

I don't think I have to remind anyone that summer is here! Daily 3-digit temps and water rationing have become an annual occurrence this time or year in Central Texas. Among other things it means that car shows are put on hold, with everyone waiting for the fall show season to begin.

It's also a time to look back to a busy 1<sup>st</sup> half of the year and what the club has accomplished so far in 2023: another great GTACC Car Show & Benefit, Scholarships offered to 7 local high school seniors,(totaling over \$18,000!), \$2250 in donations to local charities and club membership increasing to a record level with more than 130 paid members. So, what do we have to look forward too for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year?

Well, we have our 6<sup>th</sup> annual show with Horny Toad H-D in Temple on October 14, then at the end of October it's the biggest show of the year: the Taylor Main Street Car Show, and Brown Santa to name just a few.

And, of course, there are the annual GTACC officer elections (how's that for sneaking this in!) At our July meeting, for those that attended, we noted that myself, as president, and Don, as acting Treasurer, will not continue as officers for 2024. To quote LBJ in 1968 (for those old enough to remember!) "Accordingly, I shall not seek, and I will not accept, the nomination of my party for another term as your President".

So, I ask members to step up and take over responsibilities for these two positions. For the position as club Treasurer, a strong working knowledge of Microsoft Excel is required. The Position as president (obviously) requires no skill, just devote time to organization of events & communicating club activities to members...even this newsletter is optional. Of course, both Don and I will work with the new officers to transition into the positions.

As per club by-laws, officer nominations take place at the November meeting, with elections at the December meeting. So, there are a few months decide, feel free to talk to Don or myself if you are interested in either position.



<u>On July 4th</u>, 17 club members, spouses and guests brought their rides out to San Gabriel Park for Sertoma's July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration. Weather cooperated & we parked & sat under large Oak trees and enjoyed visiting with other members while answering questions from folks attending the celebration. The Sertoma club of Georgetown has invited us back for next year...let's see if we can outnumber the Model A club next year!





#### Upcoming events

Sunday, July 23, Trucks & Tri-Fives Cruise-in & Show. 8-10am. Austin Ave, across from Monument Café, 50/50 Raffle

<u>Saturday, Sept 2 Heart of TX Corvette Club Labor Day Weekend Open Car Show</u> @Don Ringler Chevrolet, Temple, TX. Registration 9-10am, judging starts @ 11am. They will accept registration up until judging starts, so we can attend September meeting and run to Temple for the show! Who's game? <u>https://hotcctx.com/</u>

<u>Saturday, October 14, GTACC/Horny Toad Harley-Davidson show,</u> Temple, TX Volunteers needed, more info to follow.

I didn't get around to attending last Sunday's Round Rock Police Car show, but VP Mark Notrhrup did & looks like he got the shady spot!





OK, since it's a slow month, send me some pictures of where you work on and store your classic vehicle. I'll start.



Here's Mr. Frazier's "Magic Place"!





Send me your pics!!



Member Barney Eaton send this to me a few months ago, can anyone relate?

Dear Abby: I have been married more than 20 years to a very kind man, but the only thing he can talk about is cars and trucks. They are literally his only hobby. He spends most of his free time cleaning, polishing and talking about them. He prioritizes them way above me, and has for most of our married life.

I do think there is a bit of OCD going on here, but he refuses help. We have been to several counselors, but he denies the obsession and we get nowhere. I'm getting older and I'm not sure I can take much more of this. When we occasionally watch a movie, he spends it pointing out the vehicles and has no clue what the movie is about. Traveling was spent pointing out all the vehicles on the road, not the sights.

He retires soon and has zero other interests. I need more in my life, and I'm seriously thinking being alone would be better than listening to car and truck history until my dying day. Please help. – More to Life Than That

Dear More: I agree there is more to life than this. But try explaining that to a car "enthusiast." By now you should have realized that you can't change your husband. You can, however, develop more of your own interests and spend time with like-minded people. The same is true for travel if you join a group. It seems you could use a dose of outside input and intellectual stimulation. Go for it.

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