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

From the Desk of Howard Irwin

Dan'l Boone Members and Friends,

With sadness, we want to remember the passing of David Close, Maren Close's father (Matt Caldwell's partner) on April 8th, The passing of Janell Ann Boyd, wife of Bob Boyd and Debby Lane's older sister, Lois Rogers on April 26th. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Looking at our club activities in April, we had a well-attended meeting at Zachary's with 30 attending. For those of you who missed the meeting we viewed a "YouTube" video about Kingsport in 1958 as viewed from a French woman visiting the US. You can find this video by searching YouTube with "Kingsport 1958" if interested in seeing this again. We also had several members attend the first "Cars & Coffee" of 2026 in downtown Kingsport on Saturday, April 18th. This was a well-attended event with a full parking lot before 9am.

By the time the newsletter is published, Randy and Don will have participated in the Greenbrier Concours on **May 2nd and 3rd**. We'll ask Randy to share some photos at our May meeting, on the third Tuesday of May, the **19th, at Zachary's at 6pm**. The first weekend in May has lots of other local shows as well. Check out the Calendar on our website for more details. The Axe Handle Distilling show was postponed due to cold weather potential and is now scheduled for **May 23rd**. On the Saturday, before our meeting, **May 16th** is another "Cars & Coffee" from 8am-11am followed by our first show of the season at **The Blake from 12noon to 2pm**. Hopefully many of you all can attend, as the residents have really enjoyed us being with them in the past few years. Wrapping up May, you will find several local show opportunities on the website calendar.

June will also include a cruise, arranged by Bill Anderson. On the **20th** we will cruise to Asheville to the Estese-Will Car Museum followed by lunch at a local restaurant next to the Museum. The Friday evening prior to the cruise will be our first Sonic Cruise-In at Colonial Heights. The big dates to be sure are on your calendars are **June 26th or 27th** Liberty Celebration, **July 25th** Fun Fest Show and September **20th** Allandale Show.

Looking forward to some good times this motoring season with you all and our old rides!

Howard

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 8 Cynthia Hamilton

May 11 Amy Houtz

May 12 Dave Simmering

May 15 Matt Caldwell

May 21 Fred Counts

Sunshine and Shadows

The passing of Janell Ann Boyd, wife of Bob Boyd



JANELL ANN BOYD

Obituary

Janell Ann (Jan) Boyd July 30, 1940 - February 27, 2026
MT. CARMEL - Janell Ann (Jan) Boyd, 85, of Mt Carmel,
Tennessee, passed away peacefully on February 27, 2026.
She was born on July 30, 1940, in [Oelwein, IA](#) to Paul and
Nellie Olinger, the 4th of 5 children. She moved to

California in 1961 where she met her husband, Bob, and welcomed daughter, Shelli. The family moved to Tennessee in 1965. Jan worked in banking for 30 years, retiring from First Tennessee Bank in 1995. In her spare time, she designed and sold collectible coin banks in the shape of miniature antique cars manufactured by the ERTL company and used them to raise money for various organizations in the community. While retired, she opened a store featuring other collectibles and rare toys on Broad Street in Kingsport. She was heavily involved in establishing support groups for Alzheimer patients and their caregivers and was a founding board member of Madison House in Kingsport.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother Jim, sisters Joan and Janet; and brothers-in-law John McNerney and Bill Moine.

Jan is survived by her devoted husband of 62 years, Bob Boyd; daughter Shelli Neuhoff, son-in-law Geoff; grandson Benjamin; sister Linda Moine; sister-in-law Marlene Olinger; brother-in-law Leonard Smith; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at St. Dominic Catholic Church. The funeral service will follow at 12:00 pm with Father Michael Cummins officiating. A reception will follow the service in the parish life center.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to National Arthritis Research Foundation, <https://curearthritis.org>
Please visit www.hamlettdobson.com to leave an online condolence for the family.



LOIS ANN ROGERS

Debbey Lane's oldest sister, Lois, has passed away. She attended several of our dinner meetings and car shows.

Obituary

Lois Ann Giles Rogers, 86, passed away on April 26, 2026, at her son's home in Jonesborough, Tennessee, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on June 26, 1939, in Johnson City, Tennessee, and lived a life marked by kindness, devotion, and steady grace.

