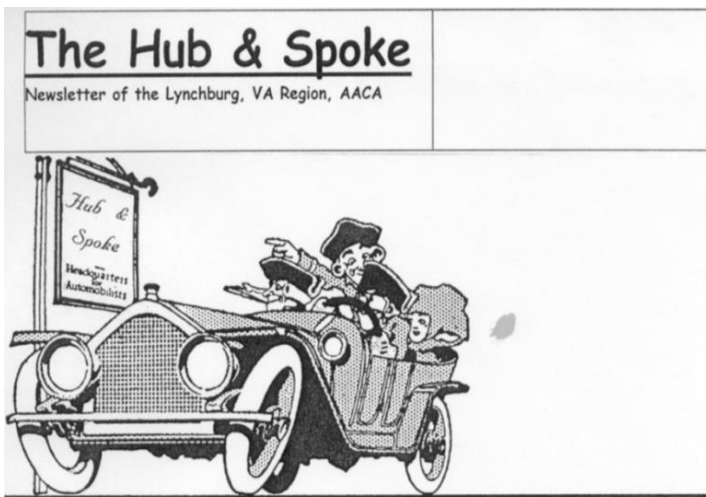


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Spoken from the Hub

Charles Thaxton

After the Singer project started winding down, I was again looking for another project and it was staring me in the face all

the time. After you finish a project what, do you do with the left over parts? No one wants to throw any of the stuff away, because you or somebody else may be able to use it. Well I for one will try to sell it on the internet or find a place to store it. In my case, I had inherited a complete chassis from the previous owner, complete with motor, clutch, transmission, drive shaft, and rear end. I used the motor and several of the other parts from this donor chassis, which still left me with the unsightly frame and miscellaneous attached parts. My wife made it clear that this "eye sore" would have to go someplace other than in our drive way. This, then, became my new project, removing the "eye sore".

The project started by trying to sell the whole chassis on E-bay which had no success and was a total waste of time. During the time it was advertised, I started formulating how to dispose of it and not throw anything out that has value. The chassis had many good usable parts left on it. After the ad expired, I started "picking the bones" and removing the parts. Thank God I had an impact wrench and a blue nose wrench. I used them extensively because the bolts and nuts were rusted and hard to remove. As I removed the parts I could then look at them, assess the condition, haul them away and find some place to store them. The remaining parts that were too large to store were cut up for scrap and will be sold.

After all of the usable parts were stored, I then picked the better parts that I could use as spares. I set them aside and will at some point offer the other parts on E-bay at my leisure. I have a feeling that this project may last a long time.

This is how my new project started and now my driveway looks like a scrap yard. I could not keep the frame so I am cutting it into pieces that will fit in my trailer and hauling it to be recycled. There were some parts that were completely worn out and they also will go to the recycler at the same time. I know that this stuff will not bring much money but it will be melted down and reused, and that makes me feel like I am doing my part to help the environment.

If any of you know anyone who can use some good used 1938 Packard parts for reasonable price, please let me know. I have a great selection of front end and steering parts, a transmission, bellhousing, a differential, and many more assorted parts.



LYNCHBURG REGION, AACAA, August 27, 2018 MEETING MINUTES.

President Charles Thaxton called meeting to order at 6:30pm.

After the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, Charles welcomed new members that were present. A guest was present; Mike Cooper. Mike is in real estate and is a Navy Veteran, a car buff, and is interested in 'hot rods'/muscle cars. Mike Cooper was welcomed. Sunshine report was given by Liz Williams. Joyce Blalock is still not feeling well. Otto has recovered and is present tonight.

Secretary's report/minutes for July was published in the Hub & Spoke. A motion was made to approve the report; the motion was seconded and voted on and passed. Ron Blalock, Treasurer, was not present. Report can be read at next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

August 11th Ice Cream Social at Boonsboro Shopping Center was not only a fun time but delicious. We had a good attendance.

