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**Message from
the President**

by Sharon Lee
AACA President



Hello Everyone,

By the time you read this issue of the *Rummage Box*, we will have already had our last 2007 board meeting where outgoing 2007 President Dave Berg, said goodbye to retiring board members, attended the 2008 AACA Annual Meeting, introduced the new board members you voted in for a three-year term, had the first meeting with the new board of directors, attended the annual awards banquet where your new president for 2008 was presented and the 2008 AACA board was introduced with their assigned positions for the year. We have started our year filled with exciting meets and tours.

This year, in addition to the above, we attended the Southeastern Winter and Annual Grand National dual meets in Melbourne, Florida; the Southeastern Spring Meet in Charlotte, North Carolina; and by the time this is printed we will have already traveled to Tucson, Arizona for the Western Spring Meet, followed not far behind by the Eastern Spring Meet in Cumberland, Maryland. So as you can see there have already been quite a few activities for everyone to enjoy in 2008. All our tours and several more meets are still to come. Please refer to the national calendar in *Antique Automobile* or contact any of the Directors in your area for an activities card.

You know, it might be easier becoming or at least remaining president by NOT stating all you plan to do during the year and just go about **doing** things for the members. I want to remind each of you that I, as AACA

President, and all the directors in their various positions are AACA members, too. We were elected by you, the members, and are here to serve you. I did divide the VP Regions position; each of the four divisions (Eastern, Central, Southeastern and Western) has its own VP Regions - Development and Support, with a large committee established to be working with our members. This committee is working diligently to contact every region and chapter to inform them of all the programs available to strengthen the core of this organization. They are working with the VP Membership and VP National Activities and all the committees to help spread the word that we're here for you. Don't hesitate to contact them if you need help.

The *Rummage Box* is another tool to let everyone know what is going on in AACA. We see a lot of the articles reprinted from the *Rummage Box* in your Region/Chapter newsletters. Newsletter editors; let us know what material you think would be helpful for the members to read. At the membership roundtable in Melbourne, Florida, we were asked once again when members would be able to pay for meets and tours online with a credit card. I have instructed our Executive Director to expedite this, and have been assured it will happen this year. We will be working with Regions and Chapters who are hosting 2008 events to coordinate online payments soon. We will continue the four free memberships to each Region and Chapter in good standing to entice new members never before belonging to AACA to join a Region or Chapter and be given a free AACA membership, hoping that once they see all the fun and benefits of belonging, they will renew year after year.

Remember, AACA Headquarters is staffed for your convenience. If you have any questions or concerns, please call. There is also

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a board of directors address list in the front of *Antique Automobile* and on our website at www.aaca.org. Watch for many more exciting things throughout the year as we enjoy this great hobby together. Better yet -- become involved and be an active member -- AACA wants and needs you.

Sharon Lee
AACA 2008 President

2007 Youth Awards

By Joe Gagliano
Chairman, Youth Awards Committee



2007 was a record year for nominations and applicants for AACA Youth Awards. I am pleased to report that your Board of Directors decided to increase the number of awards in response to this wonderful interest in our youth awards program.

I'd like to recap for you the awards and award winners for 2007.

AACA Scholarship Award

The AACA Scholarship Award is awarded to an AACA member, child or grandchild of an AACA member in good standing for at least 5 years, who has been accepted to an institution of higher learning or is now currently enrolled. This award is granted by the AACA National Board of Directors to encourage our members to further their education and stimulate interest in AACA and the history of vehicles in general.

I am pleased to report that the AACA Board decided to present four AACA Scholarship Awards for 2007!

- **Jeremiah Hoffman of Chicopee, MA.**

Zack has been active with his family in the old car hobby since he was 10 years old. He has helped his father work on their 1916 Hudson and has been involved with the Connecticut Valley Region, assisting on the 2008 Divisional Tour. His educational plans include receiving his Associate Degree in Computer Information Technology this June at the Springfield Technical Community College. In addition to the 1916 Hudson, he intends to own a 1950's Hudson Hornet someday.

- **Elizabeth Lehtola of Bridgewater, MA.**

Liz has grown up surrounded by her father's and grandfather's antique brass era cars. Antique auto touring has been a part of her involvement and she appreciates the camaraderie of the members and the places she has

been able to visit that otherwise she would not have seen. This spring she will be attending Queen Mary, University of London, studying abroad; she will return in the fall to finish her mathematics degree at Tufts University.

