

The Generator



Mid-America AACA Region

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Spring is around the corner!



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Trivia

At which event/show did the 1964 Mustang make its debut?



President's Message

It seems most of my president's messages have repeated context and my thoughts follow the same stream.

Looking in the dictionary, a "member" is stated as a person in an organization and an "organization" is a coordinated group, but I feel Mid-America is so much more. Of course, the binding factor is our cars. We get to know each other, our families, our good times and our troubles.

At the meetings the board strives to keep everyone updated on the business side and to inform you of events. It is at the events where we really get acquainted, but participation has declined. I am asking all members to step up, speak out, and have some ideas to gain more involvement.

I look forward to seeing you at every opportunity, be there.

Bonnie

*Tablets were replaced by scrolls. Scrolls were replaced by books.
Now we scroll through books on tablets.*

- Author unknown

March/April Activities

Mid-America Events

March 15, Sunday
Club Meeting and St. Patrick's Day Party
Your Classic Ride

The club will provide pizza and water as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Wear your green and let's party!

April 25th, Saturday
Mid-America AACA Car Show
Peculiar United Methodist Church
20521 S. School Road
Peculiar, MO 64078

All vehicles welcomed
Registration fee \$20 at the event
Food available from the Boy Scout Troop #1245 and 7245 Food sold benefits their summer campout. The food was fantastic at our last show and very reasonably priced.

Cool handmade trophies will be given out. Trophies handed out at 1:00pm

Sign-up sheets for work volunteers will be at March 15th meeting.

2026 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.



2026

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| March 15 | Club meeting and St. Patrick's Day Party |
| April 12 | Club meeting Note: date has changed as Great Car Show is April 19th |
| May 17 | Club meeting |
| June | No meeting in June due to Father's Day and the World Cup going on 6/16-7/11 |
| July 19 | Club meeting |

Once KC Chief's schedule is out, the balance of our meetings will be published.

February Club Meeting

On February 15, 2026, 20 members attended our club meeting.



After the business meeting, Sarah and Ron Jury shared information from the National Convention they attended. National has agreed to bring in other affiliate car clubs that would like to join AACA. Pierce Arrow is the first to club to join with 700 members as an affiliate. Ron is working on a National Convention for Kansas City.

Norm Kressman was our speaker and he shared some of the books in his collection of advertisements. It was a most interesting presentation. Thank you, Norm.



Thanks to Meredith Williamson for picking up Valentine treats for us to share.

Please see full meeting minutes on pages 21-22 of this Generator.

Story & Photos: Martie Kernodle

Tour of Bonnie Johnson's Doll Collection

On February 28, 13 member of Mid-America AACA visited the Raytown Historical Society and Museum, 99705 E. 63rd Street, Raytown, Missouri. 64133. Members attending:

Gary Crispin
Fred & Toni Hall
Norm Kressmann
Paul & Meredith Williamson
David & Nancy Schall
Neil & Debbie Steiner
Jon & Martie Kernodle
Bonnie Johnson

About the museum:

The building built in February 1945 was Raytown's first Fire Station. In April 1982, the building was acquired by the Raytown Historical Society. It is truly a wonderful museum and captures the Raytown community history through it's artifacts and stories.

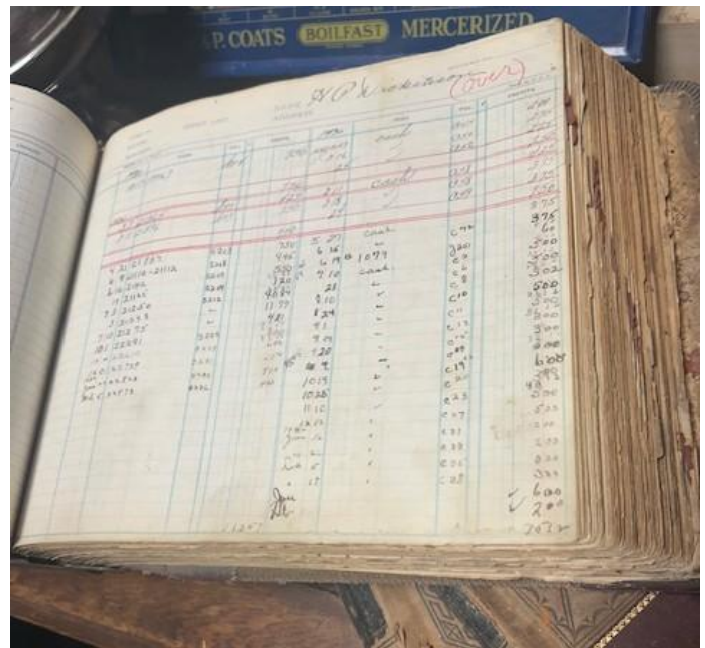
Following are a few more photos of the museum before we see Bonnie's amazing doll collection



