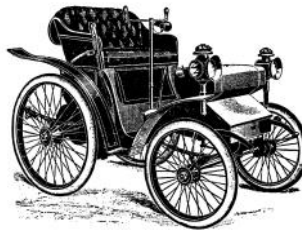


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Trivia Challenge

In the 1983 horror movie, *Christine*, what was the year, make and model of the car named Christine and what was so horrifying about this car?

President's Message

Greetings. Hoping the holidays were fun and safe for everyone. I know I enjoyed the rare time with my family.

Each year seems to be busier and faster than the previous one. Hopefully we can slow down sometimes and take in the moments.

I have a few ideas for gatherings for the club. And we are always looking for ideas and help from all club members, so if you know of something that would interest everyone, please pass it along to me or any board member so we can get some things planned. We need several months' notice to really plan for the group.

Really looking forward to a new start for the world this New Year.

Keep those old rides running!

Dan McGrath
Vice-President

To my Mid-America Family

Thank you for all the support, love and contributions given in the memory of Bill. He has always been by my side and supported me in whatever wild idea I had. After almost 70 years, my life will never be whole again.

Bonnie and family

January Activity

Mid-America AACA Official Event

NO ACTIVITIES ARE PLANNED FOR JANUARY

Have you renewed your AACA National and Regional Dues?

2024 Mid-America AACA Member Meeting Date

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



No meeting in January. Your Mid-America AACA Board is confirming the meeting dates with Tom Ricker for the 3rd Sunday of each month, beginning in February 2024. We may have to alter the meeting dates, as we did in 2023, when the Chiefs' schedule for 2024 is announced.

Please be on the lookout for an email from Sharon Cygan, Club Secretary, for the meeting dates.

YCR & Mecum Auction Event

On Wednesday, November 29 2023, Your Classic Ride had their annual chicken dinner in association with Mecum Auction, beginning on Friday, December 1. We had several Mid-America Member attend as you will see from the photos. Paul Williamson, MAAACA Treasurer, presented Tony Maurer, instructor of Auto Tech at Tonganoxie High School with a \$200 contribution from Mid-America AACA. As usual, the hubcap was passed for donations to Tonganoxie Auto Tech. It is always a well-attend event for such a great cause and kick off of the Mecum Auction in Kansas City.



L-R. Karl & Kurt Mayo, Tom Rieker and John Kraman



L-R. Debbie Steiner, Paul & Meredith Williamson



Dennis Hedberg



Steve Ferrante



Roscoe Yoder



Tom Norman, lovin' that chicken!



L-R Tammy Suddeth, Ron Jury, Dan McGrath



L-R Dan McGrath, Roscoe Yoder, Bonnie Johnson



Dany Johnson and Merle Houck



Paul & Meredith Williamson, Debbie Steiner, Jim Gustafson



L-R Fred & Toni Hall and Neil Steiner



L-R Tonganoxie student & Tony Maurer



2 Lawrence Region AACA members



3 Lawrence Region AACA members



Left: John Kraman. Standing : Paul Williamson presenting Mid-America AACA check to Tony Maurer, seated.

A great time was had by all at this event!

*Story: Martie Kernodle
Photos: Bonnie Johnson*

Mid-America Christmas Party

On Sunday, December 17, the following 25 Mid-America members celebrated the season at the Stonehaus Farm & Winery in Lee's Summit, Missouri:

Gary & Konnie Crispin
Jerry & Sharon Cygan
Mike Frederico
Fred & Toni Hall
Mike & Vicky Hemley
Ron & Sarah Jury

Dan McGrath & Tammy Suddeth
David & Nancy Schall
Tom & JoAnn Wedbush
Paul & Meredith Williamson
Tom & Mary Zeeff
Neil & Debbie Steiner
Jon & Martie Kernodle

Stonehaus was the perfect place for our Christmas Party. The room was decorated with red and green tablecloths and a seasonal centerpiece on each table. One side of the room was all glass so you could look out at the pond in back. We visited from 2:00pm to 2:30pm.

Visiting:



Hey Jon Kernodle

Konnie & Gary Crispin

David & Nancy Schall



Vicky & Mike Hemley

We visit from 2:00pm to 2:30pm and Tammy Suddeth gave the blessing. Our food was catered by HyVee and it was delicious. We finished eating about 3:10pm and then the Elephant Gift Exchange started. It was so fun and just hilarious as you'll see in the photos.

