

RUNNINGBOARD RAMBLINGS



A message from Daniel King

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Dear Fellow Club Members,

Green Country is getting green again. In between those days with lousy weather we had several that were pretty nice. The *bad news* is that it won't be long and I'm going to have to worry about keeping the lawn mowed. The *good news* is that on a mild spring day the doors of my garage can fly open and give a breath of fresh air to a couple of old wrecks that have been saved from the salvage yard crusher. (Not to mention that another one of the old wrecks is me.)

The rebuilt engine in the '48 Dodge is running great, and it's amazing how much better the '58 Edsel rides with ROUND tires and wheels. Whenever I'm ready to take them out for a spin, my favorite route is to go west from Mannford on Route 51 over to Route 48, then north to 412/64, then east to Route 151, then south over the Keystone Dam, then west again on Route 51 back to Mannford. It's about 25 miles and 40 minutes and just about perfect for a sunny Saturday afternoon. Joe Smith knows it well with his residence in the vicinity.

I know I speak for all of us when I say that there are moments when our old cars are time machines that simply carry us back to days gone by when our cars were much newer, we were much younger, and life just seemed better. It may now be me in the driver seat instead of Dad, but those wonderful days come back to mind when we all jumped out of our chairs as Dad would say, "I'm in the mood for some ice cream. Let's all go for a ride."

There are several events listed in the newsletter that I'm sure you'll want to read about: Garage tours, Tulsa New Car Show, a trip to Bartlesville, the Glidden Tour, and of course, our national events. Make sure you don't miss any of these activities.

Sincerely, Daniel King
AACA Tulsa Region,
2015 President





2015 AACA TULSA REGION CALENDAR

MONTH	DATE	ACTIVITY	PLACE	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	KEY DATES
APR	4/7	Board Meeting	TBD	Dan King	TBD: <i>Quarterly Garage Tour</i>
	April 11 GARAGE TOUR - UTICA SQUARE				
	4/12	General Meeting	<i>Joanna Cooper's</i>		
April 17 -19 19th TULSA NEW CAR SHOW					
MAY	4/28	Board Meeting	TBD	Teresa Wilkinson	
	5/3	General Meeting	<i>Joanna Cooper's</i>		
May 9 GARAGE TOUR - BRADY DISTRICT					
JUN	June 4th – 6th CENTRAL SPRING MEET, INDEPENDENCE, MO				
	6/9	Board Meeting	TBD	Jim Jones	TBD: <i>Krispy Kreme Fund Raiser</i>
	June 13 GARAGE TOUR - TBD				
6/14	General Meeting	HAIKEY CREEK CAR SHOW			
JUL	6/30	Board Meeting	TBD	Joe Smith	TBD: <i>Quarterly Garage Tour</i>
	7/5	General Meeting	<i>Joanna Cooper's</i>		
AUG	7/28	Board Meeting	TBD	Dan King	
	8/2	Ice Cream Social	<i>Joanna Cooper's</i>		
	August 30th – September 4th GLIDDEN TOUR				
SEP	9/8	Board Meeting	TBD	Richard Holmes	
	9/13	Hamburger Cook-Out	Holmes' Home	Richard Holmes	
September 12th – GARAGE TOUR – Bartlesville					
OCT	9/29	Board Meeting	TBD	Joe Smith	TBD: <i>Party Fall/Halloween</i>
	10/4	General Meeting	<i>Joanna Cooper's</i>		
October 10th (tentative) – COLEMAN THEATER – MIAMI					
NOV	10/27	Board Meeting	TBD	Phil Judkins	11 / 11: <i>Veterans Day Parade</i>
	11/1	General Meeting	<i>Joanna Cooper's</i>		
DEC	12/1	Board Meeting	TBD	David Turner	TBD: <i>Christmas Party</i>
	12/6	General Meeting	<i>Joanna Cooper's</i>		



GARAGE TOURS

Thanks to Joe Smith we have a garage tour scheduled for Saturday, April 11. We will meet at 9:30 AM at the Utica Park Shopping Center (1976 Utica Square) in front of P. F. Chang & Flemings.