Front to back:
Fred Hall, Jon Kernodle, Toni Hall, Gary Crispin



Fire Department collection

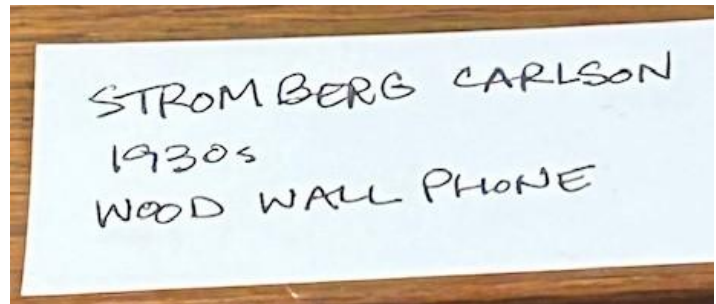


HG Grocery receipts Customers took their groceries without paying and the unpaid receipts were held in the machine on the left., above. When they came into pay, the payment was recorded in the book on the left. Thinking about pitching this idea to Hy-Vee and Price Chopper. Do you think today's grocery would go for it?



STEINWAY COFFIN
PIANO
CIRCA 1872

This Steinway was named the “coffin piano” due to its shape.



The phone manufacturer has a connection to cars.

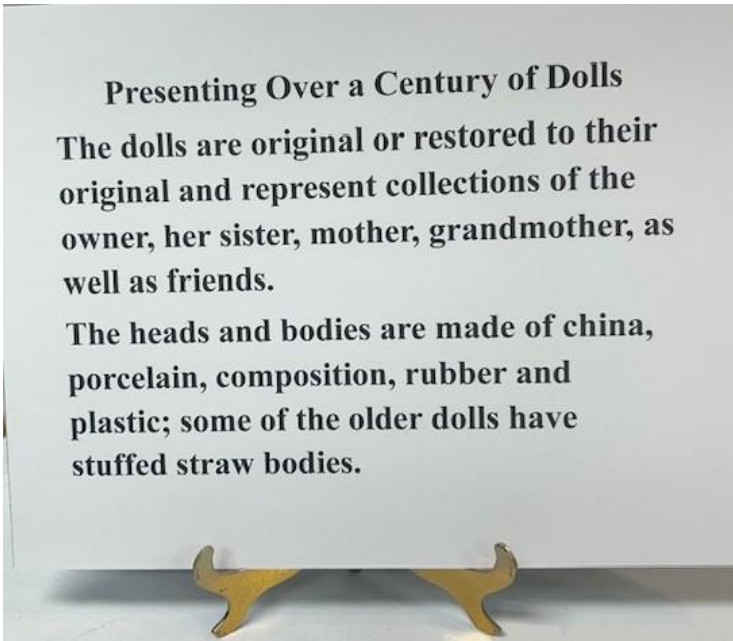
Norm Kressmann shared that Alfred Stromberg was renowned for the Stromberg 97 carburetors. The carburetors were known for their simplicity, durability and ease of maintenance. Modern versions are still produced by Stromberg Speed Parts for hot rods and vintage vehicles.

And now... The reason for our tour

Bonnie Johnson's beautiful doll collection!

Presenting Over a Century of Dolls
The dolls are original or restored to their original and represent collections of the owner, her sister, mother, grandmother, as well as friends.

The heads and bodies are made of china, porcelain, composition, rubber and plastic; some of the older dolls have stuffed straw bodies.



Bonnie Johnson and Museum President Ted Bowman



The beginning of the collection.

Bonnie received this doll on her 4th birthday. Her collection grew from friends and family gifts and from Bonnie's interest.



In 2003, Mde. Alexander, a famous doll maker, was commissioned by McDonald's to create the "Happy Meal" give aways. WOW! those were the days. Now the toys are plastic or rubber.

