

# Spoke Folks

Antique Automobile Club of America  North Alabama Region



Nell & Randall Owen – 1983 Avanti II



# President's Message

Jeff Slagle  
President

Hello everyone, it is hard to believe that fall has arrived, and September is almost over.

Fall is certainly my favorite time of the year. The leaves are changing colors, the air is crisp, and the weather is great for football and car shows.

Speaking of car shows, I would like to again remind everyone that our annual car show is less than 4 weeks away. The date is October 22, 2022, at the Village of Providence.

Rob Colannino has been working very hard on getting everything in order, but he still needs more volunteers to help with our event. So, if you are able, please consider volunteering.

During the month of September, NAR participated in a host of different activities, and everyone seemed to have had a great time.

On September 16, 2022, NAR said goodbye to one of its long-time members with the passing of Luci Bentley. Our sincerest condolences to Bob and the family.

I hope to see everyone at the quarterly dinner meeting at Casa Blanca, 7830 Highway 72 West, Madison, next to the old Publix and Books-a-Million.

Best wishes and happy motoring!

Jeff 

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## Cahaba Shriners Car Show / Huntsville, AL / 10 September 2022

Great day and great weather for a car show. Too bad the turnout was light for the Shriners' show. The show was to benefit their scholarship fund. Only 14 cars there, but as I told Randy thank goodness NAR showed up because NAR entered 4 cars. Harry Trumbull won children's choice with his Duster. Randy and I won a 3-ton car jack, which barely fit in my Avanti trunk. Ed Lawrence had his Mustang at the show and Robbie Henslee drove his Fiero.



## Taco Mama Cruise-In / Madison, AL / 15 September 2022



## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bama Birds / Clanton, AL / 17 September 2022

Michael Darnell, Margaret Dunn Darnell and Robbie Henslee took a road trip to Clanton, AL to the Bama Birds all Pontiac show. Close to 70 Pontiacs in attendance.



## Depot Days / Hartselle, AL / 17 September 2022

Six NAR members cruised to Hartselle together Saturday morning. Tom Beam 1955 GMC; Ana Marie Emmi 1965 Mustang; Bob & Linda Bob Weidman 1972 Stingray; Chuck & Lynn Nickey 1966 Mustang; Al Emmi 1969 Roadrunner; Bob Ferenc 1967 Satellite.



I know many of y'all are on the edge of your seat wondering how the thrust bearing journey for our 1927 Marmon Model L turned out. NAR president Jeff Slagle was able to machine out the old brass bushing and replace it with brass. Assembly showed that the previous restorer had really forced the connection of the three elements involved, generator, spacer shaft, and water pump and with the new bushing, I couldn't get it all to fit, with the generator in the travel path for the fan. I chose to shorten the spacer shaft between the Generator and water pump by drilling a new hole. A little reaming and greasing and the whole thing got assembled and lines up pretty nicely. Thank you Ed, Wayne, and Jeff for your input and assistance. Getting the car hot and doing valves this morning.



**Q1. Who's widely credited for the creation of the Ford Mustang?**

- ☐ Elon Musk ☐ Lee Iacocca ☐ Henry Ford II ☐ Carroll Shelby

**Q2. What car was the AC Cobra based on?**

- ☐ Mazda Miata ☐ MG Midget ☐ Austin-Healey Sprite ☐ AC Ace

**Q3. Where did Pontiac get the name for the GTO Judge?**

- ☐ Designer's father-in-law ☐ Comedy routine ☐ Comic book ☐ Type of gun

**Q4. Where did the Volkswagen Karmann Ghia get its name?**

- ☐ German monarch ☐ Ottoman Empire Leader ☐ City near Istanbul ☐ Designer and builder

**Q5. What was the inspiration for the Buick Riviera's name?**

- ☐ Town in Illinois ☐ Casino in Vegas ☐ French Riviera ☐ Original GM factory

**Q6. What kind of construction did the MG MGB use?**

- ☐ Body-on-frame ☐ Unibody ☐ Reverse ☐ Monocoque

**Q7. What series did Ford make the Mustang Boss 302 for?**

- ☐ NASCAR Sprint Cup ☐ Indycar ☐ Trans Am ☐ Rallycross Global

**Q8. What was the most obvious change with the 1956 Chevrolet Corvette?**

- ☐ New body ☐ Wheels ☐ Quad headlights ☐ Large rear fins

**Q9. Where did Aston Martin get the name of the DB4?**

- ☐ Dublin ☐ Owner of the company ☐ Dunford Berg ☐ Deli Bird

**Q10. If you pushed the horn on the Plymouth Road Runner, what sound came out?**

- ☐ High-pitch squeal ☐ Coyote's laugh ☐ Cackle ☐ Cartoon Road Runner's beep beep

**Q11. What addition made the 1970 Dodge Challenger T/A particularly fast?**

- ☐ Much larger engine ☐ Turbocharging ☐ Nitrous fogger ☐ Three two-barrel Holley carbs

**Q12. What was the Studebaker Avanti's body made of?**

- ☐ Aluminum ☐ Fiberglass ☐ Carbon fiber ☐ Steel

## Classic Car Quiz - Answers

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### A1. Lee Iacocca

As Ford reeled from the Edsel disaster, rising star Lee Iacocca had a revolutionary idea: create a car that was stylish, fast and affordable. That combination proved to be a huge hit with Baby Boomers, and the rest is history.

