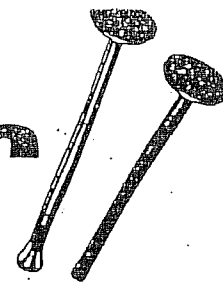


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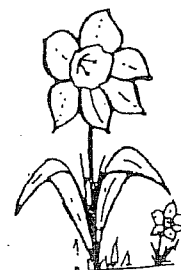
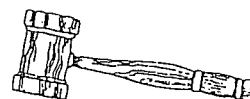
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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Many thanks to all of you who called and/or sent get well cards encouraging a speedy recovery from my recent surgery. Thanks also to the club for sending a fruit and goody basket, which was greatly appreciated. I'd expected to be back to work two days after the surgery and intended to make the April 10 club meeting, but that was both unrealistic and naïve. Fortunately, Franklin did his usual great job and led a very productive meeting. I'm at about 95 percent as I write this message and expect to be back to normal (whatever that means!) very soon.

Things continue to shape up quite nicely for a busy spring and summer. Plans for the Catonsville and Meadowood shows are in full swing, and our progressive lunch and dinner run in July has been confirmed, with Mae and Bill Scott and Stew Chandler being the hosts. Our scholarship committee, very ably and expertly chaired by Mae Scott, has decided on a winner, who we're hoping will attend the Catonsville show for a presentation ceremony. Lastly, our new club website is a reality, thanks to Ed Cluster's fine work to make this happen. So we've got much going on and much to be proud of as we swing into the heart of the 2008 show and cruise season.

Work continues on "Lemon Aid," our '55 Bel Air sport coupe. I've been scanning eBay almost nightly for various item that I can bid on (I've won a couple) and ordering a slew of reproduction parts that will be needed as the car is reassembled. But that is a long way off. At this point, we project that the car will not be finished until the end of the summer, best case. The engine and transmission still need to come out before the cowl and firewall can be prepped for paint. If I'm crazy enough to take the body off the frame, that will probably add another month to the project because stripping undercoating is a very time consuming process. Needless to say, this has become quite an adventure. But it looks pretty forlorn right about now. When I recently showed my wife Kathy some digital photos of the car, she was literally speechless. However, her face said it all: "What have you done to Lemon Aid?!" Best wishes, Jack

From The Editor....

You can fool some of the people
all of the time. And you can fool
all of the people some of the time,
BUT YOU CAN'T FOOL MOM.

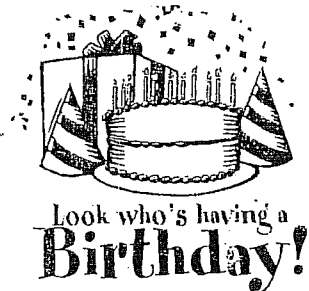
It's showtime once again. The weather is getting good and car shows are getting going. Be sure to check the CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS and mark off those dates on your personal calendar.

On May 17th Deer Park United Methodist Church is holding their Community Fair Day. It sounds like a fun-filled day with a free pancake breakfast and a free fried chicken lunch for driver and passenger in your "old" car. CALL KIM JORDAN AT 410/876-9830 if you can attend. You can drive any make older car. The church is located at 2205 Sykesville Road (Route 32), Smallwood (Finksburg) Md. Breakfast is from 7 a.m. - 10 a.m. and lunch is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Let's hope we can help support this worthwhile event.

With our 34th annual Catonsville Show coming up on June 8th we hope to have a good turn-out of ALL GM MAKES cars. If you need a set of letters to solicit a set of trophies sale (s) give Dottie a call at 410/922-5971 and she will send you the letters. Each set of trophies cost \$50 with sponsor's name on trophy.

This year our show at Catonsville will be extra special since we will be awarding our first scholarship to a deserving young man going into an auto-related program. Mae Scott and her committee of Dan Blake and Franklin Gage have done a great job getting this underway.

Mother's Day is May 11th -- don't forget to remember Mom on her special day. I hope you will enjoy the article "Mothers - How to Keep Them Running Smoothly".



May 18 - Ginny Boyer
18 - Lester Manwiller
18 - Pete Medairy
19 - Barbara Zimmerman
21 - Andrew Morgan

May 24 = Robert Wilhelm
27 - Patty Medairy
29 - Franklin Gage
31 - Dottie Miller



MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

May 5, 1971 - Barry & Susan Lanman

May 28, 1972 - Gary and Ginetta Schlee

GET WELL WISHES!

