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Bluegrass Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America

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2020 Event Dates

Nov.	TBA – See President’s Column
Dec. 5	CANCELLED Holiday Dinner, Auction, Membership Meeting Joseph-Beth Bookstore (Ray and Mary Anne Szeluga)

President’s Column

By Charlie Simpson

In talking with the officers, we decided to cancel the holiday dinner on December 5. With the covid-19 numbers escalating and the governor has asked that groups be held to 10, we just don't feel safe in having the dinner.

With the dinner being canceled, there will be no election of officers for next year. So, I hope everyone now holding an office will be okay in holding that position until we can see what happens going into 2021.

Since we didn't have our tour October 24, if we have a good day in November, I will contact everyone and do the tour that day. It may be during the week.

Carolyn and I hope that everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving. I know it is going to be quite different for most of us.

STAY SAFE

Charlie

Looking for New Newsletter & Website Editors

By Jack Garabedian

As I wrote in last month’s newsletter, after doing the club’s newsletter and website for the past eight years or so, I feel it’s time for me to turn the reins over to a willing individual or individuals. We didn’t have any response last month, so I’m again asking for a volunteer.

For any of you who may be interested, Janet and I would work with you through a transition period and provide support as needed.

The same person does not have to do both the newsletter and website as long as you share information.

Please call me at 859.619.5885 or email me at jnj2016@gmail.com if you want to discuss or have questions. Thanks and we’re looking forward to meeting our club’s new newsletter and website editors!

Don’t Forget to Renew Your Membership for 2021!

By Linda Kubik

I am required to have the club’s 2021 roster to the national headquarters in the first week of March. Please be sure to send your membership renewals to me at the address below before that date.

National club dues are \$40 per year, and the local dues are \$15 (single) or \$20 (couple). I can handle both membership renewals, or just the local dues, whichever you prefer.

If you’re mailing both dues to me, a single check for the total is fine.

Send to:

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Thanks for your prompt response to this request!

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“What’s in a word?”

Final Segment

By Jack Garabedian

Many terms we use in the collector car world are used improperly. Through the years, I have heard and used some of them as “commonly acceptable” words or phrases.

Some of these words are fascinating, interesting and down right funny when you think about them. For some of you this may be old hat and to others an eye opener. My intent is to help clear some misconceptions as well as entertain.

Here are several more terms that I have found in several publications, like Hagerty Drivers Club Magazine and AACA monthly publication. I also found items from the Internet, like Oldsmobile Forum, Camaro Forum, Craigslist, eBay, Hemmings Motor News, Car and Driver, Wikipedia, Autotrader, MotorTrend and a few others.

Roadster or Convertible

The earliest roadster automobiles had only basic bodies without doors, windshields or other weather protection. By the 1920s they were appointed similarly to touring cars, with doors, windshields, simple folding tops, and side curtains.

Roadster bodies were offered on automobiles of all sizes and classes, from mass-produced cars like the Ford Model T and the Austin 7 to extremely expensive cars like the Cadillac V-16, the Duesenberg Model J and Bugatti Royale.

By the 1970s and beyond, "roadster" could be applied to any two-seater car of sporting appearance or character. In response to market demand they were manufactured as well-equipped convertibles with side windows that retracted into the doors.

Driveshaft/Driveline

This one can go both ways. A driveshaft is that long stick-looking thing that connects the transmission to the rearend. A driveline can be referred to as the drivetrain, which is everything from the transmission back. Driveline is also referred to being just the driveshaft. So, it appears that it depends on where you were raised as to which way these terms get used.

Muscle car

This is a term for high-performance American coupes, usually but not limited to rear-wheel drive and fitted with a high-displacement V8 engine. General Motors introduced the first proper muscle car in 1949. The term originated for 1960s and early 1970s special editions of mass-production cars which were designed for drag racing.

Muscle cars were originally referred to as "Supercars" in the United States, often (though not always) spelled with a capital S. From the mid-1960s to the mid-1970s, "dragstrip bred" mid-size cars were equipped with large, powerful V8 engines and rear-wheel drive and were referred to as

Supercars more often than muscle cars. An early example is the 1957 Rambler Rebel, which was described as a "potent mill turned the lightweight Rambler into a veritable supercar."

In 1966, the supercar became an official industry trend as the four domestic automakers "needed to cash in on the supercar market" with eye-catching, heart-stopping cars. Examples of the use of the supercar description for the early muscle models include the May 1965 Car Life road test of the Pontiac GTO along with how "Hurst puts American Motors into the Supercar club with the 390 Rogue" (the SC/Rambler) to fight in "the Supercar street racer gang" market segment, with the initials "SC" signifying SuperCar.

The supercar market segment in the United States at the time included special versions of regular production models that were positioned in several sizes and market segments (such as the "economy supercar"), as well as limited edition, documented dealer-converted vehicles. However, the supercar term by that time "had been diluted and branded with a meaning that did not respect the unique qualities of the 'muscle car.'"

Opinions on the origin of the muscle car vary, but the 1949 Oldsmobile Rocket 88, is cited as the first full-sized muscle car. The Rocket 88 was the first time a powerful V8 engine was available in a smaller and lighter body style (in this case the 303 cu in (5.0 L) engine from the larger Oldsmobile 98 with the body from the six-cylinder Oldsmobile 76). The Rocket 88 produced 135 hp (101 kW) at 3600 rpm and 263 lb-ft (357 N-m) at 1800 rpm and won eight out of ten races in the 1950 NASCAR season. The Rocket 88's Oldsmobile 303 V8 engine (along with the Cadillac 331 engine, also introduced in 1949) are stated to have "launched the modern era of the high-performance V-8."

“Souped Up”

When you hear of a car that has been tuned or modified to produce additional horsepower, you'll often hear it referred to as "souped up."

I initially thought it must have something to do with the adding of aftermarket high performance parts like headers, glasspacks, additional carburetion or a supercharger, etc., since that is a common way of getting more power out of an engine. Kind of like my Mother making soup by adding different ingredients together to make a meaningful meal. So, the term "souped up," of course, made sense to me.

Except that I learned this was completely wrong and here is what I was able to find:

The origin of "souped up," is in reference to a "narcotic injected into horses to make them run faster." The "soup" was slang for the narcotic involved. You gave the horse "soup," and thus it was said to be "souped up." So "souped up" isn't originally an automotive term, but rather an equestrian one.

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TV Land Cars a Blast from the Past
By Jack Garabedian

Did you know?

The vehicle from Mannix was a 1968 Dodge Dart GTS, the convertible used in the original TV series in 1967.



November 7, First Saturday Cars and Coffee
(Non-Club Event)

The First Saturday Cars and Coffee (FSCC) will be November 7 at the Blue Grass Stockyards Regional Marketplace located at 4561 Iron Works Pike, Lexington from 9-11 a.m.

According to organizer Ken Hold, FSCC will continue to comply with Governor Beshear's current direction regarding social distancing and gatherings. Park vehicles with one space between each vehicle. Limit any ad hoc gatherings to 10 people and use masks as appropriate.

Free coffee will be provided by a food truck complimentary of MetroNet. They will also have a booth with the latest information about their services.

The Marketplace building will be open with restrooms and some vendors available. Made to order breakfasts will be available inside at the Local Connection (not free!) starting at 10 a.m.

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See newsletter article for information on social distancing, masks and other requirements.

November Tour TBA

See the "President's Column" on the front page for more information.