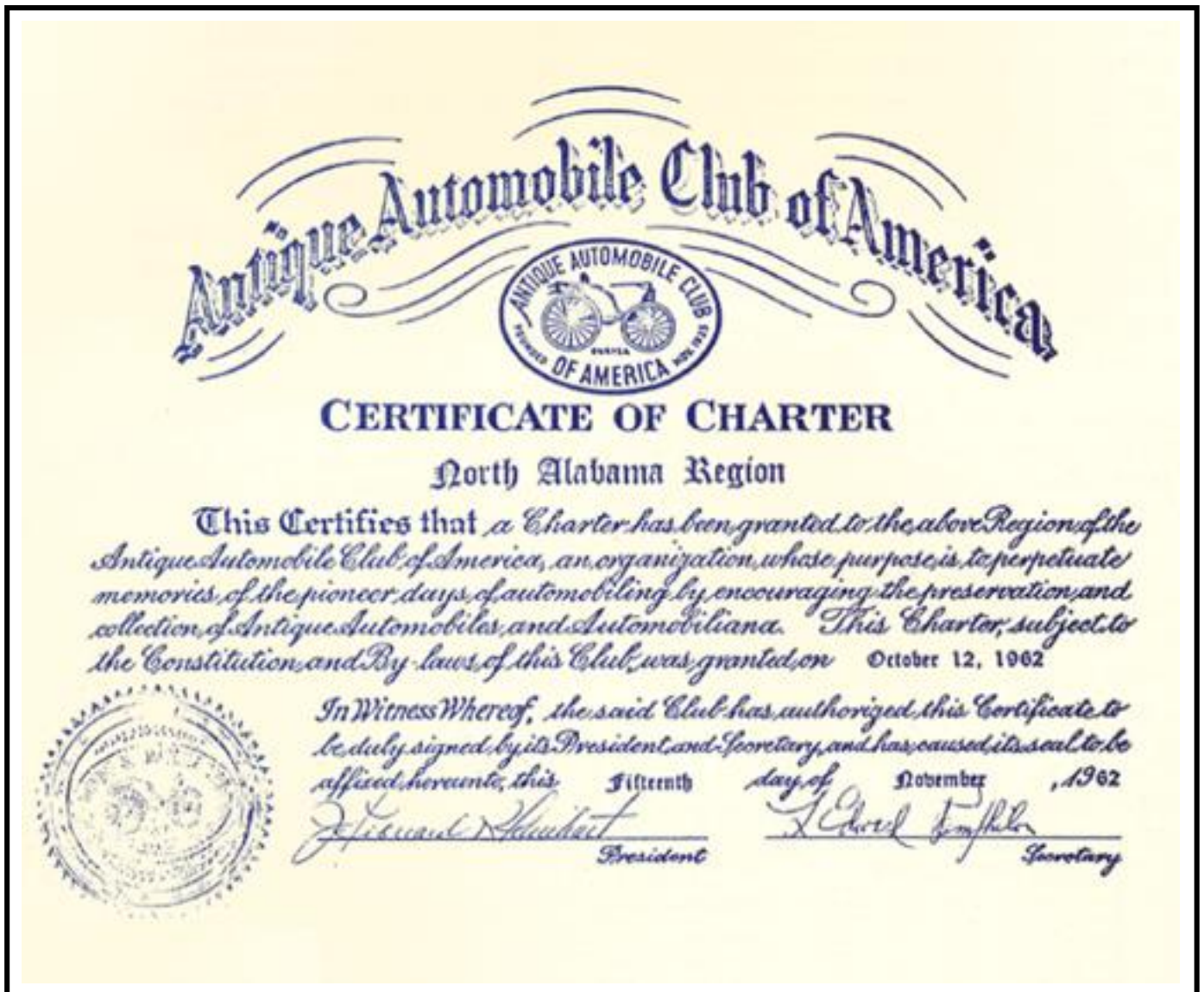


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President's Message

NAR President / Jeff Slage

Greetings to you all and I hope that everyone is safe and doing well.

