

The Generator



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HAPPY 4TH OF JULY



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Trivia

Before 1959, this car was known as the "Special." What is it?



President's Message

As you know, the last 18 months have been difficult, but I have had the support of my family and church.

Last week I heard a statement saying, "Today's friends become tomorrow's family." At the meeting on June 22, I modified that by saying "Yesterday's car friends, have become today's cars family." To celebrate my birthday with my Mid-America family was a privilege.

The events I attended with my Plymouth this season have been a lot of fun, and I look forward to those remaining.

See you soon, stay cool,

Bonnie

July Activities

Mid-America AACA Official July Event

Club Tour of National Toy & Miniature Museum

Saturday July 12th 2025: 1:00 PM, Admission \$8 for \$65+.

Optional lunch with the club before at 11:30 AM at **Pizza 51, 5060 Oak St, KCMO 64112.**

Additional Information Contact:

Jim Gustafson

816-621-1062

email: Ja_Gustafson@yahoo.com

NOTE FROM STEVE HARTWICH

Clinton MO – July 5th ONLY! Downtown DeSoto car museum and the old DX gas station will be open for one day only. **Free admission.** If you haven't ventured down to Clinton, it's only a one-and-a-quarter hour drive SE of KC on Highways 71 and 7. Don't miss it! 226 S Washington St, Clinton, MO 64735. DX Station, 219 E Green St, Clinton MO 64735.

NOTE: August Official Event is in the works—details to follow

2025 Mid-America AACA Member Meeting Dates

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



2025

July 20	Club meeting SEE next page 4 for exciting plans—Food & Fun Activity
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

JULY 20 Club Meeting

FOOD FOR THE MEETING:

Mike Frederico is bringing ribs for us to enjoy. Mike is a great chef and has even developed and sold his own BBQ sauce.

Please call, or email Mike if you plan to attend the July 20 meeting for his yummy ribs
phone: 816-419-7943
email: mfrederico68@att.net

NOTE: If you signed up for Mike's ribs at THE June 22 meeting you don't need to call or write Mike

PLEASE, instead of an appetizer or dessert, bring a side dish or salad to share. Club will provide water.

ACTIVITY:

Norm Kressmann will lead our group event. Following is a note from Norm:

Old car folks can love old cars for lots of reasons. They may love to collect them, drive them, work on them and care for them. And they love to talk about them. Cars they've seen, cars they've read about, cars they've owned and cars they wished they owned.

For our July 20 meeting activity, we're asking members to tell us about The Car that's at the top of their wish list.

Of all the cars you don't own, tell us **which one would you most like to own?** And tell us why?

Give as much detail as you would like. Bring any artifacts you would like about The Car. The artifacts can be pictures, stories, ads, parts, brochures, or...

If you are like many of us, you have a long list of cars you'd love to own. Don't be concerned if you can't tell which one is at the top of the list. Just narrow it down to one car that you would really like to have. Then tell us about that one.

We're looking forward to hearing some great information about some wonderful cars!

Norm

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Big Shoal Vintage Auto Show

June 14th was the second annual Big Shoal Vintage Auto Show at the Atkins Johnson Farm & Camp; Museum in Gladstone. The house, which began as a log cabin, dates back to the 1800's and has been preserved as a museum with many interesting exhibits. The site also includes a garden and cemetery.

Thirteen Mid-America AACA members drew up their chairs in the cool shade to discuss numerous topics. One of which was whether to collect money to bail Meredith Williamson out of jail for attending the No Kings protest on the Plaza. Luckily it was not necessary as she arrived at the show later in the day.



*L to R back row: Jim Gustafson, Merle Houck, Dennis Roberts, Paul Williamson, Neil Steiner, Rich Fielder .Jim Hager & friend
L to R front row: Tom Imig, Gary Crispin, Konnie Crispin, Cindy Roberts, Debbie Steiner, Bonnie Johnson,
not pictured Meredith Williamson*



Cindy Roberts, Neil & Debbie Steiner, Paul Williamson



Nurse Bonnie helping Neil Steiner

Some members accompanied their cars with period correct attire; Bonnie Johnson in her 40's nurse's uniform, Rich Fielder in his chauffeur's livery, Gary Crispin in his surfer duds and Jim Hager with his hippie vest.



