

Spoke Folks



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President's Message

NAR President / **Nell Owen**

As I sit here writing this message, it has been a rough few weeks for NAR members. Roland McClure passed away, Chuck Nickey had heart surgery and Gerald Moore had hernia surgery. Gene Moran is in Serenity hospice. Dan Moore has had several tests related to his gall bladder. There may be others who are ill, but these quickly come to mind. Prayers for all.

Don't forget Sally and Sam Barnett have invited us to their place to see the car collection 137 Valley View Dr., Union Grove, AL 35175 on Saturday, Oct 16 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Refreshments to be served.

Dan Moore and others continue to work on our car show which is set for Saturday, Oct 23 at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church 1418 Old Railroad Bed Road (at the corner of Capshaw Road and Old Railroad Bed Road) in Madison 35757. Our thanks to Shannon and Terry Johnson who attend there and have arranged the location for us. Thanks to Robert Scites who has stepped up and agreed to be Chief Judge for our car show. Mike Skelly has agreed to take photographs of the cars. Gerald was to be DJ and emcee, but we will pick up the slack for him as he recovers. We need 5 people for registration and 20 judges to help Robert as well as selling 50/50 tickets, etc. It will take everyone working that day to pull off the show from set up to tear down. Our participants will expect a great show like we have provided in the past so I hope everyone will come that day prepared to work.

Harold and Rosanna Caneer have invited NAR members to stop by their home located at 1429 Capshaw Rd., Madison, AL 35757 after the show to chill for a while. They are about a mile and a half east of the show so on the way home for most everybody. They plan to have watermelon slices for refreshments as we relax and enjoy the rest of the day.

We had a good month in September with the display at Limestone Manor on Sept. 12, the display at Harbor Chase on Sept. 17 and then had a good dinner meeting on Sept. 23.

We are in the process of forming a roster of Officers and Board for next year, so if you are willing to help in any way please let me know as soon as possible. We also need your nominations for Totcky (Most Improved Vehicle) and Berry (Service to Club) awards.

Our meeting this month is Thursday, Oct. 28 at Brahan Spring Rec Center, 3770 Ivey, Huntsville, AL 35805 at 6:00 pm. We have to vacate by 7:30 pm, so we need to begin on time.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events. Until then stay safe.

Nell

NAR Member Milestones

Birthdays

Oct 1	Joe Marchelites
Oct 8	Ron Dion
Oct 10	George Fore
Oct 11	Jim Mullins / 92 in 2021
Oct 29	Bob Bentley / 89 in 2021

NAR Member Requests

Need Enclosed Storage Space

John and Dawn LaFalce are looking for a enclosed storage space for their 1926 Ford. Preferably located in the Jones Valley area of Huntsville, AL. Please contact John & Dawn LaFalce at (703) 895-8461 or lafalcejd@yahoo.com

For Sale: 1998 BMW

Stan Minkinow's large size 1998 BMW is for sale for \$2,000. It probably has fairly low mileage, but specific details are unknown. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Judy Smith at (256) 536-7520 or (256) 536-1998.

NAR Club News

October NAR Meeting

The October NAR meeting will be at 6:00 pm on Thursday, Oct 28 at the Brahan Spring Rec Center, just off Drake Ave. I haven't confirmed with Jeff Slagle what the program will be and I'm not sure about refreshments. Other than that, it's a go.

Volunteers Needed for 2022 NAR Office Positions

We need people to volunteer for 2022 NAR office positions. Please let me know ASAP if you are willing to hold a 2022 NAR office. Carla Holder says she does not plan to continue as Treasurer and Jeff Slagle is not sure he wants to take over as President. So, if you would like to help out your club, let me know as soon as possible so we can get a slate of 2022 NAR officers and board members put together and published in the Spoke Folks newsletter.

Annual NAR Awards Nominee Inputs Needed

Nominee inputs are needed for both the Totcky Award (most improved vehicle) and Berry Award (service to the club).

AACA Information

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

November 11-13	Special Western Fall / Phoenix, AZ
November 14-17	Western Divisional Tour / Phoenix & Central AZ

In Remembrance of Robert Wayne McClure

December 8, 1942 – September 27, 2021

Roland Wayne McClure, age 78, of Huntsville, Alabama passed away on Monday, September 27, 2021, from multiple illnesses and cancer. Roland was born December 8, 1942 in St. Louis, MO to the late Connie and Nellie Mae McClure.