Lois was the daughter of the late Robert R. Giles and Mamie M. Grindstaff Giles. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Robyn Hawkins. She is survived by her daughter, Donna Riddle, and her husband, Bill; her son, Dana Rogers II and Janice, his wife and Lois's special daughter-in-law; her grandchildren, Mary Ann Riddle, Darrin Neeley, Dana Rogers III, and Robert Marcus Riddle and his wife, Casey, one great-grandchild, Olivia Neeley; her sister, Debbie Fagan, and her husband, Marty; and her special lifelong friend, Dana Preston Rogers. Her family was a source of great pride and joy throughout her life, and she treasured the many relationships she built and nurtured over the years.

A native of Johnson City, Lois lived in the surrounding area for more than 20 years and remained deeply connected to the community she called home. She attended Jonesborough High School and carried with her the values of hard work, loyalty, and perseverance that shaped her life. Those who knew her remember her as a woman of strength and warmth, someone who met life with determination and a gentle spirit.

Lois was the owner and operator of Cupid's Beauty Center, where she shared her talent and care with countless clients. She was also a Platform Artist for Zotos International, a role that reflected her skill, professionalism, and dedication to her craft. Through her work, she touched many lives and earned the respect of those who knew her both personally and professionally.

Faith was an important part of Lois's life. She was a Christian and a member of Boones Creek Baptist Church, where she found fellowship and spiritual strength. Her faith guided her through life's joys and challenges, remaining a steady presence throughout her years.

Lois had many interests that brought her happiness and comforted others. She loved to crochet and found joy in creating with her hands. She also loved to play the piano, a gift she shared from an early age. When she was just 16 years old, she gave piano lessons to others, showing even then her patience, talent, and willingness to encourage those around her. Her music and handiwork reflected the thoughtful and generous nature that defined her life.

Lois's family will receive friends from 12:00 – 1:00 PM on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at Snyder's Memorial, located at 5913 Kingsport Hwy, Gray, TN. The funeral service will follow with Evangelist Charles "Toonie" Cash officiating. After the funeral service, a graveside service will be held in Snyder's Memorial Gardens with Pastor Jason Royston officiating. Pallbearers will be family and friends.

David Close Obituary



David Matzen Close March 9, 1942 - April 8, 2026

JOHNSON CITY - Dr. David Matzen Close, 84, of [Johnson City, TN](#), passed away on April 8, 2026, after a brief hospitalization. Born in [Plainfield, NJ](#), on March 9, 1942, his early years were spent, by his own account, running amok with a loyal group of friends during the post-WWII American heyday. Told at one point that he

wouldn't amount to anything, Dave promptly proved otherwise, earning acceptance to Franklin & Marshall College in [Lancaster, PA](#), where he studied physics. He went on to receive a Master of Science degree from West Virginia University and a PhD in Physics from Clark University in Worcester, MA. It was at Clark that he met his wife, Nancy Fischman, during a volleyball match between the physics and geography departments. The two spent two years at the University of Connecticut in [Storrs, CT](#), and four years at the University of Rochester in [Rochester, NY](#), where Dave completed postdoctoral appointments. Dave's advisor told him it was time to go find a real job, so he accepted a faculty position at East Tennessee State University in 1978.

Dave spent the next 44 years teaching physics to generations of ETSU undergraduate and graduate students, many of whom remember him as patient, quietly funny, and deeply committed to making sure they actually understood the material. He was also known to offer extra credit for the advanced academic skill of remembering to write your name on your exam. When not teaching, he could often be found in his Brown Hall basement lab (or "lair," depending on who you asked) conducting research on the effects of radiation damage on the basic building blocks of DNA. From 1967 to 2019, Dave authored or co-authored 131 papers in scientific journals, which were cited more than 3,400 times. He was a Distinguished Fellow of the Radiation Research Society and served on its committees and board for many years. His work, often in

collaboration with colleagues around the world, advanced understanding of both the molecular and real-world impacts of radiation exposure on individuals, communities, and the environment.

Dave's greatest contribution may well have been his decades of service as a consultant and board member of the Institute for Energy and Environmental Research (IEER), a think tank dedicated to providing the public with accurate and accessible information on environmental and energy issues, particularly nuclear energy and waste. At IEER's intensive five-day technical training workshops, Dave's principal role was to explain radiation and its health impacts to community leaders concerned about nuclear waste, plutonium, and exposure risks, many of whom were from communities directly affected by weapons facilities or nuclear waste storage sites. He had a rare gift for translating complex science into language that was clear, engaging, and often very funny. Those who attended these workshops returned home better equipped to advocate for their communities, contributing to the shutdown of numerous polluting and unsafe facilities across the country and around the world. Closer to home, Dave supported the community coalition that successfully defeated a 2002 effort to locate a uranium enrichment plant in Unicoi County.

