



DAN'L BOONE REGION AACA

NEWSLETTER

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From Howard's Desk

First, I wanted you all to know that Wayne Lambert has gone back into the Hospital on this past Monday after another fall. Frankie is tied up, understandably, and unfortunately you will have to put up with me for this month's newsletter. Please keep Wayne and Frankie in your prayers.

The next order of business is that some of you have gotten SPAM emails that appear to be from me. Look closely at anything suspicious and check to see if the email address is really from me. If not, please block the sender and report it as SPAM. Do not reply. Feel free to call or text me if you have any doubts. I'll not ask you for help with money. Obviously, some crooks have nothing better to do than to try to steal from us on line. Beware!

Spring is just around the corner, and it can't get here soon enough. As we get a taste for warmer weather, our car opportunities are growing daily. Also, don't forget to change your clocks to DST this coming weekend. Please mark your calendars with the following dates for some fun and fellowship with our common hobby in mind. For March we'll start with a Board meeting of your officers on Tuesday, **March**

11th. Details to be sent to the Board members. Then the following Tuesday, **March 18th**, will be our monthly meeting at Zachary's Steakhouse at 6pm. We hope you all can join us as we will continue to plan our upcoming activities. Randy Still has agreed to share some slides from recent car show travels, which I'm sure we will all look forward to seeing.

Now for our first real car event. **Saturday, March 22nd** we will visit Randy Still's collection and have lunch together. Details below:

- Meet downtown at 10:30-11:00 am at 613 Boone St where we will see part of his collection stored there, then
- Lunch together at the Mustard Seed Cafe at 118 E Market St.
- Then caravan to Indian Springs to see Randy's collection stored there

Next on the agenda is the 2nd Annual All Wheels Car show at West Ridge High School on **Saturday, April 5th** from Noon to 4pm. The show flyer is below.

- I'm proposing that we meet at Zachary's Steakhouse parking lot at 11:15 am and
- Depart in caravan at 11:30am for a nice cruise through the country to West Ridge HS. (Those of you who were able to attend last year can tell you we had a great time at what turned out to be one of the largest shows in the area, ~500 cars in attendance.)

As we discussed at our February meeting, on **Saturday, April 12th**, we will as a club make a visit to our newest member's collection in Big Stone Gap. I'm referring to Colby Reasor's collection along with his father. I just saw Colby's latest addition to the collection, a beautiful 1962 Pontiac Grand Prix. Below are the details to add to your calendar:

- Meet at Mickey Smith's place at 807 Lynn Garden at 10:30am to depart at 11:00am in Caravan.
- Meet for Lunch at the Red Stone Drive In at 439 Natural Tunnel Pkwy, Duffield, VA around noon (I had the pleasure of dining there last week and the food was great-they are looking forward to our visit.)
- Continue in caravan to the Reasor Collection in Big Stone Gap, VA

April 15th is our monthly meeting at Zachary's Steakhouse, again put this on your calendars for 6pm

May 3rd, we've just learned that the Axe Handle Distilling Show will be from 11am - 2pm. The show flyer is below.

- I'm proposing that we caravan there as a group, again meeting at Mickey Smith's place at 9:30am and departing at 10am

May 20th will be our monthly meeting at Zachary's Steakhouse, again 6pm for your calendars.

Other big events to make sure you have on your calendars include: The Blake Cruise In/Show, Date TBD, **July 26th** FunFest Show, **August 23rd** Doe River Gorge Cruise, Train Ride, Lunch and **September 21st** Allandale Show.

I think that's enough from me for now. I'm looking forward to getting the Packard out on the road again with many of you for a great looking 2025 set of activities. Re Also included this month are Randy Still's AACA Convention Report, the minutes of our February Club meeting and some photos from Randy from a recent trip to Florida.

Howard

REMINDER: 2025 REGION DUES ARE DUE It is time to pay annual dues. Daniel Boone Region dues will remain the same for 2025: \$15 for a single and \$20 for a couple. MAIL your check payable to “Daniel Boone Region AACA” to Treasurer Bill Anderson, 3204 Highway 91, Shady Valley, TN 37688, or by handing your check to the March meeting.

AACA ANNUAL CONVENTION (report from Randy Still)

AACA held its annual convention in Concord, NC February 6-8. I attended all but the Tour Day and Don Wood and Lewis Safriet came over for Friday's events. On Thursday, events began with a tour of Rick Hendrick's Car Collection followed by an excursion to the North Carolina Museum of Transportation in Spencer, NC. I arrived on Thursday night to attend Friday and Saturday's events. Most of the events during the days were Seminars. I attended ones on Paper Automobilia, Carburetors, Woody Wagons, The Driver Participation Class, The AACA Original Class (Formerly Historic Preservation of Original Features), Radiators, Restoration tips, and a Judging School.

Saturday afternoon we had an AACA General Membership Meeting. Throughout the event, an AACA Trade Show was available with AACA having a large merchandise booth and vendors involved in the hobby such as Collector Vehicle Insurance, Plating service, car books, steering wheel restoration, and car lens reproduction.

Evening activities included a welcome reception on Thursday night, a Regions' Dinner on Friday night and an Awards Banquet on Saturday night as the conclusion of the convention. The Regions's Dinner featured a time when various region members told of AACA Tours and National Meets that they would be hosting. The Awards Banquet was when a number of AACA Scholarships were awarded and well as the special National Awards for exceptional restorations. The officers for 2024 were thanked for their work and the 2025 Officers were installed. Dave Anspach, a friend from the Crosley activities, was installed as 2025 AACA President. 2025 is the 90th Anniversary of AACA.

