



# Exhaust Whistle



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## February Meeting

**February 21 at 6:30 pm at St. Francis Episcopal Church  
3545 Cahaba Valley Rd, Indian Springs Village, AL 35124**





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Treasurer: Jeff Senkbeil  
Secretary: Charlotte Dahlenburg

*A Note From The*

# **PRESIDENT**

Greetings:

It has been a busy couple of weeks!

Nationals in Miami on January 28 and Annual Convention in Williamsburg starting on February 8th.

Miami was a good show to start the season off. We were hoping for warm weather, and it did finally warm up for the day of show.

Williamsburg was an incredible venue and the Annual Convention started with a day of tours.

The Annual Convention includes Board meetings, seminars, and the Annual Meeting.

I was honored and humbled to be sworn in as a National Director at the Annual Meeting on Saturday.

Dixie Region has had Directors and even a National President in the past. I will strive to honor that history and do my best to be a director that you can be proud of.

Please review the minutes of the previous meeting included in this newsletter.

There are a couple of updates to the minutes:

Jeff, our treasurer, has confirmed the balances of our bank account and the Certificate of Deposit.

So, we are ready to start collecting dues again.

I have not sent out an email to vote on a new name yet due to the 3,000 miles for the 2 events.

*Vicki Bolton*

**TIME TO  
RENEW YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP**

Dues are now due \$20.00 per family  
You must be a member of AACA  
to be a member of the Dixie Region  
AACA Dues are \$45.00



## On the Cover:

1958 Cushman Eagle owned by Vicki Bolton. The scooter won First Grand National at Virginia Beach Virginia in May 2022. The scooter was nominated for a National Award this year but did not win. Vicki plans to take the scooter to the Grand National in Bettendorf, Iowa to try to get the Senior Grand National.

## Winter Nationals in Miami

By Vicki Bolton

Photos by Vicki Bolton

The show was held at the Gold Coast Railroad Museum which features the Presidential Pullman car Ferdinand Magellan. The car was used by Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower and Reagan.

The show included a tour to a private collection. The collection featured a display of the evolution of guns, a country store, a soda shop and a complete working display of an antique fire alarm system. But the final display was an incredible display of working musical instruments including a Wurlitzer Organ. The tour finished with an amazing concert on the Wurlitzer.



*This car was on display with the trophy "Voted worst car in every show"*

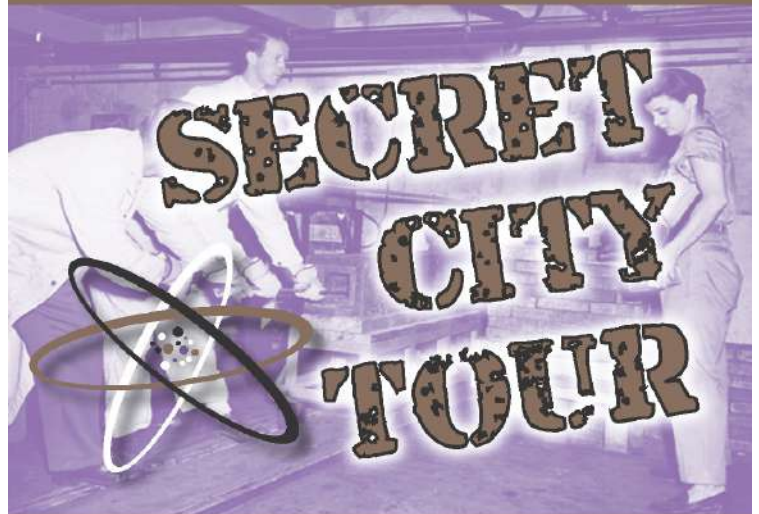


*This car from the private collection was entered in the show and had the distinction of being 1 of 2 cars that survived the San Francisco earthquake*

2023

Southeastern Divisional Tour  
May 1-3, 2023

Hosted by the East Tennessee Region



Host Hotel:  
DoubleTree by Hilton  
Oak Ridge, Tennessee  
865-481-2468

Roger Frazee, *Tour Chairman*  
Tom Howard, *Registration Chairman*  
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# Annual Convention and Meeting in Williamsburg VA

By Vicki Bolton and Charlotte Dahlenburg

Photos by Vicki Bolton, Charlotte Dahlenburg and Alexander Soultanis

The 87th Annual Convention in Williamsburg, VA 2023 was held February 9-11 at the Doubletree by Hilton hotel. Many people arrived early to the convention on Wednesday, February 8 to make sure they didn't miss out on any of the many fun events planned.

