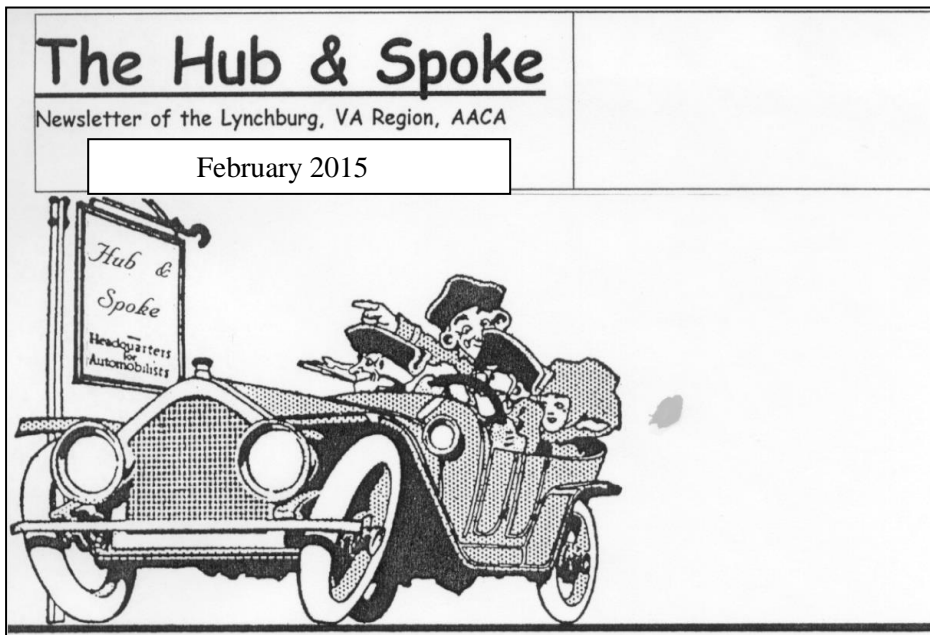


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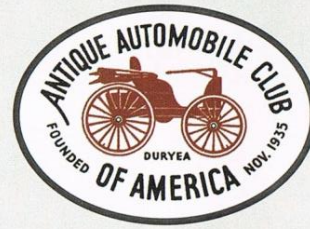
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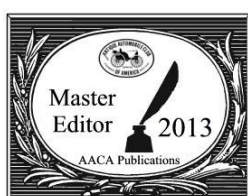
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SPOKEN FROM THE HUB

CHARLES THAXTON



I have been reading a book that I purchased at auction at the last club meeting and it has me thinking about growing up in the 1950's. I can remember having a great childhood during the 50's occupied mostly with mechanical devices like a small motorized car called a "putt-putt." The car derived its name from the sound it made when it ran. The main power source was a Maytag washing machine motor. This would run only at one speed and made a "putt-putt" sound. In later years the small motorized cars became known as go carts. My first one was made by my father and looked like a Jeep. It had a 3 speed floor shift transmission from an old car. This gave the car a little more speed since the motor would run at only one speed. I learned to drive and shift gears on this little car and in the process completely destroyed the grass in the side yard of my Dad's house.

I was fortunate to live in a neighborhood that was built around a road that made a circle and was not on a main street. I could drive on the street and sidewalks in the neighborhood without the fear of getting run over by cars. This was great for me but not so great for all the neighbors who had to put up with some kid running around in this noisy little car.

Fortunately, I was doing this in the 50's and not now. The neighbors that lived in our neighborhood all knew each other and looked out for each other and all the kids. I would get turned in to my parents about once a week after driving the car through a neighbor's yard etc. I was always punished for my indiscretions.

The 50's are full of great memories for me. It was a time when the whole neighborhood was involved in raising the children and even though I didn't appreciate it at the time I really miss it now.

We are fortunate to have a great club full of individuals with many varied skills and talents. It takes more than just a Board of Officers to run this club and we do need some help. Examples as to where you can apply some of your skills are assisting the board in planning and running events throughout the year as well as writing articles for our award winning newsletter making it an even better one. I believe as do many of you it is the lifeblood of the club so why not help our Editor by providing him more material for it.

