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Car of the Month

By Peter Pandolfi

Editor's Note: In the November 2014 issue of the Clutch Chatter, I introduced a new feature entitled Car of the Month. The idea was to feature a Bull Run member's car each month, telling their personal story about the vehicle. Other Clutch Chatter editors carried on this feature and when I returned as editor in 2019, I continued the feature. To date, we have featured 112 member cars. The success of this feature has become its undoing in that I have run out of cars to report on. I have covered my own personal cars and have not received any new submissions. I do not intend for this feature to go away, but it will no longer be a monthly feature. If you would like your collector car to be featured, please submit a 1,000 word article on the vehicle plus pictures of both the interior and exterior along with captions. No, submitting one picture does not satisfy the 1,000 word article requirement.

To replace the Car of the Month as a monthly feature, I am going to start a new feature called "The Car is the Star". My idea is to provide information on cars that have played a prominent role in either TV or motion pictures. I already have a list of 30 such vehicles, and the feature will begin with the April issue.



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As I sit at my desk preparing the March President's Report, I yell over to Alexa and ask her what the temperature is outside. She replies in her seductive electronic know-it-all voice, "It's currently 63 degrees dummy. Why did you wait until the last moment to write this." Actually she only replied it's 63 degrees and I adlibbed the rest, but I swear I might have heard her imply it. But seriously, why did I wait until the last moment? Well, it boils down to one thing - priorities, which many times in the past I have failed to, well, prioritize. I often said, "family comes first," only to not follow through. I can cite excuse after excuse of why I opted to stay out in the garage longer or go out with the guys and not put my family first.

We have been dealing with my wife's aging parents and were forced to place them in a senior assisted living facility which meant coordinating the downsizing of their personal belongings along with selling their home. Not an easy task, but necessary and mind bogglingly time consuming. Mind you, this all transpired very quickly over a less than two-month period. Shortly after they settled into their new place, my wife came down with that nasty flu that's been rampant. Fortunately, I did not catch it but ended up being her primary nurse and care taker of our three dogs. There were plenty of other things I could have done - like write this report - but I decided that family needed to come first. I'm glad I did, because they needed me. Where am I heading with this? Simple, take some time away from what you're doing in the garage when your family, especially your young kids, need you. You will not have any regrets. Family comes first - always.

At the February monthly meeting we had a slide show presentation, *The Bull Run Region 2024 Year in Review*, which was accompanied by a 1960's soundtrack. It was fun to look back on our accomplishments in the previous year. In addition, Steve Deitz was presented with the Bull Run Ambassador Award since he was not in attendance at our annual awards banquet back in January. Congrats Steve, very well deserved.

With the warm weather finally here many of you will be bringing your cars out of hibernation and getting them ready for the road. Don't forget these basic safety precautions: Keep the garage door open when you're running them so as not to kill yourself, check your brake fluid level and actual operation of the brakes before leaving the driveway, check your tires to make sure they are in good condition and have proper air pressure, make sure your brake lights, turn signals (if equipped) and head lights are operational.

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March Automotive Trivia Question

What vehicle shares its name with a popular rock and roll group from the 1980/90s?

See answer on Page 8

Car of the Month continued

If you have a favorite "Star Car" and would like to write about it, just let me know. If it is not one on my list, I will add it to the list. The same rules as car of the month apply to this new feature. I hope you will enjoy this new feature.



Since there is no car of the month for this month and the new feature is not ready, here is a short article of interest on car radios. Pete

Car Radios

The other day while watching the Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale auction, a car rolled across the block with a radio delete option. This got me to thinking, always a dangerous proposition. Today it is unheard of to offer a vehicle without a radio. Did I say radio? How about an entire sound/infotainment system with



One of the first Crosley car radios

seven speakers, stereo sound, multiple CD changer, MP3 storage, USB ports, Bluetooth and somewhere in there a multi-band AM/FM radio better than the stereo system in my home.

