

# Third Coast Avanti

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## **Third Coast Holiday Meeting is January 10th, 2015!**

Local member Bob Bucher, [accrwb@aol.com](mailto:accrwb@aol.com). He has graciously offered to host our Dec/Jan Holiday Meeting (per our November Meeting) to be at his at his new log home in Willis.

*Bob will provide the meat and each of us attending needs to contact him **EARLY**, directly (via email) for the Saturday, January 10, 2015 Event. Members A thru L, are to bring a cold vegetable or salad, and Members M thru Z are to bring a hot vegetable or a dessert. **BYOB** if you wish to do so. Coffee, Tea and water will be provided.*

All those wishing to participate, bring a wrapped "Elephant Gift". This need not be "Avanti Related" and the most obscure the better. You will be permitted to exchange for another's gift, either blindly, or after it's opened. After unwrapping if another wishes your exchange, they may swap with their gift. Exchanges are up to a max of three after that your "stuck" with it. Nothing expensive please, but use some good taste (keep the lewdness out of it).

I have received the 2015 Avanti Calendars and those wishing to purchase them please bring funds (\$15.00). Most of the cost of the Calendars will go into our Treasury to start our Bank Account. We need a minimum of \$100.00 to open an account. Per our November Meeting, this fundraiser will help us not only to launch an account, but it is a milestone that must be met to recognize our New Chapter with AOAI.

*Attire is "Christmas Informal" but bring good taste along for the ride. Again, contact Bob directly of food selection (so we don't have 3 dozen deviled eggs and no salad). I hope to see you all there after this year comes to a close!*

Tom Ossowski  
Chapter President



## October 25, 2014 - Recap and Meeting Minutes

Great Meeting - the minutes of meeting are on the next page, but the highlights include...

- 18 attendees, 6 more couldn't attend but still want to be part of the group
- Steve Ewbank and Joe Beatty (left & right above) were recognized for their "can-do" assistance with Matt Pautz's engine swap
- Attendees voted to continue to use "Third Coast" name
- Attendees voted to pursue AOA chapter status
- Attendees voted to use "Avantidillo" name and masthead artwork for newsletter
- Chapter logo to be determined by a vote of the membership - vote online or use ballot in this issue
- Attendees elected a full slate of directors, including president, treasurer/secretary, editor and others
- 5 Avanti's and a Hawk were present

## FORMATION MEETING MINUTES

The formation meeting was brought to order at 11:30 A. M. October 25, 2014 by Thomas Ossowski assigned and accepted as temporary acting chairman at the Delorean Motor Company, 15023 Eddie Drive, Humble, Texas.

The covered agenda was By Law Review and Adoption.

Karen Lopez was assigned and accepted the Temporary Secretary Officer Position.

### Article I: Name, Purpose and Association Logo

The Avanti Owners Chapter Bylaws were passed out to all present to refer to. Suggestion and Discussion open for the name. Suggestion and discussion open. Names that were brought up were Third Coast Avanti and South Central Avanti. A motion was made by Dick Knoll to name the chapter Third Coast Avanti. It was seconded by Mike Carter. A vote was taken and the majority of the votes carried for the name "Third Coast Avanti".

### Article II, Membership:

We have a quorum of National Membership so decisions of officers and on the chapter can be made today. Dick Knoll wants to know local chapter expenses. The web site is donated right now. There will be a small expense if the newsletter are sent by regular mail for those with no email. You could bring in a technological professional – could cost some then. One issue is the Christmas celebration. Suggestion from chair to set annual

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dues at \$30.00 per member for Third Coast Avanti members. A motion for dues to be set at \$20.00 per year for Third Coast Avanti members was made by Mike Carter. It was seconded by James Espey. The Acting Chairman Tom Ossowski called for a vote and the majority passed it.

#### Article III, Duties of Officer's:

Acting Chairman Tom Ossowski went over offices and duties .

President shall preside at the meetings and shall appoint any committee that is deemed necessary to run the Association.

Vice President shall plan and arrange the meeting schedule, serve as Tour Master, when necessary and serve as acting chairperson in the absence of the President.

Secretary shall record minutes of the meetings and shall receive and write any correspondence and provide a report for the newsletter. Secretary and Treasurer can be a combined officer according to AOAI Bylaws. Treasurer/Membership shall collect and disperse funds of the Association, report to the membership at the meeting, maintain financial records and send our membership cards to paid up members.

