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President's Message

NAR President / *Nell Owen*

On Saturday, May 1, 2021, members of NAR enjoyed a great May Day celebration at Traditions Senior Living of Athens. We all said how good it was to see each other again. Thank you for bringing and wearing your masks. We appreciated Ashley and her team for inviting us to come and making us feel at home. They provided corn dogs, nachos, and cookies for lunch. We all enjoyed the swing band hired to provide music. (See the picture of Claire showing off her moves.)

With such a large contingent of club members present, as well as award recipients, we presented the 2020 Totcky award to Terry Johnson and the Berry award to Peter and Claire Catanese. The Catanese said that the Berry award was so big it would not fit in the 1966 MGB they drove.

Those participating in the display were:

Tom Beam - 1955 GMC 100 Truck pulling vintage boat

Peter & Claire Catanese - 1966 MGB / Berry award winner

Ed Hanish - 1973 Dodge Challenger / 2021 Totcky nominee

Terry Johnson - 1957 Chevy 3100 Truck / 2020 Totcky award winner

Chuck Knapp - 1957 T-Bird

Joel Mason - 1949 Chevy

Dan Moore - 2002 T-Bird

Randy Owen - 1951 Frazer

Nell Owen - 1983 Avanti II

Terry Owen - 1960 Chrysler Saratoga

Mike Skelly - 1960 Chevy Impala

Jeff Slagle - 1980 Corvette

Jim True - 1955 Chevy convertible

Doug & Nancy Cooper - 1952 Hudson Hornet

Frank Tatom - 1949 Pontiac

Bob Weidman - 1972 Corvette Stingray

Club friend and former show judge, Larry Turner, was also there with his 1960 Corvette Convertible. One of the band members also drove a Corvette, and several members of the community came and displayed their cars as well.

The weather was beautiful and it was a great event to be with car friends. We look forward to our next display. 🌀



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Sophisticated Swingers



Claire





That cool spring breeze felt so good while driving down highway 72 towards Athens, Alabama. I was looking forward to meeting my fellow NAR friends to display our cars for the residents living at Traditions Senior Living of Athens.

Being a new NAR member, this would be one of my first group events. Meeting my fellow club members, eating a corndog, and listening to the Sophisticated Swingers band was a great way to spend a Saturday morning. Through conversation, I heard that starting around 5 p.m. would be the Cruise-In on the Square in downtown Athens. Since I was going to be near Athens all day, I decided to stop-by and checkout the cruise-in later that afternoon.

I had never been to a cruise-in before, so I wasn't exactly sure what to do. I was driving my truck and pulling a boat, so I needed a little more room than a single car space would allow. Fortunately, I found an empty space on an adjacent corner with plenty of room for me, my truck, and my boat.

There were hundreds of people, young and old, out enjoying the beautiful afternoon, and looking at what others had driven to the square. After getting parked, I took a long walk around the entire square, and was amazed at what and who I saw. There were trucks, muscle cars, hot rods, cruisers, and even some old unrestored jalopies.

As I was walking back to my truck, I noticed a Limestone County Deputy Sheriff's vehicle had parked on the street blocking my truck in its parking space. A Deputy dressed in full uniform approached me and asked to see my boats registration. I was a bit confused at what was happening, but I told myself, this guy must be joking with me, right? Then, the deputy asked me if I remembered him from earlier in the day. I took a hard look at him trying to remember where I had seen him, and then it hit me. He was Terry Johnson from the NAR Traditions of Athens display.

I was so embarrassed. I didn't recognize him in uniform and wearing sunglasses. He got me good. I was busted in Athens, Alabama and having a blast. 🌀



When I first got involved in the hobby in 1971, (I still have my first antique car, a 1940 Pontiac 50 years later.) junkyards were everywhere. I spent many an afternoon visiting my favorite yards, looking for treasures for that car. It was a plain Jane 4-door sedan with the only option being an under seat heater. It was sold new by N. E. Black Pontiac/Buick in New Bloomfield, PA to Earl Rempher, a local farmer, who had problems driving in and backing out of his small 1-car garage. All four fenders were a testament to his lack of driving ability.

Hap Gemmel's Salvage Yard, outside of York, PA was a gold mine. It covered both sides of a country road and had many classics and convertibles resting peacefully in the woods. He had no less than a dozen 40 Pontiacs in various stages of decay. A radio from one, a cigar lighter from another, a clock from another, etc. My plain Jane car soon became a well optioned ride!

