

THE VOLUNTEER REGION AACA

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UPCOMING REGION EVENTS



Stay tuned for emails
regarding any upcoming
events!

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS



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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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By RG Lewallen, President

PRESIDENTIAL PARTINGS

What an exciting time as we are already into a new year! Sherry and I want to wish everyone a happy 2026. We have already participated in the 42nd annual Cabin Fever car show where we had an overwhelming response with members displaying their vehicles. We also set up a display both to attract new members, and we were able to add 14 members into our region! (Please note the article in this issue for the specific information on Cabin Fever). There is more great info concerning Cabin Fever at Old Car Dad's youtube channel. [Click Here](#).

We now have 63 families in our region. This is great considering we only chartered in last August. Well, January is still here and we have our upcoming planning meeting on the 24th at the Baptist Association of Knox County. Please make plans to attend this important meeting.

Ken Lund is heading up our events for this year so as you have ideas for monthly events make sure to pass them on to Ken.

It is going to be a busy year with many opportunities for National events close to us. The Allatoona Region is hosting a meet in Cartersville, GA in March that should be a great event. And of course, we have our own Southeastern Fall Meet in Oak Ridge in June.

I want to thank each of you for your involvement in our newly formed region and let you know that each of you matter to our hobby and our events. This car hobby is fun and exciting but without everyone's participation it can't happen. The old saying that the old vehicles bring us together, but it is the lasting fellowship and friendship that keep us together is so true.

RG

By Rick Lay, National Liaison

NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The AACA year is about to begin Nationally as we gather in Chantilly, VA February 5-7 for the Annual Convention. Several of us in the Volunteer Region will be in attendance. Tom Howard, I, the Lewallens and the Frazees will be there for sure. The Frazees will be getting a National Award on Saturday night for their 1965 Corvair - congratulations! Seminars will be held on Friday and Saturday leading up to the General Membership meeting on Saturday afternoon. It will be at that meeting where the AACA year ends for 2025 and the new 2026 AACA year begins. After Saturday night's National Awards Banquet, Vicki Bolton will take over as the 2026 President of AACA and all the positions for the 2026 AACA National Board will be announced. Let me say, on a personal note, how honored I am to be serving you all on our AACA National Board. Saturday evening will be quite the gala affair as we hand out the 66 National Awards for vehicles in the various categories plus the additional service and individual awards. And... let's not forget about the Trade Show! Set up will be Thursday and the Trade Show will officially open Friday morning at 8:00 AM and run through Saturday at 2:00 PM. The Volunteer Region will have a booth at this year's Trade Show to promote the Southeastern Division Fall Nationals that we will be hosting in Oak Ridge, TN in June! It will be an exciting weekend filled with all things automotive. I encourage you all to put at least one AACA Annual Convention on your "to do" list in the future. You will not be sorry you did it! As a final note, March and April will be busy months with the Nationals in Guaynabo, PR - followed the next week by the Winter Nationals in Cartersville, Ga. Then in April, we have the Nationals and Grand Nationals in Las Vegas followed by the Southeastern Division Spring Nationals in Charlotte. It looks like we will indeed have another fun AACA year in 2026!

42ND ANNUAL CABIN FEVER CAR AND MOTORCYCLE SHOW

The Cabin Fever Car and Motorcycle Show (Cabin Fever) was held at the Knoxville Expo Center on January 9 through 11, 2026. The show was a welcome relief from the confines of Winter and cabin fever. The Expo Center provided a great venue for the show and protection from the Winter elements. The vehicles present numbered 210 and their quality was excellent. The vehicles ranged from Hot Rods, Rat Rods, Modified Cars and Trucks, Original Cars and Trucks, Motorcycles, and a few "VERY INTERESTING" vehicles. The number of original vehicles was amazing. There were many vendors providing a wide variety of vehicle parts and accessories, tools, and food. A car corral provided a place for vehicles that were for sale. Thank you, Mike Berry and all your helpers, for providing a great show, a wonderful experience, and many memories.

The Volunteer Region participation was in full force providing beautiful cars and trucks for all to see. Most of our region's vehicles were lined up together in three plus rows demonstrating the great support by our members. The quality and beauty of the vehicles was excellent as verified by the many accolades from attendees. A Volunteer Region booth was provided for the exhibitors, vendors, and antique vehicle fans. The booth was well manned, nicely laid out, and pleasing to the eyes. The booth provided Volunteer Region and AACA information, membership forms and assistance, television with our region's pictures, snacks, and a great place for conversation and fellowship.

Cabin Fever was a great success for the Volunteer Region. The number of our region's folks who attended the show, displayed their beautiful vehicles, worked the booth, and assisted Mike Berry was truly amazing. The large number of new members recruited at this show far exceeded all previous Cabin Fever shows. What a great testament to our region's members who worked hard to recruit new members. Below are the Volunteer Region's statistics for the show.