- **Sarah Oelz of Matthews, NC.**

Sarah has related the exceptional experiences she has had participating in old car activities with her parents and members of the Hornet's Nest Region through the years. She says her love of old cars will never fade from her interest and even with a very busy schedule at school and working she was able to squeeze in some car events in her valuable free time. Sarah is a junior at Western Carolina University majoring in nutrition.

- **Katherine Serzan of Lillington, NC.**

Katherine says she has a great passion for old cars and is truly her "daddy's daughter" when it comes to cars. She says the ability to drive a manual transmission automobile opens up many new doors to drivers, the only door she wanted to open up was to his 1976 cherry red MGB convertible! She has also assisted in some local car shows. She attends Campbell University School of Pharmacy and expects to graduate in 2010.

AACA Young People's Award

The AACA Young People's Award is presented to a child or grandchild of an active AACA member in good standing for at least five years who has been accepted into an accredited institution of higher education, leading to a bachelor's degree or two year vocational education program leading to a diploma. This award is given based on the recommendation from a majority vote of the Board of Directors and an AACA Region or Chapter.

I am pleased to report the AACA Board decided to present two Young Peoples Awards for 2007.

Recommended by the Hornet's Nest Region:

- **Amanda Blythe of Concord, NC.**

Amanda has grown up around old cars and AACA. She will be the third generation of old car hobbyists in her family. She feels the best thing about the old car hobby is the exceptionally nice people, their love of their cars and the memorable trips she has taken. She enjoys the tours as it enables her to be with her family, grandparents and other special people from AACA. Her personal favorite car is the Chevrolet BelAir; she hopes to own one someday. She is currently a freshman at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC. And pursuing Anthropology, Criminology and/or Law.

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Recommended by the AACA Tucson Region:

- **Jacqueline Gariepy of Tucson, AZ.**

Jackie has grown up around old cars and has fond memories of driving with her father on old car trips. Like most AACA members one of her favorite things to do was progressive dinners, where she could meet with her car friends and eat. Her first car was a 1961 Volkswagen "Ragtop" and would eventually like to own a 1964 Mustang. She intends to use her Scholarship award to purchase a laptop computer and printer. She is currently attending Northern Arizona University in Religious Studies.

AACA Student Scholarship Award

New for 2007 was the AACA Student Scholarship Award, it is a \$1,500 cash award to a student currently enrolled in an institution of higher learning leading up to a degree in antique automotive technology and/or restoration. This award is granted by the AACA National Board of Directors to encourage young adults to further their education, and stimulate interest in AACA and the history of vehicles in general. AACA membership is encouraged but not required. One or more awards may be presented each year.

This award is open to any student:

- Attending any institution or higher learning leading to a diploma in automotive technology and/ or restoration and has shown an active interest in the hobby of antique vehicles through restoration, preservation, or ownership of such vehicles.

- Nomination for the award will be accepted from any faculty member from the school or university of attendance.

Our very first recipient of the AACA Student Scholarship Award is:

- **Drew Lewis of Oreland, PA.**

Drew is currently a sophomore at McPherson College in McPherson, Kansas relating to a degree in automobile restoration. Drew has wide spread interest in all automobiles, but is particularly focused on Fords. One of his main projects has been a 1926 Model T Ford Speedster.

What Happens in Philadelphia Stays in Philadelphia

By Brenda Shore Kaiser
Vice President Data Management



Yes, you are correct; I borrowed this phrase from Las Vegas. It does fit however when I think about those that go to the AACA National Meeting in Philadelphia and those that do not attend. As to why the National Meeting is always in Philadelphia, suffice it to say that there are quite a few reasons but I will save that for another time. Right now I want to focus on giving some insight into what happens in Philadelphia so that it does not stay in Philadelphia!

Every year over 988 AACA members from 41 states, Puerto Rico, Sweden and France drive or fly to downtown Philadelphia. The weather is always cold and sometimes there is snow but that makes it exciting. Remember I live here in Texas so I get enough warmth. Sometimes it is fun to see that funny white stuff fall from the sky. People start to arrive as early as Wednesday but most come in on Thursday. Everyone stays at the host hotel (we get a great rate, especially for a large downtown city) and we don't have to hassle trailers, campers or rigs. This get-together is all about the people although we are all there because of our shared love of the cars.

