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RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

I too was once a male trapped in a female body....
but then my mother gave birth.

*My teacher told me not to worry about spelling
because in the future there will be autocorrect, and
for that I am eternally grapefruit.*

This month's column was suggested by Editor Stu Allen who wanted something TECHNICAL being presented, and here goes my attempt. My favorite subject is Molybdenum, a hard, grey, metallic element used to toughen alloy steels. The atomic number is 42 and atomic weight is 95.94. This fascinating fact has given me major flatulenza, so let's just move on.

Our November's meeting was held in a new location, Panera Bread in Waynesboro. Also new this month was the extortion table set up at the door, featuring "Bonnie" and "Clyde" Skillman. My usual perky self was about to open the door when I got the "Hey you, gimme ten bucks for the drawing!" from "Bonnie". My instantaneous response was, "Kinda feisty half pint little broad ain't ya?" Generally my responses have a tad more diplomatic verbiage than this, but then, this is ME. Other folks have even suggested that I can be more acerbic than most people. Again, that's also ME. I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes. The above comment has nothing to do with the food served at Panera, it just popped into my demented mind as I was doing this month's article.

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Ramblings continued.

Back to the opening paragraph. Let's say for the sake of argument that you are given a choice between one of the two following scenarios: (A) you are to swim in a pond full of man eating Alligators for 3 minutes. (B) you are to enter a cage with a rabid 4' 10" Tasmanian she devil for thirty seconds. If you picked any letter of the alphabet other than (A) there is a lesson to be learned. I can recall, and I'm sure that many of the readers of this fine publication can as well, remember that when a body part is removed surgically, the anesthesiologist gives pain medication to not only knock you out, but to lower the "minor discomfort" feeling in doctor speak, as he removes some portion of your anatomy. (Why is it that the doctor always says, "You don't need that part as it's a duplicate.") My question is, "Then why was it installed in the first place"? Returning to the above, (stupidly I chose "B") the "she devil" swiftly reached into my pie hole, grasped my flapping tongue and ripped it out by the roots without said medication. I invite you at this point in time to try and speak without moving your tongue. Go ahead, I can wait. Weird isn't it? Now try a chicken sandwich. Enjoy the gag sensation. And the lack of "pain medication"? I've managed to consume a full 64 liter jug of Jack Daniels, and the "discomfort" is still there.

Apparently "Bonnie" took umbrage at my comment. Is there a lesson to be learned here? Yep, and it's something my mother either somehow neglected to teach me, or figured I'd be better off learning from a "she devil", and that is this: PUT BRAIN IN GEAR PRIOR TO PUTTING MOUTH IN MOTION. The "she devil" I live with is not quite as volatile to my mouthy comments or shenanigans and consequently I've managed to stay alive without major bodily harm. After she reads this though, I'd better sleep with one eye open and pay my insurance premium. (by the way, my mother (and not the "devil", used to chase me with a broom stick, but I ran faster than she did, and besides, my little brother was by far and away, the favorite in the family).

(My mind works like lightning, one brilliant flash and it is gone.) Rolling out of Panera's was a Blue '69 Chevelle with a huge 454 C.I. engine, wheelie bars and slicks on the rear wheels. Behind the wheel was Mr. Studebaker, Chester Bradfield. Really Chester, your Stude's don't go fast enough? I would be remiss if I didn't thank Barry Linke for the outstanding Veterans lunch that Karen and I enjoyed on Tuesday, November 5th and to Larry and Debra Skillman for the Monday, November 11th Veterans dinner bash that we and some 12 other veteran club members enjoyed. Both meals included wonderful entertainment and the camaraderie of other vets. THANK YOU!

All hail the deceased turkey (swine for the Rednecks) that you consumed a few days ago and we'll see you all for our Christmas extravaganza next month at Tinkling Spring Church.

Things my mother did teach me:
PART 16: ANTICIPATION:
"Just wait until we get home."

Jack Drago



Could this be the car that Jack spotted???

Reminder

It's time to renew your membership. The W-S renewal form is on Page 5 and you can renew your National AACA membership online at: <https://members.aaca.org/membership/>

November Waynesboro-Staunton Region Meeting

November 17, 2024



Panera Bread was the new venue for our November meeting. They provided a private room and really set up a great meeting place.



Fred Hollen brought his 1992 BMW 318i convertible



Paul Day and Polly Belford arrived in their 1949 Ford Pickup



Everyone enjoyed the meal and agreed that we should return for some of our future meetings.



Deb & Larry Skillman handled the 50/50 sales and our oldest veteran, Bob Kuykendall, drew the winning ticket that he had purchased!



Automotive Genealogy
By Myron Smith
 VP - Region & Chapters
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 Division

My wife and a paternal second cousin are interested in genealogy. The cousin has built family trees for our Smith family, my mother's Butler family and Barb's family-the latter 2 being no relation to her at all but she loves doing it. I enjoy looking at other research but don't have time to do it myself. This has no bearing on cars but got me thinking another thought "I wonder what happened to an old car I looked at one time"

While sitting at a stop light recently, I remembered a really nice black 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air 4 door that would have made a great HPOF car. It used to be parked at that intersection. I wondered what had ever happened to the car. It probably would have been mine except the dealer was so nasty I refused to deal with him. That got me to thinking also about a very nice 1955 Chevrolet we looked at one time that also disappeared probably never to be seen again. It can be interesting tracing our cars 'roots' and with state motor vehicle agencies being more and more restrictive in the information they let out it has become more and more difficult to research a car's history.

