

Spoke Folks

Antique Automobile Club of America  North Alabama Region



Rick Greenwalt 1967 Dodge Charger



President's Message

Jeff Slagle *President*

Hello NAR Family,


Here's a fun bit of automotive history to kick off the month: On April 25, 1901, New York became the first state to require license plates on automobiles. Back then, drivers made their own plates using their initials. Quite the contrast from today's digital registrations and specialty tags. Just another reminder of how much the automotive world has evolved, and why preserving its history matters.

It's been great to see everyone getting out and enjoying the early season events. Every Saturday lately seems to have something going on and NAR members are turning up everywhere. We had representation at the Voodoo Car Show at Lincoln County High School, the Rev'd Up for Autism Car Show at Flint River Baptist Church, and even all the way out in Muscle Shoals, where Harry Trumbull and Al Emmi attended the 11th Annual Car & Truck Show at Washington Park Baptist Church.

I unfortunately had to miss our April meeting, but I want to thank Chuck for stepping in and keeping things moving. I appreciate the support and leadership from all of you that help keep this club running smoothly, even when life throws a curveball.

Looking ahead, May and June are packed with events, and I encourage everyone to make plans to participate where they can. Whether you're entering a show, supporting a charity, or just cruising out to catch up with friends, your involvement helps keep the club strong and connected.

Until next time, keep those classics running and I'll see you at the next meeting!

Warm regards,
Jeff 

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North Alabama Region



Meeting called to order on 27 March 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Old Business

- Welcome, Pledge; Visitors introduced themselves & their cars.
- Secretary minutes; Dinner meeting, budget and audit
- Treasurer's report; Audit completed, no issues
- Club gear: nametags, shirts, caps, jackets, etc.
- Website; Working on an online photo gallery and an online merchandise store
- Facebook report
- Online roster: <https://naraaca.ctrn.co/directory/index.php>

New Business

- Gentle reminder that dues need to be paid:
 - \$20 NAR dues
 - \$45 AACA dues
 - Please pay if you haven't already
- Illnesses:
 - Ana Emmi
 - Angie Henslee
 - Jeff Slagle
- Sympathies:
 - None
- Cars bought and sold:
 - Robert Scites (for a friend) '56 Thunderbird for sale
 - Jim True sold Shaggy
- Member Projects:
 - Harold Caneer - Willys Truck
 - David Hoha - 1949 Desoto
 - Chuck Nickey - Mustang is painted, being wired
 - Greg Stefanovic - 1928 Studebaker
- Direction for 2025:
 - Focus on the social aspect
 - Incorporate small cruises
 - Select shows and participate as a group
 - More community engagement
- Upcoming Local NAR, AACA and Other Car Activities:
 - April 2 / First Wednesday Car Meet / Providence
 - April 5 / Cars and Coffee / Midcity
 - April 8 / Charity Classic Cruise In / Tullahoma TN
 - April 12 / Priceville Cars and Coffee / Veterans Memorial Park
 - April 19 / VooDoo Customs / Lincoln County High School
 - April 19 / 3rd Saturday Cruise-In / Culver's Decatur
 - April 20 / RCMC Sonic Cruise-In / County Line Road, Madison
- Discussion about changing meeting times to 6:00 or 6:30. President to get with board to discuss.
- Tonight's program, presented by Al Emmi on Mecum Auto Auctions

NAR Club Information

Member Milestones

March Birthdays

- 4 Danny Barger
- 5 John Kleyer
- 6 Shannon Johnson
- 19 Roger Mays
- 25 Doug Swartz

March Anniversaries

- 1 Harry and Debi Trumbull / 47 in 2025
- 25 Bob and Linda Weidman / 61 in 2025



NAR Merchandise Available to Purchase

For NAR Item purchases, please call Laurie Ferenc at (716) 480-9739. Purchased NAR items will be brought to the next NAR meeting. Please try to bring exact cash amount.