Throughout the event, a stunning Oldsmobile Limited was on display in the registration area. On Saturday, Members of the Hornet's Nest Region, drove and displayed some of their antique vehicles in the parking lot of the convention center. For decades our club bylaws required that the annual meeting be held in Philadelphia in February of each year. I attended two of those and Philadelphia in February can be difficult for travel and too cold to venture out much. AACA Bylaws were revised so that now the Convention can be held at various locations during the 1st quarter of each year. Next year's event will be in Chantilly, VA.

The convention is also an opportunity for fraternization with AACA members you know for all over. I enjoyed seeing Tom Howard, former AACA National President and former owner of my 1927 Buick Model 51, friends that I had met in Puerto Rico during my trip there last March, friends from the Hornet's Nest Region in Charlotte, and many new folks, who I met at the event. I enjoyed the experience.

Randy Still

Minutes of the Feb. 18th, 2025 Meeting of the Dan'l Boone Region AACA

President, Howard Irwin called the meeting to order and introduced our guest, Colby Reasor. He called on Bill Anderson to give the invocation. Marty Lane led the Pledge of Allegiance. Howard extended the club's sympathy to Dave & Becky Williams in their loss of Sean. He also announced that Wayne Lambert was going home from NHC. We then broke to eat.

After dinner, Howard presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Bill Anderson for his work as treasurer in 2024. Bill then gave our treasurer's report and invited members who had not previously paid to do so. Randy Still, then gave the minutes of the January meeting. Both were approved as presented.

Dave Williams distributed Tentative Flyers for our 2025 Allandale Show featuring Cars of Europe.

Howard then reviewed the planned activities for the remainder of 2025. He mentioned that on March 22nd we would meet at 613 Boone Street between 10:30 and 11 to tour the cars Randy Still keeps downtown and his toy and memorabilia collection on the 2nd level. We would then meet at The Mustard Seed Cafe at Noon for lunch. After lunch the group will go to Randy's house and garages in Indian Springs to tour there. On April 12th a tour to Big Stone Gap was planned to tour the cars of Colby Reasor and his father.

Randy then reported on the recent AACA Annual Convention in Concord, NC. That was followed by a video presentation of Touring in 1957 by John Longwell, which featured the cars and activities of that era. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by
Randy Still, Region Secretary



Woodway Ruritan Club Presents AXE HANDLE DISTILLING'S 5th ANNUAL CAR AND BIKE SHOW!

**May 3rd 11am-2pm at Axe Handle
42236 Wilderness Rd
Pennington Gap, VA 24277
276-318-6162**

Free admission to public and entry is free!

- Dash Plaques for all entries!
- Food truck onsite!
- Door Prizes!
- Distillery will be open 10am-8pm!
- Music!
- Free Tastings!
- Just 45 minutes from Kingsport, TN!



2ND ANNUAL

WEST RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL ALL WHEELS CAR SHOW



JOIN US!

**APRIL 5TH
12PM-4PM**

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

**LIVE MUSIC BY ASYLUM SUITE
WRHS CULINARY SALES
MILITARY VEHICLES
FOOD TRUCKS
INFLATABLES
AND MORE!**

308 LYNN RD, BLOUNTVILLE TN, 37617

TROPHIES TO BE AWARDED TO

**BEST IN SHOW
BEST SHOW TRUCK
BEST SHOW CAR
BEST 4X4
BEST MOTORCYCLE
BEST PRO STREET
BEST FORD
BEST IMPORT
BEST DISPLAY
BEST RACE CAR
BEST ATV/SIDEXSIDE**

**BEST JEEP
BEST STREET ROD
BEST MUSCLE CAR
BEST RAT ROD
BEST STREET ROD
BEST CHEVY
BEST MOPAR
BEST ORIGINAL
BEST LOW RIDER
BEST DRAG CAR
BEST TRACTOR
BEST LIFTED**

**REGISTER YOUR VEHICLE FOR \$25 THE DAY OF EVENT
FROM 9-11AM**

**TROPHIES WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE STUDENTS OF
WEST RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL'S WELDING AND AUTOMOTIVE
CTE PRGRAMS. ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THESE PROGRAMS
FOR THEIR UPCOMING SKILLSUSA STATE COMPETITIONS!**



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1929 RUXTON

FRONT WHEEL DRIVE
WEISS OR RZEPPA CV JOINTS



UNITED STATES

YEARS PRODUCED: 1929-1930

PRODUCTION: <100 (19 remaining)

ENGINE: CONTINENTAL 8 CYL.

GEARBOX: 3 SPEED

SPEED: 70 MPH

INNOVATIONS: LOW-PROFILE BODY,
FRONT TRANSAXLE



Chassis designed by *Budd Body Company* engineer William Muller, body designed by Joseph Ledwinka.

Mr. Ruxton who was an intended early investor sued to document he had no connection after his name was used without permission. This model was the first attempt to build a production front wheel drive automobile in the USA. Due to many failed attempts by Mr. Muller, and his business partner Archie Andrews, to secure finance and manufacturing partners, Cord was able to beat Ruxton to market with the front-wheel drive Cord L29. Less than 100 Ruxton vehicles were produced from June - November 1930 when the company ceased operations.

Our car is a prototype from 1929. Coloring by Josef Urban follow the original sketch and the Schumacher fabric, which is the original design.





