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Welcome New Members!

Dan McGrath & Tammy Suddeth

Trivia Challenge



This car paced the Indianapolis 500 in 1958, the first year it was available.

- Pontiac Bonneville
- Chrysler New Yorker
- Plymouth Barracuda
- Continental Mark II

President's Message

March has been a wild month. Due to the rainy weather, the Brookside Parade was moved to Saturday, March 19th. We, then, had two Mid-America events on the same day: the Brookside Parade and the club lunch at Manny's Mexican Restaurant, followed by the World of Wheels tour. The club had members at both events.

In our short club meeting, we discussed Mid-America name tags and t-shirts. The club members at Manny's voted gray as the color for the t-shirts. Watch for an email regarding the design and pricing for the t-shirts and name badges. We will be taking orders for both. The shirts and badges will be a great way to advertise our club at car shows and other events.

I have National AACA window stickers for your cars and Meredith Williamson, Membership Chair, has National and Mid-America applications. We want to make sure we have applications in our classics and our daily drivers as we move into our car show and driving season. Now is a great time to begin looking for new club members.

Speaking of new members, we would like to welcome our new members Dan McGrath and Tammy Suddeth. We all look forward to meeting you!

Hope to see all of you on April 16th at Your Classic Ride for a meeting and then the Historic Kansas City tour. As always, please bring your Harvester's donation, canned goods or cash.

... Thomas

April Activities and Meetings

Mid-America AACA Official

April 16th (Saturday)

12:30 pm

Meet at Your Classic Ride for Club meeting

2:00 pm Leave for KC Auto Museum Underground Garage, 600 West 31st St. for Historic Kansas City Tour.

We will carpool from the Underground Garage to *(See page 13 of this Generator for more detail.)*



Hope to see you all there!

2022 Mid-America AACA Member Meeting Dates

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



April 16, Saturday, 12:30 pm Your Classic Ride YCR)
A business meeting, then historic KC tour

May 15, Sunday 2:00pm YCR

June 12, Sunday 2:00pm YCR

July 17, we will meet at YCR in the am for convoy to the Great American Car Show at Liberty Memorial This month's meeting will be held on the show field (details to follow.)

August 21, Sunday 2:00pm YCR

September—December meetings will be posted later

Mid-America AACA April Event

At 11:00 am on February 19th, 13 Mid-America club members and 2 guests, met at Manny's Mexican Restaurant for lunch and a short club meeting. Those attending were:

Martie and Jon Kernodle
Thomas and Joyce Hudson
Bonnie and Bill Johnson
Tom Ricker and (guest) Delia Hoffman
Fred and Toni Hall
Meredith Williamson and (guest) son Alex
Gary Crispin
Jack and Penny Boyle

After we ordered, President Thomas opened up the meeting. Discussed were name tags, t-shirts, the Lawrence Swap Meet and the upcoming KC Automobile Tour for April 16th. See page 17 of this *Generator* for meeting details. Manny's service was excellent and the food filling. Many of us left with a carry-out box.



Club members ready to chow down



Tom Ricker & Delia Hoffman



Vera & Thomas Hudson

Alex & Meredith Williamson



Jack & Penny Boyle



Bill & Bonnie Johnson



Gary Crispin, Alex Williamson, Vera Hudson



Alex & Meredith Williamson



L: Toni & Fred Hall taken at World of Wheels as no photo at Manny's

Jon & Martie Kernodle



After lunch, Toni & Fred and Tom Ricker headed over to World of Wheels to tour the beautiful cars on display. Following is Toni Hall's report on the tour:

Tom Ricker and Fred and Toni Hall attended the World of Wheels show at Bartle Hall on Saturday, March 19th.

We found another club member, Michael Williams, there with his 1954 Bentley on display.



L to R: Michael Williams, Mikey Williams, Toni Hall, Fred Hall & Tom Ricker

Fred and Toni also ran into a friend from their Galaxie Club who had his 1963 Ford Galaxie also on display.

There were so many beautiful, pristine cars to look at including a couple of Darryl Starbird – inspired bubble top cars.



1958 Pontiac Chieftian



1950 Mercury



VW bus

Darryl Starbird's inspired bubble top Corvair

Editor's note: If you haven't visited the Darryl Starbird's Museum outside side Tulsa, OK., it is worth the trip.

