

Spoke Folks

Antique Automobile Club of America  North Alabama Region



Jerry Carignan – 1957 Pontiac Star Chief



President's Message

Jeff Slage
President

Greetings all and Spring has sprung!

I'm very excited to say the we have several new members and even more that are very interested in joining. Below are the newest members:

- Rob and Enrica Colaninno
- Michael and Margaret Darnell
- Robbie and Angie Henslee - November '21
- David Poehlein and Victoria Ballester
- Jon Sharpe

On behalf of myself and all the NAR members, we would like to extend our warmest welcome and we are delighted to have you among us!

Next, there were several events that NAR participated in this past month which included two Cars and Coffee, the St. Patrick's Day Parade and Eli's Block Party. It seems that other than the cold, everyone had a wonderful time; they really enjoyed the fellowship and just being out. A heartfelt thank you for everyone that participated, and to those who tried to participate, in those events.

On that note, I was talking to a member who participated in one of the events. I didn't get permission to use their names but I wanted to share with all of you something said that just stuck with me.

'It was great to see people out again and I even got to see people I hadn't seen in years'

Later, and coincidentally, I was talking to Ed Hanish. With his permission, he said that he went to a cars and coffee in support of autism and that there were people he hadn't seen in a long time and he had a wonderful time just catching up.


As I was pondering what to say in this message and community was heavy on my heart. Community is generally defined as a unified body of individuals with common interests living in a particular area. My takeaway from both conversations is that over the past couple of years, we all have missed that sense of the car community.

This past week WHNT TV reported that every county in the state (Alabama) is now listed at a "low" or "medium" risk of COVID-19 community transmission, or spread.

I am aware that not everyone is ready to hit the ground running yet, but I am seeing a lot of car related activities popping up all over North Alabama that would be great opportunities for NAR to participate while easily maintaining safe distancing and/or masking. So, when you are ready our community will be there.

Last, March 24 is the NAR quarterly dinner meeting, so bring your spouse/significant other or friend(s) and join us at 88 Buffet located at 6125 University Dr, Huntsville 6:00 P.M.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you there and as always get out and drive!

Best wishes,
Jeff 

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North Alabama Region



Thursday / February 24, 2022 / 6:00 p.m. / Brahan Spring Recreation Center

1. Meeting Attendance – 25 Members present
2. This was the first NAR meeting of 2022. Jeff Slage lead in the reciting of our Pledge of Allegiance.
3. We welcomed new members Jon Sharpe and Rob Colannino. Rob was also our quest speaker.
4. The NAR website is in need of an upgrade to its design and operation. Tom Beam suggested the addition of a viewable copy of the Spoke Folks newsletter to the NAR website. Not passed.
5. Jackie Moore mentioned the need to order more NAR clothing.
6. Jim True is posting new car activities and other items of interest on the NAR Facebook page.
7. Tom Beam requested clarification on including NAR members health concerns in Spoke Folks.
8. The Sunshine report was read.
9. Both Wayne and Jeff Slage have a lead for a future NAR meeting location.
10. The proposed NAR budget for 2022 was approved.
11. NAR members cars for sale are being listed in Spoke Folks.
12. The NAR Car Show date was decided to be October 22, location TBD. Show needs Chairperson.
13. Current Events – March 5 / Cars and Coffee / Books-A-Million / 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
 - March 12 / St. Patrick's Day Parade / Lot K / 11:00 a.m.
 - March 19 / Eli's Block Party / Lindsay Lane Baptist Church / 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 - March 24 / Dinner Out / 88 Buffet / 6:00 p.m.
14. Gary Kinney offered the use of his garage car lift by any of the NAR members. Garage located at 102 Lowry Street, Huntsville, AL. He also requested an instructor to show him how to drive his Ford Model-T. David Miller offered his assistance.
15. Door prizes were won by both Jon Sharpe and Ed Hanish.
16. Rob Colaninno presented his program on "Introduction to Detailing".
17. NAR meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Keep Smiling, Claire Catanese

NAR Club Information

Member Milestones

March Birthdays

Mar 1	Martha Dion
Mar 4	Tammy Thompson
Mar 6	Sally Barnett
Mar 13	Wayne Shaw
Mar 17	Sherry King
Mar 21	Russell Lowrey
Mar 29	Greg Stefanovic

March Anniversaries

Mar 13	Rudy and Bonnie Chavez
Mar 24	Russell and Sherry King
Mar 24	Stan and Kelly Howard

With Deepest Sympathy

NAR just received word that fellow member Bill Bland has passed away. He would have been 80 in April 2022. Bill's funeral service was held on Thursday, March 17 at Berryhill, with burial at Huntsville Memory Gardens.

