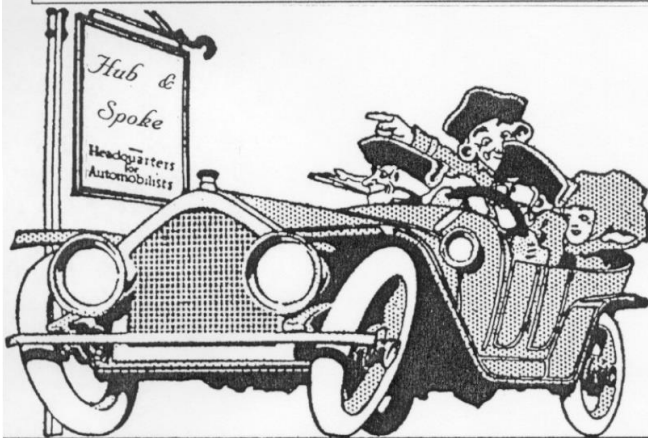




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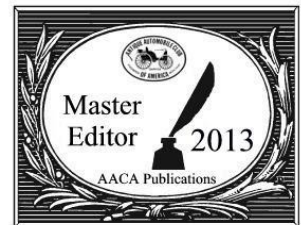
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This is the 5th installment on *Patty Packard's* restoration.

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The shop is not finished and I am in junk up to my eyeballs. I am usually a fairly organized person but that has become a living hell of crap everywhere. On top of everything I was told that there was a problem with the machine work on the engine.

The bores were so rusty that even after taking .030 out of the cylinders there was still rust showing through so I halted the work and dove into the spare parts. The only thing wrong was that I had to take the spare engine out of the chassis and completely tear it down (More Parts to find a home for) and see if the other engine had a good block. Before this news on the engine happened I fell and screwed up my left knee which has slowed me down considerably.

I started checking the other engine by pulling the head which had about five million head studs and other assembled parts but thanks to my air gun and much cussing I got the head off and found six really nice stock bores! This was only a small part of the removal process but I had a good start. After taking all of the other rusted crap off the engine I was able to lift out the engine and transmission. You probably are asking why I pulled the transmission out; well, the damn clutch was in such a mess I couldn't get the clutch fork out and therefore could not remove transmission from engine and pull the engine alone. By now I have begun to seriously doubt my sanity so I went inside and rested my pore aching knee.

The next day I was at it again and made some real progress. I got the motor and transmission separated and took the clutch and flywheel off and then mounted the engine on the engine stand. At this point I was finding evidence of a pretty good engine until I removed all of the valves and found two bad exhaust valve guides. I reasoned that we could rob some from the old block so all was well at this point. I now had all of the guts out of the old engine and all of the guts out of the replacement engine scattered all over my already cramped shop. Boy what a mess.

I have worked for the last few days trying to find places to store all of the old parts and had some success with this. Finally I can see the light at the end of the tunnel or is that a train coming?

I took the replacement block down to the machine shop this past Monday and he assured me that I would get it back the week after Thanksgiving. If I get the engine back I can get rid of at least half of the parts I have now what do I do with the rest?

Does anybody want some Packard Six engine parts? Or maybe a really good boat anchor.



Holiday Auto Question???

What two automakers currently produce cars in Sweden?



If you answered Volvo & Saab, you were wrong. The correct answer is Volvo & Koenigsegg (maker of expensive hyper-cars). Saab was declared bankrupt in 2012 and ceased business. I sob for Saab!

LYNCHBURG REGION AACA MINUTES
NOVEMBER 28, 2016

Minutes submitted by Anne Kituskie

- Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.
- Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence observed.
- Liz Williams reported that Don Hudson was home recuperating.
- The minutes were approved from prior meeting.
- The budget was reported by Ron Blalock . Balance:\$3 945.88
- New officers were thanked.
- There was a reminder to pay dues:\$35 for AACA and \$15 for Lynchburg Region
- The Bedford Christmas Parade : Dec 3, cost \$20.00 per vehicle.

- **The Big Island Christmas Parade : Dec 4; cost free. Meet at the James River Visitors Center at 1:30 pm; assemble at 2:00 pm; parade at 3:00pm.**

- Brookneal's parade: Thursday at 7:00 pm. Comments were that the older cars don't have bright headlights to go that far at night.

- **The annual Christmas Dinner is at the Blalock's home at 2:00 pm on Dec 10. Bring a pot of food.**
- **NO regular meeting/dinner will be held in December.**

- There will be a Planning Meeting for 2017 Club Activities on 1/15/2017 at 2:00pm at the home of CJ Leighton. Snow date for meeting is 1/20/2017.
- We need a new directory for the Club.
- 50/50 ticket winner was Claude Williams.
- Auction was held and meeting adjourned.



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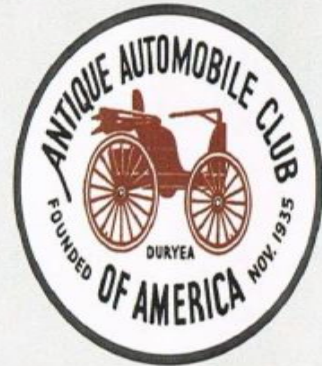
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