If you want to be involved and help us grow, please let me know as it is your club and I am just the caretaker for the next year.

Happy New Year and May 2015 be a great year for you, your family and the Lynchburg Region.

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PRESIDENT CHARLES AND FIRST LADY LINDA THAXTON



A little bit of the early history of our new president: Charles was raised in Roanoke. At the age of 15 he found a partially disassembled 1929 Ford Model A cabriolet that he decided he absolutely had to have. The price was \$150.00; Charles had \$50. His father, a man who did not spread his money around casually, agreed to lend Charles the balance of \$100 but Charles had to pay it back with work. Charles took considerable time getting the money to pay his father, especially given the amount each odd job paid a teenager. His father did get paid back, however.

In the meantime, Charles and a friend proceeded to rebuild the Model A cabriolet, including figuring out how to replace the wood structure in the body. Eventually JC Whitney provided a replacement top and the nickel plated bumpers and radiator shell were chromed. By the time Charles was old enough to get a driver's license he had a pretty nice car to run around in. The Ford eventually got an Oldsmobile V8, '40 Ford hydraulic brakes and many more modifications that made it into a genuine hot rod.

Further schooling was not in Charles's plans at that time and he got work with a paving contractor. Charles, who had never driven a truck, was assigned to a dump truck. He was told to go to an asphalt plant and bring a full dump truck load of steaming asphalt to a work site. That he did but when he got to the work site he discovered that he was supposed to back up the truck. Of course, the dump body blocked his view to the rear and, since Charles did not know how to use mirrors, he could not tell where he might be dropping his load. Eventually somebody asked him if he had ever driven such a truck before. Charles confessed he had not.

The well meaning questioner suggested he open the truck door, get out on the running board and watch where he was going. Charles did and it worked. Eventually he became so proficient with the dump truck and equipment trailers that he became the "go to" guy when tight truck maneuvering was required.

Charles continued to work in the construction business as the Vietnam war was heating up. He joined the Naval Reserve thinking he was not likely to get shot at on a Navy ship. Then he was offered a position with the Navy's CBs [construction battalions]. With the draft threatening, he accepted a CB job as a Petty Officer 3rd class or E4. His CB outfit was promptly shipped off to Vietnam, where the CBs' job was to construct the roads, housing, facilities that would make it possible for the Army and the Marines to fight the enemy. The Vietcong did not take kindly to this and Charles was shot at many times. Luckily, he was not hit and a he mustered out unharmed when his time was up.

Combat gave him a new outlook on life. On return to the States he got a BS in business administration. He followed a successful career in mechanical power transmission for many years. That was followed by a hobby/career: ferrying people about in small and midsize aircraft.

Now Charles is retired and has returned to his first love, old cars. Look for his 1937 Pontiac while he leads our club in the coming year.



The 1937 Pontiac coupe that Charles restored is pictured above. Thanks Charles & Linda for stepping up to sponsor this issue of the H&S.

[There are still several months available for you to sponsor as well so call Editor Don Jones [434 609 7199] to get your own special month. It only costs \$50.00 and all of the membership will appreciate your contribution.]

FEBRUARY WISDOM

"The man who wins may have been counted out several times, but he didn't hear the referee."

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LOCAL EVENTS

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Eat at 5:30 and Business Meeting to follow at 6:30.

AACA - SMR 45th Annual Antique Auto Swap Meet
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2014 LYNCHBURG AACA CHRISTMAS PARTY

Jan Peterson

Ron & Joyce Blalock opened their home to us again this year for our holiday gathering. As in the past, they decorated and primed in the finest tradition of the season. The results were beautiful and uplifting for the soul.

Pictured: Terrie Linton, Host Ron, President Emeritus Kathy, Don & Martha Hudson.



Pictured below: Robbie Harris, Tony Simmons, Randy Martin

The party was a pot luck affair and some great pots were served. The macaroni & cheese that President Charles [shown with Reggie Goolsby] brought was so good that Charles got to take home an empty pot. Mike Sperrazza showed his heritage with a pasta dish topped with his home made sauce ["gravy" in Mike's world]. Glenn and Anne Kituskie brought two different homemade cakes plus peanut blossom cookies. Two types of brownies and



many other dishes ensured that nobody had an excuse to not put on a holiday pound or two.

