

# RUNNINGBOARD RAMBLINGS



*A message from Richard Holmes*

## PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Hello Car Enthusiasts.

We finally had a General Meeting after the snow cancellations for February and March. Thank goodness spring is here.

The club was able to go on a fun trip to Enid and see the collection of John Groendyke. It is amazing to see such a collection and it was so nice to have John explain the details on many of his cars.

The Krispy Kreme event has been postponed until September. We will let you know the date for it as soon as we learn it.

It is too bad that the New Car Show conflicted with our trip to Enid, and we got such short notice. Hopefully we can display next year.

The board, thanks to Webmaster, Fred Narrin, has updated the Tulsa Library listing for the club. We are also planning to link our website to other websites in Tulsa and set up a listing in the Tulsa World.

I am sure that everyone is looking forward to the Haikey Creek Show on June 1st. If you are in another club or know members in another club, please invite them to attend the show. The more the merrier!

The board is looking in to more parades at festivals, going to the Will Rogers and Bartlesville fly-ins and having a Route 66 tour. The Route 66 tour is tentatively planned for June 6th and will travel to Claremore and Grand Lake area.

*Happy Motoring,  
Richard*





## 2014 AACA TULSA REGION CALENDAR

DATE	ACTIVITY	PLACE	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	TIME
<b>MAY</b>				
5/4	General Meeting	Joanna Cooper's	Daniel King	2:00 pm
5/27	Board Meeting	Fred Narrin's	Fred Narrin	7:00 pm
<b>JUNE</b>				
6/1	General Meeting	Haikey Creek Car Show	Fred Narrin	11:00 am
		<i>6/14 TBD Krispy Kreme Fund Raiser</i>		
<b>JULY</b>				
7/1	Board Meeting	Ron Scott's	Ron Scott	7:00 pm
7/6	General Meeting	Joanne Cooper's	Ron Scott	2:00 pm
7/29	Board Meeting	Ron Hardage's	Ron Hardage	7:00 pm
<b>AUGUST</b>				
8/3	Ice Cream	Social Joanna Cooper's	Ron Hardage	2:00 pm
		<i>TBD Quarterly (Garage) Tour</i>		
8/26	Board Meeting	Richard Holmes'	Richard Holmes	7:00 pm
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
9/7	Hamburger Cook Out	Richard Holmes'	Richard Holmes	5:00 pm
		<i>TBD Bartlesville Fly-In Frank Phillips Field</i>		
9/30	Board Meeting	Teresa Wilkinson's	Teresa Wilkinson	7:00 pm
<b>OCTOBER</b>				
10/5	General Meeting	Joanna Cooper's	Teresa Wilkinson	2:00 pm
10/28	Board Meeting	Jim Jones'	Jim Jones	7:00 pm
		<i>TBD Fall (Halloween) Party</i>		
<b>NOVEMBER</b>				
11/2	General Meeting	Joanna Cooper's	Jim Jones	2:00 pm
11/11	Veteran's Day Parade	Downtown Tulsa		
<b>DECEMBER</b>				
12/2	Board Meeting	Fred Narrin's	Fred Narrin	7:00 pm
12/7	General Meeting	Joanna Cooper's	Fred Narrin	2:00 pm
		<i>TBD Christmas Party 6:00 pm</i>		



# AACA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

## APRIL 6, 2014

Due to the absence of President Richard Holmes, the meeting was convened by Vice President Daniel King at 2:08 pm. There were 43 members and eight guests present. Guests present included: Tanner King, Daniel's son, John and Loretta Long; Pete Sottnik, Dave and Ginny Simpson; Guy and Charlotte Donohue. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the membership.

The minutes of the last meeting, December 1, 2013, meeting were read by Ron Hardage, secretary.

Treasurer, Teresa Wilkerson presented the financial report. Fred Narrin presented a certificate of appreciation to Randy Beeson for his participation in providing articles for the newsletter.

Teresa Wilkerson presented Joanna Cooper a presentation plaque that the club had received in 1968 from the Lions Club. Teresa also announced that we had received a certificate from the Shriner's for the memoriam given in honor of Mary Beard.

Ron Scott provided a review of the March 29th tour of the Auburn/Cord Museum in Broken Arrow. Ron also advised that he is planning a spring tour,

for sometime in June. The tour will include events in Claremore and the *Darrell Starbird Museum* near Bernice.

Daniel noted that the tour to Enid on Saturday April 12th, to see John Groendyke car collection, will leave at 8:30 am from the shopping center parking lot in Sand Springs at Adam's Road and HWY 412. Joanna Cooper announced that anyone not going on the Enid tour is welcome to come to her car facility that morning at 9 am for coffee and donuts.