### A2. AC Ace

Carroll Shelby was eager to establish himself as an automaker, and he approached AC about making a car body that would accept an American V-8. The combination proved to be explosive.

### A3. Comedy routine

Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In TV was a popular program back in the day, and it featured a recurring routine called Here Come de Judge. The Pontiac GTO Judge was stripped down as a way to compete with the low-cost Plymouth Road Runner.

### A4. Designer and builder

Volkswagen recruited Italian coachbuilder Ghia to design this 2+2, while German coachbuilder Karmann constructed each one by hand, making the vehicle a true masterpiece.

### A5. French Riviera

Riviera is a Latin word that means "coastline." In France, it's a famous tourist destination known for glitzy yet sophisticated fun on the coast, something you normally wouldn't associate with a Buick.

### A6. Monocoque

The MGA and T-types from MG all had a body-on-frame construction, making the MGB a standout. The lighter and stronger construction boosted performance considerably.

### A7. Trans Am

The Boss name has only been used a few times in the Mustang's history, and it commands great respect among fans of the pony car.

### A8. New body

Not only was the sports car wearing different skin, it also gained a better top with optional power assist, glass side windows and an optional hardtop, if you didn't like the wind.

### A9. Owner of the company

Sir David Brown was the owner of Aston Martin from 1947 to 1972, which covered the launch of the DB series and the first several versions of it.

### A10. Cartoon Road Runner's beep beep

Plymouth partnered with Warner Brothers on the Road Runner, not only borrowing the cartoon bird's signature sound, but also using its as spokes-bird in commercials.

### A11. Three two-barrel Holley carbs

To keep with SCCA competition rules, Dodge created the Challenger T/A, but decided to make it a real street-legal beast by adding the Holley two-barrel carbs, called the Six Pack, and an Edelbrock aluminum intake manifold.

### A12. Fiberglass

Depending on how you look at it, the Avanti was either a brilliant accident or a monumental disaster, and was the last big effort by the dying automaker.

# United Kingdom's first truck-driving Queen

Daniel Strohl

For the last 75 years or so, British tabloids often - almost as if it were compulsory - dragged out the tale of when Queen Elizabeth II's wartime service experience. See, unlike other women in the royalty, Elizabeth didn't shy away from service during World War II, and instead she donned a uniform and learned not only how to drive heavy trucks for the war effort but also how to wrench on them. So with her death today at the age of 96, after 70 years on the throne, let's repeat the tale one last time.

As the Evening Standard wrote, the royal family chose not to flee from England to Canada during the war years "in solidarity with those living through the Blitz," and Elizabeth famously addressed the nation via radio in the early years of the war. While she'd been given the role of honorary colonel of the Grenadier Guards on her 16th birthday, two years later, she decided to join the Auxiliary Territorial Service, a branch of the British Army that initially employed women as cooks and postal workers but eventually expanded their duties to include rocket and missile data acquisition, transport, signal operation, and equipment maintenance.

She joined the ATS as a second subaltern in March 1945 and her father, King George VI, reportedly ordered that she not be given any special treatment or rank - though she still slept in Windsor Castle instead of in the barracks with her colleagues in the ATS. As part of her training, she had to pass a driving test, learn to read maps, and took instruction on repairing vehicles. British press at the time apparently dubbed her "Princess Auto Mechanic." She did receive a promotion to Junior Commander, but her time in the ATS was short - VE Day came in May 1945, putting an end to her service.

While Elizabeth doubtless gave up wrenching on trucks after her service, she continued to slip behind the wheel as often as possible for a head of state, even up until late last year, against the advice of her doctors, and only gave up driving on public roads in 2019. She likely gave up driving military trucks long before that, though.



# NAR Classified

## Cars for Sale

1966 Mustang for sale \$6500. The car belonged to Rob Colannino's neighbors dad, it has been sitting for a number of years in a garage. The tires were inflated and the engine runs if you feed the carb directly. There was some work done to it before it went into storage, not sure the exactly what was done, but the work was performed by a family friend (who has since passed). It needs a headliner. This is a solid car. Send Rob Colannino a private message on Facebook if interested and I will put you in contact with the owner.



## Cars for Sale

Mr. Chris Woodside is helping a few NAR members in the Battlefield Region AACA sell their cars, and he has most of them posted to his Facebook page.