Some things are just meant to be however, I have a 1959 Impala 4 door hardtop which from the owner's manual I knew had come from the town where my son Nathan and I had both attended high school. At the local town fall festival I took the car and left a sign on it asking that if anyone knew the original owner, to please contact me, as I would like to know the car's history. No one responded. The next year we took the completely stock 1959 Chevrolet to a Good Guys event. Before I even got parked, a couple of guys walked up and started asking questions about the car, including "Was the a/c in it when you got it? Is it a 348 engine and was it in it when you got it?" After the questions were answered he said, "my Dad had one just like it." I responded "I know the original owner's name" and told him what it was. He then responded "That's my Dad's car. I was really upset when I found out he had sold it. I've tried to trace it and the county sheriff friend told me he couldn't tell me where it was even if he ran the records." I found out there had been very little time between when his dad sold it and when I bought it from another party.

Another of my cars a 1942 Ford I bought in 1976 from it's original owner. I offered it on loan to that county's museum for the winter which they readily accepted to put it outside their WWII POW display in the museum. As we were delivering the car to the museum, one of the local museum workers asked. "Did this car come from a little old lady who lived by the tennis court?" I said "yes." He responded "I never thought I'd see this car again." I have owned the car for 41 years, and he remembered the car. It made my day.

A friend and his Dad restored a Model T Ford, which the dad then took to California when he retired. My friend got to wondering about the car and was hoping to get it back. He was able to trace the car and when he found it, it was in a used car lot in California. He bought it and brought it back to Nebraska where he now enjoys it. A lot of memories are tied up in it.

Another friend wanted a car like he and his wife had had when they got married. A 1964 Ford Galaxie 500 2 door hardtop. He bought a similar car to restore, then was rummaging around a salvage yard about 50 miles from his home and on top of a stack of cars headed for the crusher was a 1964 Galaxie 500. It was HIS car! His bought it and his restoration project suddenly changed.

Some look for early cars and have tried to trace them down from old car magazines, including ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE. Some searches do not have happy endings. Another friend has searched and searched for the 1967 Caprice coupe that he bought new—To no avail whatever happened to it will probably be as big a mystery as the two that got away from our family: a 1941 Pontiac, and a 1958 Apache Pickup. All that I have are photos. So, on cold winters nights or too Hot summer days, see if you can research where your car has been or where one of your previous ones is now- it's interesting.

2024 AACA National Activities

- Founders Tour - March 17-23, 2024 - Lafayette, Louisiana
- Special Winter National - March 17-23, 2024 - Puerto Rico
- Grand Nationals - April 5, 2024 - Charlotte, North Carolina
- Southeastern Spring Nationals - April 4-6, 2024 - Charlotte, North Carolina
- Eastern Divisional Tour - June 9-13, 2024 - Fredericksburg, Virginia
- Eastern Spring Nationals - June 20-22, 2024 - Saratoga Springs, New York
- Western Divisional Tour - July 10-13, 2024 - Big Horn Mountain, Wyoming
- Special Eastern Fall Nationals - August 22-24, 2024 - Hampton, Virginia
- Western Fall Nationals - September 12-14, 2024 - Loveland, Colorado
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- Eastern Fall - October 8-11, 2024 - Hershey, Pennsylvania
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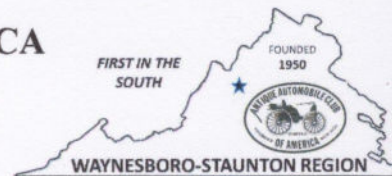
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Calendar of AACA Events & Community Car Events

- DEC. 11** Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton
- 14** Saturday, 2:00 PM - Annual Christmas Party and Gift Exchange at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church, 30 Tinkling Spring Drive, Fishersville. Meal will be catered. Jack reports that we have 37 reservations for the meal!
- Bring a gift marked Man or Woman (suggested value up to \$20) and Santa Jack will conduct the annual gift exchange.



JAN. 19 Sunday, 2:00 PM -Monthly meeting at Ming Garden, Waynesboro
2025

FEB. 12 Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton

16 Sunday, 2:00 PM -Monthly meeting at Franciscos in Bridgewater

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Minutes of the November 17, 2024 W-S Meeting

The Waynesboro-Staunton Region of the AACA held its November 2024 meeting at Panera Bread in Waynesboro at 2 pm on the 17th. After the meal, President Jack Drago opened the meeting by welcoming the 32 members and 1 guest present.

Treasurer Todd Smith gave his report which was approved.

Secretary Robbie Gray reminded everyone to pay their dues both national and local. He stated Nelson Driver was not present do to the death of his brother-in-law. Carol Sarginger was a home recovering from knee replacement.


Jack Drago stated that the ODMA Meet was this club turn to have it. There had a lot of discussion at the board meeting about could we do it and at what location. He then opened the floor up for discussion which was brisk. Jack stated he had a phone call from Franklin Gage about holding the meet. The question on holding the meet was left open further discussion until Tri-County could be contacted about helping.

Jack reported on the Veterans Day meal at Cornerstone Church which was well attended by our veterans.

At this time, Jack Drago presented a program on which way is north and south from a Yankee point of view.

Respectfully submitted,
Robbie Gray, Sec.

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