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John 3:16

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, and whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life"

Chaplain's Message

Love

Love is a word that we use at this time of the year to celebrate Valentine's day, wives and sweethearts, and this love is quite real and important to us.

We use the word love in many less important ways. We love food, hairdos, well you get the idea. Of course we love our cars and the fun associated with them; like parades, cruises, painting and fixing them up and rightly so, this is our hobby.

As we all know, the best part of our car fun is the fun we have with our car buddies. Now that brings us back to Valentine parties and the true love we share with something other than inanimate objects.

The love that our Father shares with us is really far above the rest. The theme of the whole Bible is love. 'God is Love'.

John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down his life for his friend.

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.

1 Corinthians 13:13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Jesus loved us so much that He laid down His life to save us eternally.

Let us remember the importance of that Christ-like love that we get from Jesus, that saves us eternally, and makes us love each other as we take on the characteristics of Jesus in all of our actions.

Thank you and God's love to you all.

Stan

2016 Cruise Season:

March 19th 5-9 PM

April 16th 5-9 PM

May 21st 5-9 PM

**"Honoring Our
Military Heroes"**

June 18th 6-10 PM

"Father's Day"

July 16th 6-10 PM

"Beach Party"

August 20th 6-10 PM

"Hot Texas Nights"

September 17th 5-9 PM

**"Poodle Skirts, Blue Jeans,
& White T-Shirts"**

October 15th 5-9 PM

"Christmas in October"

2016 Meeting Dates:

**Come at 6:30 for social time
and dinner with friends!!**

Meeting Starts at 7:30 PM

January 12th

February 11th

(Valentine's Dinner)

March 8th

April 12th

May 10th

June 14th

July 12th

August 9th

September 13th

October 11th

November 8th

December 13th

(Christmas Party)

President's Message

Let's make the 2016 car show season a great one. I encourage all the Club members to get involved in as many Club activities as you can this season with the theme "Focus On The New Adventure".

Reminder! The Club meeting & Valentine Party has been moved to Thursday, February 11, 2016, @ 7:00pm at the Timarron Country Club in Southlake. Hope to see everyone there with their favorite Valentine.

Dwain Klopfenstein, President

2016 CCC Officers:

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Chaplain

NOTICE

February Club Meeting / Valentine Party MOVED TO THURSDAY, 2/11/2016

Timarron Country Club
1400 Byron Nelson Pkwy, Southlake
Valentine Party begins at 7:00p.m.



Prayer Requests

+Pam & Ronnie Camp

+Mike Glisson

+Gregg Ipock



+Linda Jones

+Brian & Jackie Kahlmorgan

+Rick Rodgers

Membership

Membership Chairman – **Steve French**

*******TIME TO PAY YOUR 2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES*******

Membership dues (\$35) are due each January. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please send your payment to **Steve French** as soon as possible. The new directory will be going to press soon.

Guests welcomed at January meeting: **Butch Willoughby**
Kyle & Rhonda Hantz

If you would like to join in the fun and Christian camaraderie of CCC, please visit www.christianclassiccruisers.com and download the Membership Application.



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Club Merchandise



For club apparel contact **Steve French**.

Hats and visors are in stock and available at club meetings and club shows. Regular hats are \$10.00, Camo hat is \$15.00. A price catalogue is available for the various shirt styles. If interested in a shirt, let me know so I can order it for you. Club plaques are available for \$25.00.

Prayer Requests

†Mike Askew

†Ron & Vicki Burdett

†Pam & Ronnie Camp

†Mike Glisson

†Gregg Ipock



†Linda Jones

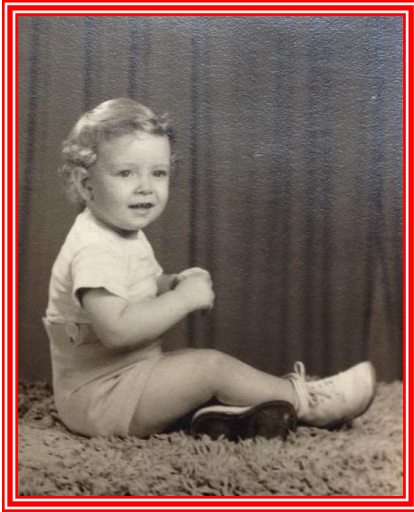
†Brian & Jackie Kahlmorgan

†Rick Rodgers

†Bobby Stout

Mystery Member

Member's identity will be revealed in the March newsletter!



Ladies Bunco

The first Bunco night of 2016 will be on February 22nd at 7:00 pm at **Linda Walker's** home.

