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# The Accelerator

## Kansas City Region

Franklin Midwest Region Fall Meet - Clinton, Missouri



Some of you are probably preparing your "babies" for winter hibernation, while other members may be planning out of season updates and repairs. As we look forward to the 2016 car event(s) season, we can look back at 2015 as our most eventful and rewarding year since AACA-KC received its charter in 2010. I hope last year is as memorable for you as it is for me.

We will not have a regular meeting on December 13th, so I hope to see many of you at our Christmas Party on the 20th.

As we enter this Thanksgiving week, I hope all is well with you and your families. The troubles in the world remind us to give thanks for all we have in our country.

Happy Holidays! Bonnie Johnson



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## The Radfords Host the 2015 Midwest Fall Franklin Meet



members Jim and Ally Edwards joined the fun with Ally treated to a ride in a Franklin.

The club members viewed most of the interesting sites in and around Clinton MO. Members visited Bucks Car Barn, a converted horse stable, with an interesting collection of cars and memorabilia. At Lowe's restored D-X station and Soda Shop, Linda and Ally served ice cream and 6 oz "glass" bottles of coke. Members also enjoyed Jim Raysik's Downtown Desoto Car Museum and the



In September, Linda and Dennis hosted the Franklin Meet in Clinton, Missouri, taking their 1929 35 Victoria Brougham. The meet drew 35 members from 10 states, as far away as Florida, and 9 Franklins, with two Franklins driven from Minnesota. AACA-KC





Henry County Museum. We were served excellent meals at the Henry County Museum, Sugar Foot BBQ, Charley's Buffet and Red Fox Winery.

It was a fun meet with lots of food, laughter and car talk!

Story and photos by Linda and Dennis Radford



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## The Radfords Host the 2015 Midwest Fall Franklin Meet



Story and photos by Linda and Dennis Radford And collage photos from Hazel Wade, editor of the "Franklin Line" Newsletter



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## Special Congratulations to Steve Flick and Scott & Carla Shigley

The Ist Annual Boyd Coddington Garage All Speed Expo was held at the Kansas City Expo, on November 21 and 22, 2015. Our club is proud that two of our AACA-KC members, Steve Flick and Scott & Carla Shigley were invited to show their cars in Coddington's first Kansas City event. This is quite an honor as only 10 cars were chosen for each category from hundreds of invitations. The categories included:

- Hot Rods / Street rods pre-1960
- Gassers all
- Rat rods all
- Custom Cars 1960-1999
- Custom Trucks all years, includes 4x4
- Pro-Touring pre-1980

- Muscle Cars Restored 1960-1973
- Restomed
- Late Model Customs Domestic post-2000
- Late Model Customs Import post-1990

The show honors ten cars in the classes for the honor of being crowned King of Kansas City.

AACA-KC members, Bonnie and Bill Johnson, Roscoe Yoder, Glen Porter, Jerry Young, Dennis and Cindy Roberts, Steve Sheets, Jon and Martie Kernodle attended to support Steve and Scott in this prestigious show honor. (Please forgive me if you were there and I left out your name.)

### Steve Flick ~ 1941 Buick Roadmaster

When we see a perfect car, don't we always ask, "Where did you find it?" Steve found his 1941 Buick Roadmaster in a barn in a tobacco field in southwest South Carolina. Steve brought her home from that old barn and spent 3 years restoring this car back to its original beauty. It looks like he drove off a GM showroom floor and straight to the Expo.





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Steve's car was built in Flint, Michigan on November 26, 1941, 2 weeks before Pearl Harbor. The car has its 74<sup>th</sup> birthday on this Thanksgiving Day. It sold new for \$1,065. His '41 Roadmaster introduced the new Fireball DynaFlash Eight engine which delivered 165 horsepower from 330 cubic inches.

This engine had "Compound Carburetion" which became the forefather for the modern-four barrel carburetor. With 2 twin-barrel carburetors, one operates all the time, while the other one only operates under hard acceleration. With 165 horsepower, it was the most powerful engine available in any American car that year. The car is painted an original "Pearl Gray" and the interior has been restored to like new condition. Notice the large fender skirts and the curved chrome front grill, giving this "beauty" a sophisticated look.

We also want to congratulate Steve on his Buick earning his AACA First Junior Award at the Kansas City Regional in June and later this year, an AACA First Senior in Louisville, Kentucky. His 1941 Buick Roadmaster has also been chosen by AACA as a contender for a National Award.



