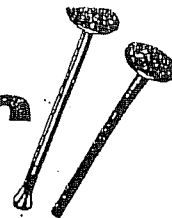


The Valve Tapper



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NEXT MEETING

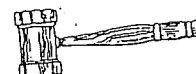
APRIL 10, 2008

7:30 P.M.

Glyndon United Methodist Church

4713 Butler Rd.

Glyndon, MD



From The Director

Please Note! Our April meeting has been pushed back by one week, to **Thursday, April 10**, so mark your calendars accordingly!

If you weren't able to join us for the tour to David Kammack's private Tucker Museum in Alexandria, Virginia on Sunday, March 2, you missed a real treat. The collection, which includes the test mule chassis with its huge "pancake" six-cylinder engine, at least six different prototype water-cooled and air-cooled engines, a huge room filled with engineering drawings, plans, specifications and correspondence, and numerous original parts and other memorabilia, is truly impressive. But the highlight of the collection has to be Mr. Kammack's three restored Tuckers, including the first car (#1 out of 51 units) manufactured for sale and the single surviving automatic transmission-equipped car. Talk about "up-close-and-personal": there were no ropes, stanchions or barricades, so, short of sitting on the seats, we were as close to these ultra rare cars as you could ever hope to be. Like most collectors, Mr. Kammack is quite passionate about his cars and was very gracious in answering our many questions. He has invited us back, so a second visit should be planned for some time in the foreseeable future. Kudos to tour meister Franklin Gage for organizing this trip, which included a very nice Italian dinner to complete a great day.

Our unofficial webmaster, Ed Cluster, has been hard at work developing our club website. Despite a very demanding job and other outside obligations, including teaching an electrician's course, Ed has been able to register a new domain name and put together an almost final version of the website, which will be published to the web very soon. If Ed's schedule permits, I hope he will be able to demonstrate the pre-publication version at our business meeting on April 10. Many thanks to Ed because I don't know where we'd be without his talents and commitment to this important project.

As an update, our '55 Bel Air sport coupe, "Lemon-Aid," continues to be dismantled in what has morphed into an almost full body-up restoration. At this point, there are no plans to remove the body from the frame, but as the New York Yankee's legendary catcher Yogi Berra once said, "it ain't over 'til it's over." All of the glass is out, most of the dash has been stripped of its instruments and controls, and the interior is sitting in storage. The engine will be removed within the next month or so in order to refinish the cowl and firewall. Bob Neuhard, our restorer in upstate Pennsylvania, and I continue to find more surprises as the car comes apart. Here's a good one: some previous owner stuffed the cloth sleeve from a T-shirt in a hole in the hood hinge mounting box on the underside of the hood to keep a nut from free-wheeling! I have the photo of this unique "repair," which I'll show at a future meeting. I don't know when the new and improved "Lemon-Aid" will return to Maryland. If we're lucky, it may be in time for the Meadowood Show. Until then, our '50 Styleline Deluxe four-door sedan will be doing club duty. Best wishes, Jack

From The Editor....

The trouble with living in the fast lane is that you run out of gas sooner.

Frank Walsh

Spring has officially arrived on the calendar but not on the thermometer. Easter was a bit chilly.

The name of the month of April was derived from the Latin APERIRE which means to open as the buds do in this month. April was the second month in the Roman calendar and had not Julius Caesar added its 30th day it would have been a short month as is February.

It is time to get the vintage Chevy out, clean it up and check it over. Shows, cruises and tours are starting to appear on activities calendars. We share some Spring Car Care Tips in this newsletter for you from National Automotive Parts Association (NAPA).

We have been invited to participate in a Community Fair on May 17th at Deer Park Methodist Church. Kim Jordan who is working on this activity is a past officer for the Free State Region and has fond memories of events like this that our club would be active in. Each car driver and passenger will get a FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND FRIED CHICKEN LUNCH. If you can bring your car out for this fun-filled day give Kim a call at 410/876-9830. He will be waiting for your call. Further details of event are elsewhere in this newsletter.

