

Spoke Folks



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President's Message

NAR President / **Nell Owen**

Our Memorial Day Picnic was great and we enjoyed driving our cars and seeing each other. We had 41 at the picnic and 13 old vehicles. The BBQ was great but we needed to order more banana pudding! Maybe we'll cater that next year.

I've spoken with the Optimist Rec Center and they will allow us to hold meetings again, but because of the number of members we have everyone would be required to wear a mask since we cannot social distance in the meeting room. We'll put this off till July at least.

Later in June we hope to have our quarterly night out so be alert for details. In July we plan to celebrate Collector Car Appreciation Day as we have in the past and will have details soon.

The AACA annual meeting was held in Williamsburg, VA on June 3-5. I saw that former NAR member Charlotte Dahlenburg won several awards. Not sure who went from NAR but maybe the Barnetts. Anyone else? The AACA Central Spring Nationals will be held in Auburn, IN July 1-3. AACA has invited the Buick and Hudson-Essex-Terraplane Clubs to join them for this event.

If you have a project ongoing, please send us your info with any before and after pictures so we can put it on the list of possible Totcky Award candidates.

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. Hopefully, we'll have the location and a date soon. 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. 🌀



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Member Milestones

Birthdays

June 06	Mike O'Halloran
June 08	Carolyn Miller
June 10	Bob Vaughan
June 12	Ruth Fore
June 16	Rudy Chavez
June 17	Terry Johnson
June 19	Marcia Snellen
June 22	Gene Moran
June 25	Tom Beam



Anniversaries

June 08	M.D. and Judy Smith / 60 in 2021
June 19	Chuck and Lynn Nickey
June 23	Dan and Jacqui Moore / 31 in 2021
June 28	Dick and Jane Haldeman / 52 in 2021
June 28	Gerald and Teri Moore / 35 in 2021

With Deepest Sympathy

Our condolences go out to Mike and Cappy O'Halloran on the passing of Mike's mother. Keep the O'Halloran family in your prayers during this sad time.

Also, our condolences go out to former member Matt Robinson whose wife Karen recently died unexpectedly. Keep Matt in your prayers during this sad time.

2021 AACA National Calendar - *Verify prior to making plans to attend any event listed.*

July 1-3	Central Spring / Auburn, IN
July 11-16	Vintage Tour (1931 and earlier) / Lock Haven / Wellsboro, PA
July 22-24	Grand National / New Ulm, MN
August 13-14	Western Fall / Loveland, CO
September 9-11	Southeastern Fall / Greenville, SC
September 12-17	Glidden Tour (1942 and earlier) VMCCA / Saratoga Springs, NY
October 6-9	Eastern Fall / Hershey, PA
October 11-16	Southeastern Divisional Fall Tour / Mt. Airy, NC
October 18-22	Central Divisional Tour / Broken Arrow, OK
November 11-13	Special Western Fall / Phoenix, AZ
November 14-17	Western Divisional Tour / Phoenix & Central AZ









Fiction writer Clive Cussler started a new series of books recently set in the early 1900s. The plot follows the adventures of a private detective named Isaac Bell. He is an agent for a detective agency called "The Van Dorn Detective Agency" and their motto is: "We never ever, ever give up."

These would also seem to be good words to live by in auto restoration projects. I don't think I have ever done a project where I haven't thought "why did I ever start this in the first place." My next question is usually "why do I keep doing these things." From the number of unfinished car projects I see at swap meets or for sale, it would seem that a lot of people ask the first question and their answer is it's not worth it and give up. Granted a number may have found a better project, lack the skills, finances or have health problems that make them quit.



I seem to always go through a number of emotional stages on any project I've worked on. There is always the excitement as I start something new. Things come apart much easier than they go back together (usually). As problems start to stack up, I get to thinking "why did I start this in the first place." I normally don't give up at this point, but at times I have to step back, take some time to figure out a different way of doing things than I had originally planned, or in some cases I need some professional car advice (not psychiatric). I do a lot of my own work, but not all of it. I try to know my limitations, and some things I leave to the pros.

Although it may take longer than disassembly, I experience great satisfaction in reassembly. Put one part on and things look so much better I just have to do another and another. That is until I discover something that I put away and cannot find. Then the frustration starts all over again.

