



President's Message:

The scenes I see on TV of large groups gathering and not social distancing continue to amaze me in the light of this pandemic, but I will NOT get on my soapbox. I missed the annual picnic as much as anyone, but I think we made the right call to cancel it. Memorial Day (originally celebrated on May 30) was moved to the last Monday in May in 1971 and is a day to honor those who lost their lives in service to our country. We appreciate all our veterans, but certainly want to remember those who gave their lives.

We received another check that a sponsor sent for a car show ad and the sponsor replied to our show cancellation by donating those funds to the club rather than having them refunded so that was another gratefully appreciated donation that will help us stay closer to our budget this year. I think our total for donations from sponsors came to \$900 (with another \$400 to be used for next year's ads) out of \$4,000 we had budgeted. Thankfully, we have a good savings balance that can help us weather this storm.

We continue to monitor this virus and hope we can hold an event in June...possibly a picnic at the Pavilion rather than a dinner out at a restaurant. We will keep you posted of any updates and if you have thoughts on WHAT you'd like to see happen or WHEN you'd like to see it happen you can let me know.

Many of the national events have been canceled so please keep your calendars updated.

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

“In the Merry Merry month of May....” Well, at least it is May! I guess it’s about as merry as we decide it to be. At our house we are trying to keep up with the grass mowing. We can hear it at night, sopping up the rain from that day and growing continually. But it is satisfying to be able to mow and trim around the house and do some of the chores that do keep us busy these warm spring days.

I hope this issue of the Spoke Folks finds you and your family well despite all the inconvenience of sheltering in place. Perhaps soon we will be able to meet together using social distancing and healthy practices to do so.

This issue of the newsletter is shorter than the ones you’ve been accustomed to in order for me to make copies on my printer to send to those who do not have access to email. When things open up sufficiently, I will be getting the newsletter printed commercially and mailed in the larger envelopes just like the “good old days!”

NAR MILESTONES:

Al Birks May 9 – his 90th birthday

Jacqui Moore - May 13

Carolyn Miller - May 13

Nell Owen - May 17

Claire Catanese - May 18

Lynn Nickey – May 18

Sherry Lowrey - May 25

Bonnie Chavez - May 28

Anniversaries:

Michael and Ellen Coleman – May 25 – 46 years

Randy and Nell Owen - May 28- 43 years

Al and Joan Birks are doing well and staying at home like the rest of us.

They also asked if anyone knows of someone who could turn the brake drums on their 1962 Corvair. All the businesses they have contacted in their area have quit doing this and sold their lathes. You can let me know and I can call them or you can email alsgarage1@gmail.com or call 662-287-2702.

We have another sponsor to add to the newsletter:

Anglin, Reichmann,
Armstrong www.anglincpa.com
Anglin Reichmann Armstrong, P.C.
305 Quality Circle
Huntsville, AL 35806



MEMBER NEWS:

Please keep Nancy Cooper in your thoughts and prayers as she continues her recovery from her fall and broken arm.

Congratulations!

Mike and Vickie Mahan's first grandchild is

Olivia Nicole Mahan. Weighing in at 4 lbs. 8 oz.

Here she is with her proud grandparents:



Members Steve and Deb Crawford have their pickup for sale. If interested, call Steve at 256-571-5239.

The truck is a completely restored 1946 Ford Pickup with a totally rebuilt V-8 flathead stroker engine, Holly 4 barrel carb, Reds headers, electric exhaust cut outs, electronic ignition, racing pistons and high performance cam. The transmission is rebuilt stock with a heavy duty clutch and pressure plate with stock banjo style rear end.

The front axle is rebuilt with new pins, bushings, bearings, disc brakes and shocks. Rear axle is all stock with drum brakes (new wheel cylinders and shoes) and stock shocks.

Body and bed were removed, repaired, and repainted with all new fasteners and welting. Interior is tan leather and carpet.

This truck was built to drive while keeping the original look.

Asking \$29,500



Larry Turner has his 1955 Mercury for Sale

- 1955 Mercury Montclair 2-door Hardtop (first year for Montclair)
- Original type Y-block engine with '57 intake manifold and more modern Motorcraft 4-bbl carb
- Original color: Carmen red and Alaska white (repainted in late 70's/early 80's); could pass for original paint
- Nice vinyl/cloth upholstery (more like '56 than '55)
- Cracked right side door glass, but new glass included
- Converted to 12 volts; all gauges work
- Kenwood underdash stereo with CD player; original non-working AM radio in dash
- Solid car...no visible rust after all these years after repaint
- Manual steering and brakes
- Mercomatic automatic transmission
- Electronic ignition
- Original wheel covers with wide white bias ply tires (7.10 x 15 as originally equipped)
- Have owned the car for 10 years; a previous owner had it for 18 years
- \$18,000; call 256 431-8722 in East Limestone



Editor's Note:

In last month's Spoke Folks, I included an article about the Studebaker Museum written by John McCarthy. I failed to credit AACA's Rummage Box for their permission to print the article. My apology to AACA Publications and Mr. McCarthy for that omission.