Available NAR Items

NAR/AACA Tote Bags	\$3.00
NAR Tire Gauge/Key Chain	\$1.00
NAR Jackets	\$55.00
NAR Mugs	\$5.00
Embroidered Long Sleeve Tee	\$25.00
Embroidered Short Sleeve Tee	\$20.00
Men's Embroidered Cotton Polo	\$35.00
Men's Embroidered Poly Polo	\$25.00

Available NAR Items

Ladies Embroidered Cotton Polo	\$35.00		
Ladies Embroidered Poly Polo	\$25.00		
Printed T-Shirt (S, M, L, XL)	\$20.00	XXL/XXXL	\$22.00
Printed Polo (S, M, L, XL)	\$25.00	XXL/XXXL	\$30.00
NAR/AACA Magnetic Signs	\$15.00	Two for	\$25.00
NAR Cap	\$13.00		
NAR Visor	\$10.00		

NAR Club Information

NAR Monthly Meeting Refreshments

24 th April	<i>Drinks: Kelley Entz / Snacks: Frank Tatom</i>
22 nd May	<i>Drinks: Dave Robertson / Snacks: Natalie Doumar</i>
26 th June	City Café / 2003 Drake Ave., Huntsville, AL
24 th July	<i>Drinks: Rob Vaughn / Snacks: Ed Lawrence</i>
28 th August	<i>Drinks: Dave Dunlap / Snacks: Kelly Entz</i>
25 th September	88 Buffet / 6125 University Dr., Huntsville, AL
23 rd October	<i>Drinks: Claire Catanese / Snacks: Ron Dion</i>
20 th November	<i>Drinks: Dave & Natalie Hoha / Snacks: Al & AnaClare Emmi</i>
6 th December	Christmas Party / Holiday Inn / 5903 University Dr, Huntsville, AL

Memorial Day Picnic

May 26th

Noon to 4:00 p.m.

At the home of Wayne and Kim Scites
1277 Ready Section Road, Hazel Green, Alabama

Come at noon, we'll eat around 12:30 p.m.



Provided, courtesy of Ole' Dad's BBQ in Hazel Green:

BBQ Pork and Chicken

Baked Beans

Green Beans

Potato Salad

Cole Slaw

Macaroni and Cheese

Please bring something to share – side dishes, drinks, desserts, etc.

Bring a chair in case we run low.

Drive your antique car!

Another weekend event attended by NAR folks Harry Trumbull, Jim True, Jerry M. Carignan, John Gentilcore, and Gerald Moore at the Rev'd up for Autism Car Show at Flint River Church. It was a beautiful day with over a hundred cars, trucks, and motorcycles. Many door prizes, raffles, and trophy categories! It was their first show and seemed to go pretty smoothly. The big winner was Jerry Carignan taking best of show with his Red 1957 Starchief as well as second place in his category. John Gentilcore took third place in the same category.



AACA / NAR members Nell and Randy Owen, Frank Tatom, and Doug and Nancy Cooper attended the Midsouth Hudson Essex Terraplane (HET) meet in Loretto, Tennessee. OK, Nell and Randy cheated driving the 1941 Packard 120 touring sedan, another guy drove a Studebaker, and Frank Tatom drove his 1966 Buick Wildcat 4 door hardtop.



Randy and Nell Owen ventured out in their 1951 Frazer to the Voodoo Customs car show at Lincoln County High School in Tennessee. There were about 90 cars and several vendors on this beautiful Saturday. Ronnie Chesser came by from his farm in Tennessee. We did see several other car friends. Rick Greenwalt drove his 1967 Dodge Charger. Larry Turner drove his 1963 Avanti. Gayla Hale and Gene drove his newly purchased 1958 Chevy.



Eddie Letson travelled to the 1st annual Courtland car show.



Fight on Both Sides

NAR Auto Antiquarian News - April 1968

Being a normal Sunday evening sitting in my easy chair, reading the latest "Hemmings", I noticed what appeared to be an unusually good condition antique automobile for sale. Reading further, my curiosity became so great that I just had to call about the automobile. After talking with the gentleman for a few minutes, it was decided that I would be making a trip to West Tennessee the following day. Not having confidence in my judgement of antique automobiles, I felt it would be best to invite along one who would know. An established friend, Ernest Cross volunteered.

Early the next morning we headed towards North-West Tennessee. Somehow, before getting started, we were forced to pick up a straggler named Bruce Foley. Only because we were looking for a financial backer, was he allowed to make the trip.

