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North Alabama Region



President's Message

NAR President / **Nell Owen**

If you want raffle tickets for the 1973 Jeep Commando I need to mail the tickets back to AACA by September 27.

I want to let everyone know about some things we have coming up. Thursday, September 23 is our quarterly dinner out meeting. Jeff Slagle has arranged for us to eat at Kacey's on South Parkway. We had our meeting there a year or so ago. We can have the back rooms again. We will begin between 5:30 pm and 6:00 pm. If you are not eating out in restaurants yet, I totally understand so do what you need to do to feel safe. In fact, Randy and I haven't been eating out yet so we may not be there.

Bob and Luci Bentley, 744 Grimwood Road, Toney, AL 35773, have talked to me about the club coming to their house and we are working out a time to do that in the next couple of weeks. Rather than setting out tables and doing a Corn Boil as in the past, I suggested everyone could bring their own meal and their lawn chairs and we could just sit and eat together and visit and see their remaining cars. There is plenty of room for parking and for sitting so we should be able to have a good time. I'll let you know when we have the date and time set.

Sally Barnett and her son Sam have invited us to their place, 137 Valley View Drive, Union Grove, AL 35175, on Saturday, October 16 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Ed Hanish is hosting the Dixie Chapter of the Willys Overland Knight Registry (WOKR) that week and is having them tour Sally's place. Sally said she is building a new house on the property with a large deck and that they will serve snacks and drinks and have the garages open for viewing. Other than the WOKR group they have also invited the Alabama Packard club to join in. It's nice of them to include NAR as many of our newer members have not been to see their great collection.

Saturday, Oct 23 is our annual car show. I can't believe it's only a few weeks away. Don't forget to be asking parts stores and others for door prizes. I don't know of any that we have gotten yet. We have collected about \$1,400 from Sponsors and with several shows being held the same day as ours we need to get door prizes and sponsorships coming in as this is our major money maker each year. I need to get the Program Book to the printer by the week before the show so I need the ads by Thursday, October 7, so I can get the book layout completed. If you plan to get an ad, let me know asap.

Thursday, October 28 our monthly meeting will be at Brahan Spring Park in the room we used in July. The meeting will start at 6:00 pm since we have to be out by 7:30 pm. If we have them leave the tables out of the room we should have plenty of space. It's time to think about our election of officers and Board for 2022, so please talk with those who might be interested in serving and bring their name to the October meeting. The election will take place at our meeting in November which is the 3rd Thursday due to Thanksgiving being on our normal night.

Nell

NAR Member Milestones

Birthdays

Sep 11 Gary Kinney
Sep 14 Linda Weidman
Sep 18 Betty Thurstone / 85 in 2021
Sep 19 Jerry Carignan
Sep 20 Carla Holder
Sep 24 Seth Kemeny

Anniversaries

Sep 6 Greg and Susan Stefanovic / 25 in 2021
Sep 12 Roger and Brenda Jones / 57 in 2021
Sep 12 Joe Marchelites and Carla Holder

NAR Member Requests

Suggestions Needed on Long-Term Vehicle Storage Facility

I have a 1975 Camaro, and it has been in need of restoration for many moons. It is currently in the Anniston, but I need to get it up to the Tennessee Valley.

I cannot keep it at my house in Madison, so I am looking for a long-term storage facility which could house a vehicle and that is secure and reasonably priced.

Would any of the NAR members be able to point me a good direction?

Contact: Eric J. Bright at disposable581-naraaca@yahoo.com

1940 Buick Electrical Wiring Harness Installation Replacement

I have a complete 1940 Buick electrical wiring harness, pre-cut, from a national vendor, and need a NAR recommendation for someone local that is qualified to do the complete installation replacement.

