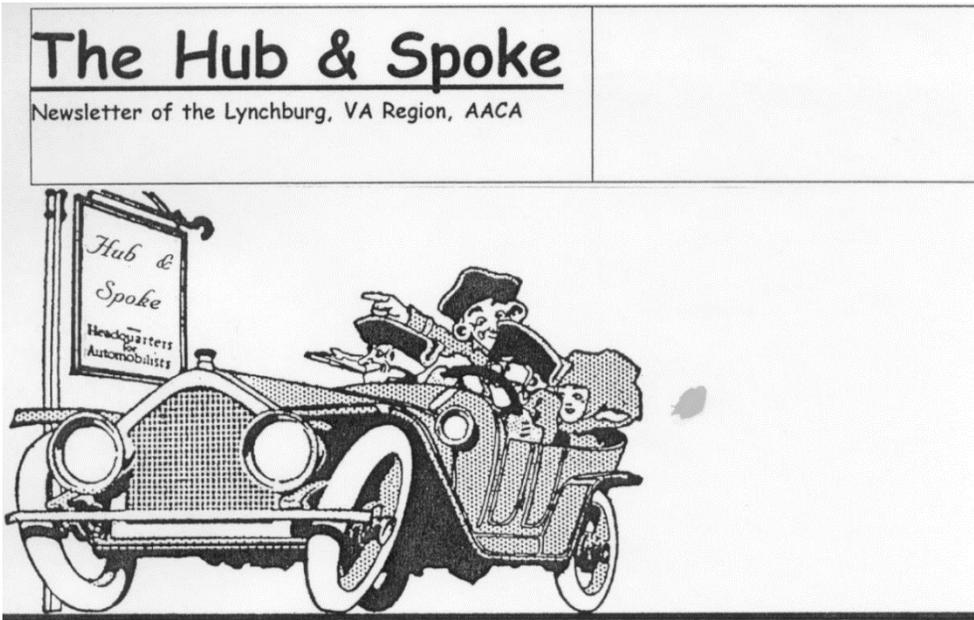


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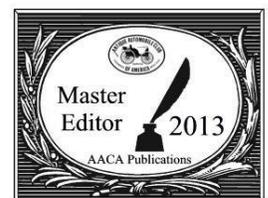
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**Spoken From the Hub January 2016**

Charles Thaxton

For some unknown reason I have had a mental block and could not think of anything to write about for this article for January. But it became obvious to me just a short time ago so I decided to write it down quickly before my mental block came back.

After Virginia Vallastro died and Jan Peterson died in August, I began to realize how important a single member can be to a club like ours. If it hadn't been for each and every one of you stepping up to help and support me I really don't think I could have done the job I was elected to do.

One of the things that came to a stop, with Jan's passing, was an article that I knew he had started on the restoration of the 1902 Rambler by Dr. Blackburn and Reggie Goolsby. He told me he intended to submit the article to the AACA for publication in the Antique Automobile Magazine. I am not a writer but I thought if I could get Jan's notes and talk with Dr. Blackburn and Reggie I possibly could finish what Jan had started and submit it to the AACA to be published. Today I received confirmation that the article and pictures will appear in the January/ February 2016 Antique Automobile magazine. Our little club will be in an International magazine. I really think that we all should be proud. I know that all of our members are a talented group of people. I have been privileged to see some of their work, and now the rest of the AACA will know what a talented group we are also.

I hope you all have a happy and healthy New Year, and we can continue to have fun with the hobby we all love.

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### **Upcoming Events** Joyce Blalock



January 9, 2016 Planning meeting for Club events in 2016. CJ Leighton's home at 12 Noon.

January 25, 2016 Monthly Club meeting at Charlie's Restaurant, 707 Graves Mill Road, Lynchburg, VA. Dinner at 5:30 pm and meeting at approx. 6:30 pm.

March, 2016 "Spring Fling" tentatively scheduled for March 12th or 19th. Date to be resolved at next meeting.

Area Cruise-ins Cruise season doesn't begin in our area until April. We will have some news for you about cruise-ins in the March Hub & Spoke.

### **For Sale**

"The Restorer" magazine for Model A enthusiasts. More than a dozen from 1960s, 1970s. Best offer.

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Do you enjoy looking at antique cars and reading about them? If yes, I have access to Antique Auto Club of America 1980 to 2012, and Hemmings 1970 to 1974. I have a friend who would like to give you his collection. Best part of all is that they are free.

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**Holiday Dinner 12/12/15**

Joyce and Ron Blalock graciously hosted the Holiday get-together at their home for our Club. Entrance fee was a

“covered dish”. A festive time was enjoyed by all.

Thank you, Joyce & Ron, for all that you do for our Club!

Oh, oh! Two men working together in the kitchen? Where’s the fire extinguisher!