Here is some good news – According to Huntsville Hospital, the COVID cases in Madison county are on the decline. I want everyone to know that as we all continue to get back to a normalcy, the club has been moving forward with the planning of meetings and events for the months to come.

Next, if you don't already know, on February 02, 2022 Pennsylvania's most famous groundhog (Phil) emerged from his burrow and saw his shadow, declaring there would be six more weeks of winter.

I didn't realize how difficult putting together a Presidents Message actually was until I had to sit down a try to come up with something. I was thinking about club stuff, history stuff, car stuff, garage stuff and just stuff. Then I decided I was hungry so we went out for Mexican food.

After dinner I decided to get back to it, then it hit me! Over the last couple of months I had been entrusted with two very special gifts. One was from Dennis McCann and the other from Ed Hanish. Both of these packages were NAR history, writings, technical information and original documentation to include the original design of club logo. I am eager to share this with everyone when we are all together.

There is so much information, it is very overwhelming. So, I started at October 12, 1962. This is when the official charter was granted to the 15 member club. This means the club has officially existed for almost 60 years. As I was scanning though some of the literature, it is obvious to see the enjoyment, passion and interest that those founding members have/had for the hobby.

Fast forward to the present – it is very easy to see that we are all very similar as those founding members. The cars may be a little different but we all have that certain enjoyment and passion for the hobby.


That being said, on March 12, 2022 at 11:00 a.m., I am predicting an awesome day to pull the cars out and have some enjoyment and we all participate in St. Patrick's Day Parade. I've been told that Ed Hanish will be leading the charge.

Last for now, I am looking forward to seeing you at the February 24th meeting at Braham Springs Recreation Center at 6:30 p.m.. We will have some refreshments and a guest speaker.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your President and remember that:

Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift. That's why it's called the present – Eleanor Roosevelt.

Best wishes,

Jeff 

NAR Member Milestones

February Birthdays

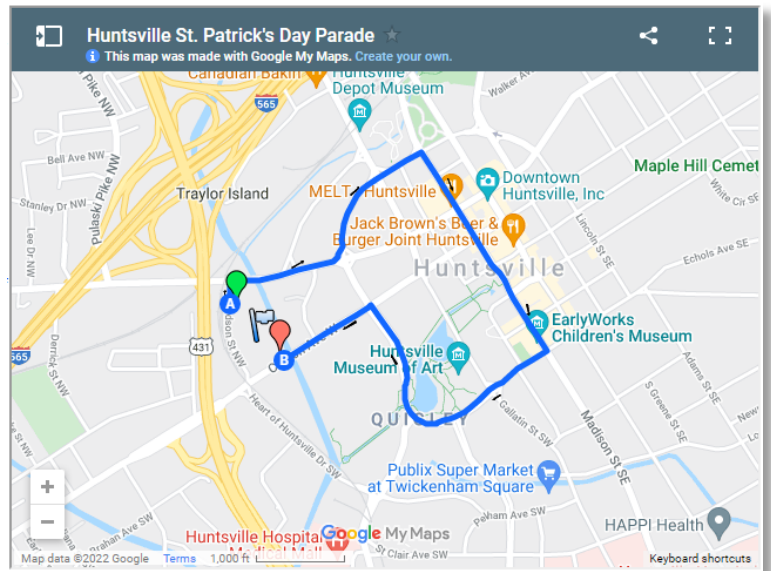
Feb 2	Jeff Slagle
Feb 3	Doug Cooper
Feb 4	Jane Haldeman
Feb 8	Ed Hanish
Feb 10	Cappy O'Halloran
Feb 14	David Miller
Feb 18	Harold Caneer / 82 in 2022
Feb 21	Hanna Scites
Feb 26	Chuck Knapp

February Anniversaries

Feb 14 Peter and Claire Catanese

NAR Saint Patrick's Day Parade

Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 11:00 a.m., the St. Patrick's Day Parade is a GO. There have been several folks say they are going to participate and Ed Hanish was volentold that he will be escorting St. Patrick himself. This year, the parade is set to start at Lot K on the corner of Woodson and Holmes.



For Sale – Model A

NAR Member Dick Haldeman has his Model A for sale. If you are interested in his car his number is (256) 293-2370.