This raised a question in my mind. When did we get

the idea to put a radio in a car? Which automobile manufacturer pioneered equipping cars with radios? It turns out those are not easy questions to answer. After doing exhaustive research on the internet for about 20 minutes, I learned I might not be able to definitively answer those questions. At any rate, here is what I learned so you can decide.

Mio piasano Guglielmo Marconi, an Italian, invented



The radio kit for a 1938 Buick ready to install



Antennas can be a problem

the radio in the mid-1890s. (Just accept it since history gives him the credit.) This relatively coincided with the birth of the motorcar. It didn't take long to meld the two together. American inventor, Lee de Forest, displayed his automobile (type unknown)

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Editor's Notes by Peter W. Pandolfi:

Your Hobby, Your Newsletter, Your Stories

I welcome any contribution members would like to submit. In this issue you will notice an article by a member on a car museum he visited. This is the kind of item I am looking for. Especially desired are articles on National meets and tours you might attend. Email is the best way to submit items, but if the files are large, burned to a CD/DVD or thumb drive is perfectly fine. I will even take them hardcopy if necessary. This method would be very labor intensive, but I will make it work. Submission deadline and contact information is below. Please use MS Word if at all possible. Thanks in advance for all your support.

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The deadline for submissions for inclusion in the next issue is the 25th of the month.



March Anniversaries

None

March Birthdays

Kathy Hermann	March 7
Ada McGlothlin	March 17
Randy Higgins	March 17
Pete Daniels	March 21
Rick Healy	March 24

Note: Your birthday or anniversary not listed? Please let me know the date(s) by email. Spouses as well. Years are not necessary since we are all 29 at heart. Thanks, Pete



Member News

Award Presentation: At the February meeting Steve Deitz was presented with the Bull Run Region Ambassador Award for 2024 by President Randy Higgins. Steve was scheduled to receive the award at the January Awards Dinner, but was not able to attend.. Steve has been a very active member of the Region and frequent contributor to the Clutch Chatter. He is

well deserving of this honor. Pictured is Randy, on the left, presenting the award to Steve.



2024 Ambassador Winner

Meeting Presentations: If you or anyone you know would like to give a presentation on an automotive experience, contact Randy Higgins. Presentations should be between 20-30 minutes in length.

Newsletter Articles: The Clutch Chatter is in need of articles from the membership, especially Car of the Month. Please make your submission to Pete by the 25th of the month. Include lots of pictures.

Upcoming Events: As we approach the beginning of car show season, let's get the word out about events in our area. As you learn of shows, swap meets, tours and other events desiring to display collector vehicles, please send me the information or better yet a flyer on these activities so I can publish them in the Clutch Chatter. One good source is the other car club organizations that you may belong to. All our members can benefit by participating in these events. Pete

New Bull Run Activities: Have you ever heard of an event hosted by other car clubs and thought, "Hey, that sounds like fun!?" If you have, then take the lead and organized the function for our Region. It doesn't have to be a big, involved affair. It could be a day tour or show and shine at some interesting location in our area. These activities can benefit the Region by boosting membership retention and providing a venue to advertise the club and possibly attract new members. If you have an idea, bring it up to any of the Region officers or present your idea at a monthly meeting.



Meeting Minutes

by Pete Pandolfi, Secretary

The monthly meeting of the Bull Run Region was held on February 16, 2025 at the VFW Hall in Manassas. This meeting was delayed a week to allow for the National Convention. 14 members were in attendance.

