



President's Message:

It's back-to-business. Not like we're used to, but business nonetheless. I hope everyone is staying safe (getting vaccinated, wearing masks, etc.) because I hope to see many of you soon. Randy and I have had both our vaccine shots now. We plan to continue wearing our masks inside when around others to stay safe.

Remember NAR dues are past due and for those that aren't paid, I will be removing you from the club roster, our directory, and email list. NAR dues are \$20/yr/family and a **check made out to NAR** can be mailed to the treasurer Carla Holder, 131 Gilley Drive, Harvest, AL 35749.

The AACA meeting usually held in February has been postponed to April 15-17 this year, so anyone planning to go needs to get reservations made. The AACA show in Charlotte has been cancelled for Spring so if you had planned to take your car to Charlotte you must wait till Fall. The AACA show in Auburn, IN has been postponed till the July 4th week-end.

For March, we plan to meet and present the Totcky and Berry Awards to last year's recipients and maybe have a very short road trip. I'll let you know more as we finalize it.

Traditions Sr. Living in Athens has asked us to participate in an event late April or early May so we look forward to providing some pretty cars for the residents to enjoy after months of being confined to the facility. More details will be coming.

We are moving our car show from May to later in the year and moving it to a location that will have more room to spread out. We thank Dan Moore for agreeing to co-chair the car show. If you'd like to help Dan, let me know.

We continue to make plans for events so if you have ideas you'd like us to think about, let me know. Later in the year we will plan to meet inside so stay tuned.

We miss each of you and look forward to seeing you at a meeting (or car show) in the future. Until then stay safe...and if you need anything just let us know.

--*Nell*

MEMBER MILESTONES:

February Birthdays

Feb 2 - Jeff Slagle

Feb 3 - Doug Cooper

Feb 4 - Jane Haldeman

Feb 8 - Ed Hanish

Feb 10 - Cappy O'Halloran

Feb 14 - David Miller

Feb 18 - Harold Caneer (81 in 2021)

Feb 21 - Hanna Scites

Feb 26 - Chuck Knapp

Feb 14 - Peter and Claire Catanese

March Birthdays

Mar 1 - Martha Dion

Mar 4 - Tammy Thompson

Mar 6 - Sally Barnett

Mar 13 - Wayne Shaw

Mar 17 - Sherry King

Mar 21 - Russell Lowrey

Mar 29 - Greg Stefanovic

Anniversaries

Mar 13 - Rudy and Bonnie Chavez

Mar 24 - Russell and Sherry King

Mar 24 - Stan and Kelly Howard

MEMBER NEWS:

Early last month, Jerry Carignan's 2nd oldest sister passed away. She had fallen and broken her hip. She had surgery to repair her hip but did not recover from the anesthesia.

Jeff Slagle's aunt from Union Hill, AL also passed away early in February. Jeff delivered the eulogy at her funeral.

Please remember these families as they adjust to their loss.

And take time to stay in touch with your family and friends. Even though we are limited in our ability to gather as we want to do, we can still pick up the phone, write a note of encouragement or send a text to keep in touch and let others know you are thinking of them and care about them.

Please let Nell, me or someone else in the club know about any difficulty that a club member is facing. Thank you for caring for each other during these trying times.

NAR Old Flame Love Story

By M.D. Smith, IV

AACA-NAR Chapter member Micky Thackerson found himself lost in an aging business district outside Nashville. From years in the Antique Car Club, he knew a few old garages were around somewhere. He walked between old warehouses and businesses closed years ago. As he glanced at the old brick buildings with crumbling cement, he thought he heard someone calling his name.

“Micky,” the distinctive soft female voice called. He shook his head---surely it was only his imagination in this spooky part of town. Then he heard it again.

“Micky, I’m not your imagination. I’m someone from your past.”

He stopped walking and turned his head in all directions. *Where is that voice coming from?* Curious more than scared, he decided to play the game.

“Yes, I’m here,” he said.

“I remember you from long ago. It’s been over sixty years.”

Micky continued to look for the voice that seemed more in his head than coming from any direction he could find. “Did I meet you? Did we ever date? Your voice seems a bit familiar, but I can’t quite place it?”

