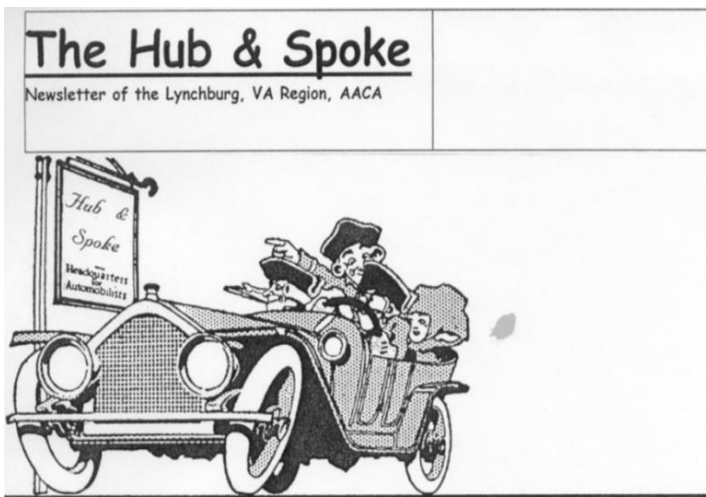


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Spoken from the Hub - October 2018

I have been thinking about what to write in this edition of Spoken from the hub and I came upon an article in a magazine that was titled "My First Car". I know that all of you can remember your very first car and the pleasure that ownership of that first car gave you. I am no exception.

My very first real car was a 1929 Model A Ford Cabriolet, for those of you who do not know what a Cabriolet is, I will explain. The Cabriolet was a

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convertible Coupe not a Roadster, The top would retract but it had windows in the door that would roll up instead of side curtains which had to be snapped in. This car cost me \$150.00 in 1957, and that was a rather high price at that time because most model As were around \$50 to \$75 at the time.

I had a friend at that time who owned a 1929 Model A and we had worked on that car, gotten it running, and had started driving it on the road.



'29 Cabriolet (file copy from internet)

My only problem was that I only had about \$50 at that time and my mother did not want me to have any kind of car because my grades were very poor and she felt that a car would be the end of my high school education. My father didn't see it quite that way but as always he backed up my mother.

It just so happened that my mom was out of town for two days and I told my father about the car and after much begging and pleading I talked him into going out to see the car. At the time I was only 15 and could not drive so he had to take me out to see the car. I knew that in order to purchase the car I would have to have his signature on the title and most importantly I would have to borrow the \$150.00 from him to pay for the car. After some shameless begging I talked him into purchasing the car and we towed it home with a chain attached to his 57 Ford.

The old Ford did not run, it didn't have a top and some of the wood had rotted away, but it was my pride and joy. I started to work on the car and got the engine running and the brakes to work to some degree. I turned 16 In August of that year and by then I just about had

the car going good enough to get it on the road. It was at this time that I realized that buying the car was only part of the problem. The car payment, tags and insurance would be a continuing cost. Fortunately my father included me on his insurance and bought me my tags.

I would mow the yard for my father and he would pay me about \$3.00 to do the work and he paid me a similar wage to do other jobs around the house. Each time I would complete my assigned task he would ask me if I wanted to take the cash or put it on his account to pay for the car, and naturally I would put it on the account. That summer was when I learned how much \$150.00 was really worth, and it took me about 2 years to pay off the loan.

That summer was a real education for me. It didn't help me with my school work but it taught me a life lesson that has lasted me until this day. I learned that you really need to have a good job before you buy something on time and you need to have a plan on how to repay the loan.

I drove the Model A for 3 years stock, and then made it into a Hot Rod and drove it for another 3 years and of course my mother was very disappointed when she came home and found out what my father had done, even though she was correct in her assumption that the car would not improve my poor grades in school, I managed to finish High School and went on to Graduate from Lynchburg College.

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Kelly and Jeff are avid Crosley enthusiasts and enjoy attending the Crosley Nationals in Wauseon, Ohio and the Keystone Regional Crosley Show near Hanover, PA each summer. These shows are always a good time and like a family reunion of Crosley folks. Over the years they have made many good friends from around the country via these Crosley shows. This year at the Crosley Nationals there were 114 Crosleys on the show field and 49 Crosleys in the Crosley Road Rally which were both records for the national show.



[Jeff motoring in a borrowed Crosley Mule (WWII prototype) at the Crosley Nationals]



Gladden's 1952 Crosley Station Wagon



Kelly and their 1952 Super Sport Crosley

The '62 Metropolitan featured on the H&S cover was acquired a few years back from a gentleman in Oklahoma City. 1962 was the last year for the Metropolitan and is one that has a trunk lid and access to the trunk through the back rest of the rear seat. Until '58 the trunk of a Metropolitan could only be accessed through the rear seat back

rest. Like the Crosleys, the Metro makes for easier parking in the garage and allows for making good use of less floor space = more cars!

Jeff's first car is a 49 Plymouth 4 door sedan that he purchased at 13 years old for \$250 that was funded by lawn cutting and a paper route. Yes, this was back in the day when kids had paper routes and did cut grass to earn some money. Of course the Plymouth needed a lot of body work but it ran well. Jeff started to learn how to do body and fender work on this Plymouth and he has been doing body and paint work in some form or fashion ever since. Jeff still has this Plymouth today and can say he has his first car.