We have started setting up committees of workers for our 34th annual show at Catonsville Community College. If there is a particular job you would like to do please call me at 410/922-5971. All help is appreciated and needed. A flyer for the show is enclosed in this newsletter. Remember to start contacting businesses for door prizes --it would be good to have a door-prize for every registrant. Our first registrant (he got the form from his last G&D) is a member of Bay Country.

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON APRIL 10TH NOT ON APRIL 3RD (which would be our normal meeting date). MARK YOUR CALENDAR ACCORDINGLY.

SMILE!

Phone-y Deductions

The tax auditor was getting very frustrated auditing Mr. Johnson's form. For every item he thought he'd caught Johnson on, the wily businessman had a valid explanation. At last, however, the IRS man felt he had his quarry trapped.

"Now, just how do you justify taking the phone company as a dependent on your returns?" he asked smugly.

Johnson just smiled. "Simple," he replied. "I've got four teen-aged daughters!"

BACK SEAT DRIVER

A man telephoned the police station to say that his steering wheel, brake pedal, and accelerator had been stolen.

Before the police could investigate, the telephone rang again. It was the same man,

"Don't bother coming," he said as soberly as he could manage. "I got into the back seat by mistake."

Meeting -- March 6, 2008

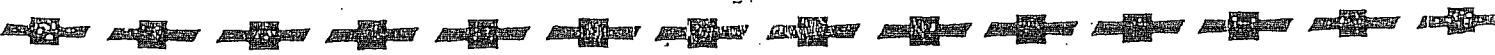
Our Director, Jack Anderson, called the meeting to order and Bill Scott gave the Treasurer's Report. It was approved as read.

Mae Scott reported from the Committee that they don't have anyone so far for the \$1500 scholarship but hope to be able to present it to someone at the Catonsville Show and perhaps have a photo for the newspaper. Bill Scott reported on Membership. We are anxious to increase it. Any suggestions? Ed Cluster is very busy but has been working on our website and sent us some info. Franklin Gage has been to the Tucker Museum many times and was happy to conduct the Tour for the Free State Region. Jack gave a detailed talk about the Tour including the "quaint" Italian Restaurant where everyone ate. Franklin had photos for Dottie for the Valve Tapper and at the end of the meeting we saw some beautiful Tucker slides. A letter of thanks will be sent to Tucker and a big thank you goes to Franklin for chairing this event. Everyone enjoyed it so much, we may even do it again.

Now, on to New Business. Dottie Miller said she has completed all paper work for the Catonsville Show plus insurance, G&D, and had a list of workers with their duties. We all know more or less what we have been doing for years but Jack will be our Chief Judge again, Franklin will take photos and Bill said he will probably take a few. Carole Dunstan and Cass Casciero will be contacted for the Food Stand and Mae said we shall have coffee and donuts for the workers. Dottie orders tables from the College and Bill, Jack and Bob Wilhelm will bring tents. Bob had 50/50 tickets at the meeting he was distributing. Tommy Thompson will furnish the amplifier and Bill will pick it up. Franklin had some sample trophies. Everything is going well for Catonsville.

Bob Wilhelm is in touch with Meadowood re our show in July. This has become a popular show that always goes well but we need a lot of help. Our Summer Progressive Run will be Sunday, July 13 - between the Catonsville and Meadowood shows. It will probably start around 10 a.m. at the Scott's for Brunch and then on to the Chandler's for dinner. A map will be furnished. Dottie has reserved Piney Run for our annual picnic on September 21. Jack discussed a Fall Tour. Franklin will try to get things together, perhaps even with another Region and perhaps overnight. Jack had info re National Touring Guidelines and V.C.C.A. Touring Passport. He had samples but will talk about it more in the future. Mae had some ideas re our Christmas party to be held possibly at the Manor Tavern or Josef's. I have been to both places and they are both very good. Mae said she is willing to chair and will get more information. Franklin had many flyers re shows coming up, White Post, 6 cyl Tour, etc., etc. He is also on a GM Committee and would like you to contact him if you have a GM vehicle that is a little unusual in some way. Dave Boyer and Jack gave a Presentation of their "Exciting Adventures in Scottsdale, Arizona at the Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction". Both took many photos and Dave did the narrating at the meeting. I had no idea what it would be like but I did after the Presentation. It was very interesting and it brought forth a few chuckles.