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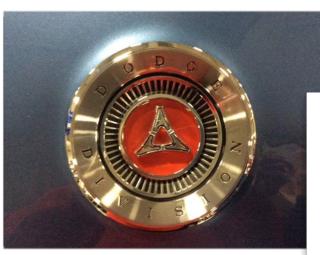


## Scott and Carla Shigley ~ 1966 Dodge Charger

At a Liberty Car Show in October, the Shigley's 1966 Dodge Charger was personally invited to be in the show by Scott Pennington, Expo co-Founder. Once you see it, you'll understand why Mr. Pennington wanted the car in his show. Painted Aero Blue Pearl and fondly named "Lady Blue" by Carla, it is a show stopper. Across a room, you see this beautiful blue car and you are drawn to it.



After Scott retired from the Army in 2008 he and Carla, now located in one place, began looking for a car. They found Lady Blue that year. She was a combination Christmas gift for Carla. Their 1966 was partially restored and Scott finished the restoration to as close to original condition as possible.



Cragar S/S Wheels are period correct wheels available in 1966.

With a 395 horsepower, 440 cubic inch engine, you know this car can move out. It has a blue interior with an automatic floor shift. The Chrome





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A unique feature of this model Charger is in the trunk. The trunk wall has pins on each side, which allow you to drop the wall into the trunk. The back seats fold down, and the middle arm rest moves forward. This allows your Charger to





haul anything up to approximately 7 feet long. In 1966, the Dodge Charger was placed in many beach ads. The trunk option was advertised to surfers and beach-goers. Just drop the trunk

wall, and slide in your surf board. The Mamas and the Papas released, "California Dreamin" in 1965, and this unique car sure would fulfill any surfers dream... well really, anyone's dream.

Believe it or not the Shigley's Charger is a driver. Since 2010, they have put about 5,000-7,000 miles per year on Lady Blue. Keeping their car in such fantastic condition, while letting her enjoy the open road, is a testimony to a couple who really love their car. At the AACA-KC Regional Meet this year, Steve and Carla received an AACA "Driver Participation" medal which they proudly display on the front grill.

If you would like to participate in this expo next year, in March of 2016 applications will be taken and invitations extended for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Boyd Coddington Garage All Speed Expo. If you would like to apply for next year's Expo you can follow All Speed Expo on Facebook or check in at their website, <u>www.allspeedexpo.com</u>

Story and photos by Martie Kernodle



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## From the AACA Library & Research Center is The Repository for Special Automotive Literature Collections

By Chris Ritter

The Antique Automobile Club of America's (AACA) Library & Research Center is rapidly becoming the world's repository for special collections of antique automotive literature and research materials. To date, I I non-profit automotive associations and clubs have opted to house their irreplaceable archives and collections within the AACA Library & Research Center, alongside the Antique Automobile Club of America's own inventory of historic automotive reference materials.

Non-profits, clubs and other associations are drawn to the AACA Library & Research Center as a result of its well-established collections infrastructure and professionally trained Library management staff, which is led by Chris Ritter, MLS. It relies upon the most modern archival storage methods for each and every artifact within the Library, and the staff is well on its way in digitizing its



numerous collections with a full array of flatbed and camera-mounted scanning technologies. The Library is protected by a clean agent fire suppression system and state-of-the-art security.

The special collections that are currently housed within the AACA Library & Research Center include:

- The Buick Heritage Alliance...for all things Buick, including an extensive online electronic Research Archive.
- The Dodge Brothers Club Collection...dedicated to Dodge and Graham Brothers materials that pertain to the period from 1914 to 1938.
- The Gerrard Classic Auto Literature Collection...also housed in Hershey, and focuses on the 1950s and 1960s period of automotive history.
- The **Hudson-Essex-Terraplane Historical Society** was incorporated in 1990 to further the appreciation and understanding of the H.E.T. heritage. They, too, selected the AACA Library as the center to maintain and manage their collection of historic materials.
- The **Lincoln Motor Car Foundation** has had its archives with AACA since 2005, which includes an extensive array of manuals, sales literature and dealer items.
- The mission of the **Museum of Bus Transportation** is to celebrate the contribution of the bus to American mobility and progress. To help do so, they protect and preserve their archives and photo collection at the AACA Library.
- The **National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS)** was founded in 1974 to guide owners and restorers with utmost accuracy as they preserve America's star-spangled sports car. There's forty-one years of NCRS archival accumulation and counting within the walls of the Hershey facility, with a focus from 1953 to 1996.
- The **National Woodie Club** is dedicated to the history and preservation of all wooden clad and bodied automobiles, and they've housed their historic collection of materials with AACA since 2011.
- For any-and-all things related to Pierce-Arrow..."America's Finest Car"...Library-goers can turn to the **Pierce-Arrow Society (PAS)** collection, which includes an expansive accumulation of knowledge and information, which began with the club's inception in 1957. There are materials that pertain to the full spectrum of Pierce-Arrow car, truck, bicycle and motorcycle production in the long-established archive.
- SPAAMFAA is the acronym for the **Society for the Preservation & Appreciation of Antique Motor Fire Apparatus in America**, and this group has the distinction of being the first to place its trust and confidence in the AACA Library & Research Center. Their archive arrived in 1985.
- Finally, the **Vintage Chevrolet Club of America** also selected the AACA Library as the center and source for its abundant collection of historic literature and research materials.