- Original members who brought vehicles - 19
- New members who brought vehicles - 6
- Total Members who brought vehicles - 25
- Total member vehicles - 30
 - (5 members brought 2 vehicles)
- Members who received awards - 10
 - (10 out of 30 is amazing)
- Members who helped in booth - 30
- New members added to Volunteer Region - 14
 - (Again amazing)

The Volunteer Region was a great addition to Cabin Fever in multiple ways. Our region was a blessing to so many people who were present at the show. But most of all, our region is a blessing to call members. Thank you to each member who participated in the show and made the show a wonderful time of conversation, fellowship, friendship and memories. And thank you to the Volunteer Region for greatly adding to the success of the show.

CABIN FEVER 2026



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THREE GENERATIONS AND COUNTING

Kenny and Terry Widener have owned this 1959 Chevy Apache since 1978. This truck was purchased new at Beaty Chevrolet in 1959 by Kenny's Grandfather Floyd Widener. Floyd used the truck as a daily driver and for farming purposes up until he passed away in 1966. After Floyd passed away, the truck was given to Gil Widener (Kenny's Father) who used the truck in his electrical business up until 1970. After 1970, Kenny & his brother Steve used the truck when they attended school at Powell High School.

Kenny drove the truck and it is rumored that Kenny set up a sideline business out the truck while he was still in high school. After Kenny graduated high school in 1973, his younger brother Chip started using the truck while he attended Central High School until 1977.

The truck was involved in a vehicle accident in 1977 and sat for about a year when it was given to Kenny by his father Gil in 1978.

Kenny repaired the truck to make it road worthy and used it as a daily driver between 1978 until 1989.

In 1989, Kenny did a complete restoration on the truck to get it into the current condition it is today. Since 1989, it has been to many car shows, parades, and cruise-ins. Kenny's daughter Allison uses the truck for photo ops on many occasions.

This truck now has a Chevy 283 small block, manual transmission and is always an eye catcher. It is normally seen out with a vintage Schwinn bicycle strapped into the bed of the truck.

Kenny & Terry have two children and three granddaughters so I'm sure this special Apache truck will remain in the Widener family at least for two more additional generations.



Kenny & Terry Widener in their 1959 Apache with their three granddaughters, Pearl, Lola, and Stella.

VOLUNTEER REGION AACA

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SHONEY'S IN LENOIR CITY, TN
NOVEMBER 6, 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, Excused Absence

GUESTS

Rick Lay, National AACA Liaison
Susan Thomas
Sherry Lewallen
Jimmie Hixon
Stephanie Cooper

CALL TO ORDER

The President, RG Lewallen, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

ROLL CALL

Officers, Board members, and guests present as listed above.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous Board meeting on September 4, 2025 were presented previously to each officer and board member. No changes or additions were recommended. Tom Howard made a motion to accept these minutes as presented. Ken Lund seconded the motion. None opposed. The motion carried.

MONTHLY TOUR REPORT

Ken Lund gave a report on upcoming events for the Volunteer Region. The September 20 Morristown/Poker Run hosted by Steve and Vickie Lamb was a great success. All who attended enjoyed the time together.

The annual business meeting will be held on November 15, 2025 at the home of RG and Sherry Lewallen. A box lunch will be available for purchase.

The Christmas party will be held December 5, 2025 at the Museum of Appalachia. At this point 59 families have signed up to attend at a cost of \$39.95 per person. This will include dinner, a blue grass band and a tour of the Museum of Appalachia. The menu choice will be finalized at the upcoming annual business meeting.

MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

A tour of University of Tennessee facilities is also being looked into.

Cabin Fever will be held January 9-11 at the Expo Center. This event is a great social event for our club with several new members each year. The cost is \$160.00 for a club booth. RG Lewallen suggested we give Mike Berry, the chairman of the event, a full page ad in our Southeastern Fall National Meet book in lieu of the cost of Cabin Fever. Herb Thomas made a motion to give Mike Berry a full page ad in the Southeastern Fall National Meet book in lieu of the \$160.00 cost of the event. Ben Curtis seconded the motion. None opposed. The motion passed.

The January planning meeting in January, possibly January 24, 2026 will be scheduled to plan the Volunteer Region club activities for 2026. The location will be decided at a later time.

Volunteer Region Board meeting will be January 8, 2026 in Oak Ridge.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Debbie Hixson gave an update on new members. The Volunteer Region has had two new members since the last meeting. We now have 38 families. Bill and Brenda Crisp were presented for membership to the Volunteer Region. A motion was made by Tom Howard to accept the new members. Herb Thomas seconded the motion. None opposed.

