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Calendar APRIL I — Membership Meeting, CANCELLED

- ♦ April 4 Happy Easter!
- APRIL 15 Board Meeting, 7PM Round Hill UMC
- April 15-16 AACA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA— CANCELLED
- APRIL 19 Deadline for MAY newsletter
- O MAY 6 MEMBERSHIP MEETING, TBD
- May 8 Apple Blossom Car Show, Jim Barnett Park, CANCELLED
- June 19 Star Tannery Car/Tractor Show (see flyer inside)
- July 17 Museum of Shenandoah Valley Car Show



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President's Column

Hello, everybody -

When I have opened the door to the back porch the past several mornings, I have been delightfully startled by Snowdrops, and Crocus, and Siberian Squill breaking through the brown debris of Winter with their brilliant splashes of purple, and white, and green. We are seeing the promise of Spring!

With the promise of a new growing season, I am hearing the echoes of another promise. The long winter of the pandemic just may be starting to draw to a close - slowly, true, but going in the right direction. Along with the promise of Spring, and the promise of the pandemic winding down, there is also the promise of our Car Club starting its engines again.

Unfortunately, the Board has made the difficult decision to cancel the 2021 Apple Blossom Car Meet. So many other Clubs have been in (See President on page 7.)

APRIL 1 MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO BE CANCELLED BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD

The Governor of Virginia has not yet lifted the 10-person maximum rule for indoor gatherings of people who don't live together. Therefore, once again, the Board of Directors has voted to cancel the April 1 Membership Meeting.

The Board Meeting (typically nine attendees) IS scheduled to be held April 15 at 7:00 p.m, at Round Hill UMC Fellowship Hall.

Let's hope that the limits on meetings are relaxed by May !

Until we can all gather in larger groups again, please keep in touch with other members, whether by phone, text, or email, to check on their well-being. Also, let Secretary Linda know how you are doing. She will share news in the newsletter and via an email blast to those with Web connections. Send emails to <u>shenandoahregion@gmail.com</u>.



Newsletter Deadlines

The deadline for submission of newsletter articles, want ads, photos, etc. for the MAY, 2021 newsletter is April 19.

Submitting sooner, when you can, always is better! Thanks for your prompt submissions!

MEETINGS

Remember, the General Meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 1 at 7:00 PM is cancelled.

The April 15 Board Meeting is at Round Hill UMC at 7:00 PM.



FOR SALE— 1977 FORD F150 4x4 351M 5000 miles new motor 4 speed detroit lockers on front and rear new interior 5000 or best offer call Richie at (540) 454-1613.

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FOR SALE — 4 new Firestone tires, (2) 700x16 and (2) 600x16, mounted on 1935 Ford wire wheels. \$1000 or best offer. Call Ben Dyer 540-550-7073

FOR SALE — I am assisting an elderly gent with the sale of his cars. He has several that he'll sell. The first he is asking are two 2002 Ford Thunderbird removable hardtop convertibles. One is black with black interior, 20k miles. Second is red with black interior, 32k miles. Both in excellent condition, \$19,500 each. Contact Dave Lewis: 540-247-3584.

The News from Home . .

Below are the responses I received after Feb. 18, to my inquiry as to what members have been doing to keep busy. So lovely to hear from you and to keep us updated ! We miss you !

Linda C.

From Dave & Sharon Lewis

We've spent the winter months mostly inside doing minor home repairs and staying in touch with our family through email, facetime and texts. We watch our granddaughter once a week and do our errands.

Dave has been busy tinkering with his '29 Ford Tudor and '40 Ford Deluxe but waiting for warmer weather to do more extensive work.

Also he's assisted the family with selling a couple of their cars and is taking on a project to help his elderly friend sell some Thunderbirds and Mercedes coupes.

We are preparing our garden for potato and bulb planting now and are anxious to get into the flower beds!

Thanks very much Linda for all you do!

