

# The RUNNING BOARD

May 2023



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## 2023 OFFICERS

President Casey Cawthon

President Elect

Bill Barr

Secretary Barbara Arrington

Treasurer

Yvette Hudson

## Note from the President

Happy May everyone, I want to thank everyone that helped with the swap meet. It was another successful, profitable endeavor and despite the weather and hurdles that the Fair Board threw at us, we prevailed and lived to fight another day. We are planning on having a dinner for the swap meet workers to say thank you and share swap meet stories. This dinner will be held at Charlie's in Farmersville at their new location which is the old cotton gin. The historic building should be a good backdrop for our get-together. This dinner is not to be confused with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary party that Mrs. Arrington is planning in June as well. If you have any ideas for the party, please reach out to her with those ideas as we have given up on the Texan Theater. Thank you everyone and see you in a few weeks,



Casey Cawthon

Casey Cawthon

# Mark Your Calendars!

Monthly meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at the “**The Landmark**” 2920 Lee Street  
The next meeting will be on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

The Board will meet at 2:00 PM followed by the membership at 3:00 PM.

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## Upcoming Club Activities

**May 28<sup>th</sup> 3 PM Club Meeting**

**Next Club night out will be in June.**

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## *Roster Update and New Members*

***No new members this month***

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### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

The next newsletter deadline is the first of the month, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

Any member can be a reporter. If you have a story you would like to submit

Please contact Russell Gray [rgray@geusnet.com](mailto:rgray@geusnet.com)



## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

**At the month 2023 Meeting,  
Nametag Winner Casey Cawthon  
The “I drove my Old Car” Winner Troy Parsons  
Birthday Winner Hap Cawthon**

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## **SUNSHINE REPORT**

**Our prayers are with those who are working hard to recover, and  
a special prayer for those who have obstacles to overcome.**

Please contact the Sunshine committee Alice Parsons, 903-450-0432 with information on anyone has something positive to celebrate or who is ill or who a death in the family.

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# Area Car Shows Cruise in's Cars & Coffee

EVENT INFORMATION IS ALWAYS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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## Monthly Events

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 8 AM Greenville Cars & Coffee @ The Church at River Oaks 5903 Joe Ramsey Blvd. (Thru November)

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday @ 4PM Cooper Car Meet at Cooper Square

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 8 AM Cars & Coffee Texas Auto One Greenville

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 1 PM- 4PM Paris Cruise In @ Paris Harley - Davidson (All Vehicles welcome) 2875 NE Loop 286, Paris

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 5 PM @ Braum's in Commerce

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Celeste cruise Downtown Celeste (No meet in May)

Last Saturday 9 AM Sulphur Springs Cars & Coffee Downtown Sulphur Springs @ 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church parking lot (Thru October)

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 5 PM Leonard Cruise in Downtown Leonard

