



FORT SMITH ANTIQUÉ AUTOMOBILE CLUB

MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER

Monthly Membership Meeting
Creekmore Park, Thursday, May 17th, 2018
'Cookie Night'



Members please remember to bring your favorite cookie.

Items of business for the upcoming meeting:

Club T-shirts, caps, nametags June meeting activities

Local Car Shows & Events

SATURDAY JUNE TOUR AND LUNCH

Car Display at Trinity Baptist Church in Alma-Fall Festival

Movie Night at FSAAC

by CAROLYN JOHNSON

As you know, we skipped the pie auction and got down to business right away, selling the slices at \$3 per. Someone from outside came in and bought an armload (\$\$\$) but we still had plenty left. and wound up with a pretty good take.

An hour later, stuffed as we were, we didn't have to worry about falling asleep during the movie. Producer Brad Francis was there to present the film on the Bonnie and Clyde story featuring FSAAC cars and actors. Let me tell you, this was a spine-tingling affair, which brought out several facts about the Clyde gang we never knew nor suspected. (I was SO glad we ate the pie first!)

For example, the Clyde gang got into it with some lawmen and killed one sheriff and shot the other six times. Since Carl Albertson (perfect casting) played a law man in more than one scene I am still trying to figure out if he was the one who got shot six times, or if he was the one who was killed. It's a good thing this film was in black and white! I didn't know they would have a car wreck in which Bonnie was seriously injured by leaking battery acid which ate a hole in her leg (yuck). What to do? They couldn't take her t a doctor. Ghastly. Next, the film recounted some of their activity in the Fort Smith area, including a clandestine visit by a doctor. Argggghh! (At this point I was trying to forget the pie)

Then there was the end. We all knew it was coming. Of course we've all seen photos of the bullet-riddled car and scene immediately after the ambush. BUT-have you had the opportunity to see the car in person???

That car was displayed inside a big cargo trailer on Garrison Avenue way back before some of you were even thought of. Now don't go counting on your fingers, but Dale and I visited this attraction I think in the mid to late sixties. Yep.

So - the pie was delicious, the movie was GREAT and we appreciate having such wonderful culinary and performing talents right here in our own club!!

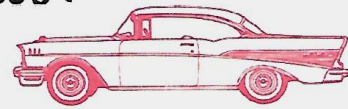


SATURDAY JUNE TOUR AND LUNCH



The FSAAC is invited to join fellow members for a hamburger and hot dog cookout on Saturday, June 2nd, at 12:00 at Turkey Track Bluegrass Park in Waldron, Arkansas. Please RSVP to Carl Albertson at 479-414-7755 or 918-427-3003 if you plan to attend. We will need a final attendance count before May 29th. Further information on meeting place and time will be sent to those attending. Everyone will need to bring a lawn chair and their drink.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN



Saturday, May 5th Tour of Eastern Oklahoma and Club Picnic

OKLAHOMA HILLS TOUR WAS *SUNSHINE!*

Thanks to Danny and Diana Mitchell, we had a wonderful, rambling drive all over the hills north of Sallisaw/Muldrow and up to Stillwell. We went over roads we never knew existed, and sometimes weren't even sure which direction we were going, especially when we couldn't use the cellphone compass. I have trouble navigating from the back seat, but there was nothing for it since Jerry had to sit in front so I could talk to June. But none of us missed the beautiful spring scenery. Danny later said there was more to see, but we ran out of time. (Another trip?)

There was Allbertsons, Hallsteds, Boyds, Jones, DeArmonds, Baldwins (all 3), Plunkett, Mitchells, Fridells, Johnsons, and we were later joined by Steve and Jeanie.

It was practically a trouble-free trip except for the DeArmonds, it was their turn for the hard-luck trophy. Before leaving town the Olds decided to spring a radiator hose and spit out all the anti-freeze, but despite the stopover at the auto supply, they still made it to Roland on time. Then about five miles into the trip they lost a hubcap. We noticed they weren't behind us, and I called back to check. Sounded like Gwen was saying we lost our "---- cap (or hat)!" They had the top down so I figured Gwen had lost her nice pink hat with all the diamonds. But she was saying "hub-cap!" They retrieved it and we went on.

Lunch was a super catered bar-b-q at the Muldrow city park. Everyone had the best time, eating and talking, and going back for seconds, and talking.

Observation: Three out of four cooks believe the best desert for bar-b-q is gooey chocolate

One out of five convertible drivers saw fit to put the top down (go, DeArmonds!)

Personal note: Being a great fan of things Mexicano, I always look forward to *Cinco de Mayo*. Well, I was so looking forward to this trip, it completely slipped my mind that this was the all-important *Fifth of May!*

By the way, this Mexican holiday does not celebrate Mexican Independence (that's September 16). I think it's mostly about tacos and margaritas....and whipping up on Napoleon III in 1862.