Chris can be reached at: [allard62@aol.com](mailto:allard62@aol.com) (615) 499-0380



Please join us on  
Sunday,  
October 2, 2022

**33<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Annual**  
**Antique & Classic**  
**Car Show**

Located at:  
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Contact: Allison Bender (615-397-4547)

# 2022 Calendar of Events

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

## September

- 22 **AACA NAR Dinner Meeting** / Location TBD / 6:00 p.m.
- 24 **Joint AMC, HET, Stude Meet** / Tally-Ho Inn / Townsend, TN
- 24 **Owens Vol FD Fall Festival and Cruise-In** / Limestone County Rodeo Arena / Athens, AL / Townsend, TN / 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. / No charge for cars in cruise-in / (256) 431-3868
- 24 **2<sup>nd</sup> Muletown Motorfest** / 913 Nashville Hwy / Columbia, TN / 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. / Registration till noon / Entry \$20
- 24 **Eva Frontier Days Car Show** / Eva Methodist Church / 4152 Eva Road / Eva, AL / 9:00 a.m. / Entry \$20 / (256) 223-0084
- 25-30 **Revival AAA Glidden Tour** / Hosted by New Jersey Region AACA / Central New Jersey

## October

- 1 **Cars and Coffee** / MidCity / 5909 University Dr, Huntsville, AL 35806 / 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- 1 **Octane Car Show** / Von Braun Center / 700 Monroe Street SW, Huntsville, AL 35801 / 10:00 a.m.
- 1 **Madison Street Festival Car Show**
- 1 **Car, Bike, Truck, Anything With an Engine Show** / VFW Post 2702 / 2900 N. Memorial Parkway / Huntsville, AL 35801 / 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. / Entry \$15 / First 100 cars receive goody bag / (912) 856-4891
- 1 **Car Show benefitting the Ark** / Huntsville South Association / 11202 S. Memorial Parkway / Huntsville, AL 35803 / 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. / Entry \$20
- 1 **1<sup>st</sup> Annual car Show** / Athens Masonic Lodge #16 / 18071 Lucas Ferry Road / Athens, AL 35611 / 9:00 a.m. / Entry \$10 / Benefits Lodge Scholarship Fund
- 1 **Harvest Festival Cruise-In** / Somerville, AL / 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. / (256) 778-8282
- 1 **Lodge 16 Car Show** / 18071 Lucas Ferry Road / Athens, AL 35611 / 9:00 a.m. to Noon / Entry \$10
- 4-7 **Eastern Fall Nationals** / Hosted by Hershey Region AACA / Hershey, PA
- 8 **8<sup>th</sup> 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

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- 8 **Hohenwald Heritage Festival and Car Show**
- 8 **Neighborhood Picnic and Cruise-in** / Madison Baptist Church / 840 Balch Road / Madison, AL / Entry \$20 / 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 15 **22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Car and Truck Show** / Ardmore Quarterback Club / John Barnes Ballpark / 30510 Ardmore Ridge Road, Ardmore, TN / 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. / Registration \$25 day of show / Spectators \$5 / (256) 614-5542 / <https://www.facebook.com/ardmorecarshow>
- 16 **Alpha Tau Omega Auto Emporium 2nd Annual Car Show** / Benefits Alzheimer's Association / 500 Trash Panda Way Madison, AL 35758 / Noon / Entry \$20
- 22 **44<sup>th</sup> Annual Car/Truck Show** / Lawrence County Classic Cars / Rotary Park 927 North Military Ave, / Lawrenceburg, TN / Entry \$20 / 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (931) 242-2491 / <https://www.facebook.com/lawcocclub>
- 22 **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual The Big Chill Car Show** / Bridge Street Town Center / Huntsville, AL / 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. / Entry \$25 / Limited to 300 / [www.tracksupport.net/big-chill-car-show](http://www.tracksupport.net/big-chill-car-show)
- 22 **Car Show & Vendor Event** / Smith Lake Park / 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. / Entry \$20
- 22 **Annual NAR Car Show** / North Alabama Region AACA / Village of Providence / Entry \$20 / Show Chairman Rob Colannino / [showchairman@naraaca.org](mailto:showchairman@naraaca.org) / [www.naraaca.org/show.html](http://www.naraaca.org/show.html)
- 27 **AACA NAR Meeting** / 1806 University Dr, Huntsville, AL / 7:00 p.m.

## November

- 5 **Cars and Coffee** / MidCity / 5909 University Dr, Huntsville, AL 35806 / 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- 5 **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Rods and Wheels Cruise-In** / Near Kingston Pavilion Ditto Landing / Huntsville, AL / 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. / Awards 1:30 p.m. / Entry \$20 / Live music begins 10:00 a.m. / (256) 882-1057
- 5 **Madison County High School Tennis Team Car Show** / 174 Brock Road / Gurley, AL 35748 / 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. / Entry \$25 / (256) 933-0237
- 17 **AACA NAR Meeting** / 1806 University Dr, Huntsville, AL / 7:00 p.m.

## December

- 3 **Cars and Coffee** / MidCity / 5909 University Dr, Huntsville, AL 35806 / 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- TBD **AACA NAR Meeting** / Location TBD / Time TBD

# AACA National Calendar

<https://aaca.org/events/category/aaca-national-calendar/>

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

September 18-23	Reliability Tour / Sheperdsville, KY
September 25-30	Revival AAA Glidden Tour / Princeton, NJ
October 4-7	Eastern Fall Nationals / Hershey, PA



# 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
_____	_____	_____	_____

Membership in the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) is required. If you are not currently an AACA member, please visit the National AACA Membership site at <https://aaca.org/about-membership/>



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