

Classy Chassis

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Judy Lagerstrom Passes

In a recent email we were informed by Dave Calabrese of the unfortunate passing of Judy Lagerstrom. Please see below:

I am sad to report that I received a call from long time member Norm Lagerstrom today notifying me that his wife Judy has passed away.

As many of you know, she had been ill for the last 7 years, but received a diagnosis about 3 years ago that has gradually deteriorated her condition. Judy has required care 24-7 and her husband, Norm and son David have been taking care of her constantly with only the help of a single care giver.

There will be no calling hours or church services due to the Covid-19. There will be a very private burial in a few days with just family and her closest friends.



I know from spending time with Norm this summer that this has been a difficult time but his love and desire to care for Judy has never wavered.

Judy and Norm were frequent travelers with the Club to Reinbeck, Vermont, Maine and other locations up until just recently. Judy attended a cruise in Ashaway this summer which was the last time most of us saw her. Judy will be missed by the ladies especially as they always played cards and the domino game whenever we gathered. Sympathy cards may be sent to Norm at 23 Inwood Lane South, Westerly, RI 02891.

How to Restore a 1901 Car while in a Pandemic by George King III (part V)

It is now May and I hope that we get some real spring weather. I did enjoy the two 70 degree days but we know that 50s are coming again.

Meanwhile, back at the Orient project, we have been working indoors on the paint for the wooden body. So far, the original and the new wooden sections have been stripped, sanded, primed and painted with the first coat of gloss black



I am brush painting the 119 year old body using that same procedure that was originally utilized when it was first constructed. I will apply a final coat (in the warm weather) before I assemble the chassis and metal parts over the wood.

I am fortunate that the original wood was in good condition. One of the reasons is the fact that it had been coated with white lead prior to the black finish coat. The lead

prevented insect infestation and has provided a good quality body for my car.

In addition to the body, I worked on the battery. The electricity for the Orient was a series of six Number 6 dry cells which would produce 8-1/2 volts DC.



Each of these original dry cells was 2-1/8" in diameter and 6-1/8" tall. The box contains six faux cells. They are the same size as the originals. They also have the period-correct labels, black cell sealant, and brass knurled nuts. (photo 2 & 3).



I have fabricated false dry cell tops and installed them on a wooden panel inserted in the Edison box that holds them. Under this wooden separator, I will install a motorcycle battery to provide the car with the necessary electricity.

The battery will also provide the car with power for a brake light. An original kerosene lamp from the 1900's period will be illuminated with a bright LED. I have been able to purchase a tail lamp manufactured by the same company that made the headlight for the Orient. Although the original car never had a tail light, this is a safe move due to the chance of being followed by modern drivers who don't know history.

The new battery will be charged by attaching a modern electrical charger when the car is not running. The plank and cell tops will be removed to allow safe hydrogen evaporation when the battery is charging.

I have also gotten more of the steel parts back from the paint shop. I will install new square head bolts onto the springs so they can be mounted on the body after it receives its last coat of paint.



The springs were manufactured by the W.&H. Rowland Company in Philadelphia. (photo 4 & 5) A little research showed that the company is still in business today. I hope to get some printed material from them.



W. & H. Roland mark on springs

I had a conversation with Mark at B&M Machining. He is having some challenges with the head which is what holding up time. He has completed the valve but the seat has a crack with a pin in it. This really makes me nervous. If it becomes broken, I will have to find another?



I brought home the cylinder. Mark did a wonderful job on this and the piston. It looks new. (photos 6) The piston is done as well and ready for installation.

I will now install the flywheels, the crank pin, the test connecting rod, and the new piston and wrist pin. I will turn it over to ensure that we have good clearance and a correct the travel if necessary. Then Frank

can make the aluminum connecting rod that he made the model for.

We will now be machining parts for the engine restoration and buying hardware for the springs. There is never a dull moment in North Franklin.

Interesting Internet References

[23 Favorite Tools](#) the Hemmings Staff can't live without. This article reference submitted by Gerry Lynn.

Samples of discussions on the AACA Forums: [1939 Buick Eight won't go in reverse](#). [Gabriel Snubbers rebuilding & installation mid 20's Buick](#) . What's a snubber? Check it out.

[Newport Car Museum offering discounts](#): This is from the "other" car museum in Newport that is actually N. of Newport in Portsmouth RI. Gunrher Buerman mentioned in the video links actually owns all of the 50 or so 1950s to 1960s cars on display. The museum is a nice setting although its focus is somewhat narrow. Hey, at least it's a car thing you can do in the shut down. (Gerry Lynn).

[Whirligig makes appearance](#) on WPRAACA website. Check out a video of an authentic George Coon whirligig in action on our home page. Scroll down the left column when you get there or go directly to the [YouTube location](#).

Notices:

Monthly Meetings:

There will not be a November, 2020 meeting. Regular meetings can be considered as “by notice only” for the duration of the COVID19 pandemic. You will get an email notice prior to any meeting that we hold.

Christmas / Holiday Dinner:

President Merrill Moone sent out an email asking for your opinion on whether or not we should have the annual Christmas / Holiday Dinner. The overwhelming majority of respondents indicated that they would not attend a party this year due to the pandemic. So, unfortunately, **there will not be a Christmas / Holiday party this year.**

Club Dues and National Dues:

This is a reminder that National and local dues are due at this time. \$15 for the WPRAACA region should be mailed to Dave Calabrese. \$40 should be mailed to the National AACA direct or paid online or by telephone ((717)-534-1910). You must be a member of the National organization to be a member of the Region.

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