

# RUNNINGBOARD RAMBLINGS



*A message from Richard Holmes*

## PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Fall has arrived, and we have already had a great September in the Tulsa Region.

Lina and I enjoyed hosting the club at our house for the Labor Day cook-out. The food that was brought by members was wonderful. I'm glad that nice weather was ushered in for the weekend. As you all know, it's been pretty hot in past years.

During September the club also took a fall tour to Oklahoma City, and we got to see the Ted Davis collection of cars from 1903 up. See Dan King's excellent article about it in this newsletter.

We also have elections coming up, and the Veteran's Parade in November to look forward to participating.

Three of our members also participated in the American Diabetes Association Concours for the Cure at Southern Hills Country Club on September 28, 2014. *David and Betty Turner* showed their 1938 Plymouth, *Jerry Shrader* had his Chrysler Town & Country Convertible and *Jerry Burch* brought his late father's 1941 Mercury Convertible to the event. This Concours for the Cure has raised almost \$4 million for research since it began eight years ago.

My wish for the club is that more people will bring out their old cars to events, and that members will get together and help each other with their car projects. We have a lot of experience in this club. Don't let it go to waste!

*Happy Motoring,  
Richard*





## 2014 AACA TULSA REGION CALENDAR

DATE	ACTIVITY	PLACE	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	TIME
<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>				

## RECIPE

### *Praline Cookies*

One of the favorite desserts brought to the Cook-out at the Holmes home was

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made by Paula Narrin. Several members requested the recipe, so . . .

Here it is, ladies! Enjoy!

Line 10x15 jelly roll pan with plain graham crackers.

Melt 2 sticks butter (*not margarine*), add 1 cup brown sugar. Bring to a boil, turn down and simmer for 2 minutes.

Stir in 1 cup chopped pecans.

Spoon over crackers, covering everything. Then bake in a 350 degree oven for 8 minutes.

Once cooled completely, break in pieces. Then eat! What else?



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# AACA General Meeting Minutes September 7, 2014

he September 7, 2014 AACA general meeting was convened at 6:05 pm at the home of Richard and Lina Holmes, where we had all just enjoyed the delicious annual hamburger cookout. There were 43 persons present.

The minutes of the August 3rd meeting were read by the secretary and the financial report was presented by the treasurer. Both were approved as presented.

Richard noted that our next meeting will be at Joanna Cooper's, but we will be having a tour to Oklahoma City and the Ted Davis auto collection prior to the meeting.

Ron Scott provided information concerning the tour, time and location of start and speed we will be driving. Ron passed around a sign-up sheet for the tour.

Mary Jean Schaeffer reported that the LOWL will meet at the EGG IT ON Restaurant at 11:30 am on Wednesday September 10th. Richard noted that we now have four nominees for the 2015 board of directors, but we need at least two more.

Richard reported that we have received four free national AACA new-member applications for the 2015 year. He noted that they can only be given to persons that have never been in the AACA. If you find someone that wishes to join and can use a free application, let Richard know.

Richard reviewed the 2015 Glidden Tour and our desire to man the hospitality room, but more workers are needed. We currently have 20 participants and need 24 plus several back ups. He noted Joanna Copper and others will furnish all the food and drink items for the hospitality room, not our club. The sign-up sheet was made available for others to consider signing up to work.

Richard noted that there will be a car show in Coweta November 13th. Anyone wishing to participate, let him know.

Debbie Harding noted there will be a car Show in Guthrie September 20th, the same day as our tour to OKC. Anyone not going on the tour might consider this car show. Richard noted that Fred and Paula Narrin are celebrating their 51st anniversary today and are to be congratulated.

Jerry Aldridge gave all in the club his thanks for their consideration of him during this period of his surgery and recovery.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Ron Hardage, Secretary*

## BIRTHDAYS

### 2014

## OCTOBER

- 3 Joanna Cooper
- 11 Carolanne Mahan
- 13 Ruth Burch
- 13 Jean Hardage
- 16 Jenny King
- 21 Mary Jean Schaeffer
- 22 Laura Judkins
- 26 David Turner

## NOVEMBER

- 2 Penny Downey
- 7 Mary Blair
- 12 Paula Narrin
- 17 Lina Holmes
- 19 Phil Judkins

## DECEMBER

- 4 Randy Beeson
- 10 Charles Bruce
- 13 Jodi Blaschke
- 14 Ann Marie Cornell
- 15 Jerry Shrader
- 15 Joyce Smith
- 15 Alex Wilson
- 21 Robert Burch





# AACA Tulsa Chapter Visit to Ted Davis' Private Collection

September 20, 2014

On Saturday, September 20 many members of our club visited the manufacturing and fabrication facilities of Mr. Ted Davis in Oklahoma City. In attendance were: Roger & Marylyn Baumann, Charles & Helen Bruce, Dan King, Fred & Paula Narrin, Charles & Mary Jean Schaeffer, Jim Jones, Clyde & Debbie Harding, Ron Scott, Richard Holmes, Ron & Jean Hardage, Gene & Charlsie Griffith, and David & Betty Turner.

Much of the information below is taken from the Packard Twin Six web site (<http://packardtwelve.com/>).

Ted is the owner and operator of Packard Twin Six and is also the owner and restorer of many Packard and other automobiles. His knowledge and expertise goes back many years when Ted owned and operated his own restoration shop. His Packard Twin Six business manufactures parts to order for the 1932 Packard Twin Six for people restoring these gorgeous classic automobiles. Although Ted no longer does restorations for others, his extensive manufacturing and fabrication capabilities allow him to help with other Packard Twin Six restorations in recreating hard or impossible to find parts.



