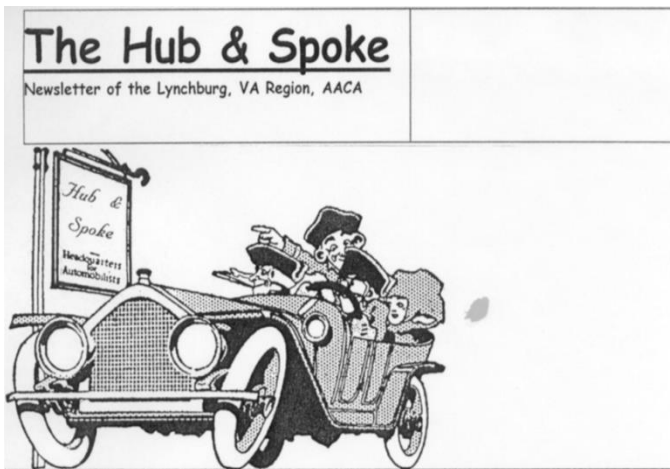


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Spoken From the Hub

April 2018

Charles Thaxton

This will be instalment # 2 in the ongoing saga of Otto's 1955 Singer. As I explained in instalment # 1, a project car does not always have to be bought by you to become a project. After working on the brakes and suspension the motor was still at the top of the list to get repaired and reassembled and of course the body needed work and paint.

After Otto had cleaned the engine compartment and painted the frame and front suspension I helped him transport the Singer to

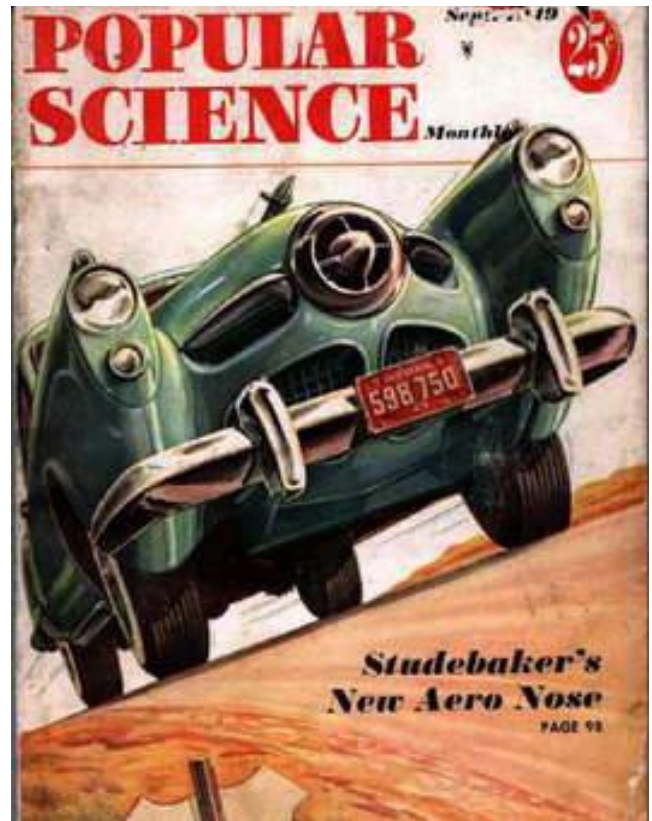
the paint shop. There he will have the body and various related loose parts fixed and painted. He was told that this would take several weeks which would allow us some time to get started on other work that had to be done to complete the project.

Now keep in mind that while all if the other stuff was going on, Otto had been scrounging up parts that would be needed to complete the restoration i.e.: wiring harness and engine parts. This is so nice to have done without having to pay for these parts myself, thus the really beautiful thing about doing this project.

We transported the motor to my shop and started trying to put it back together again. This really became a major challenge because the British manuals really didn't tell me anything of importance, such as how to time the valve train or what any of the torque values were for any of the bolts. You have to wonder how the British ever put this car together. Fortunately you can do most of this work by having a general knowledge of how the various systems work on any automobile and applying this knowledge to this little piece of British engineering. I can only hope that everything is in sync and will work when the time comes to start the engine.

