

FORT SMITH ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB

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BRING OUT THE ALKA-SELTZER!!

YES! It's time for the annual FSAAC Chili and Soup Cook-off! We're talking about Thursday, the 16th, so get ready. Bring your chili or soup, or whatever you think goes along with same. According to some, this is consistently the best meal of the year - and no wonder. We do have some fantastic cooks in the club. Bring it on!!! **TIME - 6:30 PM**

WEATHER ALLOWS BOONEVILLE TRIP

The rain held back and we had a pretty good turn-out considering the cold - Albertson, Boyds, DeArmonds, Hallsteds, Johnsons, Jones, Reddings (with 4 of their "Okies"), Schroeders, Jim Gattis, Bill McKee, and Earl Zechiedrich. Six antiques, four modern cars. Everyone enjoyed bar-b-que at Booneville's Reids Café, and on the way home several stopped by Remember When Antiques across from Cisterna Plaza, where we began the tour. Thanks a heap to Jerry and June for heading up this tour!

The first automobile accident in the U.S. was in New York City on May 30, 1896. A Massachusetts man collided with a bike rider, who was injured. Driver was forced to spend the night in jail awaiting outcome of the hospital report. No horses were involved.

TWO PRESIDENTS INAUGURATED IN LESS THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS

There were twenty-nine of us present on January 19 for the oaths of office taken by our 2017 President, Jerry Boyd, and Vice President Carl Albertson. The ordination was followed by a meeting which brought forth a few executive orders and several discussions among members. The ceremony was concluded by a generous serving of snacks and cookies, washed down by copious amounts of Canada Dry, Dr. Pepper and coffee.

A second inauguration was also held in Washington, D.C. the next day, reportedly observed by millions as stated by some sources, and by a few thousand according to others. Tradition was followed in D.C. throughout the day, concluded by the burning of a vast amount of midnight oil.

The U.S. Patent Office has on file a patent for boots with pockets for use by nudists.

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back J. D. Hignight, he's returned to our membership. Many of you will remember J. D. (Jimmy) and his wife, Erma, who used to travel with us. They drove a really nice brown/tan '57 Chevy. J. D. is now at Methodist Health & Rehab, and we know you would really enjoy a visit with him next time you are there.

We're also real happy to have Earl and Nancy Zeichderich (and all of their cars) back with us. They were active with the club several years ago, and Earl served at least one hitch as president.

FROM THE RUNNING BOARD

Speaking of the Zeichderichs, I don't remember much about when we joined FSAAC an eon ago, except for one thing: Dale knew a few people already, but I didn't know a soul. The first person to befriend me was Nancy Zechiedrich. Right away she took me under her wing and made me feel welcome. You don't forget folks like that.

A word to you about how to eat chili. I probably have no business discussing the chili supper because it has been several years since we have attended. We are always in Texas, either getting flooded out or blown away, so again we won't be in attendance this coming Thursday.

Dale makes almost the best pot of chili I've ever eaten. But there is a little something extra we have with ours, which dates back to when I used to visit relatives who made great chili. Whenever it was served, out came the peaches right on the table with the chili. The hotter the chili, the more peaches. I know, you are thinking "yuck!" Everyone does - until they try it. So somebody bring along a can of peaches to the chili supper so the brave ones can try it. Meanwhile we'll suffer alone down around the border with los enchiladas y tacos muy delicioso!

AND FURTHERMORE,

If you were reading the news way back when, you might remember that I had an "editorial" section (From the Running Board) where I took the liberty of throwing most anything into it. Sometimes just to fill up space so I wouldn't waste ink on blank pages. For a long time, I would write the paper, print it, then T.W. would pick it up at the office and mail it out. I expect Maxine got her share of folding and stamp licking.

You can help stamp out the Running Board by sending your news, gossip, jokes, and even one-liners to help fill up space, even though we don't use ink anymore. I hope you will do your share in making this newsletter somewhat interesting, which is always better than downright boring.

THANX, CARolyn

NEWS FLASH !!

We have all recently learned that Bill and Pat Hallsted's home burned several days ago - a total loss. What a shame, our hearts go out to them. By way of support, we are combining the Chili Supper with an Emergency Shower. Please bring any housekeeping items you think could be used by someone who is starting over from scratch! And be sure to keep the Hallsteds in your prayers in the weeks to come.