Dave

From Bob & Josie Engle

We are doing well. Had both shots of Covid and both shots of Shingles. We are good to go now. Spring has truly sprung: we saw a groundhog in a tree this morning. He was encouraged to go there by our dog Tanner.



Maple trees are starting to flower and the bulbs are busting out of the ground. Hope all of you are doing ok. Looking forward to getting this terrible pandemic behind us. Josie and Bob

From Gene Ramey & Judy Powell

Much better, good weather, some events starting back.

From Jim Colville

Doesn't seem like it's been that long since the last update. I guess February was a short month this year. It went from clearing snow off the old



blue Dodge parked outside to pulling the old red Dodge out of win-

ter hibernation for a short ride over to the Pine Grove Restaurant for lunch.



My buddy and house mate's project of cutting out the rust on his brother's Mustang and welding in new sheet metal is finally done. The Mustang went home to his brother yesterday and his brother was very satisfied with the impressive results.



Not at all bad for David's first efforts at a complicated job like this . He managed to maintain curves and body lines, after cutting away rusty outer sheet metal and inner wheel houses on both sides of the car and butt welding in replacement sheet metal sawzalled out of a junkyard car.

David has taught himself welding, and did an impressive job.

His other project currently occupying the garage is the water pump on his Ford Explorer. The bolts were seized



in the aluminum timing chain cover. That's common enough

that some shops plan on cutting off and replacing the timing chain cover when doing a water pump.

(See Home on page 5.)

APPLE BLOSSOM MEET UPDATE

It is with great sadness that the Board must announce that our 62nd Apple Blossom Meet, which was scheduled for May 8, 2021, has been cancelled.

We were hoping that the Park, or other alternate venues we investigated, would become available so we could proceed with the car show, but all venues are continuing to adhere to the current Virginia restriction of 25 persons per outdoor social gathering; we could not overcome that major obstacle.

We also felt we could not afford to risk spending Club funds on this year's show in hopes of a potential lastminute rule change, when the chances are high that we would end up having to cancel anyway.

The Apple Blossom Meet is the main fundraiser for the Region, so no decision regarding this event is made lightly; however, this year it simply isn't possible.

Let's all look forward to the Apple Blossom Meet in May 2022, when surely we will all be living without the shadow of this awful pandemic over our heads.

> Submitted by Duane Catlett and the AB Show Committee



Sunshine Report

- Sunshine Chairmen Dave & Sharon Lewis report sending a sympathy card to Darla Murphy on the passing of her husband Gary (see March newsletter for sympathy notice). Please keep Darla in your thoughts and prayers.
- They also sent get-well wishes to Bill Busko, who is scheduled for foot surgery this week.



♥ We've not heard of any other illnesses, so must assume that 'no news is good news' on this front.

◆ And as always, also remember those members who struggle daily with ongoing health issues that keep them "in the shop" and not running on all cylinders.



2021 ROSTERS ON THEIR WAY

Secretary Linda reports that she has completed the 2021 membership roster. Since we are not having an April membership meeting to hand-deliver it, she mailed your copy of the roster on Friday, March 19. Watch for it in your US Mail box!



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Only problem with that, is that it also involves a new gasket for the oil pan. Gotta drop the front suspension, remove the front differential, and jack up the motor to do that. Ford lists replacing the timing chain cover as a 14 hour job.

Now that the Mustang is gone. My old blue Dodge can move back into the garage.



But once the Explorer is back together, David's Honda Civic is the next project. It fell into a pothole on 81 on his way to work one day, and that did some serious damage to the front suspension.

Really hoping to get some of my own cars onto the lift soon. I need to do brakes on a Barracuda and a Coronet. Jim Colville

From David & Lauren Conrad

We are doing well, both had our shots. I rototilled the garden last Thursday, noticed the grass getting green in spots, so need to get mowers out and de-winterize them.

