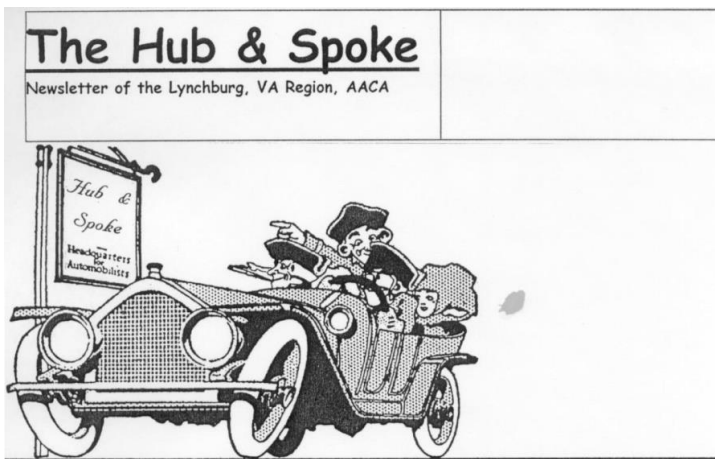


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### **Spoken From the Hub**

#### **CJ Leighton**

I was like a kid waiting on Christmas: anticipating the day that Richmond DMV would finally send me the title for Geraldine. Well last Thursday that day arrived and I wasted no time getting tags for her. The following day I washed and waxed the 36 Chevy Master Deluxe and took her on a 60 mile test drive. She goes pretty well. I went out the expressway to Rt.501 through Boonsboro

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and Big Island. She walked right up Eagle Eyre mountain at 50 in high gear. I returned to Lynchburg via Rt. 130 and Madison Heights. The brakes tested out fine. Top speed is classified but I have no doubt that she'll keep up with the rest of the club. She does have rough idle and even cuts off when coming to a stop light so more work to do but I'm happy with the progress so far.

I was very pleased at the showing the Lynchburg region made at the Boonsboro Methodist Church car show. We had nine cars and a moped representing us not counting Reggie's Ford Dump truck and 71 Chevy converted step side dually. Jim Blackburn won 1st and second place with two separate entries and there was plenty of homemade peach ice cream.

I intend to start working on the model A project again after a couple more operations on Geraldine. First order of business on the A is to remove the running gear from the frame and inspect for damage. I know of a couple cracks that need to be welded and I think the passenger side frame rail is sagging. Also, the front cross member attachment tab is broken. The front cross member is held in with bolts instead of rivets which will make replacing the cross member a little easier. I have a donor cross member that Bob Hough gave me this spring that will slide right in.

I'm looking forward to the club ride to Lovington to see Mark Smith's collection there. We are very fortunate to have access to his collection. Those who haven't seen his Lovington collection are in for a treat. I'm also looking forward to the distillery tour afterward. I've been to several nationally known breweries but never a legitimate distillery. The artisan

process is well known to me, I'm just interested to see how it's done on an industrial scale. Of course bottling equipment has always fascinated me. I enjoy watching lots of moving parts in perfect synchronization. The finished product isn't bad either. I hope certain members can retain decorum and not repeat the shenanigans of the winery tour, at least not till I can get my camera out.

I hope all of you get a chance to get your antique car out and enjoy some of the cooler weather headed our way in September. I can't wait. This high heat and humidity just isn't my idea of fun.

Please remember those who have been affected by the hurricane in Texas and other states. Donate to the charities that help these folks if you can. Disaster can strike anywhere and one day we might need some help.

Start thinking about club officer nominations for the 2018 season. We will elect a nominating committee during the October meeting and we will vote on club officers at the November club meeting.

Be healthy and happy. See you at the next club meeting.



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## Message from the Vice President August 2017

Charles Thaxton

This is the 13th installment on Patty Packard's restoration. As with most restorations one month is when everything seems to start coming together. August was just such a month for Patty.



Her body was transformed into one of the most beautiful and graceful blue Packard's that you ever saw. With the help of Reggie Goolsby we transported Patty over to the spray booth and Dereck applied on Patty one of the most beautiful blue paint jobs I have ever seen. The color I used is called Caribbean blue and that was as close as I could get to the original paint color. A few days before, I went over to James T Davis and spent my life savings on paint and

all related products to completely paint Patty. After three days in the paint booth, Reggie and I brought Patty home with her new paint. After about a week Derek came over and showed me how to sand and compound the paint to make it even nicer looking.



As soon as I got Patty home I started to assemble the motor, clutch and transmission and put the assembly back into the frame. I then began to re-assemble all of the miscellaneous parts on the engine, clutch and transmission. The whole job went very fast because I had taken the time to preassemble every part on the engine and then remove these parts, then reinstall them on the engine and transmission when it was placed in the car. Pre-fitting is an absolute must if you want the job to go smoothly.



Since then I have fitted many parts together that I could not do with the engine out and I have Patty ready to start except for the exhaust system. I hooked the starter up to the battery and turned the motor over to prime all of the oil galleries in the engine and check for a good oil pressure. This was an exciting moment because it meant I was very close to starting the motor. I also checked the ignition timing to



make sure it was set on top dead center of number one cylinder. While I was checking I hooked up the horns and checked the horn button in the center of the steering wheel and it worked perfectly.



