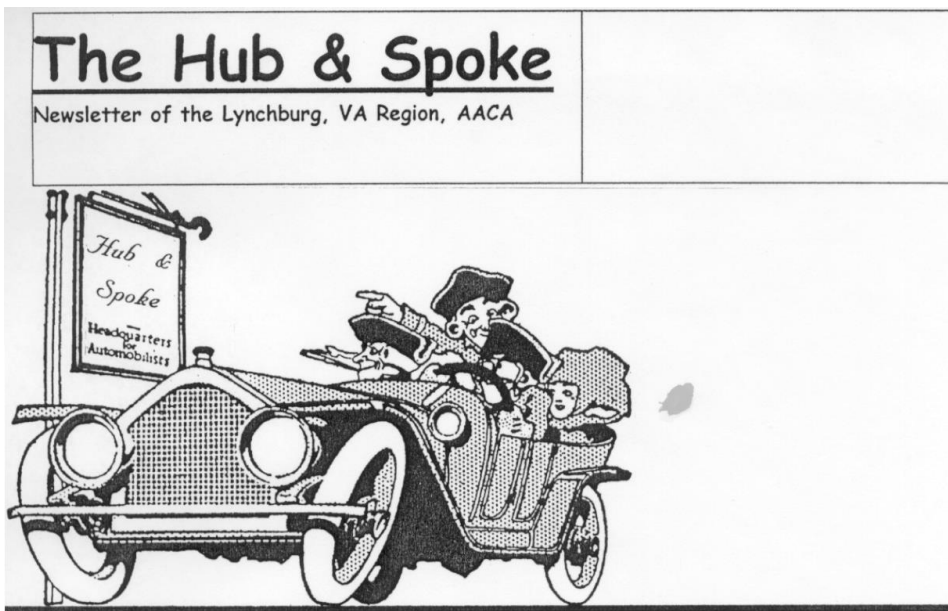


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### **Spoken from the hub**

Charles Thaxton

I purchased a new project car (a 1938 Packard Club Coupe) a few weeks ago and I had for gotten how much frustration and pleasure a new project car can cause. I want to start by thanking Reggie Goolsby and Otto Vallastro for their help. I would never have been able to get myself into this mess without their help. We started out by having to recover the car in some of the most ungodly heat we have experienced in many summers and wound up having to make

the trip to Gretna twice to get all of the parts. Once we got the car to my house we had to unload all of the parts and associated junk that came with the car.

The car came from Maine and had been stored in a garage from 1959 to 2003. The person I purchased the Packard from had it in a metal building from 2003 to 2016. The person who had the car when I bought It had removed all of the glass, some of the interior and the complete front end but

the engine nor any of the running gear had been touched The previous owner had started to do the restoration and had really only made the job harder for me. After getting the car to the house I had to go through all of the parts and see what I had and then tried to put them somewhere I could find them again and also get them out of the way. This process took about 3 or 4 days and now I am up to my eyeballs in parts and rat poop.

I started the work of restoration last Monday by removing the motor and transmission. The motor was locked up, and I was told by the previous owner that it had a cracked block, that led me to believe that there was some major problem with the motor.

The car had not run since 1959 so you could imagine what kind of shape everything was in, so I put on some old cloths and grabbed my trusty can penetrating oil and went to work. With Otto's help we removed the manifold and head and found a fairly normal 6 cylinder motor that had all of the valves stuck, I mean really stuck! I slowly removed all of the stuck bolts and got the engine and transmission ready to pull. This process to about 2 to 4 days and I got the engine out. Again with Otto's help we found the real problem, the valves were stuck and rusted so bad that the engine would only rotate less than 180 degrees. It took us all day to get the valves and lifters loosened up and then we could remove the valve springs and get the cam out. We did not see any signs of a cracked block or a thrown rod. In fact the engine looked good.

The next plan is to finish the disassembly of the engine and take it to an engine shop and have the block boiled out and inspected for cracks before I start the rebuild.

There are about a million things to do so I will be busy for a long time. Again I cannot thank Reggie and Otto enough for their help.

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### **Minutes to Meeting: Lynchburg AACA**

July 25, 2016

Meeting called to order at approx. 6:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence followed.

Minutes from June meeting were accepted with a motion, seconded, and approved.

Treasurer, Ron Blalock, read the financial details with an ending balance of \$4,627.75 – motion to accept, seconded, and approved.

Sunshine Report – Liz Williams (1) Terrie Linton is to have back surgery in August and will need to recover for some time, (2) Jack

Shield's wife, Marguerite, has pneumonia, and (3) Randy Martin to have shoulder surgery.

Our Club is searching for a new Secretary. Any volunteers?

President Charles stated disappointment that the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade was a "rain-out" and that the second Summit Nursing Home visit plus Black Dog Salvage trip were cancelled due to excessive heat. The July 16<sup>th</sup> James River Transportation Event was a success!

Upcoming events covered in a separate section of the Hub & Spoke.

Guests for the meeting were Pat & Irby King. Great to see Kathy Kellam & Mike Sperrazza attend the meeting.

Randy Martin won the 50/50. Otto did the auction and the bidding was fast and furious!

The meeting was adjourned with a motion, seconded, and passed.

