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**Next meeting is January 13 at noon  
Chili Luncheon at St. Francis Episcopal Church!  
3545 Cahaba Valley Rd, Indian Springs Village, AL 35124**



How many times have you wished a car owned in the past was still in the basement? I'm sure many of us have had that feeling more than once and probably why we collect certain cars now.

As a young engineer assigned to a project in south Georgia, my little office was close to a three person Pontiac dealership, Banks Pontiac in Barnesville, GA. Mr. Banks kept no inventory, you had to order a car, and then wait. Money was tight, so I ordered a car that was pretty sporty but rather basic too, a 68 Firebird black on black 350 coupe. The next decade flew by, and the little black coupe was used predominantly for trips, but most of its time was spent in the garage. After moving



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## *A Note From The*

# PRESIDENT

It is now December. My goodness! Where did the year go?

First, I need to apologize because I omitted two of the members that were in Hershey - Bill and Linda Gardner. And we even had dinner with them while we were in Hershey! Sorry Bill and Linda!

Next, we have had a couple of great activities. The visit to Montgomery to see the Bill Mitchell collection. John was an excellent host and guide. If you didn't go, it was a great visit and we had a good time!

Then we went to the Moore collection, which is always exciting. See the article for more details.

Given the recent two activities and the time of year, I think that we will take December off. Everybody's calendar seems so full all ready.

Let's do something different in January. Let's have a potluck lunch at St Francis Episcopal Church on Hwy 119. Bring your favorite chili dish or if you are not a fan of chili, bring anything else that you fancy. Plan to meet at the church on January 13 at noon.

We need to be thinking about officers for 2024. Please carefully consider if you would be willing to serve as an officer and help take the club to the next level.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Vicki Bolton*

# TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Dues are \$20.00 per family.  
You must be a member of AACA to be a member of the Great Southern Region.  
AACA Annual dues are \$45.00.  
All club dues will be collected at the next meeting.



to Birmingham, AL in 1978, it became painfully evident that a black non-ac car wasn't practical, so the little coupe was full time in the basement.

My career and life in general kept me quite busy. Finally in 2000, life slowed down a little and I noticed the little black coupe beneath its cover in a corner of the basement. Why not? I decided to get her running after almost a two-decade hibernation. After careful preparation it was pushed into the sunlight and started. After just a few moments the old bird smoothed out and idled well. The clutch was smooth; the brakes needed a little TLC, but nothing major. Firestone wide ovals replaced the old, petrified tires and I carefully cleaned the entire car over a period of months,

taking great pains to preserve originality. The car is very close to 100% original, even including the exhaust system thanks to Amoco gas.

It's show career started in 2004, and climaxed as an AACA grand national winner at Melbourne, FL., and best of show at the POCl national convention at Tulsa, OK., scoring 399 out of a possible 400 points. I was told it is the only survivor to have ever won.

Time moves on, and other projects have taken precedence the last several years. The little black bird has been driven very little lately, and assumed it's old spot in the corner of the basement, so sad!!  
Bo Bogaty

## *What Have You Been Up To?*

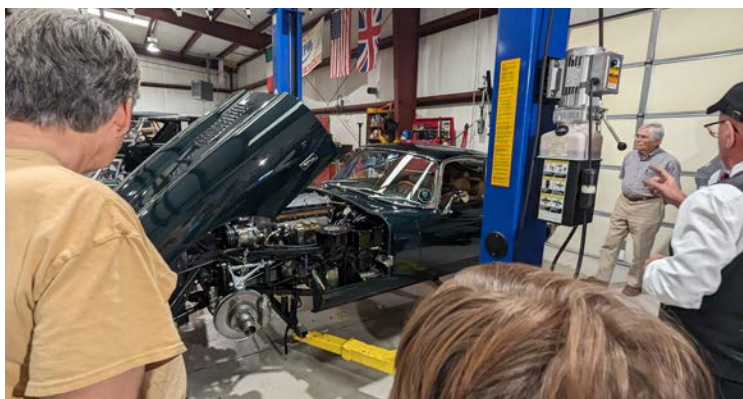
### The Mitchell Collection

Thank you, John Morykwas, for inviting us to the Mitchell Collection. On October 29, at noon, several of us made our way to Montgomery to see this collection.

