

# The Generator



## Mid-America AACA Region

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*Merry  
Christmas*



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### Welcome New Member

Alfred Prothe

### Trivia Challenge

Where did the name "Pick Up Truck" come from?

## President's Message

Hi folks,

Hope everyone had a relaxing Thanksgiving,

Happy to see everyone at this year's Christmas party!

The year is winding down and we're settling into the winter months. I expect we'll have a few interesting tours and events coming up after the holidays.

I'd like to thank the current 2022 club officers for a year of tours and fun activities, Tom Hudson, Penny Boyle, Paul and Meredith Williamson, Gary Crispin, Tom Wedbush, Martie Kernodle and Bonnie Johnson.

I'd also like to thank the new officers for stepping forward to lead the club into 2023: Bonnie Johnson, Dan McGrath, Sharon Cygan, and continuing to serve: Gary Crispin, Paul Williamson, Meredith Williamson, Tom Wedbush and Martie Kernodle.

Best regards and take care,

Tom Ricker

# January Activities & Meetings

There are no planned activities for January.

## NOTE:

If you have renewed your 2023 AACA National and Mid-America AACA Region, thank you.

To renew your national membership, go to [www.aaca.org](http://www.aaca.org) or call the national headquarters at 717-534-1910. Renewal fee is \$45.00. To renew Mid-America AACA Region membership, please send your check for \$25.00, payable to Mid-America AACA to the club Treasurer:

Paul Williamson, Treasurer  
4525 N. Baltimore Dr.  
Kansas City, MO 64116

*Reminder: We have to report all regional membership renewals to AACA National office in January.*

## 2022 Mid-America AACA Member Meeting Date



*Club meetings are held at Your Classic Ride, 2711 Warwick Trfway, KCMO*

## 2023

January 21, Saturday, 2:00 pm at YCR (weather permitting)

*Note: The monthly member meeting schedule will be posted in the January Generator.*

# Chili Luncheon & Member Meeting

On November 19th, 39 Mid-America members gathered at Your Classic Ride for the club's November meeting and annual Chili Luncheon. Tom Riker, President, led the business meeting. (meeting minutes are on page 25 of this *Generator*.) New 2023 officers were formally voted into office:

President, Bonnie Johnson  
Vice-President, Dan McGrath  
Secretary, Sharon Cygan

Continuing to serve in 2023 are:

Treasurer, Paul Williamson  
Member-at-Large, Gary Crispin  
Membership Chair, Meredith Williamson  
Webmaster, Tom Wedbush  
Newsletter Editor, Martie Kernodle



Once the meeting concluded, we all got busy, rearranging the furniture, and setting up tables for our chili luncheon.

We had chili, with all the fixings, soups, salads, and desserts. While we have come to know that we have fabulous cooks in our club, this year was the best.





Just the start of the buffet line.  
 Front: 1/2 of Jerry Cygan, Norm Kressmann, Toni Hall's head and Fred Hall. *(We may need a new photographer!)*

**Members attending:**

- Bonnie Johnson
- Bill Johnson
- Michael Hemley
- Tom Wedbush
- Jack King
- Jane King
- Jerry Cygan
- Sharon Cygan
- Toni Hall
- Fred Hall
- Michael Frederico
- Cynthia Frederico
- Paul Williamson
- Meredith Williamson
- Dave Schall
- Mary Schall
- Dan McGrath
- Tammy Suddeth

- Cindy Roberts
- Dennis Roberts
- Roscoe Yoder
- Christa Dewald
- Heiko Dewald
- Debbie Steiner
- Neil Steiner
- Barry Herbert
- Tom Norman
- Norm Kressmann
- Jack Boyle
- Penny Boyle
- Tom Ricker
- Michael Williams
- Tom Zeeff
- Jon Kernodle
- Martie Kernodle

**Guests**

- Sean Ruthrauff
- Luke Ruthrauff
- Mark White
- Marjorie White



*Paul & Meredith Williamson*



*Christa Heiko*



*Dan McGrath & Tammy Suddeth*

Always at our functions the important takeaways are all the interesting stories, meeting new members, car talk and camaraderie we share with one another. The social part of our club, along with all our car enthusiasts, is what truly does make us *The Fun Club!*



*Photo: Jack Boyle*

*Story & Photos: Martie Kernodle*

# Mecum Dinner at Your Classic Ride

The Mecum dinner held at Your Classic Ride was on November 30th. Tom Ricker welcomed everyone to the event.