FROM the WEBSITE: www.darrlstarbird.com

"The National Rod & Custom Car Hall of Fame Museum is located on Highway 85A about an hour northeast of Tulsa, Oklahoma. The 40,000 Sq. Ft. facility houses over 50 custom built exotic vehicles by world renowned custom car builder and designer Darryl Starbird as well as many other famous hot rod and custom car builders."



It was hard to pick a favorite. I'd say Michael Williams' Bentley was a top contender. - Toni Hall



Michael Williams' 1954 Beautiful Bentley



On Sunday, March, 20th, Meredith and Paul Williamson toured World of Wheels, following our photos they took:



Meredith



Cool SS!



Beautiful etched window





Meredith's favorite cars:

Left: 1954 Lincoln Premier

Below: 1953 Chevy Custom Wagon



It was a fun lunch and for those who toured the World of Wheels Show, we so thank you for your commentary and photos.

*Manny's story & Photos:
Martie Kernodle*

*World of Wheels Story: Toni Hall
Photos: Toni & Fred Hall*

*World of Wheels Photos on 3/20:
Meredith & Paul Williamson*

The Two That Got Away!

It all started with my dad. When he returned from Japan at the end of WWII, he bought a car that needed work. He completed it, sold it, bought another and on and on. He was not your stereotypical used car dealer. He had many repeat customers and other dealers bought from him. It was a two “man” operation. Mother did all of the detail work, she also set gaps on spark plugs and, occasionally, towed on out-of-town buying trips.

While in grade school, I sanded wheels and stood behind cars checking to see if taillights worked properly. The story goes that my sister, Dixie, was told to set the table and having no boys, I was sent to help Daddy.

When I received my driver’s license, I helped Daddy pick up and deliver cars, “chased” parts and picked up paint. Dixie and I drove some pretty cool cars to high school because we lived out of the district and there were no buses. Someone wrote in my yearbook that I was the only kid taught to speed shift by their dad.

The favorite, not newest or fanciest, car we drove was a 1947 Ford two-door. It was primed and had Smitty mufflers, and we loved it!

One winter it snowed several inches and Dixie and I wanted to go driving. Daddy never said “no.” He only said, “think about what you do and use your head,” so off we went. We were on a through street when a man on a cross street ran a stop sign. Our right front bumper hit his driver’s door causing a big dent. Knowing he was in the wrong, he didn’t want to do anything about it. Sis and I got some mud from the street, rubbed it on the bumper and never told Daddy.



*Background shows the '47 Ford.
Foreground: 1956 Austin Healey*



The first car I owned was a 1956 Austin Healey. It was easy to handle, a dream to drive, and very fast. The only drawback was trying to get six layers of petticoats under the steering wheel.

One hot summer day, Dixie and I were going to watch some friends race motor cycles in Holt, Missouri. Somehow we took a wrong turn and found ourselves in Leavenworth, Ks. We turned around and make it before the races were over, but never considered raising the top, talk about sun burn.

Bonnie and her Austin Healey

Dixie and I both married the friends we went to watch race motorcycles. The old Ford was left behind and the Austin Healey was not a good family car. I drove it to work three years before becoming pregnant and cried as I saw it drive away.

I’ve had really nice cars since, but you never forget that first one.

Story & Photos: Bonnie Johnson

This and That

PLEASE SEND AN E-MAIL TO PAUL WILLIAMSON @ pawmew54@GMAIL.COM if you would like to share your birthday or anniversary.



April Birthdays

Meredith Williamson	4/7
Toni Hall	4/15
Roscoe Yoder	4/16
Dale Joski	4/23
Debbie Steiner	4/25
Michael Frederico	4/27



Terrance & Diane Nygaard 4/16

New Members

We welcome to our merry band new members Dan McGrath and Tammy Suddeth of Peculiar, Mo. They own Custom & Rod Garage south of Louisburg, doing more real restorations than rods. Dan traces his mechanical beginnings to 8 years old in Wyoming, when he was building high-end model cars and learning from his dad, the Gravely tractor dealer. He still wants to do a '48 Pontiac Streamliner.

Tammy occupies much of her time (and one would assume much of the house) with Great Danes. She's active at both local and national levels, and chaired a national meet for 750 Danes in KC. We checked: end to end, that's enough dog to reach from KC to Denver.

In progress are a '66 Tempest convertible and a '58 Chevy Apache. We have a kind invitation to visit the shop. Do I feel a Fall road trip coming on for a shop tour and maybe Ciderfest at the Louisburg Cider Mill?