The barn on the property was full of cars, trucks, and an assorted disarray of parts. You literally walked over parts to get to parts.

Hap, short for Harold, was a character who would rival any junkyard dog with his green and white checkered pants and red and white striped shirt (yes, both worn at the same time) he was a sight to behold. In the upper level of the barn sat a long forgotten early solid tire truck covered with all sorts of car parts. You could easily have walked past it. I didn't! Turns out it was a 1914 Hahn Huckster truck, which I still own. Hap named a price, I countered. Hap liked to flip coins – yes, I lost, but would have paid his price anyway.

Both Hap and the yard are long gone, but my memories of those frequent treks through that yard seem like yesterday. A housing development now sits on that hallowed ground.

That is where all the junkyards have gone! 🌀



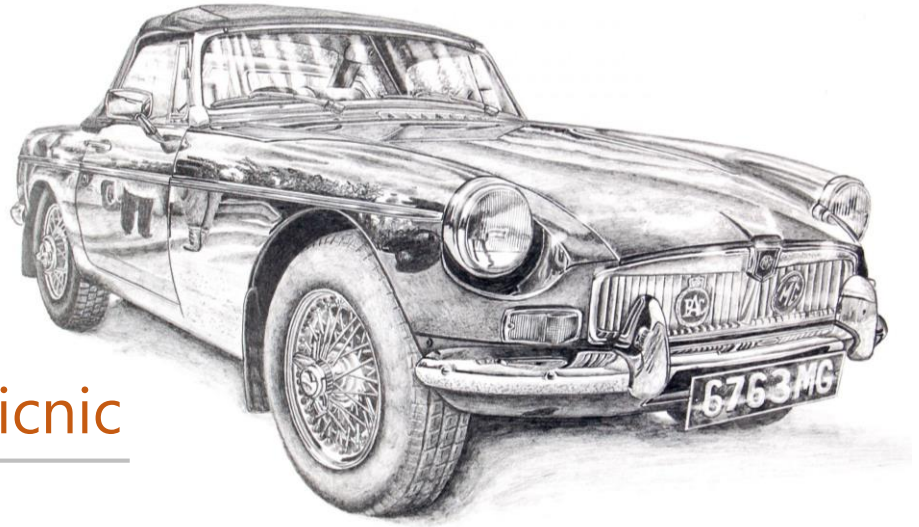
Member Milestones

Birthdays

May 09 Al Birks / 91st in 2021
May 13 Jacqui Moore
May 13 Carolyn Miller
May 17 Nell Owen
May 18 Claire Catanese
May 18 Lynn Nickey
May 25 Sherry Lowrey
May 27 Ronnie Chesser
May 28 Bonnie Chavez

Anniversaries

May 28 Randy and Nell Owen / 44th in 2021



NAR Memorial Day Picnic

Date: Monday, May 31, 2021

Location: Sharon Johnston Park / Pavilion 1

Facility: Restrooms available

Parking: Adjacent Gravel Parking Lot

Food: New Market BBQ / Individual wrapped plates with tow sides. Banana pudding desert.

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Please let Nell Owen know if you plan to attend the picnic and how many in your group by Monday, May 17. nowen5701@gmail.com

Car Quiz

Answers on page 11

1. When is a car considered an antique?
2. The 1937 Ford Cabriolet is a creamy white, What is its nickname?
3. When were convertibles at the peak of their popularity?
4. What was the first official White House car?
5. True or False? The 1953 Corvette came in white, red, and black.
6. Who opened the first drive-in gas station?
7. What car was the first to have it's radio antenna embedded in the windshield?
8. What was the first car fitted with an alternator, rather than a direct current dynamo?
9. What was the first car fitted with a replaceable cartridge oil filter?
10. Where was the World's first three-color traffic lights installed?
11. Where was the first drive-in movie theater opened, and when?
12. What autos were the first to use a standardized production key-start system?
13. What did the Oldsmobile Cutlass designation 4-4-2 stand for?
14. What automaker's first logo incorporated the Star of David?
15. What was the inspiration for MG's famed octagon-shaped badge?

