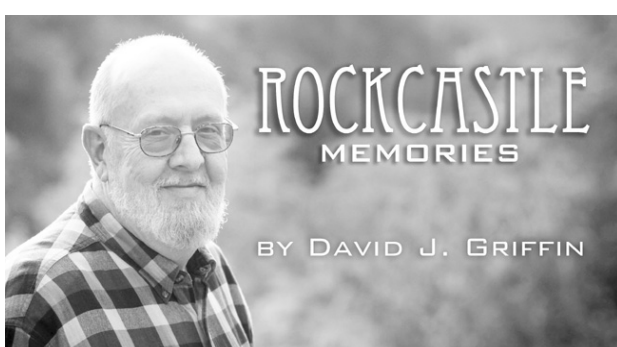




My 1954 Chevrolet 210 Delray

Sometimes, dreams really do come true!

Last weekend Kathy and I were returning home from a visit to the Smokies, which included seeing a car show in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. On the way home, we were coming into Maryville, Tennessee, when – just out of the corner of my eye – I spotted a baby blue and white '54 Chevy. It was on a small dealer lot along the road which also contained several other old cars. Immediately, I turned our Explorer around to go back for a better look.

As we strolled past some of the other cars making our way toward the Chevy, I think my heart started beating just a little bit faster. You see, this is the same model vehicle that my grandfather let me drive for the very first time, and the memories came flooding back. I remember Pop letting me take the car up and down the gravel road in front of our

house when I was only a 14-year-old teenager. There it was...a two-toned '54 Chevy 210 in Robin's Egg blue and white. This was also the car in which I used to take my driver's test when I turned sixteen. Furthermore, and maybe most importantly, it was the car that I drove on my first date in an automobile.

Because it was late on a Sunday afternoon, the lot was officially closed, but a lone salesman wandered up to us and struck up a conversation. He asked if I was interested in the car, to which I replied merely by detailing my history with that particular model. We discussed some of the details about the car, and he then explained that it had been restored by an older gentleman for his wife to drive. Upon opening the hood and the trunk, we were amazed at the care that had been taken with its restoration.

Even though the original '54 did not have the op-

tion of a V8 engine, this baby had been equipped with a new (in crate) Camaro 350-cubic-inch engine as well as a new Camaro rear end. It has automatic transmission and a dual-exhaust system. Converted to a 12-volt electrical system, with front disk brakes, it is air-conditioned, and the chrome trim has been fully restored. The paint job appears in superb shape as did the interior "tuck and roll" upholstery. It even has fender skirts like I had installed on my '58 Chevy which I owned in high school.

When we checked out the interior, we noticed new carpet, headliner, AM-FM radio with a CD player, and fully functional gauges. The car fit the bill with me. I have dreamed of owning a classic car for most of my adult life; what more appropriate vehicle could ever be found for me? I could hardly pull myself away from this vehicle. Finally, the salesman gave me one of his business cards, and we got back into our SUV to head on home.

As we drove up the highway, it was only moments before I told Kathy that I wanted to go back for another look – besides, I had failed to take any photos and I certainly wanted some. Once again, the salesman came out and stated, "I have been looking for someone that would take special care of this car." Then, of course, he offered me a reduced price if I wanted to purchase the car. We told him we would need to think about it and that we would give him a call.

All the way back to Kentucky, Kathy and I discussed the impressive automobile. I could not get it out of my mind, and she knew it. That night I found it difficult to sleep because of the thoughts of owning this cool '54. For the next couple of days, Kathy kept asking me questions about the car. I believe that she, too, was intrigued with the idea of having our own "classic" car to enter in car shows around the area instead of only being spectators.

Finally, she suggested that I give the salesman a call to see if we could arrive at an acceptable price. The negotiations went better than expected. And, to our astonishment, he offered to bring the car to us if we accepted his very fair offer. We made a bid that he accepted. He then remarked, "You have purchased one of the finest cars we have ever had on our lot."

The car will be delivered in about 3 days – and I am on pins and needles till it arrives.

In 1954, the Series 210 Delray had revised styling and a sleeker look. The Robin's Egg paint was complemented with matching blue and white interior and was exceptionally clean

and different from any car Chevrolet had produced until that time. The 210 Series was actually the best-selling Chevrolet model during 1954, offering a balance of style and luxury appointments unavailable in the base 150 Series.

