

## DAN'L BOONE REGION CAR CLUB



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**President Randy Still**

Ramblings from Randy, April 2021

If your newsletter is getting to you later than usual it is MY RESPONSIBILITY. In my effort to prepare vehicles for the AACA National Meet in Concord, NC last weekend. I took my 1981 Eldorado Biarritz Coupe and 1995 GMC Suburban Trailmaster Edition. Evidently compounding door sills, cleaning under the hoods, Waxing and using cans of leather cleaner paid off as both vehicles received their 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Awards. Now that those vehicles are back in my garage, I am finally getting to my newsletter responsibility.

Our March meeting in Borden Park went so well that I have scheduled a rerun for our APRIL MEETING. We will again be meeting in picnic shelter #3 on the Willow Street side of the park. It will be Sunday, April 18 at 1:30. I have been assured that the restrooms should be unlocked this time! Bring your own bagged or boxed lunch and a beverage for yourself. Masks and distancing are still necessary, but we can have a good time and discuss plans for the year. Randy



This is Sunday Afternoon at Picnic Shelter #3 on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Approximately 16 people enjoyed the meeting and fellowship with other members.

A few photographs were taken, the weather was a wonderful day for an outdoor meeting.

## March 21, 2021 Minutes

The March 21, 2021 Meeting of the Dan'l Boone Region AACA was held in Picnic Shelter #3 at Borden Park in Kingsport. President Randy Still called the meeting to Order and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members brought their own lunch and after eating, we had a business meeting. A show of hands revealed that most of our membership has completed their Covid-19 Vaccination. Since we had not met since October, Randy asked members to do self-introductions and share something good that had happened to them in the last year. Members then shared any cars they had sold or acquired in the last year. Wayne Lambert gave the Treasurer's Report of \$ 14,124.72 in our region treasury.

Randy reminded members that March 22nd was the latest date that a car registration for the AACA National Meet in Charlotte could be postmarked. Barbara Hughes was not in attendance, so we all shared any news good or bad that had happened to our members. Don Wood's father had suffered another stroke in the previous week and was expecting to be released from the hospital soon. Lana Sergent had experienced some health crises and was in NHC IN Kingsport.

The consensus was that we should go ahead and hold a date for the Christmas Dinner at the Food City on Eastman Road in Kingsport. Also, that we should contact Ruth Ford about

resuming the Friday Night Cruise ins at Sonic in June. Howard Osborne was working on a tour through Southwest Virginia for late summer or early fall.

The Fun Fest Organization had reached out to Dave Williams to ask if we would be willing to host a Fun Fest Car Show if Fun Fest is able to be held in 2021. Members had been surveyed online and we went over the issues again in person at the meeting. If we have the event, members thought we should use the dash plaque cars chosen for the 2020 Show which had to be cancelled.

No one thought we should refuse to hold the Fun Fest Car Show if Fun Fest is held. One member was undecided. Membership thought that in view of social distancing that we should label it as a Cruise IN. with no special awards or door prizes to avoid close contact. The members seemed to be indifferent between the 1st Saturday of Fun Fest (July 17) or the last day of Fun Fest (July 24). If an in-person event is not allowed, we thought hosting an online meet would not work. Members had no problem with a face-mask requirement.

It was decided that we would hold our April Meeting on Sunday April 18th at the same location. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Randy Still

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#### AACA NATIONAL MEET – CONCORD, NC April 10, 2021

The AACA National Meet was held in Concord, NC on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021. When Charlotte Autofair was cancelled due to crowd restrictions, many of us had thought that would cancel the AACA National Meet as well. Instead, the Host Hornet's Nest Region moved the event from the Speedway to the Embassy Suites in Concord. All events were held outside for safety concerns, masks were required and social distancing becoming habit by now. The weather forecast of 60 to 80% chance of rain for show day caused many to stay home or if living nearby come without their cars. There still was a genuinely nice display of cars from the brass era through 1995 and 1996 models.

Lewis Safriet served as judge and Don Wood took one of my vehicles to the meet. We did have sprinkles of rain a few times during the day, but it was nowhere near as bad as the mid-week forecast. It was a cure for the doldrums and withdrawal many of us had felt through Covid-19 isolation. My black 1981 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz and my 1995 GMC Suburban both received AACA First Junior Awards.

To limit contact by the judges with the cars, either windows were to be left down or doors open so that the interior judges could do their job without touching the cars. Handshakes between the car owner and team captain are a thing of the past and everyone tried to maintain distance. It was certainly good to go to an AACA Car show again. Randy



**DeSoto**



**Thomas Flyer**



**Ford Thunderbird**



**1981 Cadillac Eldorado Biarritz**



**1995 GMC Suburban**



**Pierce Packard in Concord**



**Arrow in Concord**



**Cadillac Convertible Sedan**

## 2021 Schedule Car Events

(TOTALLY SUBJECT TO CHANGE !)

May 1 & 2 GREENBRIER CONCOURS d'Elegance , LEWISTON, WV

May 22 & 23 AMELIA ISLAND CONCOURS, Ritz Carlton, Amelia Island, FL

June 13 CINCINNATI CONCOURS, Ault Park, Cincinnati, OH

July 1-3 AACA NATIONAL MEET, Auburn, IN

FUN FEST ??? July 17-24, No Decision Made

June 17 KEENELAND CONCOURS, Lexington, KY

July 24-& 25 CONCOURS OF THE USA, Inn at St. Johns, Plymouth, MI

July 26-31 FRANKLIN CLUB TREK, Cazenovia, NY

Aug. 14 & 15 PEBBLE BEACH CONCOURS, Pebble Beach, CA

Sept 11 AACA NATIONAL MEET, Greenville, SC

Sept. 19 ALLANDALE CAR SHOW, Allandale Mansion, Kingsport, TN

Oct. 7-9 AACA NATIONAL MEET, Hershey, PA

Oct. 15-17 CHATTANOOGA MOTORCAR Festival, Chattanooga, TN

Nov. 5-7 HILTON HEAD CONCOURS, HHI, SC

