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Volunteer Region AACA

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UPCOMING REGION EVENTS



**Nov. 15: Annual Business Meeting
@ The Knox County Association of
Baptists - @ 1:00 PM
7709 Westland Dr, Knoxville, TN**



**Dec. 5: Volunteer
Region Christmas
Dinner Party Museum
of Appalachia @ 6:30**

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS



Stay tuned for emails
regarding any upcoming
events!

UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS



February 5-7 - 2026 Annual Convention - Chantilly, Virginia



March 19-21 - 2026 Special Nationals - Guaynabo, Puerto Rico



March 26-28 - 2026 Winter Nationals - Cartersville, Georgia.



April 9-11 - 2026 Southeastern Spring Nationals - Charlotte, NC.



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Calendar on page 12



PRESIDENTIAL PARTINGS

It is hard to imagine that November is upon us already. I guess the old saying is true that time flies when you are having fun. We are finishing up the planning for our first annual November meeting on November 15th at the Knox County Baptist Association at 7709 Westland Drive in Knoxville. Please make plans to attend this meeting as we discuss and approve our proposed by-laws. Each of you was emailed a copy of the latest revised by-laws and they are also posted on our website for your review.

Our upcoming Christmas party is scheduled for Friday, December 5th at Museum of Appalachia in Norris, TN. We have had a great response from everyone for our upcoming party, and we are looking forward to this event. At last count, we have a total of 57 who have committed to attend this event. Along with our dinner on December 5th we also have a free pass to visit the museum until 6 PM. This was an added perk that we didn't know about until we were finalizing the plans with the museum. So please, plan on coming early to take advantage of the tour of the museum. Also, if you have not written your check for the Christmas party please do so as soon as possible because we must make our final payment to the museum on November 21st.

We have several of our members that are Veterans, and I wish to thank all Veterans for your service for our country. We have heard it said many times that "Freedom is not free", and this is so true. Thank you for your service!

This will be the last publication of Beyond the Limit for this year, so Sherry & I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas. We look forward to seeing you soon.

RG

NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Hershey was great this year with more vehicles on the show field than last year! The crowd on Friday for the show was reminiscent of years past – you couldn't stir them with a stick! Following Hershey were the Western Fall Nationals in Galveston, TX – hosted by the Texas Gulf Coast Region. Dawne, Jordan, and I flew to Houston and rented a car for the short 40 miles to Galveston Island and the Moody Gardens Resort, where all activities took place. The south side of the island has the Gulf of America and the beach, and the north side has the bay and the fishing boats... and... some great seafood! Galveston will go down as one of my most enjoyable Nationals! Please check out the [2026 calendar of National Activities](#) for AACA. There are 14 events for 2026! The National staff will be hosting 2 of the events, and your National Board of Directors will even be hosting a tour! And... we will be going to all parts of the country from Delaware to Nevada, and Wisconsin to Georgia – plus Puerto Rico, too!

With 8 Nationals, 3 tours, 2 Grand Nationals, and 1 convention, there will be plenty of opportunities to participate. Please take a look at the [list of events...](#) and... 2 Nationals will be in our backyard – Cartersville, Georgia, and Oak Ridge, Tennessee. As I said last time, the Lay family plans to go to Puerto Rico and make a vacation out of it! So, look at all the other places and maybe tack on a few days before or after the show or tour to explore the area, sightsee, shop, eat local, relax, etc.

Once again, let me say that I have been honored to serve as an AACA National Director representing all the great people in the Volunteer Region. I look forward to seeing all of you at an AACA National event next year!

CRUISE TO MORRISTOWN

It was a perfect day for a ride through the country in an old car, when members and guests of the Volunteer Region gathered for a cruise to Morristown. The destination was a private classic car collection owned by local car enthusiast Don Bunch.