Sometimes my projects have taken a different twist from what I had originally intended. I started out to do a frame-on restoration of a '59 Impala. Over many years, it has been one mechanical aggravation after another. It had become a shelf in my garage more than once. By saying a shelf, I mean that during frustrating "dormant times" it became a convenient place to pile things I did not know what to do with. By the time I got the mechanicals sorted out and took a serious look at the body, I discovered that for its age, the body and interior as original were far too good as an original car for restoration so I changed from the restoration route to doing a little touch up and have put the car in the HPOF original class.

The real lasting satisfaction comes though when I can look at the finished results. It answers the question of "why did I start this in the first place," if we don't just give up.

Note: Clive Cussler is a car collector. His cars appear in a number of his books. They are housed at his museum which is "Somewhere southeast of Laramie," in a suburb of Denver, CO.

For Sale – 1973 AMC Javevlin

Not an AMX, but does have AMX upgrades. Car is in excellent condition. Extremely well cared for and low miles. Lots of pictures available.

Description:

360 4-Barrel Carburetor
Automatic Transmission
Power Steering
Manual Brakes

Price:

\$22,000

Contact:

Jim Stutts
P. O. Box 7188
Huntsville, Alabama 35807
Mobile (256) 990-7650
Office (256) 536-8726



For Sale – 1998 Acura Integra GS

John Fain's daughter, Carolyn, is selling her 1998 Acura Integra GS. Carolyn is the second owner, having purchased it in 2006 from the original owner. The timing belt and water pump were replaced May 7, 2019 at 247,506 miles. The car was repainted in 2018 by Bill Fleissner (Bill's Classics) and custom seat covers were installed. The car is fun to drive and although currently drivable, it needs a new clutch.



Description:

Two Door Hatchback
1.8 Liter 16 Valve Engine
5-Speed Manual Transmission
4-Wheel Disc Brakes
Anti-Lock Braking System
258,136 Miles

Contact:

John Fain
Email: johnrfain@gmail.com
Mobile (334) 718-6624



Calendar of Events

For event detail see: <http://www.naraaca.org/calendar.html>

June 2021

- 26** **14th Annual Car Show and Swap Meet** / 8:00 am to noon / Monte Sano State Park Picnic Area, Huntsville, AL / Benefits Huntsville Cave Rescue Unit / Registration \$20 (Includes Park Fee) / Awards at 1:00 pm / Information: Brian Bailey (256) 509-4785
- 26** **34th Annual Helen Keller Festival Car and Truck Show** / Shoals Car & Truck Club - Downtown Tuscumbia, AL / Registration 8:00 am to noon / Entry \$20 / Awards 2:00 pm / \$1700 in cash + Other Prizes / Information: (256) 381-3536 / www.shoalscarandtruckclub.com
- 27** **Benefit for Jase Peck** / Noon to 4:00 pm / Hwy 101, Lexington, AL - Behind town Hall in the Park / Entry \$20 / Lunch \$10 - Chicken stew, hot dogs, BBQ, etc.

July 2021

- 1** **Cruise-In on the Square** / 6:00 pm / Athens, AL
- 1-3** **AACA Central Spring National** / AACA Headquarters, Auburn, IN
- 3** **23rd Annual Show & Go** / Tennessee Valley MOPAR Club / 8:00 am to noon / Awards 2:00 pm / Entry \$20 / Spectators \$5 / Huntsville Dragway / Huntsville, AL / www.tvmoparclub.com
- 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
- 10** **Bee Line Highway Classics and Cruisers Cruise-In** / 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm / Railroad Street South West, Hartselle, AL
- 10** **1st Annual Car Show** / 8:00 am to 1:00 pm / The Salvation Army / 114 N. 11th Street, Gadsden, AL / Entry \$20
- 11-16** **AACA Vintage Tour** / (1931 and earlier) / Lock Haven / Wellsboro, PA
- 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 / Registration 8:00 am to noon / Entry \$20 / Awards 2:00 pm / \$1700 in Cash / Information (256) 381-3536

August 2021

- 7** **Cruise-In on the Square** / 6:00 pm / Athens, AL
- 7** **Show Your Ride Car Show - Killen Lodge 788** / 10:00 am to 2:00 pm / 830 Locke Six Road, Killen Park, Killen, AL
- 13** **2nd Friday Night Bojangles Cruise-In** / 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm / Madison Boulevard, Madison, AL
- 13-14** **AACA Western Fall** / Loveland, CO