If you'd like to send a card of condolence to his wife, Dell, her address is: 3311 Buttrey Drive NW, Huntsville, AL 35810.

Dell will be keeping Bill's AMC Javelin. James, Bill's son, asked for a recommendation for transporting Bill's Ford Model A pick-up to Washington State where he lives. Please let Nell Owen know your transport recommendations.

NAR Nametags

Nell Owen is ordering nametags for the club. If you are a new member or have lost yours or just want an extra to keep in your car please send Nell your first and last name and type of attachment (clip, pin, or magnet). nowen5701@gmail.com

Nell still has nametags for Harry and Debi Trumbull, Edward Lawrence, and Joel Mason. See her at the meeting on March 24 or at a local car show and she will get them to you. Let Nell know and she will mail your nametag to you.

Please mail a check for \$10 made out to NAR to Jim True, 16651 E. Limestone Road, Harvest, AL 35749.



Cars and Coffee / *Huntsville, Alabama - March 5, 2022*

NAR was represented by Tom Beam, Gary Kinney, Chuck Knapp, Mike Skelly, and Joe Stegmaier.



Tom Beam



Joe Stegmaier



Gary Kinney

NAR Saint Patrick's Day Parade / *Huntsville, Alabama - March 12, 2022*

The 2022 Huntsville, Alabama Saint Patrick's Day Parade is in the books and other than the wind, cold and snow it was a great day for a parade. A very special thank you to Ed Hanish and Harry Trumball for coming out.



Eli's Block Party / *Athens, Alabama - March 19, 2022*

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Despite the windy 54 degree temperature, the turnout for Eli's Block Party was incredible and the parking lot at Lindsay Lane Baptist church was full. NAR was represented by ten cars.



Daylight after 44 years

When our Huntsville members made the garage tour to Florence a few years back, we stopped for gasoline at the outskirts of town which resulted in a lead on a '26 Star Touring with less than 2500 miles. I wrote the particulars down for future reference then proceeded to join the tour, only to find we were alone. A few weeks later we checked out the lead in Iron City, Tennessee to find a Willy's Overland Touring on blocks with 1927 plates and less than 2300 miles. Purchase of this car was not pursued more than talking to a relative in the course of finding the right garage that the family had turned down \$2K for it. Mention of the lead was given to the club members but to my knowledge, no one else even went to look. Recently this car was advertised in the HMN as a '26 Overland by a Huntsville resident. I had not connected the old lead with the ad until someone in town called for identification information. I then called the ad placer and confirmed the cars were the same and found out it was a highest offer deal.

A weekend later, we went over to renew the appraisal of the car and to make an offer if found to be the same. An offer was made but the owner wanted to wait the three months to see the full results. One day the telephone rang (in the middle of the Rolls Royce negotiations) and the deal was confirmed.

With the help of a loyal club member and our new trailer, we retrieved the car from its long resting place and with the aid of two Florence members, retrieved the ampere meter from a shed wall and a few old bottles. In order to get the car from the shed we had to cut three trees down and dismantle the doors.

The following day while still on the trailer, a clean-up and inspection took place. The top, mats, floor boards and seat bottoms were removed and the car swept out. Not much attention was paid to the various snake skins in the car until returning late in the afternoon to finish the clean-up and take it to the warehouse. On the slats on the front seat was a large black snake, about the size of a half dollar and about three feet showing, sunning itself. Before a weapon could be chosen, it crawled back into the front seat back upholstery. After an hour or so, the excitement was over when the Greenhill gang conquered the whole five feet plus reptile. Now the only plaguing thought is the result of a few friends stating, "where is the mate, you know they always travel in pairs."

The car is believed to be a '24 Model 91 Baby Overland.



Way Down Upon the Suwannee River

Shirley McManus McCann
President SRRAACA, Lake City, FL

"Way down upon the Suwannee River" was the place to be as the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park presented its Antique, Arts & Collectibles Day. The park is located in the historic little town of White Springs, Florida. Among the antique vendors, craft demonstrators and collectors, we showcased 71 antique and classic cars on the grassy thoroughfare. It was a wonderful display of cars from 1914 Model Ts and on up. A special military opening ceremony to honor and celebrate the local WWII Veterans touched the hearts of so many as we started our day. With perfect weather and music from the '40s, '50s and '60s, it was a day to sit back, relax and enjoy our cars.



The Suwannee River Region AACA sponsored the car show, a pancake breakfast, door prizes and the music. This year we wanted to add something special for the kids, so we looked into "The Hagerty Insurance Youth Judging Program." I have to say being at the AACA Winter Nationals in Ocala, FL, this year and sitting in on the round table discussion which really seemed to focus on membership, I felt like we were on the right track. What better way to interest people in AACA then starting them when they are young and getting the parents interested, too.