The “major event” of the Blalock party is the firing of Ron’s plum pudding. This ancient Christmas goody steams for hours [days?] before Ron takes it out of the pot, makes a well and pours brandy on it. The brandy is lit and the pudding is ready to eat. Wonderful! Just what Charles Dickens might have tasted.

Perfect weather allowed sitting on the screened porch and talking cars in the driveway, as well as ample seating inside. Some of the folks not mentioned above were Bud & Kris Perry [good to see Kris again], Dave Armstrong, Virginia & Otto Vallastro



Randy’s Rambler was the only antique car present except for the Blalock Buick, of course.

Thanks, Ron and Joyce from all the members of our club.

Prominently displayed with pride in the Blalock dining room was the club’s Participation Award trophy, which Ron & Joyce recently received for the year 2014.



They will hold the cup until the 2015 winner [s] is announced. Ron & Joyce have done a great deal for our club and are truly deserving of the 2014 Participation Award. Perhaps **you** will receive it for 2015. It only takes a lot of “participation.”

THE FEBRUARY “WHAT’S IT?”

Jan Peterson



Older members will remember this car and the location/event where the picture was taken.

WHAT IS THAT CAR

See if you can identify these Lynchburg Region members' cars and the owner. The people who owned the cars when the pictures were taken may or may not still own them.

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THE FEBRUARY "WHAT'S IT?" REVEALED

Since February is the month of the 2015 Old Dominion Meet final planning session, we are showing a picture from the ODMA Lynchburg Region put on in 2000. It was held at River Ridge Mall.

This yellow 1938 Oldsmobile belonged to our treasurer of that day, Malcolm Lester. Malcolm's father had a 1938 Olds and Malcolm seemed to really love his.

The Oldsmobile sheet metal was advertized as having been "bonderized," that's steel coated with an anticorrosive phosphate solution. If you remember cars of the 1930s that had been exposed to many Northern winters and the salt used on the roads, you may not have been impressed with how effective "bonderizing" was.

Olds made a very full line of vehicles in 1938. Go to <http://www.oldcarbrochures.org/NA/Oldsmobile/1938-Oldsmobile/1938-Oldsmobile-Brochure/1938-Oldsmobile-29> to see their full color sales brochure.

The 2015 ODMA planning meeting will be in Staunton on February 21. It would be good if two Lynchburg Region members attended, representing our region. Your chance to volunteer: call President Charles today 434 525 0767.

THIS MONTH IN AUTOMOTIVE HISTORY

2-1-1898 The Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut, extended coverage to an automobile owner, making them the first company to issue an automobile insurance policy to an individual. Dr. Truman J. Martin of Buffalo, New York, paid a premium of \$11.25 for the policy that covered \$5,000 to \$10,000 of liability. In 1925, Massachusetts became the first state to mandate automobile insurance, "requiring owners of certain motor vehicles and trailers to furnish security for their civil liabilities." Today, auto insurance is a fact of life for American drivers as nearly every state requires some insurance for the operator of a motor vehicle. In a country where the driver's license serves as the primary form of identification, the challenge of selecting a coverage policy and paying the car insurance premium has become a rite of passage for many young Americans.

2-3-1942 - Buick's Plant #11 produces its last pre-World War II automobile engine.

2-5-1914 - F. C. Ball, glass jar manufacturer, purchased the Inter-State Motor Company of Muncie, IN after it had gone into receivership. In 1915, a new Beaver 4-cylinder low-priced car was released. By May 1918, automobile production was suspended in favor of war work. In late February 1919, F.C. Ball announced he would be resuming passenger car production, but by March of the same year, Ball sold

the Inter-State factory to General Motors for them to produce their new Sheridan.

2-8-1917 - Glenn H. Curtiss unveils his Auto landplane, probably the world's first roadable airplane, at the Pan-American Aeronautic Exposition in New York City.

2-11-1949 - The Ford Division of the Ford Motor Company is established.