Bonnie Johnson, 1940 Plymouth



Rich Fielder, 1934 Pearce Ar-



Gary Crispin, 1969 Dodge Cornett



Jim Hager, 1969 Chevy Nova SS

In addition to our members' cars there were also numerous vehicles of note, a perfect brass era 1911 Model T, two Mercury Cougars, and lots of 70's muscle cars just to name a few.



Merle Houck, 1968 Chevelle Convertible



Jim Hager & friend, 1969 MGC



Neil Steiner, 1939 Dodge Pickup



Tom Imig, 1941 Buick



Paul Williamson, 1969 Cadillac

The show wound down around 3:00 with members looking forward to an even bigger show next year.

Story: Paul Williamson Photos: Gary Crispin

June 22 Mid-America AACA Member Meeting

Twenty-five members attended our June meeting



Sharon Cygan, Club Secretary, presented Dan McGrath “The Super Hero Award” for all the work that he and Tammy Suddeth put into our 2nd annual Mid-America AACA Car Show, hosted by the Peculiar United Methodist Church.



As the business portion of our meeting concluded, Bonnie Johnson, shared the “surprise” for the meeting. It was so heart warming for Bonnie to celebrate her 85th birthday with club members. Those of us who know Bonnie find it hard to believe this ball of energy was even close to her mid-80’s. Bonnie and her beautiful 1940 Plymouth both reached this wonderful milestone. Bonnie had roast beef and ham sandwiches, a veggie and fruit tray with chips and a very delicious birthday cake, It was so fun!



Happy Birthday!

Story & Photos: Martie Kernodle

Fast Friends Car Show

Saturday June 28, Fred and Toni Hall attended the Fast Friends Car Show at Nationwide Trailer in Oak Grove. It was a good turnout with lots of cars (more than 130), great oldies music, free food, and giveaways. We took our 1963 Ford Galaxie convertible. In spite of the heat, there were plenty of shady spots for chairs, and we had a renewed appreciation for our rechargeable fans.



Fred Hall



More beautiful cars!



Story & Photos: Toni Hall

This and That



July Birthdays

Michael Williams	7/5
Neil Steiner	7/7
Margaret Kressmann	7/8
Stephen Ferrante	7/10
Tammy Suddeth	7/10
Michael Hemley	7/13
Mark Edmondson	7/17
Jim Gustafson	7/17
Jody Fielder	7/18
Ed Vaughn	7/18
Tom Zeff	7/21



Richard & Jody Fielder	7/18
Mark & Caty Edmondson	7/20
Tom & Mary Zeff	7/21

Trivia Challenge Answered

Before 1959, this car was known as the “Special.” What is it?



The Buick LeSabre was officially crowned in 1959 though Buick had been using the name LeSabre since 1951 when it introduced a car by that name as a concept car. The Buick Special, which had been in production since 1936, became the LeSabre in 1959.

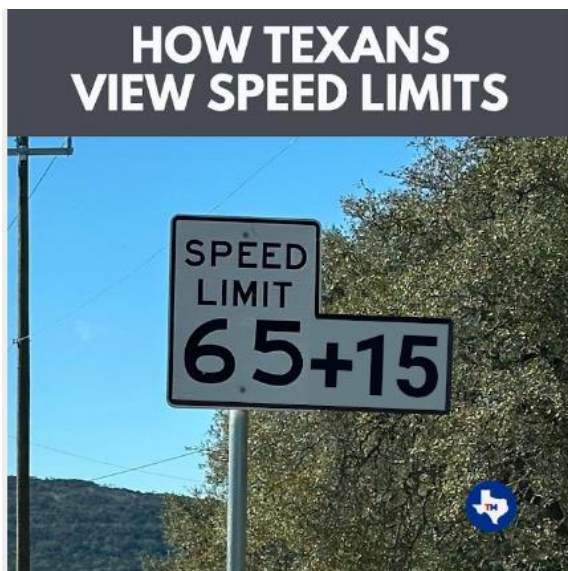
This and That

A Few Clever Riddles

Thank you, Bonnie

1. What comes down but never goes up? _____
2. What word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it? _____
3. I have it, I don't share it. If I share it, I don't have it. What is it? _____
4. What travels around the world but stays in one spot? _____
5. How can a pants pocket be empty and still have something in it? _____

Answers will be give at our July 20 club meeting. Most answers will win a prize!