The motion carried. Dennis and Vicki McGaha were presented for membership to the Volunteer Region. A motion was made by Ken Lund to accept the new members. Herb Thomas seconded the motion. None opposed. The motion carried. Carl and Janice Tindell were presented for membership to the Volunteer Region. A motion was made by Ken Lund to accept the new members. Herb Thomas seconded the motion. None opposed. The motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tom Howard presented the current financial report. A copy was given to each member present. A motion to accept the financial report as given by Ken Lund. Ben Curtis seconded the motion. None opposed. The motion carried. A copy of the treasurer's report is attached.

WEBMASTER REPORT

Roger Frazee was unable to attend the meeting. The website is up and running.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Jordan Lay reports the latest edition of BEYOND THE LIMIT is ready for distribution. Social media is updated with all events.

NATIONAL ACTIVITIES REPORT

Rick Lay gave an update on National AACA. Hershey was a great success this year. Membership booths were very successful. The library had it's most successful year with book sales. There have been 3600 new members in AACA this year. Free military applications are very successful. The Western Fall Nationals were held in Galveston, Texas. This was a small meet with 54 vehicles. Dawne, Jordan and myself attended this meet. There are 14 events scheduled in 2026 on the calendar of National Activities for AACA including 8 Nationals, 3 tours, 2 Grand Nationals and 1 convention. Plenty of opportunities to participate. Two Nationals will be held close to our area in Cartersville, Georgia and Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

ROTATION OF BOARD MEMBERS

At the previous Board meeting President, RG Lewallen, suggested the Board directors get together and decide how they will rotate their term as Board Directors. This was completed with the following decision:

Serving through EOY 2027: Jordan Lay and Herb Thomas

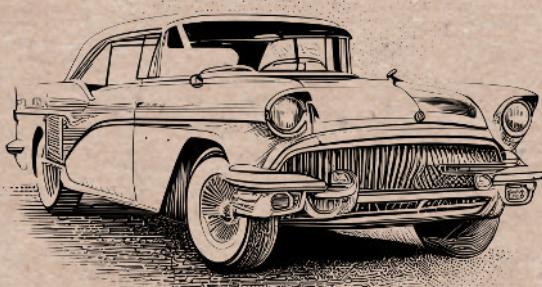
Serving through EOY 2026: Ben Curtis and Keith Pierce

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL FALL MEET UPDATE

Roger and Jan Frazee were unable to attend the meeting. Roger has sent out an email outlining what has been accomplished so far. This email will be attached to the minutes. Total rental fee for Bissell Park and Conference Center facilities is \$1,457.50. The invoices are attached. A deposit of \$400.00 is required which is payable now. A motion was made by Ken Lund for the Volunteer Region to pay this \$400.00 deposit out of our treasury. Tom Howard seconded the motion. None opposed. The motion carried.

The possibility of selling T-shirts for the event was discussed and suggested using Robbie Gray's jeep as the graphic for the shirt. Virgil DeFord got a quote from ET Motor Sports at a price of \$10.00 a shirt. This will be discussed further.

Kenny King is continuing to work on sponsorship ads.



NEW BUSINESS

Insurance Coverage: The Volunteer Region received a package from National AACA for insurance coverage for officers and board members at a cost of \$110.00 per year. Tom Howard and Rick Lay both suggested The Volunteer Region officers and directors need to be covered in case something should happen and they could be held responsible for it. After discussion it was decided to get the insurance coverage for The Volunteer Region. A motion to pay for the insurance at a cost of \$110.00 per year out of Volunteer Region funds was made by Tom Howard. Ben Curtis seconded this motion. None opposed. The motion carried.

NAME TAGS

Roger Frazee is working on designing name tags for The Volunteer Region. A sample was shown during this meeting. A motion to present members with the option to purchase club name tags at a cost of \$7.00 each was made by Debbie Hixson. Ken Lund seconded the motion. None opposed. The motion carried.

CLUB BANNER

Discussion to get a Volunteer Region club banner 3x5 vinyl for use at Cabin Fever was held. Tom Howard or Rick Lay will get a National AACA banner.

A motion was made to purchase a Volunteer Region AACA club banner for Cabin Fever and Annual Meeting not to exceed a cost of \$90.00 by Ken Lund. Tom Howard seconded the motion. None opposed. The motion carried.

BY-LAWS

A discussion was held earlier for changes in the by-laws in order to keep the Board neutral stating that no immediate family members may serve simultaneously on the Board to include spouse, parents, siblings, children, grandparents and grandchildren. A copy of the by-laws will be available at the annual meeting and open for discussion. This will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on November 15, 2025.

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Annual Business Meeting on November 15, 2025 Next Board Meeting on January 8, 2026 in Oak Ridge, TN.