We meet the 4th Monday of each month from February to October. If you would like to join the ladies Bunco group, please contact **Linda Walker**.

Casey Jones' Farwell Memorial



Cruise Masters - Upcoming Events & Club Calendar



Please visit the website:

www.christianclassiccruisers.com/calendar

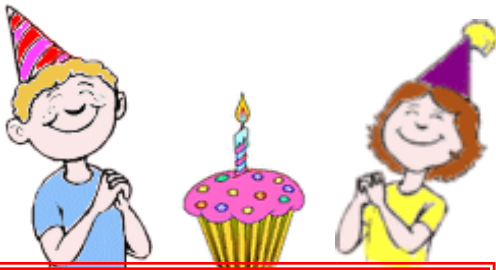
Cruise Master (AM – Breakfast) – Cort Rea
Plans will be sent via email.

Cruise Master (PM – Local Events) – TK Kinnan

DATE	ACTIVITY	DETAILS – Opportunities & Commitments	CONTACT
February 2 nd	Groundhog Day		
February 7 th	Superbowl Sunday		
February 9 th	CCC Valentine Party	Timmaron Country Club 1400 Byron Nelson Pkwy Southlake	Dwain Klopfenstein
February 9 th	Mardi Gras		
February 14 th	Valentine's Day		
February 15 th	President's Day		
February 22 nd	DEADLINE FOR CCC MARCH NEWSLETTER ARTICLES.	CCcruisersNews@gmail.com	Linda Walker
February 22 nd	Ladies Bunco	4 th Monday February through October	Linda Walker



Birthdays & Anniversaries



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

Diana Posey	2/10
Linda Rowlett	2/10
Brian Kahlmorgan	2/13
Laura La Barbera	2/17
Christi Muno	2/24
Ed Hogan	2/24
Wanda Klopfenstein	2/26

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Gary & Phyllis Veach	2/2	43 Years
Ronnie & Pam Camp	2/14	22 Years
Bob & Nina Bianco	2/27	51 Years

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NEW LISTINGS!

Car Trivia

Uncovering the history of Army Jeep #1

Submitted by **Linda Walker**



Seventy-five years after it wowed the U.S. Army, the oldest known Jeep is getting its due as a symbol of the Greatest Generation's fight and Detroit's role in what Franklin D. Roosevelt called "the Arsenal of Democracy" -- the manufacturing might that helped the Allies win World War II.

"It's an icon of WWII and a symbol of wartime production by the auto industry," said Matt Anderson, transportation curator at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, MI. "It's also the grandfather of all SUVs. It's very rare to be able to trace a whole class of vehicles to a single one, but this is where it all began."

Ford GP-No.1, a prototype for a light, rugged four-wheel-drive vehicle for reconnaissance and other military use, was delivered to the Army for tests Nov. 23, 1940.

The Army still had horse cavalry then," said 97-year-old Ed Welburn Sr., who served in the U.S. Army in Papua-New Guinea and Australia in WWII. "They brought horses to the island, but you can't use horses in the jungle. The Jeep was small and tough. It could travel most anywhere. The cavalry liked the Jeep much better than horses.

"It was very durable," said Welburn, who was a mechanic. "But if you had to work on one, you could get 2-3 men to flip it on its side, pull the transmission, then set the Jeep back down and drive it off."

News reports, photos and films quickly made the Jeep famous and nearly indistinguishable from the American GIs who relied on it.

"Good Lord, I don't think we could continue the war without the Jeep," wrote war correspondent Ernie Pyle, who won a Pulitzer Prize for describing what life was like for the average GI. "It does everything. It goes everywhere. It's as faithful as a dog, strong as a mule, and as agile as a goat." Pyle was killed by a sniper as he rode in a Jeep on a small Pacific island near Guam on April 18, 1945.

GP-No.1 is on display in the Veteran's Memorial Museum in Huntsville, Ala. The museum and the Historic Vehicle Association just finished verifying its history and documenting that GP-01 is one of five original test vehicles – two from Ford, two from Willys Overland and one from American Bantam.

Originally called the "Pygmy" and built and tested by Ford engineers in Dearborn and Detroit, GP-No.1 is the only one of those prototypes known to still exist in North America.

The Pygmy had features that remain prominent on Jeeps today, including the upright grille with vertical slots that are literally the brand's trademark, Historic Vehicle Association president Mark Gessler said.

Car Trivia

Uncovering the history of Army Jeep #1 (Cont'd.)