(Minutes submitted by Marianne Simmons for Terrie Linton)

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### **Upcoming Events**

Joyce Blalock

**August 6<sup>th</sup>** (Saturday)  
Heritage Festival, William

Campbell High School, Naruna, VA 24576.  
10am to 5pm.

**August 20<sup>th</sup>** (Saturday) Boonsboro United Methodist Church car show and ice cream social, 6205 Boonsboro Road, Lynchburg, (corner of Coffee Rd. & Boonsboro Rd). Starts at 9am. Get there early to get a spot.

**August 29<sup>th</sup>** (Monday) Dinner/meeting at Charlie's Restaurant.

**September 17<sup>th</sup>** (Saturday) Black Dog Salvage Yard. Roanoke, VA. 8am meet at Wendy's Restaurant in Bedford on Route 460. Depart 8:15am. It opens at 9am. Use GPS for location on Orange Ave. Map will be supplied. Overflow parking is behind bldg. Lunch at NY Deli in Roanoke afterwards.

**September 26<sup>th</sup>** (Monday) Dinner/meeting at Charlie's Restaurant.

**October 1<sup>st</sup>** (Saturday) Point of Honor car show.

**October 8<sup>th</sup>** (Saturday) Georgia Pacific 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Sedalia, VA. Tickets required! Each car to be displayed will receive four tickets. Ask CJ/Reggie for further information. This is called the "Fine & Dandy Celebration".

**October 15<sup>th</sup>** (Saturday) St. Paul Baptist Church, 4915 Everette Road, Forest, VA 24551. More info to come about this car show at the next Club meeting.

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Don't forget the monthly car cruise-in at Charlie Drew's, Turkey Foot Road, Forest, VA on second Saturday of each month starting about 4pm.





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## **Die Cast Model Car & Truck Collection**

1:18, 1:43 – Mostly 1930s to 1970s. Large selection of miniatures. Some imported autos. Most with boxes. Hundreds to choose from. Come & look; bring money. Jamie Christie, 434-525-3720

## **Reggie's Corner**



## **August sponsors of the Hub & Spoke:**

### **Joyce & Harvey Elder**

Harvey has been involved with the AACA since 1978 and has been noted in numerous articles in past Hub & Spoke issues for his life-long devotion to automobiles.

Here's a sample:

*The Edsel Man, Harvey Elder [The following first appeared in a 2005 issue of the Hub & Spoke] Back in the heyday of CB radios, there was one guy with a handle that perfectly fit, this month's sponsor, Harvey Elder – "Edsel Man." Harvey has owned Edsels since well before they became highly desired collectors' cars, even back to the times when the very word "Edsel" was a comedian's sure bet laugh line.*

*Over the years since, Edsels have taken Harvey and Joyce to almost all of the states of the union. A memorable trip was in an Edsel station wagon all the way to California and back. One highlight was a drive through a giant red wood tree, another a drive on a giant red wood tree – ask Harvey for details. Harvey has owned a variety of Edsels but his all time favorite is the red 1960 convertible we all know.*

*Worse than all the other problems attending the Edsel's introduction was the looks of the car itself. With its horse collar grill and other styling details, the Edsel simply looked radically different from the good old middle American Buick or even a Mercury. In Eisenhower's America of the late 1950s, "different" was not a synonym for "good." Coincidentally, another new American car introduced about two decades prior to the Edsel had similar teething problems: the "coffin nosed" Cord of 1936 looked radically different and had many early production quality problems. It died in only two production years. Today, both the Cord and the Edsel are among the most sought after cars by collectors. Do you think 50 years from*

*today some AACA editor will be telling a similar story about the Pontiac Aztec?*





Next of course is the fascinating story of the 1955 T-Bird! Originally sold new by Harvey, purchased in 1969 by Harvey; sold in 1972; repurchased in 2009; restored by Tri-County Ford, Keysville, VA.



Thank you Joyce & Harvey for your support and interest in our hobby.

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**October:** Kelly & Jeff Gladden

**November:** Marianne & Tony Simmons

**December:** Santa



Although this event is not usually a large turnout for autos, it allowed most to be under some shade which makes the day much more pleasant. Randy Martin mentioned that hundreds of people come to this event which gives many more of the general public a chance to see interesting older vehicles.

***This makes me ANGRY!!!***

Every list of the “most ugly cars ever built” always has the AMC Gremlin. Well we owned a Gremlin in the 1970s and I must protest! The car never failed to start, run, or deliver us to wherever we were going. Of course, the sturdy six cylinder three speed car’s equipment list was slim:

No power brakes; no power steering; no A/C; no power windows; no cruise control; no tilt/tele steering wheel; no power locks; no auto trans; no AM/FM or tape player (it did have AM); no power seats; no air bags or ABS or computerized anything because they hadn’t been invented yet. So, in fact it was quite reliable because there was little to actually break.



Mechanical reliability demands respect! Who cares if it was a bit “homely”.



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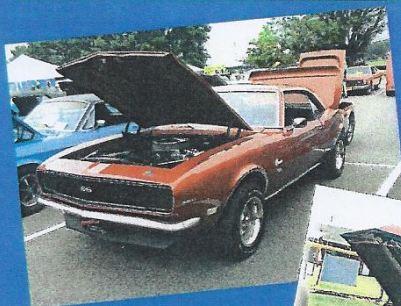
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