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- 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 - Real Steel Garage** / 8:00 am to 2:00 pm / 455 School Street, Moulton, AL / 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 / Entry \$20 / Information: (256) 431-0542
- 28** **Charity Car Show - River Run Lions/Steel Rod Garage** / Marshall County Park #1, Guntersville, AL / Registration 8:00 am to 11:00 am / Entry \$20 / Awards 2:00 pm / www.RiverRunCarShow.net

September 2021

- 4** **Cruise-In on the Square** / 6:00 pm / Athens, AL
- 4** **4th Annual Tim Mullican Shady Grove Car Show and Swap Meet** / 28233 Highway 195 North, Double Springs, AL / Registration 9:00 am to 11:00 am / Entry \$10 / Awards 1:00 pm / Information: (256) 502-8033
- 6** **Labor Day Parade and Car Show** / Tuscumbia, AL / Registration 8:00 am / Entry \$20 / 9:00 am Parade line up at Deschler High School / 10:00 am Parade down Main St. to Spring Park / Car show only go directly to Spring Park / Information: (256) 383-2758
- 9-11** **Fall Charlotte AutoFair** / Hornets Nest Region AACA / Charlotte Motor Speedway, Charlotte, NC
- 9-11** **AACA Southeastern Fall** / Greenville, SC
- 10** **2nd Friday Night Bojangles Cruise-In** / 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm / Madison Boulevard, Madison, AL
- 10-11** **65th Annual Car Show** / Middle Tennessee Region AACA / Red Boiling Springs, TN / Information: (615) 308-0586 / <http://www.thethomashouse.com/> <http://midtennaaca.org/>
- 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 – VMCCA** / Saratoga Springs, NY / Pre 1943 / <http://www.gliddentour.org/>
- 17-18** **Fall Redneck Rumble 2021** / Wilson County Expo Center / Lebanon, TN / Pre 1968 Rods, Customs, Rats, Bikes, and Swap Meet / Information: (615) 364-1828 / Facebook - Redneck Rumble
- 18** **GCHS Band of Gold Annual Car Show** / 9:00 am to 3:00 pm / 200 Sheila Frost Drive, Pulaski, TN / Entry Free / Information: (615) 364-1828 / Facebook - Redneck Rumble
- 18** **30th Annual Car and Truck Show - Hartselle Depot Days** / Hartselle, AL / Entry \$20 / Multi-Car \$15 Each

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October 2021

- 2 **Cruise-In on the Square** / 6:00 pm / Athens, AL
- 2 **Bama Classic Collector Car Auction** / 10:00 am / 651 Fairgrounds Road, Muscle Shoals, AL / Friday
Check-In 9:00 am to 5:00 pm / www.jmarkclassicauctions.com
- 6-9 **AACA Eastern Division National Fall Meet** / Hershey Region AACA / Hershey, PA / Information: (717) 566-7720
- 8 **2nd Friday Night Bojangles Cruise-In** / 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm / Madison Boulevard, Madison, AL
- 9 **Bee Line Highway Classics and Cruisers Cruise-In** / 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm / Railroad Street South West, Hartselle, AL
- 11-16 **AACA Southeastern Divisional Fall Tour** / Mt. Airy, NC
- 16 **21st Annual Car and Truck Show - Ardmore Quarterback Club** / John Barnes Ballpark, Ardmore, TN / 10:00 am to 3:00 pm / Registration \$20 Early / \$25 Day of Show / Spectators \$5 / Information: (256) 614-5542 / <https://www.facebook.com/ardmorecarshow>
- 16 **Cruise in on the Square** / 9:00 am to 2:00 pm / Jasper, AL / Entry Free / \$5000 in Giveaways www.carsjasper.com
- 18-22 **AACA Central Divisional Tour** / Broken Arrow, OK

November 2021

- 6 **Cruise-In on the Square** / 6:00 pm / Athens, AL
- 6 **6th Annual Rods and Wheels Cruise-In** / 9:00 am to 2:00 pm / Near Kingston Pavilion Ditto Landing, Huntsville, AL / Entry \$20 / Information: (256) 882-1057
- 11-13 **AACA Special Western Fall** / Phoenix, AZ
- 14-17 **AACA Western Divisional Tour** / Phoenix & Central AZ
- 12 **2nd Friday Night Bojangles Cruise-In** / 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm / Madison Boulevard, Madison, AL
- 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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