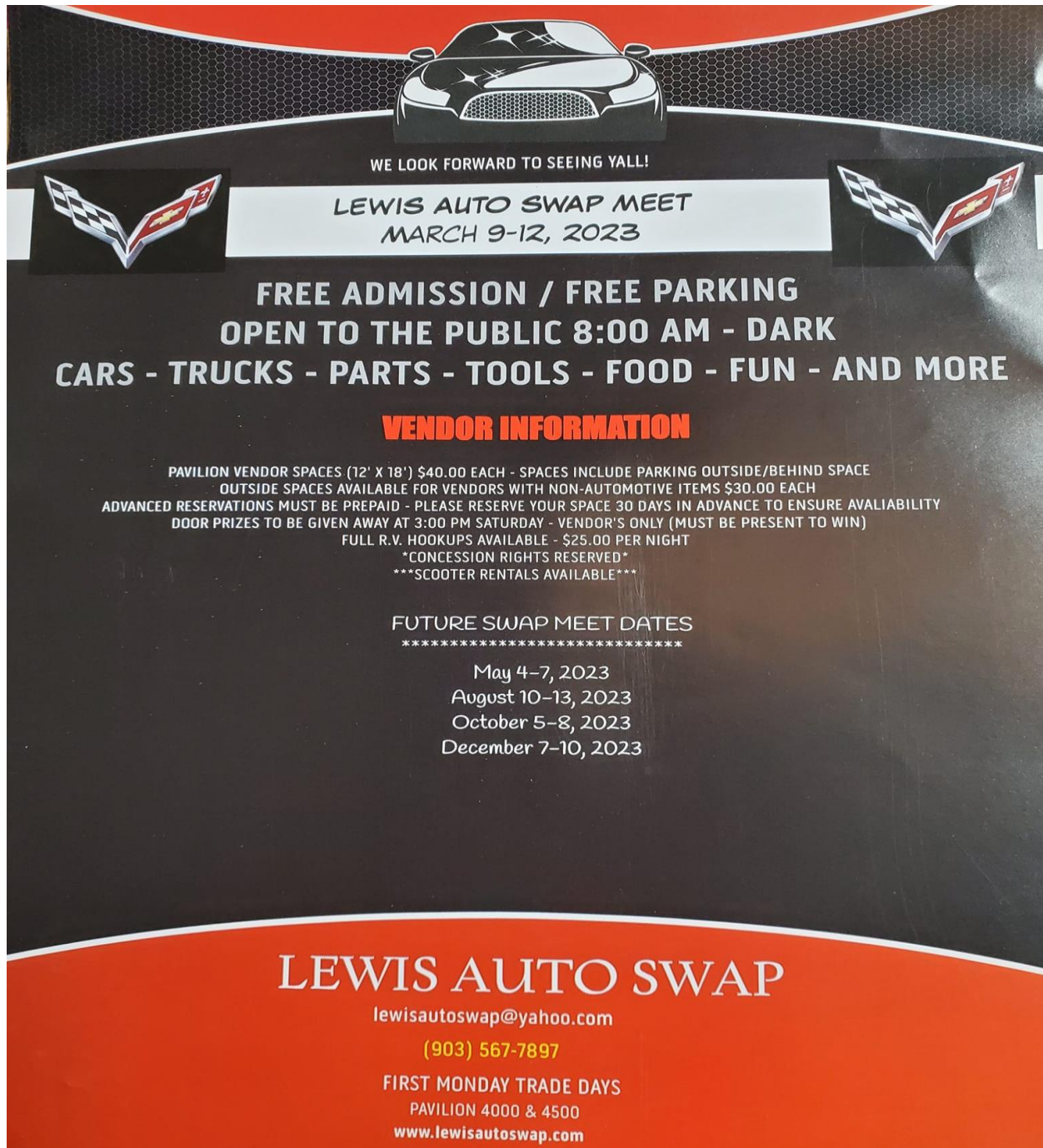
(Thru November)

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## Other Events

### May 4-7 Swap Meet Canton (Flyer for March event)



The flyer features a central image of a silver sports car with a star on its hood, set against a black background with a white grid pattern. The car is flanked by two Chevrolet logos. Below the car, the text reads: "WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YALL!", "LEWIS AUTO SWAP MEET", "MARCH 9-12, 2023". Below this, it says "FREE ADMISSION / FREE PARKING", "OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 8:00 AM - DARK", "CARS - TRUCKS - PARTS - TOOLS - FOOD - FUN - AND MORE". The "VENDOR INFORMATION" section lists details about pavilion and outside spaces, reservations, prizes, and hookups. The "FUTURE SWAP MEET DATES" section lists dates for May, August, October, and December 2023. The bottom section, on a red background, contains the "LEWIS AUTO SWAP" logo, contact information, and website.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YALL!