Editor shall be responsible for editing, publishing and mailing the newsletter and annual roster, as well as maintaining the mailing list. The list shall be confidential to the association, other editors and AOAI board members. The list shall be protected from commercial use unless otherwise permitted.

Steve Ewbank went over Article. A motion was made by Dick Knoll for Tom Ossowski to be President. It was seconded by Mike Carter. A vote was called for and it was unanimous.

A motion was made by Steve Ewbank for Matt Pautz to be Vice President. It was seconded by Dick Knoll. A vote was called for and it was unanimous.

A motion was made by James Espey that Treasurer/Secretary be a combined office and Karen Lopez to hold the office. It was seconded by Matt Pautz. A vote was called for and it was unanimous.

The November issue of the newsletter was waived and bypassed, but will officers in issue by 2/3 majority. A motion was made by Dick Knoll that Editor should be James Espey and was seconded by Matt Pautz. A vote was called for by the President and it was unanimous.

#### Board Members:

A motion was made by Joe Beatty that Paul Welch be Board Member #1. It was seconded by Bob Bucher. A vote was called for and it was unanimous.

A motion was made to nominate Mike Carter for Board Member #2 by James Espey. It was seconded by Denise Carter. A vote was called for and it was unanimous.

A suggestion was made by Tom Ossowski, President for Tony Darrow to be nominated as the Third Board Member. A motion was made to nominate Tony Darrow by James Espey. It was seconded by Joe Beatty. A vote was called for and the vote was unanimous.

A question was asked about term lengths. Technically by Bylaws all positions are for two year terms. If a position is vacated it will start a new two year term.

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The president Tom Ossowski asked everyone to stand and asked Steve Ewbank, Joe Beatty and Matt Pautz up front. Joe Beatty offered his personal garage and stored his personal Avanti car outside and Steve was good at getting electrocuted on a fiberglass car, all to restore Matt's Avanti. Matt presented patches from Avanti given by Tom Ossowski from his personal collection.

There was an unknown white elephant bid on by members. First winner was Karen Lopez of a 50th anniversary edition Avanti 3-in-1 customized kit, putting potential bank account up to \$30.00.

Third Coast Chapter Logo. See potential logos that were given as samples or to be determined. Suggestion was the third page circle style. Tom Ossowski suggested that we table the graphics. Suggestions will be sent to the editor to be put in the November newsletter unless the chapter wants it. Dick Knoll does not like any of the existing ones. Wants to have others come up with new designs and send them to be put in the newsletter and to be voted on later.

A motion was made by Dick Knoll to table the graphics and to send new graphics to be considered to James Espey by JPEG by November 5th and James Espey will have the new illustrations in the newsletter to vote on November 10th and all votes are to be in the November 20th. Matt Pautz seconded the motion. It was carried by a unanimous vote.

The last thing to vote for: Information- Have a web site that says Third Coast Avanti, but we have a newsletter title and graphic. A Suggestion was made to use Avantidillo. A motion was made by Mike Carter to have the newsletter named Avantidillo. It was seconded by Steve Ewbank. A vote was called for and it was unanimous. James Espey brought up the existing graphics to everyone's attention. There was a discussion to unify by one view of the type face. A motion was made by Dick Knoll to use the existing graphic. It was seconded by Steve Ewbank. The President called for a vote and it was unanimous.

The President would like to have a picture taking session of the board members and the cars that are here with their owners after the meeting.

There was a motion to adjourn by Matt Pautz. It was seconded by Dick Knoll. A vote was called for by President Tom Ossowski. It was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 1:42

Karen Lopez,  
Corresponding Secretary/Treasurer

Many thanks to all the club members that got their hands dirty on this project. It was a real team effort and I learned a lot as I hope others did. Thanks to all of you another Avanti cruises on.

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*Avantidillo* is the official publication of the Third Coast Avanti Chapter and is free to all Chapter members. Our newsletter is to inform members about club activities, offer news about Avantis and Avanti people with ideas and comments about both.

Contributions are encouraged from all club members though we reserve the right to select from and edit submitted articles.