Ron ignites the annual “Old Fashion Plum Pudding”



In earlier times, the word “plum” referred to raisins or other fruits such as currants, and a plum pudding was simply a suet pudding made with a large amount of raisins and currants. Traditionally, plum pudding was also often served with some type of pudding sauce after it was soaked in brandy and lit on fire for Holiday drama! (Wikipedia)



Lucky Door Prize winner, Wanda Barnes.



Secret discussions were held to determine how we could encourage President Charles to bring two bowls of his famous “mac & cheese” to the next covered dish event.



**Big Island Holiday Parade – December 6, 2015** Pictures by CJ Leighton & Tony Simmons



The metropolis of Big Island, VA (population 303 as of 2010 Census) was the Club's choice for Holiday parade participation this year. Big Island is not on an island, but is named for an uninhabited island in the James River upstream from it. Headwaters of the James are the Cowpasture and Jackson Rivers near Iron Gate, VA.

The weather cooperated perfectly and five member vehicles were included in the parade.



As you can see, President Charles is attaching our Club's banner to the front of his '37 Pontiac. Reggie fired up his '24 Cadillac and '20 Buick for the event. CJ brought out his '26 Motel T Ford. Parked at a distance was Randy in his Concord.



Big Island has the feel of many Virginia towns: the mythical “Mayberry”, where neighbors volunteer and all seem to get along.



Quite a few other cars of note were also in the parade.



'70 Chevelle Super Sport



'66 Ford Police Cruiser (Where's Barney Fife?)



'58 Chevrolet Impala



Young or old, we all love a parade!

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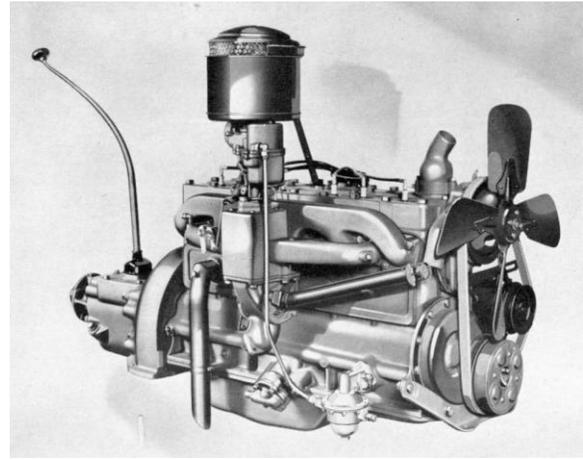
Linda and Charles Thaxton are the proud owners of a 1937 Pontiac, Deluxe 6, (Series 26), two door coupe.



When the car was found it had some paint but needed lots of mechanical, electrical, and cosmetic work to bring it back to its glory. Fortunately, Charles has the skill and patience to do it.

1937 Pontiacs had an all steel body without any structural wood. They also no longer shared the Chevrolet A body but instead went with the B body used by Oldsmobile, LaSalle and small Buicks. The Deluxe 6 (Series 26) now rode on a 117 inch wheelbase with overall length of 193 inches. As a comparison, the 1937 Chevrolet had a 112 inch wheelbase and sported a 206 cubic inch six cylinder OHV motor.

Pontiac Deluxe 6 is an inline L-head configuration bored to 3-7/16 inches and stroked to 4 inches giving a cubic inch displacement of 222.7 with 85 brake horsepower coupled to a three speed transmission.



For styling, the 1937 Pontiac hood-line was higher and the radiator narrower than prior models with the art deco Silver Streak moldings now running over the hood and down the front, with the Pontiac Chief hood ornament. The vertical barred Silver Streak section of the grille was surrounded with horizontal-barred side grilles in four segments. Headlights were now mounted onto the fenders. A raised panel on the trailing edge of the front and rear fenders added to the "streamline" effect.



The theme of the Silver Streak moldings accenting Pontiacs, which began subtly in 1935 and expanded in 1937, lasted for over twenty years on various Pontiac models.

"Pontiac builds Excitement!"



## FIVE CLASSICS YOU'D NEVER GUESS

### WERE GREAT INVESTMENTS

Reprinted from "Hagerty Weekly News" dated December 28, 2015

The classic car market has been doing quite well since recovering in 2011 from its Great Recession-induced correction. So, it's not surprising that certain cars have increased in value in the last year. But the identity of some of the cars that did especially well can be somewhat confounding. Here are five that were surprisingly great investments:

**1972 Volkswagen Thing:** The VW Type 181 (known in the U.S. as The Thing) was a modestly updated version of the WWII-era Volkswagen Kübelwagen, the German army's version of the Jeep. VW figured that if AMC was doing well with a civilian version of the Jeep, why not give it a shot? With its simple top, side curtains and removable doors, The Thing made a decent beach car. Every model year is up, the 1972 model increased in value by 48% this year.



### **1984 Pontiac Fiero Indy Pace Car:**

The Fiero, as is widely known at this point, was sold to gullible GM brass not as a sports car, but as a two-seat "commuter" car. The bean counters had their revenge in making the engineers use suspension bits from dubious GM cars of the time (like the infamous X-car), none of which did wonders for the car's handling. But the '84 pace car replica at least looked great. It represents the first year of Fiero production and as such, it's noteworthy. Fiero pace cars up 11% this year.