**LEWIS AUTO SWAP MEET**  
MARCH 9-12, 2023

**FREE ADMISSION / FREE PARKING**  
**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 8:00 AM - DARK**  
**CARS - TRUCKS - PARTS - TOOLS - FOOD - FUN - AND MORE**

**VENDOR INFORMATION**

PAVILION VENDOR SPACES (12' X 18') \$40.00 EACH - SPACES INCLUDE PARKING OUTSIDE/BEHIND SPACE  
OUTSIDE SPACES AVAILABLE FOR VENDORS WITH NON-AUTOMOTIVE ITEMS \$30.00 EACH  
ADVANCED RESERVATIONS MUST BE PREPAID - PLEASE RESERVE YOUR SPACE 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE TO ENSURE AVAILABILITY  
DOOR PRIZES TO BE GIVEN AWAY AT 3:00 PM SATURDAY - VENDOR'S ONLY (MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN)  
FULL R.V. HOOKUPS AVAILABLE - \$25.00 PER NIGHT  
\*CONCESSION RIGHTS RESERVED\*  
\*\*\*SCOOTER RENTALS AVAILABLE\*\*\*

**FUTURE SWAP MEET DATES**  
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May 4-7, 2023  
August 10-13, 2023  
October 5-8, 2023  
December 7-10, 2023

**LEWIS AUTO SWAP**  
lewisautoswap@yahoo.com  
(903) 567-7897  
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PAVILION 4000 & 4500  
www.lewisautoswap.com

## May 6<sup>th</sup> Bonham 8:30 to 3 Car Show



# CELEBRATE

175th Birthday Bash

## EVENT SPOTLIGHT

# BONHAM HERITAGE DAY



### CAR & TRUCK SHOW





First Come  
First Serve  
Vehicle Parking

**SATURDAY  
MAY 6TH, 2023**

**DOWNTOWN  
BONHAM**

### CAR & TRUCK SHOW SCHEDULE

**8:30-10am: Registration**  
Cars must enter from Sam Rayburn Dr. onto N. Main St.

**Noon-Judging Starts**

**3:00pm-Awards Presented:**  
Categories, Best of Show, & People's Choice

**4:00pm-Parade**

### CAR & TRUCK SHOW CATEGORIES

A. Original 49 & older	I. Original Muscle Car 63 to 75
B. Modified 49 & older	J. Modified Muscle Car 63 to 75
C. Original 50 to 59	K. Original Truck to 89
D. Modified 50 to 59	L. Modified Truck to 89
E. Original 60 to 69	M. Convertible All Years
F. Modified 60 to 69	N. Unfinished
G. Original 70 to 89	
H. Modified 70 to 89	

Early Registration Fee \$20 After April 24th, Fee \$25

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### Participant Registration

Name: _____	Vehicle Year/Make: _____
Address: _____	Model: _____
City/ST/Zip: _____	Category AO: _____
Best Phone #: _____	Text OK? _____
Email: _____	

**Entries #1-50 receive dash plaques**

Mail Registration: Creative Arts Center 200 W. 5th Street, Bonham TX 75418 For additional information email BonArtCenter@gmail.com

May 6<sup>th</sup> Redline Raceway Caddo Mills

**Redline Raceway**  
5326 FM1565, Caddo Mills, TX 75135

MAY 5-6, 2023

**FRIDAY NIGHT IMPORTS ONLY**  
4PM-CLOSE

**DRAG FOR A CAUSE**

SATURDAY IS FUN AND GRUDGE  
TEST AND TUNE  
9AM - CLOSE  
CAR AND BIKE SHOW  
11AM-5PM

**\$30 UNLIMITED PASSES BOTH DAYS**



All proceeds donated to the RSN for this event will go to help Paxton and his family  
[www.facebook.com/themightypip](http://www.facebook.com/themightypip)  
[WWW.RYLANSTRONGNETWORK.COM](http://WWW.RYLANSTRONGNETWORK.COM)



May 13<sup>th</sup> 9 AM Royse City Car Show

**SATURDAY  
MAY 13TH**

**9AM-3:30PM**

**700 FM 2642**

**ROYSE CITY, TX**

*\$20.00 Pre-registration*

*\$25.00 Day of show*

*1st 50 entries will  
receive a free t-shirt &  
dash plaque!*

**SCAN TO REGISTER**



**15TH ANNUAL  
CAR SHOW**



May 20<sup>th</sup> Sherman Car Show

*"A really good* **Car Show...**"

