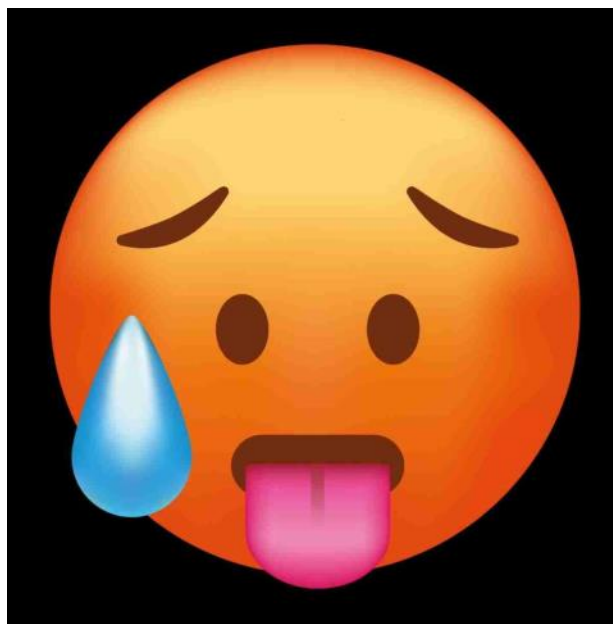


# The Generator



## Mid-America AACA Region

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*"The air is thick as melted cheese,  
A summer storm is sure to tease.  
The sun is high, the sweat is free,  
I wish the wind would come to me."*

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### Trivia

What is the car and what is the engine?



## President's Message

It is well known that I enjoy driving and showing the Plymouth. I have been able to take it to the height of Grand National with AACA, trailering all over the Midwest.

Then there was the surprise of receiving the President's Choice at Longview Community College when I didn't even enter and the joy of wearing period clothing at the Atkins-Johnson Farm this year.

But now this heat is too much for me. I just walk by the Plymouth in the garage, pat her on the hood, and say "maybe next week." Hope you are tougher than I am and take your car out.

Stay cool, see you at the next Mid-America occasion.

Bonnie

*"People who light up your life usually know where the switch is."*

- Unknown author

# August Activities

## Mid-America AACA Official August Event

Saturday, August 9, open door from 10am -11am and end at 12 noon.

**RICH & JODIE FIELDER'S 1831 HOME TOUR**

27704 E. Pink Hill Rd.

Independence, Mo. 64057

Initially built before the Civil War, they have preserved the log cabin and un-modernized the addition to blend. The home was featured in Country Sampler magazine with thirteen pages of pictures.

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**Mojitos Mexican Restaurant**

**2003 NW 7 Hwy, Blue Springs**

*Please see full activities schedule on pages 15 & 16 of this Generator.*

## 2025 Mid-America AACA Member Meeting Dates

*Club meetings are held at Your Classic Ride, 2711 Warwick Trfwy, KCMO at 2:00 pm, on the 3rd Sunday of each month, unless otherwise noted.*



### 2025

August 17	Club meeting—details to follow
September 20	Saturday Picnic Dan McGrath & Tammy Suddeth home is our Mid-America Official Event 11:00am -2:00pm, with short meeting
October 12	Club meeting—working out meeting details
November 15	Club meeting & Annual Chili Luncheon
December 13	No meeting— Saturday AACA Christmas Party at Stonehaus Winery



# 2025 Packard National Show

On June 5th the Packard National Show judging was held at Lake Quivira. Tom Norman and Jack Boyle sent in photos of some of the beautiful cars on display.



*1952 Packard*



*1922 Packard Sport Phaeton*



*1948 Packard Custom*



*Bob & Connie Wollenman of St. Joseph, MO*







Thank you Tom Norman for reporting and sharing some of the beautiful Packard's. Shout out to Jack Boyle for also sharing photos.



# National Museum of Toys and Miniatures Tour

On Saturday, July 12th, eight members of the Mid-America Chapter of AACA gathered for lunch at Pizza 51, adjacent to the campus of UMKC. It was a beautiful summer day, and we were all able to enjoy lunch together on the patio of the restaurant.