Seeing quite a number of old automobiles along the way and stopping to inspect a few, we arrived in Paris, Tenn. Passing through town on our search for the auto, an Antique-Junk Shop was pointed out by our backseat driver, Bruce. Again, the problem of curiosity was just about unbearable, so we made a "U" turn to see what little "goodies" may have been passed up. Within an hour, we were relieved of about \$40.00, obtained a trunk load of wares, and made another lifelong friend. The stop proved to be profitable in that Mr. Cross obtained some antique medicine and a broad ax, and Mr. Foley two antique guns and some antique perfume for that special one back home, and some more of those old parts with the word "FORD" scribbled on them.

On to find the automobile. About 10 more miles and we were there. Meeting the gentleman with the auto for sale and looking the auto over with my counselor, it was decided that we would "just have to take that auto home". The big deal was made and it was decided to return the following weekend to take delivery.

It seemed as though summer had passed before that Friday evening finally rolled around. Heading out toward Tenn. Again, only this time with a trailer behind and navigator Bruce Foley. Stopping once for a 5 lb. bag of peanuts, once for a fine home cooked "all you can eat" supper costing \$.95, once to get un-lost, we arrived in Paris around 9:00 PM. We stopped again to see our old friend at the Antique Shop, only to find out he was at the auction, then we remembered earlier in the week we had mentioned we would be back. He was getting prepared for us.

Before 10:30 PM the newly acquired auto was on the trailer and Bruce Foley and myself were restfully watching TV in a motel. Everything was restful until a Cricket decided he was going to share my bed. He found himself sleeping under my shoe on the floor. I paid for that bed and wasn't going to share it with a Cricket!

Bright and early the next morning our old buddy at the Antique Shop found us knocking on the door. Within about 2 hours and another truck load of "goodies", we headed west, but not before "ole Ford" Foley had made a trade for another one of those Fords. I believe it was what they call an "A" model.

Arriving in Humboldt, Tennessee and visiting E. Dollars place is a must for all. He has what every antique auto enthusiast has in mind for a garage. Along with the autos and parts galore.

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Heading east again, a stop was made at an "old Ford" business. Again "Ford" Foley made off with quite a few parts with that old word "Ford" scratched on the parts and some were even in pretty little boxes that said "Ford", of course he won't sell any of them.

On south-east toward home, another Ford dealer caught Mr. Foley's eye so we had to stop. This time the proprietor said that the Chevrolet dealer in the little town 20 miles back had brand new Ford "A" well fenders hanging in his shop. Questioning further, this man swore up and down he was telling the truth. A telephone call revealed that tire Chevrolet dealer had some 1941 Chevy Mail Truck fenders.

Onward toward home again, stopping once more for a little gentleman standing in the middle of the road with a fancy little uniform on. He was quite disturbed at the fact that someone had thrown a rock and broken one of our headlights out. Since it was beginning to darken, we agreed that I hurry on into the next town and have the light replaced. Poor old man, so worried about that headlight that he didn't even notice our auto trailer was being hauled all across his state without even a license on it.

In Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, the headlight was replaced and a taillight lense was found for the new antique auto.

From Lawrenceburg to Huntsville the trip progressed without any interruptions except for a slight delay in getting a hog killed to get a bar-b-que sandwich for supper.

Arriving in Huntsville around 8:00 p.m. tired and weary, we unloaded and called it a day.

Well, being a Ford man by birth, I guess I should have brought home another Ford of some kind, but whenever an argument about a Ford, and that other brand called "Chevy" comes up I can FIGHT ON BOTH SIDES because I drug an old '28 Chevy Landau Iron Coupe all that distance. Had it been a Ford, I could have driven it home.

HPOF Class is Now AACA Original

Dave Bowman AACA VP Judging

Since its founding, AACA has been dedicated to the preservation, restoration, and maintenance of automobiles. In the furtherance of the "preservation" mission, in 1987, the AACA Board of Directors established a program to encourage the saving and displaying of collector vehicles in their original, as-manufactured condition. This program entitled "Historic Preservation of Original Features (HPOF)" was updated in 2025 to "AACA Original."

The AACA Original program encourages owners of vehicles 25 years old or older to maintain significant original features in their original condition, and to show them at AACA Nationals. A vehicle may be entirely "original", or it may have certain original features such as paint, chassis, upholstery, engine compartment, etc., that are essentially as delivered. These vehicles will not be point judged. **It should be noted that there is no change to the evaluation process or scoring sheets for this class.**

A vehicle being evaluated for the first time, if certified, will receive an AACA Original board, AACA Original chip, and an AACA Original badge. The badge should be visibly mounted on the vehicle. No vehicle will be re-certified if it does not display the AACA Original badge. The badge will be engraved with the year awarded. A vehicle having achieved the AACA Original certification award is now eligible for certification at a subsequent Nationals in order to achieve the Senior AACA Original award.