**May 20, 2023**

**First Baptist Church**

**Sherman, TX**



**Registration 8-11,  
awards at 2:30**

**20 classes,  
trophies to 1st-3rd  
3-foot trophies  
to 10 Special Awards**

**Best Engine,  
Interior and Paint**

**Best in Show  
Car and Truck**

**Ladies, Kids,  
& Pastor's Choice**

**Clean spaces,  
music, food,  
games + more!**



**PRE-REGISTRATION:** Send form and \$20 to: CAR SHOW,  
First Baptist Church, 400 S. Travis, Sherman, TX 75090.  
CONTACT: (903) 892-9121 or (903) 816-2891, or  
email: [carshow@fbcsherman.org](mailto:carshow@fbcsherman.org)



**On-Site Coverage by Busted Knuckle Magazine!**

## May 21<sup>st</sup> Rockwall Car Show



**18th Annual**  
**Cars for CASA**  
Sunday, May 21, 2023  
[www.lonestarcasa.org](http://www.lonestarcasa.org)  
*Car, Truck & Bike Show*

**NEW LOCATION!!**  
THE NEW ROCKWALL COURTHOUSE  
(I-30 to Hwy. 205, turn north and follow the signs)

Registration 10 am - 1:30 pm  
Awards at 4:00 pm  
Be involved in your community and

**Help Kids**  
SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE  
[carsforcasa@lonestarcasa.org](mailto:carsforcasa@lonestarcasa.org)  
*All Proceeds to benefit Lone Star Casa Inc.*

  
City of Rockwall  
*Like New Housing*

 Dallas Builders  
ASSOCIATION

  
CASA  
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FOR CHILDREN  
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### Cars for CASA 2023

On Sunday May 21, 2023, the Metro East Division of the Dallas Builders Association will host its 18<sup>th</sup> annual Cars for CASA auto show to raise money for Lone Star CASA, Inc.

THIS YEAR THE SHOW WILL BE HELD AT THE ROCKWALL COUNTY COURTHOUSE. WE HAVE MORE PARKING PLACES FOR ENTRANTS AROUND THE COURTHOUSE AS WELL AS SPECTATOR AND TRAILER PARKING AT THE ADJACENT ROCKWALL COUNTY



## May 27<sup>th</sup> Canton Car Show (2 Page Flyer)

# FUN IN THE SUN 2023!



### Splash Kingdom and Mustangs of East Texas

Along with HazelWood Hotrods presents!

Fun In The Sun Car Show 2023!

At Splash Kingdom canton Tx

May 27th

Opening weekend

Register at show 8 to 10

Show from 10 to 1

130 space cutoff

Preregistration sent to

Jeremy Bussell

P.O. Box 402

Chandler, Tx75858

[hazelwoodhotrods@gmail.com](mailto:hazelwoodhotrods@gmail.com)

20 to enter free to attend

Email for classes

Special ticket discount for splash kingdom for those registered in show

Registration does not go towards Splash Kingdom tickets



*Come out and enjoy a great event*



*Over 40 Trophies!!!!*



## Trophy Classes!!!!

### Over 40 trophies!

Come out to Splash Kingdom and enjoy a great day bring the family for a day of fun!

If you registered for the show , you will get discounted rates to get in the water park , registration does not go towards discounted tickets!

People's choice top 2  
per year group  
people's choice

#### MUSTANGS

64 1/2 to 80

81 to 00

01 to 23

CAMAROS top 2 per  
year group

66 to 80

81 to 00

01 to 23

CORVETTES top 2 per  
year group

53 to 80

81 to 00

01 to 23

Dodge Cars top 2 per  
year group

64 to 80

81 to 00

01 to 23

All trucks top 2 per  
year group

23 to 80

79 to 60

59 and older

Jeep and bronco and  
4x4 Top 2 peoples  
choice Classic cars Top  
2 per year group 80 to  
50 50 and older

Motorcycles top 2

Special ( unfinished,  
rat rods) top 2 peoples  
choice

Best in show grand  
champion , 2nd  
overall, 3 rd overall



# Swap Meet News

Greetings everyone!