*Left side: Dan McGrath, Tammy Suddeth, Toni & Fred Hall  
Right side: Jim Gustafson, Bennye & Merle Houck, Jack Boyle*

Immediately following lunch, we toured The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures on the Campus of UMKC, which is home to the world's largest collection of fine scale miniatures, and one of the largest collections of historic toys currently on public display. "The toy collection documents society's cultural beliefs, technological advancements, and the hopes and dreams of generations of children from the 18th century to the present."



“Exhibits such as the award-winning toys from the attic, stories of American childhood examine the role that toys played in providing comfort, and teaching skills. Stories collected and told through children’s point of view encourage visitors to think about the meaning of their own toys and fuel conversations about childhood and the importance of memories.”



**Whiz Sky Fighter, c. 1930**

Girard Manufacturing Company, United States

Dimensions: H 3 15/16" x L 9 1/8" x W 9 3/16"



**Architect’s Classroom Circa 1900,  
1993**

William R. Robertson, American

Dimensions: H 19" x W 24" x D 33"



Thank you to everyone that participated and made this an event for the club to enjoy.

*Story & Photos: Jim Gustafson*



# Mid-America July Club Meeting

On July 20th, 27 members attended our club meeting.



We heard that Neil & Debbie Steiner's 1939 Dodge Truck won a People's Choice Award and some cash and gift cards at a Blue Springs car show. A very special congratulations to them.

Norm Kressmann conducted the meeting event. What is the car you wished you owned or had never sold? The stories were so interesting. This was so fun. The following club members shared:

Jack Boyle	1933 Chrysler Royal Custom Aluminum (right-hand drive)
Gary Crispin	1967 Chevrolet Malibu
Sharon Cygan	1968 Ford Mustang
Jerry Cygan	1967 Pontiac GTO
Merle Houck	1953 Studebaker Hardtop
Bonnie Johnson	1947 Ford 2-door and a 1956 Austin Healey
Gary Peters	1957 Thunderbird
Tom Zeeff	1954 Oldsmobile F88 proto car
Norm Kressmann	1957 Cadillac Eldorado Brougham
Jon Kernodle	2025 Lamborghini Renulto
Martie Kernodle	1964 1/2 Mustang Convertible and a 1978 Corvette 25th Anniversary Special



*Debbie Steiner*

As the meeting concluded, tables were moved around for us to enjoy lunch. Mike Frederico had prepared fried ribs for the club to enjoy. We heard that Debbie and Neil Steiner had assisted with the preparation. The ribs were absolutely delicious. He also brought his BBQ sauce which he has sold to various restaurants. Club members brought sides and desserts to enjoy with the ribs. Everything was yummy!



*Mike Frederico and his furry kid, Charlie*





*Front to back:  
Bennye & Merle Houck, Gary  
Crispin,  
Steve & Alice Ferrante  
Meredith Williamson*



*So sorry Mary Zeeff, not my best photo,  
followed by Tom Zeeff, toward back  
Alice & Stephen Ferrante, Meredith William-  
son, Sharon Cygan and Jack Boyle seated*



*Standing: Paul Williamson  
Seated front to back: Tom & Ramona Robson, Gary & Sandy Peters*

It was a wonderful time, wonderful people and great conversations. Mike, again we all ***"Thank You."***

*Story & Photos: Martie Kernodle*

# KC 1950—2025 Celebrating 75 years

## ***Bonnie Johnson Reporting***

*I kept hearing on the news or seeing signs across town announcing 75 Years of Service, 75th Anniversary, or around since 1950. Curious I began researching and following is what I discovered:*

### **Athletics Baseball**

Founded in Philadelphia, the team came to Kansas City in early 50s and became the KCAs. The original mascot was an elephant but when Charles Finley bought the team he changed the mascot to a mule. Charlie O (mule) was purchased from a Missouri farmer and was seen at cocktail parties, hotel lobbies and even at a press room interview.



### **Boulevard Drive-in Theater**

Opened in 1950 on an open field in Kansas City, Ks. with a wooden screen and outdoor speakers on poles. It is the only drive-in theater still in operation in the area.



### **Central Bank of Kansas City**

Chartered in 1950 as a state banking corporation. Located at 3030 Truman Road (Agnes), it was easy to find by the rotating sign featuring a clock on one side and the slogan "Time to Save" on the other. Presently there are 47 branches.