The Elephant Exchange begins:



Debbie Steiner



Mary Zeff



Fred Hall



Sharon Cygan



Mike Hemley



Paul Williamson



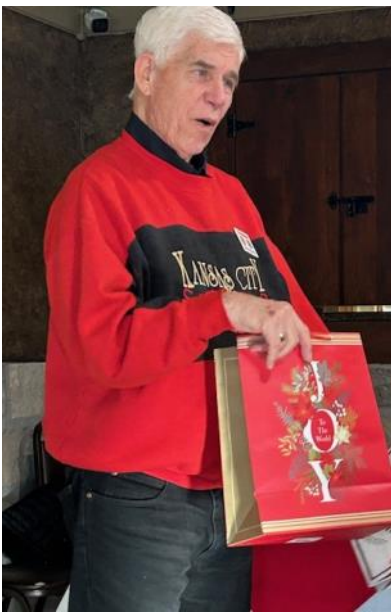
Mike Frederico



Neal Steiner



Konnie Crispin



Tom Wedbush



Tammy Suddeth



Tom Zeff



Gary Crispin



Mary Schall



Jon Kernodle



Jerry Cygan



Martie Kernodle

Elephant Gifts Exchanges



Dan McGrath



JoAnn Wedbush & Tammy Suddeth



Mary Zeff & Debbie Steiner



Tammy Suddeth & Mary Zeff



Paul Williamson 2nd gift first was stolen or maybe exchanged!

Fred Hall is too funny!

Whew! when the gift exchange ended, Sharon had ask Hy-Vee to bring containers for leftovers. Most went home with a doggie bag. For sure our 3 doggies didn't get a bite. Awe, don't feel sorry for them. they were chomping on homemade peanut butter doggie bones!

We all so enjoyed the venue. Thank you Bonnie Johnson for scheduling and planning the Christmas Party at Stonehaus Farm & Winery and a special thank you to Sharon Cygan for all her work with HyVee, Stonehaus and managing all the details that made this Christmas Party so memorable.



Love our Fun Club!

Story & photos: 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.



January Birthdays

Jack King	1/2
Dan McGrath	1/5
Richard Fielder	1/16
Gregory Riggen	1/22
Mark White	1/28



No anniversaries this month!

Trivia Challenge Answered



1957 Plymouth Fury

In 1983 the movie "Christine" was released about a car on an assembly line that suddenly closed the hood on a worker's hand. Later another worker, who was smoking in the car, was found dead in the seat.

Twenty years later a teenager sees the abandoned car in the yard of a run-down house. The owner tells him the car's name is Christine. The teenager purchases the car and restores it.

The car takes on a life of its own, going on a journey of destruction and death to anyone who upsets or disapproves of it. The car is wrecked and damaged many times but can restore itself. Scary!

This and That



A cold winter day in Minnesota. A woman called her husband.

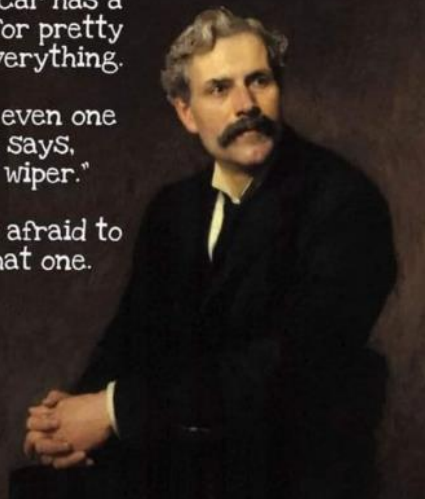
Wife: "The car is not starting. Dashboard shows the sign of a person sitting on toilet."
Husband: "What...??
Send me a picture."



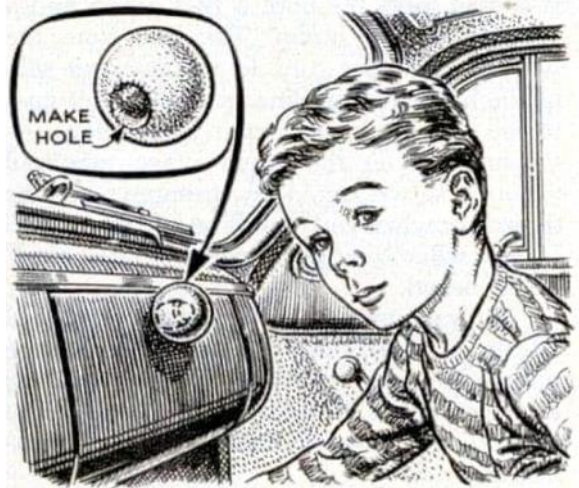
My new car has a button for pretty much everything.

There's even one that says, "rear wiper."

Still too afraid to try that one.

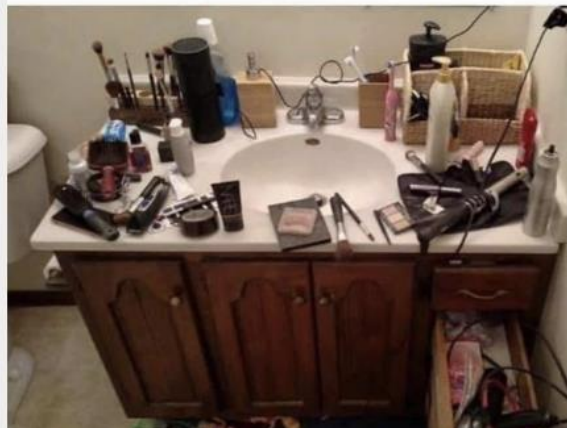


Barn Find



Ball Protects Children. Knobs or handles on the dash can give youngsters a bad bump on sudden stops. Sponge-rubber balls fitted over the protruding parts reduce this hazard. A dab of gasket shellac in the hole will attach the ball securely.