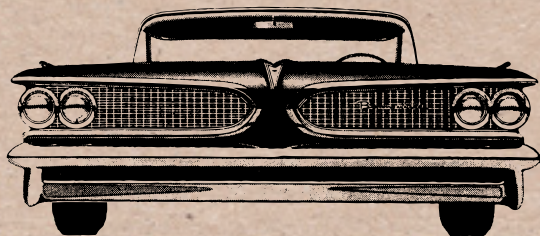
The event was hosted by Steve Lanb and Vicky Price, and included a poker run, presided over by Paul Darling.

As the group gathered at the starting point on Asheville Highway, Sherry and R.G. Lewallen distributed driving directions along with fresh hot Krispy Kreme donuts. Meanwhile, Paul Darling collected antes and distributed the first two cards for the poker run.

Soon enough, the group was underway, traveling East Tennessee's back roads in the morning sun. An unexpected treat occurred on the horizon as a hot-air balloon ascended directly in front of the caravan. It was the finishing touch to a perfect Saturday morning cruise.

After a rest stop and a chance to draw another card, the group was on their way to Morristown and the DBI Classic Car showroom.

Once there, the group was greeted by Mr. Bunch, who provided a tour and had a story to tell about each of the half-dozen cars on display. Then, Don led the group to his warehouse, where another thirty cars were parked. All but one of the classics was polished and glistening under the lights.



Jimmie Hixon (left) talks cars with host Don Bunch.

The one exception to the restored cars and resto-rods was a 1950 Lincoln that Dwight D. Eisenhower used as his campaign car when he was running for President. The car remains in its unrestored condition.



The 1950 Lincoln that Dwight Eisenhower drove during his presidential campaign.

Mr. Bunch explained that he drives his cars and is a regular at local car shows and cruise-ins. He has also made more than 15 trips to California in various vintage cars, in order to participate in the annual West Coast Nationals in Pleasanton, California.

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Two of the cars Don Bunch has driven from Morristown to California and back.

"The best part is the trip," Mr. Bunch said as he described his journeys across the county.

After saying goodbye to Don Bunch, the group made its way to the Davy Crocket restaurant, where lunch was enjoyed and the final poker cards were drawn. Ben Curtis and Roger Frazee each had an ace-high straight, so the pot was split between the two.

The day concluded with an unwelcome adventure when R. G. and Sherry Lewallen's '58 Chevrolet suffered a fuel pump failure. Fortunately, the breakdown occurred near a roadside park, just outside of Morristown. Several club members were able to push the disabled Chevy into the park and leave it under a shade tree until help arrived.

Soon enough, Kenny Widener's son, Jonathan, arrived with a car hauler and brought the '58 back home. While waiting for Jonathan to arrive with the trailer, those who were involved with the rescue joined R.G. and Sherry at the Red Barn Produce Stand in Morristown, where they enjoyed some extended fellowship time.

So, even with mechanical misfortune, the Volunteer Region enjoyed another day of old-car fun on the back roads of Tennessee.

HOMECOMING FOR HENRY & THE 62 SUPER DUTY

Most of you know about Henry Hart's 62 Pontiac Super Duty, but many don't know that Henry & his brother-in-law Tom Roche completed the restoration of the Super

Duty in Lakeland, Florida in 1988. This year, 2025, marked the 26th annual Lake Mirror Concourse in Lakeland, FL, and Henry decided to take his 1962 Pontiac Super Duty to this prestigious event. This event is a three-day event and was held on October 18, 19, & 20th. It included a cruise in, a driving tour, and of course the concourse judged event. The judging included exterior, interior and engine compartment, additionally elegance and presence are considered with each vehicle as well. This event continues to grow every year. Sixteen downtown streets were closed to accommodate the over 450 open car show/cruise Friday evening and Saturday. There was 220 registered for the Saturday concourse around Lake Mirror promenade. It was only fitting that since the restoration of the Super Duty was completed in Lakeland, that Henry took the car back to Lakeland for this event. Well, I am proud to say that Henry did not disappoint as he received the Swan Award for his 62 Super Duty in the 1960-1974 Domestic class! Our congratulations to Henry and the deserving 62 Super Duty!



