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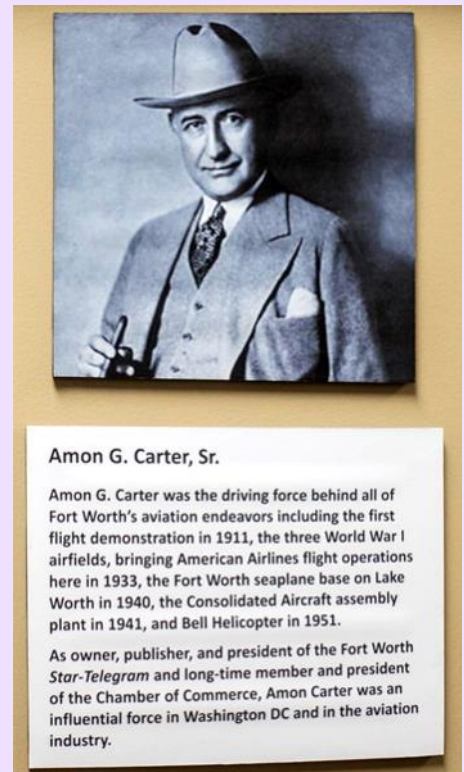
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Ft. Worth Aviation Museum

Story and photos by Lifer



Amon G. Carter, Sr.

Amon G. Carter was the driving force behind all of Fort Worth's aviation endeavors including the first flight demonstration in 1911, the three World War I airfields, bringing American Airlines flight operations here in 1933, the Fort Worth seaplane base on Lake Worth in 1940, the Consolidated Aircraft assembly plant in 1941, and Bell Helicopter in 1951.

As owner, publisher, and president of the Fort Worth *Star-Telegram* and long-time member and president of the Chamber of Commerce, Amon Carter was an influential force in Washington DC and in the aviation industry.

Amon Carter, Sr. was the driving force for the aviation business and culture of Ft. Worth, TX.



At the Ft. Worth Aviation Museum we were provided a private tour by Richard Prestianni, a volunteer for the museum



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Even though this Saturday of Feb. 17th looked daunting with rainy and cloudy weather, 17 NTX members braved the elements to be a part of a superb tour of the Meacham Airport Ft. Worth Aviation Museum. After a business meeting at the facility, we completed passing a budget for the new year. We began a really nice day with an excellent docent tour guide, Richard Prestianni. Richard, a museum volunteer and former A&P mechanic, started the tour inside telling of the begins and history of the airfield that started with Amon Carter, and the history of the planes that are housed at Meacham and maintained by museum volunteers. As the morning progressed it warmed up outside while we were out seeing and hearing the stories of these planes and their restoration. Bill Ische and Frank Remes tried their climbing abilities to get into couple of cockpits, finding them just a bit of a challenge.

Over the years of Richard's presentation some of our members remembered some of the happenings while they were employed at their respective jobs, such as Randoll Reagan had some part in the building of the first prop on one of the planes, and Virginia Andrews husband had some contact with Amon Carter. Some of our members recall their military service experiences during this visit. A wonderful tour and with the day turning into a beautiful fun day, that we wish more would have shared with us.



After the great tour, we traveled a few blocks onto main to a tasty meal at the " Heavens Gate."



Ruby Mae Hubbard Musser
Virginia Andrews
Bill Ische
Helen and Frank Remes
Jeff Podmers
Harriett Goodfriend and Bill Levy
Judy and Jim Hanson
Joyce and Randoll Reagan
Debbie Overby
Terry Graham
Richard Cross
Kathleen and Doug Ashby

So hope more you plan on getting your cars in shape for traveling to see the March Tulips near Argyle and lunch, with a drive-by of seeing Larry Freemans cars and short visit to say Hello to Tony Yates at Pilot Point.

We wish to Thank Richard Cross for setting up this tour for us to enjoy.

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Ruby



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Ft. Worth Aviation Museum



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Members and friends enjoyed a sun-filled day outside the museum viewing the many different aircraft, along with commentary by the volunteer staff about the history and facts and functions of the various displays.