MY CAR STORY-CONTINUED

1952 PONTIAC GRAND DELUXE

By Bill McKee

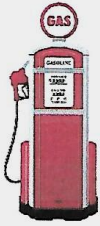
Our car club has always had a great class of members when it comes to helping each other when trouble strikes on a tour. No one usually gets left on the side of the road. Members have friends throughout the state who can be counted on to furnish a place to park the stalled car at someone's nearby home and look out for a stalled car. In some cases, there's a trailer or a tow truck to get the disabled car back to its home base the next day. Someone usually can furnish the right tool for installing a new part.

In the case of my green machine, a MOTAA member in Clinton had his shop in that town and offered what he called his rescue kit which was a real life saver. It consisted of a small 12-volt battery, a 12-volt fuel pump, an assortment of fuel hose clamps, at least 15 feet of 3/8" fuel hose, and one small pint bottle of Sta-Bil fuel stabilizer, a fuel additive. Never leave new ethanol fuel of any brand in your fuel tank for any length of time. It will ruin your fuel system. Ethanol will deteriorate any rubber seal lines as well as open up holes in the fuel tank and cause lots of problems in your old car's fuel tank. If left any length of time, it will leave a varnish residue on the valve stems which will stick your entire valve train and can only be unstuck with acetone, lacquer thinner, and other caustic fluids that will remove lots of deposits in the fuel tank and all metal lines. There was a story of one member, no name mentioned, who was an out of townner, lets say, who just didn't understand the Southern way of life. Anyway, he just didn't see why the club should have to look after anyone who had a car malfunction during a tour, causing the club as a whole to have to take care of this person whose car wasn't in top notch running order. I think we have all had one of those days when no matter how much we try, there will be one day when your car just lets you know it's time to get your comeuppance. The car is getting even. Well, it happened to our club member and everyone was sooooo helpful, and sooo understanding, but after that, the new member was the first to stop to help. I strongly suggest to get yourself a small steel tool box and install a selection of four Phillips, four common screw drivers, a metal punch, a small set of combination wrenches 1/8 to 1/2. Even a cheap 3/8" socket set will do. Also include 2 or 3 rolls of plastic electrician's tape, one roll of duct tape, an assortment of plastic wire ties, a couple of diagonal cutters, slip joint pliers, and an Oklahoma socket set (a set of three adjustable wrenches). You can always add some favorite tool you would like to include.

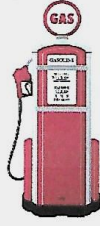
A small tool box can be made from a 50-caliber ammunition box. They are waterproof and can be tightly sealed to prevent water damage. These can be purchased from a pawn shop cheaper than from an army surplus store.

In the past, the club members would watch the car in the rearview mirror. If the car behind you drops out of sight or pulls off the road, you should also pull off the road. Then the driver ahead of you should pull off the road. When this happens, the lead driver would come back and find out the problem. The original idea was the car having problems leads the tour. That way, if the lead car breaks down, everyone following would pull off the road and render assistance. The main problem encountered with this approach is traffic lights. Drivers want to get through that yellow light, leaving others behind. If those left behind don't know the destination, half the group could be lost in a strange town. So, lead driver, give everyone a break and don't rush that yellow light. If it cannot be avoided, pull off the road and wait for the others to catch up.





Antique Cars



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Four Tips for Maintaining Your Classic Car

Owning a classic car is owning an exciting piece of history. Like any antique, it's important to take extra precautions to preserve its beauty and functionality. Follow these four basic tips and your investment can last you a lifetime.

1. Keep It Covered

Rain, wind, and sun are the enemies of classic cars. Prolonged exposure to water promotes the development of rust. Rust will eat away at your car, requiring you to hunt down hard-to-find replacement parts. Wind can blow objects into your car, resulting in scratches and dents. Direct sunlight can cause excessive heat, which can negatively impact various aspects of your vehicle. The simple act of covering your vehicle or parking it in a garage will shield and protect it from the elements.

2. Regular Checkups

Even the most talented and knowledgeable professionals in any field need a second opinion now and then. If you perform your own car maintenance, you should still have your car checked regularly by a qualified mechanic. It's easy to overlook simple adjustments or repairs that could result in larger problems down the road. Additionally, a professional mechanic may be able to find parts that might be difficult to track down and can often get them at a discounted price.

3. Detail It

A detail clean is the cornerstone of good car maintenance. By regularly getting down and dirty and cleaning every nook and cranny of your vehicle you can avoid the damaging buildup of dirt and grime. A dirty car can lead to poor performance, rusted parts, and chipping paint. Make sure to rinse and dry your car thoroughly after washing to remove residual soap scum. You also might want to consider adding a coat of wax to protect it from the elements and keep it looking classy.

4. Take it for a Spin

While you might be inclined to safeguard your vintage auto by keeping it locked up in the garage, what's the fun in that? Getting out on the road and showing off your ride isn't only a thrill, but it also keeps it running well! Allowing a car to sit around for prolonged periods of time increases the risk of corrosion and rust and can prevent it from staying in running condition. It's also easier to pinpoint potential problems when you're zipping around the neighborhood.

It's important to protect your classic car as you would with any other major investment. Not only is it a valuable piece of history, classic cars can increase in value if properly maintained over time.