2-13-1968 - The Lincoln Continental Mark III is introduced in Chicago, IL.

2-15-1902 - Oldsmobile ran its first national automobile advertisement in the Saturday Evening Post. Ransom Olds was no stranger to innovations in the field of publicity. A year earlier, Olds had sent one of his assistants, Roy Chapin, on an expedition from Detroit to New York in a 1901 Olds Runabout. In spite of the absence of proper roads, gas stations, or repair garages, nine days and 800 miles later, Chapin arrived at New York's Waldorf-Astoria Hotel unscathed. Newspaper accounts of the journey boosted publicity for the Runabout. In one year, Olds' company increased its sales of Runabouts from 425 to 2,500. With the help of newspaper advertisements annual sales would jump another 100 percent to 5,000 cars by 1904.

2-17-1934 - The first driving course was offered at State College High School in State College, Pennsylvania, giving birth to the American tradition of driver's education. The course, like today's courses, provided both classroom and behind-the-wheel instruction. Students who completed Amos Neyhart's course received State of Pennsylvania driver's licenses.

2-19-1954 - The Ford Thunderbird was born in prototype form. It wouldn't be released to the market on a wide scale until the fall of 1954, the beginning of the 1955 model year. The T-Bird was a scaled-down Ford built for two. It came with a removable fiberglass hard top and a convertible canvas roof for sunny days. Armed with a V-8 and sporty looks, the T-Bird was an image car. For \$2,944 a driver could drop the top, turn the radio dial, and enter a more promising world. General Motors (GM) had created the Corvette two years earlier to meet the needs of the G.I. who had developed a taste for European sports cars. In keeping with Ford's cautious tradition, the T-Bird, its response to the Corvette, still looked like a Ford and was classified as a "personal car" and not a "sports car." But it was popular. Just as it had relied heavily on one car, the Model T, in its early stages, Ford would rely heavily on the T-Bird to bolster its image as a progressive car maker capable of keeping pace with GM. A decade later the Mustang would take the torch from the T-Bird, but to remember Ford in the 1950s one only needs to call to mind the stylish growl of the Thunderbird's V-8.

2-21-1916 - The Dixie Flyer is introduced in Louisville, KY. The origins of the company can be traced back to 1878, when the Kentucky Wagon Manufacturing Company was established. The Dixie Flyer was a built in Louisville, Kentucky from 1916 until 1923. Dixie Flyers were marketed under the slogan of "The Logical Car."

2-23-1914 - The first Saxon is sold and shipped to its new owner. The Saxon Motor Car Company was located in Detroit, Michigan, from 1914 to 1922. In 1917 28,000 cars were made making it the seventh largest car maker in the United States.

Car Pictures & Their Owners

1. This is the 1957 Chevy that Claude Williams restored. Picture taken at the 2000 ODMA meet.
2. This 1929 Cadillac belongs to A.L. Harless, our president of some years ago. Picture taken at a show Lynchburg Region put on at Mills Heating & Air Conditioning in the early 1990s.
3. 1953 Bentley R Type that belonged to Jan & Sara Peterson. Picture taken in their driveway.
4. 1949 Studebaker Land Cruiser belonging to Dave & Wanda Barnes. Picture taken at the 2012 ODMA meet..
5. Kathy Kellam's 1931 Auburn and the 1936 belonging to David & Susan Costello at the 2012 ODMA meet.
6. Glenn & Anne Kituskie in their Model T last summer at the 2014 Boonesboro Methodist show.
7. Cal Gamble's 1939 Buick at the Boonesboro Methodist show. 2014.
8. Mike Sperrazza's stripped down 1911 Breeze Paris in December, 2014
9. Reggie Goolsby's 1940 Packard 110 at the John P. Hughes show in 2010.
10. Honorary member Mark Smith's Packard/Hisso at our Spring Fling in 2012.

EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

Well here we are into February and no snow as yet. Is that a sign of a great car year coming or just a tease? So what do you think? I believe that it is a sign of a great car season.

