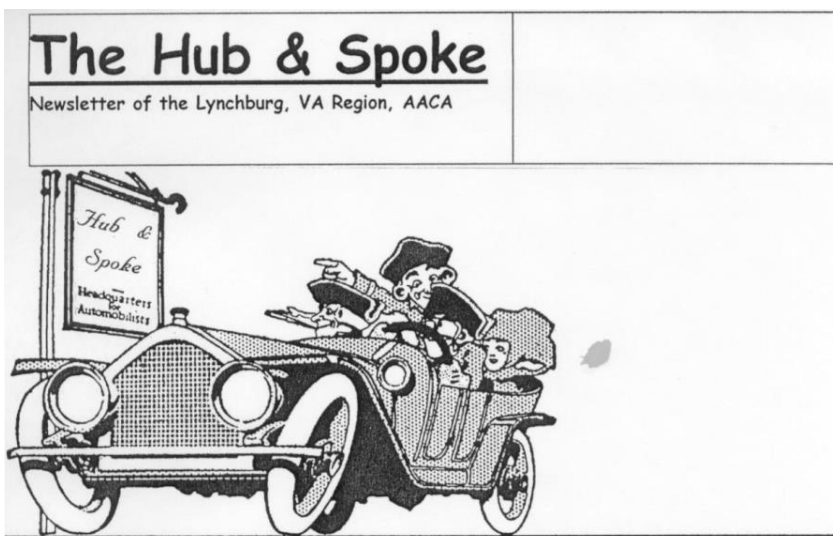


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Spoken From The Hub CJ Leighton

Since the last H&S article, I've had the opportunity to enjoy a couple of other Club member's old car triumphs. I feel pretty fortunate to have the chance to participate in the restoration efforts of such important cars to the hobby.

My first treat was that I was present for the first crank up of Charley Thaxton's Packard. The first few attempts produced some pops but no running engine. I manually choked the engine by briefly placing my hand over the throat of the carb while Charley operated the ignition and throttle. It would run for a split second then quit. Upon investigation we discovered fire coming from a threaded hole in the side of the intake manifold. Neither of us had any idea what it would have been for because the Packard has a mechanically operated vacuum pump and electric windshield wipers. So one pipe plug later Patty fired up and ran so smooth you could set a dime on edge on the head and it wouldn't fall over. There was however a mysterious squeak coming from the front of the engine. We checked the usual suspects but found nothing. Charley later informed me that he tracked it down to the vacuum pump which had been plumbed backward. Good troubleshooting Charley.

My second treat was to be allowed to assist with the evaluation and initial disassembly of Jim Blackburn's 1904 Berwick electric car. This is the only surviving example known of a short production run of 35 total cars. There's a lot of documentation and detective work that goes into peeling back the layers of time on something like this. To add to the challenge, the car was originally built at the factory using readily available automotive parts of the day from established car makers. This aspect combined with the near nonexistent information about the company or the car makes it difficult to determine factory construction from "farm fix". Some items such as the 2 hp. DC motor were obviously not original to the car but other items such as springs and the rear axle weren't so clear cut and require further investigation. We did make it run though. The electric motor, stepped resistor speed control and reversing switch were removed and reconnected on a work bench. The motor was connected to a 12 volt charger, run forward and reverse and we were able to vary the speed. I can't wait to see the finished product.

Some might question the logic behind driving old cars to go on a distillery tour but the Lynchburg Region was undaunted and we forged ahead as planned with our Club ride to Lovington, VA. First on the agenda was a visit to a private car collection containing many fine examples of rare and even "one only" vehicles from the early 1900s through the late 1930s. There will be a dedicated article to the specifics in this or subsequent volumes of the H&S. Next we had lunch. Well not so much immediately next but more a delayed next after a certain member locked her keys and the distillery tour money in her car just before we left the launching point. Charley and Linda came to the rescue and helped her contact the local authorities and get the car opened up.

After lunch we had a nice tour of the Virginia Distillery. I got sent to the back of the tour line

for asking too many "sciency" questions as the tour lady called them. Another certain club member, who shall remain nameless but was the one who locked her keys in the car, attempted to instigate dancing on the table at the tasting near the end of the tour. I now suspect I know who the trouble maker was on last year's winery tour.