The Little Debbie logo was initially created as a promotional advertising mascot in the 1980s by the snack founder, O.D. McKee. It was inspired by a photo of his granddaughter, Debbie, wearing a straw hat and play clothes.

The 10 dolls are from 1985 to 2010, plus the three “minis” from 1997. Notice the Little Debbie delivery trucks.



STORYBOOK DOLLS

Nancy Ann Abbott started her business in 1941, which grew to a three storied factory in California.

At their peak, the factory turned out over 8,000 dolls per day. All dolls were based on Miss Abbott's own imagination or well-known nursery rhymes.

Storybook dolls were all the rage and the coveted delight of many young girls throughout the years.



Front left: Garu Crispin, Toni Hall, David Schall, Paul Williamson, Norm Kressmann, Bonnie Johnson



Amazing that most storybook dolls are sitting on their original box.





Above: Dolls are from the late 20's and are stuffed with straw



Middle: This doll has slits for eyebrows with real fur inserted. Her dress belonged to the original owner of the doll.



Charlie McCarthy wasn't talking as his friend Edgar Bergen couldn't make the tour.



The 100 year old rocking chair was Bonnie's daughter-in-law's grandmothers and the buggy was given to Bonnie by Jerry & Sharon Cygan and the doll in the buggy's dress belonged to Bonnie's Mother. It was her dedication to church dress.



The blonde Shirley Temple doll is from the late 30's.



The doll in the yellow dress is a Mde. Alexander doll. Certainly, many of you will remember the Cabbage Patch dolls from the 1980's and Bonnie has their original boxes.



The ironing board and the washboard are salesman samples. The iron and the trivet is from Bonnie's Mom's childhood.

The room just beyond the doll collection, houses yearbooks from Raytown schools and other memorabilia. Toni Hall's sister, Janice Bell, graduated from Raytown South High School in 1973.



Toni, with Fred looking on, searches the yearbook. Debbie & Neil Steiner on the left.

Toni, finds Janice. So fun!



We say goodbye to the fun tour of the museum and Bonnie's doll collection and head over to Dagwood's for lunch.



*Front row: Bonnie Johnson, Meredith Williamson, Jon & Martie Kernodle, Gary Crispin, Neil Steiner
Back row: Paul Williamson, Norm Kressmann, Fred & Toni Hall, Nancy & Dave Schall, Debbie Steiner*

Dagwood's is a great new place in Raytown. We all ordered something different and all of us were pleased with our choice.

If you want to tour this museum and see Bonnie's collection. The museum is open Thursday and Friday 10am-2pm and by appointment.
816-353-5033.

www.raytownhistoricalsociety.org
raytownhistorical@sbcglobal.net

It was a wonderful day!

Story & photos: Martie Kernodle



Pertronix Presentation

The British Car Club sponsored a technical information session from Pertronix on Saturday, February 28 at Your Classic Ride. Larry Taylor, President, invited Mid-America to attend.

Pertronix manufactures electronic ignition conversions for many classic vehicles both European and domestic. Andy Lee, the Technical Support Lead from Pertronix gave a very informative presentation with many of their products on display.

Pertronix manufacturing facility is 125,00 sq. ft. in Lenexa and has 110 employees. They also have a plant in Mexico. If you would like view all the amazing after market parts Petronix offers go to www.pertronixbrands.com

There were over 40 car enthusiasts in attendance with coffee and donuts served. As always, Tom Ricker was a gracious host.



Tom Ricker introducing Larry Taylor



Andy Lee



Story & Photos: Bonnie John-

This and That



March Birthdays

Tom Norman	3/11
Shirley Herbert	3/11
Frank Block	3/30



No anniversaries this month

Trivia Challenge Answered

Question: At which event/show did the Ford Mustang makes its debut in 1964?



Answer? The New York World's Fair

This and That

EATING IN THE FIFTIES

Pasta had not been invented. It was macaroni or spaghetti.

Curry was a surname.

A take-away was a mathematical problem.

Pizza? Sounds like a leaning tower somewhere.

Bananas and oranges only appeared at Christmas time.

All chips were plain.

Oil was for lubricating; fat was for cooking.

Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.

Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.

Chickens didn't have fingers in those days.

None of us had ever heard of yogurt.

Healthy food consisted of anything edible.