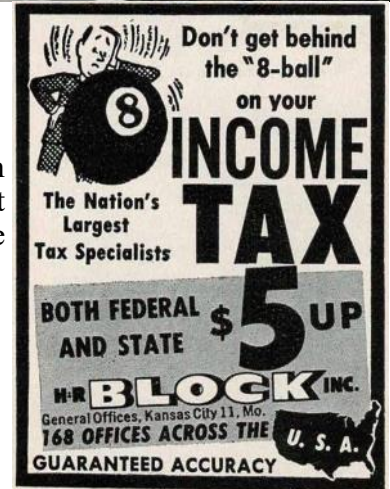
### Cool Crest Golf

The miniature golf course is located on 40 Highway in Independence, Mo. It opened with two courses among sprawling manicured gardens in the countryside of Jackson County. They later added **two more courses and a game center.**



### H & R Block

Founded by brothers Henry and Richard Bloch. Henry and brother Leon began a bookkeeping business on Main in downtown Kansas City. Leon left to seek a law degree and brother Richard stepped in. They began tax service in 1955 and chose to spell the name with a "K" instead of the "H".



### Merriam, Kansas

Merriam incorporated October 23, 1950. It was named in honor of Charles Merriam, Secretary/Treasurer of Kansas, Fort Scott and Gulf Railroad.



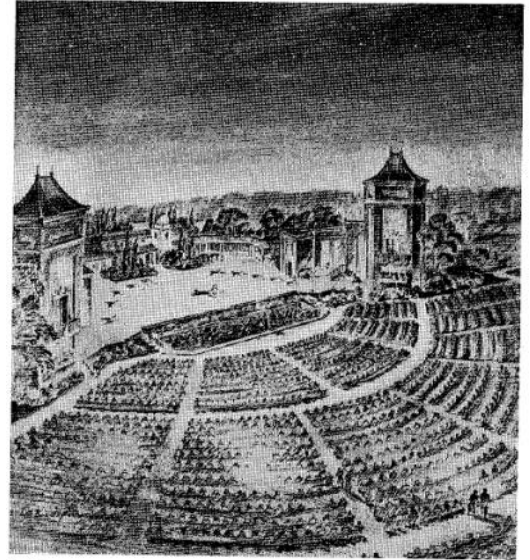
### Raytown, Missouri

Raytown was incorporated as a city on July 17, 1950, to escape the annexation to Kansas City and to have a small self-governed town. Named for the blacksmith shop on the Santa Fe Trail owned by William Ray.



### **Starlight Theater**

Starlight Theater was constructed in 1949 and opened in the summer of 1950 in the heart of Swope Park. The opening production was "Thrills of a Century" which celebrated the centennial of Kansas City. Designed by renowned architect Edward Delk.



### **TWA - Trans World Airlines**

In the 1950s, (not sure of the exact date) TWA headquarters were located at 1735 Baltimore, now Barkley Inc., a full-service advertising agency. TWA moved to New York City in 1964.



### **WDAF TV Channel 4**

Channel 4 was the only station in Kansas City for 3 1/2 years. It was owned by The Kansas City Star. The first program director was Bill Bates, the anchor man was Randall Jessee. He was also the newsman, weatherman, sports announcer and host. Beginning in late 1949 the only thing you could see was the test pattern until 1950.



### **Automobile Production**

During this time there were three auto assembly plants in the area located at:

General Motors Leeds, 6817 East 37th (now Stadium Dr.) Kansas City, MO. 64129

General Motors Fairfax, 3201 Fairfax Trafficway, Kansas City, KS. 66115

Ford Motors Winchester, 318 East 11th St. Kansas City, MO. 64127

*Thank you Bonnie. Very interesting.*

1950 Research: Bonnie Johnson  
Photo Research: Martie Kernodle



# This and That



## August Birthdays

Fred Hall	8/3
Sharon Cygan	8/14
Lois Barton	8/18
Vicky Hemley	8/25



Jack & Lois Barton	8/13
Dennis & Cindy Roberts	8/14
Frank & Kitty Block	8/26

## Steve Hartwich reporting:

Congratulations to Mid-America AACA member Tom Imig. His car shown as it was displayed at the Heartland Regional Buick meet on page 15 of the August BCA Bugle national Buick club magazine. The meet took place June 4-7 at the Hilton Garden Inn hotel.