During the day there are a lot of options. You can go to a variety of sessions where you can learn about many subjects; everything from how to host a meet or tour, creating quality newsletters and web sites, to information about the AACA Library. Oh yea, there are a lot of sessions about cars as well, including storing them (lifts), restoring them, and special areas of interest. If you want to take a break from the sessions you can visit the Trade Fair where there are many vendors with car-related items. You can even enter to win the prizes that every vendor gives away! On Thursday evening this year, we were treated to an evening at the National Constitution Center hosted by one of our members from the West.

Friday night includes a great dinner for all Region/Chapter Presidents or their representative. You don't want to miss the Museum auction. It starts at 8:00pm and goes until almost midnight; if you stick around long enough and the item you want is auctioned later in the evening you may just get lucky. There is also the silent auction so even if you don't like to engage in the live bidding you can still get something you have always wanted. Regardless of what you win the amount you pay goes to the AACA Museum - all of it. What a great way to make a contribution.

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On Saturday there are judging schools (beginner and advanced). Anyone can attend even if you don't want to become a judge. You can learn how our cars are judged and what is important. Also on Saturday is the General Meeting where we can learn about what is going on in AACA, find out about our fiscal stability, and ask questions. Believe it or not these meetings attract around 250-300 people each year.

My favorite part of the whole weekend is Saturday night – the Awards Banquet. This is where all of the National Awards are presented and it is quite an exciting event. The 'best-of-the best' cars win special awards and are displayed on a large screen while the owners are recognized by the President and receive a lovely award. But the evening is not just about the cars; it is about our members who have made a contribution to the AACA in the prior year. Newsletter editors, webmasters, and those that participate and commit their time and energy are recognized through special awards. It is so much fun to see all of the excited winners and be there to wish them congratulations.

By Sunday I am exhausted but extremely happy. I have seen friends, had time to visit with them, talk about our shared love of cars and learn from them as I attend the workshops. Philadelphia might be a long way from home and it may be cold but I plan on going every year.

What happens in Philadelphia should *not* stay in Philadelphia – you should plan on attending next year. I know that you will enjoy your trip!

RAMBLINGS OF ENZO the CAT



Hi folks!

Its me Enzo, your favorite feline, back to bring you some more of my helpful hints and stories.

My friend Albert is on his way over, he says he has a question for me. You remember my best friend, Albert Felinestien; he's the smartest cat I know. That's why I can't understand why he needs to ask me a question. Maybe I'll grab a snack before he gets here. Albert is a pretty big boy and while I really like it when he comes over, he can do quite a job on my Friskies.

Wouldn't you know it. Just as I bent my head into the bowl the scratching on the door starts. That's Albert's way of announcing himself. He says its much more acceptable than the proper way of making his presence known. That being have someone in front of you with a flag calling out

"Here ye Here ye, his most smartness, Albert Felinestien, decendent of the most famous cat of all, Edward Wellington Mouseripper III, hath arrived. All Hail Albert!"

Whew ! That would sound pretty silly. I guess I can live with the scratching after all.

"Hi Albert", I meowed, "how are you?"

"I'm delightful Enzo and how is my favorite friend?"

Uh oh, I like Albert a lot but I know he is buttering me up for something.

"So tell me Albert what is the big question you needed to ask me.?"

"Oh yes, Enzo, that..." Albert paused a moment as he gathered his thoughts. "Well Enzo you see my mom and dad are going to go on a trip, and well, they are considering taking me along."

"Hey that's great Albert. I'd sure like to go on a trip with my mom and dad, like maybe Hershey."

Suddenly from all the way over in the living room I heard... "Forget it Enzo!"

"That was my dad", I told Albert.

"Yes Enzo, I recognized his voice, somewhat of a demanding gent isn't he?"

"Yea, he is" I replied, " but he is usually pretty ok."

Albert gazed into the air with a seemingly confused look on his face. I had never seen him perplexed before. Albert could figure out anything.

Finally looking right at me he mumbled.... "I need to know how to go on a trip Enzo, what happens at the airport and on the plane and so on."

"Ahhh no problem Albert. I've heard my dad talk about it lots of times. He's done some pretty cool stuff on the air-plane."

