apr 18 19<sup>th</sup> Annual KARS4KIDS  
Show  
Music City Region **AACA**  
Register 8am-noon  
Entry \$20; awards at 3:30pm  
TN Baptist Children's Home  
1310 Franklin Rd.  
Brentwood, TN  
615-642-5822

- Apr 23 NAR **AACA** Monthly Meeting  
Optimist Park Rec  
Center 7pm  
703 Oakwood Ave.  
Huntsville, AL  
Program: TBD  
Refreshments: Mary Walton/  
Pete Shreeves

- April 25 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Bikes and Cars  
On the square 8am-3pm  
\$20 day of show  
Cash/prizes  
Athens, AL  
256-457-9479

- Apr 25 Dixie Vintage Antique and  
Classic Car Show  
Benefits Traveler's Aid  
Entry \$25; 9am-2pm  
Veteran's Park  
4800 Valleydale Rd  
Hoover, AL  
205-706-7614  
[www.dvaac.com](http://www.dvaac.com)

- Apr 25 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Cruisin' For A  
Cure  
Cure Huntington's Disease  
Entry \$20; 9am to 2pm  
Lincoln County High School  
1233 Hsv Hwy; Fayetteville  
TN 37334  
931-993-6718

- Apr 25 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Cornbread  
Festival  
Car Show Cruise-In

10am-7pm  
Dixie Freeze  
200 Elm Ave.  
South Pittsburg, TN  
<http://www.nationalcornbread.com>

com

Apr 25 Cruise-In 6pm  
Arab Customs & Classics Car Club  
1<sup>st</sup> Ave. NW  
Turn at Gazebo on Main St.  
Arab, AL

Apr 26- 32<sup>nd</sup> Founders Tour (1936-1995)

May 1 Phoenix Region **AACA**  
Show Low, AZ

Begins in May EuroSunday  
7am-9:30am  
Bruegger's Bagels  
2000 Cecil Ashburn Dr  
Huntsville, AL 35802

May 2 Orphan Car Show  
Benefiting Meals on Wheels  
Entry \$15  
Sr. Center, 2200 Drake Ave  
Huntsville, AL  
[52champregal@gmail.com](mailto:52champregal@gmail.com)

May 2 Central VFD Car Show  
10am to 2pm; Entry \$10  
Mad County High School  
[maplesdallas@gmail.com](mailto:maplesdallas@gmail.com)

May 3 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique Car Show  
Wilson Bank and Trust  
10am to 3pm; Entry \$15  
Mt. Juliet, TN, Exit 226 off I-40  
<http://midtennaaca.org>

May 7-9 Central Spring National  
**AACA** Headquarters  
Auburn, IN

May 9 ~~5<sup>th</sup> Annual Car/Truck Show  
by the Village  
Sharon Johnston Park  
783 Coleman Road, New  
Market, AL~~

May 9 40<sup>th</sup> Annual all Ford Show  
Rocket City Mustang Club  
Registration 8am-11am

Judging 11am; Entry \$20  
Sandra Moon Complex  
Huntsville, AL 35803  
912-856-4891

<http://www.rocketcitymustang.com/>

May 9 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Car Show  
Hosted by Real Steel Garage  
8am-2pm; Entry \$20 day of show  
455 School Street  
Moulton, AL  
256-590-2177

May 16 Annual Car Show/Flea Mkt  
North Alabama Region **AACA**  
Goodloe Scout Center/Scout Shop  
2211 Drake Ave., SW  
Huntsville, AL 35805

**Registration till 11am**; Entry \$20  
??, Show Chairman

Website:  
[www.naraaca.org/show.html](http://www.naraaca.org/show.html)

May 16 Fraternal Order of Eagles  
Benefits Hudson Alpha  
Entry \$10, 9am-1pm  
2500 10<sup>th</sup> St.  
Huntsville, AL

May 16 Postponed from Mar 21  
Eli's Block Party South  
Benefits Childhood Cancer  
Entry \$20  
2pm-6pm; Trophies 20

categories  
Bethel Church of Christ  
26772 Capshaw Road  
Athens, AL 35613

May 16 "Bama Griz" Memorial Car Show  
Hosted by No AL MoPARs  
9am-2pm  
Stove House large parking lot  
Entry \$10

May 28 ~~NAR **AACA** Monthly Meeting~~  
CANCELLED

May 30 Bama Classic Collector Car Auction  
9am to 5pm  
651 Fairground Road  
Muscle Shoals, AL 35661

[www.jmarkclassicauctions.com](http://www.jmarkclassicauctions.com)