Packard Twin Six was founded in the late 1960's by C. A. Leslie, an Oklahoma City business man who found it necessary to build parts for his Packard restorations. C. A. had a fond appreciation for the Packard automobile and as his knowledge of these autos grew, he became one of the well known names of Packard historians. C. A. contributed to the Packard History book, edited by Beverley Rae Kimes, and wrote numerous pieces for the club magazines.

C. A.'s understanding of Packard cars and the restoration process motivated him to reproduce items that were impossible to find in the used parts arena. Some of these items needed improvement over the originals, and others just needed to be recreated. Through these efforts the Packard Twin Six business was born. If one part needed to be made, chances were that other people would probably need them as well. It began with reproducing engine hardware and around this time that he became friends with Ted, whose own auto restoration business was nearby. Eventually C. A. sold the parts business and his Packard automobiles to Ted who has continued the business ever since.



Ted's 1932 Packard Twin Six.



Our tour began with Ted giving us an orientation. We then moved to a room that celebrated 100 years of racing, containing racers from 1901 and 2001. The 2001 car is electric and is powered by some 40 six-volte batteries and

is capable of speeds in excess of 200 mph.

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The next room contained a Model T, Cadillac, Pierce Arrow, Marmon, Packard (photo above), 1911 Franklin racer, and a yellow racer whose name I can't remember, and a Packard project car.



At the 2012 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, Ted won three trophies for his 1911 Franklin open wheel racer: First Place in Class V Open Wheel Race Cars, the Charles A. Chayne Trophy, and the FIVA Prewar Trophy (<http://autoweek.com/article/events/pebble-beach-concours-delegance-results-released>).



Another section of this room contained a vintage automobile workshop. Ted explained that the tools and equipment preserved in this shop came from his father's automobile repair business. Ted mentioned that many of his skills as a mechanic were taught to him by his father.



We were then treated to a walk-through of Ted's bicycle room, toy room, and fabrication and wood shops.



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Ted's manufacturing and fabrication capabilities are so extensive and complete that he and his two assistants were able to build a 1903 Packard from scratch using just blueprints for the various components and parts. They fabricated everything from bumper to bumper. Below is a photo of various molds that were sent to a foundry and used to forge the engine block, cylinders, and headers. All of the reproduced parts were then assembled into the finished car just as they would have been in the original Warren, Ohio Packard factory.



Last, but certainly not least, we were shown a room containing a Marmon open wheel racer and a vintage midget racer from I would guess the 1950's. The Marmon racer project is still underway. The engine is a V-16 with a mere 183 cubic inch displacement due to rules about maximum engine size. The gas tank is an aluminum sphere so that every drop of gas can be used up.



On the way out I couldn't resist one more photo, which is hanging on the wall just as you reach the doors leading out of Ted's shops. It is of a family just about to go for a ride and proudly showing their beautiful Packard automobile (at least I assume that it's a Packard). I don't know if the photo is of Ted's family or C. A. Leslie's family but whomever it is, it's a wonderful memory of days gone by when automobiles were truly works of art and just going for a ride was a real treat.



The group then reconvened at Zio's restaurant for a wonderful lunch and lots of conversation.

Many thanks to Richard Holmes for obtaining permission for us to visit, and Ron Scott for organizing the road trip, and especially to Ted Davis for giving us his time and allowing us to share in his truly remarkable private collection of automobiles and manufacturing and fabrication facilities.



## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO TODAY

by Randy Beeson

**War** news dominated again during this month of October 1914. German forces took the Belgian cities of Antwerp on the 9th and Ghent on the 11th. The Battle of First Ypres (Ee-pra) began on the 12th, with an Allied counter-offensive commencing on the 30th. Before it was over in November, the Germans would suffer 750,000 casualties and the French 995,000 casualties, while the 90,000-man British Expeditionary Force (the “Old Contemptibles”) and the Town of Ypres would be destroyed. The BEF took its nickname from Kaiser Wilhelm’s description of the British army as “a contemptible little force.”



*Aftermath of First Ypres (Internet Photo)*

The Battle of Warsaw (fought October 15-21) ended in a German defeat. The first aerial combat resulting in a kill occurred on the 5th and the British battleship Audacious was sunk by a mine on the 27th. On October 31st, England and France declared war on Turkey.

On October 13th, Garrett Morgan, the son of former American slaves and grandson of Confederate General John Morgan, incorporated the National Safety Device Company to manufacture the gas mask (or respiratory

hood) he had patented in 1912. In 1916, Morgan and three others used his invention to rescue workers trapped 50 feet beneath Lake Erie after a water intake tunnel explosion. Morgan was the first African-American to own an automobile in Cleveland and would go on to invent and patent an improved traffic signal in the early 1920s.

Famous births during the month included historian Daniel Boorstin (graduate of Tulsa’s Central High School), born on the 1st in Atlanta, GA. Norwegian explorer Thor Heyerdahl was born on October 6th. Actor Jackie Coogan (The Addams’ Family’s Uncle Fester) was born in Los Angeles on the 26th, while Welsh poet Dylan Thomas was born the following day. Medical researcher Jonas Salk (polio vaccine) was born in New York City on the 28th.

This month also saw the wedding of Joseph Kennedy, Sr. and Rose Fitzgerald, married on the 7th. Baseball legend Babe Ruth wed Helen Woodford on the 14th.

In the sports world, the Boston Braves won the World Series on October 13th, defeating the Philadelphia Athletics in a first-ever four-game sweep.

In the transportation world, the U.S. Postal Service introduced automobiles for the collection and delivery of mail on the 19th.

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