Thursday morning began with registration where you received your name badge and all your tickets to the many tours planned for participants. The American Revolution Museum tour began at 9 am followed by The Mariners Museum tour that started at 9:30 am.

Art and Vicki took the tour to the Mariner's Museum in the morning and the tour to Colonial Williamsburg in the afternoon. Both were led by very knowledgeable tour guides. The tours were absolutely incredible!

The Mariner's Museum is the museum that houses the USS Monitor. They are conserving the Monitor and other artifacts retrieved from the ocean floor. They also have an incredible display of models of ships and a hall dedicated to the history of the US



Welcome to the Mariner Museum



Restored Eagle Figurehead form the USS Lancaster



Detailed models of sea bearing ships of the past



A full scale model of the Monitor





*Some street scenes from Williamsburg*

Navy. I highly recommend it if you are ever in the neighborhood.

The afternoon offered two more tours at 1:30 pm where you could tour Colonial Williamsburg.

The tour to Williamsburg was excellent! We saw the Capitol Building and walked down to the Governor's Palace. We saw a local pub and a furniture store. The buildings along the street were awesome. The tour guide reminded us that some of the people who walked these streets included George Washington



*A room heater fueled by coal in one of the rooms of the Governor's Palace*



*The back of the Governor's Palace*

and Thomas Jefferson.

From 2-4 pm you could visit the Sherwood Forest Plantation the home of President John Tyler. The plantation has been the continuous residence of the Tyler family since 1842. Sherwood Forest Plantation remains the longest frame house in America. In 1845, it was expanded to its present length of over 300 feet when Tyler added a 68-foot ballroom catering to the popular dance of his time, the Virginia Reel. The grounds are 25 acres of terraced gardens and lawn based on the landscape designs of Andrew Jackson Downing of New York and include original outbuildings or dependencies. It is considered one of





*Wayne Tuck welcomed everybody to the Welcome Reception*

the most complete plantation yards left in America, dating from c. 1680

Thursday evening everyone gathered in the main ballroom for the Board of Directors Welcome Reception. President Wayne Tuck welcomed us and announced it was national pizza day. It was



*Trade Show had a little bit of everything*

fitting to have pizza for dinner! This time was spent reconnecting with friends from all over the country.

Friday morning everything was in full swing. The Trade Show opened and seminars started. You could learn more about everything from how to put together a better newsletter, collecting memorabilia, restoration, and much more. This year a CPR course



*President Wayne Tuck , First Lady Denise Tuck with friends and family*

was offered and well attended. You can rest assured now, there are lots of newly certified friends out there.

Also, the newly redesigned Luncheon was hosted by the First Lady, Denise Tuck and no seminars or activities to interfere. The entertainer, Craig Daniel from New Jersey, entertained us with the oldies and



*Luncheon hosted by the First Lady*

**Antique Automobile Club of America  
Southeastern Spring Nationals  
April 15, 2023 at Charlotte AutoFair**  
Hosted by Hornets Nest Region, AACA  
Meet Email: [aacact@windstream.net](mailto:aacact@windstream.net)





**April 13 - 16, 2023**

**AACA Southeastern  
Spring Nationals  
Information  
Region Office  
704-841-1396  
Mon-Thur 9-3**

**Hornets Nest Region**  
Antique Automobile Club of America  
9307-H Monroe Road  
Charlotte, NC 28270



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With the Customary AACA Process.*





*Past First Lady Donna Elliot sings Summer Nights from Grease with the entertainer*

car tunes. After a delicious lunch there was a trivia session with questions related to the old car hobby.