David

From Allen Bond (by phone) Allen is doing OK, and after a lot of waiting for Jefferson County, WV to get vaccines, he finally got his first shot at a pharmacy in Ranson. He reported that he has been plagued with robo-calls, sometimes 20 a day from the same number ! He answered once, after getting exasperated, and only heard 'beeps' so definitely there was not a real person on the other end of the line. He's also dealing with potentially having to move his antique trucks from their current storage location on his property, which does not sound like much fun. But he's looking forward to the annual Truck Show this summer, with planning already underway. The event was held last summer despite COVID, and they had over 300 trucks show up !

From Eric Kirk (by phone)

Eric reported that his Mom, who already was in declining health, had another small stroke last week while attending church. She's still mobile, but needs a lot of assistance.

(See Home on Page 7.)

Committee Chairs for 2021	
Activities	Board of Directors
Apple Blossom Meet	Duane Catlett
Apple Blossom Parade	N/A 2021
Club Merchandise	David Conrad
Corn Roast	N/A 2021
Historian & Scrap Book	TBD
Museum of Shenandoah	Dan Rowzie
Valley Car Show	
New Member Liaison	Jim Stup
Phone	Jeff Smulovitz (VA area)
	Craig Comontofski (WV area)
Poor Man's Tour	Bill Carl
Sunshine	David & Sharon Lewis
Technical	Bill Anderson
50/50	Duane Catlett



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Eric has been spending a couple of weeks at a time in WV over the last several months, helping his sister with their Mom's care; he's feeling pretty worn out, but managing, and is in good spirits, considering the circumstances.

From Jim Stup & Ibby Stratton Hi Linda & All ~(from Jim via Ibby)

We continue to feel lucky in this crazy time. Jim still goes to work every morning; he packs his lunch, stuffs his pockets with chips and cookies, grabs his new drink of choice: orange juice and ginger ale (I have to admit he has invented an interesting, refreshing drink!), and gets out of my way!

In his shop he turns the heat way up, blares the TV so that he can hear over all the equipment, and continues his work of restoring the prettiest 1950 Oliver tractor you've ever seen. (No, I'm not being sarcastic; I mean that!) Here's what is finished: tires, wheels, fenders, clutch (with the ^%\$# spring), hood (almost, waiting for second go-round), body. The engine's running.

Yup, one happy man.

We've had both of our shots - WhooHoo! - and we look forward to seeing All Y'All sometime.

From Jack & Marguerite Fischer Hi Linda,

We are well. Jack had both of his vaccine shots and I just got my first shot. We are looking forward to spring and warmer weather. We were able to do some yard work last week due to the warm weather. I continue to cook more meals and read more as I'm bored with the tv. Jack is looking forward to getting the cars out of the garage.

We hope to see everyone soon!

Marguerite and Jack Fischer

From Kenny & Penny Allen

The Allen's are doing well, had the GTO out and around the neighborhood on the first warm day.

Celebrated my birthday with friends at Ledos for pizza and the Krumpies for donuts instead of birthday cake. Penny made me a glass on glass panel for the garage, the silver is aluminum shavings glued to the glass. (She is very crafty!)

We have no health problems and are looking forward to our trip to Bristol on March 27. Hope to see everyone soon.

Kenny and Penny



President

From Page I

the same boat — it's almost impossible to make future plans in the current environment.

On the brighter side there will be a 2021 Museum of the Shenandoah Valley Car Show in July.

Dan Rowzie is chairing the Committee (Thank you, Dan!), and several club members have volunteered to pitch in and get this show on the road - or, rather, on the MSV Grounds.

We believe that it will be safe to resume membership meetings on the first Thursday of a month coming soon. True, we may still need to wear masks, and stay six feet away from each other, and there may or may not be refreshments. BUT we will be able to see what each other looks like again!

Finally, there are murmurings of organizing a couple of very simple Fun Runs when the weather gets a bit warmer.

So read the rest of this month's newsletter, and keep your eyes open for further emails.

The Winter is getting shorter and Spring is coming!

Peter



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