



Minutes of the May 10, 2020 Meeting

Attendees: Ted DellaCamera, Tom Gerhard, Jim Hudson, James Sylvester, Richard Bremilst, and Richard Bremilst Jr., Daniel Shuman, Neil Cawthra, Jeffrey Ackerman, and Linda Zukauskas

President Ted DellaCamera called the Zoom meeting to order at 8:20 p.m.

Everyone wished Neil a belated happy birthday.

Ted provided an overview of club status and noted that there are 35 members at this time. The club was featured in the latest issue of the national magazine.

Ted reviewed the status of events, which have changed a bit due to the pandemic.

- Fill the Crosley is now Follow the Crosley, a cruise to salute first responders and healthcare workers that will also feed hungry people through the Spooner House. We start at noon, Saturday, May 17, at Heavenly Donuts, 658 New Haven Avenue, Derby, Conn.

The parking lot will accommodate trailers. Ted pointed out that Ernie likes to support Spooner House and thinks that there will be another food drive in the fall, which might be formed as a cruise with a chance for everyone to spend time together.

- Wheels of Wellesley featuring Crosley Micro Cars on Saturday, May 16, at Wellesley Community Center, 219 Washington St, Wellesley, Mass., has been postponed to 2021.
- Woodbury Lions Club 42nd annual Summerfest and Car Show on Sunday, June 14, at Hollow Park, Hollow Road, Woodbury, Conn., will be postponed but a new date has not been announced.
- Jeffrey provided an update on 2020 CAC Nationals, July 6-11, in Wauseon, Ohio. The plan is to move forward with Nationals. He's meeting via Zoom every Tuesday with other organizers. A final decision will be made on May 30 and involve Fulton County Fairgrounds to get their feedback on guidelines. Jeffrey believes there probably won't be more than 200 people and the magic number for events going forward is 250. If the national meet does not happen, an online event will show registered cars. There are 32 cars pre-registered. Anyone who pre-registers will be included online with trophies mailed for winners who are chosen by online voting. He would

like to boost the online meetings to keep national members who cannot attend Nationals to have an opportunity to be involved.

He added that the national club has good momentum as evidenced by traffic on the Facebook site. Ted said there should be younger people getting involved and Jeffrey said that the CAC has been successful in doing that. Women are also becoming involved as owners and restorers. Ted said he's seen more women interested in restoring cars, mentioning Lizzy Fye, a young lady who restored her Crosley as a teenager and still runs the car.

Jeffrey encouraged everyone to pre-register for the national meet.

- Linda reported that there still may be a Fall Foliage Cruise, ending at Burgerittoville, 57 Church Hill Rd, Newtown, Conn. There is ample parking in the lot, which is located at the town's original train station. Trailers could be staged at the Exit 14 commuter lot with a drive along River Road to end at the restaurant. The owner is willing to provide curbside service and that offer was made pre-pandemic, with the idea of providing a service like that of the 1950s/car hops.

Ted invited members to share cruises and shows that we can all attend.

Richard said many events have been cancelled but there might be some fall shows. He said there are shows as far as New Hampshire and Ted said that would be a good possibility.

Jeffrey said that Ted's firetruck would be good to show at one of the fall events. Richard mentioned contacts who could connect Ted to shows that would be good for the truck.

The members briefly discussed the impact of social distancing and Richard said the National Guard is in place for two years, with a possible lull over the summer and a second wave in the fall.

Ted showed off the new license plate toppers for the club, with the club logo, noting that the price is \$15 with shipping or \$12 if picked up. Photos are up on the web site. The artwork is on one side only and the topper can be put on the front or back of the cars.

Ted asked if the members want to meet monthly. Richard asked for in person meetings over the summer, especially as the fall is unpredictable. He said having a Zoom meeting monthly is good and other members agreed on Sunday evenings at 8 p.m. The club will meet next on June 14. Tom challenged members to use a virtual background with a Crosley theme.

During the member open forum, Jim thanked Ted for keeping the car on the road and Jeffrey for getting him into a car in the first place. Jim wants to drive to Nationals, asking Ted for a good route. Samantha Ackerman said hello.

Tom took his Crosley out the other day, driving about 10 miles and hitting a milestone: the odometer has 100 more miles on it compared to when it was registered last year.

Jeffery has had a few cars out, including the Farm O Road, and has a few more to dust off.

Ted said he's happy to hear the cars are being driven. His goals is to get Shorty or Mr. Winn out. Neil will take his car out for a test drive after some attention to detail.

The members are hoping to join Follow the Crosley and updates will be posted on Heavenly Donuts' Facebook page and on the CAC New England Region web site.

Jeffrey asked if anyone had seen a 1947 white sedan for sale in New Hampshire, listed on Craig's List for \$2,500. The answer was no.

Ted noted that it was good to "see" everyone before adjourning the meeting at 8:51 p.m.