Albert looked up his eyes the widest I've ever seen. "No not that Albert, take it easy this is a "G" rated story."

"Ok, Enzo, sorry, too much HBO I guess. Ever since they re-ran Garfield I have been watching too much TV."

"Albert I've heard my dad talk about this a lot. Let me walk you through what a trip would be like."

Albert curled up on my mom's favorite little throw rug and

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listened as only Albert could. He was so smart. I expected at any moment he was going to take out a pad and pencil and begin to take notes. Wait a minute! What am I talking about? Cats can't write! We don't have pockets, either so I guess the note taking is gone for lots of reasons.

"Albert here is how it goes. First off you need to get to the airport early. If you are flying out of Pittsburgh, the parking spaces go pretty quick. So get there at least two hours before your flight. Make sure you have your drivers license to show the people at the ticket counter and at the security line."

Albert raised his paw. "What is it Albert?"

"Enzo", he meowed, "I don't have a drivers license".

"I know Albert, don't worry cats are exempt; just make sure your parents have theirs.": Albert relaxed again.

"Next Albert your parents go to the ticket counter and check their luggage and other things. Remember only one bag per person now or there is an additional charge. Plus the bag cannot weigh more than 50 pounds. After all that your parents will have their boarding passes and must now go through security."

Up went the paw again. "Yes Albert what is it?"

"What happens in security?"

"I'm getting to that Albert, relax." I went on, "Its easy Albert, you take your shoes off and any coat or sweater off and put them in the plastic tub. Then send them through the X-Ray machine while you walk through the big metal detector.

Albert made a horrible hissing sound!
"Hhhhhssssssssss....."

"Whats wrong Albert?"

"Well Enzo we have several problems here. First Enzo my coat doesn't come off; second I don't have any shoes,; third I simply do not get in the tub. and finally you remember last year when I told you I was playing with my moms diamond ring and accidently swallowed it. Well the metal detector will pick it up right?"

"Hmmm that's a good question Albert, we'll have to ask my dad later if it is still bothering you."

Why do you say "if" Enzo?

"Relax Albert, we'll get to that. Once you are through security Albert the rest is easy. You go to your gate and wait until its time to board your flight. When they call your flight

you get on the plane and take your seat. Albert do you expect to be flying first class or economy?"

"Why I do not know Enzo. I suspect that I should fly first class, my parents might choose to go economy."

" Well Albert,. it makes a lot more sense to fly economy. There are some really good deals out there if you search for them. Plus sometimes if you talk real nice to the ticket counter people they will put you in first class anyway. Albert there is a lot of little stuff that I could throw in but this is all the basic stuff my dad told me about. Oh and Albert.... "

"Yes Enzo?"

"You wont have to worry about the no drivers license thing, or the coat not coming off or even the metal detector.

"I won't Enzo, why not?"

"Well Albert, I hate to have to tell you this but you'll be flying in the cargo bay in a cat carrier box!

"Good Lord Enzo they can't do that to me, they wouldn't, why I'm Albert Felinestien, the smartest cat there is!"

"Yes your are Albert and you're riding in the cargo bay. Albert don't worry about it. You'll be at your destination before you know it. Oh and Albert, while you were watching all that HBO you didn't happen to catch "Snakes on a Plane" did you?"

Hey folks, I hoped you liked my conversation with Albert. He really is a great cat. Keep in mind when you're traveling by plane. Get to the airport early, be prepared, check for any rule changes on your computer, make sure you have your drivers license, your passport or both. You just never know when you might need something. If you can pack your things so that you can carry your bag on the plane. that is even better. It will save you time. Above all have a great trip.

Listen my friends. Now that Spring is finally here its time to get the cars out. Lets have some fun on the road this year. Stick an AACA application in your glove box or pocket when you go out too. You just might meet someone who would love to become a member.

That's it for this time. Like Albert said when he left the house.... "I'll be back!" Geez that cat really is watching too many movies. Have a great touring season everyone.

Your Pal

Enzo the Cat



Check Out Our New Wheels!