Dan and Tammy, we're so glad to have you. WELCOME!!

Sponsor: Roscoe Yoder

Trivia Challenge Answered

Answer:
Pontiac Bonneville



The Pontiac Bonneville was named in honor of the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah where most land speed records have been set for years now. The Salt Flats were named in honor of Benjamin Bonneville, an army officer from the 1800s.

Thank you, Toni Hall

This and That

Thomas Hudson shares two of his favorite childhood toys:

This is a picture of my favorite army toys I shared with my younger brother. My parents purchased them in Amarillo Texas.



HA! HA! HA!



Thank you Jack Boyd for the funnies!

This and That

The following YouTube is interesting. You will need to type the web site into your browser.

Shared by: Jerry Cygan

This is a safety video in case of an accident with downed power lines. I knew about not getting out of the car, but I didn't know what to do in case a fire would start.

This is a good explanation. Hopefully, no one will ever need to use this. Don't delete this one until you watch it. I learned quite a bit from this video.... I knew the basics, but not the latter part.

Could save your life. <https://www.youtube.com/embed/fLVzvMTgGDY>

DID YOU KNOW?



The world's first three-color traffic light was installed in Detroit, Michigan in 1919.

The first drive-in movie theater opened in Camden, New Jersey in 1933.



The 1904 Acme, from Reading, PA, was the first car to offer a "perpetual guarantee." Perpetuity was disturbing in this case as Acme closed down in 1911.

Upcoming Events

Mid-America AACA Official Event

April 16th (Saturday)

12:30 pm Club Meeting at Your Classic Ride

2:00 pm Kansas City Historic Driving Tour by the KC Auto Museum

- ◆ Tour begins at the KC Auto Museum Underground –approximately 2 hours.
- ◆ \$10 per person with funds going to the KC Auto Museum.
- ◆ Participants encouraged to carpool to various locations.
- ◆ Roscoe Yoder to orate items of historic interest at each location.
- ◆ **Please RSVP to Tom Ricker if you plan to attend. tom.ricker@gmail.com**

May 6-8, Lawrence AACA Swap Meet

Our club volunteers works only

Friday, 6th and Saturday, 7th

Bonnie Johnson is coordinating club members to work at the Swap Meet gate, collecting entrance fees, and talking to buyers at the trailer on Friday and Saturday only. We need volunteers for the following shifts

Friday, May 6

Trailer

Shift 1: 8am to noon

Shift 2: noon to 4pm

Friday, May 6

Gate

Shift 1: 10am to 2pm

Saturday, May 7

Trailer

Shifts filled

Saturday, May 7

Gate

Shift 1: 6am to 9am

Shift 2: 9am to noon

Shift 3: noon to 3pm

**Contact Bonnie to volunteer for shifts
816-353-4114 or jbillybob562@aol.com**

NOTE: Club Trailer

Items are needed for sale at the club trailer. This is a great chance to clean out your garage and help our club treasury! Gary Crispin is handling trailer “for sale” items.

Contact Gary Crispin 816-918-7258 or gcrispin51@att.net

Other Events

Any upcoming car shows that you would like to see included as an “Other Event,” please let Tom Ricker, VP and Director of Activities, know. email: tom.ricker@gmail.com

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Mid-America AACA Official Event

June Event— date to be determined

Driving tour to St Joseph, MO with lunch at Bob and Connie Wollenman's home

July 17 (Sunday)

Great American Car Show

Liberty Memorial

Time to meet at YCR TBD so we can drive in as a group. More details will follow.

September through December schedule dependent upon Chief's football. Plan on the Independence Halloween Parade in October and a chili dinner at the YCR in November.

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2022 AACA National Meets & Tours

Southeastern Spring Nationals

April 7-9
Charlotte, NC

Special Grand Nationals

April 21-23
Guaynabo, Puerto Rico

Shenandoah Region's 62nd Apple Blossom Meet

May 7th

Ontario Region AACA Automotive Flea Market & Car Show

May 8-9
Lindsay, ON

Annual Grand Nationals

May 19-21
Virginia Beach VA

Eastern Division Tour

May 22-25
Johnstown PA

54th Annual Collector Car Show & Swap Meet

June 11
Richmond, VA

Presque Island Region AACA 46th Annual Antique Auto Show

June 12-13
Waterford, PA

Eastern Spring Nationals

June 16-18
Beckley, WV

Pre-War Display at Historic Walnford -

June 25
Upper Freeland, NJ

Das Awkscht Fescht

August 5-7
Macungie, PA

Central Fall Nationals

August 11-13
Moline, IL

Snapper's Brass and Gas—'Puttering Around Princeton' Tour

August 22-26
Princeton, NJ

Sentimental Tour

September 10-16
Gettysburg, PA

Anthracite Region AACA 36th "See You in September" Car Show

September 18
McAdoo, PA

Revival AAA Glidden Tour

September 25-30
Princeton, NJ

Eastern Fall Nationals

October 4-7
Hershey, PA

Exmore Town Park Auto Show Part VI

October 15
Exmore, VA

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.