I want to take a moment to congratulate and thank all of you for your participation in our 24th Greenville Swap Meet. You and your Swap Meet committees' efforts once again provided for a successful and profitable meet. Coming out of the pandemic and making the tough decisions to cancel meets due to government requirements and crowd limitations, was a challenging endeavor for your Swap Meet committee. I am proud to report that not only have we overcome the monetary deficits created by the loss of these meets, but actually have replenished our cash reserves, as well as continuing to transfer operating funds to the Club on a bi-annual basis as needed.

I especially want to thank, Richard Bailey, Casey Cawthon, Mike Hogge, Shirley Horton, Yvette Hudson, Theresa Krodle, Ziggy Sieglaff, Pat Stemen, Roy Studinski, John Tallas and Harold Wyatt, for their commitment to our Club and the Greenville Swap Meets continuing success, in their positions as committee members. These individuals give selflessly of their time through meetings, preparations and "day of " operations, on a monthly basis throughout the year. Their investment in our Club is critical to the life of our organization and our activities. When you see one of them, be sure to thank them for their dedication to the success of the project, and for their continuing service to our Club.

Looking forward to our 25th Greenville Swap Meet,

Bob Arrington

## Time to Stop

A traffic cop pulled alongside a speeding car on the motorway. Glancing into the car, he was astounded to see that the young lady, who was driving, was knitting.

Realizing that she was oblivious to his flashing lights and siren, the policeman wound down his window, turned on his loudspeaker and yelled, 'PULL OVER!'

'NO, 'the young lady yelled back, 'IT's  
A SCARF!'

## Car Show Pictures 4-1 -2023















Best of Show car 1969 Mustang Mach 1



Best of Show Truck 1971 Chevy C-10



## Feature Car of the Month

### Glen Murphy's 1949 Plymouth convertible



I purchased my first car in 1963 from my uncle's used car lot. I was 15 years old. My Father registered it after I paid him the \$50.00 sales price.

The car was a 1949 Plymouth convertible. It was just 14 years old and already very rusty. I learned about Bondo over window screen and painting that car. I drove it to and from school and work. I later sold it to my father so I could buy a used 1964 Ford Galaxy 500 with a 427 and four speed. That was a big mistake for my pocketbook.

Anyway I always wanted to find a never been rusty 1949 Plymouth convertible and found an ad in the March/April 2018 Antique Automobile magazine that we get with our Membership in the AACA. I called the number to see if it was still for sale. The owner said it was and assured me that it was never a rust bucket. Described it as being in #2 condition.