1. Randy began the meeting by presenting Steve Deitz with the Region's 2024 Ambassador Award. This was followed by a slide presentation, developed by Randy, of the Region's activities throughout 2024. This was a big year for the Region and Randy is looking forward to equaling or exceeding those accomplishments in the coming year.
2. The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted
3. Randy next informed the members that he and Gene Gilkey had spoken with the representatives of the Masonic Lodge. They informed them that we would not be continuing our agreement with them for the use of their property to conduct our annual car show. They thanked the lodge for their hospitality. In return the Masons thanked the Region for holding the show at their facility. The exposure had a positive effect on their membership and recruiting efforts.
4. Randy confirmed that the AACA National Convention will return to Chantilly, Virginia in February 2026. They will use the same hotel as they did in 2024. The Region will again be an active participant in the setup and execution of this event. As in 2024, National will be looking at us to supply some display vehicles and help with coordinating efforts necessary for the event. National decided to return to Chantilly due to the very positive response from AACA members and because of the tremendous support they received from the Bull Run Region.
5. Dave Claveloux, the Membership Chair, reported that the Region had a net growth of three members, with four members not renewing for 2025. He has reached out to those people who have not renewed to determine why they left the club.
6. Randy, along with Gene Gilkey, next discussed the plans for the 49th Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet to be held back in old town Manassas on September 20, 2025. Our return to this venue was brokered by BRR member Mark Olsen who is also the President of Historic Manassas, Inc. (HMI). The car show was a tremendous draw for the City and give us a perfect backdrop for our show. The Region will not be responsible to pay any of the City required fees, which will be covered by HMI and local businesses. The show field will no longer include the Manassas Museum lawn, but we will still have room for up to 200 vehicles with space for vendors. Randy did say they reached out to Osbourn High School to see if their auto shop classes would be interested in partnering with the Region to attract youth into the hobby, but they have not received a response. Randy said that in an effort to attract more motorcycles, the awards list has been modified to include two awards for motorcycles. This will be offset by reducing the TOP 25 awards down to the TOP 20 awards. Randy stated that he will need more members to assist with this year's show, and named several members working on the show committee. Randy will handle ordering awards and dash plaques, but is looking for someone to take that over. Mark Olsen will be the City Liaison, Judging will be Franklin Gage and Steve Dietz, Registration will be John Price and Steve Dietz, and advertising will be Gene Gilkey and Jon Battle. We will also advertise the show electronically and in hardcopy through the efforts of both HMI and Crusin-For-Heroes, who will once again be running the Fisher House Charity drive. Randy also stated that it is every members' responsibility to promote the event with other clubs they may be affiliated with and by passing out flyers. Pete Pandolfi noted that in a previous meeting we decided to reach out to the Hispanic community more. How to do that will be discussed within the committee. Pete also stated that he and Bill Sessler have started discussing the 2026 show which will be the Region's 50th car show. Bill has a wealth of historical knowledge and the two of them will start planning for this special event.
7. Pete Pandolfi informed the members that the supplier for the Club Store has not responded to calls, visits and emails from Jennifer Gilkey. While the store does have most items available, new orders cannot be processed. Since the supplier will not respond, she is looking for a new supplier preferably in the local area. Ernie Newland said he knows of a place in Manassas. Pete will ask the Gilkeys to contact Ernie for more information.
8. Ernie Newland won the 50/50 drawing.
9. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.



The Parking Lot



A set of 4 Brand New Vintage 15 Inch Oldsmobile Spinner "Flipper" Hubcaps for \$150.



A pair of Original Tall Model T Cowl/Tail Lights – Brass and converted from gas to electric for \$175



A Vintage Pennzoil Oil 16 Gallon Drum in near perfect condition \$95

If interested in any of these parts, contact Lou Reamoto at 4cruiserlou@gmail.com.

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A JAZ Heavy Duty Plastic 16-gallon gas tank with two outlets for \$150



A Ford Model A Luggage Rack - Fits 1928 to 1931. Brand new \$150.



A set of 2011-2017 BMW X3 Aluminum Cross Bars Roof Racks F25 Silver \$150



Assortment of 8 VDO and Stewart Warner Gauges \$100

2025 Refreshment List		
Month	Snacks	Drinks
March	Potluck Dinner	
April	Claveloux	Pandolfi
May	Franklin Gage	
June	Potluck Dinner	
July	John Price	
August	Gilkey's Picnic Meeting	
September	Potluck Dinner	
October	Scott Patton	
November	Batchelder	Stakenborg
December	Potluck Dinner & Christmas Cookie Exchange	
Changes highlighted in yellow		

Car Radios continued

with a radio installed in 1904 at the Louisiana Purchase Exhibition in St. Louis, Missouri. He demonstrated it to the crowds throughout the exhibition, but was neither an auto or radio manufacturer. Radios in the early 20th century were heavy, bulky sets requiring a lot of electrical power and very expensive.

