



BUMPER TO BUMPER

End Of An Era

Andrews Home & Auto Supply



Shortly after the first of this year, Andrews Home & Auto Supply, aka The Firestone, closed it's doors to the public. Reed Andrews has operated the store on Main Street in Randleman for about 65 years.

Reed was raised in Chatham County, born May 31, 1920, the eight child born to his parents. He attended Campbell College.

During WWII Reed joined the Army Air Corps and became a B17 crew member although, an ear problem eventually grounded him.

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May 11th, 2013 Meeting

The May meeting will be held at 1:00 PM at Walker Store Road. From Old Liberty Road or Whites Memorial Road turn onto Walker Store Road, site is 1/4 mile from Whites Memorial Road on left; from Highway 22 turn on Walker Store Road, site is 1/2 mile on right. A sign will be posted at the driveway. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be served, members may bring a dessert, if they wish. Please let Larry Pugh know if you plan to attend, so that the proper amount of food may be purchased. A map may be found at:

<http://local.aaca.org/zooland/Walker%20Store%20Road,%20Franklinville,%20NC%20-%20Google%20Maps.pdf>



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Upon returning to North Carolina, Reed opened a store in a building farther down Main Street, next door to what was then the bank. He also lived in an apartment on Main Street for about two years. As business improved, he moved down the street, into a building that had been a restaurant, and eventually into the larger building that comprised the main store. The store is a catacomb of back and side rooms used for storage, a service area, and a complete retread shop. If you were one of the many that he chose to give a tour, he would walk into a dark room and pull a sting to turn on a light, then walk farther into the

room and pull another string to turn on another light and reveal even more space. This continued as he moved deeper into the room or into an adjoining room.

The Firestone was not just a place to get auto parts and services but, Reed carried items for the hunter, fisherman, home handyman, and homemaker. With the exception of the food, you could purchase all the items you needed to prepare and serve a meal, including the stove. Whether you were working on the electric or plumbing, repairing a bike, a lawn mower, or a 1948 Hudson, Reed probably had what you needed. Reed once told me his grandfather had run a store and had given him some advice that he tried to follow, "if you

don't have it, you can't sell it". Reed tried to have a little of everything in his store. Some of what was in the store when the doors closed, might have been there when the doors first opened but, if someone came in looking for it, he wanted to have it.

After you picked out the items you came to get and as you made your way to the counter to pay, Reed would always inquire as to whether you needed any light bulbs or floor polish, and when in season, maybe some sweet potatoes. I don't know how much he was able to sell but, I know of at least one person that has a two pound can of Beacon Paste Wax on his shelf.



Construction Begins

Randleman Parking Lot.

Construction has finally begun on the parking lot behind the Main Street shops. They are working on one side at a time. Construction started on the side with the library. The two small buildings next to the library have been taken down and the pavement has been taken up. They will bury the utilities, enlarge the parking lot, build areas for landscaping with new lamp posts. The plan also calls for a stage and a farmers market and fixing up the rear facades of the shops framing the parking lot. The idea is to give the area the feel of a small village.





THIS MONTH IN AUTOMOTIVE HISTORY

05-01-1926: On this day in 1926, Ford Motor Company becomes one of the first companies in America to adopt a five-day, 40-hour week for workers in its automotive factories. The policy would be extended to Ford’s office workers the following August. Ford announced that it would pay its male factory workers a minimum wage of \$5 per eight-hour day, upped from a previous rate of \$2.34 for nine hours (the policy was adopted for female workers in 1916). The news shocked many in the industry--at the time, \$5 per day was nearly double what the average auto worker made--but turned out to be a stroke of brilliance, immediately boosting productivity along the assembly line and building a sense of company loyalty and pride among Ford’s workers.

05-02-1918: General Motors Corporation (GM), which would become the world’s largest automotive firm, acquires Chevrolet Motor Company. GM had been founded a decade earlier by William C. "Billy" Durant, a former carriage maker from Flint, Michigan, whose Durant-Dort Carriage Company had taken control of the ailing Buick Motor Company. On September 16, 1908, Durant incorporated Buick into a new entity, General Motors, which by the end of that decade had welcomed other leading auto manufacturers--including Oldsmobile, Cadillac and Oakland--into its fold. In 1910, with GM struggling financially, stockholders blamed Durant’s aggressive expansionism and forced him out of the company he founded. In November 1911, he launched Chevrolet Motor Company, named for his partner, the Swiss race car driver Louis Chevrolet.



Michael C. Vojtasko named as Curator at the AACA Museum



Hershey, PA (May 6, 2013). The Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) Museum would like to welcome a new member to our administrative staff, Michael C. Vojtasko as the Curator for the AACA Museum.

Mike has always had an admiration for cars. The love for them started when he was a young boy and received a large scale model of the then, "dream car" Corvette, prior to its introduction as a production vehicle in 1953. That interest in Corvettes has continued with his ownership of two and has expanded into a variety of muscle cars, sports cars and the classics. Throughout his life he has owned many different collector and special interests cars including mid-50s Fords and 60s Plymouth "B bodies", a '57 Nash Rambler, several VW Beetles, and several modern day "classics" such as an early Miata, Mid-80s BMW 325i Convertible, and a 1970 Mercury Capri.

Mike has come to the AACA Museum from an extensive and honorable military career where he spent almost 25 years serving our country. While on active duty he attended graduate school at the George Washington University, Washington, DC where he received a MA in Health Services Administration. After retiring as a Colonel from military service, he went on to working for the Department of Veterans affairs as the director of the Emergency Management Office for the Veterans Health Administration. After his retirement in 2010, he began to volunteer at the Museum in 2011 where he has led a highly effective effort to review and update the inventory of the Museum's vehicle collection.



AACA Member Submitted Story

I've always been crazy about Ford cars, especially the early years through the fifties and the Ford muscle cars of the sixties. The designs were simple, functional and always pleasing to the eye. A number of years ago a friend introduced me to the Mountain Moonshine Festival held in Dawsonville, Georgia, an annual gathering of Ford devotees who come from all over the State of Georgia and across the bible belt transforming the normally sleepy town into one of the largest Ford car shows in eastern central United States. If you like feasting on some scarce Fords, like 1939-40 coupes, 1957 Fairlanes, sixties-era 427's and other ultra-rare high-performance Fords, there is no place quite like the Moonshine Festival. The event reached yet another epic level when the Ford Galaxie Club of America recently began hosting their national meet there at the same time and now the two shows together have combined to propel this event into the stratosphere for Ford fanatics. I've been attending the event for the last twelve years. [Click here for the entire story.](#)



Calendar

May 11th, 2013

Zooland Region

Cookout Meeting 1:00

May 11th, 2013

Ramseur Cruise In 3:00

May 12th, 2013

Liberty Cruise In 2:00

May 18th, 2013Alamance Region 42nd Annual Car Show**May 18th, 2013**

Randleman Cruise In 2:00

August 10th, 2013Zooland Region 23rd Annual Car Show

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