“Oh yes. You met me. It was at a car show in 1957. You couldn’t take your eyes off me. I thought you were a fantastic guy, but unfortunately, at that time, I was spoken for, and we didn’t have any future.” Micky scratched his head. He tried to place that voice from 1957. That voice from the past. And what lovely woman could he remember he wished he

could get to know better, but already belonged to somebody else? “I’m trying to remember.”

“When I finally was available, you had a family, and I was out of your life. But I never forgot you. The longing in your eyes struck me deep in my heart. I’d remember you always.”

Micky turned a complete circle on the sidewalk, looking in every direction. All he saw were old buildings and a warehouse next to him with high glass windows near the roof. He had been alone these past years since his wife died of cancer, and the prospects of a reunion with an old flame intrigued him.

The voice continued, “I’ve been alone like you the past few years. But it looks like fate has brought us together. I’m inside the building that you are standing next to right now. I’ve been here for what seems like ages, waiting for you to come for me.”

His heart pounded with excitement. Inside the building? How could that be? He was speaking, but the voice talked to him in his head. “I don’t understand.”

“Micky, I’m the 1957 Chevy Bel Air you lusted for at the car show. I was already sold, but we would have made such a wonderful pair. I still have my flames on my hood and fenders. I’ve been in this warehouse under a tarp for so long. I’ve had several owners, but I look good and am for sale again. I’m in great health. Call the number on the door, and we can be together at last.”

Micky ran to the locked double doors, pulled out his phone, and dialed the number as fast as he could.

He looked into the window of the wooden door, “My old flame, we’ll be together soon.”

(see accompanying photo elsewhere in this issue)

Spoke Folks

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Swan Song:

After 17 years as your newsletter editor, it is time to turn the reins over to another. It is with mixed feelings that I step away because it has been a joy and privilege to serve the club in this way. I can't even begin to express my gratitude to everyone who contributed information, articles and assistance. I know that you will join me in welcoming Tom Beam as your editor and that you will continue to provide your support and help to him as he accepts his new office .

I am still a member of NAR and will be seeing you all as we begin to open up and renew our activities this year.

Thank you all for your gracious support to me and I will see you at shows, events and other get-togethers .

Marcia



calendar

Feb 24 at 10:41 AM

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Note: The AACA meet in Philadelphia is on hold for now. It had been rescheduled for April 15-17.

Mar 13-14 **CANCELLED FOR 2021**

~~56th Annual Swap Meet~~
~~Kyana Region AACA~~
~~Louisville, KY~~
~~<http://www.kyanaswapmeet.com/>~~

Mar 20 Eli's Block Party South
Benefits Childhood Cancer
Entry \$20; see COVID rules
Register for judging till 11am
9pm-2pm; Trophies 20 categories
Featured Class – Corvette
Bethel Church of Christ
26772 Capshaw Road
Athens, AL 35613

Mar 26-27 **CANCELLED FOR 2021**

~~Chattanooga Cruise-In~~
~~NEW LOCATION across town~~
~~8am; Camp Jordan~~
~~Exit 1 off I-75~~
~~East Ridge, TN~~
~~FB~~

Apr 8-10 **SPRING meet – CANCELLED**
~~Spring SE AACA National~~

~~Hornets Nest Region AACA~~
~~Charlotte Motor Speedway~~
~~Charlotte, NC~~

Apr 15-17 **POSTPONED till TBD**

85th Annual **AACA** Meeting
Sheraton Philadelphia City Center
Philadelphia, PA
717-534-1910

Apr 17 19th Annual KARS4KIDS Show
Music City Region **AACA**
Register 8am-noon
Entry \$20; awards at 3:30pm

NEW LOCATION:

Elk's Lodge 72
Franklin, TN
Rain or Shine
615-642-5822

Apr **POSTPONED till TBD**

Annual Cornbread Festival
Car Show Cruise-In
10am-7pm
Dixie Freeze
200 Elm Ave.
South Pittsburg, TN
<http://www.nationalcornbread.com>

May 1 Bama Classic Collector Car Auction
10am; check-in Fri 9am-5pm
651 Fairgrounds Road
Muscle Shoals, AL 35661
www.jmarkclassicauctions.com

May 1 Annual Car/Truck Show
Sharon Johnston Park
9am-3pm
Entry \$?? for cars
783 Coleman Road, New Market, AL
256-379-2868