Fourteen youth from ages 8-12 took part in the program. With a blue shirt, a red judging hat and scorecards (provided by Hagerty Insurance), they were off to judge six cars. The vehicles we picked were a 1957 Chevy Bel Air, a 1969 Volkswagen Bus, a 1961 Ford Econoline Pickup, a 1956 Cadillac Series E, a 1987 Zimmer Golden Spirit and a 1914 Ford Model T. The kids got to learn just how different they all were. As the owners told the kids the story of their cars, you could just see the passion they had for each vehicle. Well, the kids saw that passion too and hung on every word. They learned about design, interior, lights, horns and the engine, and of course they had lots of questions. The owners even let the kids sit in their cars - the kids were thrilled! As the parents watched, they saw how serious they were about learning and judging.

After all the votes were tallied, three ribbons were awarded to the top three winners in a special ceremony. The first place winner was Jeff Fowler with his 1957 Chevy Bel Air, restored as a Fire Chief's car. Second place went to Tilly George and his 1961 Econoline Pickup with the 500 HP engine and third place went to Rich Jestedt and his 1914 Model T. The kids even got to take a ride in the Model T all around the park. Each child shook the hands of the owners and thanked them for the opportunity to learn so much.

And who knows... we may now have 14 future antique car owners and maybe even future AACA members, too.



NAR Classified

Model A Ford

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

Asking Price: \$10,500.00



Wanted - Buick Rally Rims

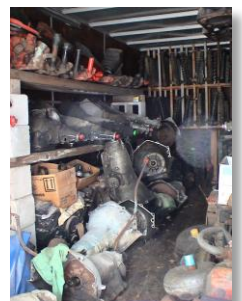
I have a request for some parts. Mr. Morris Holmes has an original 1974 Buick Apollo. He just got her running and he says she is running like a dream. He is looking for the Buick Rally rims 15x7 5x4.75 lug pattern. Enclosed is a picture.

If you know anyone who has some will you let me/him know please?

His email address is: mjholmes0419@gmail.com



NAR members are encouraged to use the NAR Classified for antique car items both for sale and wanted.



2022 Calendar of Events

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

March

- 20-26 **AACA Founders Tour** / Mobile, AL/Biloxi, MS / Vehicles 1932-1997
- 26 **Postponed 1st Annual Christ First Ministries Church Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show** / 1017 AL Hwy 69N, Cullman, AL 35058 / 8:00 am to 3:00 pm / Entry \$20 / fulmerg@gmail.com

April

- 2 **Cars and Coffee** / Books-a-Million / 1001-7 Memorial Pkwy NW, Huntsville, AL / 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- 2 **Swearingin Fire Department Car Show** / DAR High School / 6077 Main Street, Grant AL 35747 / Entry \$25 / 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- 2 **Benefit Car Show and Craft Fair** / Meridianville Athletic Association / 127 Caty Humma Lane, Meridianville, AL / Entry \$20 / 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. / (256) 426-5172
- 6 **First Wednesday Car Meet** / Village of Providence / Huntsville, AL / 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- 9 **South East Spring Nationals** / Hosted by Hornets Nest Region AACA / Charlotte, NC
- 9 **11th Semi-Annual Pack the Park Car/Truck/Bike Show** / John Sanders Park / 117 College Street / Decherd, TN / Entry \$15 one vehicle \$10 for second / 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. / (931) 308-6977 / Facebook: packtheparkdecherdtn
- 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. / (615) 642-5822
- 16 **Bama Classic Collector Car Auction** / 651 Fairgrounds Road, Muscle Shoals, AL 35661 / 10 a.m. / Check-in Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. / www.jmarkclassicauctions.com / (731) 225-6025
- 23 **7th Annual Cruisin' for a Cure (Huntingdon's Disease)** / The Rock Family Worship Center / 2626 Huntsville Highway, Fayetteville, TN 37334 / 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. / 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
- 23 **Cruise-In** / 1st Street NW / Downtown Arab, AL / 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- 23 **Welcome Event with Elected Officials and Car Show** / Ditto Landing / Huntsville, AL / 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- 30 **Athens on the Square** / Athens, AL 35611 / Entry \$20 / 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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May