John was our tour guide for the event. He talked to us about each vehicle in the collection. Some of us had the privilege of getting inside the cars.

Any question we had, John knew the answers. Most of us wished we had him in our garage helping us with our cars.

Several of us went to lunch after the tour and enjoyed some great home cooking. - Charlotte





# Visit to the Moore Collection

The Club recently toured the Moore Collection in Center Point, Alabama. Our host, Ron Moore, provided coffee and doughnuts which were thoroughly enjoyed by all. He also gave a personalized tour of the collection and provided special insight for many of the cars. The collection consists of a variety of cars including many classics, such as a 1929 baby blue Cadillac, Packard's, Model A's, Studebakers and even muscle cars. The collection also includes a DeLorean, a Corvair, motorcycles and a Cushman. One special car recently acquired is a 1929 Rolls Royce Piccadilly Roadster. This car originally belonged to Al and Margie Rosenbaum who were longtime members of the Dixie Region. The Moore's were lucky enough to find it at an auction and Joey Moore immediately recognized the car.

Members in attendance included Ron and Tyra Moore, Joey and Kaye Moore, Arthur and Vicki Bolton, Eddie Bibb, Bo Bogarty, Ken McClellan and James Meredith. Visitors included Sarah and Josh Bryan, Broc Righter, Jake Bryan and Adam Wright. Adam joined the club at the meeting.

We held a business meeting where we discussed how to build the club. Suggestions included setting up membership tables at various local events including the 1st Saturday cruise-in at Hoover tactical and Magic City Octane cruise-in, which is the 2nd Saturday at the Summit. Other suggestions included staying in touch with local events via various Facebook groups and websites. Some of those mentioned included magiccityoctane.com, Ragtops and Running Boards, car shows and cruise-ins in Alabama. - Vicki Bolton





## AACA ANNUAL CONVENTION: February 8-10, 2024...Who's going?

Here's one you won't want to miss...the AACA Annual Convention to be held at Marriott's Premium Hotel of the Year - Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles at 14750 Conference Center Drive, Chantilly, VA 20151.

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Or call 1-800-266-9432 and mention AACA. Reservation Deadline is January 16, 2024



## *QSR Calendar*

January 25 .....	Membership Meeting
February 22 .....	Membership Meeting
March 28 .....	Membership Meeting
April 25 .....	Membership Meeting
May 23 .....	Membership Meeting
June 27 .....	Membership Meeting
July 25 .....	Membership Meeting
August 22 .....	Membership Meeting
September 26 .....	Membership Meeting
October 24 .....	Membership Meeting
November 21 .....	Membership Meeting

## *QSR Classifieds*

For sale: 1959 Morris Minor 2 door sedan. A solid and complete car that was daily driven in 2015-17, hasn't been touched since 2020. Will need tires and rubber for all glass. Questionable taste two tone beige and chocolate paint job and very incorrect but functional interior. Located near Huntsville, \$3000. Call or text Sam Barnett at 205-482-0165.

For sale : 1966 Jaguar Mark X. 4.2 with factory air. 305 Chevy engine, TH 400. Turns over easily. Hasn't run since 2016. Lots of extra parts. Solid car with decent interior, \$6500. Call James Meredith at 205-492-5546.

## *A Note From The*

# EDITOR

2023 has been a great year, but it has gone too fast. Darrin and I have been able to participate in many car related events. We managed to participate in several cars shows and visit many we were not able to display in. We participated in many local mini tours, as well as the AACA Southeast Divisional Tour in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Cruisin' the Coast with family and friends proved to be a lot of fun. I enjoyed the flame throwing contest the most, next to the time spent with friends stamping cards and seeing the 10,000 plus registered cars. We truly enjoyed the Scarecrow Cruise in Madison, Mississippi, an event everyone should experience at least once.

Getting the opportunity to tour private collections is very educating. I love to learn new facts about the cars in the collections. After all, the collector knows a lot of interesting things about their cars!

2024 holds so many opportunities. The calendar is beginning to fill up! AACA has some great tours and Nationals that will manage to make my calendar. The March 17-23 Founders Tour "Touring Cajun Country" and the Southeastern Fall Nationals in Huntsville have found their spots! Several others have been penciled in, so check the AACA website for all the possibilities. (<https://aaca.org/elementor-3140/>)

So buckle up for a great ride in 2024!