<p>May 20-25 Founders Tour (1932-1966) Mtn States Classics AACA Region Davis, WV</p>	<p>8am-noon; Awards at 1pm; Monte Sano State Park Picnic Area Huntsville, AL Info: Brian Bailey 256-509-4785</p>
<p>May 28-30 15th Annual BASF Goodguys Nashville Nationals Spectators \$20/parking \$10 8am-5pm 1987 and earlier Nissan Stadium, Nashville, TN 925-838-9876 http://www.good-guys.com/</p>	<p>Jun 26 34th Annual Helen Keller Festival Car & Truck Show Regist 8am-noon; Awards at 2pm Entry \$20; Shoals Car & Truck Club \$1700 in cash + other prizes Downtown Tusculumbia, AL (256) 381-3536 www.shoalscarandtruckclub.com</p>
<p>Jun 5 16th Annual Charity Car Show Benefiting various charities; Reg 9am-11:30am; awards 12:30pm Entry \$??; rain or shine Cabela's, 7090 Cabela Dr. Huntsville, AL 35806 \$500 grand prize Email president@vetswithvettes.us www.vetswithvettes.us</p>	<p>July 1-3 Central Spring National AACA Headquarters Auburn, IN</p> <p>Jul 9 12th Annual Collector Car Appreciation Day</p> <p>Jul 22-24 AACA Grand National Meet Minnesota Region AACA New Ulm, MN</p>
<p>Jun 11-12 Spring Redneck Rumble 2021 Pre-1968 Rods, Customs, Rats, Bikes and Swapmeet Wilson County Expo Ctr Lebanon, TN 615-364-1828 FB – Redneck Rumble</p>	<p>Jul 24 Handy Festival Car & Truck Show Shoals Car & Truck Club Regist 8am-noon; awards at 2pm; Entry \$20 \$1700 in cash + other prizes Wilson Park, Florence, AL 256-381-3536</p>
<p>Jun 19 Great Race 2021 -27 from San Antonio, TX to Greenville, SC www.greatrace.com</p>	<p>Aug 28 Charity Car Show (over 300 cars) River Run Lions/Street Rod Garage Marshall County Park #1 Entry \$20 Regist 8-11; Awards at 2pm; Entry \$20 Guntersville, AL 256-677-9763</p>
<p>Jun 26 14th Annual Car Show/Swap Meet benefits Huntsville Cave Rescue Unit Regist: \$20 (incl park fee)</p>	

www.RiverRunCarShow.net

615-364-1828

FB – Redneck Rumble

- Sep 4 Grove 4th Annual Tim Mullican Shady
Car Show and Swap Meet
Entry \$10; Register 9am-11am
Awards at 1pm
The Barn at Shady Grove
28233 HWY 195 N,
Double Springs, AL 35553
256-502-8033
- Sep 6 Labor Day Parade and Car Show
For parade line up at Deschler HS
Line up 9am; Parade at 10am
Down Main St. to Spring Park
Car show only go directly to
Spring Park
Registration begins at 8am
Entry \$20
Tuscumbia, AL
256-383-2758
- Sep 9-11 Fall Charlotte AutoFair
Hornets Nest Region **AACA**
Charlotte Motor Speedway
Charlotte, NC
- Sep 11 Int'l Drive Your **Studebaker** Day
- Sep 12-17 75th AAA Revival Glidden Tour
(pre-1943)
Hosted by VMCCA
Saratoga Springs, NY
<http://www.gliddentour.org/>
- Sep 17-18 Fall Redneck Rumble 2021
Pre-1968 Rods, Customs, Rats, Bikes
and Swapmeet
Wilson County Expo Ctr
Lebanon, TN

- Oct 2 Bama Classic Collector Car Auction
10am; check-in Fri 9am-5pm
651 Fairgrounds Road
Muscle Shoals, AL 35661
www.jmarkclassicauctions.com

- Oct 6-9 Eastern Div Nat'l Fall Meet
Hershey Region **AACA**
Hershey, PA
www.aaca.org
717-566-7720

- Oct 16 21st Annual Car and Truck Show
Ardmore Quarterback Club
10am-3pm
Regist \$20 early/\$25 day of show
Spectators \$5
John Barnes Ballpark; Ardmore, TN
256-614-5542

<https://www.facebook.com/ardmorecarshow>

- Nov 6 6th Annual Rods and Wheels Cruise-In
Entry \$20
9am-2pm
Near Kingston Pavilion
Ditto Landing
Huntsville, AL
256-882-1057



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