"You left the toilet seat up"



Upcoming Events

Mid-America AACA Official Event

No Activities for January

Your Board is working hard to set up meetings and plan events.

Thank you Mid-America Board!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Activities posted in **blue** text mean new activities or message. **red** text—you need to take some type of action, **black** text—activity reminder

Other Events

2024 AACA National Meets & Tours

2024

AACA Annual Convention

February 8 –10
Chantilly, VA

AACA Founders Tour (vehicles 1932-1999)

March 17-23
Acadiana Area, LA

Winter Nationals

March 21-24
Puerto Rico Region

Southeastern Spring Nationals

April 4-6
Concord, NC

**AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals
Grand National**

April 4-6
Charlotte, NC

Eastern Spring Nationals

June 20-22
Saratoga Region, FL

**Big Horn Mountain, Wyoming, Western
Division Tour**

July 10-13
Big Horn Mountain, CO

Western Fall Nationals

September 12-14
Loveland, CO

Eastern Fall (Hershey)

October 8-11
Hershey, PA

Southeastern Fall Nationals

October 23-26
Huntsville, AL



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.

Bonnie Johnson's Mexican Hot Chocolate Cookies

Ingredients

1 ½ cups unbleached flour
¼ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1 tsp ground cinnamon
½ tsp kosher salt
¼ tsp cayenne pepper
1 tsp baking soda
1 stick unsalted butter, room temp.
1 cup packed dark brown sugar
1 large egg, room temp.
1 tsp vanilla extract
12 oz semisweet chocolate chips chopped
½ cup turbinado sugar

Instructions

Step 1

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Whisk together flour, cocoa, cinnamon, salt, cayenne, baking soda

Step 2

In a separate bowl, beat butter with brown sugar on med-high speed until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Beat in egg and vanilla until well combined. Reduce speed to low and beat in flour mixture until just incorporated. Stir in chocolates.

Step 3. Roll dough into 1-inch balls (about 1 heaping tablespoon.) Gently roll each in turbinado sugar to coat, place 2 inches apart on parchment lined baking sheet. Bake until surfaces crack – 11-14 minutes. Cool 5 minutes before transferring to wire rack.

Makes about 3 dozen.

Note:

Active time: 35 minutes Total time: 1hr. 25 min.
Makes about 3 dozen.

Loretta Sharp's Steak Soup

Ingredients

1 cup sliced carrots
1 cup chopped onion
1 cup celery (optional)
2 cans 14.5 oz Hunt's Petite Tomatoes
2 cans 14.5 oz French green beans
1 can 14.5 oz corn
1 can 15 oz peas
1 stick margarine
1 cup flour
1 pkg McCormick Beef Stew Seasoning
2 pounds Ground Chuck browned
2 cups frozen mixed vegetables
½ tsp pepper (optional)

Instructions

Step 1

Simmer sliced carrots, chopped onion and celery with one can of tomatoes until tender.

Step 2

Drain the juice of the canned vegetables into a measuring bowl, and add enough water to equal 7 cups liquid. Reserve vegetables which will be added later.

Step 3

In a large pan or Dutch oven, melt one stick margarine, then add 1 cup flour and whisk to make a paste. Gradually add the 7 cups juice/water liquid until thickened slightly.

Step 4

Brown ground chuck, drain well, and add package of stew seasoning.

Step 5

Add the meat, simmered vegetables, and canned vegetables to the margarine/flour/juice mixture, plus 2 cups of frozen vegetables. Bring to a boil and simmer 15 minutes to 1 hour. Do not add salt.

Freezes well.

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.

Grisham Auto Service

4001 Prather Road
Kansas City, MO 64166
816-455-5800
Tim Grisham, owner

Tim is owner. Has worked on our 1957 and 1966 T-Birds. Honest, fair, reasonable, great work—in the Northland

Bonnie & Bill Johnson recommend:

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

Steve Hartwich recommends:

AA Wheel & Truck Supply

717 E 16th Ave
NKC MO 64116
816-221-9556

For the DIY mechanic this place takes care of your old car brake and brake drum needs. They also rebuild water pumps. **Call and talk to Denny.** *This is not a shop where you take your car.* You take the parts there and they do the machine work like relining old brake shoes, turning brake drums and arcing the shoes to the drums. No one in KC does this anymore but it's highly effective and successful for safe brake operation.

Please email me your recommendations—editormidamerica@gmail.com

Thank you,

***Denotes new recommendation**



Minutes of Member Meeting

No Meeting in December. Celebrated the season with a Christmas Party

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 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 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 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.

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.

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

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Thank you.



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