Car Quiz Answers

1. After 25 years
2. Vanilla Shake
3. 1960s
4. A 1909 White Steamer, ordered by President Taft.
5. False. The 1953 'Vetted' were available in one color, Polo White.
6. Gulf opened up the first station in Pittsburgh in 1913.
7. The 1969 Pontiac Grand Prix.
8. The 1960 Plymouth Valiant
9. The 1924 Chrysler.
10. Detroit, Michigan in 1919. Two years later they experimented with synchronized lights.
11. Camden, NJ in 1933
12. The 1949 Chryslers
13. 4 barrel carburetor, 4 speed transmission, and dual exhaust.
14. The Dodge Brothers.
15. The shape of founder Cecil Kimber's dining table. MG stands for Morris Garages.



1965 Chevrolet Impala Super Sport / For Sale

Former club members, Gwyn and Dale Wright, are selling their 1965 Chevrolet Impala Super Sport.

Description: 1965 Chevrolet Impala Super Sport, 327/250hp V8, 2 speed Power Glide automatic transmission shifted on the floor, odometer reading 30205.7 miles, mist blue/blue interior, AM Radio, spare tire, bucket seats, console, vacuum gauge, power steering, manual drum brakes, factory air conditioning (works very well), new dual exhaust, 15x8 Chevrolet Rally Wheels with new raised white letter tires (comes with original 14x7 wheels, white wall tires and SS Spinner Wheel Covers). Build Sheet, Protect-O-Plate and original dealer invoice included.

Contact: Gwyn Wright
paso64@mchsi.com
(256) 828-1060
(256) 348-3466

Price: \$34,000 Negotiable



VIN: 166375DXXXXXX

1965-71 Chevy Impala / Full Size VIN — 1st Digit: Division

1 = Chevrolet

1965-71 Chevy Impala / Full Size VIN — 2nd & 3rd Digits: Series

66 = Impala SS (1965)

1965-71 Chevy Impala / Full Size VIN — 4th & 5th Digits: Model

37 = 2 Door Hardtop

1965-71 Chevy Impala / Full Size VIN — 6th Digit: Model Year

5 = 1965

1965-71 Chevy Impala / Full Size VIN — 7th Digit: Assembly Plant

D = Doraville, GA

1965-71 Chevy Impala / Full Size VIN — 8th - 13th Digits: Production Number

Sequential production numbers started with 100001

1 Traditions of Athens / Senior Living

11:00 am to 1:00 pm
22171 Traditions Way
Athens, AL

1 Cruise-In on the Square

6:00 pm
Athens, AL

- Held monthly every first Saturday

1 Bama Classic Collector Car Auction

10:00 am
651 Fairgrounds Road
Muscle Shoals, AL
www.jmarkclassicauctions.com
- Check-in Friday 9:00 am to 5 pm

1 Annual Car and Truck Show

9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Sharon Johnston Park
783 Coleman Road
New Market, AL
(256) 379-2868
- Entry amount unknown

1 Orphan Car Show

10:00 am to 2:00 pm
North Alabama Studebaker Drivers Club
Senior Center
2200 Drake Avenue
Huntsville, AL
52champregal@gmail.com
- Entry \$15
- Benefiting Meals on Wheels

7 2nd Friday Night Bojangles Cruise-In

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Madison Boulevard
Madison, AL
- Across from Madison Walmart

8 Bee Line Highway Classics and Cruisers Cruise-In

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Railroad Street South West
Hartselle, AL

20-25 Founders Tour (1932-1966)

Mountain States Classics Region – AACA
Davis, WV

22 Stateline Powder Coating Open House/Cruise-In and Swap Meet

7:00 am to 3:00 pm
331 Jo Mar Road
Ardmore, AL
- Barbeque Food Truck

22 Central VFW Car Show

7:00 am Come and go all morning
2118 Highway 72
Huntsville, AL
- No Entry Fee
- Boarhog's Barbeque

22 5th Annual Car & Truck Show

8:00 am to 1:00 pm
Okolona Baptist Church
6628 County Road 236
Town Creek (Hatton), AL
(256) 366-8380
- Entry \$20
- Benefits Relay for Life
- Grand Prize - 700R4

28-30 15th Annual BASF Goodguys

8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Nashville Nationals – Nashville Stadium
Nashville, TN
(925) 838-9876
<http://www.good-guys.com/>
- Spectators \$20 / Parking \$10
- 1987 and earlier

29 47th Annual Point Mallard Auto Expo

8:00 am to 2:00 pm
Point Mallard Park
Decatur, AL
Donald Allen (256) 227-4681
Joe Betterton (502) 281-8727
<http://alabamajubilee.net/>
- Entry \$20
- Supports Local Automotive Students