*Charlotte Dahlenburg*



**The Military Sponsorship Program is available to all of the Military Veterans that have proudly served to protect our homeland and freedoms.**

With this program, AACA is extending a limited number of complimentary 2023 memberships for first-time AACA applicants. More information on this program and an application can be found on the AACA website under member information and drop down to Military. These complimentary 2023 memberships are for first-time AACA applicants and are limited by the funds available for this program. These complimentary applications for membership are intended for individuals who have a genuine interest in the antique car hobby.



# AACA Calendar

**February 8-10**

**2024 Annual Convention** Chantilly, VA

**March 17-23**

**Founders Tour** (1932-1998)

Location: Lafayette, Louisiana Sponsor: Louisiana Region

**March 21-24**

**Special Winter Nationals**

Location: Guaynabo, Puerto Rico Sponsor: Puerto Rico Region

**April 4-6**

**Southeastern Spring Nationals/Grand Nationals**

Location: Charlotte Motor Speedway, Concord, North Carolina.

Sponsor: Hornets Nest Region

**June 9-13**

**Eastern Divisional Tour** (Up to 1998)

Location: Gredericksburg, VA Sponsor:

**June 20-22**

**Eastern Spring Nationals**

Location: Saratoga Springs, NY. Sponsor: Saratoga Region

**July 10 - 14**

**2024 AACA Western Divisional Tour** (Up to 1998)

Location: Big Horn Mt., Wyoming Sponsor: Nebraska Region

**September 12-14**

**AACA Western Fall Nationals**

Location: Loveland, Colorado Sponsor: Poudre Valley Region

**September 23-28**

**Revival AAA Glidden Tour** (Pre1943)

Location: Maryland Sponsor: Sugarloaf Mountain Region

**October 8-11**

**Eastern Fall Nationals**

Location: Hershey, PA Sponsor: Hershey Region

**October 23-26**

**Southeastern Fall Nationals**

Location: Huntsville, AL Sponsor: North Alabama Region

# Local Calendar

Cruise Ins

**1st Tuesday** - 5-8pm Petro Bucksville 22526 Highway 216 McCalla

**Thursday Weekly** - 6-9pm VFW Post 6022, 7001 University Blvd E, Cottondale

**1st Saturday** - 8-11am Hoovers Tactical Firearms Cruise In 1561 Montgomery Hwy. Hoover. Hosted by Dixie Vintage Antique Automobile Club

**1st Saturday** - 3pm Jan - Mar 5pm Apr-Dec 202 South Gilmer Ave, Lanett, AL More info Billy Humphrey at mrmopar622@gmail.com. Free event