ADJOURN

Herb Thomas made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 8:00pm. Tom Howard seconded the motion. None opposed. The motion carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
DEBBIE HIXSON, SECRETARY

VOLUNTEER REGION AACA

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

HOME OF RG & SHERRY LEWALLEN
NOVEMBER 15, 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, Excused Absense
Director: Keith Pierce, Excused Absence

GUESTS

Rick Lay, National AACA Liaison
Approximately 25 club members

CALL TO ORDER

President, RG Lewallen, called the meeting to order at 1:45 pm.

WELCOME

Present, RG Lewallen, welcomed each member for attending the meeting. It is a great turnout. Introductions were made of the Board members and Directors who were able to attend and each club member present.

Since Volunteer Region Officers and Board were elected mid-year 2025, they will continue to serve the remainder of this year and 2026.

FINANCE REPORT

Treasurer, Tom Howard, gave a year to date report of the Volunteer Region. The financial report is attached to the minutes. A motion was made to accept the financial report as stated as of November 6, 2025. The motion was seconded. None opposed. The motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Debbie Hixon, secretary, stated The Volunteer Region now has 38 families who have joined.

PROPOSED VOLUNTEER REGION BY-LAWS

The proposed Volunteer Region By-Laws were open for discussion by President, RG Lewallen. Jan and Roger Frazee put the proposed By-Laws together earlier this year following recommendations from National AACA. The only proposed change was to not allow immediate family members to serve as Officers and Board members at the same time.

These changes were open for discussion. No further discussion. A vote was taken by all members present to accept these By-Laws as written. The vote passed. Ken Lund made the motion to accept the By-Laws as written on November 15, 2025. Susan Baker seconded the motion. None opposed. The motion passed.

VOLUNTEER REGION CHRISTMAS PARTY 2025

The Christmas party will be held at the Museum of Appalachia on December 5, 2025. In addition to the meal at a cost of \$39.95 per person, members will have access to the grounds to tour the museum. A bluegrass band will play for one hour. A discussion and vote of the meal choices was undertaken by each member present. The final vote was Parmesan chicken and Pork loin for the meat, two hot sides of mashed potatoes and green beans and one green salad.

The party will start at 6:30 and last for two hours. As of this date 61 families have signed up to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2026

Cabin Fever will be held at the Knoxville Expo Center January 10-11, 2026. The Volunteer Region Officers and Board met previously and voted to support Cabin Fever. Our club will participate in this with volunteers needed to help man The Volunteer Region booth. A sign up sheet for volunteers was passed around to members present today.

Mike Berry has agreed to let the club have a booth at no charge this year since we are a new club.

The possibility of touring the athletic facilities at UT is also being looked into as one the events for next year.

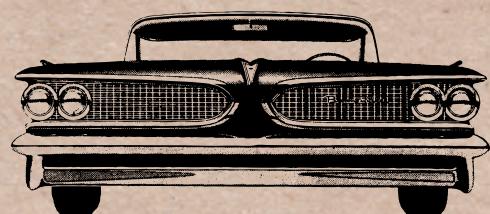
These events will be presented at the January planning meeting and voted on. The tours/events for 2026 will be open for discussion. Any ideas will be welcome for these events to plan the club's activities for 2026.

NAME TAGS

A sample of the Volunteer Region name tags was passed around. If we order more than 30 name tags the cost would be \$7.65 including tax. Suggested to round up to \$8.00 with extra going into the club's treasury.

OLD BUSINESS

President, RG Lewallen, reminded those present that National AACa gives Volunteer Region 4 complimentary National military memberships for a one year free membership into National AACa. Keep this in mind with potential new members.



NEW BUSINESS

None.

President, RG Lewallen, complimented Jordan Lay for the excellent job she is doing on our newsletter and social media. The latest edition of Beyond the Limit has been completed. She welcomes any ideas from club members.

ADJOURN

Jim McManus made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 pm. Kenny King seconded the motion. None opposed. The motion carried

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
DEBBIE HIXSON, SECRETARY



The Volunteer Region gathers for Pizza following the Cabin Fever Car Show.



Be sure to check out additional photos on
our social media platforms!

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& Instagram @volunteerregionaaca

2026 AACA NATIONAL ACTIVITIES

2026 Annual Convention

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2026 Southern Spring Nationals

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

2026 Western Spring Nationals/Grand Nationals

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



2026 Eastern Spring Nationals

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

2026 Southeastern Fall Nationals

June 11013 ▪ Oak Ridge, TN
Roger Frazee, rkfrazee@gmail.com

2026 Sentimental Tour

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

2026 Central Spring Nationals

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

2026 Grand Nationals/Zenith

August 19-22 ▪ Allentown, PA
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2026 Founders Tour

September 9-14 ▪ Williamsburg, VA
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2026 80th Revival AAA Glidden Tour (AACA)

September 20-26 ▪ Dover, DE
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2026 Eastern Fall Nationals

October 6-9 ▪ Hershey, PA
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