The following club members attended:

- Tom Ricker,
- Bonnie and Bill Johnson
- Toni and Fred Hall
- Roscoe Yoder
- Debbie and Neil Steiner,
- Michael Williams and son, Mike
- Mike Hemley
- Stephen and Alice Ferrante
- Barry Herbert
- Jerry and Sharon Cygan.



*Steve & Alice Ferrante*



*Mike Hemley & Neil Steiner*



*Michael Williams and son, Mike*



*Friends from Lawrence AACA Region*

*L: Roscoe Yoder, Bill Johnson, Jerry Cygan, Sharon Cygan, Toni Hall, Fred Hall*

After a wonderful fried chicken dinner, John Kramer from Mecum gave a very informative talk. He discussed the steps in selling a car through the auction.

- First, you have to pay an entry fee and get your spot in the auction. He recommends doing this 4 months before the auction. You can choose to place a reserve amount on your vehicle if you want.
- Then you need to check in early for the auction. There is a 10% cost charged to both the buyer and seller by Mecum to put your car in the auction.

He said the collector car market has never been better, prices are up. Baby Boomers now have money to spend and are choosing to spend it on things they like and are passionate about. He said carefully chosen and well cared for cars prove to be a good investment. He also said the trend is an explosion of vintage pickups and 4-wheel drive vehicles due to the popularity of the new vehicles in those areas. Estate sales for families that have collected cars can change their lives. At one estate sale they had 49 cars and 1 engine. The family got \$20 to \$22 million from the sale. The person had bought his first car in 1965 and continued to the present time.

Mecum also sells tractors, motorcycles, and car memorabilia. They have really expanded their online bidding and phone bidding due to Covid and the way people are buying things now. John said Mecum can transport cars, inspect the vehicles for the buyer, and arrange financing. He said Mecum wants everyone to have a good experience selling their car through their auction and their employees go above and beyond to make this happen.



*John Kramer and Tom Ricker*



*John Mayer and students*

The hub cap was passed to support the Tonganoxie High Auto Tech students. John Mayer and some of his students attended the night's fundraiser.

Tom Ricker, holds this annual fundraiser, in conjunction with the Mecum auction coming into town. It is always fun and informative. Thank you, Tom.

Story: Sharon Cygan  
Photos: Bonnie Johnson



# Kansas City Auto Museum Tri-fives Chevy Month

The Kansas City Auto Museum has an area that changes cars each month. Chevrolet Tri-fives (55, 56, 57) were featured for November. The owner of the beautiful blue 1957 is our own member, Tom Wedbush. Be sure to visit in December when the feature will be Ferrari.



Story & Photos: Bonnie Johnson

# Mid-America AACA Christmas Party

Twenty-eight club members met on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Cascone's Italian Restaurant in Overland Park, for our Christmas Party celebration. Attending were:

Jack & Penny Boyle  
Heiko & Christa Dewald  
Stephen & Alice Ferrante  
Michael & Cynthia Frederico  
Michael Hemley  
Bill & Bonnie Johnson  
Jon & Martie Kernodle

Norm & Margaret Kressmann  
Dan McGrath & Tammy Suddeth  
Tom & Marsha Norman  
Tom Ricker  
David & Nancy Schall  
Tom & JoAnn Wedbush  
Paul & Meredith Williamson  
Thomas & Mary Zeeff



Table L-R: Mike Hemley, Bill Johnson, David Scall



Margaret & Norm Kressmann

The room was the perfect size, warm and comfortable. Marsha Norman, our event organizer, had decorated each table with wooden nutcrackers from her collection. The table settings were beautifully arranged. We are so grateful for her experience and event expertise.