A MEMORABLE WEEKEND AT SOMERNITES CRUISE

Several members of the Volunteer Region AACA hit the road to Somerset, Kentucky, for the Somernites Cruise on October 23rd-25th. The group enjoyed a fun-filled weekend of fellowship, classic cars, and perfect fall weather.

Those attending included R.G. and Sherry Lewallen, Robbie and Beverly Gray, Kenny and Terry Widner, Keith and Debbie Bullen, Charlie and Angie Gibbs, Virgil and Linda De Ford, Scott and Cindy Hill, as well as Steve and Vicki Lamb. Some of group camped together at Escape With Us Campground, just a short distance from downtown Somerset.

Throughout the weekend, everyone enjoyed exploring the car show, visiting with other enthusiasts, and relaxing around the campground. One of the highlights of the trip was celebrating Keith's 73rd birthday with good food, laughter, and great friends.

The Somernites Cruise has become an annual tradition for this little group of Volunteer Region AACA, and this year's event was another wonderful reminder of what makes the hobby so special-beautiful cars and even better company.



Debbie and Keith Bullen at the Somernites Cruise

THE PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARD

Remember in school... if you didn't miss a day, you got a perfect attendance award at the end of the school year? Well, AACA also has a Perfect Attendance Award for Judging. If you are an AACA judge, and you attend and judge at each of the Nationals during the year, you get a plaque mounted with all the dash plaques from each of the Nationals. This year, my engraved plate in the middle says: Perfect Attendance - 2025 AACA Nationals - Presented to Rick Lay. It's the second year I have received one. In my 30 years of judging, I always wanted to achieve "Perfect Attendance," and I have been fortunate enough to finally make that happen - twice! The awards are given during Judges' Breakfast at Hershey and this year, like last year - there was a Nationals after Hershey - so you may wonder how you can get a perfect attendance award if you still have one more to attend. Well... as Jim Elliott, VP of Judging told me last year as I accepted the award, "You know this means you have to go to Huntsville." He was kidding, of course... sort of. You have to be registered for the Nationals that follow Hershey and be registered to judge in order for AACA to generate the plaque - which are done at AACA Headquarters by our own Jon Curtis. This year, the Nationals at Galveston, Texas, were two weeks after Hershey, so I was registered to go and did. In 2024 there were 5 of us who got Perfect Attendance Awards. This year, there were 14 of us so honored. You may say, "Well... what did that cost you to get that plaque?" The short answer is: "I don't know and I don't want to know!"



VOLUNTEER REGION AT FALL FESTIVAL

Members of the Volunteer Region showed up in force for the annual Fall Fest, sponsored by the Salem Baptist Church in Halls.

The event featured a Trunk or Treat where the participating cars were antiques or special-interest autos. More than fifty car owners from the area showed up to hand out candy to more than 1,000 young goblins, fairies, cops, robbers, and astronauts. The candy was provided by the church.

In addition to the trunk-or-treat, the festival featured a live band playing oldies non-stop for the duration of the event as well as a hayride, courtesy of Volunteer Region members Scott and Cindy Hill. Food trucks were on hand, serving pizza and burgers to the crowd.

Unfortunately, rain moved into the area toward the end of the day. Because of the weather, the crowd gradually diminished and eventually the church officials terminated the event early.

In spite of the weather, the Fall Fest provided a great afternoon of fun and entertainment for the community's children, parents and vintage car owners. Members of the Volunteer Region are looking forward to next year's festival, hopefully without the rain.



The line of ghouls and goblins seemed endless at times.



Roger Frazee and Herb Thomas take shelter from the rain beneath the tailgate of Roger's Corvair Lakewood.



Sherry Lewallen hands out candy to the young trick-or-treaters.