The last thing that is holding us up is the flywheel starter ring. It was ordered from a source in New Zealand and we can only hope that it will fit and work. It has been on order for about 4 weeks and Otto was notified that the post office had tried to deliver it yesterday and he was not there to sign for it, so we are looking for it today.

We will only know if all of this work will pay off when we do the reassembly of the car in the next few weeks. So stay tuned and I will keep you all informed of our progress.



2018 SPONSORS OF THE HUB & SPOKE

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

2018 MONTH's SPONSOR

January: Linda & Charles Thaxton

February: Pat & Reggie Goolsby

March: Marilyn & Bob Luckhard

April: Sue & Rick Smith

May: Anne & Glenn Kituskie

June: Francis & Owen Burks

July: Joyce & Harvey Elder

August: Shanna & John Kenny

September: Barbara Taylor & Otto Vallastro

October: Kelly & Jeff Gladden

November: _____

December: Santa

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Sue & Rick Smith have owned their three window 1950 Chevrolet 3100 pickup for seven years. It was restored and

updated in Virginia Beach by an enthusiast who owned a larger collection but was forced to sell for health reasons.

Rick has enjoyed cars his whole life and owned a few “cool” ones. As he began his journey toward retire-hood he began looking for an older truck that looked nice, but not too nice to use as a real truck. A classic look was required with a few up-dated touches. This Chevy pickup fits the bill.



The old six cylinder/three speed is long gone replaced with a GM 350 CID mated to a four speed automatic with a long shifter on the floor.



Note that the truck sports chromed engine parts but most importantly the vehicle has air conditioning.

It retains the original bench seat but now with seat belts, has power windows, and for originality the “Ferris wheel” size steering wheel.



The wood bed is retained but scarred a bit from real truck-like use.



Note that the vehicle has dual exhaust plus non-functioning side pipes. The side pipes, wide whites, center caps/beauty rings all add up to give it a '50s look.



Sue & Rick also own something else quite unique; a street legal four place electric low speed vehicle (LSV) with an operating range of 50 miles. (**Don't** call it a "golf cart".)



Check out the license plate!



Federal and VA highway laws allow LSVs. In VA, a LSV can be operated if properly licensed and driven by a licensed person on roadways with a maximum speed limit of 35 MPH.



The Smiths are both "cheeseheads", originally from Wisconsin, and big Packers fans. The

LSV is used for parades and Rick tows it back to Wisconsin in August for infield fun at the NASCAR race at Road America.

"Spring Fling" March 14, 2018

Gathered again at the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) building in Lynchburg, VA for our annual passage into spring with good fellowship & excellent food. Many thanks to all that helped set up, brought food, and cleaned up.



Of special importance in the FOP is the **Flag of Heroes** which has written in the red lines the names of the emergency services personnel that gave their lives to save others in the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001.



Now for the food - excellent fried chicken, extras, and deserts.



LYNCHBURG REGION AACA MEETING MARCH 24, 2018

President Charles Thaxton called the meeting to order at 1:25pm. at the FOP Building. This was our annual 'Spring Fling' and is in place of our regular meeting in March. President thanked all those attending and thanked the members for the tasty dishes they brought.

Barbara Taylor's daughter and son-in-law were introduced as guests and a new member was welcomed.

Charles led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and he asked for a moment of silence.

Sunshine report given by Liz Williams. Liz reported Reggie and Pat Goolsby had both been sick with food poisoning. Reggie has also been in the hospital with pneumonia after being sick with the flu. Bud Huff recently passed away. Bud was a long time member of the Club.

A motion was made, seconded, and voted on that the Secretary's report for February be accepted as written in the Hub and Spoke. Motion passed.