*L-R: Tom Zeff, Mary Zeff, Jon Kernodle*



*L-R :Steve Ferrante, Meredith Williamson, Alice Ferrante*



*L-R: Alice Ferrante, Tammy Suddeth, Dan McGrath*



*Bonnie Johnson talking to Mike Hemley , Bill Johnson*



L-R: Tom Norman, Marsha Norman, Margaret Kressmann, Norm Kressmann



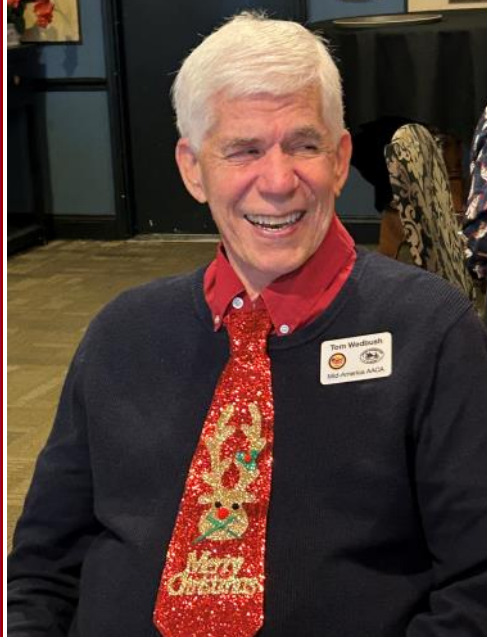
Mary & David Schall



Mike Hemley & JoAnn Wedbush



L-R: Mike Frederico, Jack Boyle, Penny Boyle, Christa Dewald  
Heiko Dewald, Cynthia Frederico



Tom Wedbush

Great tie, Tom!

After a welcome opening by President Tom Ricker and a blessing by Norm Kressmann, Marsha invited us to begin helping ourselves to the buffet, which included Chicken Spiedini, Lasagna, Italian Salad, Garlic Bread, coffee, tea, and a special Mid-America club cake. Our servers, Pat and Mary Kate, were so attentive and funny. They made our party relaxing and fun!



Tom Ricker & Tom Norman



Marsha Norman



Pat, server, making us laugh!



Once we were filled up, it was time for our club elephant present exchange. Bonnie Johnson and Martie Kernodle had collected and wrapped this year's automotive related gifts. As you can see from the photos, there was lots of laughter, puzzled looks ("what is this?"), several steals ("I want your gift.") We think Cynthia Frederico holds the record with 3 of her chosen gifts being taken by another member, followed by Tammy Suddeth, Margaret Kressmann, Penny Boyle, and Marsha Norman all with two gifts taken. Even wrapped, Cynthia can really pick'em.



Penny Boyle

Steve Ferrante





Tammy Suddeth



Cynthia Frederico



Alice Ferrante



Meredith Williamson



Tom Zeeff



Michael Frederico



Tom Wedbush was over the moon when he stole this elephant gift, a Chevy Christmas ornament. JoAnn Wedbush shares his excitement as Bill and Bonnie Johnson look on! I don't think any member would have had the heart to steal this gift again from a Chevy man.



*Now you ow know who stole Tammy Suddeth's Chevy ornament!*



*Jon Kernodle thinks wife, Martie, would love this tire shine.*



*Cynthia Frederico back again!*



*Steve Ferrante*



*Margaret Kressman didn't keep this very long!*



*Dan McGrath Said, "I'll take that one."*



Margaret Kressmann opens another one!



Christa Dewald stole Penny's gift



Penny Boyle—another try!



Tom Norman



Cynthia Frederico



Marsha, such a good sport as another gift was stolen!





*What is Heiko saying to Christa?*



*Mary Zeeff*



*Mike Hemley! No not an umbrella, not an alien receiver; well what is it? A front window car shade.. Pretty cool!*

As we exited the party there were hugs and shouts of “Merry Christmas.” It was a great closing for our club’s 2022 events and we can all look forward to more activities in 2023.



***Definitely The Fun Club!***

*Editor note: I have to admit, I had more fun editing these photos than any other month. It was remembering all the laughter, comments, joking, and friendly atmosphere created by members of this amazing club.*

*Story & Photos: Martie Kernodle*

# McPherson College \$500 Million Endowment

Jack Boyle brought the McPherson College Endowment to our attention at our last member meeting. We can all be a part of bringing millions of dollars to this small Kansas Liberal Arts college.

From the McPherson website here is the scoop:

**McPherson College has received an irrevocable \$500 million estate commitment to its endowment.** It is the largest single commitment to a small, liberal arts college in the United States. **As part of the “double-match” estate gift**, the anonymous donor will contribute two dollars for every dollar given by others, up to \$500 million in total to the college’s endowment.

The college has until **June 30, 2023** to meet this target, and is well on its way having raised \$130 million to date.

The match donor has asked to remain anonymous. The donor values their privacy and was adamant the attention be placed on the students and the good work of McPherson College, not themselves. The McPherson College community will honor this request and not comment on the identity of the donor.

As we know, McPherson College has an amazing Automotive Tech Program. While the monies will go to assist students and the various college endeavors, certainly this will bring more students into the college. Just remember any amount you give, will be matched.

**To contribute to the endowment match go to [www.mcpherson.edu/500match](http://www.mcpherson.edu/500match)**


Thank you for supporting this amazing opportunity.

