



Garage Gossip

Stones River Car Club

Blessing to you and your family this Holiday Season !

Holiday Edition for NOVEMBER and DECEMBER 2011

Hey Gang!

November & December 2011

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! What a year we have had. The club has had great things to do and we have done some great things too. We have enjoyed our hobby together doing visits to nursing homes, the VA, having cruise-ins, meeting to take pictures, eating together, and the like. The fellowship has been wonderful due to the efforts of Celia, Carylon, Sherry, and Marilyn. The Board has been very active, especially Ron and Ron with Celia and Marilyn with the hoards of school children touring the club house. We purchased a Grand National Winner 1930 Model A Ford for fun and display. The museum has been expanded with gifts of gas pumps, old repair manuals, oil cans, tools, and the like. Elmer has assumed the reins of the Swap Meet and is doing a great job. He has expanded the space, streamlined the flow of vendors and people onto and exiting the Fairgrounds. Because of all your efforts the membership has grown and the fun factor has too. I personally would like to thank each and everyone of you.

Have a blessed Christmas with your family and friends, remember the needs of those less fortunate than ourselves, and brings smiles to the children around us. We will kick off next year with a bang. Carylon and her committee is planning a tremendous dinner and entertainment sari for all of us to honor the outgoing board members and extend our congratulations to those coming on.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Phil

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We have a special guest speaker, Steve Burton from the Nashville Fairgrounds, coming for our December meeting at 7:00 p.m. He will be updating us on the changes at the Fairgrounds and answering any questions we might have.

Following the meeting we will be having a "Christmas Fellowship."

For "Christmas at Cannonsburgh" the Garage and Club House will be open for visitors that Saturday night December 10th from 6:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. We will be serving refreshments to our guests, and having "Craft Time" and Movie Time for our visitors.

Car Club Calendar:



Time to Decorate the Garage & Club House for the Holiday Season.

If you can help with this project—please call Celia Murrah at 615-893-6286.

To keep with the theme of Cannonsburgh Village we would like to decorate the outside of the Garage by using evergreen (cedar), holly, and Magnolia leaves.

If you have any of this we can use to decorate, please call me, Celia Murrah #615-893-6286.

- **December 6th Club Meeting 6:00 Business meeting & 7:00 Club meeting.**
- **We have a special guest speaker, Steve Burton, coming for our December meeting at 7:00 p.m. Steve from the Nashville Fairgrounds to give us an update about the Swap Meet. He will answer our questions about the Fairgrounds, too!**



Help families in our community have a better Christmas

- **After the meeting we will have a 'Holiday Social Time.' The Activities Committee is asking club members to bring finger foods for this event. Bring a 'little extra' that we can take some to the residents at "Room in the Inn" to have a Christmas party.**
- **For our Holiday project this season we are asking members to bring an up-wrapped children's toy to the December 6th meeting. We will be taking these gifts to the local Fire Department for them to pass out to local needy children.**

"Christmas at Cannonsburgh" is the second weekend in December. The Garage and Club House will be open for visitors that Saturday night December 10th from 6:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. We will be serving refreshments to our guests.

From 6:30 till 7:00 will have craft time for the children.

From 7:00 till 8:00 there will be some film clips. Like: 'The Music Box' a Laurel and Hardy classic, 'Hey! Get A Horse!' and 'Towed Into A Hole' all from our Antique Automobile Club of America Library.

The Craft time from 8:00 till closing.



FOR THE NEW YEAR:

- **Club meeting is scheduled for January 10th 6:00 pm Business and 7:00 Club Meeting.**
- **Mrs. Carylon Hickerson is Chairperson for our "Winter Banquet", that is held in January. We look forward to a great evening with the introduction of our new Board members for 2012, and awarding the faithful service of one or more of our members with the 'Don Anderson Award.'**
- **The Dixie Highway Committee will be meeting this January to plot the tour route, and meet with city officials to help finalize these plans for the tour in June 2012.**



Veterans Day
Friday,
November 11



**Honoring the Members of
Stones River Region-
AACA, who have served
our country.**

Bruce Hickerson—Navy
Bill Askew—Army
Elmer Leiter—Air Force
Tom Murrah—Navy
Fred Morgan
Ron Von Storch—Air Force

**We want to “thank” our
members, who served our
country.**

**Amazing photo taken in 1918
of 18,000 men in a training camp
at Camp Dodge in Iowa**



STANDING TALL Titled “Human Statue of Liberty,” this image was taken at Camp Dodge in Iowa and used eighteen thousand men.



Behind the Camera...told by Celia Murrah



Getting out in the community and taking pictures for our Dixie Highway tour guide has been an adventure. The Sunday afternoon we met at the courthouse square we had a couple of people stop by for a visit, and ask us what we were doing. One couple had a beautiful red 60's Mustang. *They were parked to the left of us on the square. Just behind us was a young couple also taking pictures of our cars around the courthouse.

Friday morning club member Robin Robertson brought his 1929 Ford to Stones River Battlefield for some pictures along the Dixie Highway. We met this gentleman, Jerry Nickens, and he asked if we would take his picture. Robin and I said, “Sure.”

*Story continued on the next page.



Behind the Camera...stories continued

Jerry Nickens also told us he had a picture of a 48 or 49 Highway Patrol car parked next to General Douglas MacArthur and his wife, Jean at the Smyrna Airport. **WOW-Here's the picture!** Mr. Nickens said that his uncle was in the service, and that's how he got the picture.



The park ranger told us how important the Dixie Highway was to Stones River National Battlefield. Because of the improvements the Dixie Highway made for travel through the battlefield it helped the park raise funding to establish Stones River Battlefield as a National Park.



Club member Jerry Miller agreed to met me at the Sam Davis Home in Smyrna for pictures. It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon.

If you look closely you will notice there are chairs set-up on the front lawn for a wedding. We managed to get our pictures before all the wedding party arrived...thank goodness.



After the cruise-in Phil, Sherry and I (Celia) went to the last remaining gas station on what was called 'gasoline alley' on College Street for pictures. They know Phil by name. In the first picture you will notice the man pumping gas. While taking other pictures I noticed the owner come for the garage area to get in the picture, too!



"Best of Show" Trophy went to Mitchell Brewer's Red 1955 Ford Customline



The "Longest Distance Driven" Trophy went to Daniel Abels with his 1940 Chevy Special Deluxe.

Again I want to thank everyone who helped with our Annual Harvest Days Cruise-In.

It was a beautiful fall day, thanks for your extra efforts in making this something special for the Kick-Off celebration of Murfreesboro's 200th birthday.

-Celia Murrah, Activities Director



Down the line:



Next Row



No...not the same truck. The one on the left is a GMC and the one on the right is a Chevrolet.



There was a wide variety of great looking cars at the Cruise-In from classic rides to hot rods and street rods, and the antique automobiles.