At around 9:50 AM we will caravan 1-1/3 miles to see a private collection, which includes a 1909 Packard, other Packard's, Model-T's, Thunderbird's, Ferrari's, and more. According to Joe this garage is one of the best in Tulsa. Joe also said he is also working on something for May 9th in Tulsa's Brady District. Details will be made known when they are available.

TULSA NEW CAR SHOW

Fred Narrin contacted Peter Hodges of the Metro Auto Dealers Association in Oklahoma City and learned that the Tulsa Region AACA has been invited to participate in the show. Peter is working out the floor plan for the Tulsa New Car Show, and although nothing is finalized yet, we do know that the dates for the show are April 17th – 19th. Here are the highlights, per Fred:

- The entire display, including car club displays, will be on the upper level.
- The car owners will be able to bring their cars into the display area, rather than have some unknown person do it.
- There will be no fee to our club for displaying our cars.
- The display areas could be in the range of 20' x 120', depending on the number of cars in the display, and pending the final floor plan layout.
- Peter asked how many cars we might display and Fred estimated that it could be around ten. If you plan to participate, please let Dan, one of the Board members or Fred know so that Fred can provide an accurate count to Peter.
- We will be able to display our club logo and other club signage and information.
- Peter said barriers will be provided but the exact nature of the barriers is not known at this time.
- Other car clubs may also be lined up to participate.

REGION TRIP TO BARTLESVILLE

To repeat from last month's newsletter, David Turner is working on something for Bartlesville on a Saturday yet to be determined. The route would be along slower roads from Tulsa to Bartlesville, with hopefully nothing over 50 mph.

David has a friend with barn full of brass era cars, and perhaps we will get permission to visit the collection.

Lunch could be at Dink's World Famous Pit Barbecue in their back meeting room. Additional activities might include a tour of the Phillips Petroleum Company Museum, the Tom Mix Museum in Dewey, and the Frank Phillips mansion or the Price Tower complex.



70th Revival AAA Glidden Tour August 30 - September 4, 2015

REGISTRATION

We will send out registration packets on April 15. Your registration cannot be postmarked prior to May 1, 2015. We will only accept registration forms via US Mail. The first 200 spaces on the tour will be filled by the first 200 registrations (by postmark (in case of tie, furthest distance from Oklahoma City)). After the first 200 slots are filled, a waiting list will be established. The committee, at it's own discretion, may choose to accept additional applicants.

TENTATIVE COST

\$275 per driver and \$225 per passenger over 14. Our committee has done a great job of raising money from corporations to help lower the cost of this year's tour. This price will include all three banquets, 5 lunches, all tour stop fees, tour book and the color participants book.

DISCOUNT

We are offering a \$50 discount

to anyone participating in the tour with a 1915 or older model vehicle.

ADVERTISING

If you know anyone that would like to advertise in the participant book or the tour book, we are selling ad space in both.

\$500 full page ad
\$250 1/2 page ad
\$100 1/4 page ad
\$50 1/8 page ad

HOST HOTEL

The host hotel Wyndham Gardens Oklahoma City is taking reservations. Their number is (405)685-4000. Mention Glidden Tour to get the room rate of \$89.00 plus tax. This rate includes a hot breakfast for two each morning. There are many other hotels within a quarter mile of the Wyndham (2101 S. Meridian Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73108).

ANY QUESTIONS

Please send them to gliddentour@intelebill.com

AACA TULSA REGION

General Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2015

There was no March 1 AACA general meeting because of a snow storm.

NATIONAL CLUB EVENTS

Just a reminder that the Central Spring Meet will be in Independence, MO from June 4th – June 6th. Several of us have registered to participate, including yours truly. The web site has all the info you need:

aaca-kc-events.org/AACA-KC-Event/Welcome.html

HEART OF ROUTE 66 AUTO MUSEUM

The Sapulpa Herald announced the approval of the local armory for use as the new **Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum**.

AACA Tulsa Region Richard Holmes is the Chairman of the Board for the new venture and said he hopes that the 10,000 square foot space will be ready for the public by the end of 2015.

We will have more information as soon as it is available.