Cooking outside was called camping.

Seaweed was not a recognized food.
'Kebab' was not even a word, never mind a food.

Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold.

Prunes were medicinal.

Surprisingly muesli was readily available. It was called cattle feed.

Pineapples came in chunks in a tin; we had only ever seen a picture of a real one.

Water came out of the tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than gasoline for it, they would have become a laughing stock.

The three things that we never ever had on/at our table in the fifties... was elbows, hats and cell phones



My Dad never cooked. Did yours?

Upcoming Events

Mid-America AACA Official Event

April 25th, Saturday Mid-America AACA Car Show

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#1245 and 7245 Food sold benefits their
summer campout. The food was fantastic at
our last show and very reasonably priced.

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out. Trophies handled out at 1:00pm

**Note: Volunteer sign up sheets will be at March
15th meeting**

**Members are asked to bring a “nice, unopened
gift” to use in our giveaways at the show. We
had complaints last year of not enough givea-
ways.**

**Hey everyone, invite car clubs,
friends and family!**

May 2rd Lawrence Swap Meet Parking

Sign-up sheet for volunteers will be at the March
meeting

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

Other Events

March 7 5pm to 8pm Vintage Car Show

American Way Smokehouse, Merchant Square
17730 East 39th St.

Independence, MO 64055

Free event, no registration

**Weather permitting; kick-off of 2026 cruise
nights on First Saturday**

March 14, begins at 2:00 pm Brookside St. Patrick's Day Parade

Gather at the HJ's Youth & Community Center at
65th & Wornall, starting at 12:30pm

Questions contact Jennifer Gamble 816-509-7689

March 20-22 World of Wheels

Kansas City Convention Center
301 West 13th Street

KC, MO

Www.worldofwheels.com

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

2026 AACA National Meets & Tours

March 19-21
Special Nationals
Guaynabo, Puerto
Hosted by Puerto Rico Region

March 26-28
Winter Nationals
Cartersville, GA
Hosted by Lake Allatoona Region

April 9-11
Southeastern Spring Nationals
Charlotte, NC
Hosted by Hornets Nest Region

April 23-25
Annual Grand Nationals/Western Spring
Nationals
Las Vegas, NV
Hosted by Las Vegas Region

May 28-30
Eastern Spring Nationals
Hosted by Shannock Valley Region

June 11-13 Southeastern Fall Nationals
Oak Ridge, TN
Hosted by Volunteer Region

June 15-19
Sentimental Tour
Mechanicsburg, PA

July 22-26 Central Spring Nationals
Green Bay, WI

August 19-22
Annual Grand Nationals / Zenith Awards
Allentown, PA

September 9-14
Founders Tour (1932-2001)
Williamsburg, VA
Hosted by Historic VA Peninsula Region

September 20-26
Revival AAA Glidden Tour (Pre—1943)
Dover, DE

October 6-9
Eastern Fall Nationals
Hershey, PA
Hosted by Hershey Region

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



Mike Frederico's Ravioli Alfredo Casserole

Ingredients:

1 6oz pkg baby spinach
1 15 oz jar Alfredo Sauce
1/3 cup pesto
1/3 cup Romano cheese
1/4 cup vegetable broth
1 25 oz pkg frozen Cheese Ravioli
Repeat Layers (DO NOT THAW)
Bag of shredded Italian cheese divided

Step 1

Rough chop spinach and toss with pesto, set aside/.

Step 2

In a small bowl combine Alfredo sauce, vegetable broth, Romano cheese, 1/3 cup shredded Italian cheese

Step 3

- Spoon 1/3 cup of Alfredo sauce mixture into a 11x7 baking pan
- Top with 1/2 of spinach mixture
- Place 1/2 bag cheese Ravioli on top of spinach mixture
- Repeat layers and top with last 1/3 Alfredo sauce mixture
- Sprinkle top with some more Romano cheese

Step 4

- Bake for 20 minutes at 375
- Remove from oven and cover top with shredded Italian cheese and bake for another 10 minutes



Anonymous Club Member Magic Bars

Ingredients:

2 cups graham cracker crumbs
1 3/8 stick of butter (melted)
1 14oz can Eagle Brand sweetened condensed milk
2 cups semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 1/2 cups flaked coconut

Step 1

Heat oven to 350 and spray non-stick spray in a 13x9 pan

Step 2

Combine graham cracker crumbs and melted butter into a small bowl and mix. Place into prepared pan and press down firmly until flat and even.