Roland retired from Chrysler and IBM. He was a member of the North Alabama Antique Auto Club of America winning many trophies with his prized 1978 25th Silver Anniversary Corvette. He was also a member of the National Rifle Association.

Roland is survived by his loving wife of 51 years Marena McClure and brother Dexter Allen McClure, and K-9's Bubbles and Toby.



Huntsville's Full Service Filling Stations

Bob Gathany

Do you remember cool art deco or country cottage style full service gas stations? A time when gas was 30 cents a gallon and the attendant would pump gas, check the oil and clean your windshield? I barely remember and I'm over 60.

Thankfully some forward thinking Huntsville photographers of the 1940s & 50s documented many of Huntsville's full service gas stations of the time. These photographs made their way to the Huntsville/Madison County Public Library Heritage Room.

Thanks to these photographs we can appreciate not only the beauty of those stations, but also the mid-century cars and gasoline pumps. Notice the old signs and imagine a time when you did not even have to get out of your car to get a fill-up. As a matter of fact, gas stations were known as "filling stations" and many a teenager could count on a part-time job pumping gas and checking oil levels.

https://www.al.com/living/2014/03/huntsvilles_full_service_gas_s.html



1940 - Cities Service Station in the Cottage Style was located on Holmes and Woodson. Note the sign advertising "High-Octane, 25 cents-a-gallon".
(courtesy of Huntsville/Madison County Public Library)



1940 - Broadway's Gulf Service Station & Café was located on Whitesburg Drive south of Governors.
(courtesy of Huntsville/Madison County Public Library)



1956 - Doc Phillip's Texaco Oil Service Station, was located at the corner of Madison and Gates. The old style Texaco's were painted white with forest green streamline stripes.
(courtesy of Huntsville/Madison County Public Library)



1956 - Gulf station at the corner of Holmes & 5th Avenue.
(courtesy of Huntsville/Madison County Public Library)

Traffic Lights

The earliest traffic signals did not consist of the tri-colored light system we use today. Rather, the semaphore signal, a method of visual signaling, usually by means of flags or lights was operated, either manually or automatically, at busy intersections. The first semaphore traffic signal, patented in 1923, consisted of a mechanical device that rotated "Stop" or "Go" flags for the approaching traffic. Originally, police officers were assigned the duty of holding traffic flags, but the new semaphore signal provided a hand-crank for rotating the flags. Many semaphore signals featured lights and bells for added safety. Bells would ring when the semaphore signals were changing to alert drivers. Red or green lights were also added to the flags for easier visibility. The semaphore signal was used until the four-way, tri-colored light signal became the standard in 1935.



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Calendar of Events

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

October 2021

- 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** / Lincoln County Fairgrounds, Fayetteville, TN / Registration: 8:00 am to Noon / Trophies begin at 1:30 pm / (931) 993-8190
- 23 **Cruisin' Car Show** / Storage Sense parking lot / 11202 South Memorial Parkway SW, Huntsville, AL / 9:00 am to 1:00 pm / Entry \$15 / (256) 880-5111

November 2021

- 6 **Cruise-In on the Square** / Athens, AL / 6:00 pm
- 6 **6th Annual Rods and Wheels Cruise-In** / Near Kingston Pavilion Ditto Landing, Huntsville, AL / 9:00 am to 2:00 pm / 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** / Madison Boulevard, Madison, AL / 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- 13 **Bee Line Highway Classics and Cruisers Cruise-In** / Railroad Street South West, Hartselle, AL / 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- 13 **35th Annual Ho! Ho! Ho! Christmas Show** / City Park, Cullman Train Depot / 309 1st Ave NE, Cullman, AL / 8:00 am to 3:00 pm / Entry \$20 or New Toy Valued at \$20 / (256) 200-4548, Facebook: hohohochristmasshow
- 13 **3rd Annual Bob Jones High School Band Car Show & Food Truck Rally** / 211 Celtic Drive, Madison, AL
- 21 **Rocket Mustang Club Sonic Cruise-In** / County Line Road, Madison, AL / 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

December 2021

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



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