



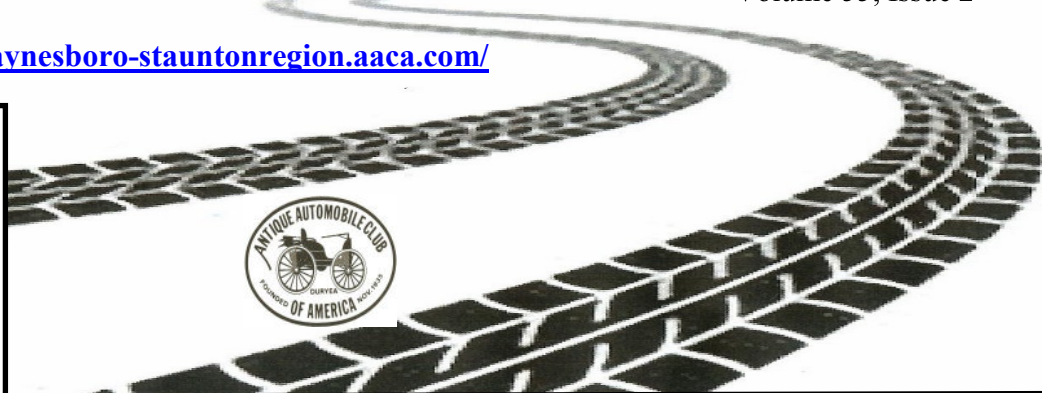
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RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Just what disease did cured ham actually have?
Can a hearse carrying a corpse drive in the
carpool lane?**

December 31st, and the foolishness never stops. If you recall, Karen and I have managed like the trailer trash we are, to crash Jim and Sue Gregory's New Years Eve party every year for several years now, and Lord knows they've tried to keep us at bay. This year we found Sue's car 5 doors down from their house in a neighbors backyard garage and all the lights off in the Gregory house. We found them hiding in a bedroom closet, along with 12 other guests. Memory's from seasons past at Jim and Sue's home flooded into my mind and I decided that discretion would be better than valor and "dressed" accordingly. As soon as entering the house, my eyes rapidly searched for FANG, that despicable, depraved feline carnivore of a cat from Hell with 6 inch knives for toes. "Where are you, you treacherous beast?" I blurted out. From under the refrigerator I saw two bright Green gleaming eyes staring out at me. I "undressed" my .45 from its holster, aimed the Red Laser at the cat and said, "Hey cat, can you run 2,400 feet per second? If not, then go ahead and make my day!" Suffice to say that no shots were fired. With all the pleasantries aside, we all then sat down for a fun evening of entertainment. (with my finger on the trigger at all times) About 2 hours later I got up and FANG ran to the bathroom door where he figured the final battle would commence. Had I proceeded under those circumstances, FANG would have had the upper paw as I would have been in a disadvantaged position. However, me being 2 molecules more intelligent than that cat, went outside and irrigated Sue's prized Begonia plants.

The evening was not all about that fur bearing creature, as the food certainly was deserving of some mention. As I was putting on heaping shovels full of sausage gravy dip, crockpot loads of flavored sausage balls, various cheeses and whatnots on my platter, Jim's brother pointed to me, then asked Jim, "Who invited the Oscar Mayer hot dog to a Prime Rib dinner?" If you've never had the experience to savor Jim's home made cooking, then you've missed one of life's thrills. **OUTSTANDING!**

After several hours of merriment, (and many glasses of liquid) it was around 2 AM I believe, the hour came to thank our guests and drive home. The last time I used the Interstate, it was only 2 lanes in each direction. What a surprise to find that It was upgraded to FOUR LANES. I used the two furthest left lanes while going Southbound. Thankfully, traffic was minimal at best, but it was a bit unnerving when all the drivers were heading North in the two left lanes I was using. I had to swerve all over the highway to prevent hitting them. That and some clown behind me with bright, flashing Blue lights. New Years Eve brings out all the nut case drivers. Traffic court was an experience, as was the "tank". I told the judge in the morning, "If you don't like the way I drive, then get off the sidewalk." Contempt of Court cost me an extra \$150. It was 3PM by the time the judge stopped his ranting at me. Resolution #1: Diet Pepsi.

Things my mother taught me: Part 18:

**MEDICAL SCIENCE: "If you don't stop
crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck
that way."**

Jack Drago

Since our Jan. meeting was cancelled, Let's look back to our Jan. meeting 10 years ago.

Our first meeting of the year was held at Hometown Grill in Staunton. It was a cool but sunny day and some of our members brought out their old cars.



The room was filled to over-capacity and a few folks had to sit out in the main dining area while we ate. Outgoing president, Doris Stone conducted her final meeting after serving two years.



Nelson Driver (left) conducted the Installation of Officers for 2015. Next to Nelson is Duane Perrin—Board of Directors Class of 2017, Jack Drago-Treasurer, Robbie Gray-Secretary, Alfred Meyer-Vice President and Ken Farley-President.

January 2015 Meeting at Hometown Grill



Jack Drago presented a comedy roast of outgoing Treasurer Mary Helen Ayers that gave us all a good laugh.