Step 3

Pour sweet condensed milk over crumb mixture and spread carefully. Layer chocolate chips and coconut

Step 4

Bake for 25-30 minutes or until lightly browned

Step 5

Remove from oven and loosen sides of pan while still warm, Slice into bars.

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

February

Mid-America AACA Car Club Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2026

Attendance: 20

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and Bonnie reminded us all that President's Day is tomorrow.

Sharon asked for a motion to approve the December meeting minutes. Motion made, approved.

She reported that the Annual Report had been sent into National. We had 60 members as of January 31st. The majority of members that did not rejoin were the people given the free national membership. None of them rejoined. Others gave reasons for not rejoining—too many clubs, “winding down”, illness and family commitments. This was unusual that people gave reasons to us for not rejoining. They were all told they would always be welcome back, if their situation changes.

Sharon gave a brief explanation of our J C Taylor liability insurance provided to us by national. It covers wrongful acts on the part of Directors, Officers or Board Members. It covers commercial general liability, non-owned automobile liability. Coverage is limited to bodily injury and/or property damage liability arising out of an occurrence associated with activities of the club. This covers us when we sponsor car shows. We always let National know when we are sponsoring such events.

Paul gave the Treasurer's report. It was approved. Noted Hy-Vee gave us \$100 since we were disappointed in the food they provided for the Christmas Party.

Gary gave us the activity report. Events coming up:

Raytown Museum Tour on February 21st.

February 28th the Pertronic Discussion.

Brookside Parade March 14th—not a Mid-America event, but some of our members will participate

April 25th the Peculiar Car Show

Lawrence Swap Meet, Saturday May 2nd. Asking for Volunteers to work the parking lot.

The committee Gary, Tom Norman and Norman Kressmann, are working on other activities for the year.

Dan McGrath talked about the Peculiar Car Show. He will need members to help-information to follow later. Gary suggested if we do a 50/50 pot this year, a couple of people need to make that their main focus so we sell more tickets. Bonnie asked all members to bring a “nice, unopened gift” to use in our giveaways at the show. Had complaints last year of not enough giveaways.

Bonnie and Sarah Jury tied for the Kirkham Award. Sarah told Bonnie to keep the trophy at her home.

Bonnie lead the discussion about whether members want monthly or bi-monthly meetings and if we want to continue with our routine activities at meetings—pizza for St. Patrick's Day meeting, September picnic, November chili dinner, and December Christmas party. It was agreed we want to keep these activities. As far as meetings, we will work things out as we go through the year.

We talked about the Christmas party. Everyone agreed we would like Stonehaus Winery to be the place. However we will check out some different caterers-one suggested by the t-bird club, Lee's Summit Hy-Vee and Jack Stack BBQ. Let a board member know if you have any other suggestions. We will be looking into menus and costs.

Bonnie talked about the Women on Wheels event at the KC Auto Museum on March 28th.

Sharon suggested since Jack Boyle's family did not give a place to send donations in Jack's memory that we send to McPherson College Automotive Department as this was something Jack was fond of. Motion approved.

Sarah and Ron Jury talked about attending the National Convention. Sarah said there were 450 people there. They had good seminars and it was fun to gamble with the fake money. She said it was a more “joyful” gathering this year. Agreement had been made to bring in as an affiliate other car clubs that would like to join us. The Pierce Arrow Society with 700 members just joined us as an affiliate. National encourages clubs to get more student membership and maybe have shows, or participate in some way with the high school and college Automotive Tech Programs. She said members come for the cars, but stay for the people. Ron is working on having a National Convention in Kansas City.

Birthdays: Jan. Dan McGrath, Christa DeWald, Rick Fielder (just had a knee replacement)

Feb. Kitty Block, Jon Kernodle, Barry Herbert, Dennis Roberts

Anniversaries: Dec Martie and Jon Kernodle

Feb. Norman and Margaret Kressmann

Mid-America Feb. 10, 2018 awarded A Charter of Lawrence

Feb. 6, 2020 awarded Region

Meeting Adjourned.

A Wonderful Program was given by Norman Kressmann

Respectfully submitted

Sharon Cygan

Secretary

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

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 members 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.

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