VOLUNTEER REGION AACA

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SHONEY'S IN POWELL, TN
SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

OFFICERS

President: RG Lewallen, Present
Vice President: Ken Lund, Present
Secretary: Debbie Hixon, Present
Treasurer: Tom Howard, Present

Past President: None

BOARD

Director: Jordan Lay, Present
Director: Ben Curtis, Present
Director: Herb Thomas, Present
Director: Keith Pierce, Present

GUESTS

Rick Lay, National AACA Liaison
Dawne Lay
Susan Thomas
Sherry Lewallen
Coy Pierce
Jan Frazee
Roger Frazee, Webmaster

CALL TO ORDER

The President, RG Lewallen, called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

ROLL CALL

Officers, Board members, and guest present as listed previously.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous Board meeting on August 5, 2025, were presented previously to each Officer and Board member. No changes or additions were suggested. Ken Lund made a motion to accept these minutes as presented. Keith Pierce seconded the motion. The motion carried with none opposed.

MONTHLY TOUR REPORT

Ken Lund gave a report on the tours scheduled for the remainder of 2025. On September 20, a tour to Morristown, TN, along with a poker run is scheduled. Steve and Vickie Lamb will host this tour. For October, Ken suggested a tour of The Dragon ending up at Tapoco Lodge in Robbinsville, NC. Roger Frazee agreed to host this tour. The annual meeting will be held in November with date and location to be confirmed later. In December, The Volunteer Region will host the Christmas party. More information will be given at a later date.



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Debbie Hixson gave an update on new members. Susan and Alan Flanigan were presented for membership. A motion was made by Ken Lund to accept the new members. Roger Frazee seconded the motion. The motion carried with none opposed. The Volunteer Region now has 32 families as members.

NEW MEMBER DUES FOR 2025

A discussion was held on membership dues for those joining the Volunteer Region for the remainder of 2025. After much discussion, it was decided to leave the dues at \$38.00 until September 30, 2025. Those joining in October would receive free membership for the rest of 2025. This is also in agreement with the by-laws. A motion was made by Tom Howard to keep the dues at \$38.00 until September 30, 2025, and for those joining in October will have free membership until 2026. Ben Curtis seconded the motion. No further discussion. The motion carried with none opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tom Howard has opened the bank account for The Volunteer Region at Home Federal Bank. The balance currently is \$1,204.27. See attached report. A motion was made by Ben Curtis to accept the Treasurer's report as stated. Tom Howard seconded the motion. No further discussion. The motion carried with none opposed.

WEBMASTER REPORT

Roger Frazee reports The Volunteer Region web page is up and running. Vraaca.com is the website using GoDaddy. Upcoming events will be added after tonight's meeting. Pictures of Officers and Board are needed to put on the website. Any input from members is always appreciated.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Jordan Lay has The Volunteer Region Facebook and Instagram accounts up and running. The newsletter is ready for publishing. Any input from members is always appreciated. President RG Lewallen thanked Jordan for all of her hard work in getting this together. Jordan also announced that the name of the newsletter is Beyond The Limit.

NATIONAL ACTIVITIES REPORT

Rick Lay gave an update on National AACA. It is with great excitement The Volunteer Region was approved as a new region. National AACA approved this unanimously. National AACA also approved a national meet in 2026 by The Volunteer Region in Oak Ridge, TN. Hershey is coming in October. There are more vehicles registered in 2025 than last year. Over all 8 Nationals, 3 tours, 2 Grand Nationals, and 1 convention are scheduled for 2026, giving National AACA a full calendar of events. Also, two national meets will be held close to us, with one at the Savoy Museum and one in Oak Ridge, TN.

MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

ROTATION OF BOARD MEMBERS

RG Lewallen suggested two board directors serve for 1 ½ years and two serve for 2 ½ years. The board directors will get together and decide how they will work this out.

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL FALL MEET UPDATE

Roger Frazee and a small group have a meeting on Friday, August 5, to meet with Parks and Recreation in Oak Ridge and Explorer Oak Ridge to discuss the upcoming fall meet to include the price of renting facilities, etc. Jan Frazee is working with the Doubletree motel in Oak Ridge on rooms for guests. Jan is also coordinating space for registration and the sale of AACA merchandise. Location for trailer parking is also being discussed. The date of the Fall Meet is June 10-13, 2026. Ken Lund made a motion to accept the date change for the Southeastern Regional Fall Meet from August 19-22 to June 10-13, 2026. Tom Howard seconded the motion. No further discussion. The motion passed with none opposed.

