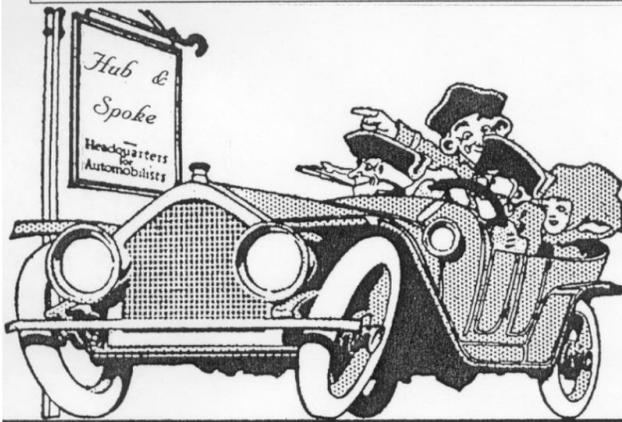




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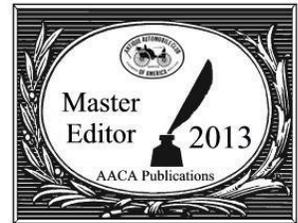
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### **Spoken From the Hub** **November 2016**

Charles Thaxton

This is the 4th installment on Patty Packard's restoration.

After dragging out all of the fenders and placing them on the body for the first time I could see if anything was missing and what body work had to be done. As far as I can tell the right front fender panel was missing so I took the left front inner fender panel to Scott Lewis to see if he could make a mirror image copy of that one and he said that he could but it would probably be a lot cheaper if I could locate one on the internet and I agreed. Scott is a really nice guy and he suggested that he

knew a guy that might know of a source for the right inner fender panel and he would contact him and ask. I received a call from Scott a few days later and he had located one on Ebay thanks to a lead from his friend. The one he found was for a 1940 Packard but looked like the one I have with a few exceptions. I immediately went to the location that Scott had given me and after asking the seller a few questions I purchased it. I am going to take it to Scott this Saturday and see if he can modify the panel to fit my application.

If there is one thing I have found out you must have people who can help you do the restoration. It takes people with many skill sets to help you complete the job. I am very fortunate to have Scott to help me with the metal work, Otto to give me help and advice, and Cliff at CLC to do the machine work as well as other club members to give me advice and donate some of their spare parts. I am learning as much as I can about body work and painting so I will be able to do the body work and paint the car correctly. I am attaching an example of the work I have done on the fire wall as an example of my body work and painting.

I have had to place the restoration on hold for the last month in order to finish the addition to my shop so I will have the room I need to do the work more efficiently. Hopefully in the next few weeks the building will be completed and I will be able to devote my full attention to the Packard project again.

In November I hope to have the engine and transmission back in Patty and she will move under her own power again since 1959.

After the mechanical work is completed the painting and wiring will be addressed and then I will tackle the interior.

Firewall Before:



Firewall After:



**For Sale ---1960 Edsel Convertible** One of only 76 built. 292 V8, Auto, P.S., Fact. Air, Continental Kit, Fact. Spot Light, Actual mileage 79151, many other options, Good investment. Harvey Elder: 434-376-3923



**Lynchburg Region AACA Minutes** October 31, 2016 Submitted by Wanda Barnes

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President Charles Thaxton. The pledge to the flag and a moment of silence were observed.

Sunshine - It was noted that Don Hudson had an accident and is recovering at Liberty Ridge. Also Liz had received a note from Terrie Linton thanking the club for the gift certificate and cards. She is still receiving therapy and hopes to be back with us soon.

Minutes for September published in the Hub & Spoke were approved by a motion and seconded to be approved as printed.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report as given by Ron Blalock was seconded and passed. Motion to donate \$100 to St. Paul Youth Ministries was approved.

Charles gave a brief recap of the meets that were held and attended by members during October. He then recognized those in costume for Halloween. Donnie Blanks, dressed as Col. Sanders and carrying his KFC bucket was the unanimous winner and was awarded a prize.

Reggie Goolsby presented the slate of new officers for 2017 as per the Nominating Committee. They are:

President – Chester (CJ) Leighton

Vice President – Charles Thaxton

Secretary – Anne Kituskie

Treasurer – Ron Blalock.

It was noted that the club needs an up-to-date membership roster. Wanda Barnes volunteered to take care of this and if everyone gets their dues in by January 15, 2017 a new roster can be available no later than the February 2017 meeting. 2017 dues for the Lynchburg Region can be paid now to Ron Blalock, 1006 Tumbleweed Ln., Bedford VA 24523. REMEMBER THAT YOU MUST HAVE ALREADY PAID YOUR NATIONAL DUES FOR 2017.

More information will be available at the November 28<sup>th</sup> Club meeting regarding times and where to line up for parades.

Tom Graves suggested that members become more involved with helping each other with restorations.

Reggie Goolsby was thanked and applauded for his diligence and help with the event held in Big Island for their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Several members attended and enjoyed the event.