## Third Coast Chapter - Vote for the logo!

As discussed at the October 25th meeting, another of the requirements to be an AOAI affiliated chapter is to have a logo for the club. The proposed logos to be voted on are shown below, and can be voted on either my mail or online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Z9H5XN7>

**VOTE  
FOR  
"A"**



**VOTE  
FOR  
"B"**

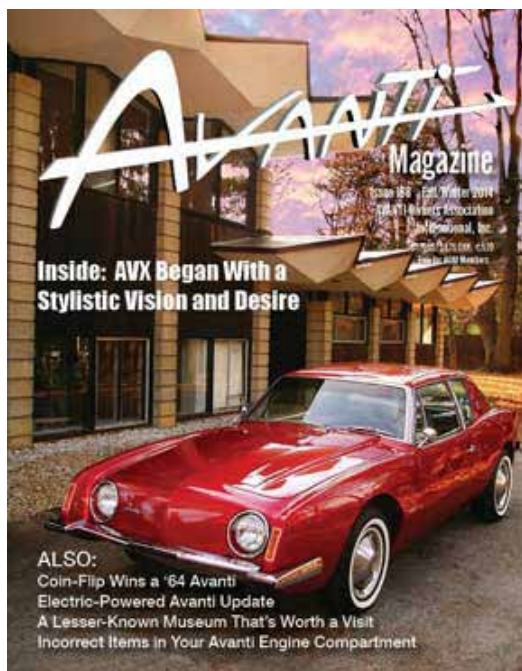


**VOTE  
FOR  
"C"**



**Due to the delay  
in the newsletter  
completed and  
sent out, voting  
has been extended  
through January  
20th, 2015!  
Thank you!**

You can also vote in person at the January 10th Holiday Meeting! To vote by mail, send a note with the letter that corresponds with your choice to "James Espey, 7122 hollow Cedar Drive, Houston, Texas 77049" by January 20th. Results will be announced via an email and in the next edition of the *Avantidillo*.



Have you seen the latest AOAI Club magazine? The current issue is 82 full-color pages of past and upcoming events, tech articles, Avanti history, ads from the Avanti vendors and much more!

Published quarterly by the  
Avanti Owners Association International,  
the magazine is free with your membership in the AOAI.

AOAI membership is also a pre-requisite of membership in the  
Third Coast Avanti Chapter.

New members can join the AOAI for \$25.95 for the first year, and  
renewals are just \$31.00 per year.

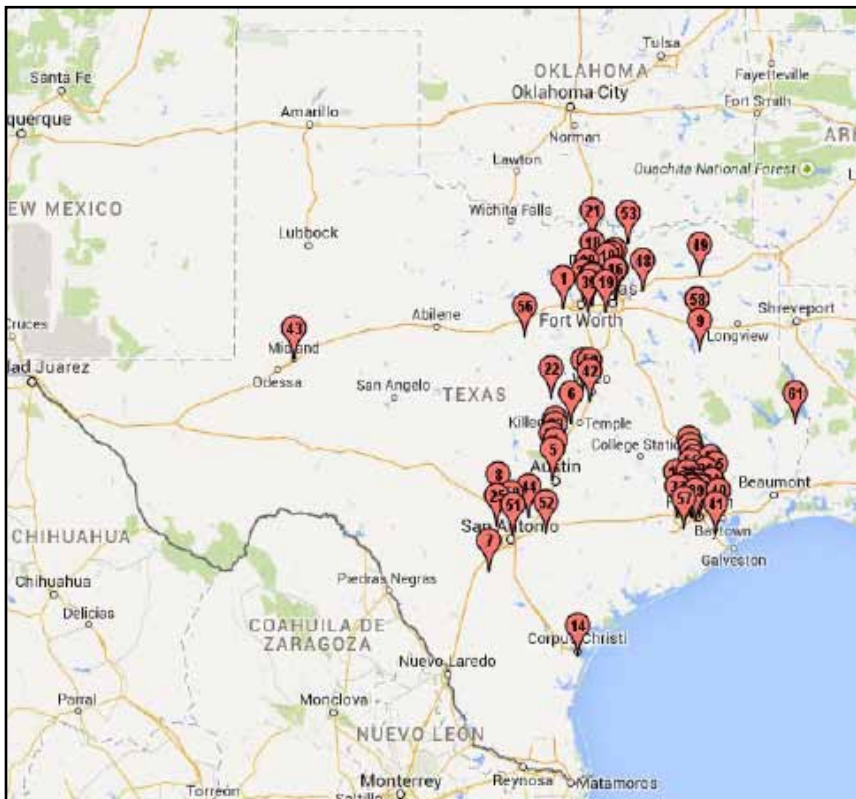
**Learn more or join online at [www.aoai.org](http://www.aoai.org)**

## Where are the Texas Avanti owners and fans?

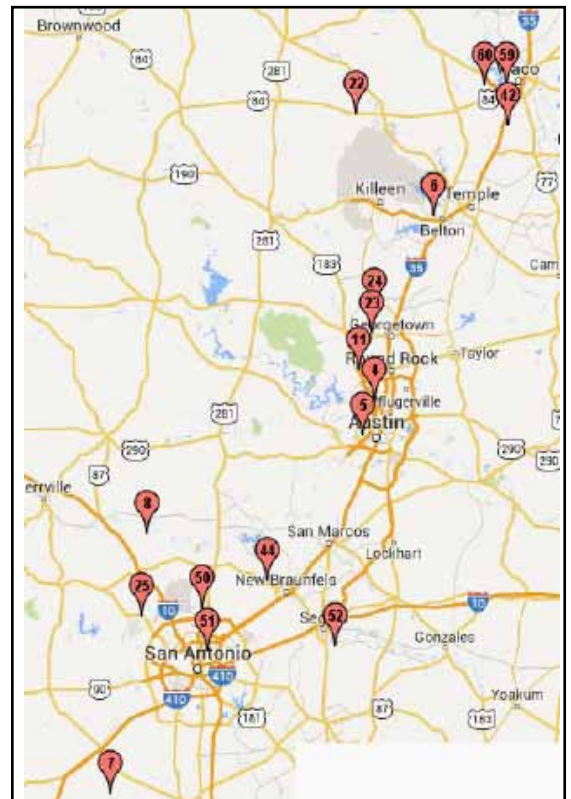
Ever wonder where all the prospective Avanti club members are in the state of Texas? The map at right shows the location of all the current and former AOAI members as supplied by the AOAI board. All together there are about 80 of us, and you can see that we are clustered about as you would expect. Data current as of Nov. 2014.

The two maps below show each of the major metropolitan areas of Texas and a little more detail - can you see where you are on these maps?

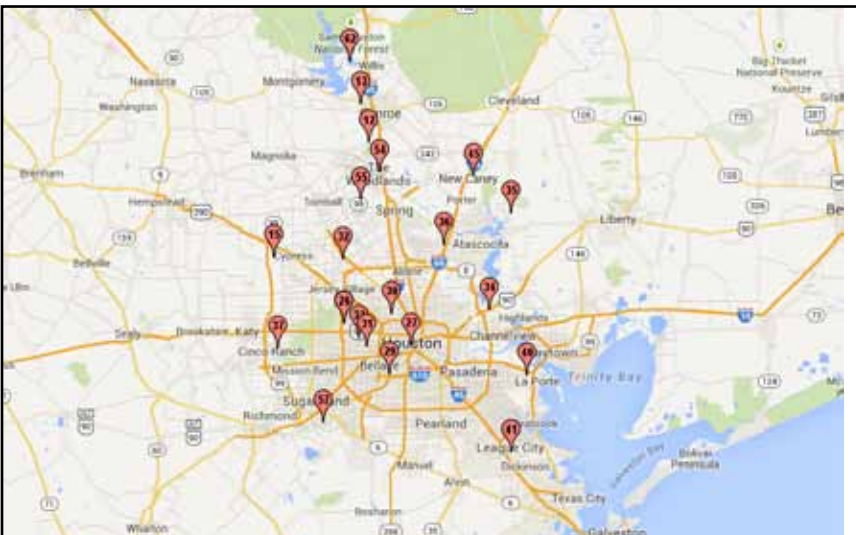
Your board will be considering these areas when planning future meetings and events. If you have a local car show that you'd like to see more Avantis in attendance, let the board know with as much notice as possible!



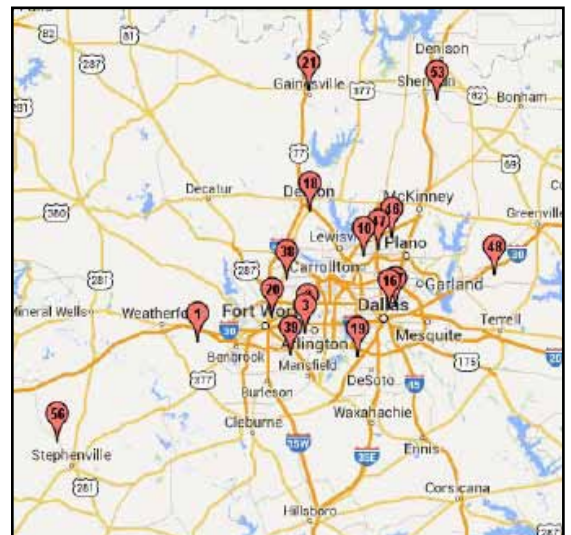
Texas and West Louisiana.



I-35 corridor between Waco & San Antonio.



Houston Metro area



Dallas-Forth Worth Metro area

## November 15 Toys for Tots show in Splendora and Chapter Meeting

*Article and photos by Matt Pautz*

It was a brisk morning for those who attended the Toys for Tots car show in Splendora, TX. For a small town show the turnout was nothing short of great. In addition to club members' four Avanti II's, Tony and Shirley Darrow brought their 1956 Packard Clipper. The Darrow's Clipper is the beautiful turquoise one pictured below. What was a truly amazing occurrence was that no longer than 10 minutes after the Darrow's arrived another couple also driving a turquoise 1956 Packard Clipper! What are the chances of that? The only obvious difference was that the Darrow's was sporting a factory installed supercharger (photo upper right).

There were also several fantastic custom rods, restored American classics particularly a very clean navy blue 1968 Camaro RS (engine bay pictured lower left). Bob Bucher fell in love with an original tailgate F150 long bed. I don't think I've ever seen such strong feelings for a tailgate, however it certainly was in fantastic shape and the owner had a great story about how he came by it for a steal at a swap meet. I wish I had taken a picture of this truck because it was a truly well done restoration and the color was fantastic. We all managed to survive the cold with some great hot cocoa and fresh BBQ. The event was a success, as the trailer was overflowing with toys by the end of the show. Our fearless and altruistic leader, Tom Ossowski donated a 22 lb. turkey (photo lower right) to the event. Although none of our club members' took home any awards, I think it is fair to say a good time was had by all and I'm glad so many were able to make it out.



**More photos of the event can be found at the Chapter web site  
<http://www.thirdcoastavanti.com>**



## Third Coast Avanti has a web site - have you seen it?

Here's a quick overview of the club website - lots of good information here - check it out!

Clicking here brings you back to the page you see below, or the "home" page.

Want to see what you've missed or see if any pics of you are posted? Click on the "past Events" link.

Get the current issue of the newsletter or check out back issues going to the 1980s!

Need to know what's coming up next? Click the "Calendar" link.

The screenshot shows the website for the Third Coast Avanti Club. At the top is the club's name in blue. Below it is a navigation menu with links: HOME, CALENDAR, PAST EVENTS, AVANTIDILLO, MEMBERS, BUY AND SELL, LINKS, and CONTACT. A large banner image shows several vintage cars parked in a lot. Below the banner is a 'Welcome!' section with text about the club's affiliation with the Avanti Owners Association International (AOAI) and its focus on Studebaker-built Avanti cars. Several callout boxes with arrows point to specific parts of the website: one points to the HOME link, another to the PAST EVENTS link, a third to the CALENDAR link, a fourth to the MEMBERS link, a fifth to the AVANTIDILLO link, a sixth to the LINKS link, and a seventh to the CONTACT link. Each box contains a brief explanation of what clicking that link will do.

See photos of members cars here, and email us yours to be added, too!

More Avanti, Studebaker and car.club related external sites are linked to from here - got something we should add, email us!

Got some extra Avanti stuff you don't need? Email us the ad and we'll post it here!

Contact the board through this link here, we look forward to hearing from you!



# **Third Coast AOAI Chapter**

## **Membership Application and Renewal Form**

Chapter Dues are \$20 per year - includes spouse

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ AOAI Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_

Check One: ☐ New Membership: ☐ Renewal Membership:

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Avanti Car Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Other Car Club Memberships: \_\_\_\_\_

What events would you like to see and participate in as part of the Third Coast AOAI Chapter?

☐ Car shows ☐ Parades ☐ Driving Tours ☐ Tech Meetings ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send completed form with payment to our Chapter Treasurer, Karen Lopez. Make a memo on your check: Third Coast AOAI Chapter.**

Please mail form to:

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