



President's Message:

**It seems like it's been years since we last saw each of you instead of just 7 weeks since our great meeting at the Veteran's Museum.** We have had at least one friend with the COVID-19 virus and several who were exposed. Thankfully all are ok at this point. Please continue to stay safe. We continue to miss you and pray for each of you and your families.

Following governmental guidelines, we **CANCELLED** our March dinner meeting at Dreamland BBQ. Then when the Stay-at-home order was issued to continue through April 30 we **CANCELLED** our April meeting as well. After discussion with Show Chairman, Dan Moore, and his assistant, Chuck Nickey, and in consultation with the Officers and Board it was with great regret we **CANCELLED** our Annual show at the Boy Scout Center.

At this time, we have not made a final determination regarding our annual picnic which is set for Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day). Currently, we are on the schedule at the Hazel Green UMC picnic pavilion, but as the time approaches we will re-evaluate and let you know.

Most of the Sponsors that had already sent checks for their car show ads replied to our show cancellation by donating those funds to the club rather than having them refunded so that was an unexpected and gratefully appreciated surprise that will help us stay on track with our budget this year.

Many upcoming car shows across our region are being cancelled or postponed. As we receive word of these changes Robert continues to update the list on our current website ([naraaca.org](http://naraaca.org)). The Alabama Packards group had asked us to join them for a trip to Ave Maria Grotto with lunch at Carlton's Italian eatery in Cullman but that event was postponed for the time being. When it is re-scheduled we will let you know.

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, Governor Ivey announced the "Ribbons of Hope" campaign that encouraged the people of Alabama to tie ribbons around a tree, mailbox or pole in their front yard to remind everyone to pray for medical personnel, first responders, and for one another. We pulled out our supply of ribbons that we use on our cars in parades and put one on a tree in our yard. We hope you did the same.

A number of you have sent us emails about the various car projects you have ongoing. It's been a good time to work car items off your to do list...(wish we could make ourselves do it)! Randy did check the water level in the car batteries that are not maintenance free (mostly our 6V cars). We keep them on a "trickle" charger and we didn't want the water to evaporate and ruin the battery. So if you do the same, let this serve as a reminder to monitor the water level.

Inside this newsletter is a look at Terry Johnson's 1957 Chevy Truck project that he recently finished. There are also pictures of some of the projects Ed Hanish has been knocking off his to do list (other than the hardwood flooring he's been laying). Continue to send us updates on your projects.

We miss each of you and look forward to seeing you at a meeting (or car show) in the future. Until then stay safe and stay well and if you need anything just let us know. --*Nell*

### **WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY:**

We received word that Annette Carignan's 98-year old mother, Mrs. Mitchell, died March 27th. She was a resident at Traditions Sr. Living of Athens and many of you will remember meeting her at our car display at Traditions last June.

Our condolences go to Jerry and Annette as well as their entire family as they adjust to their loss at this time.

### **APRIL MILESTONES:**

#### **Birthdays:**

**Danny Barger April 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Doug Swartz – April 25<sup>th</sup>**

**No anniversaries**

### **DURING THE STAY AT HOME LULL:**

M.D. Smith is staying busy with his writing during this period of isolation. He has a short "fishing" story on the website:

["https://101words.org/fishin-luck"](https://101words.org/fishin-luck) . Enjoy!

### **• FROM THE EDITOR:**

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- **During this pandemic, my computer crashed and I am just now getting it back up and running. I apologize for this late edition, but hope that this issue will ease the feeling that everything is out of whack. I am keeping it short in order to mail copies to those who do not have access to email.**
- **Please let me know of any projects you are working on or other items of interest you would like to share with our "Spoke Folks".**
- **Also let us know about anyone who is ill or otherwise in need of our concern. Keep in touch with one another and we will see each other very soon.**

## ED HANISH AND HIS COVID-19 PROJECT

By Nell Owen

During the first week of April, Ed dropped, cleaned, and reinstalled the oil pan on the Willys-Knight 66A. He said it was huge and heavy and appeared to be the first time it had been taken off in 92 years. There is no picture of the outside, but he said it looked even worse. There is also a picture of him driving the WK 66A around his farm - BIG car. He also cleaned his lathe and built a heavy duty bench for it to sit on.



**The lathe on its new pedestal**



**The restored oil pan**



## CAR SHOW SPONSORS

By Nell Owen

The following car show sponsors had already sent their checks and have said that rather than a refund they will donate the money to the club to help cover our expenses for the year. Please thank them if you have occasion to speak to them. I'm writing thank you letters also.

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## The Studebaker National Museum

John McCarthy Vice President - Endowments

Since 2013, AACA has held a National Show in Auburn, Indiana each May, including the Grand National in 2019. Auburn is an excellent location for a National Show as they are held in conjunction with an RM Sotheby's Auction, an automotive flea market and a numerous nearby attractions. These attractions include the Auburn-CordDuesenberg Museum, Early Ford V-8 Museum (recently expanded), National Automobile and Truck Museum, National Military History Center, Hoosier Air Museum and the Garrett Historical Railroad Museum. What makes Auburn even more of an event is just getting there. Traveling from the East on Route 80/90 there are numerous automotive and transportation related museums not much more than an hour's detour and I have visited one or more each year on the Auburn trip. In Warren, Ohio the Packard Museum, in Kalamazoo, Michigan the Gilmore Museum, in Dayton, Ohio the Air Force Museum and America's Packard Museum, in Cleveland, Ohio the Crawford Museum, in Canton, Ohio the Canton Classic Car Museum, in Worthington, Ohio the Ohio Railroad Museum, and in 2020 I plan to visit the Age of Steam Roundhouse in Sugarcreek, Ohio. In 2019, I traveled about seventy miles west of Auburn and visited the Studebaker National Museum. We had visited the Studebaker Museum in 1990 when it was housed in a Studebaker factory building and in 2005 after it moved to its new building. After fourteen years I thought it was time to visit again. The Museum is housed in a modern two-story building, and a basement which contains Studebaker built military vehicles, a nine-cylinder Studebaker built Curtiss-Wright radial aircraft engine, and Studebaker prototypes. Studebaker began building wagons, sleighs and carriages in South Bend in 1852, electric cars in 1902 and gasoline powered cars in 1904. They were a major player in the automotive industry