For the next couple of days, I could hear in my mind the V8's mellow sound flowing through the dual exhaust system. The fact that it is air-conditioned makes it over-the-top of my "dream car." I find that I am as excited as a teenager about making this great ride my own. It will truly be a dream come true for me to be able to "cruise" the roads in my '54 Chevy listening to old rock and roll. Oh, yea, and I'll let you know if my new baby ever wins any awards!

(You can reach me at themtnman@att.net or you can drop me a line at P.O. Box 927 – Stanton, KY 40380. I appreciate your comments and suggestions. You can also learn about my new book, View from the Mountain.)

Our Readers Write

Fundraiser at Orange Leaf...

Dear Editor,

As a senior at Rockcastle County High School, I have the honor this summer of being a part of the Kentucky YMCA Youth Association's service team called Y-Corps. My team (which is made up of about 20 teenagers from all over Kentucky) and I have the honor of going on a trip called "Service to the South". On this trip, we will perform service projects in many communities across the southeastern part of our country and learn about that part of our great country, while bonding with each other, developing qualities of a servant leader, and learning more about ourselves.

However, to go on this trip each one of us must raise \$1,000. This money will go to the YMCA Scholarship fund to help teens be able to attend other YMCA conferences such as their Youth-in-Government conferences like KYA or KUNA where they can learn about and better understand how our government and world operates.

I am having a fundraiser day at Orange Leaf in Richmond, Kentucky on Monday, June 3rd. Please mark your calendars and share this with all of your friends. For every customer that presents a picture (on your phone), a cut-out from the paper, or a printed copy of the flyer, my Y-Corps trip fund will receive 25% of those sales made any time on June 3rd.

If you would like to donate to my trip but are un-

ramblings...

by: perlina m. anderkin

It was another busy week end and one I enjoyed thoroughly. I needed a break from the Benghazi - IRS - reporter charged news of the past forever. My outrage over the head of an IRA department, who makes \$177,000 a year of taxpayer money -- plus bonuses for a total of \$750,000 over three years, refusing to answer questions about her department's actions in targeting conservative groups seeking exempt status, knows no bounds, but it is exhausting. However, they (whoever they are) took care of the problem. After asking for, and not getting her resignation, they put her on paid administrative leave. So take that lady!

It seems there is one revelation after another coming out of D.C. these days and they all should make a reasonable person's head spin. Yes, I think I'm reasonable. The latest revelation heard

Wednesday was that, despite the sequester, there are 27,000 new high paying jobs in Washington being filled as we speak, or as I write, or whatever.

But, back to the week end. We decorated graves Sunday and on Monday, Jamie, Allison, Kayla and I traveled to Cincy to watch the Reds. Now, as a matter of actually watching a game -- I would probably rather do it from the comfortable confines of my family room. I have become used to the zoom-ins, the replays, the chit chat of the announcers. We had good seats and I could actually pick up the ball off the bat very well. But, when I am at the actual game, I tend to get distracted by all the goings-on around me and usually spend more time deciding what I am going to get at the concession stand this time than watching the game. I missed Votto's game winning two-run homer because I was telling Allison what I was going to do to the Indian fans we were surrounded by if they didn't become a little less boisterous.

Jamie, very kindly, let me and Allison out near the park so we wouldn't have to walk so far and then proceeded to cross the "blue bridge" back into Kentucky to park, necessitating a 30-40 minute walk after the game to the car. But, I showed them. I made it. They still don't have an excuse to leave the old woman at home the next time.

able to make the event, feel free to contact me at 859-248-8918 or mckinziitodd@yahoo.com for more information. You can also mail a check made out to the Kentucky YMCA Youth Association to me, McKinzie Todd, at 4460 Copper Creek Rd, Crab Orchard, KY 40419. Any do-

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Mon., June 3rd: Calloway, Red Hill, Livingston, Lamerio and Pine Hill. **Tues., June 4th:** Maple Grove, Orlando, Climax. **Wed., June 5th:** Child Development Center and Lisa's Little People.

