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President Randy Still's January 2021 Message

Most of us had a vastly different Christmas and New Year in 2020 due to COVID-19 precautions. Mom and I got together with no family over the holiday but made the best of it. We streamed several concerts of Christmas Music and viewed Christmas Decorations via YouTube in New York, London, & Paris. Our favorite New Year Fireworks were the ones in Dubai. At least if we have to stay in, we have more entertainment options than our ancestors did during the Spanish Flu Pandemic in 1917-1918. We did go for a drive and did the drive through Christmas Lights at the Gray Fairgrounds and that was nice. I hope you found some way to be entertained and have some fun.

When I heard, in early December, that if Tennessee were a country instead of a state, that it would have the worst Covid per capita in the world, I knew we had to cancel our annual Christmas Dinner. I was still feeling frustrated to not get to review the year and thank those who made it happen, so the recorded message that I e-mailed was the best solution that I could come up with. 2020 has certainly encouraged us to think "outside the box".

As I mentioned in that recorded message, I do not think indoor meetings are advisable this winter. I heard one health expert cough through a remote broadcast and at the end she said that her family had socially distanced and ate outside for Thanksgiving. She added that she lived in northern New Jersey and that it was cold – so no Covid but most of her family had acquired colds and sinus problems.

Sunday afternoon, outdoor, bring your own food meetings seem to be our safest bet now, but I do not think it will be warm enough to try it until possibly March.

AACA National Headquarters has moved to the new facility, but it is not open for visitors due to the pandemic. The Winter Meet in San Juan, Puerto Rico has been postponed for one year until 2022. The AACA National Meeting usually held in Philadelphia in February has been rescheduled to April 15-16, 2021. I would anticipate more event cancellations, as the vaccination roll out has not been widespread at this time. Please check before you make binding reservations or travel plans.

Up until our Christmas snow, I was getting older cars out some for-pleasure drives but with the amount of salt on the roads now – they will hibernate for a while.

Again, I hope you all are doing well. Pick up the phone and call each other when you get a chance!

Take care and be safe! Randy



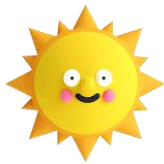
Just one of the group Randy took out for a drive before the snow. It was formerly owned by Woody Fleenor and now part of Randy Still's collection.

Now is the time to renew your Membership to Dan'l Boone Region Car Club for 2021, \$15 for single and \$20 for a couple if you have not already paid AACA dues for 2021. The renewal form was included in your September/October Antique Automobile Magazine. Dues are \$45 for USA. Be sure to write your AACA number on your Check. Send it to the address listed below. National Headquarters Antique Automobile Club of America, Box 417, Hershey, PA 17033.

DB Treasury Report by Treasure Wayne Lambert

\$14,049.72 is the ending balance for December 2020.

Lana Sergent is currently in rehab due to a health issue.



Sunshine

Shadows

ZOMBIE CARS

I saw this term Zombie cars used in a recent article in one of Hemmings online e-mails. After reading a while, I discovered that I had already bought some Zombie vehicles. The writer was using the term to refer to vehicles that are sold considerably after the year of production.

About 2004, Bill Gatton was discontinuing their Isuzu Truck Franchise. Dad and I went to see what they had and bought a 2002 Isuzu NPR and a 2003 Isuzu NPR as new vehicles. We got a good deal and they got rid of dead stock.

The last NEW car that I bought was after the 1981 Models were available and was a 1980 Chevrolet Caprice Diesel Station Wagon. Again, a discounted sale for a new vehicle which had already been in Kingsport on the lot for almost a year (according to the production date on the door edge).

According to the article that I read in Hemmings, Fiat Chrysler Corporation America cleared out some old stock in 2020. The sales results showed 4 Dodge Vipers sold even though the last Viper was built in August 2017. It also showed 7 Dodge Darts sold in 2020 and they were last built in 2016. Chrysler had sold 9 Chrysler 200s and they were last built in December 2016. RAM Division sold 1 RAM Tradesman Cargo Van and Jeep Division sold 3 Jeep Patriots which were discontinued in 2016.

My Dad owned a Firemist Red Cadillac Eldorado Convertible that had been kept for years at the Jack Sykes Cadillac Dealership in Virginia. It had 7 miles on it.

There are New older cars still at some dealerships, look when you visit, and you just might find your own “Zombie Car”. Randy

If you are in the age group or health group that is currently being served, I hope you know that vaccine is available.

In TN, there will be no shots given on Monday, January 18, 2021. On Tuesday, the age has been moved to 70 and older.

Remember to wear your mask if you go out.



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021