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Hello everyone! I offer an apology for not getting out any newsletters in a while. Things have really been poppin around here. The summer has flown by and our club has really been active and growing. We signed up several new members during the fair and have signed up new members during each of our shows. We welcome them into our club and encourage them to become very active members. For our club to continue to grow, we must all be on the lookout for new members.

Our next meeting will be on October 14th at 2:00. During this meeting we will be discussing the election of officers and board members for next year, as well as other business. If you would like to serve as an officer or board member, or would like to nominate someone, please contact; R.C. Totty at 615-444-7548 or Billy Harrell at 615-896-4608. RC and Billy are chairmen of the nominating committee. The election will be held during our November meeting.

A reminder that your membership must be renewed soon. Christmas is coming up soon and we will be asking members to renew at our Christmas Dinner in December. More information about the dinner soon. We have to submit our club roster to the AACA the first couple of months of the calendar year, and they don't want us to be late as we are a Regional Chapter of the Antique Auto Club of America.

We now have a website. The address for it is <http://www.midtennaaca.org> A special thank-you to Jason Christensen, a new member, for creating this website. Jason is a new father and has his hands full with their first baby. As time goes on, with Jason's expertise, our website will continue to grow and develop. He has lots of good ideas and the web design knowledge to make our site excellent! We can offer email addresses with the domain name of midtennaaca.org. If you would like a personalized email address let me know. We depend on Jason for the web design, but I do know how to set up email accounts. Send me an email at gedwards@midtennaaca.org and I will set it up for you.

Our show season is winding down. We have one more show on October 21st. It is the Wilson Bank and Trust Oktoberfest event. The car show will be on grounds of Wilson Bank located on the old Castle Heights Military Academy campus. If you have not made any shows this year, come on down to Oktoberfest. Wilson Bank puts on a great community event and the weather is usually nice.

We added a new show this year. It was held at Wilson Bank in Murfreesboro and had good participation. All of the shows this year have been record setting in the number of cars attending with the exception of Red Boiling Springs. We had 317 cars at Red Boiling this year. That is down a bit from the over 400 last year. The weather was threatening that day and a lot of folks did not come because of the possible rain. Our Red Boiling Springs show was a 2-day event for the first time this year. We had over 75% of our vendors there on Friday and 45 cars registered that first day. There was music on Friday night and we feel that the 2-day show was a success. Red Boiling Springs will be

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a 2-day show next year also. We look forward to this show continuing to grow and maintaining its position as the premiere antique car show in Middle Tennessee. The number of vendors and people attending the show did increase from last year. We are very fortunate to have the community support and sponsor support for this our flagship car show.

Our tour to view Don Meadow's collection was great! Mr. Meadows has over 150 antique and classic cars, plus a very large collection of parts and memorabilia. If you missed this one you missed a great event. We are planning another tour soon, so stay tuned for additional information.

On Thursday October 4th we are once again invited to Southern Manor Assisted Living Center. For the past few years we have met there and offered rides in our cars to the residents there. These people are always excited when they see cars that they remember from their youth and get to take a ride in them.

This newsletter spotlights H.F. Houston. H.F has been involved in the old car hobby for several years and is a very active member of our club and serves a chief judge at our shows. Many thanks to Kathy Tayse for providing this information about H.F.

He is a third generation farmer raising cows and calves on a 600 acre farm in Smith County where it all began. When he was 14 years old, he traded a pig for a 1929 Ford. According to his Daddy, he gave the pig away. The pig has long been forgotten, but the love of old cars has never faded. In 1951, a new preacher came to be the minister at the Bellwood Presbyterian Church. He was driving a new 1951 Nash. He came to the Houston home for lunch and H.F.'s Daddy liked the car so much he bought one. That was about the time that H.F. started dating his future wife, Kitty Purnell. He purchased his first car, a 1951 Hudson in 1980 while attending the National Car Show in Hershey, Pa. Sam McKinney was with him and drove the car home After they were out on the road, they realized that the car had no brakes. They used the emergency brake to get home. His second car was the Nash that has become his favorite. He purchased it from Dr. Anderson from Hohenwald, Tenn. The car has a six cylinder, 254 cubic inch engine and a unique hood ornament known as the Flying Ornament Pretty Girl. His collection also includes a 1950 Nash Chief of Police car, a 1951 Frazier Checker Cab, and a 1950 Studebaker Fire Chief Car. The Police car was used in the T.V. show America's Dumbest Criminals. The first car show that he participated in was in 1983 at Red Boiling Springs. He has four cars that are National Winners and four that are certified originals. His collection also includes a Packard, Rambler, and a Willy's.

We thank H.F. for all he does for our club and for the old car hobby.

If anyone has things that they would like to see included in our newsletter in the future let me know. My address is:

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