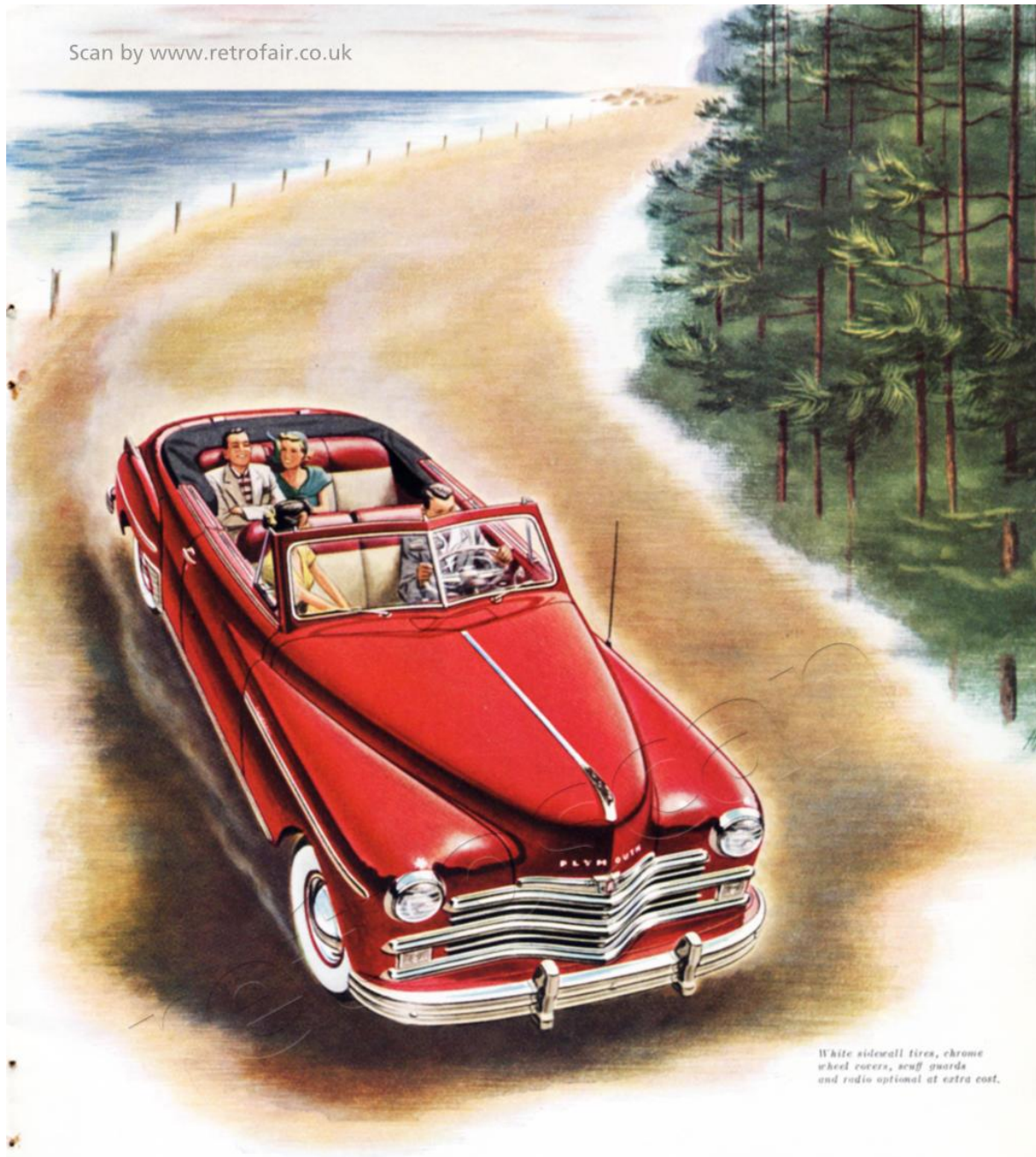
I put a down payment check in the mail and hooked up my car hauler and headed to the State of Maryland.

Before I could get out of my driveway, I received a call from one of our club members, Marilyn Freeman asking if she could accompany me on the trip. The rest is History. Marilyn is now Mrs. Murphy, and the Plymouth is in our garage.





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*White sidewall tires, chrome wheel covers, scuff guards and radio optional at extra cost.*

## The car that likes to be compared—**new Plymouth**



The best way to tell new car value is by comparison. Compare the new Plymouth — feature for feature, dollar for dollar, mile for mile — to any car in any price range. Of 22 quality features found in most high-priced cars, low-priced Plymouth has 21 — low-priced car "A" has 13 — low-priced car "B" has 4! For detailed proof, see the new Quality Chart at your Plymouth dealer's now. Then drive "all three" and let the ride decide! PLYMOUTH Division of CHRYSLER CORPORATION, Detroit 31, Michigan





