

# Newsletter

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June 21, 2025 - John Emory Car Show, The Home Place

See page 2 for more Upcoming Car Club Events

## FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

### Bo's Two Cents' Worth:

Your Board of Directors met the evening of May 1<sup>st</sup> at Trace Grill in Ridgeland working on finalizing our future monthly events. Please check page 2 out to mark these dates on your calendars.

Unfortunately, we were unable to have the George Raworth Memorial Car Show in Byram due to inclement weather but have plans for an exciting June for our members. Those who registered will still receive a T-shirt and bucket of goodies. Check with Claude Raworth on how to receive these items.

Mississippi Classic Cruisers have events scheduled in May and June. We will be sending out information either by email or on AVCM Facebook. Please go to AVCM Facebook and "Like" so you can get the updated event information.

The AVCM website is under construction by our member, Edwin Coit. Once this is up and running you will want to go check it out.

Bo Jordan,  
AVCM President

## Upcoming Events:



**June 21, 2025** - John Emory Car Show, The Home Place - 1 pm- 3pm (see page 3 for information)

**July 19, 2025** - Annual D'Lo BBQ - 10 am with tour of Don Cliburn garage after general membership meeting

**August 16, 2025** - State Fair Planning, Raworth Garage Museum, Byram -9:00 am (breakfast/coffee included)

**September 2025** - Cruise In @ Ratliff Ferry

**October 2-13, 2025** - State Fair Car Show

**November 8, 2025** - MS Ag Museum Harvest Fest - 9am-2pm

**November 15, 2025** - Revell Ace Cruise In - Reservoir -9 am to 1 pm

**December 6, 2025** - Annual Christmas Party - 10am-2pm

*\*\*These dates are subject to change\*\**

### Health Updates

*Carol Bailey; Dan Dearman;  
Mike Flannes; Gabe Green;  
Bo Jordan; Michael Kenney;  
Paul Leggett ; Joe Steen; Paul  
Westwood and D J Dave*

Elizabeth Green (Gabe's wife);  
Ginger Kyle (Pat's wife);  
Patty Schmidt (Barry's wife);  
Wanda Ward (Ken's wife)

***Remember these as they work  
through their health issues.***

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## Other Events You May be Interested In:

**First Saturdays** (April-September) Coffee & Cars, Primos Cafe, 2323 Lakeland Drive, Flowood, 7-10 AM

**June 14, 2025**, Taste of Byram/Cruise In Car Show at Southpointe, see page 7 for information.

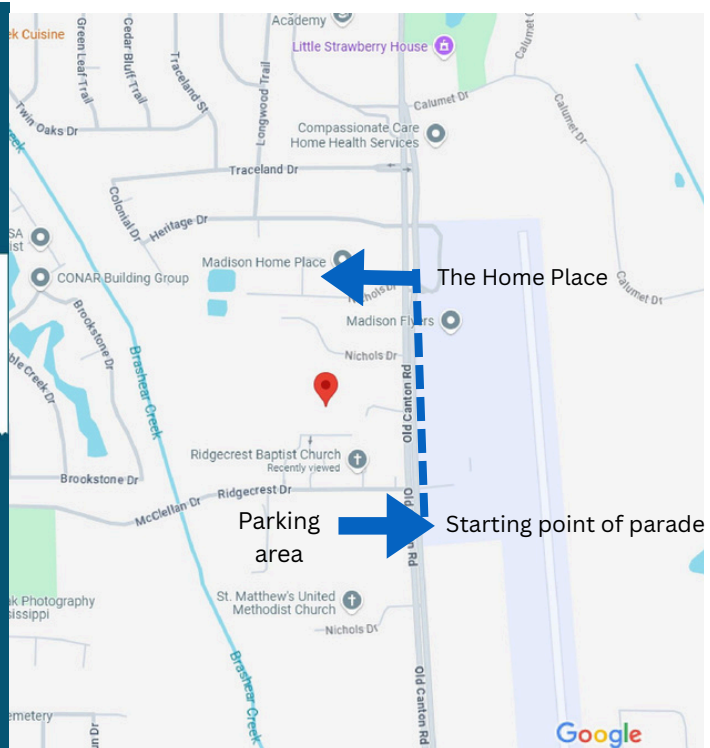
**November 1, 2025**, Wings and Wheels, Airport

# WELCOME TO YOUR Monthly Newsletter

The Antique Vehicle Club of Mississippi is a non-profit corporation that is dedicated to the enjoyment and restoration of original antique automobiles. Our philosophy includes assisting others by supporting special projects that have an effect on day to day life.