The evening event was the newly redesigned Regions and Chapters Dinner. This was open to anyone. Our outgoing and incoming Presidents informed us about the direction of AACA. Joining the 21 century was a priority with a new website



*The room was full with all that attended the Convention*



*2023 President Fred Trusty addresses the crowd*



*After dinner entertainment was a hoot*

capable of paying online for almost everything. Many Presidents took the opportunity to grant AACA with checks. Support from regions is important to the health of AACA's finances.

After the dinner we were entertained by MerMan's Comedy and Illusion Show. MerMan pulled people





*Seminars about everything were available*



**Classics at White Eagle**  
**ACA Special Eastern**  
**Spring Nationals 2023**  
**July 26-29**  
**Hamilton, NY**

Hosted by the RAOCC Norwich Region  
 Show Chair: Allan Strong 607-334-2907  
 Email: stumpmaker99@netscape.net

from the audience to help with the entertainment. We all laughed at the crazy stunts and tricks.

Judging Schools were held Saturday morning including a basic class, an advanced class and a class for Team Captains followed by a great lineup



*The 2023 AACA Officers were presented at the banquet*

for the half day of seminars. The Trade show was open until the Annual meeting started.

Annual meeting started at 2 pm. The Annual report was presented along with the Treasurer's report. The bell was passed to Fred Trusty as the 2023 President of AACA from the 2022 President Wayne Tuck. During this meeting the new VPs were installed with



*The 2023 AACA elected officers*

two new VPs that included Vicki Bolton and Richard Lentinello.

The round-table discussion was led by Paula Ruby where there was a lot of discussion about marketing, membership, and the importance of websites. AACA



will be introducing a new website later this year.

The Annual Awards Banquet started with the red carpet. Everyone dressed to the hilt gathered near the two Oscars for photos. We had about 45 minutes to visit before the doors opened to the banquet area.

Dinner was served and the banquet started with the pinning of the new president by the outgoing president. Very quickly Debbie Noland, VP of Youth Development announced the many winners of scholarships. VP Mary Bartimer presented the Web Master Awards. Jim Elliot and West Peterson presented the many National Awards.



*The 2023 AACA Awards Banquet*



*The drum and fife corp*



*Fred Trusty presenting Wayne Tuck with his award*



*Charlotte Dahlenburg receiving her National Master Editor and Master Webmaster awards*



*The 2023 AACA awards Banquet*

*Ontario Yours to Discover*

## 2023 AACA FOUNDERS TOUR

London, Ontario, Canada | July 16th to 22nd, 2023



We welcome  
all vehicles  
1932-1998

Tour highlights will feature...

- RM/Sotheby's Restorations
- Fleetwood Estate (The collection of Steve Plunkett)
- Oil Museum of Canada
- The Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame
- Iceculture
- ...and much more!

**Come north of the border and enjoy some  
Southern Ontario Hospitality!**

**ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA**



**ONTARIO REGION**

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# January Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 1:06 pm at St Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church.

President, Vicki Bolton welcomed everyone. All were either emailed or sent a letter. The club has been dormant for 3 years.

Do we want to be a Region of AACA?" It was a unanimous yes to be a club and a Region of AACA

The club has never formally been organized as a legal entity. This provides a Tax ID number. This will have to happen in order to maintain a bank account. The club also wants to be a 501c3

What should the name be? Currently it is the Dixie Region of AACA. There is a local club called the Dixie Vintage Antique Automobile Club. The names are too close and not working for our club.

Art Bolton explained how the two clubs came about. The club wanted to host a National event for AACA and they had to become a Region to do so.

Active members were around 50 and currently there are 25 on the list

Possible names were given: Steel City Region, Red Mountain Region, Alabama Region. All were asked to think about the name and there would be an email vote on the name.

What kind of club do we want to be? National Activities, Local Activities, Touring, Joint with other clubs?

Many wanted:

Judged local car show every year.