Contact: John Adams

AACA Information

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

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

Limestone Manor Display

Sunday, September 12, 2021

NAR had a great display at Limestone Manor in Athens for the residents to celebrate Grandparent's Day on Sunday, September 12. Thanks to all who participated. One of the ladies reminisced about the 1956 Chevy she and her husband owned when she saw the Carignan's 1956 there. Some came out to see the cars and some looked from inside since we were parked where they could look out the windows. But the weather was nice and it was good to see car friends again.

The Weidman's Corvette was on the fritz so they came to support us in their more modern vehicle. Terry's Saratoga had no brakes by the time he arrived and once he and Randy and others diagnosed it we decided to have it towed home. Then we left to take him home in our Hudson and it was having some kind of fuel issue by the end of the block so we went back and we had it towed home. The joy of owning old cars. But it's great to have good friends.

Those who participated were: Chuck Knapp 1957 T-Bird, Chuck and Lynn Nickey 1970 Mustang, Jerry and Annette Carignan 1956 Chevy, Carl Matson 196? Corvette, Charles and Brenda Malone 1951 Chevy truck, Terry Johnson 1957 Chevy truck, Shannon Johnson 1965 Mustang, Randy and Nell Owen 1934 Hudson, Terry Owen 1960 Chrysler Saratoga, Larry Turner 1964 Corvette, and Bob and Linda Weidman.



Harbor Chase Display

Friday, September 17, 2021

Another great display Sept 17. The weather held off and Harbor Chase had a lot of residents come out to see the cars. Several of our members couldn't come, but we ended up with 4 cars and everyone enjoyed looking at them and saying they brought back a lot of memories. One of the gentlemen had owned a 1949 Morris Minor Sedan and recognized Jim's 1959 as a Morris Minor when he saw the car from a distance. Another talked about owning a 1932 Ford like David's. One lady said it made her want to go to her room and pull out old pictures to look at and see the cars she had owned. One man said he had a badge collection and that he didn't have any of the badges on the front of the Morris Minor. I had to watch him closely to ensure he didn't try to take one.

David Hoha drove his 1932 Ford Model B, Jim and Debbie Gilbertson brought the 1959 Morris Minor, Randy and I drove my 1983 Avanti II, and Teri and Gerald came in the 1952 Chevy. Jim's Dad lives in an assisted living facility not far from Harbor Chase so Jim brought him by to enjoy the display as well. Thank you to all who participated.



AACA Raffle - You Could Win This Car

1973 Jeep Commando

Saturday, October 9th at 2:00 pm at the 2021 Hershey Fall Nationals

Win the Jeep or opt for \$5,000 cash.

Nell Owen has raffle tickets on sale now for only \$10 each.

Winner need not be present to win and is responsible for all taxes.

Contact Nell at (256) 520-2617 or by email nowen5701@gmail.com.

Proceeds benefit the Antique Automobile Club of America (501c3)



This one-owner vehicle was donated to the AACA by the late Thomas Konorosky, who was a member of the Flood City Region AACA. Tom joined the AACA and the Flood City Region AACA in 1974. He was a very active, dedicated member, and he held the positions of treasurer and director for many years. He attended all local events, and he never failed to attend the Hershey show since the time he joined National.

In 1973, Tom ordered and purchased the Jeep new at Stagers Chevrolet and Jeep in Portage, Pennsylvania. The Jeep Commando was produced by American Motors. It is a soft-top Commando convertible.

Tom rarely put the top down because he wanted to keep it clean. This Jeep is in excellent original condition and has never been painted. It has low mileage, and it was never involved in an accident. It was never driven off-road. Because of the warm summers and freezing winter climate in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, he always stored the vehicle in a garage. Tom meticulously maintained this vehicle. When he arrived home from a show, he immediately cleaned the Jeep and covered it.

The Jeep often sparked the interest of the younger generation at the shows he attended. This was one of several antiques that Tom owned, and upon his death, he donated his collection of five vehicles to the AACA.