Ron Blalock read the Treasurer's report. Motion made, seconded and voted on that this report be accepted as read. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Civil Air Patrol has asked for club members who have 1920 and/or 1930 cars that would be willing to show them at their award ceremony held at Brookville Ruritan Club on April 14th around 5:30 till 6:30 for a photo op. Contact President Charles Thaxton if interested. Building is off of Graves Mill Road. The Civil Air Patrol is made up of children middle school and high school age. This award ceremony is a special event for them.

CHANGE OF CLUB MEETING PLACE FOR MAY MEETING ONLY:

Since Memorial Day falls on our regular meeting date and May 21st is already booked by some other group at Charley's, we have to choose another place to meet. In February, Charles asked people to check on some other places. After talking about these suggestions and a discussion, it was voted on to go to The Liberty Station in Bedford. CJ reserved the room. May Club Meeting will be on Monday, May 21, 2018 at The Station in Bedford at our usual time of 5:00pm. You can order from the menu and we have the room until 7:30pm.

AMERICAN PICKERS COMING TO VIRGINIA:

ODMA sent an email to Charles asking for anyone who knew of or who might be interested in having this Cable TV show come to see their collection of items (or stuff) and maybe be on their show. Contact Charles so he can tell you who to contact and how.

OLD BUSINESS:

PAY YOUR DUES!! \$40.00 for National and \$15.00 for our club. Please pay your local chapter dues to Ron Blalock and fill out a form so he can record your payment.

APRIL CLUB ACTIVITIES:

Saturday April 14, 2018 Drug Store Grill in Brookneal. Meet at Hardee's in Rustburg at 12noon to caravan to Brookneal. Eat at 1:00pm. If needed, snow date is Sat. April 21, 2018.

April 27-28, 2018. ODMA Meet in Lace Springs Elementary School (8621 North Valley Pike in Harrisonburg, VA 22802). If you want to show your car, Charles has Entrance Forms. Let Charles Thaxton know if you want to go and want to car pool.

April 28, 2018. Amherst Cruise-In from 5:00pm till 8:00pm in town of Amherst.

May Club Activites

DON'T FORGET THAT MAY'S MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, MAY 21, 2018 at 5:00pm IN BEDFORD AT THE STATION.

Saturday May 26, 2018 Parkway Ride. Starts at Boonsboro Elementary School, 501 North at 9:30 AM. Cars leaving at 10 AM. Ride to Peaks of Otter then into Bedford to Sonic Drive-in for lunch.

Charles adjourned the meeting at 2:13pm.

Nils Bohlin saved millions of lives!

Who???

Nils Bohlin was an engineer at Saab, designing airplane catapults for pilots, when Volvo hired him to work on cars. At Saab, Bohlin had concentrated his effort on ejecting pilots, getting them out of danger, moving them as quickly as possible. At Volvo, he would be



doing exactly the opposite: keeping drivers in place.

In the 1950s, other seat belts designs were being used. The lap belt had plenty of problems.

Positioned right underneath the ribcage, in a crash the lap belt would concentrate the forces of impact right on a person's vital organs. In crashes people tended to snap forward, their upper bodies flying into windshields as they folded like hinges right around the belt.

Bohlin's 1959 design refined upon earlier ideas, keeping the chest and shoulders in place, the two belts forming a V, equally distributing restraint forces against both the chest and hips. The buckle was moved to the low point on the side of the seat, eliminating the use for a separate belt and removing the cumbersome buckle from the wearer's waist.

Volvo patented the V belt which is still used today. **However Volvo opened the patent to all other vehicle manufacturers who wanted it because of its importance to occupant safety.**

It's estimated that the V belt has saved millions of lives. Great thanks to Nils & Volvo! (MSN Auto & Wikipedia)

For Sale

'31 Model T Ford Pick-up, RED, 3rd owner. In good condition, new wood in bed and on back. New touring cam, new water pump, distributor and modern points. Separate engine comes with it, re-built kit by Snyder \$15,000. Gloucester, VA. CALL Danny Brigrance at 901-569-7907



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