I hope to see you on the next club tour on 10/21, We'll meet up at the Boonsboro Elementary school and plan to leave there by 9 am. Our ride will take us through Natural Bridge and on to the outskirts of Troutville for lunch. **Bring cash for the meal because the restaurant doesn't take credit cards or checks.** Be safe and enjoy the fall weather with your antique car.

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Message from the Vice President September 2017 Charles Thaxton



This is the 14th installment on Patty Packard's restoration.

September has been a month of firsts for Patty. The motor was started and it ran for the first time since 1959 and Patty moved under her own power for the first time since 1959.



I have been using the time, since the body was painted, to do all of the other jobs that had to be done to get Patty back on the road. I took the extra set of rims to the powder coating shop and got that process started; I had the front and back glass cut and I installed the dash and started wiring everything.

After I took the rims to the powder coater I was told that I would get them back around the middle of September so I started playing the waiting game and so far they have been sand blasted but no color has been applied.

The front and back glass was finished around mid-September and I had received my order for the rubber gaskets so I called the C.O.B. group together and we installed the front and back glass. For those of you who do not know

about the COB group, it stands for Charles, Otto Vallastro, and Bob Luckhard.



We were the group that helped put Otto's '31 Chevy together. Bob had some experience installing a back glass in a pickup and that was all I needed to try this job because I had no idea of how to do it myself. Now Patty has new glass in the front and rear.

During my time when there was nothing to do (Ha Ha) I started assembling the dash panel and wiring the instruments.





I bench tested all of the stuff I could and formulated a plan to connect the wiring up when I installed the dash. This month was a good time to finish the dash so Otto and I installed the dash and I start running the wiring without installing the rest of the body parts which are ready for painting.



The temptation to drive Patty was too great so I rigged a temporary gas tank and took her out for her first run on September the 11th. The trip was short but the old girl ran and everything worked. This is why I have poured all of the

time and money in to Patty, to see and feel her come back to life.



I am now waiting to get the other body parts painted, I hope by the end of September, so I can get them installed in October, and then take Patty to Satterwhites Upholstery for her interior in November.

Unless you have done this type of restoration work you can't imagine all of the little details that have to be addressed to bring an old car back to road worthy condition. I have only mentioned the bigger points, I could write a book on the details.

All I need now is some luck and a whole bunch of money to pay the bills. Everything is coming together at one time.

Charles

October 2017 Hub & Spoke Sponsors: Kelly & Jeff Gladden – 1966 Ford F100



This Ford truck which I finally finished restoring about 3 years ago was my Dad's.



It is a 1966 F100 Custom Cab with a 352 cu in V8, a long bed, factory two tone colors, and a factory automatic transmission. I did restore it to original condition excluding the dual exhaust and the power steering.



My Dad had bought this truck about 25 years ago in Amherst County when he found it sitting for sale along RT 29. He was a Ford Truck Guy and just bought it to drive and fix up just as a decent driver since he loved this F100 body style. He actually installed the dual exhaust and the power steering. The power steering is really a great upgrade even though I usually prefer everything to be original. Of course most people would never know the power steering is not original since it is from 1972 Ford F100. He wanted the power steering for obvious reasons and as for the dual exhaust; he loved the sound of duals with glass packs. Dad is no longer with us and never got to see the truck in this finished condition. However, he would really have loved the way the F100 turned out. He wasn't looking for a show truck or anything fancy and would have certainly enjoyed this ride.



The F100 runs and rides great just as it did in 1966. It also sits well with the 1930 Model A Ford, the 1966 Mustang Convertible and my 1996 F250 in the garage.





I had worked on the 66 F100 on and off over a number of years and of course it sat for a good bit. However, at the urging of Kelly, Mom, and my Nephew I finally got back to working on the truck fairly steady about 5 years ago and eventually finished it up. There was a lot of work that went into this F100 with much rust in the bed floor, cab floor, cab corners, cab mounts, fenders, etc. that had to be cut out and welded up. Thanks goodness I bought a body rotisserie to work on the bed which made it much easier to do all of that rust repair and thus welding on the bed floor.