For Sale – 1952 Hudson Hornet Sedan

This is a beautiful car all around, rust free and solid. It has Twin H dual carburetors. All mechanicals have been refreshed to include remanufactured fuel tank. More pictures and details upon request. This is a beautiful car and not a project. Serious inquiries only and no solicitation for sales please. Driven 54,000 miles.

Price:

\$17,900 – No Trades

Contact:

Doug Cooper

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Phone (309) 428-7952

Office (256) 536-8726



ALDOT - Alabama Department of Transportation

Early History of ALDOT

In 1911, the State Highway Commission was created under Governor Emmet O'Neal's Administration.

The first five Alabama State Highway Commission Members were Robert E. Spragins, Chairman, of Huntsville; John Craft of Mobile; V. B. Atkins of Selma; G.N. Mitcham, Professor of Civil Engineering at Auburn University; and Eugene A. Smith, State Geologist at the University of Alabama.

Earliest Years

Early highway executives in 1911 shared some of the same financial woes as their current counterparts. The Financial Act of 1911 appropriated \$154,000 from the State Convict Fund. The Act allowed the funds to be used for construction of roads and for the overhead expenses of the state executives. In 1911, only Madison, Colbert, Macon, Lawrence, Blount, Bullock, Lauderdale, Dale, and Etowah received disbursements.

In 1912, engineering staff came from the counties. The main role of the State Highway Commission was to educate the counties on the need for constructing roads along economical and engineering lines utilizing local materials.

Initially, many roads used chert (not crushed) as a stabilization medium. Montgomery County was the leader in the hard surface road movement in Alabama. The only power in the early years was gas steam rollers and rock crushers. All work was done by mules (\$300 for a good pair). A large contractor had ten to twenty teams of mules in order to perform necessary work.

AASHO (American Association of State Highway Officials) was formed in Atlanta, GA in 1914. On July 11, 1916, federal legislation established "Federal-Aid" to states. Senator John Hollis Bankhead of Alabama was instrumental in getting the legislation passed. This created a \$200 million fund to provide states with matching funds for highway construction. In 1917, the first Federal Aid of \$10,000 was allotted to Alabama.

On October 31, 1921, Alabamians' first bond issue of \$25 million was passed by the legislature but failed to gain enough ballot votes to be ratified. In 1922, the bond issue was again submitted to the people for a vote and was ratified. This year also started the "State" system of roads.

Highways were first given names during this time, and Bankhead Highway, extended across the country from Washington, D.C., through Bankhead's hometown of Jasper, AL and on to San Diego, CA. The Dixie Overland Highway, extends from Columbus, GA to Meridian, MS and is now known as U.S. 80. Additionally, the Jackson Highway, which runs from Tennessee to Florence, AL to Russellville, AL and on to Mississippi as well as the Florida Short Route, which runs from Tennessee to Huntsville, AL to Gadsden, AL to Anniston, AL to Opelika, AL and on to Columbus, GA, were named.

Inadequate highway financing, increased road use, and unsympathetic public sentiment toward funding were issues at the time, and factors affecting roads included Alabama topography, maintenance problems, primitive equipment, serious flood damage, and the Great Depression. Despite these issues and factors, some progress was made to Alabama roads during this time.

ALDOT - Alabama Department of Transportation

In 1927, the Alabama State Highway Department was born.

Becoming a State Department

On March 2, 1939, the Alabama Merit System law was created. Enactment of a merit system law was one of a number of recommendations for organizational and administrative improvement that Governor Frank Dixon made to the 1939 State Legislature. The Governor called attention to the inefficiency resulting from numerous independent boards, bureaus, and governmental agencies and recommended "certain administrative changes." His recommendations spelled out plans for consolidating related functions into larger departments and placing these departments under single department directors, rather than commissions and boards.

In addition to the overall governmental overhaul, the Alabama State Highway Department was given the positions of Highway Director and Secretary to the Director. There were now six cabinet members who headed branches of operations called bureaus. Lastly, new positions of Construction Engineer, Survey and Plans, Auditor, Equipment Superintendent, and Maintenance Engineer were created. Divisions within the Department expanded from four to seven.