If you are interested in helping with this new museum as a car donor, loaner, docent, contributor or to work as a volunteer, contact Richard Holmes via email: richardholmes01@me.com.



2015 AACA NATIONAL MEETS & TOURS

April 9-12	SE Spring Meet	Charlotte, NC
April 30-May 2	Eastern Spring Meet	VA Beach
May 4-6	SE Division Tour	Pigeon Forge, TN
May 7-9	Special Spring Meet	Auburn, IN
June 4-6	Central Spring Meet	Independence, MO
July 16-18	SE Fall Meet	Louisville, KY
July 27-31	Vintage Tour	Lancaster, PA
August 24-28	Western Division Tour	Santa Rosa, CA
August 30-September 4	Revival AAA Glidden Tour®	OK City, OK
September 14-18	Founders Tour	NE Ohio
October 7-10	Eastern Fall Meet	Hershey, PA
November 5-7	Central Fall Meet	Houma, LA

From the Editor of

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You may not realize it, but every month just before I work on *Runningboard Ramblings*, I suffer a little bit of a panic attack. Nothing is in my inbox!

Sitting here looking at a blank computer screen doesn't help either.

SO! If you have an auto-related story, send it my way (see the instructions below). I'd love to hear from you. Do you have a favorite old car story?

Or have you been on a recent car trip? Is your old car getting some special attention or going to a car show? Let me know! And please send photos.

I really appreciate the input! THANK YOU!

Please send your articles or photos to: LinaHolmes1@mac.com

ALL PHOTOS SHOULD BE ATTACHED SEPARATELY AS JPG FILES.

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR PHOTOS WITHIN A WORD DOCUMENT.

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

BE SURE TO CHECK THE AACA NATIONAL WEB SITE FOR EVENTS BEING HELD ALL OVER THE COUNTRY: WWW.AACA.ORG

BIRTHDAYS

APRIL

- 15 Chuck Mahan
- 19 Russ Wolf
- 21 Kay Tan
- 27 Sheri Blair

MAY

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



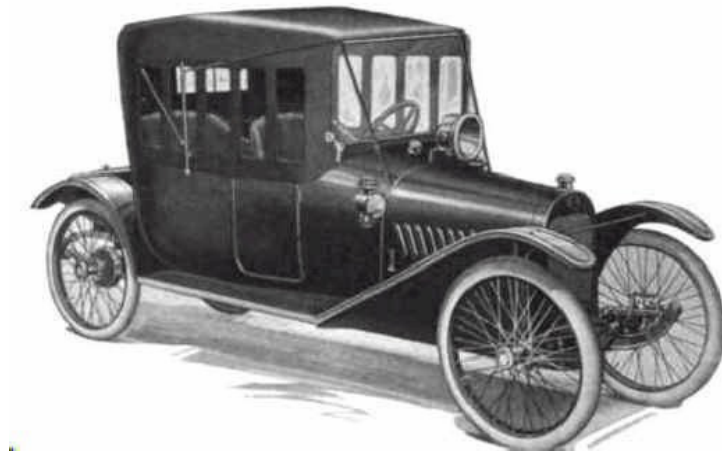
ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO TODAY

by Randy Beeson

War news again filled the headlines during this month of April 1915. On the 14th, Turkey invaded Armenia. Armenians responded by seizing the Turkish town of Van which they held until relieved by the Russians on May 19th. In response, Turkey began to massacre Armenians on the 24th.

The Battle of Second Ypres began on the 22nd with Germany's first use of chlorine and chloroform gas-filled artillery shells on the Western Front. German artillery targeted four miles of Allied trenches occupied by French and Algerian troops with 150 tons of chlorine gas. German troops were as astonished as Allied troops by the results and failed to follow up the barrage. A second gas attack on Canadian troops on the 24th pushed Allied troops further back. By the time it ended on May 25th, another 122,000 men on both sides were casualties.

In the sports world, Jess Willard KO'd Jack Johnson in 26 rounds on April 5th for the heavyweight boxing title. New York Giants pitcher Rube Maquard pitched a no-hitter against Brooklyn with the Giants winning 2-0 on the 15th. Edouard Fabre of Canada won the 19th Boston Marathon on April 19th.



