



DAN'L BOONE REGION CAR CLUB

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Howard Irwin, President of the Dan'l Boone Region AACA

From the Desk of Howard Irwin:

Dear Dan'l Boone Members and Friends,

What happened to the "mild winters" of East TN and SW VA??? I sure was hoping that I wouldn't have to ever use my snow shovel again, but it looks like that wish didn't happen. Oh well, enough complaining. Hopefully, you have some indoor projects you can do on your antique rides that will keep you busy until March when we can get them back on the roads (after the salt has washed away).

I'm sure all of you saw the sad news from Marty and Dave about Lana Sergent's passing a few days ago. Birg and Lana have been long time members of our Club, and her condition had kept them from being active for the last several years. We'll keep Birg and their family in our thoughts and prayers. Dave Williams will be sending a memorial gift on behalf of our club.

By the time you receive this newsletter it will be a week or less from our February 17th meeting at Zachary's Steakhouse, at our usual time of 6pm. At that meeting we will briefly talk about our upcoming calendar and if all goes well, I'll share a short video about a museum in Asheville that Bill Anderson put us on to. Might even be interesting enough that we might venture over there some time. Please put this meeting on your calendar. I'll try to get a reminder out a few days prior to this meeting.

Coming up in March, we'll meet on the 17th for our usual 3rd Tuesday meeting. This year it happens to hit on St. Patrick's day, in case you wanted to wear your "green outfits". The following Saturday, March 21st, we will have our first Saturday Cruise. We'll travel from Kingsport to the Heritage Table Restaurant in Nickelsville, VA, where we will enjoy lunch together. After dining, we will travel a short distance to Bush Mill, an original water powered grist mill, still in working condition. After a brief tour of the mill, we will return to Kingsport via a different route to complete our event. Please mark your calendars for these March events. I haven't been able to find out if or when our friends at West Ridge HS will be having their All Wheels Show, something we've attended for the last two years. I'll keep you posted when we know more. Looking ahead, our three main events for 2026 are: The Blake on May 16, The Fun Fest Show on July 25 and Allandale on September 20. Please keep these dates on your calendars. More information will be available closer to these events.

Thanks for your participation and we look forward to a great 2026 together!

Howard

SUNSHINE AND SHADOWS

We would like to note the passing of a dear long term member of our club, Lana Sergent.



Lana Kay Sergent, Pennington Gap, VA

June 5, 1939 - February 3, 2026

“Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies.”
Proverbs 31:10 (KJV)

Lana Kay Sergent, age 86, passed into glory on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at her home, surrounded by the love of her family.

Born in Woodway, Virginia, Lana was the daughter of the late Ralph Turner and Muriel Lambert Turner, and one of two children. From an early age, she possessed a deep passion for learning—one that would shape her life and legacy. A devoted reader and lifelong student, Lana graduated from Pennington High School as Valedictorian with the Class of 1957. She went on to earn her Bachelor of Arts degree from Milligan College and Lincoln Memorial University and later achieved her Master’s degree in Library Science from Peabody College.

Lana met and married the love of her life, the Honorable Birg E. Sergent, and together they shared more than 62 beautiful years of marriage. From their union, they welcomed their beloved daughter, Monica McElyea.

A passionate educator, Lana faithfully served the Lee County School System for over 36 years as both a teacher and librarian. Her career included positions at Pennington High School, Lee High School, Dryden, and Keokee, where she touched countless lives through her dedication to education and her genuine love for students.

Lana was a devoted member of First United Methodist Church of Pennington Gap since 1974, was also a proud member of Delta Kappa Gamma and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Her faith, service, and commitment to her church and community were evident in all she did.

She found great joy in traveling, reading, sharing good food, and laughing with those she loved. Lana’s warmth, wisdom, and gracious spirit will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Her life was a true reflection of Proverbs 31—a virtuous woman whose value was far beyond rubies.

Lana and Birg were immeasurably blessed to have many wonderful caregivers who lovingly assisted them over the years.

The family will receive friends on Friday, February 6, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Sturgill Funeral Home in Pennington Gap (298 Harrell Street). A funeral service will be conducted immediately following the visitation.