1942 Special Sedanet, model 48-S, owned by Tom Imig of Mission Hills, Kansas.



Rear view of the 1942 model 48-S.



This 1942 Special has the rare, plastic, door and window crank handles—a late 1942 change, due to the W.W.II restrictions on chrome-plated parts.



Compound carburetors were optional on the Specials in 1941 and 1942, but this '42 had them. It also has the 1942-only silencer and hose mounted ahead of the air cleaner assembly.

Tom's Award



# This and That

## A Few Clever Riddles

*Thank you Bonnie.*

1. What starts with the letter “t” is filled with “t” and ends in “t”?
2. What is so delicate that saying its name breaks it?
3. A man was driving his truck. His lights were not on. The moon was not out. Up ahead, a woman was crossing the street. How did he see her?
4. A man leaves home and turns left three times, only to return home facing two men wearing masks. Who are those men?
5. How many months have 28 days?

## Trivia Challenge Answered



Studebaker Golden Hawk with a 275 hp Packard V8 engine.

*Spotted by Jack Boyle: Mike Williamson's 1954 Bentley*



1. Teapot
2. Silence
3. Daytime
4. Catcher and Umpire
5. 12



# Upcoming Events

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**2003 NW 7 Hwy, Blue Springs for 12 noon.**

*You do not want to miss this!!*

Saturday, September 20, 11am-2pm

**CLUB PICNIC AT DAN McGRATH &**

**TAMMY SUDDETH'S HOME**

11404 E 243rd St.

Peculiar, MO 64078

- The Club is providing hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments and water.
- Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share and your own drink, if you want something other than water
- As the club is providing food, this is a member only event.

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## Other Events

**August at the Kansas City Auto Museum is TRUCKS in the Drive-In. Admission \$8 Seniors**

Sunday, August 10th 10am—3pm

**LONE JACK HIGH SCHOOL—Back Lot**

313 S. Bynum Road

Lone Jack, MO 64070

**Rain or Shine**

**Food: Music: Door Prizes all day: 50/50 Pot: Craft Booths**

**\$20 registration & breakfast begins at 8:30am**

**Special Welcome gift for first 25 entrants—Dash**

**Plaques more Awards**

**Awards:**

**Top 25 Favorite—Athletes Choice Award—Gary**

**Mike Taylor Memorial Award**

Saturday, September 13, 10am-4:30pm

**MERRIAM MARKETPLACE 2025 TURKEY**

**CREEK CAR SHOW**

5740 Merriam Dr., Merriam, KS

Sunday September 14th: 10am-4pm

**18th ANNUAL SHAWNEE TOWN 2025**

**WHEELS AND DREAMS CAR SHOW**

Old Shawnee Town 1929 -

11501 W. 57th St. Shawnee KS. 66203

**NOTE: FOR SHOW FLYERS, GO TO  
Kansascityauto museum.com and click on  
ACCKC**

# Upcoming Events

## Mid-America AACA Official Event

**Saturday October 4th, 10am-2pm**  
**3rd ANNUAL PRE-WAR CAR SHOW 2025**  
**Historic Turner Barn**  
**19805 S. Moonlight Rd. Gardner, KS**

**Pre WWII 1942 or older (No Hotrods)**  
**[www.theturnerbarn.com](http://www.theturnerbarn.com)**

***Details to follow.*** Please note this is an amazing show—you can enter your pre-war car or many of us are going as spectators. There will be food to purchase.

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**Date and Time to be determined**  
**THE MUSEUM OF KANSAS CITY**  
**3218 Gladstone Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64123**  
**816-7702-7700**  
**[www.museumofkansascity.org](http://www.museumofkansascity.org)**  
***Details to follow***

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**Saturday, December 13 Time TBD**  
**MID-AMERICA AACA CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
**Stonehaus Winery**  
**24607 NE Colbern Rd.**  
**Lee's Summit, MO 64086**  
***Details to follow***

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## Other Events

**October at the Kansas City Auto Museum is RV's and Campers in the Drive-In.**  
**Admission \$8 Seniors**

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**Sunday, October 5th, 9am-2pm**  
**52nd LAWRENCE REGION AACA CAR SHOW**  
**Dale Willey Auto**  
**2840 Iowa St., Lawrence, KS**  
***Details to follow***