Toni Hall *Sweet Garlic Chicken*

Ingredients

4 boneless skinless chicken breasts
4 garlic cloves, minced
4 T brown sugar
1 T olive oil

Step 1

Preheat oven to 450F. Line a baking dish or cookie sheet with aluminum foil and lightly coat with cooking spray or lightly brush with oil.

Step 2

In small pan, sauté garlic with the oil until tender.

Step 3

Remove from heat and stir in brown sugar.

Step 4

Place chicken breasts in the prepared dish and cover with the garlic and brown sugar mixture. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Step 5

Bake uncovered 20-35 minutes, or until the juices run clear. Cooking time will depend on the size and thickness of your chicken.

Your recipe could go here!



Elizabeth McClain's *Dr. Pepper Cake with Dr. Pepper Frosting Cake*

Ingredients: For the Cake

2 cups purpose flour, sifted
1 tsp baking powder
2 cups granulated sugar
1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter
1 ½ cups miniature marshmallows
3 T unsweetened cocoa powder
1 cup Dr. Pepper
2 eggs
1 ½ c buttermilk
1 tsp vanilla

Ingredients: For the Frosting

1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter
6 T Dr. Pepper
3 T unsweetened cocoa powder
1 (1 pound) box confectioner's sugar sifted
1 tsp vanilla
1 cup chopped pecans

Step 1

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Step 2

Grease, but do not flour a 9 x 13 pan. Set aside

Step 3 To make the cake

In a large bowl sift together the flour and baking powder. Gradually stir in the sugar. Set aside.

Step 4

In a saucepan, heat the butter, marshmallows, cocoa and Dr. Pepper. Stir constantly until the butter and marshmallows are melted. Do not allow the mixture to boil. Pour the marshmallow mixture over the flour mixture. Beat well. Set aside.

Step 5

In another bowl beat the eggs until they are light and fluffy. Stir in the buttermilk and vanilla. Mix well. Beat the egg mixture into the flour mixture until well blended and the batter is smooth. Pour the batter into the prepared pan.

Step 6

Bake for 50 to 55 minutes, until the cake springs back when lightly touched. Let cake cool on a rack for 10 minutes.

Step 7 To make the frosting

In a saucepan, combine the butter, Dr. Pepper and cocoa. Bring the mixture to a boil over low heat stirring constantly. Remove the pan from the heat. Gradually stir in the confectioner's sugar until the mixture is smooth. Then fold in the vanilla and pecans. Spread over the warm cake.

Minutes of Member Meeting

A bright sunny day brought out 13 members and 2 guests for a Mexican meal at Mannie's restaurant on the Boulevard. Those in attendance were:

Martie and Jon Kernodle
Thomas and Joyce Hudson
Bonnie and Bill Johnson
Tom Ricker and Delia Hoffman
Fred and Toni Hall
Meredith Williamson and son Alex
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We had a short meeting before the food arrived and discussed the following:

Martie brought up the purchase of name tags for those that don't have one. She is doing research to find a vender that is acceptable.

Bonnie is researching the purchase of T-shirts for those that would be interested. The company "HAPPY SUN T-SHIRTS" have prices ranging from \$9.75 for T-shirts to \$26 for a collared shirt. People interested in t-shirts added their names to a list including sizes.

Tom Ricker offered a few extra tickets for anyone who wanted them for the WOW (World of Wheels) at Bartle Hall.

A sign-up sheet was passed out for the upcoming Lawrence swap-meet in May. There are separate sign-ups for gate and trailer duty. The time slots available for our members are in 3-hour increments. Many of our members signed up during our luncheon meeting.

Tom Ricker is coordinating the "KC Automobile Tour" activity for April 16th, price is \$10. Details and meeting location as they develop.

Submitted by
Penny Boyle, Secretary

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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Thank you.



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