Monthly meetings

Judging school

An event every quarter

Host a tour in the future

Joint events with other clubs

June 25 Great Race is downtown Birmingham (Sam to send info)

Dues: \$20 per family for local club dues. Applications for friends were passed out. It is believed to have around \$5000 with the past Treasurer. Several members were going to ask about the account.

Fundraisers:

Chili Dinner

Auction of Strange stuff

Large car show in the Spring

Officers: Joey Moore would like to be Treasurer. While the club is reorganizing we will stay with the current officers.

Web and Newsletter are on hold until name is changed.

Close of meeting at 2:04

Next meeting will be Feb, 21 at 6:30 place tbd

Bylaws were passed out for review

Respectfully Submitted by Charlotte Dahlenburg

**REMINDER: If you haven't made a donation to the AACA Building Maintenance Fund yet, it's not too late.**

**Every dollar helps!**

**For information on how to donate, just call AACA National HQ at 717-534-1910.**





## Consider Strategic Planning

By Mel Carson  
Vice President – Legislation

Why is Strategic Planning important? Regions and Chapters need direction and organization goals to work toward. Strategic Planning offers that type of guidance. Essentially, a Strategic Plan is a roadmap to goals. Without such guidance, it is difficult to know if your Region or Chapter is on the right road to reach its goals.

In general, Planning can be considered as three phases:

- 1-Strategic Planning is the long-term planning for the achievement and survival of the organization.
- 2-Tactical Planning is short-term planning that helps understand and break down Strategic Planning in parts to move forward.
- 3-Operational Planning is used to implement Strategic Planning. more often in short steps such as office procedures.

The Strategic Planning process includes: Analyze Requirements; Develop Objectives; Plan the Process with a Budget; Execute with an Approved Budget; Monitor Progress

Strategic Planning is not a “one and done” process. Any plan must be continually reworked and updated with a regular process. “Sometimes more time is spent discussing and planning than in doing” – to quote one expert. Google ‘Strategic Planning’ to find more information.

*Rummage Box articles courtesy of AACA*



## Library Welcomes New Director, Jen Wolfe!

By Matthew Hocker, AACA Librarian, Cataloger & Volunteer Coordinator, [mhocker@aacaa.org](mailto:mhocker@aacaa.org)



A New Year means new beginnings, which is why we are excited to announce the hiring of our new Library Director, Jen Wolfe! Jen brings to the table more than 10 years of experience working in public libraries and is looking forward to transitioning into her new role, experiencing the old car hobby, and assisting, and getting to

know, AACA members and automotive enthusiasts the world over.

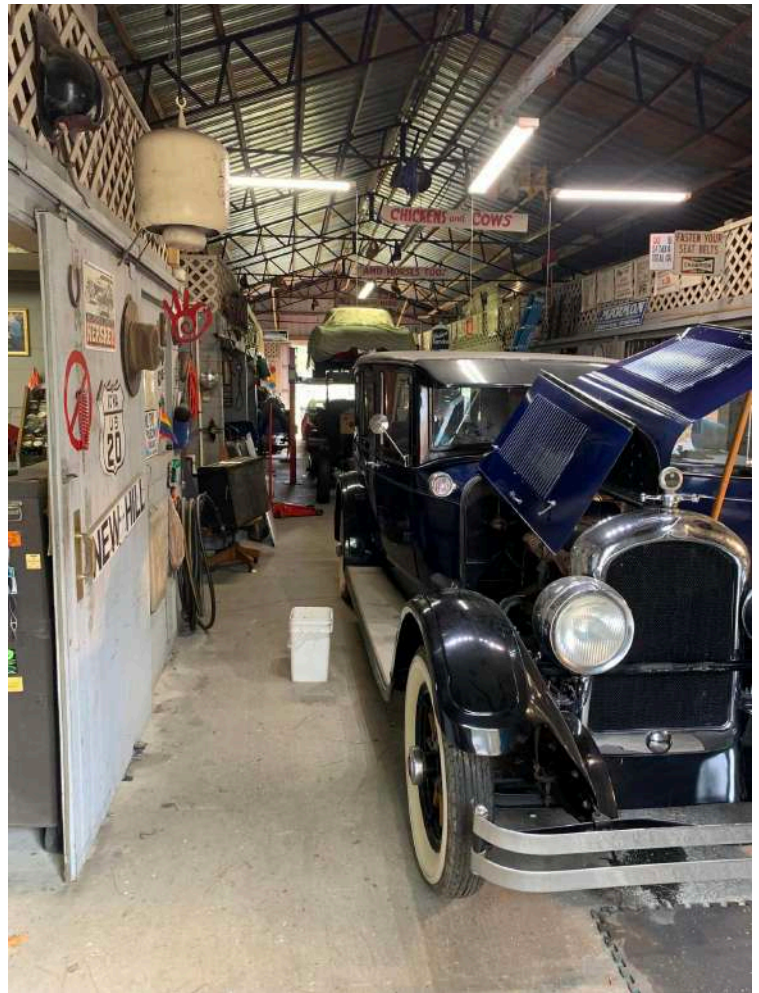
To learn more about Jen in her own words, be sure to look for her introduction in the January-February 2023 issue of Antique Automobile. Those planning on attending the 2023 AACA Annual Convention will have the opportunity to greet her in person. In the meantime, please join us in giving her a warm welcome to the AACA family!