Daniel advised that the board had made the decision that our club will not participate in the new car show this year. Walt Knickerbocker then provided an overview of all the discussions he had with the car show GM, which lead up to the decision not to participate.

Ron Hardage noted that the Special Olympics Krispy Kreme event will be held sometime in June, but the date has not been determined. It is expected to be June 13-14-15 or after. We will be invited to show our cars on the Saturday of the event from 11 am until 2 pm.

Marjorie Knickerbocker announced that the LOWL will meet at 11:30 am Wednesday,

April 9th at the Egg It ON Restaurant in Broken Arrow.

Ron Hardage noted that since we had not had a general meeting this year, we have not been able to get members to sign up to bring cookies to future meetings. A sign up sheet for cookies for the remainder of the year was then passed around.

Daniel advised that Fred Narrin, who is coordinating the Haikey Creek Car Show, needs help in gathering door prizes for the event. Everyone was asked to help gather prizes and keep Fred apprised of what you have.

Walt Knickerbocker reported that we usually have several members who participate in the Orphan Car Show. This year's show will be on Saturday April 17th at the Bass Pro Shop in Broken Arrow. You will be charged \$5 to show your car to help cover the cost of the door prizes.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:44 pm. After adjournment Teresa provided a very interesting slide presentation on her father and his cars.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Hardage, Secretary.*

# GROENDYKE COLLECTION TOUR April, 2014

*Daniel King got a chance to speak with Dustin Whitney during the visit last month.*

*Dustin is in charge of Groendyke Collection Preservation & Maintenance.*

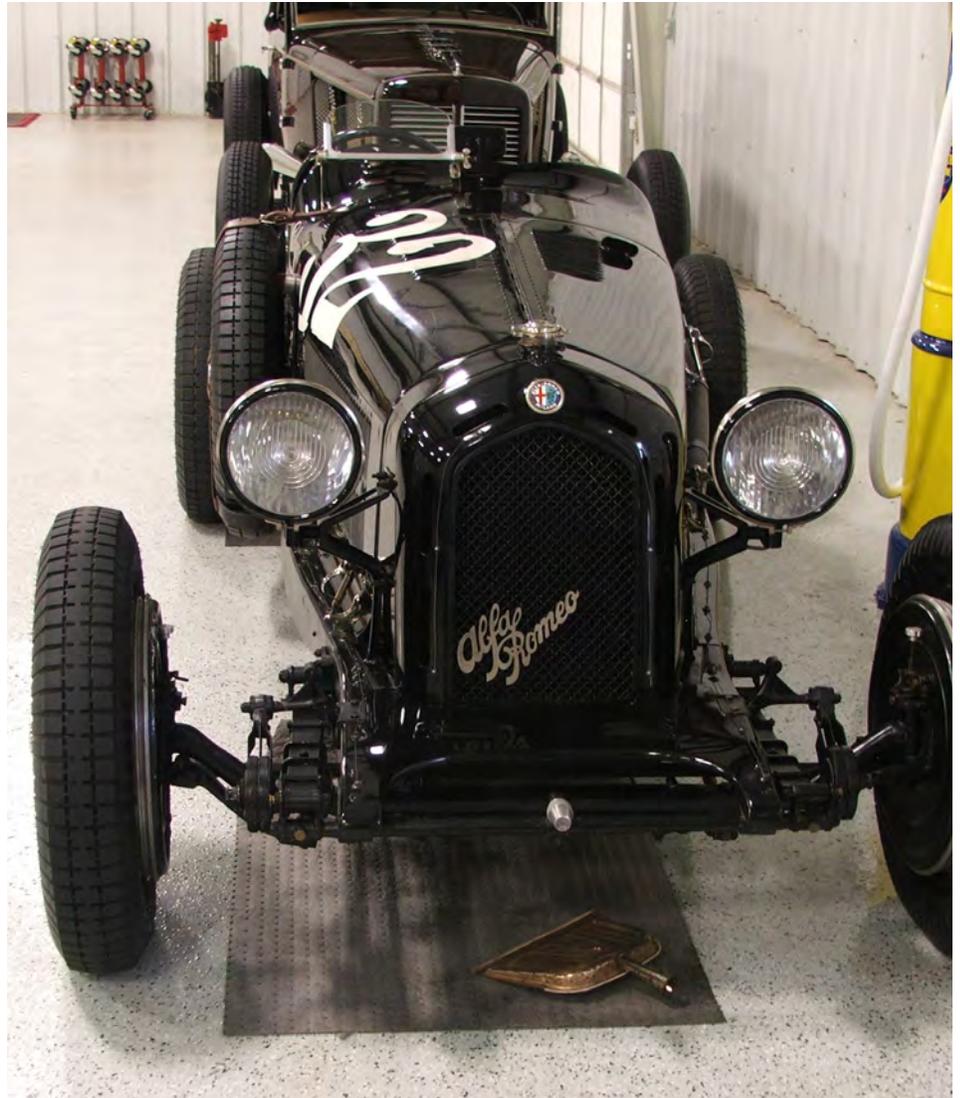
*John Groendyke had told the group that all the cars are started up and driven for a short distance in order to keep them in good running order. Dan asked Dustin if he drove any of those cars for this purpose, and Dustin answered, "I drive them all." After Dan pulled his jaw up from off the floor he asked Dustin, "With all these fabulous cars in the collection, which one do you like to drive the most?"*