April 15th, 1915 Ad for the 1916 80HP Ross V-8

Famous births during the month included jazz singer Billie Holliday (Eleanora Fagan), born in Philadelphia, PA on the 7th. Actor Henry Morgan was born in Detroit, MI on the 10th while Mexican actor Anthony Quinn was born on the 21st. WWII fighter ace, Medal of Honor winner and later governor of South Dakota, Joe Foss, was born in Sioux Falls on the 17th.

Rhode Island Senator Nelson Aldrich, author of the Federal Reserve Act and maternal grandfather of former Vice President Nelson Rockefeller, died on April 16th.

It was during this month that a group of investors formed the Sheepshead Bay Speedway Corporation and purchased a

defunct horserace track (Sheepshead Bay Race Track) at Sheepshead Bay, NY from William Vanderbilt. The first Astor Cup race would be run on the track the following October.

In Detroit, MI, 13 persons were killed and 20 injured on April 15th when a city streetcar loaded with homeward bound commuters collided with a string of freight cars on the Detroit, Toledo and Ironton Railroad. The apprentice motorman, J.C. Westover, who was in charge of the streetcar and his instructor, Richard Vallade were jailed on manslaughter charges.



2015 Amelia Island Concours D 'Elegance

Amelia Island, Florida



Lina and I attended the Amelia Island Concours D 'Elegance March 13-15. It was our first time to experience this car event and was truly a lot of fun. We flew to Jacksonville, Florida on Thursday and headed for the car rental counter. The Budget guy asked us about our trip and guessed we were car people. He said that a customer reserved a 2015 red Corvette, but had cancelled. He told us his boss wanted it rented this weekend, so they were discounting it. So we took it! and loved it of course.

The new Corvettes are so fun. When you hit that start button the engine comes alive and has an amazing sound. It really handles nicely and is actually comfortable to sit in. We drove it to and around Amelia Island, and on the last day drove it down the coast to St. Augustine (*the oldest city in the US*).

We really liked Amelia Island. The beaches are wide and sandy and covered with lots of shells. We walked the beaches every day.

On Friday we went to the Gooding & Co. Car Auction preview. They mainly had high end European cars and some classic American cars such as Packard and Duesenberg.



Friday night we checked out the stores and antique shops in the historic downtown and dined outside at a wonderful French restaurant Le Clois.

Saturday was a seminar at the Ritz Carlton. Wayne Carrini, Barry Meguiar, Ray Everham and the head of Velocity TV and a motorcycle TV guy were there. It was fun to hear about their lives and TV bloopers.

RM Auctions also had an auction at Ritz Carlton, and there were tons of vendors with car art, signs, books – you name it. Also, manufacturers such as Mercedes AMG, Ferrari, Jaguar, Alfa Romeo, and Lamborghini had cars on display. You could even make reservations to take a ride in them.

Sunday we had VIP tickets to the Concours. It was a beautiful day, and we got to enter one whole hour before the general public. We didn't know how good that was. We got to see all of the cars and take photos at our leisure for that one hour. At 9:30 am a crowd of at least six or seven thousand people came through the gates. You could not get close enough to photograph a car at that point.

Later we went back to the Ritz Carlton for a brunch which was included with our VIP tickets. This was also a great benefit because the food stands had long lines and you could not find a place to sit down anywhere on the golf course.

Following that nice meal we wandered back to the Concours and looked at a few more cars. While we were at brunch, Lina had noticed that John Groendyke had a 1932 Packard Speedster at the Concours. We went back to see that car and left a note for John. Also, we visited with Dave Morgan, who is in my Rotary Club. He was sitting with the 1967 Corvette (photo below) that he raced at Sebring and Daytona for the John Zink team.



We were really impressed with the Amelia Island Concours. It was reasonably priced and friendly people. There were not as many car events as there are at Pebble Beach, and it certainly is not as strikingly beautiful as the Lodge at Pebble Beach. It is right on the Pacific coast. But we really really enjoyed it and would definitely recommend the trip to any car enthusiast.

by Richard Holmes

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