Bud Perry was recognized for his work on the new Marine Corps League of Lynchburg's new building recently completed. Members have been planning the new building for over 10 years. We thank Bud and all our other service veterans for their service. Congratulations to the League for this accomplishment.

Otto Vallastro conducted the auction. The 50-50 was won by a Charley's employee.

## 2016 SPONSORS OF THE HUB & SPOKE

Each year members can contribute an extra \$50.00 to the Club and sponsor an issue of the Hub & Spoke. Payment is due to our Treasurer in the month in which "your" issue of the H&S appears.

### **MONTH'S SPONSOR**

**January:** Linda & Charles Thaxton

**February:** Frances Everette & Owen Burks

**March** Tom Graves

**April:** Pat & Jim Blackburn

**May:** Anne & Glenn Kituskie

**June:** Carolyn & CJ Leighton

**July:** Joyce & Ron Blalock

**August:** Harvey Elder

**September:** Pat & Reggie Goolsby

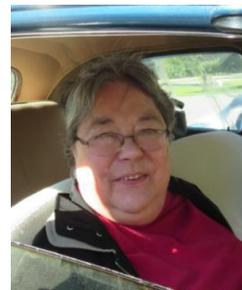
**October:** Kelly & Jeff Gladden

**November:** Marianne & Tony Simmons

**December:** Santa



Colonel Sanders (formerly known as Donnie Blanks) won the Halloween Costume 1<sup>st</sup> Place Prize!



### Upcoming Events

- 1) **November 12 – Old Dominion Planning Meeting** in Va. Beach. Contact Charles Thaxton if interested in attending.
- 2) **November 28** – Regular monthly meeting at Charley's.
- 3) **December 1** – Brookneal Christmas Parade. 7PM start time.
- 4) **December 3** – Bedford Christmas Parade - \$20 to enter up to 4 vehicles and up to 10 walkers. 11AM start time. Deadline to register is Nov.28, 2016 by 5 pm.
- 5) **December 4** – Big Island Christmas Parade...meet @ Visitors' Center. 3PM start time.
- 6) **December 10** – Annual club Christmas Party at the Blalocks'. Starts at 2PM. Bring a dish to share.



Which witch is which? Isn't that the famous impressionist painter, Paul Gauguin, or is it Van Gogh without his right ear? You decide.

## November 11, 2016: Veterans Day

Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day: Veterans Day celebrates the service of **all** U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who **died** while in military service.

To honor our Veterans we shall also celebrate the iconic all-American “Jeep”.



(Wikipedia)

Jeep is celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the vehicle that gave it its name.

It was on July 15, 1941 that the Willys-Overland company was contracted by the U.S. Army to begin production of the Willys MB off-roader in Toledo, Ohio, where Jeeps are still manufactured today. In 1945 it started selling a civilian model, trademarked the Jeep name in 1950, and the rest is history.

But the oldest existing “jeep” is actually a Ford. The simple, rugged 4x4 was the result of competition among bids made by American Bantam, Willys-Overland and Ford. The Willys proposal ultimately won, but the final product incorporated several elements featured on Ford’s entry, the GP, including its large, flat, table-like hood, and headlights mounted under it and within the grille for protection.

Both companies manufactured versions of the vehicle during the war, and many of the over 600,000 that were built are still on the road today, but Ford’s first prototype is the truck that’s truly stood the test of time.

Known as the Pygmy, the little off-roader was delivered to the Army on November 23, 1940 for evaluation. It featured the side valve four-

cylinder engine from a Fordson tractor, a three-speed Model A transmission, a Spicer two-speed transfer case and Dana axles. No older version of any of the prototypes is known to survive.



Amazingly, Ford kept it around through the war years and donated it to The Henry Ford museum in 1948, which sold it to a private collector in 1982. Maintained in near original condition, the Pygmy is now on permanent display at the U.S. Veteran’s Memorial Museum in Huntsville, Ala., and is included in the Historic Vehicle Association’s [National Historic Vehicle Register](#).



### Origin of the name

Many explanations of the origin of the word *jeep* have proven difficult to verify. The most widely held theory is that the military designation “GP” (*Government Purposes* or *General Purpose*) was slurred into the word *Jeep* in the same way that the contemporary *HMMWV* (for *High-Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicle*) has become known as the [Humvee](#).



### **Post-war military Jeeps**

The Jeep has been widely imitated around the world, including in France by [Delahaye](#) and by [Hotchkiss et Cie](#) (after 1954, Hotchkiss manufactured Jeeps under license from Willys), and in Japan by [Mitsubishi Motors](#) and [Toyota](#). The utilitarian good looks of the original Jeep have been hailed by industrial designers and museum curators alike. The [Museum of Modern Art](#) described the Jeep as a masterpiece of [functionalist design](#), and has periodically exhibited the Jeep as part of its collection. [Ernie Pyle](#) called the Jeep, along with the [Coleman G.I. Pocket Stove](#), "the two most important pieces of noncombat equipment ever developed".