Can't say hi in person? No problem!

Welcoming emails can be sent to Jen at [jwolfe@aacaa.org](mailto:jwolfe@aacaa.org).

The Chris & Kathleen Koch  
**AACA LIBRARY & RESEARCH CENTER**

*Speedster articles courtesy of AACA*



## At the Barn With Sam Barnett and James Meredith

By Sam Barnett

James Meredith pointed out what an important place this is to my car collection. This four mile jaunt to the gas station is the final trip for every car check



1925 Marmon D74

out campaign. As the bits get adjusted, cleaned , and refurbished, the last thing that happens is that the vehicle gets driven to the gas station and filled up. Here is the 1925 Marmon D74 standard sedan that I got last fall. Tons of detailing, cleaning and running through the systems of the car and it's almost ready for four season. Gender assignment and name, based on vibes felt while driving will be determined and I'm looking forward to its rejoining the car scene. This car was one of the fifty Marmons and fifty Stutzes that were at the 2011 Indianapolis Concourse event and was mothballed soon afterwards. It's been fitted with an aftermarket overdrive system by Lloyd Young, the car's former owner, that I still need to get used too, every other mechanical system on the car is good and tight and the details are really cleaning up. The car will Now go through a serious lubing and greasing, followed by a serious bath and an attempt to pretty up the finish of the paint and then it's ready for the world.



# AAA Calendar

## January

**26-28** - Winter Nationals - Miami/Ft. Larderdale, Florida - Gold Coast Region

## February

**10-12** 87th AACA Annual Convention Williamsburg, Virginia

## April

**13-15** Southeastern Spring Nationals - Charlotte NV - Hornets Nest Region

**30-May 3** Southeastern Divisional Tour - Oak Ridge, Tennessee - East Tennessee Region

## May

**18-20** Eastern Spring Nationals - Gettysburg, PA, Gettysburg Region

## June

**25-28** Eastern Divisional Tour - Hershey Region, AACA Library

## July

**16-22** Founders Tour - Ontario & Quebec - Ontario Region

**28-29** Special Eastern Summer Nationals - Norwich, NY, Rolling Antiquers Region

## August

**10-12** Grand Nationals - East Moline, Illinois, Mississippi Valley Region

## October

**4-7** Eastern Fall Nationals - Hershey, PA Hershey Region

**22-27** Rivival AAA Glidden Tour (Pre-1943) Thomasville, Georgia - VMCCA host

# Local Calendar

## Cruise Ins

**First Saturday - 8-11am Hoovers Tactical Firearms Cruise In** 1561 Montgomery Hwy. Hoover. Hosted by Dixie Vintage Antique Automobile Club