Clothes, Coffee and Refreshments

As part of the US 25 Yard Sale, scheduled for June 6, 7- and 8, Grateful Threadz will be open June 8, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Come join us for refreshments and clothing. If you have never shopped with us, this will be the perfect opportunity. And, while you're here, have a cookie and coffee on us.

Class of 1983 Reunion

The RCHS Class of 1983 will hold their 30 year reunion June 22nd at 6 p.m. at Cedar Rapids. \$20 single and \$30 couples. Money may be taken to A Cut Above or mailed to Glenna Settles, 343 Barnett Rd., Brodhead, KY 40409.

RCHS Class of 2003 Reunion

Please save the date! July 20th will be the Class of 2003's 10 year high school reunion. The event will be in the evening at the KY Music Hall of Fame. More information to come.

Veteran's Officer in London

A certified and trained state service officer will be at the London DAV building on West 80, behind Clark Truck on June 4th from 9 a.m. to noon to assist all veterans and their dependents with VA claims. DAV does not charge for this service. For more information, call 606-862-0032 or 606-877-1308. If no answer, leave a short message.

RCDB Meeting Notice

The Rockcastle County Development Board meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at noon at the Rockcastle County Courthouse 3rd floor Technology Center. The public is invited to attend.

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #556 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

Kiwanis Club Meetings

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Renfro Valley lodge. Guest speakers for the Thursday, May 30th meeting will be David Bergman and Alvin Sharpe, possibly accompanied by Williamsburg Mayor Roddy Harrison. They will be speaking about the Williamsburg/Kiwanis partnership which created three playgrounds. Bergman and Sharpe are both on staff at the University of the Cumberland.

Historical Society Hours

The Rockcastle Historical Society is open on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the RTEC garage building.

Sons of Confederate Veterans

The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV), Rockcastle Camp, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. on the third floor of the county courthouse. For more information, contact David Owens at 606-256-9870.

American Legion Post 71

American Legion Post 71 meets the second Thursday at 7 p.m. of each month on the third floor of the courthouse. Commander David Owens invites all Rockcastle veterans to join this organization that honors American soldiers, sailors and airmen.

Letters to the Editor Policy

Letters to the editor must be no more than 400 words without prior arrangements having been made. Letters are published in the order in which they are received as space permits. Letters must not contain libelous materials. Letters must be in the Signal office before 4 p.m. on Monday to be considered for that week's publication. All letters must include the author's name, signature, address and telephone numbers. Illegible letters will not be considered for publication. Letters not meeting these guidelines will neither be published nor returned to the author. For questions or to make arrangements for a letter exceeding the word limit, contact the editor at 256-2244.

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Rockcastle County Fiscal Court's second reading of the 2013-2014 budget will be at the regular monthly meeting on June 11th at 1 p.m.

Notice

Eastern Rockcastle Water Association has completed the Annual Water Quality Report for 2012. This report is available electronically at www.krwa.org/2012/easternrockcastle.pdf and www.easternrockcastlewaterassociation.webs.com. You can also find this report posted at the post office in Mt. Vernon, Livingston and McKee, as well as the ERWA office. If you would like a paper copy mailed to you, please write or call the ERWA office.

Nominations for the Board of Directors for Eastern Rockcastle Water Association were accepted on May 20, 2013. Information on each candidate is posted in the ERWA office for your convenience as well as on our website at www.easternrockcastlewaterassociation.webs.com

Recycling Center Is Now Open!!!

The Rockcastle County Recycling Center is located at 2528 South Wilderness Rd (US 25 South) next to the Rockcastle County Road Department Garage and is open Monday thru Friday from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. (closed on major holidays).

The following items may be recycled:

Newspapers w/inserts, magazines, catalogs, office paper, junk mail, shredded paper, books, phone books, cardboard (corrugated and slick), plastics #1-7, plastic grocery store bags, metal cans, aerosol cans, aluminum cans, aluminum foil, aluminum pie plates, glass bottles and glass jars, old cell phones, car batteries, empty printer and toner cartridges, old computers and all related accessories, telephones, radios, digital clocks, televisions, rechargeable batteries (if the battery says rechargeable on it, then it is recyclable), and large bulky metal items. Clean used motor oil may also be dropped off at the Rockcastle County Road Department.



If you have any
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at
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