- Division 1 – Decatur
- Division 2 – Birmingham
- Division 3 – Tuscaloosa
- Division 4 – Alexander City
- Division 5 – Montgomery
- Division 6 – Grove Hill
- Division 7 – Montgomery

In 1943, Bureaus were added, including the Bureau of County Aid. In 1945, the Bureau of Materials and Tests was added. In 1949, the Bureau of Bridges was added.

World War II Era

World War II was a difficult time for the Department as it was for the entire United States. More than 600 employees were taken into service, and regular Federal Aid was suspended in December 1941. Access roads to military institutions became a priority, and all were paid for by the Federal Government.

From 1949 to 1955, business began booming. There was a new direction in construction, including improved road surfacing, ditches, rights-of-way, and a large number of bridges being built.

The Fifties Through the Seventies Saw Forward Thinking

In 1957, the Electronic Computer Section was organized. Alabama was one of the first state transportation departments to use computers. In 1959, AHD "completed" the two-way radio system from vehicles to base stations.

In 1963, Governor George Wallace added the 8th Division in Birmingham and the 9th Division in Montgomery. He reestablished the 5th Division in Mobile. Additionally, six new Bureaus were added while Wallace was Governor. These included Right of Way, Planning and Programs, Materials and Tests, Research and Development, Urban Planning, and Federal Aid. **Continued**

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The interstate era in Alabama commenced in the mid-fifties. The basis of the Interstate System was the Federal Highway Act of 1956. Initially, a 60/40 match was provided in the 1954 act, but this was changed to a 90/10 match in 1956. The Highway Trust Fund called for the distribution of federal fuel taxes to highway construction and maintenance.

The first Alabama Interstate to be constructed in 1967 was I-65 from Kimberly to Cullman (28 miles).

By the mid-1960s, the Department had eight Divisions, with the average number of employees at 7,000, and expenditures of \$192 million. Maintenance Management Systems were developed to help with budgeting.

In 1969, the Mobile River Tunnel was the most dramatic feature constructed. It was the largest contract to that date – a \$47.5M contract. It took 3.5 years to build and opened in 1973. In the 1970s, the Alabama Highway Department changed Divisions again.

- 2nd Division moved from Birmingham to Sheffield
- 3rd Division moved from Tuscaloosa to Birmingham
- 5th Division moved from Mobile to Tuscaloosa
- 6th Division moved from Grove Hill to Montgomery
- 9th Division established in Mobile

Present Day

In 1993, the Alabama Highway Department was renamed the Alabama Department of Transportation to better represent the broadened focus of today's transportation network. In 2014, Divisions united to become Regions.

- Parts of the 1st and 2nd Division became the North Region.
- Parts of the 5th, 2nd, and 8th Divisions became the West Central Region.
- The 3rd and 4th Divisions became the East Central Region.
- The 6th and 7th Divisions and part of the 4th Division became the Southeast Region.
- The 8th and 9th Divisions became the Southwest Region.

Per ASCE's 2015 Alabama Report Card, Alabama has 15,986 bridges, of which ALDOT maintains 5,758 and 102,200 miles of public roads, of which ALDOT maintains approximately 11,000 miles of federal and state highways.

Summary

ALDOT has been through many changes through the years. As technology advances, more changes will come. The basic needs to fulfill the mission of the Department will not change. The citizens of Alabama will continue to need a safe, viable transportation network.