August 18th at the Boonsboro UMC was very well attended with 15 members and 10 cars on display. Reggie's 1935 Ford won a trophy! The rain didn't appear until 2:00pm. Thanks to Reggie for coming really early to the church and sectioning a space off for us so we could have all cars together. Thank you Reggie!!

The Lynchburg Club has a web page!!! Go to www.lynchburgva.aaca.com to look at what Charles Thaxton and Tony Simmons have completed so far. Tony has entered 40 back issues of the Hub & Spoke on our web page. If anyone has any digital copies older than this please forward them to Tony and he will place them in the archives. Kathy Wesley has accepted the job as Webmaster for the Lynchburg Club. Thank you Kathy!!!

NEW BUSINESS:

The Lynchburg Area Veterans Council (LVAC) is sponsoring the 2th Lynchburg Veterans Day Parade at Liberty University, November 10th at 11:00am to 1:00pm. If you plan to have your car in the parade, they are requesting you register the car. The parade officials are trying to obtain the number of cars that will be participating. Go to www.lynchburgareaveteranscouncil.org to register your car. Linda Thaxton will register your car for you if you give her your

name/phone/address and what car you are taking.

Last month the club voted to donate \$300.00 to the LAVC for the parade.

SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES: Our event for **September 8th** is taking shape. Ken Gross has communicated with his friend and our club member, John Kenney and we will visit the Taubman Museum and have a personalized tour with Ken Gross. Charles has a block of tickets (cost for admission to museum is \$20.00) for the people who have contacted him before August 31st/September 1st). If your name is on the list, the club will reimburse you for half of the ticket price.

We can park for free at the Tower Parking Garage and then gather at the entrance to the museum at 10:30am. Remember, Charles will have the tickets.

We plan to go somewhere in Roanoke for lunch, also. Flyer for this event is on our web site. Name of the exhibit is "DRIVE". Ken's tour and talk is 1 to 1 ½ hours long. There are other things to see and exhibits at the museum, also. Taubman Museum is ½ mile from the Berglund Civic Center.

September 29th at 11 am to 2:30pm at the American Legion Post on Greenview Drive there will be a Cook-out for all veterans, active duty military members, and their immediate family. This is a free event sponsored by Diuguid Funeral Home. They will have free food and drinks, entertainment, and door prizes. We can car pool in our regular cars. You do not have to drive your antique car unless you want to.

Regular meeting date is **Monday September 24th** at Charleys.

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES:

October 6th is The Heritage Festival in Naruna. **Car Show** is behind William Campbell High School at the Community Center. Owen to have time at a later date. This show is arranged by our own Owen Burks, so plan on attending and supporting him.

October 6th is also the date of Point of Honor's 'Day 'In The Park'.

October 6th is Altavista Classic car Cruise In at Altavista Trade Lot of 7th Street. Time is 4:00 to 8:00pm.

October 20th is the Parkway Ride. We will meet at Boonsboro Elementary School on 501 North at 9:30am. We leave at 10:00am riding on the Parkway to Peaks of Otter and then Route 24 stopping in Bedford for lunch at Sonic Drive In.

Regular meeting date **Monday, October 29th** at Charleys.

50/50 drawing was held and won by Kathy Wesley. Otto was the energized auctioneer.

Charles reminded members that the proceeds from the 50/50 and the auction go to the Club.

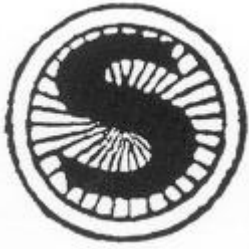
OTHER BUSINESS: Charles announced that Owen and Frances Burks were wearing Green Bay Packers jerseys with number 42 on them. This is the number of Owen's grandson who was drafted by the Packers after he graduated from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

Owen said the Packers game will be played and televised on Sunday September 23rd. Look at the TV listings for football games on Sunday September 23rd to be sure of station and time.