Asking Price: \$10,500.00



History of the North Alabama Region

The North Alabama Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America originated as the Huntsville Antique Automobile Club in December of 1961. A discussion among three of our charter members resulted in placing an advertisement in the Redstone Arsenal weekly newspaper. This advertisement attracted four additional persons into the group. A meeting convened the following January, in which, officers were selected and the name of the club was chosen.

The club struggled along for the first six months, as most new clubs do, but a little publicity in the local paper made the club known to a few additional people interested in the hobby of preserving the history of the automobile. In the fall of 1962, the club voted to petition the Antique Automobile Club of America for a Charter. It was the general feeling of the members that affiliation with the National Club would enable us to make contact with surrounding Antique Automobile Clubs. With added activities the club would gain publicity and become better known. This has proven out over the past few years.

We were granted a Charter October 12, 1962, as the North Alabama Region; it was officially presented to us by Mr. Edgar Rohr as his first act as President on February 25, 1963. This club was the first Antique Automobile organization to become nationally affiliated in the State of Alabama.

The original fifteen persons who partitioned the AACA in the late Summer of 1962 for a charter included: Phil Woodbury, Gene S. Williams, Larry Lohmeyer, Dennis McCann, Herb McCarley, Jim Spencer, Jerry Peoples, David Gibson, Olan Chiles, Jim Asherbranner, Frank Barnett, Lowell Becraft, Toney Campbell, George Case, and Ernest Cross.

The first officers were Phil Woodbury, President; Ernest Cross, Vice President; Hank Lowers, Secretary-Treasurer. The same officers continued in office for all of 1963 except Frank Barnett who was elected Treasurer and Hank Lowers continued as Secretary. Officers elected to serve for 1964 were:

OFFICERS

President	Dennis McCann
Vice President	James Beal
Secretary-Treasurer	Jerry Peoples

BOARD MEMBERS

Dennis McCann	Ken Barry
Jerry Peoples	Olan Chiles
James Beal	Herb McCarley

Dennis McCann was continued as Regional Director through 1955 and 1966.

In 1966, the North Alabama Region hosted the Central Division National Fall Meet in Huntsville. We had finally arrived.

Today, the State of Alabama has four active AACA Regions as well as independent antique automobile clubs in Gadsden, Birmingham, and Mobile. The four AACA Regions are in the following metropolitan areas: Mobile, Montgomery, Birmingham, and Huntsville. The hobby of antique automobiling is well established in this State as a result of these clubs and their activities. The following pages show some of the scenes and events that transpired during the past five years in this region.

The First North Alabama Region Garage Tour

Bill Ashby

The first garage tour was scheduled for Sunday 14 January at 1:30 p.m., and would you believe - the thing actually took place as planned amidst all that snow and cold weather. Those attending would have to fall into one or all of the following categories; 1. avid antique auto fans, 2. loyal backers of club activities, 3. nuts.

At any rate the four turned out to be great and ran very smoothly at the able hands of our chief guide, Phil Gambrell and his "Push Mobile." Those attending the tour were Phil and Evelyn Gambrell and children, David and Freda Johnson, Bill and Bev Ashby, Jack and Roy Nell Stuart, Gene and Linda George, Torn and Levelle Holly, Eddie and Barbara Gannaway and children, Earnest and Joyce Cross, and Herb Fulmer.



The group met at the A&P food store, corner of Oakwood and North Parkway, and at 1:50 p.m. Phil said, "Lets go" so we Left the protective confines of the parking lot and moved out into the hazards of snow driving. We stopped at Tom Holly's place first, and, of all things, he "just knew no one in his right mind would be out in weather like this," but there we were. We finally got him away from his nice warm den Long enough to show us his 1946 Chevrolet Sedan, 1935 Packard roadster, and new antique car-type shed. From Tom's place we went on to Gene George's home for wayward Cadillacs. Gene stopped taking pictures long enough to show us his 1955 Chrysler Imperial, 2-1939 Cadillac 60 S's, 1939 Cadillac 75, Limo 1939 Buick Century, and 1939 Cord sedan. Just about the time we arrived at Gene's place Jack and Roy Nell drove up and wanted to know why we left the rendezvous early. Jack said they were not late, but I think he just didn't want. to admit that "Detroit Volkswagen" couldn't handle all that snow.