All AVCM's fundraisers collected through the year goes to the Blair Batson Children's Hospital.

This is your newsletter too, so feel free to contribute to it by emailing or texting your article/information to Kay Jordan, Newsletter Editor, at [kayjordan55@bellsouth.net](mailto:kayjordan55@bellsouth.net) or text to 601-317-6497



**John Emory Parade of Cars  
& Ice Cream Social**  
**June 21, 2025**  
**1:00 - 3:00 pm**  
**7521 Old Canton Rd, Madison, MS 39110**

Please have your cars at the Ridgecrest Baptist Church Parking Lot on Old Canton Rd in Madison at 12:30 pm for the parade to The Home Place @ 1 pm.

Ice Cream and Lemonade will be provided. Please bring dessert that goes with ice cream.

**Ridgecrest Baptist Church**  
**7469 Old Canton Rd**  
**Madison, MS**

601-941-5834 or email: [boj55bo@bellsouth.net](mailto:boj55bo@bellsouth.net)

Kay's Trivia



Q: Who wrote to Henry Ford, "I have drove fords exclusively when I could get away with one. It has got every other car skinned, and even if my business hasn't been strictly legal it don't hurt anything to tell you what a fine car you got in the V-8"?

# AVCM Executive Board Member Monthly Highlight

## Meet your Board of Directors

Each month the newsletter will highlight one of the club's board members.

This month's Board member is :



**Tricia Williamson**  
**Vice-President**

Tricia was born in Lafayette, Louisiana, where her parents are from. Shortly after her birth, they moved to Sugar Land, Texas. In 1985, they moved to Madison, Mississippi, where she graduated from Madison Ridgeland High School in 1988. She later moved to Clinton, Mississippi, where she and Ray raised their children. Once their youngest child was school age, she attended nursing school at Hinds Community College. Upon graduation in 2005, Tricia began her career as a nurse at University of Mississippi Medical Center. Currently, she is an Ortho/Trauma Nurse.

Outside of work, Tricia enjoys working outdoors, spending time with family and especially her Grandchildren. Recently, she developed an interest in crafting.

Tricia and Ray were introduced to the Antique Vehicle Club by a long-time member who has passed away, Mr. James Brooks. In March of 2006, they joined the Club with the recommendation of Mr. Brooks.

They currently have three antique vehicles, but the one that we are known for is a 1968 Ford F100 pickup (Old Blue), which was purchased brand new by Ray's Grandfather, George Russell Rogers in 1968. It is a great honor for her to have the opportunity to share Old Blue and to participate in the Antique Vehicle Club of Mississippi.



KAY'S TRIVIA



A: Clyde Barrow (of Bonnie and Clyde) in 1934.

# May's Sponsor Highlight

## Richards FWD&S, Inc.

This month's sponsor highlight is Richards FWD&S, Inc located on I-55 South in Byram, Mississippi. To say that Richard White has had a very fulfilled career and sum up his accomplishments would fill up this entire newsletter so this editor will try to give you some highlights.

Richard started his love of mechanics with his father who was a truck driver and used car lot mechanic. They tinkered on all kinds of automobiles but his favorite was a '46 Ford pickup (bought from Walt Grayson) that he and his dad restored. He started Richards FWD&S (which stands for Front Wheel Drive Axel) in 1991 with only two employees, one of which is still working for him (35 years as Shop Foreman). He went to Dallas and learned from his cousin in 1990 about front wheel drive and began by picking up axels and delivering them. In 2005-06 Richards became Automotive and Tire Service as he ventured into other automotive



services. After the pandemic Richards dropped transmission work.

Richard was an EMT/Volunteer Fireman for 22 years in Byram and became Assistant Fire Chief there. He served as State Senator for 18 years and now serves the City of Byram as Mayor (if re-elected it will be his 4<sup>th</sup> term). His proudest accomplishment as Mayor is getting the Swinging Bridge back within the Byram city limits. The City of Byram was given three awards this past April by Keep Mississippi Beautiful.

Richards FWD&S is projected to go from 10 bays to 11 bays in the very near future.