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**November at the Kansas City Auto Museum is MOTORCYCLES in the Drive-In**  
**Admission \$8 Seniors.**

**NOTE: FOR SHOW FLYERS, GO TO [Kansascityauto museum.com](http://Kansascityauto museum.com) and click on ACCKC**



# 2025 AACA National Meets & Tours

**July 2—July 5**  
**2025 Central Spring Nationals**  
**Auburn, IN**

**July 13**  
**Chemung Valley Region's Anniversary Car**  
**Show/Summerfest**  
**Arkport, New York**

**July 24—July 26**  
**Grand Nationals/Zenith**  
**Dayton, Ohio**

**August 12– August 15**  
**AACA Eastern Divisional Tour**  
**Northern Maine**

**September 7– September 12**  
**2025 AAA Glidden**  
**tour (Pre-1943)**  
**Owensboro, KY**

**September 14**  
**Chesapeake Region's annual Autumn Har-**  
**vest Collector Car Show**  
**3825 York St.**  
**Manchester, MD 21102**

**October 7—October 10**  
**2025 Eastern Fall Meet**  
**Hershey, PA**

**October 18—October 22**  
**AACA Central Divisional Tour**  
**San Antonio, TX to Gonzales, TX**

**October 22—October 25**  
**2025 Central Fall Nationals**  
**Galveston, TX**



## Chef's Corner



At meetings and special events, when we have brought food to share, the one thing we know is that we have some fabulous cooks. So this new page has been added based on member requests,

**PLEASE** send recipes to your editor to share. [editormidamerica@gmail.com](mailto:editormidamerica@gmail.com)

### Martie Kernodle's Orange/Pineapple Cake

#### Ingredients

##### Cake

- Yellow Cake Mix
- 3 eggs
- ½ can of orange soda
- 1 can of Mandarin oranges undrained

##### Frosting

- 1 16 oz Cool Whip thawed just so you can stir
- 1 small pkg Vanilla Instant Pudding
- 1 20 oz. can crushed pineapple

#### Step 1

Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees  
Put cake ingredients in a large bowl and mix with an electric mixer for 2-3 minutes.

#### Step 2

Grease and lightly flour a 9x13 pan or 2 rounds.  
Add cake batter and bake 25 minutes for 9 x13 pan or about 20 minutes for rounds. Test with toothpick to ensure baked through.  
*Let cake cool entirely.*

#### Step 3

For frosting mix together thawed cool whip with pudding and crushed pineapple with spoon or spatula.

#### Step 4

Frost cooled cake, cover and refrigerate for at least two hours. You can make the cake and refrigerate a day ahead.

### Bonnie Johnson's Party Potatoes

#### Ingredients

- 2 lb. frozen hash browns
- 1/2 cup melted oleo (I use butter)
- 1 carton sour cream
- 2 cups shredded cheese
- 1/2 cup onions diced
- 1 can cream mushroom soup
- Cornflakes or bread crumbs
- salt and pepper

#### Step 1

Combine all ingredients, sprinkle top with corn flakes or breadcrumbs

#### Step 2

Bake 30-45 minutes at 350.



## Members Recommend Car Repair Shops

Many of you have mechanics, upholsterers, suppliers, restorers, detailers, etc. whom you trust and would recommend as a source for members. At a member meeting, several of you said that it would be most helpful if these trusted sources were listed in *The Generator*. So, here is a start:

### **Martie & Jon Kernodle recommend:**

**Santa Fe Garage**  
407 West Lexington  
Independence, MO 64050  
816-977-1020  
greg@santafegarage.com  
Billie and Greg, owners

Did work on our 1960 Metropolitan. Works on classics and others. Great couple. Reasonable, outstanding work.

Billie handles phone and office, while Greg, her husband, does the work with garage staff.

**Absolute Upholstery**  
3011 M 291 Frontage Rd  
Independence, MO 64057  
816-694-9936  
Ricky Jones, owner

Great upholstery job on headliner of 60 Metro. He does a lot of classic cars, boats, but not furniture.