Our thoughts and prayers are with DAN BLAKE as he continues chemotherapy for leukemia. He was a patient at University Hospital for some time and now returns on a schedule to have blood work and evaluation done. Let's keep the get-well cards filling his mailbox.

We wish a speedy recovery to BOB RUCKMAN, a former member and who writes the "Commentaries" on antique car issues we include in this newsletter from time to time. Bob had two small bladder cancers removed back in March and experienced a few rough weeks recovery from the anesthesia and medications.



Thank You!

I would like to thank the members of the Free State Region for the basket of delicious fruit that was sent to me when I returned home from the hospital.

/s/ Charlie Lewis

I want to thank everyone in the Free State Region, VCCA for all your thoughts and concerns during my recent surgery and recovery and also the many cards I have received from you all. I am so appreciative of your kindness and thoughtfulness in my time of need.

/s/ Fondly, Shirley Farley

2008 ROSTER CHANGE -- Please make the following change in your recently received roster - DAN BLAKE - telephone number is 410/531-9467.



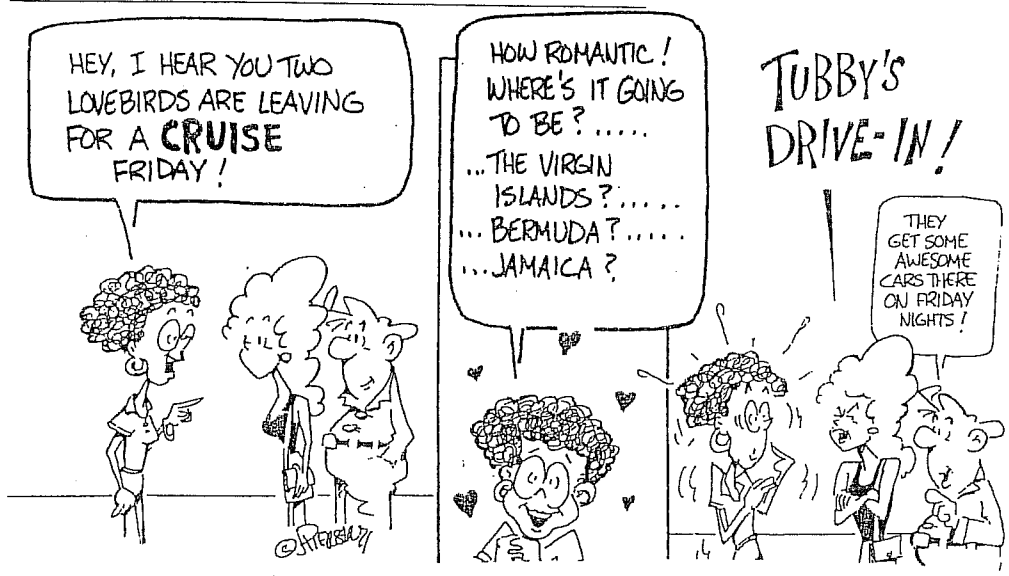
Send in your Catonsville Show registration. Sell a set or sets of trophies at \$50 each set. Collect door prizes for Catonsville Show. Collect items for Catonsville Show goodie bags.

I want to thank Cass Casciero for the goodie bag items she brought to our April meeting. We welcome any contributions of items we can use in the goodie bags for each car registrant.

Dottie

"Otto Mechanic"

By Jay Piersanti



Meeting - April 10, 2008

Sorry to say, our Director, Jack Anderson, had an operation earlier in the week and was unable to attend the meeting. Best Wishes, Jack. Our Asst. Director, Franklin Gage, took over and did a good job with Jack's Agenda. Franklin welcomed Jean Wilhelm and Charlie Lewis who have both been "under the weather". We were also glad to see Jack Carew who cannot make it to all of the meetings.

Bill Scott read the Treasurer's report and it was approved as read. Bill Scott and Dave Boyer are on the Membership committee. Bill reported we have no new members but Dave stopped by (he also had some hand surgery earlier this week) and dropped off cards for us to give to any vintage car enthusiasts inviting them to attend one of our meetings.