- 7** **Cars and Coffee** / Books-a-Million / 1001-7 Memorial Pkwy NW, Huntsville, AL / 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- 7** **Arab Church of Christ Autofest** / 1005 North Main, Arab, AL / Entry Free / 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. / (256) 738-4266
- 7** **42nd Annual Mustang and All Ford Show** / Hosted by RCMC / Woody Anderson Ford / 2500 Jordan Lane NW, Huntsville, AL, 35816 / Entry \$20 / 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- 13-15** **Good Guys 16th Nashville Nationals** / Nashville Super Speedway / 4847-F McCrary Road off I-840 / General Admission Fri/Sat \$25, Sun \$20, Kids \$10, Parking \$10
- 14** **7th Annual Sharon Johnston Park Car Show** / 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. / (256) 532-3698
- 19-21** **AACA Grand National** / Hosted by Tidewater Region / Virginia Beach, VA
- 21** **Asbury Car Show** / Asbury Methodist Church / 980 Hughes Road / Madison, AL / 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- 21** **Show at the "O" 6th Annual Car/Truck/Motorcycle Show** / Okolona Baptist Church / 6628 County Road 236 / Town Creek, AL (Hatton) / Entry \$20 / 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. / Grand Prize choice of 700-R4 or 4L60E Transmission / (256) 366-8380

June

- 1-5** **Early Ford V-8 Club Eastern National Meet** / Franklin, TN / Host hotel Marriott at Cool Springs / www.efv8.org
- 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
- 2-5** **Pontiacs in Pigeon Forge** / Pigeon Forge, TN / Mainstay Suites
- 4** **Cars and Coffee** / Books-a-Million / 1001-7 Memorial Pkwy NW, Huntsville, AL / 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- 4** **17th Annual Charity Car Show** / Hosted by Vets with Vettes / 7090 Cabela Drive, Huntsville, AL / Entry \$25 / Rain or shine / 9:00 to 11:30 am / Awards at 12:30 pm / No canopies or generators
- 8** **12th Annual Collector Car Appreciation Day**
- 10-11** **Spring Redneck Rumble 2022** / Books-a-Million / Pre-1968 Rods, Customs, Rats, Bikes and Swap Meet / Farm Bureau Expo Center / Lebanon, TN / (615) 364-1828 / Facebook: Redneck Rumble

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June

- 10-12 7th Annual Wheels on the Hill** / Noccalula Falls Campground / Benefits Gadsden Humane Society Pet Rescue and Adoption Center / Gadsden, AL / \$3 for spectators / 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. / (256) 549-4663
- 12 Summerfest Antique Car Show** / Joint Local AACA Car Show / Stones River and Middle Tennessee / Central Magnet School / 701 East Main Street, Murfreesboro, TN / 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. / Awards at 3:00 p.m. / Drive-thru judging
- 13-17 Hot Rod Power Tour 2022** / Begins in Memphis, TN and goes to Atlanta GA / <https://bit.ly/3qn6LPK>
- 18 National Drive Your V-8 Day** / Great day to get out and enjoy your Ford, Mercury, Lincoln, Ford truck, or even your Ford Tractor
- 18-26 Great Race 2022** / From Warwick, RI to Fargo, ND / www.greatrace.com
- 25 35th Annual Helen Keller Festival Car & Truck Show** / Shoals Car & Truck Club / Downtown Tuscumbia, AL / Entry \$20 / 8:00 a.m. to Noon / Awards at 2:00 p.m. / \$1700 in Cash plus Other Prizes / billygriffith100@gmail.com
- 25 15th Annual Car Show / Swap Meet** / Benefits Huntsville Cave Rescue Unit / Monte Sano State Park Picnic Area / Huntsville, AL / Entry \$20 Includes Park Fee / 8:00 a.m. to Noon / Awards at 1:00 p.m. / Brian Bailey (256) 509-4785

July

- 2 Cars and Coffee** / Books-a-Million / 1001-7 Memorial Pkwy NW, Huntsville, AL / Entry \$20 / 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- 4 Red, White & Blue Car Show** / Benefit Columbia Counseling Ministries / Maury County Park / Columbia, TN / 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.
- 23 Handy Festival Car & Truck Show** / Wilson Park, Florence, AL / Entry \$20 / 8:00 a.m. to Noon / Awards at 2:00 p.m. / \$1700 in Cash plus Other Prizes / billygriffith100@gmail.com

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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September

- 3** **Cars and Coffee** / Books-a-Million / 1001-7 Memorial Pkwy NW, Huntsville, AL / 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- 8-10** **Fall Charlotte Autofair** / Hornets Nest Region AACA / Charlotte Motor Speedway / Charlotte, NC
- 9-10** **66th Annual Car Show** / Middle TN Region AAC / Red Boiling Springs, TN / 455 show cars in 2017 / (615) 308-0586 / <http://www.thethomashouse.com> / <http://midtennaaca.org>
- 10** **International Drive Your Studebaker Day**
- 11-16** **Sentimental Tour** / Buzzard's Breath Touring Region AACA / Vehicles 1928-1958 / Wyndham Hotel / Gettysburg, PA
- 25-30** **Revival AAA Glidden Tour** / Hosted by New Jersey Region AACA / Central New Jersey