If certified as a Senior AACA Original, the owner will receive an AACA Senior tab to be mounted behind the AACA Original badge on the vehicle and a Senior AACA Original preservation chip for mounting on the board. If the vehicle does not certify at the Senior AACA Original level, it will receive a repeat AACA Original chip provided it meets the AACA Original certification standards. If a vehicle is not certified as a Senior AACA Original, it can be reconsidered for the award if the owner submits a request to the VP of Judging. The VP will inform the owner whether the request has been granted or denied. If granted, the vehicle can be entered in a subsequent National to be evaluated again for the Senior AACA Original award. The vehicle will either be certified at that time as a Senior AACA Original or if it still does not meet the criteria, it may continue to be eligible for repeat AACA Original awards provided it meets the certification standards. If the re-consideration is denied, the vehicle maintains AACA Original status and is eligible to be shown for AACA Original repeat awards at all future AACA Nationals.

No previous National First Prize winners are accepted unless they are original and have been maintained to preserve their originality. An AACA Original certified vehicle that is significantly restored will lose its AACA Original certification.

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a. Vehicles that received their First HPOF Certification prior to 2025 will be evaluated for Senior AACA Original Status.

i. Vehicles certified as an AACA Original but not a Senior will receive the updated Original badge engraved for the current year and AACA Original chip.

ii. Vehicles certified as a Senior AACA Original will receive the updated AACA Original badge engraved for the current year, Senior tab, and Senior AACA Original chip. Vehicles will be eligible for repeat Senior AACA Original chips at subsequent showings.

b. Members who choose to either a) not recertify their HPOF vehicle into the AACA Original program at a national show, or b) who wish to have their original HPOF certification date on their AACA Original badge can purchase updated badges.

i. Purchased AACA Original badges will be engraved with the year of HPOF Certification at a cost of \$15.00.

ii. HPOF and repeat HPOF vehicles may only purchase the updated AACA Original badge.

iii. AACA Original HPOF vehicles must have both the updated AACA Original badge and the Senior tab, additional charges may apply.

iv. For chip replacement, please contact National Headquarters. The former HPOF and AACA Original HPOF chips are no longer available.

2025 Calendar of Events

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

May

- 1-3 [AACA Western Spring Nationals / Grand Nationals](#) / Tucson, AZ
- 3 [Cars & Coffee](#) / MidCity / Huntsville, AL / 8:00 am to 10:00 am
- 3 [Marching Indians Annual Car Show](#) / East Limestone High School / Athens, AL / 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
- 3 [Asbury Car Show](#) / Asbury Methodist Church / Madison, AL / 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
- 3 [Rocket City Spring Tune-up](#) / Trash Panda Way / Madison, AL / 11:00 am to 5:00 pm
- 3 [1st Annual Southern Showdown](#) / Southern Heritage Center / Columbia, TN / 6:00 am to 3:00 pm
- 6 [Charity Classic Cruise-In](#) / Tullahoma, TN / 5:00 am to 8:00 pm
- 7 [1st Wednesday Car Meet](#) / Village of Providence / Huntsville, AL / 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- 10 [Priceville Cars & Coffee](#) / Morgan County Veterans Memorial / Decatur, AL / 8:00 am to 11:00 am
- 10 [2nd Saturday Cars & Coffee](#) / Old Towne Café / Ardmore, AL / 8:00 am to 10:00 am
- 10 [10th Annual Sharon Johnston Park Car Show](#) / Coleman Road / New Market, AL / 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
- 10 [45th Annual Mustang and All Ford Show](#) / Woody Anderson Ford / Huntsville, AL / 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
- 10 [MadFest Car Show](#) / Madison City Stadium / Madison, AL / 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm
- 10 [Car & Truck Show](#) / Celebration City Region AACA / Shelbyville, TN / 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm
- 17 [HPT Cars & Coffee](#) / Stovehouse / Huntsville, AL / 7:30 am to 10:00 am
- 17 [3rd Saturday Cruise In Rick's BBQ](#) / Rick's Barbecue / Ardmore, TN / 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- 17 [Chapman Pool Open House and Car Show](#) / Pettus Drive / Huntsville, AL / 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm
- 17 [Chadwick Foundation Inaugural Benefit Car Show](#) / McFarland Park / Florence, AL / 8:00 am
- 17 [Legends Showcase](#) / Ditto Landing / Huntsville, AL / 12:30 pm
- 17 [4th Annual Patriot Car Show](#) / Bob Jones High School North Lot / Madison, AL / 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm
- 18 [RCMC Sonic Cruise-In](#) / Sonic Drive-In County Line Road / Madison, AL / 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- 22 [NAR / AACA Meeting](#) / SIGNAL Museum of Information Explosion / Huntsville, AL / 7:00 pm
- 24 [14th Semi-Annual Pack the Park Car/Truck/Bike Show](#) / Winchester, TN / 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
- 24 [Point Mallard Auto Expo](#) / Point Mallard / Decatur, AL / 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
- 24 [NAR Picnic](#) / 1277 Ready Section Road / Hazel Green, AL / 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- 31 [22nd Annual Eurobrit AL Auto and Bike Expo 2025](#) / Dublin Park/ Madison, AL / 9:00 pm to 2:00 pm
- 31 [Cullman County Relay for Life Benefit Car Show](#) / Depot Park / Cullman, AL / 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm

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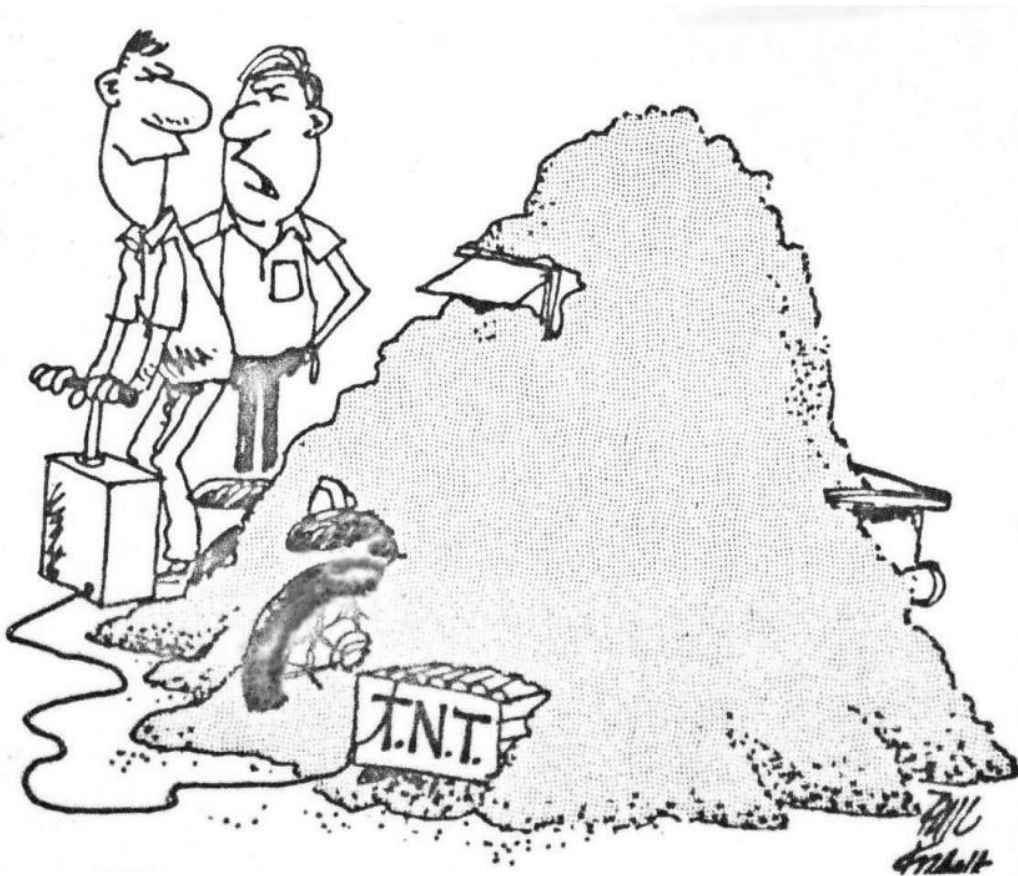
June