"The government didn't really know what it wanted," when Jeep development began, Fiat Chrysler historian Brandt Rosenbuch said. The Army began work on specifications for a light four-wheel-drive reconnaissance vehicle in 1937 with American Bantam of Butler, Penn.

"Bantam deserves the vast majority of the credit for developing the basic concept and capabilities that became the Jeep," Historic Vehicle Association president Mark Gessler said.

Henry Ford was a staunch pacifist with little interest in the war brewing overseas, but he thought a little four-wheel-drive vehicle could be useful for agriculture, one of his passions. His more globally minded son Edsel used that opening to spearhead the GP-No.1 project, beginning a process that would see Ford become a vital supplier of wartime equipment.

The Army evaluated hundreds of vehicles from Bantam, Ford and Willys. It cherry-picked the best features of each to create the military-spec Jeep, a vehicle of unrivaled durability and capability.

"It was the finest engineering of the day," Rosenbuch said. "The Jeep brought together everything the best minds in Toledo and Detroit could create."

Willys built 362,894 wartime Jeeps, all at its headquarters plant in Toledo, Ohio. Ford built 285,660, initially at the Rouge plant in Detroit that today produces F-150 pickups. Ford later added Jeep production in several other plants around the country, including Louisville, KY, where it still builds pickups and SUVs.

American Bantam got the short end of the stick, building just 2,676 Jeeps. The Army threw the little company a bone with a contract to build the trailers that hauled equipment behind Jeeps.

The Jeep remained in military service for decades, but it was popular with civilians before the guns of WWII even fell silent. Willys got special permission to begin building civilian Jeeps months before other automakers were allowed to switch from wartime production and resume their usual businesses.

"It was initially marketed as a farm vehicle," Rosenbuch said. "That's why the government allowed civilian production, to help get the economy up and running after the war."

Henry Ford donated GP-No.1 to the museum that bears his name in Dearborn in 1948. It remained there, getting surprisingly little attention, until the museum sold it and some other "minor" items from its collection in 1982.

History buff Randy Withrow of Huntsville snapped it up.

"It gave me a chill," he said. "I couldn't believe they'd auction it off."

"It's a survivor. People come to the museum from all over the world specifically to see that Jeep. It's the one that started it all."

Where to see GP-No.1

U.S. Veterans Memorial Museum, 2060 Airport Rd SW, Huntsville, AL 35801

Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. (Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day)

\$5 Donation for Adults; \$4 Donation for Seniors; \$3 Donation for Students under 18. Active Duty in Uniform and Guests Free

<http://www.memorialmuseum.org/> or (256) 883-3737

Car Trivia

Uncovering the history of Army Jeep #1 (Cont'd.)

Ownership History of America's Oldest Known Jeep

1940 Ford builds Pilot Model GP - No. 1 (Called "Pygmy")

Nov. 23, 1940 Delivered by Ford to the U.S. Army Camp Holabird in Baltimore for testing. Ford maintained ownership.

Dec. 9, 1948 Henry Ford II gifts the vehicle to The Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village.

Sep. 19, 1982 Sold to Randall Withrow at the Hudson & Marshall, Inc. "The Auction by Edison Institute at the Henry Ford Museum at Greenfield Village" in Dearborn, Mich.

Circa 1987 Randall Withrow gifts the vehicle to the U.S. Veterans Memorial Museum in Huntsville, Ala. where it is the centerpiece of the museum's collection military artifacts and other military vehicles.

Source: Historic Vehicle Association

Specifications of 1940 Ford "Pygmy" prototype GP-No.1

- Vehicle type: Quarter-ton four-wheel-drive reconnaissance truck
- Curb weight: Approximately 2,50 pounds
- 42 horsepower Ford 119.5 cubic-inch four-cylinder modified tractor engine
- Spicer transfer case and axles
- Suspension: beam axles on leaf springs
- Length: 133 inches
- Width: 59 inches
- Height: 59 inches

Source: Historic Vehicle Association



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Special Interest Events

Submitted by **Randy Sheets**

TEXAS THAW # 9 MARCH 4TH & 5TH 2016

NORTH STAR DRAGWAY - DENTON, TX

GET READY TO RACE!!!!

Friday night Test & Tune 6:00

GATES OPEN AT 8:00 AM, Saturday Morning.

This is our 9th year for the Thaw. It all started with a few of us sitting around talking about wanting to "get together" with more of the hot rod/car folks in the area. We were pressed to get a date that was open, and had only two months to make #1 happen. It was a success! Every year gets better too!

We do this for a cause!

We are a non-profit, and donate proceeds every year to the USO/Unite for Troops.