I now installed the radiator and hose connections in preparation for adding the coolant but I will have to wait for the exhaust system to arrive around the 13<sup>th</sup> of September before I can start the engine. There were many other small items that were connected which are too numerous to mention at this time.



In the mean time I will install the front and back glass and complete as much of the wiring as I can. This will mean doing a pre fit on the dash and connecting the wiring with wire couplings so the dash can be removed when the upholstery is installed.



The fenders, grill, hood and doors will be painted soon (I hope) and then the real assembly process will start. Even though all of these parts have been pre fitted several times there are always some problems to be expected. God I hope everything fits!



When Patty rolls out of the shop, it will be the first time that has she has moved under her own power since 1959. To see this, is why I love restoring old cars.



**September Sponsors: Barbara Taylor & Otto Vallastro – 1931 Chevrolet Special**



Otto was fortunate to find this '31 Chevrolet Special for sale here in VA last year with 66k miles. It was last licensed in 1974.

He always credits the help given by Charles Thaxton, Bob Luckhard, and Barbara Taylor without whom the project would not have been completed.

The car received a frame-on restoration with Chrome redone or replaced plus a new interior from Hampton Coach Interiors. It has a 109" wheelbase and weighs approx. 2500 pounds.

The 194 CID (3.2L) six cylinder OHV "stove-bolt" engine required top end work. As a historical note, Chevrolet outsold Ford in 1931 and one principal reason was the Chevy's six cylinder OHV 50hp vs. Fords flathead four cylinder engine 203 CID (3.3L) 40 HP. In 1932, Ford introduced a redesigned four cylinder engine and its first V8 which helped Ford regain market share in a declining overall vehicle market because of the Great Depression.

The Chevrolet "Special" featured double side mounts, chrome grill guard, cowl lights, trunk rack, plus dual ash trays in the back seat along with window shades.

Otto's '31 Chevrolet received two awards at the June Salvation Army car show in Lynchburg. During August, the '31 was shown at the national Vintage Chevrolet Club of America and the car received its First Junior Award.





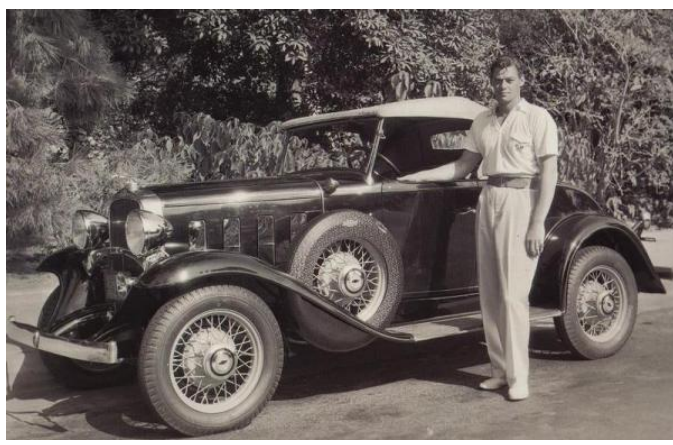


Congratulations, Otto!



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Pictured below is another famous American, Johnny Weissmuller, (Olympic Gold medalist and **Tarzan** actor) who also owned a 1931 Chevrolet. Hmmm! There seems to be quite a resemblance between Johnny and Otto, don't you think?



## **UPCOMING 2017 EVENTS**

**September 16, 2017** Lovington, VA Tour. Will include a distillery and possibly a private auto collection. Meet in Amherst, VA at 9 AM at Hardee's Restaurant. Need deposit by August meeting for the tour of the distillery. (Total cost of the distillery tour is \$12 each.)

**September 25, 2017** Monthly Dinner/Meeting at Charlie's Restaurant, Lynchburg, VA. Eat at 5:30 PM; Meeting at 6:30 PM.

**October, 2017** Hershey Pa is 4<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> of October, 2017.

**October 7, 2017** Annual "Heritage Festival", Naruna, VA. (Moved this year from August to October) 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. 10AM – 2 PM.

**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.

**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.

-Guests attending: Alexi, Stephanie, & Robbie Morris. New members attending: Shanna & John Kenny.

-Secretary & Treasurer reports both approved.

-Sunshine report by Liz Williams.

-Dr. Jim Blackburn won both First & Second prize for his two entries at the church car show. Motion approved to donate \$100 to United Methodist Church to support their car show.

-Reminder that AACA national dues (\$35) will be due soon plus our local Chapter dues (\$15).

-2018 Sponsors of the Hub & Spoke are needed (\$50).

Terrie Linton collected deposits for the distillery tour on 9/16/2017. Contact her ASAP if you are planning to attend but have not made your deposit.

-50/50 drawing was won by a Charlie's employee.

-Auction by Otto Vallastro.





## August 19<sup>th</sup> Boonsboro United Methodist Church car show

Brass cars ruled the show with Dr. Jim Blackburn winning First and Second Place for his 1910 Hudson and 1912 Ford, respectively.

Congratulations to Dr. Jim.



This year's show was well attended:





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## Car Show

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