Doris Stone presented Mary Helen her new name tag—**Treasurer Emeritus** and a clock recognizing her service as Treasurer



Robbie Gray, assisted by Bob Ridle, gave a brief history of the Glidden Tour. The original Glidden Tours, held from 1902 through 1913 were named after Charles J. Glidden, an early auto enthusiast and financier. He presented the AAA (American Automobile Association) with a trophy for the winner of the 1905 competition. The Glidden Revival Tours were started in 1946 and continue to the present day, sponsored by on alternate years by VMCCA (Veteran Motor Car Club of America) and AACA.

Our Region hosted the Glidden Tour in 1999 and several of our members regularly participate in the annual tour. Billy Melton has attended 39 Glidden Tours and Ronnie Shanholtzer has attended 38.



Do you speak HPOF?

In 1987 AACA established an exhibition class called HPOF (Historic Preservation of Original Features) to encourage owners to save and display collector vehicles in their original and unrestored, as manufactured condition. Until recently, this class was fairly obscure and usually relegated to the far side of the show field where few spectators got to view the vehicles. Recently there seems to be more interest in these “time capsules”. It has been reported that at 2024 Eastern Meet at Hershey, Over 191 of the nearly 1400 vehicles entered were in the HPOF class. Many of the collector car publications are now featuring unrestored cars in contrast to their usual fare of highly restored vehicles.

Certification as an HPOF a vehicle requires that it must be at least 25 years old, and retain significant features in original unrestored condition. A vehicle may be entirely original or it may have certain original features such as paint, chassis, upholstery, engine compartment, etc., that are essentially as delivered from the factory. These vehicles are not point judged but are certified to have an average of at least 65% of their original features of exterior, interior, chassis and engine. Once a vehicle is certified it is awarded a badge for the front of the vehicle and the owner is presented with an exhibition award and a board to display the initial and subsequent awards. Once a vehicle is certified as HPOF, it can be evaluated at a subsequent National meet in order to receive the AACA “Original”. This award requires fewer non-compliant features on the vehicle than the HPOF award.

In many cases, all of the published manuals, sales brochures and other literature available will not provide the level of detail available by examining an original car as delivered from the factory. How many times have we said to ourselves, “if only I could look at an original car to see how this part looked”? It is not uncommon to have a vehicle that has undergone several restorations over its life and few traces of how it originally looked remain. This is why we need to save the HPOF vehicles.

As an owner, why would you want to keep your car in unrestored condition? I can tell you from my own experience that it is really special to have such a car. First, the expense of maintaining the HPOF vehicle is very low. You drive it, show it, enjoy it and only repair it if it breaks. The parking lot dings, the primer showing through the rubbed out paint and the occasional paint chipped off the air cleaner are just a testimony to the vehicle’s originality. You won’t see HPOF cars roped off from spectators or displaying “Don’t Touch” signs. People seem to relate more to the unrestored vehicles since they are more representative of the cars we grew up with that were far from perfect. If you are lucky enough to find a low-mileage, original vehicle you can spend hours on end at shows telling spectators the story of your HPOF vehicle. Next time you are at a meet, check out the HPOF class and I think you will agree with me, these vehicles are special!



AACA “Original” HPOF

1957 Buick Roadmaster 75

Owned by Stu Allen

Calendar of AACA Events & Community Car Events

- FEB. 6-8** AACA National Convention—Charlotte/Concord NC. Details in Nov./Dec. Antique Automobile Magazine
- 12** Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton
- 16** Sunday, 2:00 PM -Monthly meeting at Francescos in Bridgewater

- MAR 8** Suffolk, VA Tidewater Region—Automotive Swap Meet & Car Corral
Bill Treadwell 757-650-3667
- 12** Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton
- 16** Sunday, 4:00 PM -Monthly meeting at Golden Corral in Waynesboro

- APR 3-5** Southeastern Spring Nationals—Charlotte, -NC Hornets Nest Region
- 9** Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton
- 13** Sunday, 2:00 PM -Monthly meeting at Francescos in Bridgewater

Early Planning Schedule—Watch *Tire Tracks* for details/changes.

MAY	18	Sunset Park - Waynesboro
JUNE	22	Tinkling Spring Picnic
JULY	12	Baldwin Park
AUGUST	17	Grand Caverns - Tri-County Picnic
SEPTEMBER	21	Tinkling Spring Auction
OCTOBER	19	Francesco's
NOVEMBER	16	Ming Garden
DECEMBER	14	Tinkling Spring Christmas Party

CLUB DUES ARE NOW DUE

Hello all Waynesboro-Staunton AACA Car Club members. It's that time of year again - Yes - for those who have not yet paid, Club dues are due.

Thank You to the 37 of our 51 members who have paid their dues.

For those remaining members who have not yet paid - just a reminder that dues are \$15.00 / \$20.00 to receive the newsletter by mail. You can pay me in person at the meeting (cash or check) and by mail (check) - send to Todd Smith, 1422 Bloomer Springs Rd, McGaheysville, VA 22840.

If you are unsure if you have paid your dues or not, just see me at the meeting or give me a call and I will let you know if you are paid up.

Thank You
Todd Smith - Treasurer

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The January 19 W-S Meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather




Oh “Deer”, it’s snowing and we won’t be able to get to Ming Gardens in Waynesboro!



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Bob Kuykendall recently picked up a donation from the local library of 58 Chiltons Manuals, all in good condition. They are now in Stu Allen's garage and are available to our members and friends for **FREE!**

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Brand</u>	<u>Yrs. Covered</u>
12	Asian	1996-2012
8	Chrysler	2000-2012
4	European	2000-2012
7	Ford	2000-2012
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