Mae Scott was happy to tell us Lincoln Tech has a student to recommend for our Free State Region scholarship. His name is Nicholas Grossnickle, Sr. from Taneytown, MD. John Leslie, the contact person at L. T., said his grades are excellent, he is highly motivated and wants to be the best. We were happy to hear the news and if timing is appropriate, we would like to present the scholarship to him at the Catonsville Show.

Maethen reported on our Progressive Run on Sunday, July 13. We shall meet at the Scott's at noon for a light luncheon with time to view the Scott family cars. Around 3 p.m. we expect to take a scenic country tour arriving at Anne and Stew Chandler's by 4:15 where they will have a "special cookout". What can that be??? There will be a flyer in the June Valve Tapper. Good news: The club will pick up the cost!

And, then Mae reported on the Christmas Gathering on December 14. Several restaurants were reviewed and the best choice was Manor Tavern in Monkton. A sit-down Presentation and a buffet Presentation were offered and the members present at the meeting preferred the Sit down. We shall still have food for the needy at the Gathering.

We were really glad to see Ed Cluster and view five pages of the Free State Website he brought with him. He has really done a lot of work and it looks great.

The main thing on the Agenda now is the Catonsville Show coming up Sunday, June 8. Dottie said she has received 2 registrations and has everything under control, as usual. Bob Wilhelm will bring the sodas and Jack would like to know if you would like to judge. Please volunteer before the show, if possible.

And I would like to know if you would like to run for any position in the club: Officer or Executive Board. If so, please contact Dave Boyer, Cass Casciero or me. We need you!

Charlie thanked us for the basket of Goodies.

See you May 1.

Mary Fuhrman

Mothers

How To Keep Them Running Smoothly

Mothers should come with a maintenance agreement that provides an overhaul every three to five years, and after three kids or 3,000,000 miles, whichever comes first. Several points that ought to be included:

Fuel: While most mothers can run indefinitely on hot coffee, pizza and hamburgers, an occasional gourmet meal for two will add immeasurably to increased efficiency.

Motor: A mother's motor is probably one of the most dependable anywhere. One that can reach top speed from a prone position at the sound of a single cry from a sleeping child. To keep this motor operating at peak efficiency, regular service breaks at recommended intervals are advised. A leisurely bath and a nap every 1,000 miles, a baby sitter every 10,000 miles and a two week live in sitter every 100,000 miles will do wonders.

Carburetor: When a mother's carburetor floods, it should be attended to immediately with a soft tissue and a shoulder to lean on.

Brakes: A mother's brakes should be applied often. Mothers should regularly be slowed to a complete stop - to look at and smell a flower, chat with a friend or pat a cat or a dog.

Chassis: A mother operates best when her chassis is properly maintained. Time away for regular exercise should be encouraged.

Tune Ups: Mothers need regular tune ups. Compliments are the least expensive *and* the most appreciated. Flowers, candy or other gifts, such as a hug or a kiss, can work wonders.

All mothers come with a good sense of humor. It is kept in the glove compartment of their hearts at all times.

By following these simple instructions, the average mother should last a lifetime, and be able to provide love and nurturing to those who need her most.

COMING EVENTS

- May 1 FREE STATE REGION'S MONTHLY MEETING, 7:30 P.M., GUMC
 3-4 Towson Town Festival Car Show, Towson, MD., Chesapeake
 and AMCGB
 9-10 Apple Blossom Meet, Shanandoah 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.
 17 Armed Forces Day
 24 Hampstead Day - Chesapeake Region, AACA
 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
 newsletter for additional information
 9 Shavuot
 14 Flag Day
 15 Father's Day
 15 Sully Plantation 35th Car Show at Chantilly, VA
 21 Summer Begins
 21 33rd Annual Antique Car Show, Solomons, MD., National
 Capitol Region
 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
- July 4 Towson Area July 4th Parade, 9 a.m. lineup
 12 Fire Museum of Maryland Car Show - 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 13 FREE STATE REGION'S PROGRESSIVE RUN - more details in
 next newsletter - hosted by the Scotts and the Chandlers.
 20 FREE STATE REGION'S ALL MAKES SHOW, MEADOWOOD RECREATION
 PARK, INFORMATION: 410/527-0953 - flyer in next newsletter