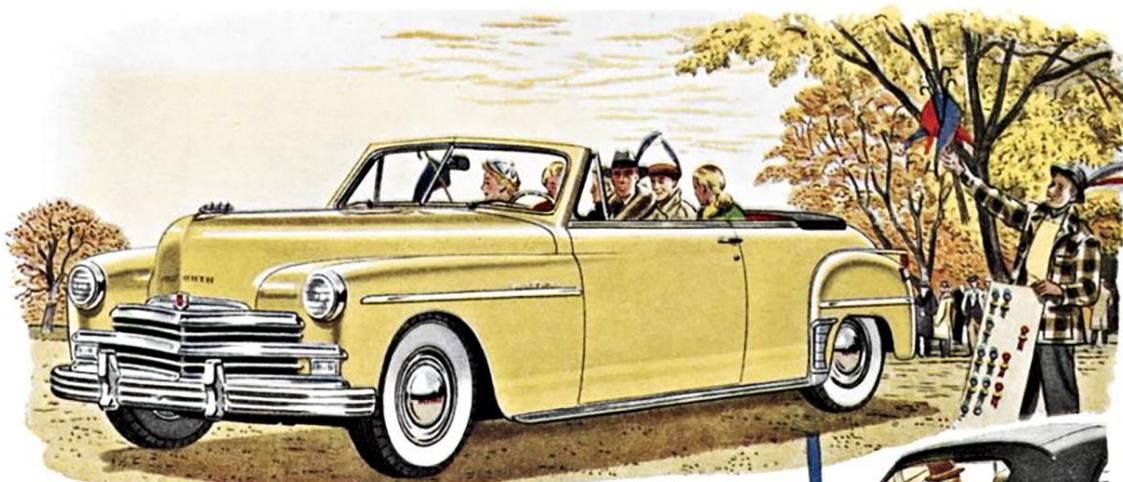
**IT GOES TO THE STADIUM . . . FOR EIGHT!** This great new Plymouth Station Wagon sets new standards for beauty, utility and long life. Comfortably seats eight full-sized passengers. Both rear seats quickly and easily removed for maximum loading space. Handsome, easy-to-clean vinyl plastic seats and seat backs. Natural-finish bonded plywood body panels with long-life finish on all-wood surfaces. New body construction—new steel floor and top—make this the safest, most rugged Plymouth Station Wagon ever built—with Plymouth engineering throughout. Before you buy—compare!

# PLYMOUTH

*THE CAR THAT LIKES TO BE COMPARED*



**WHAT SPORT . . . TO DRIVE IT!** This beautiful new Plymouth Convertible Club Coupe features distinguished styling and all-weather comfort. Electric-hydraulic mechanism silently raises or lowers new, smartly-styled top in about fifteen seconds. Roomy rear seat with plenty of leg room. New, more powerful 97-horsepower engine with seven-to-one compression ratio. Ignition key starting with electric automatic choke. The famous Plymouth Air Pillow Ride is now smoother than ever before! See your Plymouth dealer and see for yourself.



WHITE SIDEWALL TIRES, CHROME WHEEL COVERS AND REAR FENDER SCUFF GUARDS OPTIONAL AT EXTRA COST.

*The new, "double-size" rear window gives greatly increased vision. Zipper fastenings make it quickly removable.*

# The Glasspar G2

(To add to the discussion about who built the first fiberglass car. This car was restored by Hatfield restorations near Canton)



The Glasspar G2 is considered by many automotive historians to be the first production car with a fiberglass body, it was a major contributing factor behind the surge in popularity of fiberglass-bodied vehicles in the United States in the 1950s and beyond – resulting in iconic cars like the [Chevrolet Corvette](#), the [Meyers Manx](#), and the [DeLorean DMC-12](#). The story of the Glasspar G2 encapsulates the early days of the American custom car movement, defined by people building unique automobiles in their garages using chassis and bodies built by small companies that advertised in the back pages of car magazines. Fiberglass quickly became the material of choice for these custom car builders as it allowed strong, lightweight bodies with compound curves to be shaped up quickly and easily. The added benefit of course is that fiberglass is cheaper than steel or aluminum, and it'll never rust.





The Glasspar G2 started life as the Brooks Boxer, a car based on a modified [Willys frame](#) with a Willys six-cylinder engine fabricated by Air Force Major Ken Brooks in 1949. Brooks hadn't figured the body out yet, but his friend Bill Tritt had an idea, Tritt was a marine architect who used a new material called "fiberglass" to build boats in his Santa Ana workshop.

Tritt's idea was to design and mold an all new-fiberglass body for the chassis that combined both American and European influences. The design was crowd sourced and it included input from Brooks and his friends and family as well as Tritt, once a final design was chosen a mold was created and the new body was laid up.