We can gripe about how long it takes to pull information from our computer files, but would you want to go back to a manual card system?

Upcoming Events

Mid-America AACA Official Event

NATIONAL TOY & MINATURE MUSEUM CLUB TOUR

5235 Oak Street, located in the UMKC Campus, Kansas City, MO 64112

Saturday, July 12th 1:00 pm, \$8 for 65+

Optional lunch at 11:30am at Pizza 51, 5050 Oak Street, KCMO 64112

Additional Info contact Jim Gustafson
816-621-1062
jim_gustafson@yahoo.com

August Official Mid-America Event—watch your email—fun event! Details will follow.

CLUB PICNIC AT DAN McGRATH & TAMMY SUDDETH'S HOME

11404 E 243rd St.
Peculiar, MO 64078

Saturday, September 20, 11am-2pm

- 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.

blue text—new info or event
red text—your action is needed
black text—info is the same

Other Events

JULY AT THE KANSAS CITY AUTO MUSEUM IS MILITARY MONTH.
Veterans get in free!!

Saturday, July 19th 9:00am-3:00pm
AUTO BEAUTY CENTER CAR SHOW
3020 South Jackson Dr. Bldg B
Independence, MO 64057
\$25 registration
Top 30 and Best of Show Awards

Sunday July 27th: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
THE GREAT CAR SHOW at the National WWI Museum and Memorial - sponsored by The Kansas City Automotive Museum

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

NOTE: FOR SHOW FLYERS, GO TO 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

Your recipe could have gone here!

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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

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



Mid-America Member Meeting Minutes—June

Mid-America AACA Car Club Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2025

Attendance: 25

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sharon requested a motion to approve the May meeting minutes as emailed out. Approved.

Dan McGrath was given a Super Hero award for all the effort he and Tammy have put into the Peculiar United Methodist Church car show, which Mid-America AACA hosts.

Paul gave the Treasurer's report. It was approved.

Dan asked about money made at the car show. We received \$800 in registrations. \$43.50 from the 50/50 raffle. \$85 was donated to the church.

Jim thanked Gary for all of his hard work on the Atkins-Johnson Car show to make it a success.

Our July activity is a Tour of the Miniature Toy Museum on July 12 th. Before the tour, anyone that would like, can eat pizza at Pizza 51 at 11:30. Toy Museum Tour will begin at 1:00.

Contact Jim if you have any questions: ja_gustafson@yahoo.com 816-621-1062

June at the Kansas City Auto Museum is Model-T month in the Drive in

July at the Kansas City Auto Museum is Military month in the Drive in. Veterans admitted free.

The Great Car Show is Sunday, July 27th. 10am to 3pm. We will not be going as a club.

Gary said we had 8 or 9 cars last year at the Atkins-Johnson car show and 30 registered this year. Nine cars came from our club. The other cars came from the Northland area. Gary and Bonnie feel there is potential for new members. Everyone felt the show went very well. Steve has been updating the website. Everyone should check it out.

Norm announced at the July meeting, we will be talking about which of the cars you don't own, that would most like to get and why. Bring information to the meeting. Martie would like a card stating your wish and why to publish in the Generator. Pictures, artifacts, anything, please bring to the meeting.

Mike Frederico has volunteered to bring his famous ribs to the July meeting. If you didn't sign up at the meeting, please contact Mike if you plan to be there, so he can have enough ribs. 816-419-7943.

Please bring side dish to go with Mike's ribs instead of snacks/desserts.

Birthdays: Konnie Crispin, Deshaun Anderson, Cindy Roberts, Martie Kernodle, Bonnie Johnson.

Anniversaries: Charles and Loretta Sharp, Steve and Alice Ferrante.

The surprise is Bonnie is having a birthday party with food for all of us for her 85 years for her and the Plymouth.

Let's Party!!!!

Meeting Adjourned.

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.

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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

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 15th, 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 31st.

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

www.Midamerica.aaca.org

or

contact:

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Any errors, please forgive your editor and send corrections to:

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Thank you.



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