Incidentally, Jack couldn't understand why Gene had painted all his cars the same color! Snow White

We left Gene's heading toward Earnest Cross's place - everyone was under way except our guide, and he just couldn't get that "Horse" to move. Yours truly stopped to lend a hand and diagnosed the trouble as a Dead Battery. Phil said "Nah! couldn't be that." The jumper cables were hauled out of the Healey and connected to Ed's big Oldsmobile, and would you believe the dead horse came to life. Eh Phil? We all got to Earnest's place without mishap and looked over Earnest's 1926 Ford sedan, the Totcky mail truck, and Herb Fulmer's 1928 Ford Business Coupe. A special thanks to Joyce for that nice hot coffee, it sure hit the spot.

All-in-all it was a good time for everyone and the future garage tours should prove equally as interesting.

Want a Ride? We're All Ready!

The Huntsville Times - Sunday, June 7, 1964

There's no ride like the antique elegance of a 1917 Cadillac, say these wives of Huntsville antique car fanciers in a fashion display of period costumes are, at rear, within the car doors, from left:

Mrs. Thomas Totcky, wearing an authentic black georgette dress of the late 1920 period, featuring drawnwork and trimmed with silk soutache braid and silk fringe. Her velvet and rhinestone headache band and long earrings are typical of the period.

Mrs. Pat Peoples, in an authentic 1927 beige silk daytime dress with matching cloche hat and beaded bag.

Mrs. James Beal, modeling a 1925 vintage ball gown of pink taffeta, overlaid with sheer fabric and embroidered with sequins and pearls.

Mrs. Ernest B. Cross Jr., wearing an original 1927 white lace formal dress with black headband and beaded bag.

At the wheel is Mrs. Olan Chiles in a black 1929 daytime dress with satin trim and a red flower, worn with an original "ice" hat, clutch handbag and swirltop gloves.

Seated on the front of the car, from left, are:

Mrs. Horace Lowers, wearing a beige silk 1925 original ball gown encrusted with black and silver sequins and medallions and enhanced with lace and velveteen panels.

Mrs. William R. Ashby, wearing a copy of her mother's 1927 wedding dress in gold color with matching lace.

Mrs. George Case, wearing a 1930 royal blue chiffon dress trimmed in val lace.

Under her saucy umbrella, Mrs. Dennis McCann, co-owner of the 1917 Cadillac, wearing a tea dress of black lace overlaying white lace. Her parasol, hat and high button shoes are authentic too.

The girls are here to remind you that many members of the Huntsville Antique Auto Club are traveling this weekend to Murfreesboro' Tenn., for the Society of American Antique Cars Association competition June 5-7.



Questions

1. What was the first official White House car?
2. Who opened the first drive-in gas station?
3. What city was the first to use parking meters?
4. Where was the first drive-in restaurant?
5. True or False? The 1953 Corvette came in white, red and black.
6. What was Ford's answer to the Chevy Corvette, and other legal street racers of the 1960's?
7. What was the first car fitted with an alternator, rather than a direct current dynamo?
8. What was the first car fitted with a replaceable cartridge oil filter?
9. What was the first car to be offered with a "perpetual guarantee"?
10. What American luxury automaker began by making cages for birds and squirrels?
11. What car first referred to itself as a convertible?
12. What car was the first to have its radio antenna embedded in the windshield?
13. What car used the first successful series-production hydraulic valve lifters?
14. Where was the world's first three-color traffic lights installed?
15. What type of car had the distinction of being GM's 100 millionth car built in the United States?
16. Where was the first drive-in movie theater opened, and when?
17. What autos were the first to use a standardized production key-start system?
18. What did the Oldsmobile designation 4-4-2 stand for?
19. What car was the first to place the horn button in the center of the steering wheel?
20. What United States production car had the quickest 0-60 mph time?