### **Bonnie Johnson recommends:**

**Tommy's Custom Interiors**  
1308 South Cedar Ave.  
Independence, MO 64052  
816-226-0654  
Tommy, owner

Tommy worked on Danny Johnson's Jeep and his 1968 Mustang

**Lloyd the King of HVAC & Plumbing**  
*A great source for classic car air conditioning repair.*  
1823 W. 39th Street  
Kansas City, MO 64111  
913-488-9434

**David Gonzales at Your Classic Ride** (does not paint)

**Please email me your recommendations—[editormidamerica@gmail.com](mailto:editormidamerica@gmail.com)**

*Note: Newly added recommendations are in **Blue**.*



# Mid-America Member Meeting Minutes—July

Mid-America AACA Meeting

July 20, 2025

Members Attending: 27

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sharon asked for a motion to approve the June meeting minutes approved.

Paul gave the Treasurer's report, and it was approved.

Jim talked about club events:

8 members attended the Toy and Miniature Museum for our July event and had a good time.

Our August event will be August 9<sup>th</sup>, a tour of Fielder's home. Details to follow.

September 20<sup>th</sup> will be our annual picnic at Dan McGrath and Tammy Suddeth's home.

October 4<sup>th</sup> Pre WWII show at 19805 S. Moonlight Rd. Gardner, Ks.

Other events:

The Great Car Show will be on July 27<sup>th</sup>

September 14<sup>th</sup> will be the car show at Old Shawnee Town

Lawrence AACA car show October 5<sup>th</sup>

This is military month at the Museum. Veterans get in free and there is a display of military vehicles.

Gary has not heard from the people about the Gladstone Parade in October.

Martie had Trivia questions from the Generator for the group to answer.

Steve said he has been updating our website. He was congratulated for continually adding new things.

Bonnie asked us to keep Roscoe in mind and send him a note.

She thanked Mike Frederico for the ribs he brought today.

We all thank Tom Ricker for his help with the tables today so we can have our meal and for all of his support for our club.

Thanks, to Meredith Williamson for being the "keeper of supplies" and always having everything available that we need.

Neil and Debbie Steiner said they attended a car show in Blue Springs and won the People's Choice award for their 1939 Dodge truck. They also won some cash and gift cards.

Jack Boyle reported that the Wellhouse Stonehaven Farm in Tonganoxie is on the National list of Historic Places.

Birthdays: Michael Williams, Neil Steiner, Margaret Kressmann, Stephen Ferrante, Tammy Suddeth, Michael Hemley, Mark Edmondson, Jim Gustafson, Jody Fielder, Ed Vaughn and Tom Zeeff.

Anniversaries: Rick and Jody Fielder, Mark and Cathy Edmondson, and Tom and Mary Zeeff.

Meeting Adjourned.

Norm Kressmann led our program and members told what car they would like if they could have any car and why.

Mike Frederico's ribs were ENJOYED by everyone!!!! Thanks Mike.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Cygan



# Mid-America Member Recruiting Process

## MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING

### Mid-America AACA

#### New Member Packet

AACA Brochure

AACA National Application

Mid-America AACA Application

(Meredith Williamson, Membership Chair, has the packets)

#### New Member Process

Please put your name as sponsor along with your AACA membership number on the National Application. If you sponsor a new member, National will send you a sponsorship pin. *At the bottom of the Mid-America AACA Application, please put your name, email address, and phone number in case your sponsored new member has any questions.*

Your applicant must first join National, \$45.00 and secure their Membership Number before sending in the Mid-America AACA Application and \$25.00 to Treasurer, Paul Williamson. This can be accomplished two ways:

1. They can call National Headquarters at 717-534-1910, ask for the Membership Department, pay the annual dues of \$45 with a credit card. Membership will start the process and will email their AACA number to them prior to sending out their AACA membership card in the mail.
2. They can mail in their National Membership Application to headquarters and wait for their membership card to be sent to them.

Once the member has their National AACA number, fill out the Mid-America AACA application and send with a check or money order payable to Mid-America AACA to:

Paul Williamson, Treasurer  
Mid-America AACA  
4525 N. Baltimore Drive  
Kansas City, MO 64116

#### Full-year/Half-year memberships

On July 1 of each year, you may offer Half-Year Memberships

AACA National annual dues are \$45.00

AACA National half year dues are \$25.00 from July 1 through December 31.