- 1-7 [AACA Vintage Tours](#) / Southern/Eastern Pennsylvania
- 4 [1st Wednesday Car Meet](#) / Village of Providence / Huntsville, AL / 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- 7 [Cars & Coffee](#) / MidCity / Huntsville, AL / 8:00 am to 10:00 am
- 7 [54th Annual Street Rod Show](#) / Spring Park / Tuscumbia, AL / 7:00 am to 2:00 pm
- 7 [250th Army Birthday Celebration](#) / Redstone Gateway / Huntsville, AL / 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- 7 [Tim's Ford Region AACA 56th Annual Car Show](#) / North Middle School / Winchester, TN / 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
- 7 [20th Annual Charity Car Show](#) / Cabela Drive / Huntsville, AL / 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
- 10 [Charity Classic Cruise-In](#) / Tullahoma, TN / 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- 14 [Priceville Cars & Coffee](#) / Morgan County Veterans Memorial / Decatur, AL / 8:00 am to 11:00 am
- 14 [11th Annual Car Show](#) / St. Rebecca P. B. Church / Hazel Green, AL / 9:00 am to 1:00 am
- 14 [2nd Saturday Cars & Coffee](#) / Old Towne Café / Ardmore, AL / 8:00 am to 10:00 am
- 14 [MoPARs by the Lake](#) / Sportsman Lake Road / Cullman, AL / 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
- 14 [Annual Marshall County Sheriff's Reserves Car Show](#) / Marshall County Park #1 / Guntersville, AL / 8:00 am to 1:00 pm
- 14 [21st Annual Calvacade of Antique Cars](#) / From Summertown, TN 10:00 am to St. Joe, TN 3:00 pm
- 21 [HPT Cars & Coffee](#) / Stovehouse / Huntsville, AL / 7:30 am to 10:00 am
- 21 [3rd Saturday Cruise In Rick's BBQ](#) / Rick's Barbecue / Ardmore, TN / 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- 21 [18th Annual Car Show & Swap Meet](#) / Huntsville Cave Rescue / Monte Sano State Park Picnic Area / Huntsville, TN / 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
- 21 [Rocky Acres Cruise-In](#) / 2141 Hwy 55W / Hartselle, AL / 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- 22 [Legacy Crew Cars 'n Tacos](#) / Chihuahua Mexican Restaurant / Priceville, AL / 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- 22 [RCMC Sonic Cruise-In](#) / Sonic Drive-In County Line Road / Madison, AL / 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- 26 [NAR / AACA Club Dinner](#) / City Café / Huntsville, AL / 7:00 pm
- 28 [38th Annual Helen Keller Festival Car & Truck Show](#) / Tuscumbia, AL / 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

AACA National Calendar

Upcoming AACA 2025 National Calendar

May 1-3	Western Spring Nationals / Grand Nationals – Tucson, AZ
June 1-7	Vintage Tour – Southern/Eastern Pennsylvania
July 2-5	Central Springs Nationals – Auburn, IN
July 24-26	Grand Nationals / Zenith – Dayton, OH
September 7-12	Revival AAA Glidden Tour® – Owensboro, KY
September 18-20	Southeastern Fall Nationals – Corydon, IN
October 7-10	Eastern Fall Meet – Hershey, PA
October 22-25	Central Fall Nationals – Galveston, TX



"I take it this is the first time you ever sandblasted a car!"





The North Alabama Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America



Membership Application / Renewal

Local dues are \$20 per year (Including monthly newsletter). Please bring this application to a meeting or mail it and a check made out to NAR to:

North Alabama Region - AACA
c/o Dave Robertson, 3503 Rolphmire Lane, Madison, AL 35757

Name/Spouse's Name _____

Child(ren)'s Name(s) _____

Address _____

City / State / Zip Code _____

Phone Number(s) _____

Email Address _____

Birthday / Anniversary (Optional) _____

Member Sponsor (Optional) _____

AACA Number _____

Membership in the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) is required. If you are not currently an AACA member, please let us know and we will send you a membership application or go to www.aaca.org to apply online. Dues are \$45/year or \$700/life including bi-monthly newsletter. Student membership is \$12/year.

Signature _____

Antique Vehicles Owned (Optional)

Year	Make	Model	Body Style
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

For more information about the club contact the President, Jeff Slagle (256) 679-9775
or visit the club website at <http://naraaca.org>