Soon it will be "cruising season" and I need your help to make sure we get all of the local cruises listed. If you know of one please e-mail the details for the season and I'll list them each month as a place we can go,

I am sure all know what's happening in Appomattox in April and I hope plan one or more of the events that has been planned for the week of April 5-12, 2015. I will be unavailable that week as I will be an NHP Orientation Volunteer explaining the story of Appomattox. If you are interested in helping out there is still time to sign up. Just contact me and I'll point you in the correct direction.

Please contact President Charles if have an event that you'd like us to attend as a Club. I know there are many coming and it's neat when we go as a group. Besides it helps us recruit new members as well.

If you wish to sponsor a month of the **Hub and Spoke**, please let one of the club officers know or contact me directly. We have many open months and that is not like us not to have all months covered by now.

In closing, if you have an article, or an AD you'd like for me to run please send it to me and I'll get it in the newsletter. This is **YOUR PUBLICATION** and I am just the caretaker of it.

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Don Jones

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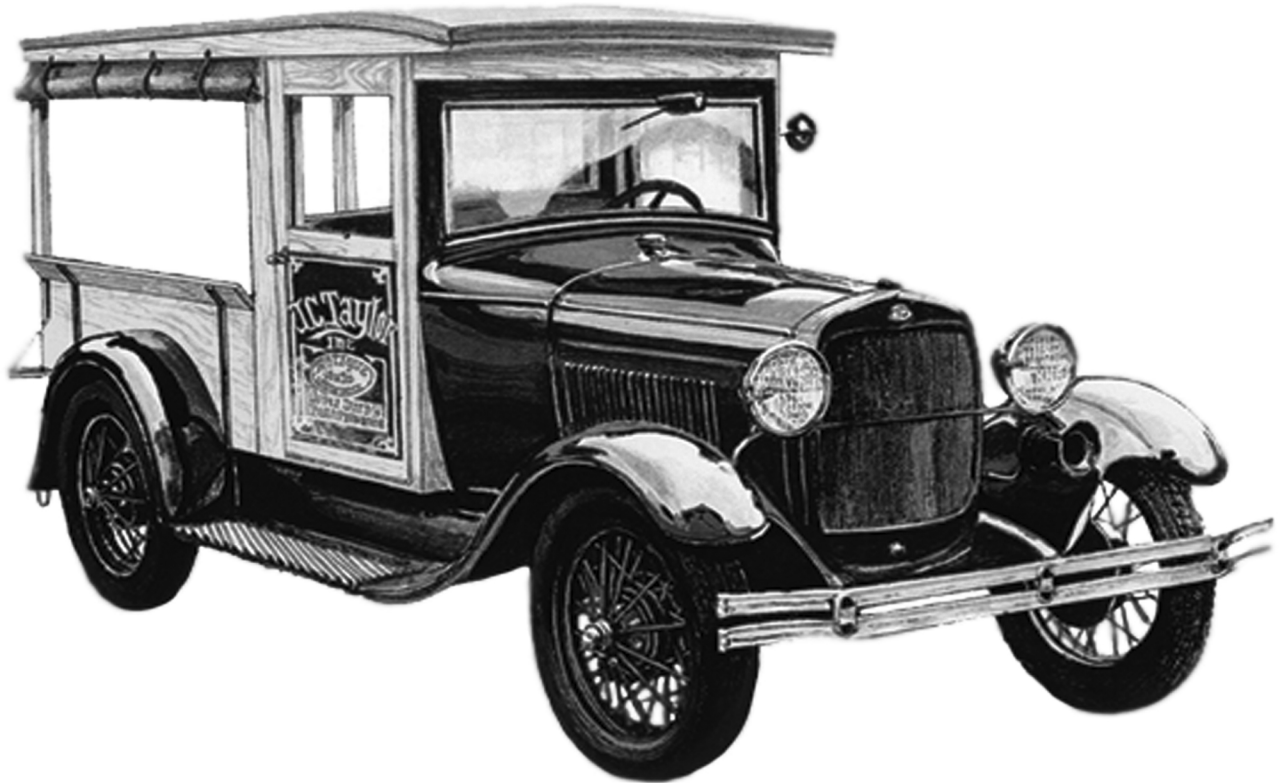
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