**1960 Peugeot 403 Cabriolet:** This one's a head scratcher. Maybe call it the "Columbo" effect, as this car happens to be the car that Peter Falk's legendarily rumpled detective drove in the TV series of the same name. This particular Pug is up a whopping 74%.



### 1963 Volkswagen Karmann-Ghia coupe:

KGs are hot. If you've always liked one of these fancy Beetles (Road & Track famously called it "a Beetle in an Italian suit"), you might be too late. Every year is up in both coupe and convertible, but the 1963 coupe is especially hot, rising an impressive 87 percent year-over-year.



**1979 Cadillac Seville:** Cars of the Malaise Era are finally getting their due but up to now, it had mainly been limited to Z/28s and Trans Ams of the mid-1970s. The first Seville was a very handsome European-sized sedan built on the Chevy Nova platform. While small for a Caddy, the Seville carried the biggest price tag of the era, almost \$16,000 in 1979. For that, the buyer got a 350 V-8 with electronic fuel injection and an optional trip computer. The Seville is up 40 percent from last year.



### Editorial Comment:

While we would all like to see our investments increase in value, I only buy autos that I really like. For example, the 1987/88 Fiero GTs are my favorites from a styling, suspension, and drivetrain (V6) standpoint rather than the early 4 cylinder notchback Fieros, regardless of their stick-on decals. No offense to those who prefer the notchback!



1988 Fiero GT

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## Auto Odds & Ends Tony Simmons



One thing that even the most trivia-obsessed traveler might not know about the Pennsylvania Turnpike is that it overcame the Allegheny Mountains, this ancient barrier, by incorporating seven of nine abandoned tunnels left over from a nineteenth century railroad war,” writes *Old Cars Weekly News & Marketplace’s* Gregg D. Merksamer.

**Barn Finds;** Three old Corvettes recently found stuck in a Milwaukee garage. (Hot Rod Network)



## Reggie’s Corner

We all know that Reggie Goolsby has a hearty laugh and a good sense of humor. I’ll scub the language, and include a few of his gems periodically.

“I am a **Seenager**. (Senior teenager). I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later. I don't have to go to school or work, get an allowance every month, have my own pad, don't have a curfew, have a driver's license and my own car, and I have ID that gets me into bars and the wine store. I like the wine store best.

The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant: they aren't scared of anything. They have been blessed to live this long, why be scared!

Life is Good! Also, you will feel much more intelligent after reading this, if you are a Seenager.

Brains of older people are slow because they know so much. People do not decline mentally with age, it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains. Scientists believe this also makes you hard of hearing as it puts pressure on your inner ear.

Much like a computer struggles as the hard drive gets full, so too, do humans take longer to access information when their brains are full.

Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is NOT a memory problem; it is nature's way of making older folks exercise!”

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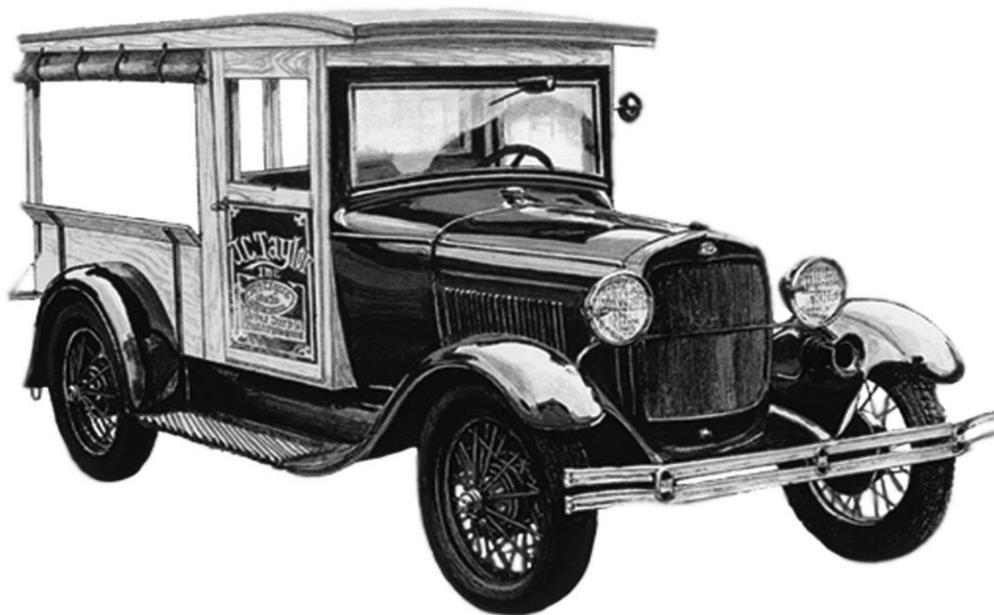
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