John McCarthy

The Chevrolet Bowtie

By Bob Parrish

VP - National Awards



Most of us remember “See the USA in your Chevrolet”, the advertising tune sung by the beloved Dinah Shore to promote the Chevy brand in the 1950s. Did you realize the logo made some minor changes around that same time?

The Chevy bowtie logo, as it is commonly referred to among hobbyists, is one of the longest, continuous American business logos still in existence, with perhaps Coca Cola being older. The logo first appeared around 1911 and continued the name framed in a bowtie looking configuration with two horizontal bars in the center. On pre-war Chevrolets the logo could be found everywhere, on the engine block, water pump, cylinder heads, exhaust manifolds, as well on the body, taillight lens, hub caps, not to mention floor mats, dash and accessories. “The Good Old Days”.

No one really noticed that the previously mentioned horizontal bars dropped off the logo around 1958/1959, only to appear again in 2018, commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Chevrolet truck and only then for a couple of months on the limited edition Silverado.

No big deal, but when purchasing undated Chevrolet materials you will find this change will date the material and help you determine the age.



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EVENTS CALENDAR

- June 5- **CANCELLED due to COVID-19**

Jun 6 50th Annual Rod Run

Muscle Shoals Area Street Rods

All models thru 1990

Street Rods pre-73, 8 am-4pm,

\$20 pre-reg; \$25 day of show

Rain or shine

Spring Park, Tuscumbia, AL

256-366-7002

June 6 Cruise-in on the Square
6pm; held monthly
Athens, AL

Jun 6 **CANCELLED due to COVID-19**

Show 16th Annual Charity Car

Benefiting various charities;
Reg 9am-11:30am; awards

12:30pm

Entry \$25; rain or shine
Cabela's, 7090 Cabela Dr.

Huntsville, AL 35806

\$500 grand prize

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June 7-12 **CANCELLED due to COVID-19**

Sentimental Tour (1928-1958)

Mtn States Classics **AACA**

Region

Potomoc Highlands, WV

Jun 12 3rd Annual Gas and Oil
Memorabilia

Show

Candlelight Antiques

26051 Upper Elkton Rd

Elkmont, AL

Robbie 256-206-5718

FB

Jun 12-14 **CANCELLED due to COVID-19**

Spring SE AACA National
Hornets Nest Region **AACA**
Charlotte Motor Speedway
Charlotte, NC

Aug 28-30 **Postponed from June 12-14**

15th Annual Goodguys

Nashville Nationals

Spectators \$25/parking \$10
8am-5pm

1987 and earlier

Nissan Stadium, Nashville,

TN

925-838-9876

<http://www.good-guys.com/>

Jun 13 Swearengin Fire Dept. Car
Show

DAR High School

8am-1pm

6077 Main St.

Grant, AL 35747

Jun 14 Joint Local **AACA** Car Show
Stones River and Middle TN
Register 9am-1pm
Awards at 3pm
Drive-thru judging
Central Magnet School
701 E. Main St.,
Murfreesboro, TN

Jun 20 **CANCELLED due to COVID-19**
2nd Annual Marshall County
Sheriff's Reserve Car Show
Entry \$20; 8am to noon
Marshall County Park #1
on US-431 Guntersville, AL
256-293-7555

Jun 20 **CANCELLED due to COVID-19**
22nd Annual Show & Go
TN Valley **MOPAR** Club
Registration 8-noon;
Awards 2pm
Entry \$20; spectators \$5
Huntsville Dragway;
Huntsville, AL
www.tvmoparclub.com

Aug 22 **POSTPONED from June 20-28**
-30 Great Race 2020
from San Antonio, TX to
Greenville, SC
www.greatrace.com

June 25 **TBD**
NAR **AACA** Monthly Meeting
Ladies' and Gents Night Out
6:30pm
Location: TBD

Jun 27 13th Annual Car Show/Swap
Meet
benefits **Huntsville Cave
Rescue Unit**
Regist: \$20 (incl park fee)
8am-noon; Awards at 1pm;
Monte Sano State Park
Picnic Area
Huntsville, AL
Info: Brian Bailey 256-509-4785

Jun 27 **CANCELLED due to COVID-19**
34th Annual Helen Keller
Festival
Car & Truck Show
Regist 8am-noon; Awards at
2pm
Entry \$20; Shoals Car & Truck
Club
\$1700 in cash + other prizes
Downtown Tusculumbia, AL
(256) 381-3536
www.shoalscarandtruckclub.com



Although we are still in a time of limited contact, things are beginning to open up gradually. As we negotiate our way into more and more activities, we will do so with the care that we all want to take in order to keep us safe and well. Let's be grateful for what we have rather than dwell on things we are missing.

Our club has always been community- minded as well as concerned about our members and families. Reach out to one another through phone calls, emails and texts, maybe even a note or two in the mail. Let us know if anyone is in need in any way so we can do what we can to help.

In the mean time we can reflect on past good time and look forward to many more events

Marcia