**First Saturday** - Cruising on the Square. 9-2pm. Downtown Jasper (April – Sept)

**2nd Saturday** - 5-8pm Apr-Oct Bee Line Highway Classics & Cruisers Railroad St, Hartselle

**2nd Saturday** - 6-9pm Apr-Oct Alabama Misfits Jack's Exit 267 off I-65 1195 Walker Chapel Rd, Flutondale

**2nd Saturday** - 8-11am - Magic City Octane. Saks Fifth Plaza 129 Summit Blvd, Birmingham

**3rd Saturday** - 6pm Tallassee Shopping Center 400 Gilmer Ave

**3rd Saturday** - 2-5pm Hooters Hwy 119 & Oak Mountain Park Road, Pelham

**3rd Saturday** - 3:30-8:30pm Home Depot 41310 US Hwy 280 Sylacauga

**3rd Saturday** - **4:30-7:30pm** Home Depot 3784 US 431 Phenix City

**3rd Saturday** - 6-9pm Jack's Drive in Blountsville (May-Aug)

**4th Saturday** - 5-9pm Pizza Bar 141 2nd St NW Carbon Hill

**4th Saturday** - 8-10:30am 1110 Sparkman St. NW Hartselle American Legion Post 52

**Saturday Weekly** 8:30-10:30 Shops of Colonnade 3418 Colonnade Pkwy, Birmingham

**3rd Sunday** - **1-5pm** Casual Pint, 5541 Grove Blvd, Hoover

**Last Saturday** - **5pm-?** 7900 Vaughn Rd at Taylor Rd Montgomery

Shows

November

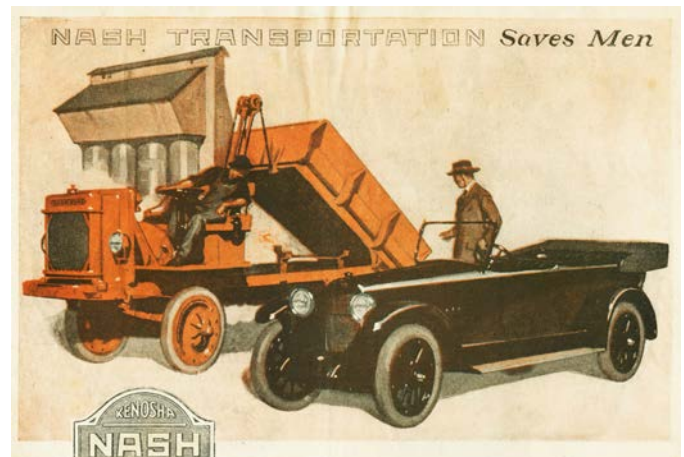
**4 McCalla Machines Vendor Fair and Car Meet** 11am-2pm. Petro Travel Center 22562 Hwy 216 McCalla. Info alabamashownshine@yahoo.com

**4 Car, Motorcycle & Jeep Show America's Team Fund raiser** 9-1pm at Double B Missions Café 67245 Main Street, Blountsville. \$25 reg. Spectator Free. Concessions, Door Prizes, 50/50 Raffle, Trophies

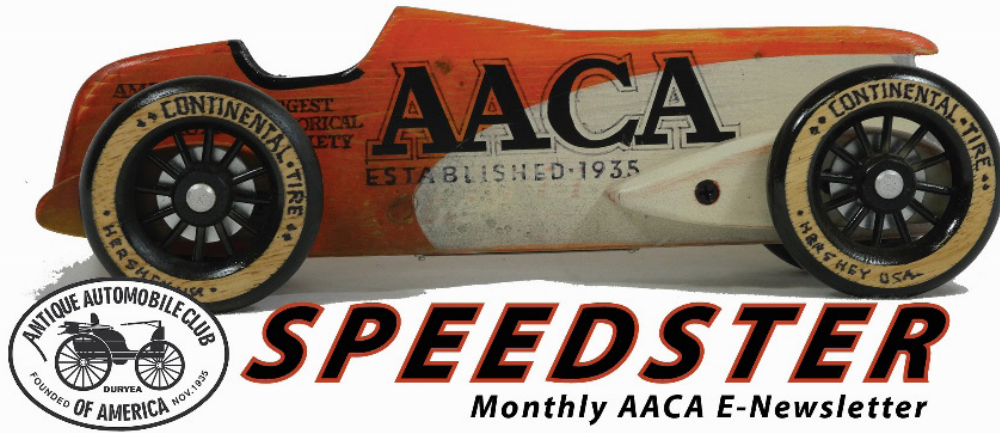
**11 37th Annual Ho!Ho!Ho! Christmas Show. Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show** 9-2pm Cullman Caring for Kids, 402 Arnold St. Ne, Cullman, AL \$20 entry or \$20 toy. Info 256-200-4548.

**18 Car Show** 10-2pm Brookwood Ballpark, 15689 AL 216 Brookwood, AL. Cars, Trucks, Racecars. 1st Place prize for 3 categories. All donations/proceeds will be donated to St. Jude. Info 205-764-2724

**18 New Site Classic Cruise** 8-2pm Horseshoe Bend High School 10684 Hwy 22 East, New Site, AL. Swap Meet and Car entrants \$20. Drumline performance, Money Tree, 50/50, Door prizes.







## The 2024 AACCA Annual Convention will be held February 8-10 in the Dulles/Washington D.C. area at the **Westfields Marriott.**

Make Your Hotel Reservations Now for the 2024 AACCA Annual Convention. Here is the full hotel and reservation information, so you can book early and start your planning: Just Named...Marriott's Premium Hotel of the Year!