Mary Fuhrman



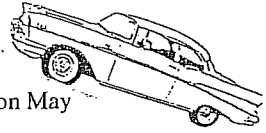
COMING EVENTS

- April 1 All Fools Day
6 Chesapeake Region Show at Street Car Museum, noon-4 p.m.
10 FREE STATE REGION'S REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING, 7:30 P.M.
GUMC
20 Passover
23-27 Spring Carlisle, Carlisle, PA
- May 1 FREE STATE REGION'S REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING, 7:30 P.M.
GUMC
3-4 Towson Town Festival Car Show, Towson, MD., Chesapeake
and AMCGB
9-10 Apple Blossom Meet, Shenandoah Region, AACA - Winchester,
VA
11 Mother's Day
11 Downs Park, A Day By the Bay XXV - Bay Country Region,
VCCA - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., information: 410/798-4505
15-17 AACA Eastern Spring Meet, Cumberland, MD
17 Community Fair Day at Deer Park United Methodist Church.
Call Kim Jordan at 410/876-9830 to reserve your spot
and receive free Pancake Breakfast and Fried Chicken
Lunch. See more information and hours for show elsewhere
in this newsletter.
17 Armed Forces Day
26 Memorial Day Observed
30 Memorial Day Traditional
- June 1 Chesapeake Region, AACA Show at Ballestone Mansion,
Rocky Point Park - noon - 4 p.m.
5 FREE STATE REGION'S REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING, 7:30 P.M.
GUMC
8 FREE STATE REGION'S 34TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW - ALL GM
MAKES - information: 410/922-5971 - see enclosed
flyer in this newsletter
14 Flag Day
15 Father's Day
15 35th Sully Plantation Car Show at Chantilly, VA
21 Summer BEGINS
22 19th Annual Car Show at Winfield Fire Company, 9 a.m. -
3 p.m., information: 410/552-4791
28 13th Carnival at AACA Museum, Hershey, PA

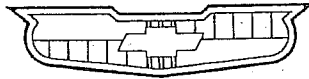
Dear Dottie,

It was wonderful talking to you. You brought back many fond memories – meetings at the National Brewery, the car shows, and the people.

As we discussed, my church, Deer Park United Methodist, located at 2205 Sykesville Rd (Rt. 32), Smallwood (Finksburg) Md., is having a Community Fair on May 17th, 2008. We are planning on serving a pancake breakfast from 7 AM-10 AM, and a fried chicken lunch from 11 AM – 1 PM. Also included will be live music, a moon bounce for kids, a yard sale, silent auction, snow cones, and hopefully the Orioles or Ravens mascot. We also would like to feature an antique car show, perhaps 15 or more cars to be displayed in front of the Church. I know we used to do this kind of show when I was a member, so I'm hoping your group can participate. There would be no judging or entry fees, but we would offer free breakfast and lunch for the driver and passenger of each Chevy that would show up. We would like the cars to be on display from 10 AM until 2 PM.



I really hope the Freestate Region VCCA can help us out, and I look forward to hearing from you and seeing old friends.



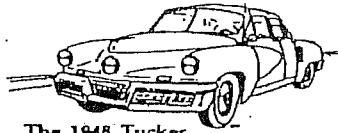
Sincerely,

Kim Jordan
410:876-9830

Editor's Note - - - Let's try to have some cars for this activity. Give Kim a call to let him know you will be there. It should be a relaxing day with two good free meals.

Tucker Collection

DAVID CAMMACK



The 1948 Tucker

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(703) 836-4520
Warehouse

Submitted by:
Cass Casciero

What a great day for a trip to Alexandria, Virginia to visit the TUCKER CAR MUSEUM. The weather was good and the ride very pleasant. We were greeted by the gentleman who owns the museum and Tucker cars exhibits.

We had a great tour of the building and the Tucker cars inside. I saw the most beautiful cars -- the colors were beautiful and the cars were very sleek. We had a great film about the Tucker and all the questions that we asked were answered to the fullest. The tour was terrific and the film was very interesting.

