

Spoke Folks



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North Alabama Region



President's Message

NAR President / **Nell Owen**

NAR is back in the swing of things. As you can see in the July newsletter, we've already had several displays and we are planning more. We have 70 families on our roster which is about what we've had the last several years. We are glad that we've been able to keep our numbers up even though we haven't had regular meetings.

Our next regular club meeting will be on Thursday, July 22 at Brahan Spring Recreation Center, 3770 Ivy Avenue SW, Huntsville, 35805, just behind the Senior Center on Drake Avenue. Note that the meeting will begin at 6:00 pm since all the centers will close at 8:00 pm and ask that we be out by 7:30 pm. We will change the format a bit and will begin the meeting with our refreshments and visiting. Mary Walton and Pete Shreeves have agreed to provide the refreshments for this month. Our thanks to them.

We have moved our show date and location this year. The date is Saturday, Oct 23 and the location is the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church at the corner of Capshaw Road and Old Railroad Bed Road in Madison. Our thanks to Shannon and Terry Johnson who attend there and have arranged it for us. We thank Dan Moore for agreeing to co-chair the car show. Dan has already been working on the show. If you'd like to help Dan, let me know.

Many of our previous sponsors have been contacted about the show and have agreed to sponsor us once again. We need everyone to be getting door prizes lined up. We also need a CHIEF JUDGE for our show, so if you can assist with this please let me know ASAP.

We have several members who are supporting Harbor Chase Assisted Living for their Roaring '20s event this month and NAR has agreed to a display at Limestone Manor for Grandparents' Day in September. We continue to support our community and continue to make plans for club member events so if you have ideas you'd like us to think about, let me know.

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 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

Birthdays

July 5	Harold Baugh
July 7	Jan Moran
July 9	Dick Haldeman
July 9	Jim Stutts
July 10	John Richard
July 13	Joe Stegmaier
July 16	Lynn Wagner
July 19	Nancy Cooper
July 23	Gerald Moore
July 31	Jules Haynes
July 31	Frank Tatom

Anniversaries

July 1	Roland and Marena McClure
July 11	David and Carolyn Miller
July 16	Robert and Hanna Scites
July 28	Doug and Nancy Cooper / 36 in 2021



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

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 11-15	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



NAR Dinner Meeting Notes

1 July 2021

We had 27 members at Mildred's in Ardmore. Nell asked about birthdays or anniversaries for the month. Gerald Moore and Frank Tatom were having birthdays and David and Carolyn Miller were having an anniversary. Gerald and Teri had an anniversary in June as did Dan and Jacque Moore.

We voted to send a \$100 donation in memory of late member Paul Karbel to the AACA Library and Museum.

We mentioned the Drive Thru at Thrive that morning, July 1, and only Frank Tatom in his 1949 Pontiac and a couple of modern cars from family members were there. Thanks to Frank for showing up for NAR.

We discussed Collector Car Appreciation Day on Friday, July 9 and Jeff Slagle said he was working on an event for NAR.

We also discussed our July meeting which is scheduled for Thursday, July 22 at Brahan Spring Recreation Center at 6:00 pm. All Rec Centers now close at 8:00 pm, so we are thinking of moving the time of our meeting from beginning at 7:00 pm to beginning at 6:00 pm. Nell took a tally and most members said they did not have a problem with that. Mary Walton agreed to provide refreshments for the July meeting. We will have refreshments as we begin the meeting. For the July meeting there will be no program or a limited program such as pictures from someone's project that is up for the Totcky Award.

The NAR show is scheduled for Oct 23 at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Madison at the corner of Old Railroad Bed Rd and Capshaw Rd. Terry and Shannon Johnson attend there and have secured the facility for us. Shannon mentioned that there is a full kitchen at the church and she agreed to work with a group at the church to provide concessions for the car show to benefit the group who does it. Gerald Moore agreed to provide music and be the DJ. Several members have been getting sponsors and Nell asked for everyone to get door prizes. Dan Moore came by to drop off show flyers. He was not feeling well and left early because the new insulin he is taking was not agreeing with his body.

Nell announced that Teri Moore was asked by a friend of hers to illustrate the cover of a book he was writing. She had a two-week deadline. The author loved what she came up with and the book has now been published with Teri's drawing as the cover. Kudos to Teri.

Nell announced that Jacque Moore would be retiring in September after 53 years with the Government.

We are looking for a place for the August meeting since Brahan Spring is not available.

Harbor Chase asked for a display of a couple of cars for a Roaring 20s event they are having as a fundraiser. John Fain with his '29 Plymouth and Gary Kinney with his '34 Ford have agreed to support them. Harbor Chase would also like a full display of cars as we have done in the past possibly in August. The POC is Terrence Francis who has worked at other facilities.

Nell asked if there was anything else that needed to be discussed but there was not so the meeting closed. 🌀







Annual Antique & Classic Car, Truck, & Motorcycle Show / Flea Market

Saturday - Oct. 23, 2021

Registration: 8:00 – 11:00 & Awards ~2:00

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

1418 Old Railroad Bed Rd

Madison, AL 35757



**Located at the Intersection of
Old Railroad Bed and Capshaw**

Directions:

From Huntsville: Take 72 west to County Line/Old Railroad Bed. Turn right (north) and continue 2 miles to Capshaw. Rd.

From Athens: Take 72 East to County Line/Old Railroad Bed. Turn left (north) and continue 2 miles to Capshaw. Rd.