Roger Frazee has reserved Shoney's in Powell for the first planning meeting on Thursday, September 11, at 6:30 PM. All club members are invited. Volunteer positions will be available for sign-up.

Also needs to be noted that even though the date was changed from August to June, the name of the event will still be Southeastern Regional Fall Meet.

Roger Frazee paid \$25.00 to Bissel Park as a deposit for the meet. Ben Curtis made the motion to reimburse Roger the amount of \$25.00. Herb Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed with none opposed.

BY-LAWS UPDATE

The proposed by-laws will be sent out to all club members. These will also be added to the website for review. Hopefully, these by-laws will be approved at the November business meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Name tags for Volunteer Region members were discussed. Roger Frazee is checking on prices. Also, possible lanyards. Tom Howard is checking on this. The possibility of T-shirts for the Southeastern Regional Fall Meet was also discussed. This will be investigated further.

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday, November 6, at Shoney's in Lenoir City at 6:30 PM. Sunday, November 23, Annual Business Meeting, tentatively. December Christmas party.

ADJOURN

Ben Curtis made the motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 8:00 PM. Ken Lund seconded the motion. The motion passed with none opposed.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
DEBBIE HIXSON, SECRETARY

2026 AACA NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

2026 Annual Convention

February 5-7 ▪ Chantilly, VA
Steve Rossi, sldmrossi@aol.com

2026 Eastern Spring Nationals

May 28-30 ▪ Indiana, PA
Paul Colligan, thefarmrv@windstream.net

2026 Special Nationals

March 19-21 ▪ Guaynabo, PR
Jose Davila, guillodavila57@gmail.com

2026 Southeastern Fall Nationals

June 11-13 ▪ Oak Ridge, TN
Roger Frazee, rkfrazee@gmail.com

2026 Winter Nationals

March 26-28 ▪ Cartersville, GA
Kraig Bolus, kbolus3@gmail.com

2026 Sentimental Tour

June 15-19 ▪ Mechanicsburg, PA
Don Barlup, pullman1914@aol.com

2026 Southern Spring Nationals

April 9-11 ▪ Charlotte, NC
Phillip Cole, pcole@wnccumc.net

2026 Central Spring Nationals

July 23-25 ▪ Green Bay, WI
Russ Walker, russellwalker@aol.com

2026 Western Spring Nationals/Grand Nationals

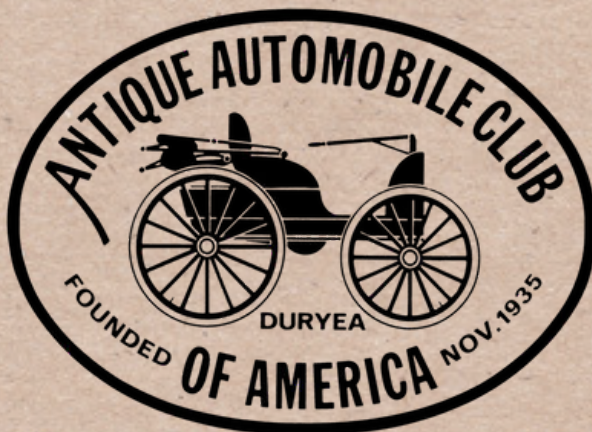
April 23-25 ▪ Las Vegas, NV
Micael Fecchino, chevyfordply@gmail.com

2026 Grand Nationals/Zenith

August 19-22 ▪ Allentown, PA
Steve Moskowitz, aaca1@aaca.org

2026 Founders Tour

September 9-14 ▪ Williamsburg, VA
Scott Dayton, smdayton40@gmail.com



2026 80th Revival AAA Glidden Tour (AACA)

September 20-26 ▪ Dover, DE
Dave Anspach, aacadave1054@yahoo.com

2026 Eastern Fall Nationals

October 6-9 ▪ Hershey, PA
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