



## Next Meeting

July 10, 2021



### GREETINGS CLUB MEMBERS!!!!

We had 33 members show up for our third meeting of the year. Those that showed up were greeted by hot meeting room, smoke filled and flies!

Getting ready for the meeting was a total disaster. First, I could not get my music playing. Second, the AC froze up. Third, my exhaust fan quit. Forth, my hot water heater still is not working. Fifth, the Car of the Month vapor locked and did make it! Sixth, the flies were horrible!!! I told everyone that we were having a picnic 🍷 inside. We had ham steaks, pan fried potatoes and onions (this caused all the smoke), corn, green beans and a tossed salad 🥗. We had very little left of the food. I guess the heat and flies did not bother most of the members because we did not close up shop until around 8:30 or so!

Please read the minutes because I cannot remember all that was discussed!!!

We are going to have our meeting July 10th, 2021. The reason I did not get the newsletter out sooner is that we had a AC repairman come out to fix the two AC's and he did not do the job right and to this day he will not return a phone call!!!! Got ONE HOUR AIR CONDITIONING AND HEATING to come out. They were prompt, diagnosed the problem and they ordered the part and we should have AC next meeting.

Need prayers for Phil and Mary Ann Woodard!!!! Their daughter had heart surgery. It was suppose to be three or four hour surgery and ended up being 12 hours!!!! She is in a critical care unit as of today and responding to treatment but still unconscious!!!! So please pray that all is going to be well!!!!

HAPPY FORTH OF JULY!!!!!!

**Call to Order:** 6:44 pm

Sam Austin announced, Mel Hammontree was to bring car of the month, but it broke down on his way here. Someone saw him on the side of the road. The air conditioner stopped working about 2:30, and the exhaust fan stopped working about 4:00 or 4:30. So, it's been a good day.

**50:50** #760 - \$24.00 Dick Grenvik

**Detours & Roadblocks**

Phil Woodard's daughter is scheduled for open heart surgery in California.

Norma Gonzales' blood counts are low. Need to keep her in our prayers.

Weldon is home and is doing well,

Bill Busby (joined at our last meeting) underwent a left upper lobectomy last Thursday, he is doing well and they think they got all the cancer.

**New Business:**

Lee Ivanhoe - I want to talk about dues. I don't mean d-o-s, I mean d-u-e-s. Each year our members pay local dues and National dues. Local dues are \$20.00 and National dues are \$40.00. There are about 15 clubs that participate in the Pate Swap Meet. In talking with these clubs, one thing we noticed was consistent with those clubs was, the clubs that had the highest membership did not require their members to pay National Dues. What we are looking at, or considering, I want to bring it to your attention and talk to the Board about this Club to actually make it an option that you can pay your \$20.00 local dues, but you have the option whether or not to pay the \$40.00 National dues. There are some members that have paid life-time membership dues to the AACA. They do not pay annual dues. What we are looking at is proposing to make it an option whether or not members pay dues to the AACA. You will continue to get the magazine if you choose to pay National dues. At one time we had 55 or more active members. Tonight we have about 25 here. We are trying to put a spark in getting more members to come in. When you think about Pate, each member, regardless of whether or not you work the Car Corral at Pate, we get about \$200/member. That's about \$5,000, if we have more than 25 members, the Club gets more than that. We looked through the Charter and the By-Laws to see if anything negative would come about by making the National dues optional, and we couldn't find anything. So, I just wanted to bring that out in front of you and get your opinion. We can talk about it, you can call me or email me or one of the folks on the Board to make it an option for 2022.

John Holmes - I thought the AACA required all members of the local Club pay National dues.

Scott Ingram - For those of you who don't know me or don't remember me, I'm Scott Ingram. I have been a member of the Club for about 12 years, but we moved out of town about 6 years ago, that's why I'm never here. I'm here for a long weekend and wanted to come see my car friends. I'm the actual Pate Director for this Club, I live really close to the race track, Lee is the Alternate Director and helps out here so much. John, what it is, is that the AACA requires that any Club that wants to be affiliated with the AACA, requires every member to pay National dues. Classic Memories is a member of the West Texas Region of the AACA. What we are proposing is that the Club discontinue our association with the AACA. The Club would no longer be a member of the West Texas Region of the AACA, but each individual who wants to be an AACA member can continue to pay their dues to the AACA. Like Jerry Owens has a lifetime membership, so he will continue to be a member of the AACA, but not a member of the West Texas Region of the AACA. The reason we are looking at this is, as