1949 Plymouth

Their 1966 Mustang was purchased from a friend's grandfather and restored by Jeff back in 1982. The Mustang was rough and needed a lot of work at that time but did turn out well and make for a nice Convertible Mustang in the end. The Mustang still looks good and drives well after all these years. It has a 289 V8 with an automatic, power steering, spinner hubcaps, AM radio, and a power top as options.



Jeff always had an interest in Studebakers and certainly liked those Bullet Nose models although Studebaker only had the Bullet Nose in 1950 and 1951. The 50 Champion Starlight Coupe was acquired basically as seen with Jeff making a few updates such as the re-chroming of some items such as the famous bullet nose. The Starlight Coupe has the wrap around rear window which many people joked about by saying "You couldn't tell if it was coming or going". This Stude has the standard 6 cylinder and an overdrive transmission.



Kelly and Jeff enjoy antique cars and the old car hobby. The old cars bring antique car folks together. In the end it is about people and friendships since we all meet a lot a great folks and make many good friends through this great antique car and truck hobby.

LYNCHBURG REGION, AACA,
September 24, 2018 MEETING
MINUTES.



President Charles
Thaxton called
meeting to order at
6:25pm.

After the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, Charles welcomed new members that were present. A guest was present: Frances Drescher. Frances is Charles and Linda Thaxton's sister-in-law from West Palm Beach, Florida.

Sunshine report was given by Liz Williams. Terrie Linton is feeling a little better. Joyce Blalock is present and is feeling much better.

Secretary's report/minutes for August 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 gave the Treasurer's report. Motion was made to accept the report; it was seconded and voted on and passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Helen Davis suggested that since the August 11th Ice Cream Social at Boonsboro Shopping Center was not only a fun time (while enjoying good

company and good ice cream), the club needed to host another one.

The Lynchburg Club has a web page !!! Go to www.lynchburgva.aaca.com to look at it. Tony has entered 40 back issues of the Hub & Spoke on our web page. Kathy Wesley has accepted the job as Webmaster for the Lynchburg Club. Thank you, Kathy!!! She created a new application form which will be attached to the web page.

Added to this old business was a discussion of new business. Should we raise the club dues for those who want to continue receiving a mailed printed copy of the Hub & Spoke? After a discussion, a motion was made to keep dues of those who receive a digital copy of the Hub & Spoke at \$15.00 but raise the dues to \$20.00 for those who wish to receive it by printed mailed copy. Motion was seconded and passed. There will be more discussion held on exactly what will be placed on the website, especially under the Hub & Spoke. Charles said we do not want to flood Kathy with a lot of things to add. More To Come On This !! [[Your suggestions and ideas are very welcomed. Send them to Kathy Wesley, Tony Simmons, or Charles Thaxton. Suggestions such as: The only item shown in the H & S would be a photo of a Sponsor's "My Favorite Car". H&S would consist of a cover page, minutes of previous meetings, and a schedule of events and advertisements on the last page. The Monthly Sponsor's "My

Favorite Car" donation could be reduced to \$25.00 from the now \$50.00 and consider not having calendar of activities/events in H&S since they are on our web site.}}

Our planned event for September was a huge success. Ken Gross met us in the lobby of the Taubman Museum of Art in Roanoke and presented a special tour and lecture of the cars on display. He stopped and talked about each one of the cars and motorcycles in the exhibit. The museum gave us a closed circuit pa system so we could hear Ken speak. Charles felt that this was one of the best outings the club has had in recent years. This was due to the efforts and work of member John Kenney, who is a personal friend of Ken Gross.

September 29th at 11:30 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 Duiguid 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Lynchburg Area Veterans Council is sponsoring the 2th Lynchburg Veterans Day Parade at Liberty University on 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. To register your car, please go to [Http://www.lynchburgareaveteranscouncil.org](http://www.lynchburgareaveteranscouncil.org). Charles to send out email with detailed instructions on car registration.

Last month the club voted to donate \$300.00 to the LAVC for the parade and we received a thank you letter for our donation.

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES:

October 6th is The Heritage Festival in Naruna. Car Show is behind William Campbell High School at the Community Center. Starts at 10:00am. 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 on 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 43 stopping in Bedford for lunch at Sonic Drive In. We will need to park the cars and go inside and order.

October 27th is Friends of New London event at 10:00am until 2:00pm consisting of archeology exhibits among

other things. This held in the town of New London.

Regular meeting date Monday, October 29th at Charleys.

Additional New Business:

Saturday, December 22nd is the Club's Christmas Party at Charleys from 2:00pm to 6:00pm. Someone asked if a menu has been set up. Dave indicated that menu would consist of a choice of a beef, chicken, and fish entrée, choice of drink for around \$23.00 (tax and tip). We will talk to Charley's or Dave about menu. Club members need to bring desserts.

50/50 drawing was held and won by C.J. Leighton.

Otto was the energized auctioneer.

Charles wanted a reminder, placed in the minutes, to members that the proceeds from the 50/50 and the auction go to the Club.

No other business for the Club, so meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm.



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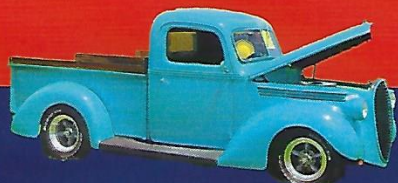
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