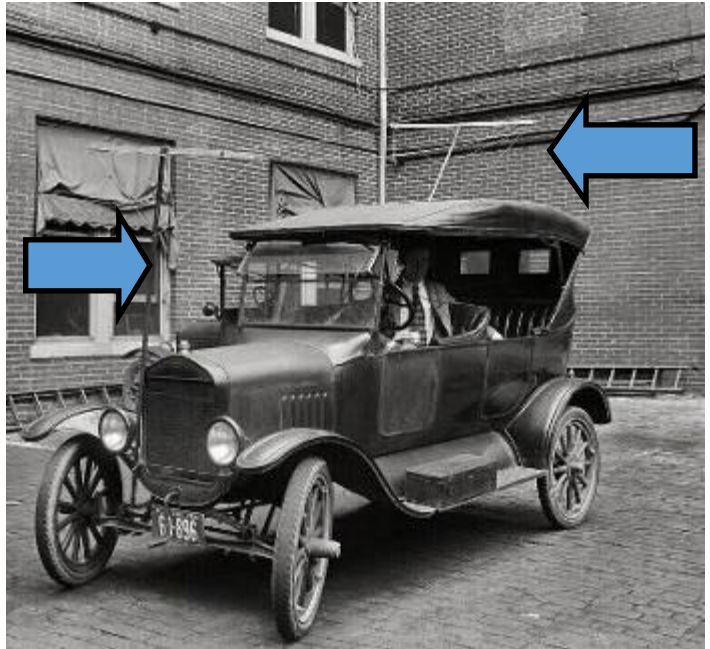


An old Motorola 45 radio

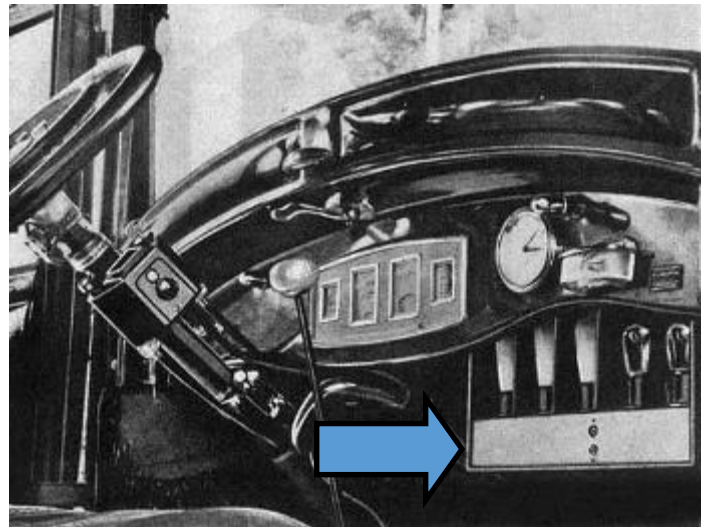
Certain luxury brand automobiles such as Packard, Pierce-Arrow and Cadillac installed radios at the purchaser's request in the late 19 teens and early twenties, but they were not listed a factory options. In 1922, Chevrolet listed a radio as an option, but the first known Chevy with a radio installed was purchased in 1924 in Australia. The cost of the radio option nearly doubled the price of the car. It took two technicians, two entire days to install the radio.



Early antennas reached new heights



Front and rear antenna mounts with wires in between the "T" sections



Tube type radio receiver under the dash

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President's Page continued

Car show season is upon us. If you have a flyer about an upcoming show please e-mail a copy to me so that I can put it on our Facebook page and add it to the website. Also, send a copy to Pete so he can put it in the newsletter.

This is all I have for this month's report. I'll see you at the March 9th monthly meeting. Remember, keep your priorities straight. Not a sermon, just a thought.