By Kim Miller,
AACA Librarian



Junior members of AACA have a new and improved *Wheels* newsletter! Our new publication is in full color and is directly targeted to our young members. Under the direction of a new team at National Headquarters, the first issue was published at the end of April, with the Summer issue ready in July. Targeting our 12 and under members, the newsletter contains games, contests, articles on topics that interest that age group and a “spotlight” on a junior member. Bringing the production of “Wheels” in-house will provide a more timely publication as well as access to material from the AACA Library. “Wheels” staff members are AACA Executive Director Steve Moskowitz, AACA Staff Member Lynn Gawel, AACA Librarian Kim Miller, and Graphic Artist Maria Martinez.

Contributions of articles, pictures and “spotlight” member stories are welcomed and encouraged. Limited copies of “Wheels” are available from National Headquarters and we urge you to encourage the young urge you to encourage the young become Junior members and send us literary contributions that we can use in an upcoming issue. All contributions, no matter the age of the writer, are welcome. Please send them to: Kim Miller, AACA Library, 501 W. Governor Road, Hershey, PA 17033.

It is our hope that the new publication will enhance your efforts to include junior members in your region in activities. Our youth are so important to our future. Take the new “Wheels” for a ride!

Notes from Hershey

By Steve Moskowitz,
AACA Executive Director



As you can see elsewhere in this issue, we have a new employee. The addition of Ann Kulp to our staff will not only insure our magazine continues to be a sound business but also afford us many new opportunities in the public relations area.

One of Ann’s first tasks will be to build a solid public relations kit for our regions and chapters. This is especially important if we are going to help you grow as a region and us as a national organization. There are many more opportunities for all of us that have gone wasted strictly due to a lack of manpower. The addition of Ann will insure that your home office is doing everything possible to support you.

Make sure you read my column in the July/August issue on our pedal car project! You also should stay tuned to our website www.aaca.org and check the posts in the General Discussion area. We will keep updating the information about this incredible event. Our pedal car extravaganza is nothing short of spectacular! Naturally the money it will raise for the AACA family is important but these new one-of-a-kind pedal cars are sure to be instantaneous collectibles and valuable at that!

Please make sure that you contact us for possible merchandise for your region to sell at events. We have a limited supply of discontinued merchandise that we would make available to you at below cost; hats, ties, etc. We also have a large supply of “Hershey” videos (’95, ’97, ’98) that are available for only \$2.00 each plus shipping! We have these in very significant quantities so don’t be bashful!

Our AACA merchandise site has been greatly enhanced. We have a huge selection of great AACA items. It is not too early to start shopping for the holidays! Our line up includes a greatly expanded women’s clothing department along with a “bargain corner” with many deeply discounted items. Please check us out often as we are soon going to add a significant grouping of new items with our new AACA marketing image that we think you will really like.

Always remember that we are here to serve you so call our office at any time if we can be of service!

New Activities? Some Good Ideas

By Terry Bond
AACA National Director



Being able to talk with members of AACA’s regions and chapters is exciting! There are so many out there having an absolute blast enjoying the old car hobby in many different ways. It is so interesting learning what you do for fun, and it helps greatly when someone seeks ideas for new and different kinds of activities. Here are a few different ways you can enjoy the old car hobby – some of them you can even enjoy in-doors during the winter!

Have a “hobby night” during one of your regular club meetings. Set up some tables and allow members to bring in and display their “other hobbies.” It need not be car related of course. You’ll be surprised at what turns up! Whether it is collecting something, making something, or doing something, there is unbelievable variety of interest among us and sharing is what it’s all about!

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On a more “automotive” theme, how about a series of “tech sessions.” These can include visits to members garages or workshops and can be set up with demonstrations on using various pieces of shop equipment to showing restoration and maintenance techniques. One club we belong to even has an informal session where members can just come and “tinker” with their cars. There are usually some small projects that everyone can enjoy learning from. This year, we got to see carbs tuned, weather stripping replaced, and a troublesome speedometer cable repaired. Along the way, gallons of coffee, dozens of donuts, and a whole bunch of BBQ and soft drinks were consumed. People were free to come and go as they pleased, making it a fun and mostly unstructured event. It was a good excuse to clean the garage too!



One club that I am familiar with has a standing date monthly for anyone who wishes to gather at a local restaurant for a brunch. It's a Sunday after church affair and anyone is welcome. On a nice day, there can be from two to a dozen antique cars in the parking lot. People literally come and go all day. It's very informal and a fun chance to get together. A positive spin-off has been the ability to attract new members. It is quickly becoming known as the gathering place for the antique car club, and new members can join on the spot – and, they do!