Jeeps became even more famous following the war, as they became available on the surplus market. Some ads claimed to offer "Jeeps still in the factory crate." This legend persisted for decades, despite the fact that Jeeps were never shipped from the factory in crates (although Ford did knock-down Jeeps for easier shipping, which may have perpetuated the myth).



Bill Mauldin, editorial cartoonist during WWII, depicted this Sargent reluctantly and sadly euthanizing his beloved Jeep because it was beyond repair. Mauldin was famous for his portrayal of "Willy & Joe", two regular GIs serving their Country and praying to go home someday.



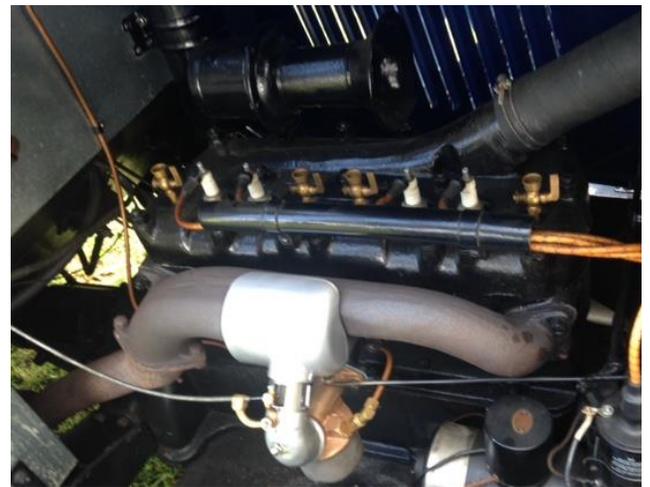
Lynchburg native Desmond Doss, who entered service in '42, refused to kill or carry a weapon into

combat because of his personal beliefs as a Seventh-day Adventist. Received the Medal of Honor for heroism as a combat medic after saving the lives of approx. 75 fellow US soldiers. A movie (*Hacksaw Ridge*) depicting his service is to be released this month.

October 1, 2016 Point of Honor Car Show



Seven of our members attended. Also on display was a 1919 Piedmont, manufactured in Lynchburg, VA, currently owned by Steve Puckette.



**October 8, 2016 “Fine & Dandy Day” Big Island Paper Mill 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Unfortunately the weather wasn't very cooperative for this event and the only car on display was CJ Leighton's Model T which received high marks from the dignitaries on the stage. This event was extremely well planned and the rain didn't deter approx. three hundred people from attending and celebrating.



**October 15, 2016 St. Paul Church Car Show**

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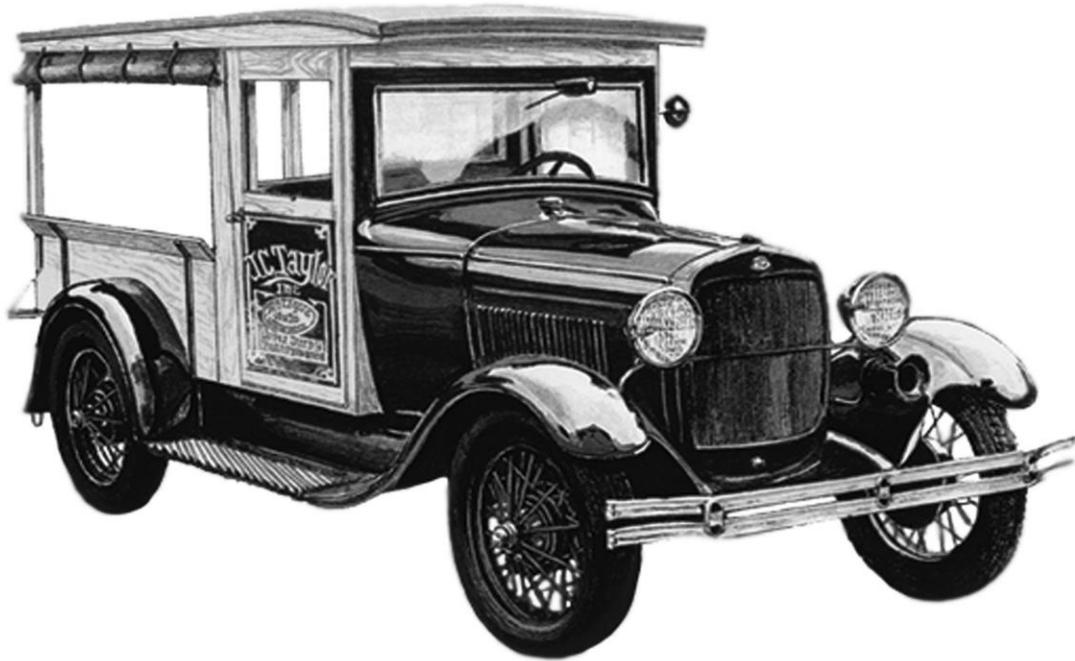
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