To learn more, visit www.aacalibrary.org.



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From the AACA Library & Research Center ~ reprinted from September 2015 Speedster

### Contest for AACA Members

- \* We are car people and have our favorites, but what is it?
- \* Rules: Write in brief what you think a given <u>car/truck</u>, or <u>year</u> or <u>manufacturer</u> had over the competition of engineering or styling.
- \* Ideas: Is there a year that put it all together? What car changed us as a society? Dollars spent best value ever? It would be more practical if it was available today.
- \* Remember three categories to think about: car/truck....year...or manufacturer.
- \* It can be a combination of the three categories.
- \* A panel will read and decide what thoughts are best.
- \* Winners will be published in our newsletter titled: "That's the Year It Was".
- \* Send your email thoughts to Ken Lee at: 2chevynuts@gmail.com



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### **NEWSLETTER CONTEST WINNER!**

Title: THAT'S THE CAR THAT WAS

I have owned Corvairs and Porsche 911s and my current 1965 Chevy Corvair Corsa is a very competently engineered and iconic visual that was designed from the genius of Ed Cole and General Motors.

### The Beginning

The Corvair was designed/engineered by Ed Cole. It actually was Ed's baby and he pushed the concept of a rear engine vehicle platform. Introduced as an economy car to compete with VW and domestic "compact" cars, the Corvair he designed influenced both domestic and foreign car exterior designs for years to come. The Corvair model was a full Chevy lineup including: coupe, convertible, sedan, van and truck (with a unique ramp side drop down door). These models helped to introduce the American drivers to better handling, fuel economy, vehicles with a range of performance motors, including turbocharging. The Corvair, an economy car, paved the way for the pony car market offerings from major domestic manufacturers. From 1960-1969 Corvair production reached almost 1.9 million cars. American consumers quickly discovered the joy of driving this car with its fine handling, light steering/brakes, generous interior space, and excellent fuel economy. However, because of the Corvair's unique design/engineering features it did not share many expensive components with other GM cars and, therefore, it was expensive to manufacture.

### The First Generation

The first generation Corvair, 1960-1964, were unique to the U.S. domestic auto market and were first for the rear engine air cooled horizontally opposed flat six with transaxle, fully synchronized three and four speed manual, as well as, two speed automatic, Positraction, independent rear suspension (swing axle) and first use of uni-body construction for a GM car. The Corvair featured too many "firsts" to list here. To view additional Corvair innovative "firsts," go to <a href="https://www.CorvairCenter.com">www.CorvairCenter.com</a>

#### The Second Generation

The Corvair matured with the second generation Corvair, 1965-69. It was a drastically improved vehicle; gone was the swing axle design in favor of a Corvette inspired fully IRS rear suspension. The new Corvair suspension used individual coil springs, rather than the Corvette's overhead leaf spring with double articulated axles. This new Corvair suspension did away with the "tuck under" associated with swing axle cars.

#### The End of an Era

The Corvair will always be associated with Ralph Nadar, author of Unsafe at Any Speed and lawyer who represented several lawsuits against GM as an auto expert. The fact is the Corvair remains the ONLY domestic automobile that has been certified by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) for being safe. In 1971 the NHTSA conducted tests with contemporary models of that era: Ford Falcon, Plymouth Valiant, VW Beetle, Renault Dauphine, and a 1963 and 1967 Corvair. NHTSA released a comprehensive 134 page report, PB 211-015 National Technical Information Services (NTIS) exonerating the Corvair of Nader's charges and that the Corvair was "at least as good as performance of contemporary foreign and domestic models."

By 1965 economy cars were not as popular, partly because of the 20 cents a gallon gas prices. When the Mustang entered the market in 1964 1/2; and the Camaro in 1967, the Pony car was invented. The Mustang sales forced GM to cease production of the Corvair much more than Ralph Nader's book. Of course, the book didn't help and it took many years before the vindication of the Corvair by the NHTSA.

The Corvair, a unique design then and now, is an immensely satisfying car to drive and one that deserves a better place in history based strictly on its own merits.

