



We made it! The hottest, and driest part of the summer appears to be behind us, it's time to get these vehicles dusted off & out of the garage..at least in my case!

September is the beginning of the fall car show schedule, with several events popping up, see the last at the end of this newsletter for the events I am aware of so far.

August's meeting was held on August with 22 in attendance, a slight drop from the previous month, I guess some had escaped to cooler places! The July mystery tool, a ball-joint separator, was correctly guessed & won by Donnie Smith, the trivia picture was correctly named by Don Landry. Each won a \$% gift card from Smokey Moe's.



The membership voted to send the club's 3rd quarter donation to the Caring Place.

A \$750 Check was presented manager Rita Turner by myself and Ashly Kees. Rita stated that they provide food for more that 2200 people on a monthly basis, and that number is increasing!

August's new member: Gary Banks, '55 Ford Pick Up



Member Jerry Meadows arranged August's cruise in to Auto Detailing Supplies in Round Rock. As the name suggests this business specializes in providing a wide range of supplies & equipment needed to keep your ride in great shape. I do not think I've ever seen a wider display of polishes, waxes, detailing solutions, etc, etc, etc! If you missed this visit it would be worth your trip to see what they offer, I guarantee you won't leave empty handed, I know I didn't! While they do not do actual detailing for customer cars, they do offer classes on detailing.









Upcoming Club event:

Horny Toad/GTA CC car show, Saturday, October 8 at Horny Toad H-D, Temple Texas

This show gets bigger every year, with GTACC providing volunteers for parking and registration plus some materials. In return, GTACC receives all proceeds from the show. We typically provide 8-9 volunteers. So far, the following members have stepped up to volunteer:David Triplett, Fred Clark, Regis Hallisey, Bob Brooke, Greg & June Caswell, Fred Moser and myself. We can use some additional help; the good part is that once the show starts & all are parked most of our roles have ended and we can enjoy the show!





August Pistons on the square:











Other upcoming events:

<u>Saturday</u>, August <u>27</u>, Time 10am-noon, Cruise In to Franklin Park Round Rock Assisted Living, 4155 Teravista Club Dr, Round Rock https://www.franklinpark.org/franklin-park-round-rock

<u>Sunday, August 28, 8am</u> Trucks & Tri-Fives cruise in, now open to all vehicles. 501 S Austin Ave, across from Monument Café.

Saturday, Sept 3, Monthly meeting @ 8am, come one, come all!

Saturday Sept 3, Sunday Sept 4,10am-5pm, Car show in conjunction with Giganticon/ComiCon Ft.Hood/Killeen Convention Center.. https://www.giganticon.com/

<u>Saturday, Sept 10</u>, 4th Annual Classic & Custom Car Show @ Dell Diamond, Round Rock, TX https://www.facebook.com/events/796196175072656/?ref=newsfeed

<u>Saturday, Sept 17</u>, Pistons on the Square, Come one, Come all, Come Early. NOTE: Black Sugar Coffee, on the North side of the square is promising to be open by 7:30 on "Pistons" mornings.

<u>Saturday, Oct 8</u>. Stephanie Nichols Classic Car Gang Cruise-In at G'town HS Athletic Complex 3:30-6:30 PM. Same day as our Horney Toad H-D show but since this event starts @3:30 we should be able to do both, let's have a great club showing to support Stephanie! https://www.facebook.com/events/770141280717230

<u>Saturday, October 22</u>, Cruise In to Pavilion at Great Hills, 11819 Pavilion Blvd, Austin, TX 78759 https://www.paviliongreathills.com/

<u>Saturday, October 29</u>, Downtown Taylor Main Street Car Show, One of the biggest of the year! https://www.facebook.com/events/1233077477232599



<u>Saturday/Sunday, November 5</u>. Hagerty SpeedTour Car Show @ COTA in conjunction with SVRA vintage races. https://speedtour.net/st/?lib=product&pid=647&cat=11

<u>Saturday, November 12,</u> Bastrop Veteran's Day Car Show, registration open, Pre-registration only! https://bastropareacruisers.com/bac 2 005.htm

I'm sure I've missed some events, email me if you have events to add, email me.

Our worst fear when cruisin' in our classic vehicle:



Club secretary Ken Frazier's Nova overheated on the trip back from the Round Rock car show this month. What could have been a disaster, getting the vehicle towed, turned out to be a positive experience. Tip Tow of Georgetown provided a ride home for both Ken & the Nova. The tow truck driver did a tremendous job, taking care in loading and tying down. Ken would recommend Tip Tow to any member needing a tow.

Tip Tow 512-863-7300



August Mystery Tool, can you name it?







Trivia photo: What was this feature called, what manufacturer used on ALL full-sized cars, in what year(s), what was the benefit claimed?



Last Item. I recently had my originally 1969 442 alternator reconditioned by local expert Patton Glade. An amazing transition!

Before After









Anyone know what is unique about this year's one year only alternator?



In 1969GM began installing alternators with internal voltage regulators in a certain models:

- Corvettes,
- Pontiac Firebirds with 400 engine
- Oldsmobile 442
- Chevrolet trucks with 366 or 427 Engines

The GM engineers were concerned about heat build-up in the unit so they designed an "open-faced" drive end housing to allow more air flow thru the unit, they also added a raised hat sink to the rear case.

The original 1969->early 1970 units had six spokes in the front housing, however this proved not to be robust enough and tended to break if belt was overtightened or too much force was used to install the bearing. So, in mid-late 1970 the design was changed to a 5-spoke design. The 5-spoke designed remained until the "closed-face" design arrived in 1972.

1969 -spoke design



1970-71 5-spoke design





The rear housing was changed in late 1969. In late '71 the raised heat sink was removed





Most of these early units have disappeared, either replaced or damaged over the years, original units command high prices, especially in the NCRS Corvette group.

1100825 - 61 Amp - 1969 Corvette (early), 1969 Chevrolet truck (366 or 427), 1969 Firebird 400, 1969 Pontiac

1100830 - 55 Amp - 1969 Firebird 400

1100832 - 37 Amp - 1969 Firebird 400

1100833 - 42 Amp - 1969 Corvette (early), 1969 Chevrolet truck (366 or 427), 1969 Pontiac Firebird

1100852 - 55 Amp - 1969 Olds 442

1100853 - 37 Amp - 1969 Olds F85, 1969 Olds 442

1100859 - 42 Amp - 1969 Corvette

1100880 - 42 Amp - 1970 Olds F85, 1970 Olds 442

1100881 - 42 Amp - 1969 Corvette (late)

1100882 - 61 Amp - 1969 Corvette (late)

1100884 - 61 Amp - 1969 Corvette (late), 1970 Corvette

1100890 - 55 Amp - 1970 Olds F85, 1970 Olds 442

1100897 - 61 Amp - 1970 Chevrolet Truck (366 or 427)

1100899 - 42 Amp - 1970 Chevrolet Truck (366 or 427)

1100900 - 42 Amp - 1969 Corvette (late), 1970 Corvette

1100901 - 42 Amp - 1970 Corvette, 1970 Cadillac Eldorado

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