Lee said, we have been working Pate for many years and we work just as hard as these other Clubs, some may work a little harder and some not hard at all. But, the revenue we get is not based on how many members work, not on how hard we work, or how many hours we put in, the revenue is based on how many Club members we have in our local Club. Our Club 2 years ago, if I remember the numbers right, 2 years ago we had 54 members, 1 1/2 years ago it dropped to 39, this year it's 27. Our membership has dropped. These other clubs we are talking about, who are not members of the AACA, have about 250 members. They are going to get about 10 times more than we get because of their large membership. Their members pay the local dues and have the option of whether or not to pay National dues. Our local dues were \$10.00/year, now \$20.00/year. Our thought is, maybe we could boost our membership if only the local dues are required, to be a member of Classic Memories. The annual dues for AACA is actually \$45.00/year, and for some \$65.00 is expensive. I know COVID hurt us a lot, because Lee and I called those members who had not paid their National dues, and their reply was we're not meeting, we're not doing anything, so why do I want to pay that money. We were just looking at ways we could reduce the cost and get our membership up, and continue to be Classic Memories. The only benefit we get from AACA, we get that magazine, and that's essentially it.

John Holmes: There is some kind of insurance for events, but I never used it.

Lee Ivanhoe: We would like you to discuss it, give us your thoughts on it. We're not trying to force anything, we're just kind of opening it up as an option.

Sam Austin: What the deal is, if you want to be a member of AACA, that's fine, if you don't that's fine.

Lee Ivanhoe: Yes, yes, that's right. New members can come in for \$20.00 or \$65.00, it's their choice.

Scott Ingram: What we need to do, at some point, is put a motion before the board, then the Board votes on it. If the Board passes it, then it's brought before the general membership for a vote. The motion would have to be for disassociation with AACA and the Club would no longer be AACA, but individuals could be. I don't think you could just say at the December meeting the Club is no longer AACA.

John Holmes: Years ago, when I was Pate Director, they would make a casual walk and check our memberships to make sure dues were paid. I don't know if I assumed or just believed all the Clubs were associated with AACA, and their members were required to be AACA members. But, apparently that's not true.

Scott Ingram: Up until a couple of months ago, we thought the same thing. Clubs that participate at Pate are down to about 15, and only about half of those Clubs are AACA.

Lee Ivanhoe: Yes, that's right.

David Diffe: So it won't hurt our participation at Pate.

Scott Ingram: I personally called John Anderson, the President of Pate, and he said go for it. It makes no difference if we are associated with AACA or not. AACA won't like it, because it cuts down their revenue. You won't get that magazine, that I generally throw in the trash. But, David, if you love that magazine so much, you still have the option to get it. I can see the Brogdens or the Brookshires who have been members for 50 years and love the fact and can't conceive of us not being AACA, would oppose it.

Sam Austin: Just to throw this out there, the Brookshires haven't paid their dues in 2 or 3 years, since Weldon's been sick.

David Diffe: So we have this discussion, thinking the Club membership would be enhanced and continue to grow.

Lee Ivanhoe: It's a possibility.

Sam Austin: I can tell you first hand, more people quit because of the AACA dues. Every year I call people to get them to pay, and they just can't see paying \$40-\$45 for dues.

back ground discussion among several people.

Scott Ingram: This is June, I suggest that y'all talk about it and let me or Sam know what y'all are thinking, I think the Board has to have some kind of vote on it, Then if it passes, for it to be official, the general membership has to vote on it.

Rick Elkins: The AACA does give us insurance for events we put on. I don't know the details, but that is a consideration.

Scott Ingram: Yes, if we sponsor an event it gives us some kind of insurance, I don't know too much about it, Sam probably does.

Sam Austin: Yes, we pay for it, but we've never used it, I don't think. If we put on a National Event and something happens at that event, we have insurance for it. We had that National Event where the two ladies had a wreck, they had their own insurance. So, we've never used it, as far as I know.

Scott Ingram: I'm still trying to turn out to these meetings, and maybe if it's well covered in the Newsletter, that this is proposed, and talk about it. Some people will have a strong opinion one way or the other, talk to your Board members. Thank y'all.

Background discussion among several people.

**Car of the Month:**

Mel Hammontree - I will when I bring it.

Sam Austin - Mel has a 1958 Edsel that was going to be the Car of the Month. Must have vapor-locked on his way over here. So, we'll save it for next month. if it can make it.

Mel Hammontree - I've been driving it all week. I headed over here, it just quit.

Sam Austin - I'm pretty sure it vapor-locked. Putting clothespins on the fuel line will fix it. I had a '56 Ford pick-up, the only way it would run is if I put clothespins on the gas line all the way down, and it worked. I drove that old truck from '65 to '72.

**Adjourned:** 7:10

New things are happening on our web site, so come check it out. It's still a work in progress, check back often and see what's new. <http://www.wtraacaclassicmemories.com/>

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