always trying to keep pace with the big three and were the largest independent producer of cars with peak production in 1950 of 320,000 vehicles. In 1963 production ended in South Bend and moved to their plant in Canada where Studebaker production ended in 1966. With such a large number of Studebakers produced they have really made it around the world---a visit to a car museum in Ushuaia, Argentina (tip of South America) that had all of four cars but they did have a South Bend built wagon c. 1890 and a military museum in Moscow had a 1940 Studebaker pickup truck converted to a rocket launcher. The Museum is excellent. Not just Studebakers but other significant vehicles such as a 1933 Pierce Silver

Arrow, a 1937 Delage on loan from the Peterson Museum, a 1948 TATRA, a 1937 Stout Scarab, 1934 DeSoto Airflow, and several Packard's including the prototype 1956 Predictor and a 1957 Packard Hawk. Studebaker made other cars—the EMF, Erskine, and Avanti and during the 1930's made many extremely nice vehicles some of which are full Classics. The 1965 and 1966 Studebaker Larks were nice looking cars that you rarely see at an AACA show, and the prototype 1967 and 1968 were even nicer. The last Studebaker built, a 1966 green and white Lark is on display—a sad ending to fine marque. The vehicles are nicely spaced with descriptive placards. Many of the Studebakers are models you rarely see—the cars are in extremely nice condition and well cared for. The Studebaker National Museum is well worth a visit.

## CHEVROLET 3100 RESTORATION PROJECT

By Terry Johnson

The 1957 Chevrolet 3100 truck has been in my family long before I was born in 1968. It was an everyday driver for my father whether it was to work or driving thru the pastures to tend his cattle. The 3 on the tree column shift was a must to learn before any of the children could get their license. This truck has hauled everything from cattle, a Shetland pony, hay bales, corn stalks and dried cow manure to put on the garden. My dad's favorite trick was when I would be driving and would stop on a hill, at a red light, he would reach over and turn the truck off. I would then have to shift the truck into neutral, step on the brake, crank the truck, shift into low gear and drive off before rolling backwards into the vehicle behind us. That truck has survived cow bites, horse kicks and one small wreck which only dented a fender but destroyed a Honda car.

After my father passed, my mother wanted me to take the truck and place it in my garage to keep it from rusting and falling apart. This began my restoration plan. I began to slowly take it apart. I had the bench seat reupholstered by Mr. Russell in Athens. The body and paint work was done by ProAlign in Athens. The motor was rebuilt by the only mechanic to every touch it at 67 auto salvage. And the radio was repaired by a good friend, Gerald Moore. And most important was my wonderful wife, Shannon, who put up with me putting so much time and money into it.

The truck was a icon in the town of Priceville where I grew up. My dad was best known for holding up traffic by driving slow and smoking his pipe. The mayor of Priceville was a very dear friend of my dad and awaits its return to the town in the local car show and possibly as the grand Marshal in the town's parade.



Before



Interior view



The engine



Side view

Thank you, Terry, for sharing your restoration project with us. We need the inspiration to get busy and do some of the things we've been putting off because of other activities that are now suspended during these strange days. The weather is beautiful and conducive to outdoor work. Enjoy driving this fine truck!

### **FREE TO A GOOD HOME:**

Bob Bentley has several past issues of Classic Car magazine that he would gladly give to anyone interested in these fine periodicals. You can call Bob at 256-828-4226

### **VEHICLE BOUGHT:**

Wayne Shaw recently bought a 2008 Ford F-150 Lariat pickup truck. It has a double cab and is red and gray. He's been enjoying driving it as much as he can.

He is also looking for a cluster instrument for his 1994 Ford F-150 if anyone knows where he can buy one.

In the meantime his 1988 Dodge Ram is running great. He's not letting the restrictions keep him cooped up!

### **ON THE MEND:**

We learned that Nancy Cooper recently broke her left arm while exercising with friends. As she is left-handed, this was particularly difficult for her. She is wearing a soft cast and doing as well as can be expected under these circumstances. Get well soon, Nancy!

## CARS FOR SALE

Former member, Charlie Baucum, has his two cars up for sale. He has been declared legally blind and doesn't drive them anymore. Many of you may have seen them at his 80th birthday party back in 2011. I had pics from the party and have attached them.

The first is a 1938 Ford Standard coupe. He's asking \$21,000.

The other is one he bought from the widow of a neighbor. It is a 1984 GMC Caballero (cousin to the El Camino). It is like new condition. Asking \$14,000.

They can be seen anytime at Charlie and Patty's home on Countess Road (north on the Parkway just before Meridianville). His phone number is 256-851-6779.

He and Patty said to tell everyone that they are doing fine and staying safe at home.