Mid-America AACA annual dues are \$25.00 January 1 through June 30.

Mid-America AACA half year dues are \$12.50 July 1 through September 30.

Mid-America AACA dues October 1 and later are \$25.00 and will include the following year.

There is no proration made throughout the year. Half-year memberships are for first time members only.

March 2023

# Mid-America AACA By-Laws

## BYLAWS MID-AMERICA REGION OF THE ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA

### MID-AMERICA AACA MISSION STATEMENT

Members will commit to:

- follow the guidelines of National AACA;
- share our hobby and love of classic cars with fellow club members;
- promote our club to others who share our interest in classic cars;
- promote and organize outings to car shows and other functions;
- build the interest of youth in our hobby;
- support charitable organizations;
- have fun!!

### Article I-Name and Purpose

Section 1. This region shall be known as the Mid-America Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America

Section 2. The purpose of this Region shall be to support the activities of the Antique Automobile Club of America and to provide mutual enjoyment for members.

### Article II-Executive Board

Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Board Member at Large.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall have the power to proceed in any manner as may, in their judgment, serve the interests of the Region. The decision of the majority of the Executive Board on any question shall be binding until the next regular or special meetings of the Region, when such decisions may be approved, nullified or amended, as provided for hereinafter.

### Article III-Officers, News Correspondent, Webmaster and Membership Chairman

Section 1. The elected officers of this Region shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Board Member at Large. The President and Treasurer will be elected in even years for a two-year term. The Vice President and Secretary will be elected in odd years for a two-year term. The Member at Large will be elected for one year. The News Correspondent, Webmaster and the membership Chairman shall be appointed by the Board for a term of one year. These terms will remain until their successors are duly elected and inducted. Additional officers may be created by the Executive Board as the need arises or in the event of the resignation of one or more officers. These may be filled by election or volunteer which would need approval of the members or operate without said office until the next election.

Section 2. The manner for the election of officers may be prescribed by the Executive Board of the Region. To run for an office, a member must be in good standing, have attended at least 3 or more meetings or events and have been on the club roster for one calendar year. All members of the Region in good standing and who have attended at least 3 meetings or events within the calendar year shall be given proper notice and opportunity to vote. Voting for officers will be taken by a paper or electronic ballot and compiled by a committee.

Section 3. Officers will be nominated in October, the vote will be in November and they will be inducted in December.

### Article IV-Duties of Officers and News Correspondent , Webmaster and Membership Chairman

Section 1. President – The Region President shall preside at all meetings of the Region members and of the Executive Board. In his/her absence, the Vice President shall preside at any such meeting.

Section 2. Vice President – In the absence of the Region President, the Vice President shall assume said duties. The Vice President shall also be the Chairman of Events which requires forwarding information to the Secretary and News Correspondent.

Section 3. Secretary – The Secretary shall handle all correspondence of the Region and shall keep minutes of meetings of the Region members and of the Executive Board. The Secretary shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Executive Board and those that pertain to the office.

## Mid-America AACA By-Laws (cont.)

Section 4. Treasurer – The Treasurer shall manage the financial affairs of the Region and shall be custodian of the Region funds. The Treasurer shall render a financial report at regular meetings of members and whenever the President or Executive Board shall request a report. The Treasurer shall collect all dues payable by Region members and require the showing of a valid National membership number. Form 8822-B (IRS) shall be maintained by the Treasurer and signatures to be updated on newly elected officers (if changed) at each election.

Section 5. Board Member at Large – The Board Member at Large shall attend Board Meetings and have voting rights as given officers.

Section 6. News Correspondent – The News Correspondent of the Region shall report monthly doings of the Region to members and directly to National AACA website, as directed by AACA. News Correspondent shall attend Board meetings and in the absence of any officer have voting rights.

Section 7. Membership Chairman – The Membership Chairman of the Region shall be responsible for helping the club obtain new members and follow up with current members. They may be requested to attend Board meetings as necessary. They shall assemble new member application forms for National and Regional and any brochures or printed marketing aids offered by National. Said materials to be distributed to all members.