Randy



Car Radios continued

In 1930, the Galvin Brothers manufactured a more compact radio specifically designed for installation in automobiles under the name Motorola. This radio option cost \$130 in a time when a Ford Model A



Okay so you save some room on the inside, but how do you change the station while driving?

Deluxe cost \$540. Cars of the period had 6 volt electrical systems, but the radio required 50 volts or more to operate depending on the radio manufacturer. Part of the radio system was a step-up transformer to provide the extra power needed. The radio unit consisted of a box containing the vacuum tubes, transformer, batteries, control panel, and a speaker box. In the next few years other radio manufacturers of car radios emerged such as Crosley, Blaupunkt, Delco and Philco (aka. Phillips), which are still recognizable today.

Of course, all these early car radios were AM radios. In 1952, AM/FM radios appeared on the scene. Eventually, radios ceased to be an option and became standard equipment, hence the need for a radio delete



Early distracted driving

option. Today the premium sound system in our vehicles is essential. It is important to consider your entertainment system's humble origins the next time you tune in.



The National Beat

By Peter W. Pandolfi

The National Beat is taking a break this month pending the publication of The Rummage Box from National Headquarters. Look for this feature to return next month.



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March Trivia Question Answer:

REO Speedwagon

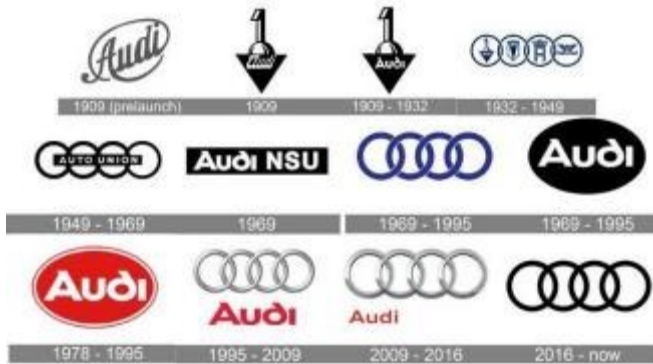


What's In a Name

By Peter W. Pandolfi

This article presents a badge or logo and provides a brief explanation of the item. The information in this article was derived from open sources on the internet.

Audi was founded in July 1909 by August Horch in Ingolstadt, Germany. Given the ever changing environment of early automobile manufacturing, the company's identity changed accordingly. The Audi insignia today is one of



the more recognized images in the automobile industry. The four circles of the German car manufacturer have a deeper meaning than most people realize. More than just a sleek design, the 4-ring car logo depicts four companies that merged in the 1930s.

The companies, Horsch, Audi, Wanderer, and DKW combined to form the "Auto Union". Later, the newly created companies took on the name of "Audi". The enhanced business quickly became one of the top automobile com-



1929 Audi Imperator

panies in the world. Though the 4-ring car logo is the design most commonly associated with the brand, this image didn't appear until more than 20 years after the launch of the business.

In 1909, the Audi logo designed for the pre-launch of the Company is nothing like the one we know today. Instead,

it was a cursive word mark tilting upwards within an oval outline. The logo featured a dark grey color palette, excellent for exuding sophistication and professionalism. Before the Company officially launched in 1909, however, the Audio logo emblem changed. The new badge looked like a number one sitting on top of a semi-circle and upside-down triangle. The word "Audi" still appeared in an italic font. Later in the same year, the Audi logo design team made another change, updating the "Audi" word mark to something similar to the design on Audi marketing collateral today. This logo remained part of the Audi image until the formation of the Auto Union in 1932.

1932 marked one of the most important instances of the Audi logo changes we've seen throughout the years. The merger of four different brands created the "Auto Union" and a new logo. This new design, though complex, held a lot of meaning. Four connected circles linked together, showcasing the previous logo designs of the standalone



1979 Audi 100

brands. The complexity of this emblem began to diminish over the years. In 1949, a version of the Audi symbol without the separate logos appeared. The emblems in this logo were removed from within the circles and replaced by a horizontal rectangle featuring the words "Auto Union" in simple sans-serif text.