No other business for the Club so meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.

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What's a Singer???



Singer Motors Limited was a British motor vehicle manufacturing business, originally a **bicycle** manufacturer

founded as Singer & Co by **George Singer** in 1874 in **Coventry**, England. Singer & Co's bicycle manufacture continued until 1915.

From 1901 Singer Motor Co made **cars**, motorcycles, and commercial vehicles. George Singer died in January, 1909. Also in 1909, Singer & Co built a series of racers and roadsters and entered several bikes in races, including the **Isle of Man Senior TT** in 1914. **George E. Stanley** broke the one-hour record at **Brooklands** race track on a Singer motorcycle in 1912, becoming the first ever rider of a 350 cc motorcycle to cover over 60 miles (97 km) in an hour.

Singer Motor Co was the first motor manufacturer to make a small economy car that was a replica of a large car, showing a small car was a practical proposition. It was much more sturdily built than otherwise similar **cyclecars**. With its four-cylinder ten horsepower engine the Singer Ten was launched at the 1912 Cycle and Motor Cycle Show at **Olympia, U.K.** **William Rootes**, a Singer apprentice at the time of its development and consummate car-salesman, contracted to buy 50, the entire first year's supply. It became a best-seller. Ultimately, Singer's business was acquired by his **Rootes Group** in 1956, which continued the brand until 1970, a few years following Rootes' acquisition by the American **Chrysler** Corporation.

Thus the Singer name fell into the dustbin of auto history. The site of the Singer factory in Coventry is now occupied by Singer Hall, a hall of residence for Coventry University.

Singer 9 Sports Roadster - The **Singer Nine** (three body styles = 2/4-door **saloon**, 2/4-seat sports tourer, 2-seat sports car) was a car produced by **Singer Motors Limited** from February 1932 to 1937, and then again from 1939 until 1949 as a Roadster only. It was offered as a new economy model, replacing the earlier Singer Junior series.



1933 Singer 9

Post WWII roadsters had a 1 liter engine, single carburetor and a four speed gearbox. Beginning in 1950 through 1955, Singer offered the Singer SM Roadster series 4AD with 1.5 liter single overhead cam engine, dual carburetors, and four speed transmissions. Otto stated that this 1.5L car is much quicker than his original 1L.

While many of us may know very little about these cars today, in the past, Singers enjoyed a strong racing history.



A Singer 4AD tested by THE MOTOR magazine in 1951 had a top speed of 73 mph and could accelerate from 0-60 mph in 23.6 seconds.

Their chief racing and sales competitor was the MG – T series. A separate comment by the magazine claimed that the Singer was the superior car.



Otto's first Singer was a right hand drive 1950 AB Roadster which he restored some years ago.



His first expertly restored Singer was featured this past year in the national AACA magazine.



The most recent Singer 1955 Roadster Series 4AD was restored by COB (Charles,

Otto, & Bob). Otto always gives great credit to his two volunteer partners for their selfless contributions in time and energy. Charles has given H&S readers this past year excellent play-by-play descriptions of the problem solving restoration process in his monthly "Spoken From The Hub" articles.





Notice that the seat & top piping matches the car's color. Also notice the "European style side semaphore turn signals" that pop-up and illuminate when actuated for left or right turns.



This picture is either Barbara Taylor a few years ago or Marylyn Monroe in an advertisement from the 1950s draped over the hood of an early model blue Singer.



Great shot of Lucy in a Singer!

Looks like another winner for Otto!

(Information for this article was found on the internet at Wikipedia and other Singer related sites. Further info was supplied by Otto from his thorough knowledge of Singers!)-----

FOR SALE!

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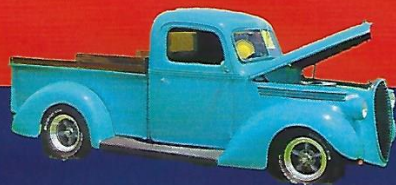
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