Once the new Brooks Boxer was completed it was shown at the 1951 Motorama exhibition, it proved to be one of the big hits of the show, and it encouraged Tritt to expand his boat building business to include a small automotive division.

The Brooks Boxer design was further developed and combined with a new chassis, this new model would be called the Glasspar G2 and it would signal the beginning of a wave of similar cars that would later be known as "kit cars".



There's some disagreement about whether the Glasspar G2 was the first production car with a fiberglass body. The Kaiser Darrin and Chevrolet Corvette both came along shortly after the G2, however there's some debate about whether the G2 was a true production car.

Customers could order their new Glasspar G2 as a complete turnkey car with its own chassis, but most opted to buy just the body and either fabricate their own chassis or buy a chassis. So, the G2 was technically a production car, but the number produced complete from the factory was relatively low.

The Glasspar G2 was built from [1951 to 1953](#), it's not known exactly how many cars were completed as most were sold as bodies and many of them were never completed, though we do know that approximately 150 bodies were made.

Surviving examples of the G2 are now highly collectible and thanks to the marine-derived fiberglass construction methods they're often in much better shape than many other fiberglass cars from the era.



The Glasspar G2 you see here was bought in kit form and completed in 1953 by Emilio Pistoiresi, the owner of the Chrysler dealership in Madera, California. Pistoiresi fitted a 291 cubic inch DeSoto Hemi V8 engine that was coupled to a transmission and rear axle sourced from a 1940 Ford.

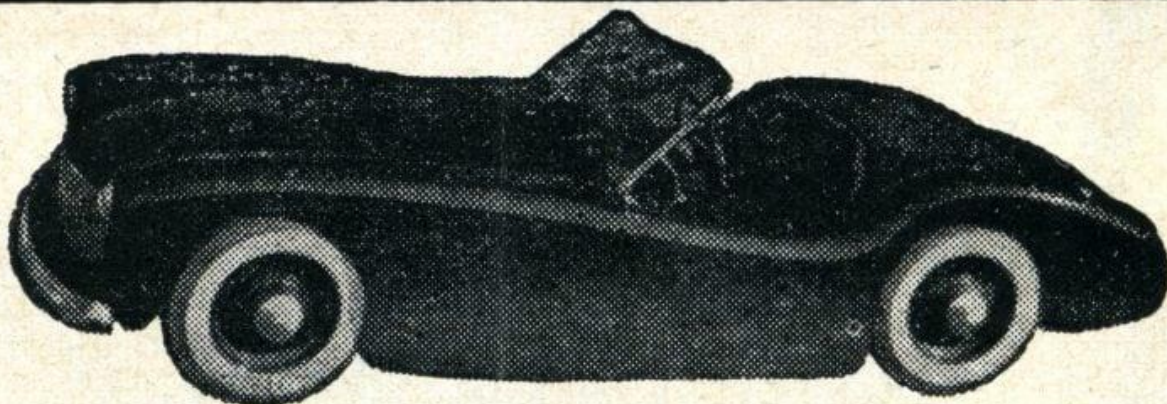
The Pistoiresi family treasured the car and kept it for decades, through the 1950s, '60s, and '70s before Emilio began to disassemble the car for a restoration. Sadly, he would never complete it, but his son wanted to ensure that the car was finished, so he sold it to a well-known restorer based in Texas.

The car received a comprehensive restoration including a freshly powder-coated frame, immaculate paintwork, a beautifully appointed interior, and the cleanest engine bay you'll see this month. Since the restoration the car scored a 1st place award at the 2016 Sante Fe Concours, and it's now undoubtably one of the finest G2's in existence – there are only 30 or so thought to remain.



# **FIBERGLAS**

## **SPORT CAR BODY**



Only \$755 gives you a custom sport car body to fit a modified chassis or Glasspar tubular frame. Write Dept. RT-9

*Glasspar Company*

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Club board member Hayden Foltz was recently announced as the 2023 Valedictorian of the Pioneer Technology & Arts Academy in Greenville.