There are times when it would be nice if it had air conditioning, otherwise, I would not change a thing on the truck since it is just the way Dad would have enjoyed it.



Since the truck has been finished, Kelly and I have enjoyed it a lot. It is a pleasure to drive and gets lots of comments where ever you cruise it.



UPCOMING 2017 EVENTS

October, 2017 Hershey Pa is 4th through 7th of October, 2017.

October 7, 2017 Annual "Heritage Festival", Naruna, VA. A pavilion will be provided. Starts at 10 AM --- get there around 9 AM.

October 7, 2017 Point of Honor Car Show.

October 14, 2017 St Paul Church Car Show, 4693 Everett Rd., Forest, VA. 10 AM – 2 PM. **Please get there about 9 AM.**

October 21, 2017 Natural Bridge Tour including a stop for lunch at Greenwood Restaurant. Meet at 9 AM at Boonsboro Elementary School on Boonsboro Rd. **Bring CASH – restaurant does NOT take Credit Cards!**

October 21, 2017 Friends of New London car show. 10 AM to 2 PM. New London Village.

October 30, 2017 Monthly Dinner/Meeting at Charlie's Restaurant, Lynchburg, VA. Eat at 5:30 PM; Meeting at 6:30 PM.

November 11, 2017 Veterans Parade, Liberty University. More information to be obtained. Staging of vehicles will be around 7:30 AM.

November, 27, 2017 Monthly Dinner/Meeting at Charlie's Restaurant, Lynchburg, VA. Eat at 5:30 PM; Meeting at 6:30 PM.

December 16, 2017 Christmas Celebration & meeting at Thaxtons residence. Pot luck/covered dish. 3 PM arrival time.

NOTE: There will be NO regular monthly meeting at Charlie's Restaurant during December.

Lynchburg Region AACA – Minutes to meeting August 24, 2017

Submitted by Anne Kituskie

-President CJ Leighton opened the meeting at approx. 6:30 PM. Moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

-No new guests or members were in attendance. No one to report by Liz Williams for the Sunshine Report.

-Secretary & Treasurer reports both approved.

-Info from Sandy Hall: ODMA to be held at: Lacey Springs Elementary School, 8621 North Valley Pike, Harrisonburg, VA 22802.

- Insurance bill for \$110 approved for payment after investigation by R. Blaylock to check for duplicate coverage/billing.

-Our local Club dues (\$15) and the AACA dues are both due by January 1, 2018.

-Wear a Halloween costume for the October 30th Club meeting.

-1904 Berwick obtained by Dr. Jim Blackburn & Reggie Goolsby.

-50/50 drawing.

-Auction by Otto Vallastro.



Lovingston Tour - September 16, 2017



AACA members were treated to a tour of a private collection of antique vehicles. Afterward, on to lunch and a distillery tour. Highlights were mentioned in the "Spoken From The Hub" section by CJ Leighton.



1931 Chevrolet Special

As mentioned in the September 2017 Hub & Spoke, one of the features that makes Otto Vallastro's '31 a "Special" is a trunk rack.

However, the Special did not come with a trunk. Bob Luckhard (member of COB) came to the rescue. He built a cardboard mockup to place on the rack to measure for matching contours, proportions, and room for the gas filler. Otto & Bob selected a brown alligator vinyl to cover the plywood framing. Footlocker hardware was used plus and large side handles primarily to keep all the exposed parts in scale with the vehicle. Poplar wood straps were soaked in Old English oil to allow the correct bends and for preservation. The back drops down with chain stops to allow for usage.

A superior job really highlights and adds a finishing touch to the '31 Special.



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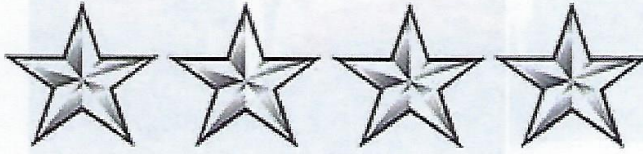
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