Contest winner: Jim Conway



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### **AACA-KC Meeting Minutes**

Our November 8, 2015 meeting was attended by 63 club members. October meeting minutes were approved. New members Jack and Jane King were introduced. They are proud owners of a 1967 Mercury Cougar. Roscoe Yoder attended to the voting/election of 2016 new officers. Three of our members were selected for a National Award to be announced at the February 2016 National meeting. Those honored were: Harry Owens and his 1986 Harley Softail; Marti Kernodle and her 1971 Rolls Royce; and Bonnie Johnson and her Honda motorcycle.

Upcoming events were discussed;

Club shirts/sweatshirts ordered; dues are to be collected by January 1, 2016. Dave Noble has video of our trip to Warm Springs Ranch - \$5.00. Carolyn Young requested articles for our monthly newsletter.

Steve Flick was invited to show one of his cars at the "Boyd Coddington Garage All Speed Expo in Kansas City November 21 & 22, 2015. Congratulations Steve!

Election results were announced. Congratulations to our new club officers for 2016! They will take their new positions starting in January:

Trish Lee - President Jon Cooper - Vice President Secretary - Sharon Cygan Treasurer - Norman Kressmann

We reminded all members about our Christmas party/meeting on December 20, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.

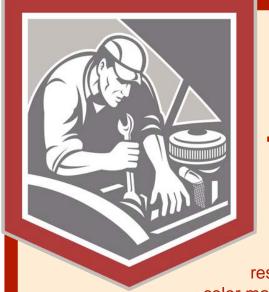
Respectfully submitted:

Trish Lee AACA-KC Region Secretary



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## Readin' Writin' and Wrenchin

By Ken Lee

### This and That

Going to car shows can be expensive! At the Carthage event, Ken Rothove purchased a 1972 Chevy long-bed pickup. This "baby" is all restored and loaded with options. Did I mention the color matches his Ski Nautic boat...also, his Harley will fit

into the bed.

- If your classic has an original coil...I would remove it and save for shows. In time, an ignition coil does loose its efficiency. A coil is a transformer, even though, there are no moving parts it does get tired.
- In 1952, power steering was offered by Cadillac, Oldsmobile and Buick.
- Oldsmobile offered first speedometer in 1901.
- Doing a tune-up on your classic...inspect your old points very carefully. If points are worn, with no pitting or metal transfer of contacts is observed...don't replace the condenser. This means the condenser is matched electrically to your system. Due to the rubbing block wear and the mechanical usage of points it should always be replaced on a tune-up. Don't forget to lube distributor cam with high-temp grease.
- Driving your classic at highway speed and the engine stumbles... backfires...then dies. Pulling over you try to restart and it does. Later on same problem occurs. This can be a clogged fuel tank gas cap. The fuel tank must be vented. Through time the cap may become clogged. This will affect fuel flow to the engine.

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## Our AACA-KC Calendar

### December 20, 2015 -

For those who have booked their reservations see details below. All reservations are closed.

AACA-KC Region's Christmas Dinner

Who: AACA-KC Region Members

What: Christmas dinner

When: December 20, 2015 5:00pm Where: Cinzetties Rustic Italian

Buffet Restaurant & Bar

7201 W. 91st Street (at the corner of

91st & Metcalf)

Overland Park, KS. 66212

(913) 642-0101

### Please note:

Our monthly meeting location is at Paradise Park in the 2nd level conference room - 1021 NE Colbern Rd., Lee's Summit, MO

#### **Ideas for Club Excursions?**

Maybe you have a suggestion for our club excursions or touring. If you have visited or read about a site that would be enjoyed by our club members please let our touring chair person know. There are so many options available for day touring and sometimes a over night is applealing too.

#### Don't forget!

Check out our AACA-KC website for more information about our club. You can also find the archive of our newsletters there plus more www.aaca-kc.org



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## 🗷 New Arrival!

Jerry and Carolyn Young welcome their new baby, a 1966 Ford Mustang Coupe, V/8 automatic.

### Don't forget!

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## The Driving Factor

by Editor, Carolyn Young **Women At The Wheel** 

continued from last month

1964 — While Ford would later reposition the vehicle as a muscle-car, Ford's release of the **Mustang** began with a large marketing effort aimed at

**1984** — After GM's failed attempt to capture the "minivan market" in 1960 with the Corvair Greenbrier, Chrysler finally became America's leading minivan maker with its release of the Dodge Caravan and Plymouth Voyager.

1995 — During an election for Denver city council, Susan B. Casey ran with the slogan "A Soccer Mom for City Council." The term "soccer mom" (referring to married, middleclass, suburban mothers who drive minivans or SUVs) became part of the American lexicon and a powerful voting block courted by politicians.