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### *October Meeting Minutes*

Saturday, October 28

President Vicki opened the meeting at the Billy Mitchell Collection in Montgomery.

We went around the room with introductions.

The group talked about cars for a while.

President, Vicki Bolton brought up a Christmas Event for the Club. A majority present like the idea. Vicki to look into ideas.

Respectfully Submitted Charlotte Dahlenburg





The original 1947 Chrysler Saratoga Zippo promotional car (Zippo/Case Museum)

## Remembering the 1947 Chrysler Zippo Windproof Lighter Car

Reprinted from [www.motorcities.org/](http://www.motorcities.org/)

By Robert Tate, Automotive Historian and Researcher

Images Courtesy of Zippo Manufacturing Corporation

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In 1947, the Zippo Manufacturing Company of Bradford, Pennsylvania constructed and built a promotional Zippo Windproof Lighter car using a 1947 Chrysler Saratoga model. The company that built and designed the car was the Gardner Display Company of Pittsburgh. The Chrysler became a key part of a successful advertising and promotional campaign and was made to look like a pair of the company's world-famous Zippo windproof lighters.

The post-war era was a time when it was still very fashionable to smoke cigarettes, so Zippo invested \$25,000 to launch the campaign. George G. Blaisdell, the inventor of the Zippo lighter, also loved automobiles and wanted to create a product-mobile that would look like his iconic invention. His product was a reusable metal lighter, and he founded the Zippo Manufacturing Company in Bradford, Pennsylvania in 1932.



A side view of the Zippo Car (Zippo/Case Museum)

Throughout the late 1940s and early 1950s, the Zippo promotional car traveled through towns and cities across America, often participating in special events and parades and creating a legion of fans. The 1947 Chrysler featured two lighters that were elevated above the roof of the car with the word “Zippo” on top. The lighters could also snap shut when the vehicle was not moving. The car also offered a public address system with a radio and tape recorder that would play music. The car played an important role in advertising the popular Zippo lighter products.



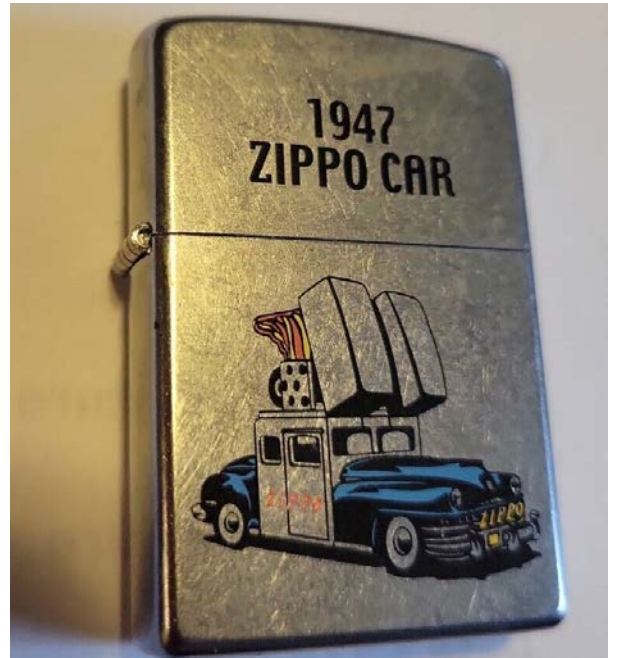
The front end view of the 1947 Chrysler Zippo car (Zippo/Case Museum)

Unfortunately, due to the huge weight of the lighters upon the chassis of the automobile, the Zippo promotional car began to experience many tire blow outs and required other repairs. The company sent the car to a dealership in Pittsburgh for service. Ultimately, the high cost of maintenance for the vehicle led to the promotion being placed on hold indefinitely. The 1947 Chrysler Saratoga would remain at the dealership for many years.



The 1947 Chrysler Zippo car

On a historical note, after World War II had ended, the 1946-1948 Chrysler models were all new designs and remained unchanged for all three model years. In 1947, Chrysler produced 109,195 units, and many of their models were popular.