After the tour about twelve of us went around the corner to an Italian Restaurant that had very good food. After sitting for awhile and still discussing this great trip and tour we all decided to start home.

Those Free Staters on the tour were Dave Boyer, Franklin Gage, Cass and Jerry Casciero, Kathy and Jack Anderson, Ginetta and Gary Schlee, Ernie and Lucille Screen, Bob Wilhelm, and Joe Luber.

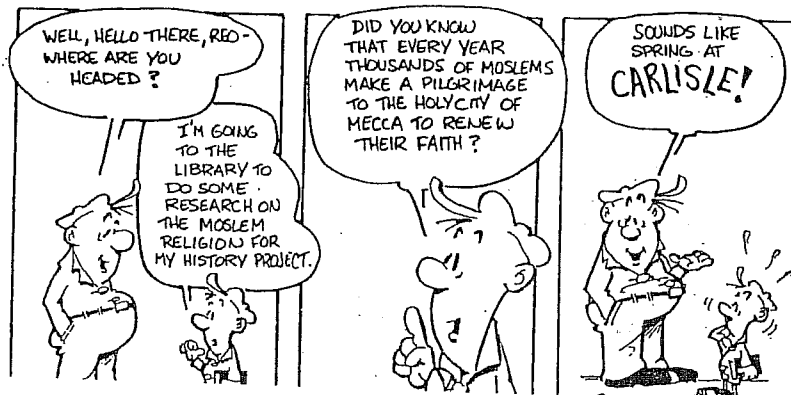
Thanks to Franklin for putting together a "fantastic tour", on Sunday, March 2, 2008.

** There is also a movie called TUCKER and the leading man was Lloyd Bridges.

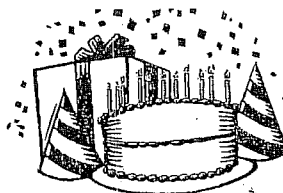
FEATURED CARTOON ...

"Otto Mechanic"

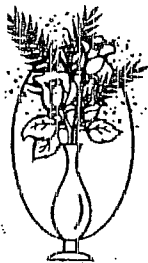
By Jay Piersanti



- April 5 - Eva Thompson
- 7 - Guy Manwiller
- 9 - Lucille Screen
- 9 - Tommy Thompson
- 30 - Dan Blake



Look who's having a
Birthday!

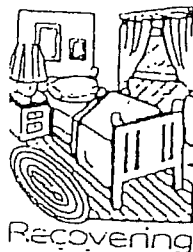


APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- Vince & Betty Pullara
April 3, 1959
- Jack & Kathy Anderson
April 8, 1994
- Pete & Patty Medairy
April 14, 1984
- TOMMY & EVA THOMPSON
April 20, 1946 (62 YEARS)



FREE STATE members send sympathy to charter member, Ed Zepp and his family at the passing of his mother, Margaret on February 27th. Inurnment was in St. Louis Catholic Church Cemetery, Clarks-ville, MD



Charlie Lewis is on the mend from his hospital stay in March. He is looking forward to warm weather and coming to antique car shows to see all his friends.

Shirley Farley, Area #10's FIRST LADY is home recuperating fro surgery on March 17th She has made a remarkable recovery and will be back on track very soon.

SPRING CAR CARE

Now that Spring is here it is time to do some "Spring Cleaning" of your car. The following checklist is a good way to keep your car running smoothly and safely.

1. Check your wiper blades -- if they need to be replaced do so to be sure you are ready for the April showers.
2. Check belts and hoses to ensure they will be ready for the hot weather ahead.
3. Check the radiator and cowl area to make sure air intakes are clean.
4. Check the car's cooling system. If the antifreeze looks dull have it replaced with fresh. You don't want your engine to over-heat.
5. If your car has air conditioning have this checked. If there are any problems it is easier to get an appointment with a mechanic to fix it in the early spring.
6. Check your exhaust system in the event something may have rusted over the winter.
7. Check tires for proper pressure and for any signs of wear.
8. Change the oil and lubricate where needed.