Please keep Birg Sergent , and Lana's family and friends in your prayers.

Dan'l Boone Car Club 2026 Events

February 2026

- *AACA 2026 Convention, Chantilly, VA Feb 5-7**
- *Board Meeting, Lazy Lady Bakery, Johnson City, TN
Monday, Feb 9 6:30**
- *Monthly Dinner Meeting, Zachary's Steakhouse,
Tuesday, Feb 17 6:00**

March 2026

- *Monthly Dinner Meeting, Zachary's Steakhouse,
Tuesday, March 17th 6:00**
- *Corvette Expo - Leconte Center Pigeon Forge TN
March 19-21**
- *Chevy's in the Smokies - Leconte Center Pigeon
Forge TN March 19-21**

***Saturday Cruise with Lunch at The Heritage Table
Restaurant /Tour The Bush Mill – Nicklesville**

March 21

***Ponies in the Smokies – Pigeon Forge TN**

March 23-28

Other events throughout the year are on our website

<https://danlbooneregion.aaca.com/>

BIRTHDAYS

for the month of February

February 15 – Howard Irwin

February 26 – Betty Wright

A few photos from Randy Still's trip to Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance 2025

The 74th Concours celebration, on August 17, 2025, featured three marques celebrating their centennials: Invicta, Chrysler and Moretti. It also displayed the dramatic postwar creations of designer Virgil Exner, and the innovative racing greats of Formula 1 past and present.



1930 Cadillac V-16 Convertible Sedan

A featured highlight for the 2025 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance is the 1930 Cadillac V-16 Convertible Sedan by Murphy (Chassis 700991). Originally commissioned for Charles S. Howard, this unique, one-off Cadillac features custom styling by Murphy of Pasadena and has earned multiple Best in Class awards. The Murphy Special: This 1930 V-16, originally featuring a distinctive white body with lilac fenders, boasts raked twin windshields, center-hinged doors, and custom wood interior details. Significance: The 1930 Cadillac V-16 was a groundbreaking vehicle, marking the first production car with a 16-cylinder engine (453 cu. in., 165 HP).



1931 Chrysler Imperial at Pebble Beach

This 1931 Chrysler Imperial CG LeBaron Dual Cowl Phaeton, shared with us this year by the General William Lyon Family, was the first Chrysler to win Pebble Beaches top award, in 1979.



1932 Chrysler Imperial Coupe *The 1932 Chrysler Imperial CH Speedster of Sam & Emily Mann also won Best of Show, in 1991.*



1934 Pierce Arrow Convertible Coupe



1937 Bugatti Atalante Rolltop Coupe from Zug, Switzerland at Pebble Beach

A highly acclaimed 1937 Bugatti Type 57S Atalante, having had a three year restoration, this car has an estimated value of \$30+ Million.

The 74th Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, held on August 17, 2025, continued its tradition as the premier event of Monterey Car Week, drawing a crowd of approximately 15,000 spectators to the 18th fairway of Pebble Beach Golf Links. The 2025 event featured a curated field of 229 cars from 17 countries and 28 states.

Attendance and Atmosphere Highlights

•**Capacity:** The event maintained its exclusive atmosphere, with spectator numbers capped around 15,000 to maintain the viewing experience on the fairway.

•**Diverse Audience:** The crowd included a mix of international collectors, auto enthusiasts, journalists, industry leaders, and our own Randy Still, with a strong presence of social media creators and influencers capturing the event.

•**Environment:** The 2025 show was described as having pleasant, cool weather, with temperatures around 63 degrees Fahrenheit, ideal for viewing the cars on the coast.



A unique aero-inspired Hispano-Suiza was awarded the top prize at the 2025 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance

**I'VE HEARD ABOUT THIS MY WHOLE
LIFE**



**People always use this to give you directions but this is the
first time I've actually seen it.**

**See you at the next Dinner Meeting
Tuesday, February 17th at Zachary's Steakhouse**

Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA)

**Since 1935, AACA has had one goal: The preservation and enjoyment of automotive history of all
types. From National Meets and Tours to Regional events, AACA is here to bring enthusiasts
together through exciting National activities, friendship, and Antique Automobile meets.**