Martie Kernodle




# This and That

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



**December Birthdays**  
Gary Crispin                      12/29



Jon & Martie Kernodle                      12/31

## Welcome New Member

**Alfred Prothe**, sponsored by Tom Robson. So how did Alfred know about and join the club? Tom Robson shared: Alfred was looking for some parts and found out that we had 1948 pickup tires. We met and have been friends ever since.

**Glad to have you in the club, Alfred!**

In last month's *Generator*, you were challenged to come up with a caption for this photo. At the member meeting, members agreed that Jack King was our winner, His caption: **"Burn-Out"** Jack took home a six-pack of Pepsi! Congratulations, Jack!



## Trivia Challenge Answered

**Ford, who made the first pick-up trucks were shipped to dealers in crates that the new owners had to assemble, using the crates, as the beds of the trucks.**

**The new owners had to go to the dealers to get them, thus, they had to: "pick-up" the trucks.**

# This and That

*For Cat People:*



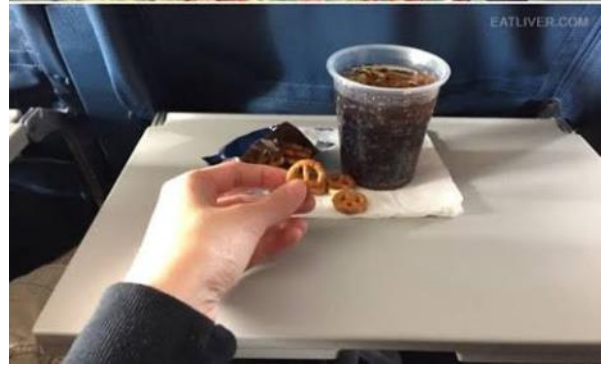
*Cats love to hide! Jerry & Sharon Cygan's cat, Daisy, thinks she has found the perfect spot.*

*Our beautiful Plaza!*



# This and That

*Just for Fun!*



# Upcoming Events

## Mid-America AACA Official Event

No plans to date for January 2023.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

## Other Events

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# 2023 AACA National Meets & Tours

## Winter Nationals

January 26  
Miami, FL

## AACA Annual Convention

February 9 - 11th  
Williamsburg, VA

## Indian River AACA 44th Annual Antique Auto Show

Vero Beach FL

## AACA Southeastern Fall Nationals

April 30 - 15th  
Concord, NC

## Southeastern Divisional Tour

April 30 - May 3  
Oakridge, TN

## Eastern Spring Nationals

May 18 - 20th  
Gettysburg, PA

## AACA Founders Tour

July 16 - 22nd  
Ontario & Quebec

## AACA Special Eastern Nationals

July 26– 29th  
Norwich New York

## AACA Vintage Tour

August 2 - 5th  
Aroostook County, Maine

## AACA Grand Nationals

August 10 - 12th  
Bettendorf, Iowa

## AACA Western Divisional Tour

September 25 - 29th  
California Central Coast

## Eastern Fall Nationals

October 3 - 6t  
Hershey, PA

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# 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's Chicken Pot Pie***

### **Ingredients:**

2 pie crusts  
1 can cream of chicken soup  
1/2 can cream of mushroom soup  
1/4 cup sugar  
1 can (29 oz) Veg-All drained  
2 cups cooked chicken cut in bite size pieces (I like to use Costco's rotisserie chicken)  
1/2 stick butter

### **Step 1**

Mix together except butter and pour in pie crust.

### **Step 2**

Cut butter into pats and put on top of the mixture. Top with second pie crust.

### **Step 3**

Bake 375 degrees for 1 hour

## ***Bonnie Johnson's Taco Soup***

*This is a family favorite made by my daughter-in-law, Stephanie.*

### **Ingredients:**

2 lb. hamburger  
3 cans stewed tomatoes, blended  
1 can corn  
1 can RANCH brand beans with jalapenos, remove jalapenos if you do not want it hot.  
1 pack dry ranch dressing  
1 pack taco seasoning

### **Step 1**

Cook and drain hamburger

### **Step 2**

Add stewed tomatoes, corn, Ranch beans, dry ranch dressing and taco seasoning. Simmer

*Tip: Serve with sour cream and corn chips or Fritos*

Your recipes are appreciated!