**1st 2nd and 3rd place for All Classes*
And... SPECIAL AWARDS**

Pastor's Choice - NAR President's Choice - Show Chairman's Choice

Best of Show Original (Ron Barnett Memorial) - Best of Show Modified

Best MOPAR (George R. Snellen Memorial)

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| 1. Production Cars - thru 1940 | 9. Modified Cars - thru 1940 | 17. Production Trucks- thru 1970 |
| 2. Production Cars - 1941-1955 | 10. Modified Cars - 1941-1955 | 18. Production Trucks- 1971-1996 |
| 3. Production Cars - 1956-1960 | 11. Modified Cars - 1956-1960 | 19. Modified Trucks – thru 1970 |
| 4. Production Cars - 1961-1967 | 12. Modified Cars - 1961-1967 | 20. Modified Trucks- 1971-1996 |
| 5. Production Cars - 1968 -1972 | 13. Modified Cars - 1968 -1972 | 21. Survivor Cars (unrestored) thru-1996 |
| 6. Production Cars - 1973-1980 | 14. Modified Cars - 1973-1980 | 22. Motorcycles thru-1996 |
| 7. Production Cars - 1981-1990 | 15. Modified Cars - 1981-1990 | 23. AACA Seniors- all Years |
| 8. Production Cars - 1991-1996 | 16. Modified Cars - 1991-1996 | 24. Non-Judged – all years |

* Classes may be modified day of show



Website:

<http://www.naraaca.org>



Registration Fees:

\$20 – First vehicle

\$10 – Each additional vehicle

\$10 – Non-Judged

Flea Market Vendor Space – FREE!!

Spectators – FREE!!

For More Information, contact:

Dan Moore, Show Chairman

showchairman@naraaca.org

I recently saw a list of the Indy 500 Pace cars. While I am not very interested in motor racing, the Indianapolis 500 is the king of car races. I always envisioned Indy 500 Pace cars as prestigious and powerful cars that led the race cars in their famous "rolling start". Packard certainly was in this category being the Pace car in 1915 with a "6", in 1919 with a Twin Six, and in 1936 with a 120. Tommy Milton, a two time Indy 500 winner, was the driver of the 1936 120 Pace car and proposed that the Pace car be given to the 500 winner, which then became a tradition that exists to this day. Surprisingly many of the Pace cars do not fit the prestigious or powerful category.

The Indianapolis race track opened in 1909 as a race track but more importantly as a test track for production cars from Indiana and surrounding states. Indiana in the early 1900's was famous for producing such cars as American, Apperson, Auburn, Cole, Haynes, Marmon, Maxwell, Overland, Pope, Simplex, Star, Stoddard Dayton, Studebaker and Stutz. All of these manufacturers needed a good test track and thus the Indianapolis track was born. It was not until 1911 that the first Indianapolis 500 was run and a Stoddard Dayton, a luxurious and powerful car produced in Indiana, was the first Indy Pace car winner, followed by Stutz in 1912, and then Stoddard Dayton in 1913 and 1914. Prestigious and powerful Pace cars were used until 1938 when a Hudson 6 with 83 HP was the pace car, 1940 when the first closed car a Studebaker Champion 6 two door sedan with 78 HP led the pack, 1947 when the first four door sedan a Nash Ambassador 6 with 112 HP was used, and 1948 when a Chevrolet 6 with 90 HP led the pack. From this point until 1976 when a Buick V-6 Turbo was used all the Pace cars were V-8's. The cylinder count dropped to 4 cylinders for 1984 with a Pontiac Fiero, 1985 an Oldsmobile Calais convertible (the roof was cut off of a sedan), 1987 a Chrysler LeBaron Turbo, 1988 an Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme Turbo, and 1990 the final four cylinder car a Chevrolet Beretta.

Things didn't always go as planned. In 1962 a Studebaker Avanti was supposed to be the Pace car but production was delayed and a Studebaker Lark Daytona V-8 was the replacement, and in 1991 a Dodge Stealth which was made in Japan was scheduled to be the Pace car but the UAW objected and a pre-production version of the Dodge Viper took its place.

Chevrolet's first Pace car was a 1948 Stylemaster convertible, but Chevrolet is the leading marque pacing the Indy 500 twenty-eight times, including nine Camaro's, fourteen Corvette's and even an SSR convertible pickup in 2003. Surprisingly Corvette was not the Pace car until 1978 but has since been the Pace car fourteen times. Since 2002, a Chevrolet has been the pace car every year. Oldsmobile comes in second being the pace car eleven times. Ford is third being the pace car seven times (including one Thunderbird and three Mustangs), followed by Buick and Chrysler at six times each.

The following are the manufacturers and the number of times they have been the Pace car: Chevrolet 28, Oldsmobile 11, Ford 7, Buick and Chrysler 6, Dodge, Pontiac and Studebaker at 4, Cadillac, LaSalle, Mercury, Packard and Stoddard Dayton 3, Lincoln and Marmon 2, and one each for Cole, Cord, DeSoto, Duesenberg, HCS, Hudson, Nash, National Sextet, Plymouth, Premier, Rickenbacker and Stutz. Of the twenty-seven marques that have led the pack at Indy, only seven remain. The Indianapolis Motor Speedway and Museum are in Indianapolis, Indiana, and an excellent place to visit. In addition to approximately seventy-five vehicles on display there is a considerable amount of Indy 500 memorabilia, and you can also ride around the Indy track in a small bus. 🌀

Calendar of Events

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

July 2021

- 22 **NAR Meeting** / 6:00 pm / Brahan Spring Rec Center / 3770 Ivy Ave, Huntsville, 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 /
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
- 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

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- 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

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
- 11-15 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
- 23 NAR Car Show** / Shepherd United Methodist Church / 1418 Old Railroad Bed Road, Madison, AL / Registration: 8:00 am to 11:00 am / Awards: 2:00 pm / Entry \$20 First Vehicle \$10 Each Addition \$10 Non-Judged / Free Flea Market Vendor Space / Free Spectators / Information: Dan Moore showchairman@naraaca.org

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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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