In 1969, after the name of the Auto Union officially changed to "Audi", the symbol evolved again. The simplistic design built on one of the original Audi word marks, and the rectangle in the middle of the four connected circles of the previous logo. This Audi insignia combined the word "Audi" with the letters "NSU" on top of a black rectangle. Later in the same year, Audi also created an alternative version of its logo. This insignia removed the rectangular banner from the previous logo and kept just the four rings. The rings were chained together to represent the connected brands, and they featured a dark blue color palette. A word mark to accompany the four rings also appeared during 1969. This featured the Audi word mark with the well-known Audi font. The word appeared in white bold letters, on top of a black oval shape.

In 1978, the version of the logo featuring the word mark in an oval shape changed again. This design was now in red and white, and included a thinner white border around the initial red oval, followed by a sleek red outline. The Audi

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2025 Bull Run Events Calendar Draft

National events are in blue text.

- Mar 9 – Monthly Business Meeting, VFW Hall
Apr 3-5 – **Southeast Spring Natls, Charlotte, NC**
Apr 13 – Monthly Business Meeting, VFW Hall
May 3—British Car Show, Lewes, MD
May 17— City of Fairfax Show, Fairfax, VA
May 18 – Monthly Business Meeting, VFW Hall
(moved for Mother’s Day)
May 27-31—Rolls-Royce National Meet, Colorado Springs, CO
Jun 1-7 – **Vintage Tour, Southeastern PA**
Jun 8 – Monthly Business Meeting, VFW Hall
Jun 21 – Father’s Day Show, Sully & Warrenton, VA
Jul 13 – Monthly Business Meeting, VFW Hall
Aug 10 – Picnic Business Meeting, Gilkey’s
Sep 14 – Show Prep Meeting, VFW Hall
Sep 20 – Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet, Masonic Lodge, Manassas, VA
Sep 7-12 – **Glidden Tour, Owensboro, KY**
Oct 7-10 – **Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA**
Oct 12 – Monthly Business Meeting, VFW Hall
Nov 9 – Monthly Business Meeting, VFW Hall
Dec 6 – Manassas Christmas Parade
Dec 14 – Monthly Business Meeting, VFW Hall
(Cookie Exchange & Officer Elections for 2026)



What’s in a Name continued

word mark and four circle emblems merged together in 1995, creating the logo many Audi fans are familiar with today. The rings in this insignia took on a three-dimensional shape with metallic shading. The Audi word mark used the same bright red of the previous oval logo. Audi also experimented with a version of the four-ring logo which combined glossier, larger metallic rings with a smaller, sans-serif word mark, placed in the lower left-hand corner.

Following in the footsteps of many popular brands in 2016, Audi simplified its logo yet again, removing the word mark and the shading for the metallic rings. The connected circles are now bold and black. The biggest Audi logo changes occurred due to the changes in the

Company’s ownership and structure. The Audi symbol meaning today remains the same as for the initial launch of the Audi brand.

When Audi joined forces with three other companies to create the Auto Union, the four-ring design was a way to represent all the contributing companies. Although the Auto Union brand decided to use the name “Audi” officially going forward, the four-circle design remained a testament to the origins of the business. Today’s four-ring logo is an excellent insight into Audi’s history. The simplicity of the Audi symbol also means it’s much easier to remember than some alternative designs.



2018 Audi A5

The Audi logo color scheme today is a simple combination of bold black circles on a white background. The color black represents sophistication, strength, and power. Previous Audi logo colors featured a lot of chrome and silver-style designs for the 4 rings. The most recent version of the Audi word mark was written in a bold red, although this design isn’t always used alongside the four-ring symbol. The bright red combines feelings of power with passion and excitement.



2024 Audi Q7

Audi uses the unique Audi Type font when adding its word mark to its marketing collateral. The font was created specifically for the business. The previous Audi font was also a custom creation and remained a consistent component of the brand image for many years. Today, the sans-serif typography is a lot more subtle. The Audi logo represents one of the most memorable and better-known car logos in the industry. The simple but powerful design is easy to recognize, whether in advertisements or on the roadway.



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