His dad always gave him this piece of advice, "Treat people as you want to be treated." He has followed this advice in his career and throughout his life.



## William Crapo Durant

(December 8, 1861 – March 18, 1947)

**William Durant** was a leading pioneer of the United States automobile, founder of General Motors and co-founder of Chevrolet. He created a system in which a company held multiple marques – each seemingly independent, with different automobile lines – bound under a unified corporate holding company. He also founded Frigidaire.

**Durant** was born in Boston, Massachusetts and was the second child of William Clark Durant and Rebecca Folger Durant (née Crapo), who was born to a wealthy Massachusetts family of French descent. His mother, Rebecca, was the daughter of Michigan governor Henry H. Crapo, who was also of French descent.

**Durant's** family moved to Flint, Michigan after his father abandoned the family in 1869. William dropped out of high school to work in his grandfather's lumberyard. He started out as a cigar salesman in and eventually founded his own carriage company.

In 1886, **Durant** partnered with Josiah Dallas Dort and founded Flint Road Cart Company, eventually transforming \$2,000 (\$69,993 in 2024 dollars) in start-up capital into a \$2-million company with worldwide sales (\$69,992,593 in 2024 dollars). By 1890, the Durant-Dort Carriage Company, based in Flint, had become a leading manufacturer of horse-drawn vehicles and by the start of the 20th century, was the largest in the US.

**Durant** was highly skeptical of automobiles, feeling that the bad smell of burnt fuel, along with the engines' loud sounds, made them inherently dangerous to the point where he would not let his daughter ride in one. By 1900, public outcry

over weak government regulation of gasoline-powered horseless carriages was significant.

**Durant** noticed the general public's anger at this situation, and rather than relying on government regulations to improve their safety, he saw it as an opportunity to create a company which could improve the safety of this new class of transportation.

To begin this massive endeavor, **Durant** first set out to purchase Buick, then a local car company with few sales and large debts.

**Durant** conceived the modern system of automobile dealer franchises.

In 1921, **Durant** established a new company, **Durant Motors**, initially with one brand. Within two years, it had several marques (including the Durant, Star (also called Rugby), Flint, and Eagle), rivalling the range offered by General Motors. Part of the new empire included a factory in Leaside, Ontario, for Canadian production.

As he had with General Motors, **Durant** acquired a range of companies whose cars were aimed at different markets, and therefore, levels of affordability and luxury. The lowest ('entry' tier) was the Star, aimed at the person who would otherwise buy the Ford Model T. **Durant** cars were mid-market, and the company's entire structure was purposefully very similar with GM; the Princeton line (designed, prototyped, and marketed but never produced)



Flint Road-Cart Company road-cart at the Sloan Museum

competed with Packard and Cadillac, the ultra-luxurious Locomobile being top of the line.

**Durant** was unable to duplicate his former success, and the financial woes of the Wall Street Crash of 1929 and the ensuing Great Depression

ultimately proved to be insurmountable, and the company failed in 1933.

In the 1920s, **Durant** became a major "player" on Wall Street and on Black Tuesday joined with members of the Rockefeller family and other financial giants to buy large quantities of stocks, against the advice of friends, to demonstrate to the public their confidence in the stock market. His effort proved costly and failed to stop the market slide. By 1936, **Durant** was bankrupt.

Ref: Wikipedia

# SPONSORSHIP TASTE OF BYRAM

FIND MORE THAN 20 FOOD STANDS



Taste of Byram would like to have antique vehicles at this event. The cars do not have to be at the event the whole time, per Claude Raworth. You can bring your cars at 4 pm and leave at any time.

**JUNE 14**  
**6PM-10PM**

WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND SPONSORSHIP TOWARD THIS SPECTACULAR EVENT. "THE TASTE OF BYRAM" WILL BRING FAMILIES, FRIENDS, SURROUNDING CITIES, BUSINESSES, FUN, AND EXCITEMENT TO OUR CITY.

**LOCATION :** I-55 SOUTH FRONTAGE RD. BYRAM, MS 39272

**MORE INFORMATION**

[byramchamber@gmail.com](mailto:byramchamber@gmail.com)  
(601)842-3919.

## SAVE THE DATE



**ANNUAL D'LO BBQ**  
July 19, 2025  
10 am



Tour of Don Cliburn Garage following meal and general membership meeting.



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