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

## **From the Desk of Howard Irwin**

**Dan'I Boone Members and Friends,**

2026 is flying by. Sorry to be late getting my comments out for the June Newsletter. Since our May Newsletter, we've had lots of opportunities to get out our rides and enjoy our hobby together. Several of our group participated in the Nickelsville Days parade, the first weekend of June. Marty already has some photos on our website. By the time you get this a big weekend of events, June 13<sup>th</sup> will have happened and hopefully many of you will be out for some of these events. We're coming up on our monthly meeting, next Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at Zachary's Steakhouse. Please plan to attend and bring a friend who might enjoy our hobby with us. We'll have our first Sonic Cruise In, the following Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> and then on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> we will have a cruise to Asheville to the Estes-Winn Museum with lunch included. We'll go over details of this outing at our meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, Sharon Williams Church, Buffalo Ridge at Gray will have their annual car show.

Wrapping up the month of June, we'll have the opportunity to attend the Liberty Celebration either Friday evening, June 26<sup>th</sup> or Saturday afternoon, June 27<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't been before to this Patriotic event, I highly recommend it.

Before we know it, July will be here and our big show downtown, the last Saturday of Fun-Fest will be July 25<sup>th</sup>. That will give us the opportunity to make a big pitch for Allandale, and hopefully we can sell some tee shirts and get the pre-registrations going as well. Before the Fun-Fest show, on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> we'll plan to attend the Nottingham Church show near Gate City. This show has been high on my list for several years. It's a great summertime venue with lots of shade, good food and fellowship. We'll get caravan plans out later for this event.

I've just mentioned a few of the upcoming events in our region. For more details check out the club's website under the calendar of events tab. Marty's doing a great job keeping this up.

Safe travels and I look forward to seeing you all soon!

**Howard**

## **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

**June 20 Scott Mathein**

**June 14 Pete Renfro**

**June 14 Dave Williams**

**June 30 Becky Williams**

## **Sunshine and Shadows**

None to report this month

## **Dan'l Boone Car Club 2026 Events**

### **JUNE 2026**

### **HOT ROD Power Tour 2026 36th Annual w/Route 66**

Starts in Illinois, ends in Oklahoma See <https://www.hotrod.com/hot-rod-power-tour> for details

**June 8-12**

### **AACA Southeastern Fall Nationals OAK RIDGE TN**

Hosted by AACA VOLUNTEER REGION

**June 13th**

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**June 13<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm**

## **Carter County Cruisin' Down Elk Downtown Elizabethton, TN**

June 13<sup>th</sup> 3pm-8pm

## **Cruisin' to the Capital Car Show Girl Scout Troop 257 Fundraiser 2026**

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Kingsport Farmers Market 308 Clinchfield Street, Kingsport, Tennessee

June 13<sup>th</sup> 3pm to 9pm

### **[Cars & Coffee in Downtown Kingsport](#)**

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

May 16 @ 12:00 pm-2:00 pm

## **Nicklesville Days Parade** Nicklesville Virginia June 6 @ Noon

## **Sonic Cruise In**

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Sonic Drive In Colonial Heights Kingsport TN

June 19 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

June 20

## **Asheville Cruise Estes-Wynn Antique Car Museum/Village Wayside Bar**

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Caravan meets at Marriott Meadowview 10am / Shell Station Exit 24 I-26 10:45am  
JUNE 20 10am

## **Cruise In at The Hills**

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Tennessee Hills Distillery Bristol

June 20 @ 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

## **Buffalo Ridge Car Show 2026**

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Buffalo Ridge Baptist Church, Gray, TN 197 Suncrest Drive, Gray, TN

June 21 @ 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

June 26 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

## **Liberty Celebration FRIDAY NIGHT PERFORMANCE**

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Eastman Toy Reid Employee Center Kingsport, TN

[www.libertycelebration.com](http://www.libertycelebration.com)

June 27 @ 8:00 am - 11:00 am

## **Cars & Coffee in Downtown Kingsport Event #3**

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

June 27 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

## **Fall Branch Car Club Cruise In 2026**

Fall Branch Car Club

June 27 @ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

## **Liberty Celebration – SATURDAY PERFORMANCE**

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Eastman Toy Reid Employee Center Kingsport, TN

[www.libertycelebration.com](http://www.libertycelebration.com)

July 11 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

## **JULY 2026**

## **14th Annual Nottingham Church All Wheels Car Show**

July 21 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

## **Monthly Dinner Meeting - JULY**

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Zachary's Steak House 4223 Fort Henry Dr, Kingsport, TN 37663, Kingport, TN

July 24 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

## **Sonic Cruise In**

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Sonic Drive In Colonial Heights Kingsport TN

July 25 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

## **Kingsport Fun Fest Car Show 2026**

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Kingsport Fun Fest Car Show Kingsport, TN

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

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

### **R.I.P. SAAB**



Photo Credit By David Wright

**Saab, the carmaker, has ceased operations, transitioning to a defense giant. The story of Saab's decline as an automobile manufacturer and its rebirth as a defense contractor is significant in European industrial history. After facing bankruptcy, Saab shifted its focus to defense, becoming a €27 billion entity in that sector.**

#### Background on Saab's Transition

- Saab Automobile went bankrupt in 2011, unable to compete in the automotive market.
- The company was acquired by various entities but ultimately pivoted to defense technologies.
- Today, Saab is recognized for its innovations in military aircraft and defense systems, marking a successful transformation from its automotive roots.

**The remaining 19 cars owned by SAAB as milestone cars have been auctioned off.**



**Having been founded in 1945, you had a good run.**

**Goodbye, SAAB. You will be missed.**

## Photos from recent club activities



Several members attended the Nicklesville Days Parade on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. The weather was favorable, Earnest T. Bass was in attendance and this marks the club debut of Howard Irwin's new 1941 Packard One-Twenty convertible. Fun was had by all. Lunch was held at The Campus Drive-In in Gate City following the event. Photos are on our website

<https://danbooneregion.aaca.com/nicklesville-days-parade-2026/>





**This club event marks the debut of Howard Irwin's  
new 1941 Packard One-Twenty convertible.**



**Nicklesville Days - Ernest T. Bass hanging out with  
our car club members**

**See you at the upcoming Dinner Meetings**  
**JUNE – Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> Zachary's Steakhouse**  
**JULY – Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> Zachary's Steakhouse**



## **Happy Motoring!**

**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.

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