October

- 1** **Cars and Coffee** / Books-a-Million / 1001-7 Memorial Pkwy NW, Huntsville, AL / 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- 4-7** **Eastern Fall Nationals** / Hosted by Hershey Region AACA / Hershey, PA
- 8** **5th Annual Sportsplex Car Show** / Benefits Childhood Cancer / Athens Sportsplex / Highway 31, Athens, AL / Entry \$20 / 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. / No Judging / (256) 777-0606
- 22** **Annual Car Show/Flea Market** / North Alabama Region AACA / Location TBD / Entry \$20 / Show Chairman / www.naraaca.org/show.html

November

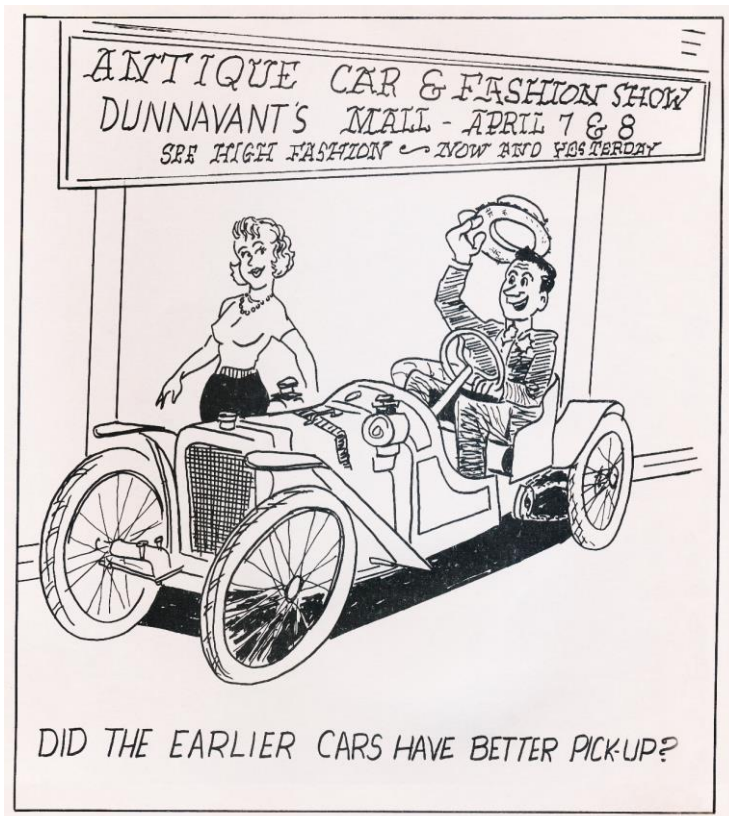
- 5** **Cars and Coffee** / Books-a-Million / 1001-7 Memorial Pkwy NW, Huntsville, AL / 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

December

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

Please verify prior to making plans to attend any event listed.

March 20-26	Founders Tour / Mobile, AL
April 7-9	Southeastern Spring Nationals / Charlotte, NC
April 21-23	Special Winter Nationals / Guaynabo, Puerto Rico
April 21-23	Special Grand Nationals / Guaynabo, Puerto Rico
May 19-21	Grand Nationals / Virginia Beach, VA
May 22-25	Eastern Divisional Tour / Johnstown, PA
June 16-18	Eastern Spring Nationals / Beckley, WV
August 11-13	Central Fall Nationals / East Moline, IL
September 11-16	Sentimental Tour / Gettysburg, PA
September 18-23	Reliability Tour / Sheperdsville, KY
September 25-30	Revival AAA Glidden Tour / Princeton, NJ
October 4-7	Eastern Fall Nationals / Hershey, PA



Dave Marty Cartoon



Membership Application

After completing this form, please send a check or money order payable to NAR in the amount of \$20.00 US dollars to:

Jim True / **NAR Treasurer**
16651 East Limestone Road
Harvest, Alabama 35749

or bring it to our next meeting. See our Upcoming Events calendar for meeting times and locations.

Name/Spouse's Name: _____

Child(ren)'s Name(s): _____

Email (required for confirmation) _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ AACA Number: _____

Member Sponsor (optional): _____

Vehicle Information (optional)

Year	Make	Model	Body Style
_____	_____	_____	_____

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