Section 8. Webmaster of the Region shall update and maintain our Club's web site [www.midamerica.aaca.com](http://www.midamerica.aaca.com)

### Article V Club Finances

Section 1. All club finances shall be handled by the Treasurer. There shall be three signers on the Mid-America checking account, the current Treasurer, current President and current Vice President. Any individual check needs to be signed by only one of the three.

Section 2. Upon the election of a new Treasurer, an audit of the Mid-America Region shall be completed prior to the new Treasurer taking office. The Executive Board shall appoint a committee of at least three club members to act as auditors for that purpose.

Section 3. Any request for reimbursement must be accompanied by a receipt(s) before a check will be issued. Expenditures exceeding \$50 are required to be pre-approved by the Executive Board. Expenditures exceeding \$250 must also be pre-approved by the general membership. Anyone making unauthorized purchases shall be held personally accountable.

Section 4. Donations/contributions by the club are not to exceed 10% of the treasury per year.

### Article VI Members

Section 1. Members in good standing of the Antique Automobile Club of America may become members of this Region.

Section 2. Upon receipt of a properly executed application and a valid National membership number, new members shall be accepted or rejected by the Executive Board and ¼ of members present.

Section 3. Dues – The amount of dues payable to the Region Treasurer shall be fixed by the Executive Board from time to time at its discretion. All payment of dues shall be made to the Region Treasurer.

Section 4. Termination of membership – The membership of any Region member may be terminated by a majority vote of the Executive Board of the Region for conduct unbecoming a member of the American Antique Automobile Club or other cause upon giving the member in question full opportunity to hear and to reply to the charges or reasons for such actions.

Section 5. Resignation of membership. Any Region member may resign by tendering his/her resignation in writing to the Executive Board, but such resignation shall not relieve the member from payment of any dues in arrears.

Section 6. Dues are payable on January 1, each year. Any member that does not pay their dues by January 15<sup>th</sup>, will no longer be considered a member of the Region.

### Article VII Meeting of the Members

Section 1. Region members shall hold at least six meetings annually, one meeting designated for the election of officers and the transaction of the business of the Region. Special meetings may be called by the President or upon signed request of three members of the Executive Board or any six members of the Region. At least two weeks' written notice shall be given to all Region members of all meetings so called.

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## Mid-America AACA By-Laws (cont.)

Section 2. For purposes of conducting business at regular or special meetings of the Region,  $\frac{1}{4}$  shall constitute a quorum of those present. A vote of a majority of such quorum shall be sufficient to approve, nullify or amend Executive Board decisions, to elect officers, and to deal with such other items of business as may come before such meeting.

### Article VII Region Requirements by AACA

Section 1. The members of any Region shall not as a group, use the name of the Antique Automobile Club of America in connection with a commercial or charitable project.

Section 2. A region shall not hold any activity in conflict with a National event of the Antique Automobile Club of America.

Section 3. Announcement of Regional activities (National to define "activity" and parameters) must be sent to the AACA Vice President – National Activities.

Section 4. The names and addresses of all Regional officers and members must be sent to AACA National Secretary-Treasurer each year before January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Section 5. The Antique Automobile Company of America is a nonprofit organization; the members thereof shall not be entitled to any individual or collective interest, participation, share, right and/or property right in and to the assets of the Club or Region; but said assets shall be the individual property of the Club or Region, therefore; no dividend, pecuniary profits, stock dividends or payments of like manner shall ever be declared or paid to the members of the Club or Region thereof.

### Article IX Amendments or Additions to Bylaws

Section 1. No amendments shall be made that nullify or alter any part of the National Constitution or Bylaws.

Section 2. Other amendments may be made from time to time by a majority vote of the Region members in good standing upon at least two weeks written notice to all Region members stating the proposed changes.

### Article X Liability

Section 1. Neither the members of the Mid-American AACA Region, nor the Officers, nor the AACA officers present or future shall be liable for any claims, damages, or debt against the Mid-America AACA Region or its members.

## Mid-America AACA Mission Statement

### Mid-America AACA mission is to:

- share our hobby and love of classic cars with fellow club members
- promote our club to others who share our interest in classic cars
- promote and organize outings to car shows and other functions
- build the interest of youth in our hobby
- support charitable organizations
- follow the guidelines of National AACA
- have fun together!

Advertising space is free to Mid-America AACA members.

Non-members, ad rate pricing is on our web site

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