**First Saturday - 3 pm Jan - Mar 5pm April-Dec** 202 South Gilmer Ave, Lanett, AL More info Billy Humphrey at mrmopar622@gmail.com. Free event

**Third Saturday - 6pm** Tallahassee Shopping Center 400 Gilmer Ace

## Shows

### March

**4 Philip Love's Annual Cruise-In at Wellborn Muscicar Museum** 10 am p 2 pm 124 Broad St., Alexander City 256-329-8474,

**4 1st Annual Camper Unlimited Car Show.** 9am-1pm Free admission, food, door prizes, 50/50, cash giveaways, live music. More info Kip Chappell 256.342.8017

**4 Trussville Car Show.** Doors open 9am. First Untied Methodist Church, 120 North Chalkville Rd, Trussville. Live music, vintage cars, games for kids. Contact: Nick Holt nholt@trussville.org

**7 Tuesday Night Tail Lights Cruise-in.** 5:30-7:30 pm Angels Antiques Opelika. Info 334-750-1507.

**11 Woodstock Cars and Crafts for Canines** Motorcycles welcome. Phenix Drag Strip 3322 Woodland Dr. Entry fee \$25. Reg. 8am Show 10-2pm Judging 11-1 Awards 1:45. More info 706-681-0295.

**11 17th Annual Piedmont Throttle King's Car Show.** Fag's Park, Peidmont 8-1pm. Food, Drinks and Snacks \$10 registration. Info Jimmy McCurday 256-282-3292

**18 Cruise in the Hall of Fame.** 9am-2pm. Free event including front of the Museum parking. Museum has fee. 3198 Speedway Blvd, Lincoln, AL.

**18 3rd Annual Cruise-In.** Marble City Cruisers Sylacauga. Free entry, Door prizes, 50/50Music. 41310 US Hwy 280, Sylacauga.

**25 Bikers 4 Kids Charity Ride.** Buffalo Wings, Chesea. Entry is \$20/ bike and \$10/passenger. Info at biksfourkids@gmail.com

**25 Mighty Bulldogs top 20 Car Show.** Lafayette High School 214

1st Ave SE, Lafayette. 9-11pm Contact 334-864-9881. \$20 registration. Cars, Trucks and Bikes welcome.

### April

**1 Holiday Raceway Car Show and Truck Show,** Open Track, Test and Tune, Swap Meet Gates open at 11am Open Track/test and tune 12pm-4pm. General Admission \$10. Test and Tune \$20 www.holidayraceway.com 20105 Hwy 11 Woodstock, AL. 205-938-2123

**8 Zamora Wheelz Car Show.** Food, Fun & Cool Cars, Trucks & More! Show Cars \$20 Registration 7:30-12pm. Open to public 9am. 14719 Hwy 280. Chelsea. For info call 205-365-8192.

**15 2nd Annual Downtown Cruise-In.** 8am-1pm Gay Street Parking Lot Auburn.

**15 Pell City Car Show** 9am-3pm. Benefiting the PCHS Wrestling program. Pell City High School 1500 Cocswell Ave. www.pellcithcarshow.com 205-200-0359

**22 Integrity Real Estate Classic Car show & Swap Meet.** \$25 per car. Smith Lake Park, Cullman. Contact Michelle Wisner 256-347-5263 Doors open at 10am-2pm Food, Inflatables, Fun!

**22 Magnolia Festival Car Show.** Gardendale First Baptist Church 9am-2pm. \$15 Preregister April 12 deadline \$20 day of show. Main St and Fieldstown Rd. Contact gmfcarshow@gmail.com Registrations at MagnoliaFestival.org

**22 6th Annual Daniel Ray Willis Memorial Car and Bike Show.** No entry fee Donations only. First 50 Resisted receive a goody Bag. NE location Tannehill State Park 12632 Confederate Pkwy. McCalla. Door prizes, Ssilent auction, 50/50.Hosted by Creative Images 205-491-3411.

