

Once again, the main focus of the board meeting was on the upcoming Car Show, with a progress report from Chuck Facklam. Everything seems to be falling in place, and now all we need is a good weather report. As always, we need all hands on deck that day. If you can spare an hour or two, especially in the morning to assist with parking cars, or early afternoon with judging, it would really help to make this show a success. I know the deadline has passed for pre reg, but don't forget that club members who have more than one vehicle, can register a second vehicle for free. Also, new this year, Class 1D for Classic Cars (for specific makes & models – See classiccarchub.org for more info).

In addition to the other reports given at the meeting there were some updates and wording clarification to the Policy & Procedures Manual. Barb Noonan always has a good handle on those things.

Have an interest in what we do at a board meeting? Do you have a few hours a month to assist the club? Consider becoming a board member. Right now, we are one member short and would welcome some new blood. Talk to any board member about joining us.

On to events, and our first outdoor one of the season started out a little wet. Nothing like Mother Nature's car wash before we started our touring. Some of us, like Lon & I, chicken out and went modern. We have some leakers in our fleet. But, despite that, we had a great time looking at some great cars in the Basil Classic Car Center. I think all of us could pick out at least one car that would look nice on our driveway, although we personally don't have any room for any more four-wheel items. That includes pedal cars as well, as Basil had a few nice ones on display, too. After dinner, I spotted one of the rag tops of the day drop to enjoy some sunshine. Hope that little Fiat got home before it rained again.

On an interesting note, I contacted the owner of last month's cover car. We had a very nice talk on the phone and he has an interesting story about his car. He will be sending me a writeup for me to print in an upcoming issue. Just a little tidbit about the car – TVR stand for Trevor. The man who built the car just took out some letters from his first name! Look for his article in an upcoming issue.

Also, when I have space, I will be running a story from George Camann. He found photos of when the Thomas Flyer was in the Rich Products Atrium years ago. Look for the story sometime soon.

This past Memorial Day as we honored our Vets, here is a little military mystery that I found on the internet. Recently, the NOAA Ocean Exploration crew was researching the USS Yorktown which was torpedoed by a Japanese sub. While it didn't sink right away, the crew threw whatever they could overboard to keep it from listing. Planes and anti-aircraft guns were among the things sent overboard. While exploring the sunken ship the team found a car! There is no record of a car being on the ship. A 1940-41 Ford Super deluxe woody convertible was sitting upright in one of the aircraft bays. The team wondered why it occupied such valuable space and why it was not tossed overboard. Speculation is that it belonged to a high-ranking officer. While it is in bad shape for being down there for so long, "Ship Service" can still be read from what is left of the license plate. An internet search will show several pictures of the vehicle. Such a sad ending for what was probably a really nice car.

Next up is the car show. Hope to see everyone there.

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