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- 1 Cruise-In on the Square**
6:00 pm
Athens, AL
- Held monthly every first Saturday
- 3-5 85th Annual AACA Meeting**
New Location - Doubletree by Hilton
Williamsburg, VA
- Held monthly every first Saturday
- 5 52nd Annual Car Show**
Tim's Ford Region - AACA
8:00 am to 3:00 pm
North Middle School Parking Lot
Winchester, TN
(931) 607-9579
- 5 16th Annual Vets with Vettes Charity Car Show**
7090 Cabela Dr.
Huntsville, AL
Email president@vetswithvettes.us
www.vetswithvettes.us
- Register 9:00 am to 11:30 am
- Entry amount unknown
- Awards 12:30 pm
- \$500 grand prize
- Benefits various charities
- 5 EuroBrit Auto and Bike Expo 2021**
North Alabama British Motoring Society
8:00 am to Noon
Dublin Park
Madison, AL
(256) 536-1111
www.nabms.org
- Open to British/European Cars and Motorcycles
- Entry \$25
- 11 2nd Friday Night Bojangles Cruise-In**
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Madison Boulevard
Madison, AL
- Across from Madison Walmart
- 12 Bee Line Highway Classics and Cruisers Cruise-In**
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Railroad Street South West
Hartselle, AL
- 11-12 Spring Redneck Rumble 2021**
Wilson County Expo Center
Lebanon, TN
(615) 364-1828
- Facebook: Redneck Rumble
- Pre-1968 Rods, Customs, Rats, Bikes
- Swap Meet
- 11-13 7th Annual Wheels on the Hill**
8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Noccalula Falls Campground
Gadsden, AL
(256) 549-4663
- Spectators \$3
- Benefits Gadsden Humane Society
- 13 Summerfest Antique Car Show Joint Local AACA Car Show**
Stone River and Middle Tennessee Regions
Central Magnet School
701 E. Main Street
Murfreesboro, TN
- Register 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
- Spectators \$3
- Awards 3:00 pm
- Drive-thru judging
- 19-27 Great Race 2021**
From San Antonio, TX to Greenville, SC
www.greatrace.com
- 19 23rd Annual Show and Go**
Tennessee Valley MOPAR Club
Huntsville Dragway
Huntsville, AL
www.tvmoparclub.com
- Register 8:00 am to noon
- Entry \$20
- Spectators \$5
- Awards 2:00 pm
- 19 1st Annual Car and Bike Show**
Hazel Green Athletics
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
168 Carriger Road
Hazel Green, AL
- Car Entry \$15

- 19** **Cruisin' in the Park**
Southern Wheels 'n Motion
9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Waggoner Park / Highway 55
1300 East Carroll Street
Tullahoma, TN
(931) 408-4257
- 26** **14th Annual Car Show and Swap Meet**
8:00 am to noon
Monte Sano State Park Picnic Area
Huntsville, AL
- *Contact Brian Bailey at (256) 509-4785*
- *Register 8:00 am to noon*
- *Entry \$20 (Includes Park Fee)*
- *Awards 1:00 pm*
- *Benefits Huntsville Cave Rescue Unit*
- 26** **34th Annual Helen Keller Festival**
Shoals Car & Truck Show
Downtown Tuscumbia, AL
(256) 381-3536
www.shoalscarandtruckclub.com
- *Register 8:00 am to noon*
- *Entry \$20*
- *Awards 2:00 pm*
- *\$1700 in cash + other prizes*

- 1** **Cruise-In on the Square**
 6:00 pm
 Athens, AL
- Held monthly every first Saturday

- 1-3** **Central Spring National**
 AACA Headquarters
 Auburn, IN

- 9** **12th Annual Collector Car Appreciation Day**

- 9** **2nd Friday Night Bojangles Cruise-In**
 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
 Madison Boulevard
 Madison, AL
- Across from Madison Walmart

- 10** **Bee Line Highway Classics and Cruisers Cruise-In**
 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
 Railroad Street South West
 Hartselle, AL

- 22-24** **AACA Grand National Meet**
 Minnesota Region AACA
 New Ulm, MN

- 24** **W.C. Handy Festival Car and Truck Show**
 Shoals Car & Truck Club
 Wilson Park
 Florence, AL
 (256) 381-3536
- Register 8:00 am to noon
- Entry \$20
- Awards 2:00 pm
- \$1700 in cash + other prizes

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- 7** **Cruise-In on the Square**
 6:00 pm
 Athens, AL
- Held monthly every first Saturday