Hope you enjoyed "Women at the Wheel"

A little history on women driving. You can find the entire artilce at: www.hagerty.com dated 10/24/2012 Permission granted by Hagerty to reprint

Watch for next the next "Driving Factor". We will be looking at the five



most popular classic cars for women.

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### National Events

**February II-I3** - AACA Annual Meeting Philadelphia, PA

**February 16-19** - Winter Meet • Naples, FL • hosted by Naples-Marco Island Region More Information

**April 7-10** - Southeastern Spring Meet • Charlotte, NC • hosted by Hornets Nest Region

May 5-7 - AACA Special Meet • Auburn, IN • hosted by AACA National

May 19-21 - Eastern Spring Meet • Vineland, NJ • hosted by South Jersey Region

June 3-4 - Annual Grand National • Williamsport, PA • hosted by Susquehannock Region <u>Further Information</u>

June 12-17 - Sentimental Tour • Salisbury, NC • hosted by Hornets Nest Region

**July 14-16** - Central Division Meet • North Mankato, MN • hosted by Minnesota Region

**July 17-21** - Founders Tour • Huntingdon, PA • hosted by Allegheny Mountain Region

**July 1-August 3** - Eastern Divisional Tour • Richmond, VA • hosted by Richmond Region

### National Events

### continued

August 1-13 - Southeastern Fall Meet • New Bern, NC • hosted by Ist Capital Chapter of North Carolina Region

**September 1-3** - Western Fall Meet • Cheyenne, WY • hosted by High Plains Region

**September II-16** - Revival AAA Glidden Tour - North Conway, NH • hosted by VMCCA

October 5-8 - Eastern Fall Meet • Hershey, PA • hosted by Hershey Region

October 20-22 - Central Fall Meet • Galveston, TX • hosted by Gulf Coast Region

## News Other Regions

### March 2016

5 - Wilmington, NC - 44th Annual Cape Fear Chapter AACA Show -Contact: Ashby Armistead, President - 910-612-0470; trashbya@aim.com

12 - West Friendship, MD - AACA Chesapeake Region's 43rd Annual Antique & Classic Car Swap Meet. Contact: Tom Young -443-744-6338,

tbirdtoms60@verizon.net, www.ch esapeakeaaca.org

June 4 - Fredericksburg, VA - Historic Fredericksburg Region AACA 59th Annual Car Show. The old car hobby takes over the main thoroughfare of historic downtown Fredericksburg, VA, for the day when it becomes the showplace for hundreds of antique automobiles. A variety of car-related activities are available for the entire family. Contact: J. Gordon Brown, meet chairman, 703-725-7948.

## Memberships

**Keep your membership current -** National membership may be renewed online at <u>www.aaca.org</u> or by our treasurer. The cost is \$35 per year

Annual, Student and Junior Memberships in the AACA are open to all individuals who have a genuine interest in the antique automobile hobby. Ownership of an automobile is not a prerequisite of membership.

You may renew your local membership by paying our treasurer \$25.00 Your membership includes your spouse if applicable.

Dues for 2016 are now payable.

## Thanks!

We appreciate you!







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## AACA-KC Yellow Pages

## **Advertise Here**

Clean out your garage and make money to buy another ride!

Or consider advertising your business.

Advertise in our newsletter. This is a great way to help offset the cost of our newsletter and club expenses.

Be creative advertise your business, cars, trucks, parts or automobile accessories.

The cost is as follows:

- \$3.00 per line item
- \$5.00 photo and 20 word
- \$10.00 I/4 page ad

Contact: Carolyn Young

aaca.kc.publications@gmail.com

## STREEBY'S VINTAGE TRUCK SALES

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Jim Streeby Cell 816-729-8513 or email me in strict confidence at <a href="mailto:Streeby58@gmail.com">Streeby58@gmail.com</a>

## It's Time to Order Your 2015 AACA Christmas Cards

AACA Christmas cards are an annual tradition for many members. These beautiful 5x7 cards feature artwork from renowned artist Ken Eberts, whose paintings have graced Antique Automobile magazine covers. This year, we have two new designs...



"Christmas 1925" 1925 Dodge and 1921 Studebaker Inside verse: Season's Greetings

"Christmas In My Chevrolet" 1965 Chevrolet Impala Inside verse: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



The cards come in packs of 12 and include envelopes. Each pack is only \$12 (plus shipping). An order form was included with your last issue of *Antique Automobile* magazine or you can always call AACA Headquarters to place your order (717-534-1910). **Spread a little holiday cheer this year, AACA-style!** 

From the AACA Library & Research Center