Updated PATE Tile Party

The Pate Swap Meet will be upon us SOON! This is important to us since this is the primary source of club revenue. As many of you know, we are part of 16 Texas car clubs that represent membership in Pate. This is the largest swap meet west of the Mississippi, now listed as the second largest in the country, and soon to be the largest swap meet in the United States. To operate this event requires many volunteers from each club, with many different assigned tasks. Lots to do for lots of vendors and a whole lots more visitors and customers.

Here is what **WE** need to do. We need you to please consider volunteering for each and every activity that NTXCLC contributes to for the overall success for this swap meet. Pate Director Bill Levy has made a great effort to make the work easier (it's never easy...), and we look forward to your participation.

Saturday March 10 9 a.m. Meeting at the Anderton Paint & Body Shop, 3305 Avenue B, Ft. Worth 76105 to update vendor space tiles and put them in numerical order. We need as much help as possible and generally we may finish before 2 p.m. if there is enough help. Lunch will be provided as well as a morning snack and coffee. See map below. Bring a folding chair if you can.



South off I30 on S. Beach Street, east on Est Lancaster and south on Collard Street.

The Eggplant Cadillac

Story and Pictures by Rubye Mae Musser

Just recently I stepped out on my driveway and spotted a 1949 Cadillac Series 60 Special sitting out on the driveway at Gerry Terranova's home.



I rushed down to see it being washed by his two son Gerry and Mike. They were cleaning it up so they could put a cover on it. It is a beautiful site to feast your eyes on.

Gerry related his own story of his first 1949 Eggplant car in the May 2010 issue, which I wish to expound upon now. You see for a number of years he and I worked very close together on the newsletters as we lived just houses apart. Gerry rebuilt his first 1949 Eggplant caddy from a 1949 Series 62 car and a 1978 engine in 1995 which he drove as his daily driver. In 1999, he and his beautiful Eggplant 1949 Cadillac with red seats and interior were

traveling from Oklahoma on return from a Grand National when his Firestone tires, driving at 75 miles an hour, had a blow out and next thing he saw in review mirror was huge flames and smoke. So by the time he was able to pull over on side of road flames were already in the back seat. So much for the demise of his first '49 on side of road.



In 2005 he found a 1949 60 Special almost as nice as his old '49 62, so he purchased it, which is now in the garage awaiting its completion. This 49 60 Special sits on a shortened 1978 Caddy commercial chassis, 133 inch wheel base, with a hopped up 1978 caddy engine, new tranny, new Eggplant paint and few additions need to be a complete car of which are in boxes in the garage. The inside needs to have the interior completed which is stored in boxes.

So just recently from my driveway I spotted the car out on the driveway. So now to update the saga of the number 2 - 1949 updated pictures and story. *Rubye Mae Musser*

As many of you know, we lost Gerry about 4 years ago. So the #2 sits in the garage unfinished.

Way back in 1995 I purchased a 1949 Cadillac 62 sedan. It was in not quite pristine condition: in fact, it seemed to run on 5 or 6 or even sometimes 7 cylinders. Driving down the road was something of an adventure since the steering wheel didn't seem to be connected to much of anything. Braking was rather easy though. All I had to do was stick my feet down through the non-existent floorboards and drag my feet along the ground. Clearly some minor maintenance work was required. I then purchased a rather beat-up '78 Cadillac. Actually the engine ran very well and didn't use any oil. The tranny shifted like new even though the car had about 90,000 miles on it. The front seats, six-way electrical buckets, had very nice red leather upholstery. So those parts from the '78 became part of my '49 along with the rear axel, steering column and outside power mirrors. A few other tweaks were added: power windows, Vintage Air AC, new floors and a front clip from a 1978 Cadillac Seville as well as new wiring and a digital dash. Oh, I also had the car painted (after some rust repairs) a beautiful dark metallic purple. Looked black most of the time until the sun hit it. My lovely wife said it looked like an eggplant (take a look at one in a grocery store sometime)...and that is what it was named. The car now drove like a dream, and it was to become my everyday car until 1999. I even raced the beast a few times. and I thought I was really set for life...after all I was getting rather long in the tooth by '99...all of the magic age of 65 (ah...how YOUNG that seems to me now!). But 1999 was to be the end of my dream! Without going into all the details, thanks to Firestone tires, my beautiful Eggplant went up in smoke (baked Eggplant?). Coming back from Oklahoma City, doing about 75, the left rear tire blew out. Not the first problem I had had with those Firestones. Apparently the steel belt punctured the gas tank and the sparks...pow! When I looked in the rear view mirror to see if it was safe to pull over, all I could see were huge flames and billows of smoke coming from the rear of the Eggplant. Scary! By the time I got the Eggplant stopped, the fire was almost to the back of the front seat. Of course I had a fire extinguisher...but it was in the trunk! For years I couldn't bear to look at a '49 Caddy, but then in 2005 I found a 60 Special that was almost as nice as my old '49 62 was when I first purchased it. Now the 60 Special sits on a shortened '78 Caddy commercial chassis (was 145" and now 133") with a hopped-up '78 Caddy engine, new tranny and much more. New paint too....what else but Eggplant. I still have a wee bit more to do on the car, but someday.....Gerry Terranova