Does your town have one of those fantastic Christmas light displays? An evening in the old cars touring those lights is a lot of fun. Bundle up if necessary, or put the top down and crank up the heater if you wish. These things have become a fun event for participants and spectators alike. This year, we met early at a local restaurant. The folks who put on the light display really look forward to this event and work hard to keep us all together. Spectators really enjoy seeing all the old cars going through the beautiful lights. Sort of like a special parade, just for us!

There are a lot of possibilities, and if you are looking for ideas for new and different kinds of activities, just ask!

New AACA Staff Member

For the last 4½ years the club has been operating with a reduced workforce at national headquarters in Hershey. The need to provide more services to our members and to reduce the workload of our current staff made it painfully clear that we needed to find a marketing communications manager.

Ann Kulp has been hired to handle a majority of AACA's marketing duties, the very important task of assisting the club with badly needed public relations activities for not only the national club but also for our regions and chapters. In addition, Ann will be responsible for overseeing our display advertising sales in *Antique Automobile*. Ann was selected from more than 80 applicants and, as a “car fanatic,” we are excited to have her as part of our team.



AACA Headquarters Staff Member Ann Kulp

Now you don't just wake up one day with a passion for cars. Rather, it is an obsession cultivated over a lifetime. And, in Ann's case, it was inherited from her parents who loved antique cars and auto racing. Her childhood was happily spent at Summit Point, Watkins Glen, Mid-Ohio, Circuit Mont-Tremblant, Road Atlanta, car shows and club events and in the garage under the 1965 MGB that her father bought new from Manhattan Auto in Washington D.C. That's her at the wheel (above) shortly after she and her husband, Greg, completed its restoration, proudly continuing a legacy. The little B holds some wonderful memories for Ann; not only is it her first car (how cool is that?!), but she participated in club events with it and used it while dating Greg (car girl meets car guy).

Ann comes to AACA by way of Purdue University, an eclectic career including operating her own business and, most recently, as director of legislative and regulatory affairs for a trade association.

Ann is looking forward to meeting you, enjoying your stories and learning all about your treasures!

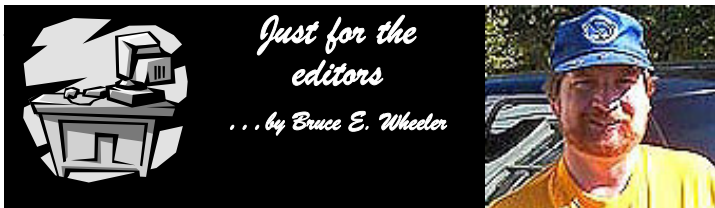


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Greetings to my fellow AACA newsletter editors!

I hope that everyone is having a good summer and is spending time with your antique vehicles in between publishing issues of your Region/Chapter newsletter and other commitments you may have.

I know this issue is running much later than normal, and many of you have been inquiring when this issue was going to be published. It's been a busy year for everyone that contributes their time and energy to the Rummage Box and I apologize for the tardiness. There were a number of circumstances beyond anyone's control that delayed this issue. However, as the Editor, it is ultimately my responsibility so I am the one that you can send all of the nastygrams to.

As editors of your Region/Chapter newsletter(s), you are responsible for providing your members with the best newsletter to your capability. Even though there may be other people in your Region/Chapter that contribute material or otherwise help with the newsletter, you have the ultimate

control over the content, quality, and usefulness of the newsletter to your members.

You may have noticed a new masthead on the Rummage Box. It was the very good idea of our Executive Director Steve Moskowitz and the design of our Antique Automobile editor, West Peterson. It adds some color to the front page and I think it adds some new life to the Rummage Box. A change or new addition now and then in any newsletter always freshens up the publication for its readers.

Sometimes, it may seem that members take your newsletter for granted. As an editor, you do not want this to happen. The newsletter provides information to the your members and represents your Region/Chapter to others. The receipt of a newsletter should make the member want to open it and read it, or at least make a note to themselves to get to it when they have an opportunity. If members seem to ignore or take the newsletter for granted, then some changes may need to be made. Find out what isn't working and revise it. Add something new now and then. Don't let it fall into a rut. Keep it fresh, informative, and entertaining.

Take care and enjoy the rest of the summer.

And as always....
Happy Antique Motoring!

Bruce