## ***Meredith Williamson's Ensalada Nochebuena (Christmas Eve Salad)***

Total time: 30 mins

Serves 8

### **Ingredients:**

#### **For The Salad**

1/2 head romaine lettuce, chopped  
2 medium beets, boiled, peeled and sliced\* or canned (not pickled)  
1 very ripe plantain (yellow with black spots), sliced (optional) or a banana  
1 c jicama, peeled and diced (optional) or water chestnuts  
1 large sweet apple, sliced into wedges  
1 large orange, peeled and sectioned  
1/2 c peanuts, unsalted  
1 c pomegranate arils (seeds)

#### **For The Dressing**

1/4 c orange juice  
2 Tbsp red wine vinegar  
1 Tbsp olive oil  
1 Tbsp fresh mint or 1 tsp dry mint  
1/8 tsp salt  
Honey or sugar (to taste)

### **Step 1**

Place all prepared vegetables and fruit into a large bowl.

### **Step 2**

Prepare the dressing

### **Step 3**

Add dressing to the salad and serve.



# Minutes of Member Meeting

MA-AACA membership meeting minutes Nov 19, 2022 2:00 pm

Tom Ricker, Vice-President welcomed members to the meeting and then gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

- ◆ The proposed slate of officers for 2023 board vacancies were reviewed: Bonnie Johnson, President 1 year, Dan McGrath VP 2yrs, Sharon Cygan Secretary 2yrs, Gary Crispin Member at large 1 yr. A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate as presented. Voted approved by the membership.

Martie Kernodle will continue as Editor of the Generator.

Tom Wedbush will continue as the Web-Master.

National AACA is offering three gift memberships for new members for 2023, forward names to any board member to be considered.

- ◆ The Christmas Party will be on Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:30 to 3:30 at Johnny Cascone's 91<sup>st</sup> and Metcalf. You need to confirm your attendance with Marsha Norman at 913-649-8383. The dinner is \$33 per person payable now or by mail to Paul Williamson 4525 N. Baltimore Dr. Kansas City, MO 64116. We will exchange white elephant gifts that are car related. The club is purchasing some, members can also bring a gift for the exchange.
- ◆ Next membership meeting - Saturday January 21st @ 2pm weather permitting at YCR.
- ◆ Local dues for 2023 are due. \$25 mail your check to Paul Williamson or bring it to any get together. National dues are \$45 and are also due. If you have trouble with national's web payment, just call them.
- ◆ Martie commented on the club survey that went out. She is still looking for responses. She asked everyone that has not, to please fill one out and return it to Martie.
- ◆ The annual chicken dinner sponsored by Mecum Auctions will take place Nov 30 at 6:30 pm at YCR. John Cramer will give a talk, let Tom Ricker know if you are coming. There will be a free chicken dinner, but the hub cap will be passed for donations to the Tonganoxie auto tech program.
- ◆ It was voted to donate \$200 to the Tonganoxie Auto Tech program and \$100 to Harvesters.
- ◆ Jack commented on the recent 2-for-1 \$500 million matching grant to McPherson College. A \$500 donation made before June 30<sup>th</sup> 2023 will net the college \$1500. Details are on the McPherson website.
- ◆ Michael Williams asked why we can't take our projects and repairs to these various auto tech program. We will need to investigate the answer to this question
- ◆ Tom Wedbush mentioned the KC Auto Museum display of tri-five Chevys.
- ◆ The best caption for the car fire Photos in the Generator was "burn-out". Jack King, he won a 6-pack of Pepsi.
- ◆ Bonnie noted that our good-to-go guy Gary Crispin has had some bad luck lately, let's all let him know we are thinking about him.
- ◆ MA-AACA hosting a national meet was deferred as there was not information of action.
- ◆ Guests were introduced: Luke and Sean Ruthrauff.
- ◆ A full spread of good chili and the fixin's closed out the meeting.

<u>Attendance</u> Bonnie Johnson Bill Johnson Jon Kernodle Martie Kernodle Mike Hemley Tom Wedbush Jack King Jane King
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<u>Attendance</u> Jerry Cygan Sharon Cygan Toni Hall Fred Hall Michael Frederico Cynthia Frederico Paul Williamson Meredith Williamson
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<u>Attendance</u> Debbie Steiner Neil Steiner Barry Herbert Tom Norman Norm Kressmann Jack Boyle Penny Boyle Tom Ricker
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<u>Attendance</u> Michael Williamson Tom Zeeff <u>Guests:</u> Mark White Mary White <u>Joined today:</u> Sean Ruthrauff Luke Ruthrauff
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## 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](http://www.Midamerica.aaca.org)

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Thank you.



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