

FORT SMITH ANTIQUÉ AUTOMOBILE CLUB

September 2017

Bring Mexican treats to meeting Thursday September 21, 7:00

FALL PETIT JEAN SHOW

If you get a chance this week-end, it would be a great time to drive up the mountain. This is a perfect opportunity to get out and enjoy the late-summer weather and see the cars. You probably already know, this event includes a Military Vehicle rally and a swap meet. FSAAC has a vendor spot if you have anything to sell. Judging starts at 12:00 Saturday. Food vendors on the grounds.

OCTOBER 7 TOUR TO TROLLEY MUSEUM-ANTIQUÉ EQUIPMENT DISPLAY

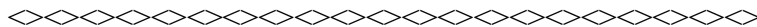
We'll be having our monthly Saturday breakfast and tour, location to be decided at September meeting. Afterward we will drive downtown and participate in the activities.

**DON'T FORGET - HALLSTED HAMBURGER COOKOUT - SATURDAY, 6:00 P.M.
2205 Carleton Place - on top of Fianna Hills (watch for the lions out front!)**

EUREKA SPRINGS REPORT

What a fantastic week-end to visit Arkansas' Little Switzerland! There were 14 of us: Boyds, DeArmonds (plus Curtis and Brenda in the Cadillac), Hallsteds, Johnsons, Mantooths, Reddings. We were off to a good start and looking forward to the big parade, which has always started at 10:00 a.m. at Pine Mountain Village across from the motel.

SOUR GRAPES - *THEY MOVED THE LOCATION TO THE PARKING LOT ACROSS FROM THE PASSION PLAY AND CHANGED THE PARADE TIME TO 4:00 P.M.!!* This means you had to register your car at 9:00 a.m. and hang out on the hill until parade time. Mantooths went to the show, but not the parade. Their report will probably be discussed later. The rest of us joined up with several others and formed our own little morning parade through town, which was fun. However, all of us are questioning whether we will be back next year.



SAVE THE DATE!! - Tuesday, December 5, 2017 = 6:30 p.m., Creekmore Park

Delicious food and great entertainment planned. Reservations needed, \$15 per person. Ron Plunkett is in charge of reservations and \$\$. This is guaranteed to be a relaxing and enjoyable evening!

Did you know there are three major automobiles mentioned in the Bible?

Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the garden in a Fury

David's Triumph was heard throughout the land

There's probably mention of a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jim Kreuz from Houston

Amanda Rogers (J.D. Hignight's daughter)

Ronnie and Beverly Fridell

1934 ROLLS ROYCE BARN FIND Contributed by Jim Kreuz

Thirty miles from Jim's Texas home, tow truck owner Jeff Crisp received a call from a distraught, rural housewife begging him to haul away an old car in her barn. Well cared for, but blanketed in dust, the car was a 1934 Rolls Royce 20/25 Touring Saloon! "It's yours for picking it up." A real find!

Originally purchased in 1934 by Miss E. Burrows in Filey, England for 4,534 pounds, the car somehow found its way to California and in 1989 was owned by well-known LA disc jockey Ron Engleman. After relocating to Texas, he completed restoration in 1995.

The tow truck driver gave the car to his son, Colby. He eventually put aside other automotive projects and contacted the Rolls Royce Foundation who provided him with a copy of the original sales receipt bearing Miss Burrow's name.

The body was still in great condition, and only required buffing to bring the paint and chrome back to a nice sheen. The leather seat covers were likewise easily restored. The big challenge was the engine, which was seized, and the valves needed adjustment. New spark plugs came from the local auto parts store, and a new radiator cap was built at a Houston machine shop specializing in Rolls parts.

I first saw this car when it was on a lift, looking immaculate except for the seized engine. They'd tried several techniques with no results, and Colby's grandfather kept urging him to try Coca Cola. As a last resort, the problem was resolved by applying Coca-Cola.

When the restoration was complete, Colby Crisp didn't leave it in the garage - he drove it. Said "It drove Like a Rolls Royce." He went through three tanks of gas, and stated the acceleration was surprising, the steering tight, and the hydraulic shocks gave a great ride.

In 2011, this treasure was passed on to a new owner. It's now being driven on the windy roads of Hawaii. What a story!

About the original owner: Colby Crisp made several attempts to contact the family of Miss Burrows, and finally had the Filey newspaper run a front page article. A year later, a distant relative contacted the editor, who reported that Miss Burrows was in her mid 80's and had purchased the car for her grandson's wedding present. The original address on the title was a hotel in London where the couple spent their wedding night, but this address had been crossed out and the Filey address added, since this was Miss Burrows' weekend home, where the couple spent their honeymoon.

Many thanks to Jim Kreuz for submitting this article. Because of space limitations, I had to take some editorial liberties, but the core of this interesting story is still here. More about Jim's report on barn finds next month)