*Dustin responded, "The Alpha-Romeo racer."  
(top right)*

*Dustin explained the reason, which is simply that when he drives it the car is very high performance and when he touches that gas pedal it really responds.*

*Bottom right photo:  
Dan King took as he followed  
Walter Knickerbocker.  
From one Edsel to another!*

*submitted by Daniel King*





## National Corvette Museum Selects Auto Appraisal Group to Value Sinkhole Corvettes

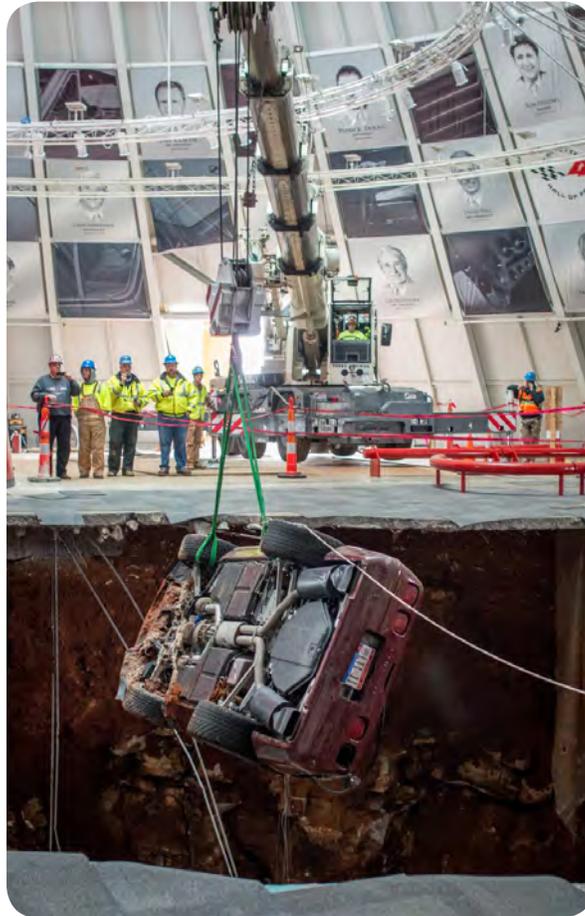
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA On February 12, 2014, security cameras at the National Corvette Museum recorded the movement when a 40-foot sinkhole opened up in the Skydome section of the museum, taking eight Corvettes down with it. Auto Appraisal Group (AAG) has been hired by the National Corvette Museum to determine the value of the vehicles prior to their damage.

“Life really is stranger than fiction” is a frequent statement heard from AAG founder and president Larry Batton. “No one could have foreseen the ground just swallowing up these historic Corvettes while most of us were asleep”. The recovery process has been an engineering marvel in itself. The eight vehicles that fell into the sinkhole are:

1993 ZR-1 Spyder on loan from GM  
2009 ZR1 “Blue Devil” on loan (GM)

*The other six vehicles were owned by the National Corvette Museum including:*

1962 Chevrolet Corvette  
1984 PPG Pace Car  
1992 White One Millionth Corvette  
1993 Ruby Red 40th Anniversary Corvette  
2001 Mallett Hammer Z06 Corvette  
2009 White 1.5 Millionth Corvette



“Having documentation of your collector cars while they are in good, undamaged condition prepares you for the unexpected. We think of it as insurance for your insurance. The museum has extensive historical documentation on these Corvettes which is being utilized during our evaluations. The significant provenance of many of these cars will continue in spite of the damage” concluded Batton. The last of the eight Corvettes was pulled out of the sinkhole on April 9th.

Local AAG agent, Joe Smith, is available to assist collectors in the Oklahoma area with certified appraisals

on their custom or classic cars, trucks and motorcycles. “While it’s possible to establish fair market value after a vehicle has been damaged or lost, it’s much easier to establish value before any potential damage has occurred” states Joe Smith.

