



FORT SMITH ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB

Fort Smith, Arkansas

JANUARY MEETING
Thursday, January 16, 2014
7:00 pm
Snacks and finger foods!!

BIRTHDAYS!!

February 17 – Don Shroeder

February 20 – Perry Jones

February 28 – Kitty Rogers

ANNIVERSARIES!!

February 5- George & Sherry Haile

February 15 – Twig & Zoe Branch

February 28 – Bob & Kitty Rogers

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

THE 2014 FSAAC OFFICERS

President – Carl Albertson

Vice President – Randy Stevens

Secretary – Volunteers on a monthly basis

Treasurer – Ron Plunkett

THANK YOU!!

To the 2013 FSAAC OFFICERS : President – Donna Redding
Vice President – Carl Albertson
Secretary – Carolyn Johnson
Treasurer – Ron Plunkett

Lets WELCOME the new officers and give a big THANK YOU to the outgoing officers for a job well done.

*****Because of the weather the Christmas Parade, the Creekmore Park evening, and the Christmas Party was cancelled. The rescheduling of the Christmas Party will be discussed at the January meeting.

*****There were no volunteers for the secretary position, so, we will depend on various volunteers on a month to month basis. Sue Vann volunteered to take the January minutes.



*****Time to pay dues...if you have not done so, please pay at the January meeting
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*****Bring your ideas to the January Meeting and volunteer to lead Saturday drives.
*****If you receive the paper copy of this newsletter and have an email address, please give me your email address so we can send you an electronic copy. Any and all information, news, trips, etc. is appreciated.....send the info to mommhug@aol.com. Thank you!!

Coast to Coast in a '31: by Bob Stratton – VCCA January 2014 newsletter

An interesting story unfolded on the VCCA internet Chat Room during December. Blaine Dehmlow, a new VCCA member, made a solo cross-country trip from Boston to San Francisco in a '31 Chevy sedan he recently bought and finished assembling from an abandoned restoration project.

He left Boston on December 7 with the goal of being home with his family in the San Francisco area by Christmas. He fought rain and snow leaving New England until stopped by a broken axle in Lexington, KY on December 12. A VCCA member in Ohio provided an axle and he got back on the road. Diamond State Region members and I met him December 16 when he stopped at the Hug Chevrolet dealership in Charleston, near Fort Smith, AR. Lee Esparza and other central Oklahoma members met him and showed him some Okie cars the next day. He visited with the Rio Grande Region folks as he passed through Albuquerque. He followed US 60 through central Arizona and approached Phoenix in a snow shower. His only other mechanical issue was a broken valve spring retainer December 20 at Lake Havasu, AZ. He made a replacement from a washer and traveled on, reaching his home December 22.

Blaine is an interesting guy. This '31 with 45,000 miles is the lowest mileage car he owns. Newest is an early 60s Mercedes diesel mini-bus (VW bus on steroids, he says), next newest is an International pick-up. He also has a pride (or gaggle, or herd, or?) of rescue Jaguars he found rotting away in a field, plus other weird stuff that I can relate to.

The travel blog can be read on the VCCA chat site at vcca.org by following the thread: go to the chat room>.Forums> Car Meets & Events>You should Have Been There>Coast to Coast in a 31. Blaine's handle is CrossCountry31. It is interesting to see what an old stovebolt six can do.



This photo shows (left to right) Jack Schwartz, Blaine Dehmlow, Ed Vann, Frank Hug, Sr. & Bob Stratton with Blaine's '31 in front of Frank's workshop on the Hug Chevrolet campus in Charleston, Arkansas during his December 16, 2013 stop on the coast to coast trip.