Spring Open House and Car Show

Triple F Automotive will be hosting our annual "Spring Open House and Car, Truck & Bike Show on Sunday, April 8th from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Our classic car showroom, mechanical and restoration shops will all be open for this event. Come and look "behind the scenes" and see how classic cars and trucks are really restored. Pre-registration for the car, truck and bike show will be from 1:00-2:30 p.m. with an entry fee of \$20 (proceeds going to charity). There will be 34 classes with 56 awards, food vendors will be on site. Come and spend the afternoon with us!

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Activities

Here are the up and coming activities that NTXCLC members and family and guests should plan for and participate in.

March 11, 2018 Drive out to see the Texas-Tulips at Pilot Point, TX, and have a lunch, with a drive-by of seeing Larry Freeman's cars and short visit to say Hello to Tony Yates at Pilot Point. This is a "U-pick Tulip field, where you can pick your own tulips for planting at home.



We will meet at Mom's Café, 204 S. Main Street, Aubrey, Tx, for lunch between 12:30 and 1:00 p.m. Noon. Take US 377 north to Spring Hill Road, turn west and follow to S. Main Street. Mom's will be on the west side of Main Street.

After lunch we will go 6-7 miles on US 377, go north to Friendship Road, east to Cole Road, east on Osburn Road, north on FM 2931, and east on Pecan Creek Ranch. We have arrived at Texas -Tulip LLC.

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September 23 and 24, 2017 Cadillac Fall Festival at the Cadillac & LaSalle Museum at the Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, Michigan.

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2019 CLC Grand National— Louisville, KY

2020 CLC Grand National—Overland Park, KS

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See you & meet you on the road,

Rubye 817 996 8066

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Name and just date and month of DOB

Suggestions for actives you would like:

Hobbies along with Caddies

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What is your interest in helping the club grow

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Sunshine Report

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Dave Eckberg
Reagan Hammett
Tony Yates at retirement center in Pilot Point
Norm Ofsted
Cecil Thompson
Mary Ruhling

Happy Birthday to Ron Fishell, 80 year young, and Virginia Andrews, also quite young.

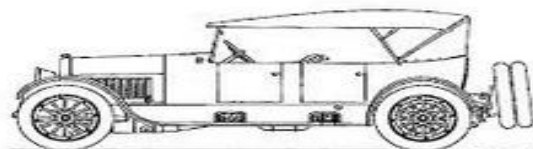
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Please send me the month and date of your birthday. Remember to offer prayers for all that are on The Sunshine report and to all of our Armed Forces. If you know of any members that are sick, please let me know.

Membership Report

Welcome New and Renewed Members:

Jim Hirth, Crowley, TX 76036 1949 C Series 62 sedan, 2012 C CTS, 2015 C XRS



There are 16 car clubs that manage the Pate Swap Meet each year. If every member of the North Texas Region Cadillac & LaSalle club recruited just one new member each, we would be the biggest club in the swap meet. Remember, the member count, besides meaning a more fun and interesting club, gets the club a bigger share of the Pate income.

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Cars and Coffee, February 3rd, March 3rd 7 a.m. – 11 a.m.. Gates open at **6:30 a.m.** Be in place by 7:15 for a reserved spot on **Cadillac Row** as the big lot fills up very fast. So get there early. 6800 Dallas Parkway, Plano, TX 75024. Email lifer@write.me.com if you have any questions.



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