**29 Vintage and Classic Car Show** presented by DVAAC in conjunction with Celebrate Hoover Day. Gates open at 8:30am, Check in 9-11 am \$20 Entry fee paid at gate. Awards 2 pm. Info at Gary 205-706-7614

### June

**3 Irondale Auto Classic** 39000 Grants Mill Road, Irondale. Food trucks, vendors, music, trophies Contact info 205-393-5016



# History of Early Cars

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Technology*

## Who made the first cars?

Beginning in the 1770s, many people tried to make cars that would run on steam. Some early steam cars worked well, and some did not. Some were fire pumpers that moved by themselves, and others were small locomotives with road wheels. Beginning in the 1880s, inventors tried very hard to make cars that would run well enough to use every day. These experimental cars ran on steam, gasoline, or electricity. By the 1890s, Europeans were buying and driving cars made by Benz, Daimler, Panhard, and others, and Americans were buying and driving cars made by Duryea, Haynes, Winton, and others. By 1905 gasoline cars were more popular than steam or electric cars because they were easier to use and could travel further without adding fuel. By 1910 gasoline cars became larger and more powerful, and some had folding tops to keep drivers and passengers out of the rain.

## How did the first cars work?

A steam car burned fuel that heated water in a boiler. This process made steam that expanded and pushed pistons, which turned a crankshaft. An electric car had a battery that powered a small electric motor, which turned a drive shaft. A gasoline car ignited fuel that caused a small explosion inside each cylinder. This explosion pushed the piston and turned a crankshaft connected to the wheels by a chain or drive shaft.

## Who drove the first cars?

In 1900 wealthy people bought cars for pleasure, comfort, and status. Many doctors bought small, affordable cars because they were more dependable than horses and easier to keep ready. Rural Americans liked cars because they could cover long distances without depending on trains. They carried produce to market, went to stores and movies in town, and even used their



*Ford Model T built near the end of the Model-T era, this Model-T roadster came off the assembly line in 1926. Courtesy of the National Museum of American History*

cars to plow fields. Families in towns and cities liked cars because they were handy for errands, going to the train station, visiting relatives, going to church, and going on drives in the country. A family's house with a car in the driveway has been a common sight since about 1910. Young people liked cars because they could go to movies, restaurants, and other fun places instead of staying at home with their parents.

## Why do so many people use cars?

Cars are fast, comfortable, nice looking, and fun to drive. They can go almost anywhere, and they are always ready for use. In many ways, driving is easier than walking, biking, or riding in a train, bus, or airplane. But owning a car is a big responsibility. It takes a lot of money to buy one and keep it running, and drivers must be trained, licensed, and always alert to avoid mistakes and accidents. It takes a lot of space to park cars, and too many cars cause congestion on roads and in parking lots. Some car owners have returned to walking, biking, or riding a train or bus when it's more practical or convenient. For most Americans, cars are a favorite way to travel, but there will always be a need for other types of transportation.

## What was different about the Ford Model T?

The Ford Model T, made between

1908 and 1927, cost less than other cars, but it was sturdy and practical. It ran well on dirt roads and fields because it could twist as it rolled over bumps. The Model T looked like an expensive car but actually was very simply equipped. From 1915 to 1925, it only came in black because black paint dried faster than other colors, making it possible to build and sell more Model Ts. For all of these reasons, more Model Ts were sold than any other type of car at the time -- a total of just over 15 million. Farmers, factory workers, school teachers, and many other Americans changed from horses or trains to cars when they bought Model Ts.

## Why do most cars today run on gasoline?

The gasoline engine has been reliable, practical, and fairly efficient since about 1900. It is easier to control than a steam engine and less likely to burn or explode. A gasoline car can go much further on a tank of gasoline than an electric car can go between battery charges. Gasoline engines have been improved by the use of computers, fuel injectors, and other devices. But growing concern about chemicals that gasoline engines release into the air (i.e., pollution) have led to new interest in clean, electric cars and cars that run on natural gas, a vapor that is different from gasoline.