 - 13** **2nd Friday Night Bojangles Cruise-In**
 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
 Madison Boulevard
 Madison, AL
 - Across from Madison Walmart

 - 14** **Bee Line Highway Classics and Cruisers Cruise-In**
 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
 Railroad Street South West
 Hartselle, AL

 - 21** **4th Annual Car Show**
 Hosted by Real Steel Garage
 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
 455 School Street
 Moulton, AL
 (256) 590-2177
- Entry \$20 Day of Show

 - 28** **11th Annual Elkmont Band Boosters Car Show**
 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
 Elkmont High School
 Elkmont, AL
 (256) 431-0542
- Entry \$20

 - 28** **Charity Car Show**
 River Run Lions / Street Rod Garage
 Marshall County Park #1
 Guntersville, AL
 (256) 677-9763
www.RiverRunCarShow.net
- Register 8:00 am to 11:00 am
- Entry \$20
- Awards 2:00 pm

4 Cruise-In on the Square
6:00 pm
Athens, AL
- Held monthly every first Saturday

4 4th Annual Tim Mullican Shady Grove Car Show and Swap Meet
The Barn at Shady Grove
28233 Highway 195 North
Double Springs, AL
(256) 502-8033
- Register 9:00 am to 11:00 am
- Entry \$10
- Awards 1:00 pm

6 Labor Day Parade and Car Show
9:00 am - Parade line up at Deschler High School
10:00 am - Main Street parade to Spring Park
Car show - Go directly to Spring Park
Tuscumbia, AL
(256) 383-2758
- Register 8:00 am
- Entry \$20

9-11 Fall Charlotte AutoFair
Hornets Nest Region AACA
Charlotte Motor Speedway
Charlotte, NC

10 2nd Friday Night Bojangles Cruise-In
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Madison Boulevard
Madison, AL
- Across from Madison Walmart

10-11 65th Annual Car Show
Middle Tennessee Region AACA
Red Boiling Springs, TN
(615) 308-0586
<http://www.thethomashouse.com/>
<http://midtennaaca.org/>
- 455 Show cars in 2017

11 Bee Line Highway Classics and Cruisers Cruise-In
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Railroad Street South West
Hartselle, AL

11 International Drive your Studebaker Day

12-17 75th AAA Revival Glidden Tour
Hosted by VMCCA
Saratoga Springs, NY
<http://www.gliddentour.org/>
- Pre 1943

17-18 Fall Redneck Rumble 2021
Wilson County Expo Center
Lebanon, TN
(615) 364-1828
- Facebook: Redneck Rumble
- Pre-1968 Rods, Customs, Rats, Bikes
- Swap Meet

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- 2** **Cruise-In on the Square**
6:00 pm
Athens, AL
- Held monthly every first Saturday

 - 2** **Bama Classic Collector Car Auction**
10:00 am
651 Fairgrounds Road
Muscle Shoals, AL
www.jmarkclassicauctions.com
- Check-In Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

 - 6-9** **Eastern Division National Fall Meet**
Hershey Region AACA
Hershey, PA
(717) 566-7720
www.aaca.org

 - 8** **2nd Friday Night Bojangles Cruise-In**
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Madison Boulevard
Madison, AL
- Across from Madison Walmart

 - 9** **Bee Line Highway Classics and Cruisers Cruise-In**
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Railroad Street South West
Hartselle, AL

 - 16** **21st Annual Car and Truck Show**
Ardmore Quarterback Club
John Barnes Ballpark
Ardmore, TN
(256) 614-5542
<https://www.facebook.com/ardmorecarshow>
- Register Early \$20
- Day of Show \$25 – 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Spectators \$5

 - 16** **Cruise in on the Square**
9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Jasper, AL
www.cars
- Entry Free
- \$5,000 in giveaways
- Spectators \$5

- 6** **Cruise-In on the Square**
 6:00 pm
 Athens, AL
- Held monthly every first Saturday

- 6** **6th Annual Rods and Wheels Cruise-In**
 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
 Ditto Landing – Near Kingston Pavilion
 Huntsville, AL
 (256) 882-1057
- Entry \$20

- 12** **2nd Friday Night Bojangles Cruise-In**
 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
 Madison Boulevard
 Madison, AL
- Across from Madison Walmart

- 13** **Bee Line Highway Classics and Cruisers Cruise-In**
 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
 Railroad Street South West
 Hartselle, AL



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