According, "Module 1, Read Ahead, History of ALDOT", https://www.dot.state.al.us/about/pdf/ALDOT_History.pdf



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

Calendar of Events

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

September 2021

- 19 **Rocket Mustang Club Sonic Cruise-In** / County Line Road, Madison, AL / 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- 25 **Mt. Zion 4th Annual Car Show** / 140 County Road 271, Town Creek, AL 35672 / 9:00 am to 1:00 pm / Entry \$20 Pre-Registration \$18 / (256) 565-4808
- 25 **32nd Annual All MOPAR Car/Truck Show** / Wilson County Fairgrounds, Lebanon, TN / Entry \$20 / 9:00 am to 4:00 pm / (615) 766-0081 / <http://musiccitymoparclub.com/>
- 25 **East Limestone Volunteer Fire Department 50th Celebration Car Show** / 15801 East Limestone Road, Athens, AL 35613 / 8:00 am to Noon / Free Entry / Food / Drinks / Music / Parking for car show at the High School parking lot / (256) 565-4808
- 25 **Eva Frontier Days Car Show** / Eva Methodist Church / 4152 Eva Road, Eva, AL / 9:00 am / Entry \$20 / (205) 223-0084

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
- 2 **Courtland Car Show** / Courtland, AL / 8:00 am to 2:00 pm / Entry \$25 for one car and \$40 for two
- 2 **Inaugrtal Rocket City Octane Auto Show** / VBC South Hall / 700 Monroe Street, Huntsville, AL 35801 / 10:00 am to 4:00 pm / Entry \$30 prior to Sept 25 (Includes 2 tickets to event)
- 2 **RCMC Fall Car Show** / 2200 Bob Wallace Ave, Huntsville, AL 35805 / 10:00 am to 1:00 pm / Open to all makes and models / Benefits Christmas Charities year round
- 2 **Car, Truck and Bike Show** / Culver Road, Falkville, AL / 10:00 am to 2:00 pm / Entry \$10 / VFW Post 10778 / (256) 309-4319
- 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
- 9 **Athens Sportsplex 4th Annual Sportsplex Car Show** / Sportsplex Hwy 31, Athens, AL / 9:00 am to 2:00 pm / Entry \$20 / No judging / Benefits Childhood Cancer / (256) 777-0606
- 11-15 **AACA Southeastern Divisional Fall Tour** / Mt. Airy, NC
- 16 **Cruise in on the Square** / 9:00 am to 2:00 pm / Jasper, AL / Entry Free / \$5000 in Giveaways www.carsjasper.com

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- 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** **Lawrence County Classic Cars 43rd Annual Car/Truck Show** / Rotary Park 927 North Military Avenue, Lawrenceburg, TN / 10:00 am to 3:00 pm / Entry \$20 / (931) 242-2491 / <https://www.facebook.com/lawcocclub>
- 16** **Lauderdale County High School Car Show** / Rogersville Park, 100 Optimist Drive, Rogersville, AL / 10:00 am to 2:00 pm / Entry \$25 / Benefits LCHS Football Team (256) 247-5446
- 17** **Rocket Mustang Club Sonic Cruise-In** / County Line Road, Madison, AL / 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- 18-22** **AACA Central Divisional Tour** / Broken Arrow, OK
- 23** **AACA North Alabama Region Car Show** / Shepherd United Methodist Church / 1418 Old Railroad Bed Road, Madison, AL / Registration: 8:00 am to Noon / Awards: 2:00 pm / Entry \$20 First Vehicle \$10 Each Addition \$10 Non-Judged / Free Flea Market Vendor Space / Free Spectators / Information: Dan Moore www.naraaca.org/show.html
- 23** **3rd Annual Car Show Voodoo Customs** / Registration: 8:00 am to Noon / Lincoln County Fairgrounds, Fayetteville, TN / Trophies begin at 1:30 pm / (931) 993-8190
- 23** **Cruisin' Car Show** / 11202 South Memorial Parkway SW, Huntsville, AL / Storage Sense parking lot / 9:00 am to 1:00 pm / Entry \$15 / (256) 880-5111

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
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December 2021

- 19** **Rocket Mustang Club Sonic Cruise-In** / County Line Road, Madison, AL / 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm