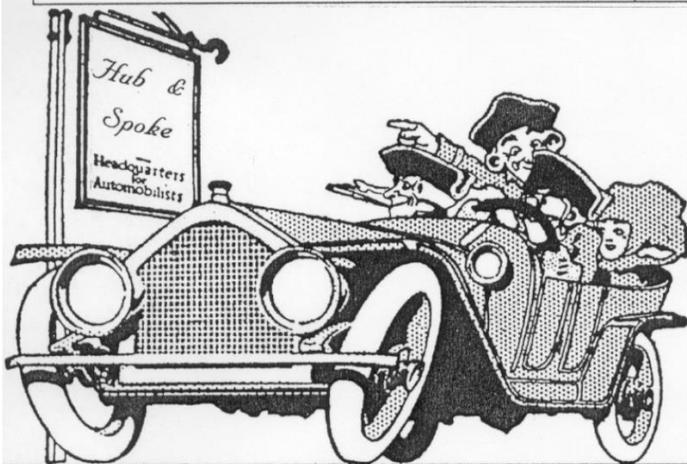


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Spoken From the Hub April 2016 Charles Thaxton Well here it is April and I am trying to come up with something to write about. The first thing that comes to mind is the ODMA car show in Martinsville this month. I really hope that everyone who can will attend even though you may not want to show your car. I think we should try to support the ODMA in their efforts. The show is scheduled for Saturday April 20th and it will start around 8:00 and run until 3:00. I am sure there will be quite a few really nice cars. The location is the Patrick Henry Community College in Martinsville located at 645 Patriot Ave. There will be signs directing you to the site of the show. Let's all try to go, if you have questions or would like to get together and go let me know by phone or eMail. My phone # is 434 525 0767 and my eMail is Chalin68@verizon.net.

The Spring Fling appeared to be a success most all of the food was eaten and everyone seemed to have a good time. I would like to thank everyone who helped with the event, especially my Wife, without her help. I would really be in a bind trying to get everything done. The only thing I can think of that went wrong, was that I did not get the message out about the time of the meal to everyone and for that I am very sorry. I am trying to make sure that we have a good communication network. So everyone who has not heard from me via eMail should try to get your address to me so I can put it in our mass mailing program. I know that all of our members don't use or have eMail but this form of communication is usually very fast and efficient so I use it.

Don't forget about our trip to the Drug Store Grill in Brookneal on April 16th. We will meet at the Hardies in Rustburg at 11:00 and depart for Brookneal at 11:30 so as to be at the Grill around 12:00. The Grill has a new room so we should have plenty of room to spread out. I hope to see every one there.



Minutes for March 19, 2016 Meeting

Lynchburg VA Region AACA Spring Fling March 19, 2016

Submitted by Wanda Barnes for Terrie Linton.

The club met for their annual Spring Fling Event at the Lynchburg FOP. The meeting was called to order by President Charles Thaxton. Club members observed the pledge to the flag.

Sunshine – Liz Williams had no reports of anyone ill or hospitalized.

The Kituskis', Dave and Kathy Wesley, and Sarah Peterson were welcomed back.

The club expressed thanks to Charles and Linda Thaxton for all their time and energy in preparation for the meal. It was noted that the minutes were in the February 2016 Newsletter and would not be read since Terrie Linton was unable to attend. A better method for obtaining members' dues was discussed. Charles is working on a form to be sent to our

membership in October as a reminder. This will be discussed more at our April meeting.

The April outing will be held on April 16, 2016 at the Drug Store Grill in Brookneal. Anyone wanting to go as a group can meet at Hardee's in Rustburg at 11:00 a.m. We all need to arrive at Drug Store Grill by 12:00 Noon.

Reggie Goolsby will contact Mark Smith for a tour of one of his facilities. Other meets and their dates will be listed in the upcoming newsletter. Upcoming meets are Old Dominion, Brookneal, and the Salvation Army Meet.

A motion was made and seconded that we again participate in the Salvation Army Meet on June 11, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 P.M.





Upcoming Events Joyce Blalock

April 16, 2016 Saturday
Luncheon at the Drug Store

Grill, Brookneal, VA. Group meet at Hardee's Restaurant in Rustburg, VA at 11:00 AM to drive to Brookneal. Lunch at 12 Noon.

April 29/30, 2016 Friday/Saturday ODMA Meet, Martinsville, VA (Registration cutoff date is 4/16 - see AACA website for details).

May 7, 2016 Saturday "Brookneal Day" Car Show.

May 14, 2016 Nolan Village Car Show & Festival. Providence, VA in Halifax County.

June 11, 2016 Saturday, Salvation Army Car Show, Tree Of Life Ministries, Greenview Drive, Lynchburg, VA 9am to 2pm. Better get there early!

June 25, 2016 Saturday County Line Flea Market 6am till 1pm.

July 16, 2016 Saturday Black Dog Salvage, Roanoke, VA trip plus lunch.

August 6, 2016 Saturday Heritage Festival, William Campbell High School, Naruna, VA.

October 1, 2016 Saturday "Point of Honor" car show.

October 8, 2016 Sedalia, VA. Georgia Pacific 125th Anniversary

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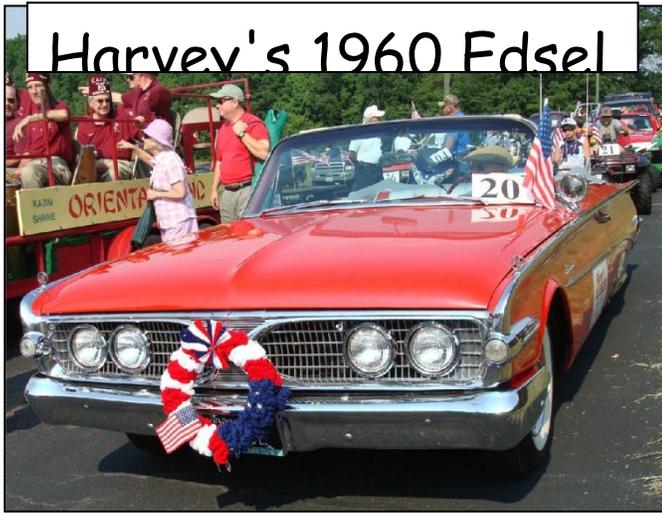
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Reggie's Corner



The year is 1910, over one hundred years ago.

Here are some statistics for the Year 1910:
---The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.

---Fuel for autos was sold in drug stores only.

---Only 14% of homes had a bathtub.

---Only 8% of homes had a telephone.

---More than 95% of births took place at home.

---90% of doctors didn't have a college education.

---Average US wage was 22 cents per hour.

---Average US worker earned between \$200 and \$400 per year.

---Sugar cost four cents a pound.

---Eggs were fourteen cents per dozen.

---Coffee was fifteen cents per pound.

---20% of adults couldn't read or write and only 6% of all Americans had graduated from high school.

---Most women only washed their hair monthly and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

---There were only 8,000 cars and 144 miles of paved road in US.

April 2016 Hub & Spoke Sponsors: Pat & Dr. Jim Blackburn

Many thanks to our sponsors for this month's Hub & Spoke. Dr. Blackburn has been noted many times for his contributions and dedication to our automobile hobby.

Last year he was fortunate to find a 1900 steam powered Locomobile in need of full restoration:



One of the owners over the past century extended the frame in the front of the car approx. 30 inches and fashioned a "hood" that reminds me of an early schoolmarm's desk. This frame extension may have been done to race the car. With assistance from his extremely competent sidekick, Reggie Goolsby, the frame was shortented to its original length.

Corrected frame, 58" wheelbase:



Next came the steam and restoration issues:



From gauges to boiler, water tank, body restoration, and mechanicals, everything required patience and skill.





... And then came steam, two cylinders, no transmission!



One hundred and sixteen years after its original manufacture, the Locomobile steams again.

Discussions with Dr. Blackburn and an internet search revealed the following history about the Locomobile. The name, of course, is a combination of locomotive and automobile. The original company was founded in 1899 by an investor after purchasing plans for an early steam powered vehicle from the Stanley brothers (Stanley Steamer fame!) for the enormous sum of \$250,000. More than 4000 steam cars were built until 1902 and the company was managed by the Stanleys. 1903 saw the introduction of internal combustion to the Locomobile company and the Stanleys left the company after purchasing back their steam car rights for only \$20,000. Amazing deal makers, those Stanley boys, eh?

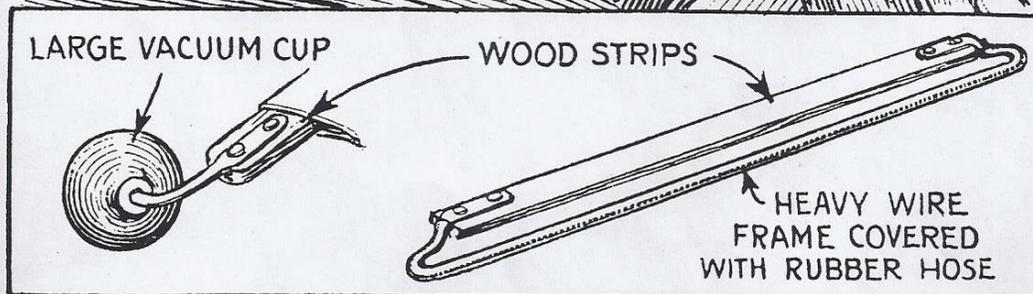
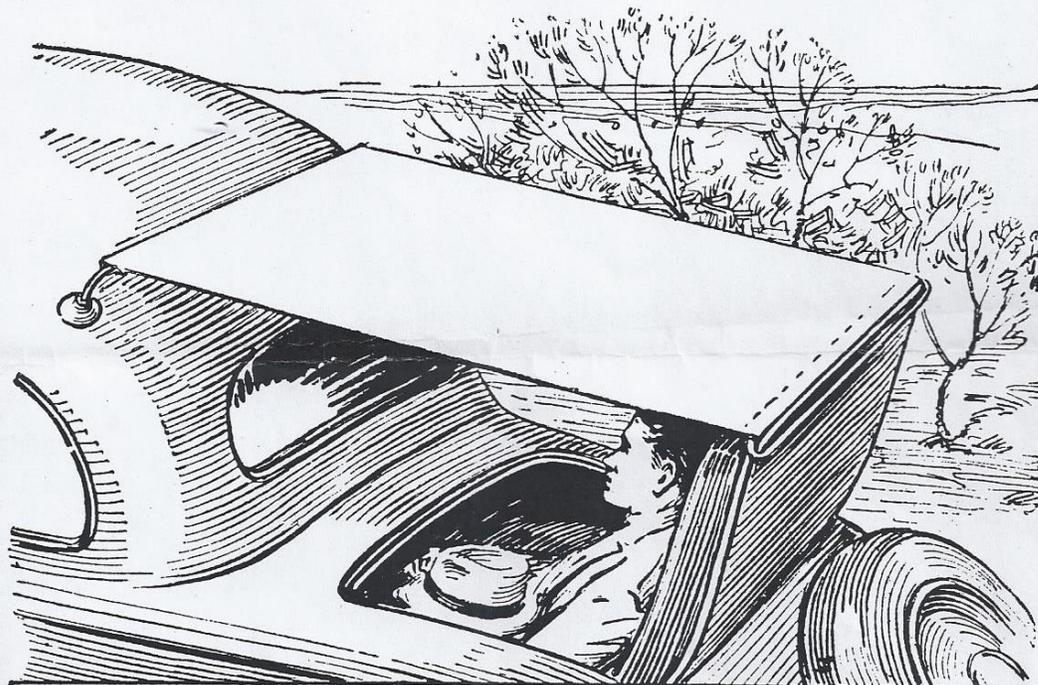
Locomobile continued to make quite remarkable internal combustion vehicles until the company's demise in 1929.

Locomobile



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From Popular Mechanics Shop Notes, 1937

Spring Fling March 19, 2016

Although the parking lot had a dearth of antique vehicles, inside the Fraternal Order of Police, Wiggington Road, Lynchburg, VA was full of we old car fans enjoying great food and warm company.



Better stand back when you hear the dinner bell ring!



Many thanks to (1) Linda and Charles Thaxton for organizing & coordinating the event, and (2) all those that brought great food!



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