Answers

1. A 1909 White Steamer, ordered by President Taft.
2. Gulf opened up the first station in Pittsburgh in 1913.
3. Oklahoma City, on July 16, 1935.
4. Royce Hailey's Pig Stand opened in Dallas in 1921.
5. False. The 1953 'Vett's were available in one color, Polo White.
6. Carroll Shelby's Mustang GT350.
7. The 1960 Plymouth Valiant.
8. The 1924 Chrysler.
9. The 1904 Acme, from Reading, PA. Perpetuity was disturbing in this case, as Acme closed down in 1911.
10. The George N. Pierce Co. of Buffalo, who made the Pierce Arrow, also made iceboxes.
11. The 1904 Thomas Flyer, which had a removable hard top.
12. The 1969 Pontiac Grand Prix.
13. The 1930 Cadillac 452, the first production V16.
14. Detroit, Michigan in 1919. Two years later they experimented with synchronized lights.
15. March 16, 1966 saw an Oldsmobile Tornado roll out of Lansing, Michigan with that honor.
16. Camden, NJ in 1933.
17. The 1949 Chryslers.
18. 4 barrel carburetor, 4 speed transmission, and dual exhaust.
19. The 1915 Scripps-Booth Model C. The car also was the first with electric door latches.
20. The 1962 Chevrolet Impala SS 409.

2022 Calendar of Events

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March

- 5 **Cars and Coffee** / Books-a-Million / 1001-7 Memorial Pkwy NW, Huntsville, AL / 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- 19 **8th Annual Eli's Block Party** / Location TBD, Athens, AL 35613

April

- 2 **Cars and Coffee** / Books-a-Million / 1001-7 Memorial Pkwy NW, Huntsville, AL / 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- 16 **22nd Annual Kars4Kids** / Tennessee Baptist Children's Home / 1310 Franklin Road, Bentwood, TN / Entry \$20 / Register 8:00 a.m. to noon / Awards presented at 3:00 p.m.
- 23 **7th Annual Cruisin' for a Cure (Huntingdon's Disease)** / The Rock Family Worship Center / 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. / 2626 Huntsville Highway, Fayetteville, TN 37334 / Rain Date Apr 30
- 23 **Orphan Car Show** / Senior Center / 2200 Drake Avenue, Huntsville, AL / Hosted by North Alabama SDC / Benefiting Meals on Wheels / 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. / 52champregal@gmail.com
- 30 **Athens on the Square** / Athens, AL 35611 / Entry \$20 / 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

May

- 7 **Cars and Coffee** / Books-a-Million / 1001-7 Memorial Pkwy NW, Huntsville, AL / 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

June

- 2 **Eurobrit AL Auto and Bike Expo 2022** / Dublin Park, Madison, AL / North Alabama British Motoring Society open to British/European cars / 9:00 a.m. to noon
- 4 **Cars and Coffee** / Books-a-Million / 1001-7 Memorial Pkwy NW, Huntsville, AL / 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

July

- 2 **Cars and Coffee** / Books-a-Million / 1001-7 Memorial Pkwy NW, Huntsville, AL / 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

August

- 6 **Cars and Coffee** / Books-a-Million / 1001-7 Memorial Pkwy NW, Huntsville, AL / 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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- 3** **Cars and Coffee** / Books-a-Million / 1001-7 Memorial Pkwy NW, Huntsville, AL / 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- 11-16** **Sentimental Tour (1928-1958)** / Buzzard's Breath Touring Region AACA / Wyndham Hotel / Gettysburg, PA

October

- 1** **Cars and Coffee** / Books-a-Million / 1001-7 Memorial Pkwy NW, Huntsville, AL / 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- 8** **5th Annual Sportsplex Car Show** / Athens Sportsplex / Benefits Childhood Cancer / Highway 31, Athens, AL / (256) 777-0606 / Entry \$20 / No judging / 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

November

- 5** **Cars and Coffee** / Books-a-Million / 1001-7 Memorial Pkwy NW, Huntsville, AL / 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

December

- 3** **Cars and Coffee** / Books-a-Million / 1001-7 Memorial Pkwy NW, Huntsville, AL / 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.



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