We hope to beat what we raised last year. You can donate to the cause, and/or come out to the show! Please help us support our Men and Women in uniform!!

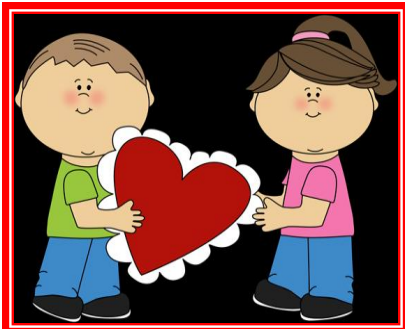
This year, Toolsville /Hugh & Vee Ashburn, will host a silent Auction, to raise funds for UnBreakABull (Pit Bull Dog Rescue).

***Let us know if you have items you'd like to donate for the auction.

Tools, performance parts, gift certificates, etc.***

The website is texasthaw.vpweb.com. It is old school hot rods, street rods determined by time slips, motor size and street tires, vs drag radials vs slicks. It is very safe and cars are grouped by elapsed times to eliminate sandbagging. We have had several club members compete the last few years and the track holds a car show in conjunction with the event. It is simply allowing us to feel 19 years old one more time. It is an 1/8 mile track, 660 ft, so speeds are between 65 and 85 depending on your completion level. It is a chance to show your old car and a chance to race it in friendly and safe surrounds. This show is separate from the drags but in theory a CCC member could enter both events.

Regards, **Randy sheets**. (I will be running my '38 Chevy.)

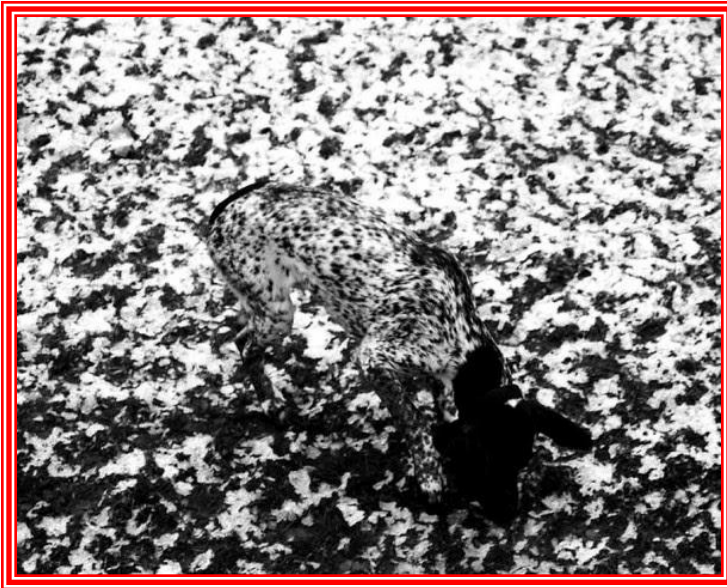


HOT ROD POWER TOUR 2016

June 11 – 17

Registration is open online at Hotrod.com

Hiding in Plain Sight



Cruisin' Along...

Back Roads Cruise to Nocona

Submitted by **Dan Helfer**

On Saturday January 23rd club members met for a North Texas back roads day cruise. We met at the Snooty Pig on Westport near Alliance Airport for breakfast and Christian Fellowship.



After breakfast, 7 hot rods driven by **Chris & Vicky Sowell**, **Dwight & Linda Leatherwood**, **Terry & Christi Muno**, **J.W. & Bonita Irving**, **Jim & Linda Rowlett**, **Larry & Ann Davidson**, and **Dan & Freddie Helfer** and 2 late model classics driven by **Stan & Pat Friesen**, and **Burl & Darla Hurley** headed north enjoying the scenic views cruising through Bolivar, Slidell, Forestburg, and St. Jo, TX. We then drove to the birthplace of famous CCC Member **Christi Muno**, Nocona, Texas. While there we visited the Horton Classic Car Museum and enjoyed viewing a remarkable collection of vintage cars.



Cruisin' Along...

Back Roads Cruise to Nocona (cont'd.)

We enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Times Forgotten Steakhouse and were surprised to run into country music artist Sammy Kershaw.



Following lunch we headed to the original Nocona Boot Company building to take pictures with the beautiful art deco building as a background.



We had an outstanding time thanks to the participation of club members and their fine-looking cars. If you have not had a chance to cruise with the CCC group you have missed out on a lot of laughter and fellowship. I encourage you to attend these outings every time you get a chance.

A big thank you to all that toured, it was a great time.