In addition to being leaders in the field, AAG is one of only a handful of companies with experience appraising large collections. A partial list of clients include the Harold LeMay collection of over 2300 vehicles in Washington, a portion of those cars are now part of America’s Car Museum; the Bob McDorman collection of over 200 cars in Ohio, many of them Corvettes; Chip Miller’s collection, founder of Carlisle Productions, the world’s largest presenter of collector car events. AAG is also the official appraisal company for the Cadillac-LaSalle Club Museum & Research Center in Michigan.

You can contact the Auto Appraisal Group at 800-848-2886 or visit [www.autoappraisal.com](http://www.autoappraisal.com). Joe Smith and the Auto Appraisal Group would welcome the opportunity to work with owners to ensure peace of mind so that they and their insurance companies will know the true value of your priceless collectibles.

*submitted by Joe Smith*

*photo from:*

<http://www.corvetteforum.com>



## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO TODAY

by Randy Beeson

This month of May 1914 was a mixed bag for the fairer sex. On May 6th, the British House of Lords rejected a female suffrage bill. Unlike in the U.S., British women had had the franchise for local elections for a number of years, and the British Parliament would extend the national franchise to women over the age of 30 who met minimum property qualifications in 1918. In the U.S., President Wilson proclaimed Mother's Day on May 9th.

Famous birthdays this month included film actor and ABC newscaster Howard K. Smith born in Ferriday, LA on May 12th, while future heavyweight champ Joseph Louis Barrow (The Brown Bomber) was born near Lafayette, AL on the 13th. The 11-pound baby was the seventh of eight children born to a sharecropper family. German actress Lilli Palmer (Peiser) was born in Poznań, Poland on May 24th.

American businessman C.W. Post, inventor of Grape Nuts and Post Toasties cereals, died on May 9th. Dependent over ongoing stomach problems deemed inoperable by the Mayo brothers, Post committed suicide.

Several significant events occurred in the transportation industry during this month. The Greyhound Bus Company began service on May 21st when Swedish immigrant and laid-off miner, Carl Wickham, began transporting miners by bus between Hibbing, MN and Alice, MN for 15¢ per ticket. The company is now a subsidiary of First Group, plc.

In heavy fog during the early morning hours of the 29th, the Canadian liner Empress of Ireland was struck by the Norwegian collier Storstad and sank in 130 feet of water in the St. Lawrence River with the loss of 1,073 passengers and crew. Struck on her starboard side, the Empress sank in less than 15 minutes, as many of the passenger portholes and watertight doors on her lower

decks were open. This is the largest shipboard loss of life Canada has ever suffered during peacetime. Although the ships were aware of each other, the Storstad continued under way in the fog, while the Empress came to a stop.

The following day the newest Cunard liner, RMS Aquitania, left Liverpool, England on her maiden voyage for New York City. Considered one of the most beautiful ships of her time, Aquitania was also known as "Ship Beautiful" and she would survive troopship service during two world wars. Remaining in service until 1950, Aquitania was the last of the four funnel passenger liners to be decommissioned.



In 1914, Carl Eric Wickman began transporting miners from Hibbing to Alice, Minn. for 15 cents a ride.



*From the Editor*

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**ALL PHOTOS SHOULD BE ATTACHED SEPARATELY AS JPG FILES.**

If you only have hard copies, I can scan them.

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EVENTS GOING ON ALL OVER THE COUNTRY

**WWW.AACA.ORG**

Sunday, June 1, 2014 11 AM to 3 PM

## ANTIQUUE CAR SHOW

HAIKEY PARK in TULSA OKLAHOMA

ALL Automobile Clubs and individuals are invited to participate with their  
Antique and Collectible Automobiles.

Come and enjoy the fun of showing your car.

It will be open to the public, so bring your friends.

Park Entrance: Garnett Rd, Between 111th, and 121st, St.

Follow the signs to the show

BRING YOUR LUNCH!

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE

NO FEES, NO JUDGING,

Drawing for Prizes



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## BIRTHDAYS

### 2014

### MAY

- 3 Marylyn Baumann
- 5 Becky Wolf
- 7 Richard Holmes
- 10 Walt Knickerbocker
- 16 Roger Baumann
- 30 Elda Wescott
- 31 Clyde Harding

### JUNE

- 7 Nina Richardson
- 8 Freda Becjte;
- 10 Tom Berenson
- 12 Linda Beeson
- 22 Ron Scott
- 24 John Fender
- 26 Bud Bechtel

### JULY

- 20 Daniel King
- 22 Carl Richardson



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