In his final months, Dave was not well enough to join the latest local effort opposing the proposed BWXT facility in Washington County. He cared deeply about this work and

the health of the community he called home. In lieu of flowers, his family asks that those who wish to honor his memory consider supporting ongoing efforts to protect our region from a major source of uranium pollution: etncc.org/donate.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Fischman of Johnson City; two daughters, Alexis "Lexy" Close (eldest) and Maren Close (tallest), both of Johnson City; two grandsons, Oscar and Sidney; and his sister, Katherine Close Watkins of [Yucaipa, CA](#). Dave was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert Schock Close and Dagmar Matzen Close of [Plainfield, NJ](#)-as well as a long line of beloved fat orange cats, notably Ginger, Jasper T. Armbuster, Fritz the Cat, and Jean-Clawed Kitty.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, May 23 at 5:00 p.m. at the Fischman Gallery in Johnson City. Attendees are encouraged to bring their favorite Dave Close stories to share.

Memories and condolences may be shared with the family via www.morrisbaker.com

Morris-Baker Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2001 E. Oakland Ave., Johnson City, is serving the Close family. (423) 282-1521.

Dan'l Boone Car Club 2026 Events

MAY 2026

**The Greenbrier Concours d'Elegance May 1-3 White Sulphur Springs
WV**

Wings & Machines – Greenville Airport Sat May 2 10am-2pm

Axe Handle Distillery POSTPONED until May 23rd

3rd Annual West Ridge Car Show Sat May 2 12-4pm

Pizza Hut Car Show - Allandale Kingsport

Pizza Hut Allandale Kingsport **May 2 5-8pm**

May 3 @ 1:00 pm–5:00 pm

Jericho Shriners 4th Annual Car Show

May 8–May 9

51st NSRA SOUTH at Appalachian Fairgrounds

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May 14–May 16

The Grand National F100 Show Pigeon Forge

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May 16 @ 8:00 am–11:00 am

Cars & Coffee in Downtown Kingsport

Kingsport Center for Higher Education 321 W Market Street, Kingsport, TN

May 16 @ 12:00 pm–2:00 pm

The Blake Car Show

The Blake at Kingsport 915 Holston Hls Dr, Kingsport, TN

May 23 @ 11:00 am–3:00 pm

Axe Handle Distillery 6th Annual Car and Bike Show

Axe Handle Distillery 42236 Wilderness Rd, Pennington Gap, VA

Meet at Mickey Smith Motors 9:45 am for a 10:00am departure for Axe Handle Distillery

Rescheduled Show date **May 23 @ 11:00am – 2:00 pm**

Cruise In at The Hills

Tennessee Hills Distillery Bristol

May 23 @ 5:00 pm–8:00 pm

All American Car Show Trinity Baptist Church

Trinity Baptist Church Jonesborough TN May 23, 5-8pm

**Event details and other events throughout the year
are on our website Calendar of Events**

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

Photos from recent club activities:

Cars and Coffee downtown Kingsport April 18, 2026

<https://danbooneregion.aaca.com/cars-and-coffee-downtown-kingsport-april-18-2026/>

Charlotte Auto Fair 2026

<https://danbooneregion.aaca.com/charlotte-autofair-2026/>

The Charlotte Auto Fair 2026



Matt Caldwell's Studebaker won an AACA 2nd Junior award at the Charlotte Auto Fair



Gary Head and Don Wood view a Corvette Pace Car



A Thomas Flyer at the Charlotte Auto Fair



Burgin Claiborne's Avanti at The Charlotte Auto Fair

The Greenbriar Concours trip

Randy Still and several other members of the club attended the excellent Greenbriar Concours show recently. Randy will be sharing some of his photos from the trip at our next dinner meeting.

Automotive Funnies - The Opposite of Automatic Climate Control A/C



See you at the upcoming Dinner Meetings:

MAY - Tuesday, May 19th Zachary's Steakhouse

JUNE – Tuesday, June 16th Zachary's Steakhouse



Happy Motoring!

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