A commemorative 1947 Zippo car lighter (Zippo/Case Museum)

Many years later during the early 1970s, Blaisdell wanted to revisit the dealership where he had sent the Zippo promotional vehicle for repairs, since he was considering reintroducing the popular promotional vehicle. However, the dealership had gone out of business and the car was nowhere to be found. The fate of the original Zippo promotional car still remains a mystery today.



The new 1990s version of the 1947 Zippo promotional car (Zippo/Case Museum)

In 1996, Zippo purchased a gray 1947 Chrysler New Yorker looking to restore it and create another Zippo promotional car that would be a direct copy of the original from 1947. This time, additional features were added, and the restoration took 18 months to complete. The price tag for the complete building and restoration cost \$250,000. In 1998, the new Zippo promotional car began touring the United States, going to parades, car shows and corporate events. This new model offers twin five-foot removable fiber glass flames, electric windows, a 250-horsepower 350 cubic inch Chevrolet small block V8 engine, and, most importantly a heavy-duty suspension system.

When the Zippo advertising car is not traveling around the country, its home is the Zippo/Case Museum in Bradford, Pennsylvania.



An aerial view of the 1990s Zippo car (Zippo/Case Museum)



The new Zippo car (Zippo/Case Museum)

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## Cruising And Playing The Radio

By Phillip Cole  
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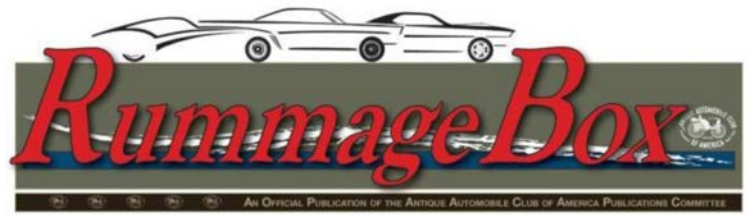
Maybe it was Chuck Berry who best described the joy of driving an automobile when he sang, "Cruising and playing the radio. With no particular place to go." At least since WWII, the radio has been an integral part of the freedom offered to us by the automobile. In the early 1990s I tried to describe "cruising and playing the radio" to a visiting English friend, but he couldn't comprehend it. It was Friday night. So, we walked the few blocks from my house to downtown Lincolnton, N.C. where there were hundreds of teenagers cruising in their cars. This prompted two questions from the Englishman: "What is the purpose of all this?" and "Why do they play their radios so loud?" When I tried to explain that it was a unique part of American culture thanks to "freedom of the road", he smiled and said, "Well, all these young people sure seem to be enjoying themselves!"

I grew up "cruising and playing the radio". The year I was born was when the 45 rpm record was introduced by RCA Victor. The year I learned to drive the 8-track player was becoming the big thing. I still have a box of 8-track tapes in the garage, but the player hanging under the dash is long gone.

Let's share some important events in our history of cruising and playing the radio:

--In the 1920s and 1930s in-car radios were being introduced. They were expensive, adding about 25% to the price of a Model A. The top song of 1930 was "Happy Days Are Here Again".

--In 1952, even though practically all stations were



broad-casting in AM, the first in-car FM radio became available thanks to Blaupunkt. The top song was "Blue Tango".

--In 1963 vacuum tubes were replaced with transistors and car radios became "solid state". The top song was "Surfin' USA".

--In 1965 8-track players became available. Over the next several years 8-track players were added to many cars. The top song was "Wooly Bully".

--By 1969 cars added stereo to their sound system, where the tuner amplified two channels, not just one. The top song was "Sugar, Sugar".

--In 1970 companies like Alpine and Pioneer sought to solve our problem of the 8-track player eating up the tape with cassette tapes. With the advent of cassette tapes, we could now play "my music" thanks to a "Mix Tape". The top song was "Bridge Over Troubled Waters".

--By 1982 Bose offered the first Premium Stereo System teaming up with GM's Delco to offer it as an option in Oldsmobiles, Buicks, and Cadillacs. The top song was "Physical".

--By 1984 Sony introduced an in-dash CD player. The top song was "Careless Whisper".

Now, buttons and dials have been replaced by touch screens and Bluetooth. If you don't know what that is, ask your grandchildren. Then, take them on a cruise in your "old car". If it has a radio, let them turn it up loud...

*Rummage Box articles courtesy of AACA*

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