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## RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jack Drago



The sign at the left was received via email to Karen Drago from a mutual friend of Jack and Karen requesting a response from Karen.

The following is the correspondence from Karen. Jack was on vacation in New York when this arrived.

Dear Rob: I'm delighted to report on **OWNING A DRAGO**. Please bear with me as I recall the memories from back in 1992. At the time I was driving a Lincoln Town Car that I had to get rid of. Happenstance arrived one sunny day as I drove by a used car lot and saw this 52 year old (at that time) DRAGO. (henceforth referred to as a lowly Dodge Dart) I've got no idea on what made me stop and purchase this thing. Perhaps it was because I was young and foolish or possibly the spiked lemonade I was drinking that had the effect. Suffice to say it certainly wasn't a good looking thing, but the body was in really nice shape. (a bell is a shape) It also had a beautiful well padded brown roof pad. Considering it was a lowly Dodge, it always started immediately in the early morning and ran exceptionally well. It was dependable, never broke down and I traveled all over the place with it. It took me from New York to New Hampshire and then to Virginia. Let's fast forward to 2025 and age has not done anything good in the looks department. The body now has a large sag in the middle, is lots more quirky, and never starts before 10AM. If and when it does, it makes all manner of weird sounds, will then backfire half a dozen times, leaving a toxic, noxious cloudy odor from the exhaust and rarely will the darn thing go over 1 MPH.

For some strange reason, the transmission is stuck in first gear. Inclines make it huff and puff like a well used and abused Model "T". One can never tell when it'll quit running. The once fully padded roof is now bare of anything and the roof now shines in the sun. It is CHEAP!!!! to run and generally idles itself to stop around 7:30 PM. Even getting out of the driveway is an experience. Not exactly sure when the engine will expire, so I'm not quite able to ascertain as to whether to put any money into this thing or trade it in. The local mechanic says I'm pouring good money down the drain trying to keep it running. I'm terrified of what I'd not only get, (besides laughter) if I got anything for this 85 year old relic, but is it really worth anything at all? I ask myself, if this thing were human, do I just shoot it to put it out of its misery, do I send it to the junk yard or do I just dig a hole in the back yard and bury it? Do I miss my Lincoln? Not by the wildest stretch of the imagination, but this Dodge Dart is really something different. My final thoughts? It's been quite an experience owning this heap for 32 years now, and If you've never experienced OWNING A DRAGO, heed my advice and absolutely refuse to drink spiked lemonade and then go for a drive. Should you ever be in a position as I was, then road test it before you buy it!!! (a loooooong road test)

Warmest Regards, Karen

(note from Stu Allen) Jack's regular column was tossed in the round file in favor of this one by Karen. This was oh so much better than his.

*A husband is someone who, after taking the trash out, gives the impression that he just cleaned the whole house.*

**THINGS MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME: PART 24:  
WISDOM:**

"When you get to be my age, you'll understand."



### W-S July 12, 2025 Vehicle Display at Baldwin Park

Our annual vehicle display at the Baldwin Park/Brightview Retirement Community was held on July 12. The weather was hot and humid but the thunderstorms held off until everyone got home. 16 cars and trucks were arranged on the lawns for residents to enjoy. Baldwin Park provided a box lunch for our members.

Stu Allen



Todd Smith, Jim Gregory and Robbie Gray at the registration table.



Nelson Driver's 1927 Ford Model T and Robbie Gray's 1929 Ford Model A Huckster.

Leonard Pittman brought his 1968 Pontiac Firebird convertible.



Bill and Karen Walck showed their Olds 442.



Residents joined with our group enjoying the beautiful day.



Steve and Linda Albrecht brought their 1972 Ford Torino.



This lady was intrigued by Nelson's Model T.



## Baldwin Park continued.



Guest Dean Sarnell's 1929 Ford Truck.



Guest George Miller brought this 1968 International Scout.



Bill Jackameit brought his 1964 Studebaker Wagoneer.



Residents always have good stories about the cars they had in the past.

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The **Annual Display at the Augusta County Fair at Expo** was held on July 25, 2025. Turnout was much smaller than normal with 9 cars and trucks and 1 motorcycle. Several of our members that normally bring cars were attending the Model T International Tour in Owatonna, MN. We still had nice vehicles for Fair patrons to enjoy. The weather was hot with high humidity with a few thunderstorms throughout the evening.



This beautiful 1947 Indian Chief belongs to Bobby Gordon.



Richard Obenschain's 1940 Packard 160 Touring.



**Annual Display at the Augusta County Fair at Expo (continued)**

Paul Day and Polly Belford arrived in the 1951 Ford pickup that proved to be the crowd favorite.



President Jack Drago brought his 2010 Dodge Challenger.



Jim Rimel brought the 1949 Ford pickup that attracted much attention.



Mom and Dad checked out the Steve Ayers 1928 Ford Model A. Daughter wasn't as interested.



Members always have a good time socializing during the display.



The Augusta County Fair Junior Queen posed in Stu Allen's 1957 Buick Roadmaster.

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**Minutes of the July 12, 2025 W-S Region Meeting**

No formal business meeting was held in July as the group displayed our vehicles at Baldwin Park/Brightview.

Stu Allen for Robbie Gray



This picture of Chester Bradfield, his beautiful 1938 Studebaker Pickup and visitors at the Bridgewater Lawn Party on July 19, 2025 was taken by Jim Rimel.

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

David Barr  
Jack Drago  
Bill Jackameit  
Sheila Kilbourne  
Jay Mader  
Bobby McLain



## Calendar of AACA Events & Community Car Events

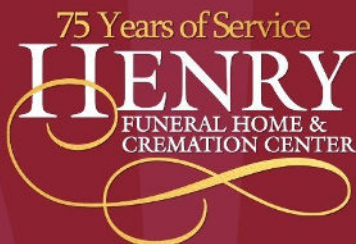
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- AUG 1-3 Das Awkscht Fescht—Macungie PA—Ontelaunee AACA Region**
- 13 Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton**
- 12-15 Eastern Divisional Tour—Northern Maine—Maine Region**
- 16 Saturday— Staunton Cars and Coffee at Terry Court in Staunton 8-10AM**
- 17 Sunday, 1:30 PM – Monthly Meeting and Picnic with the Tri-County Region, Grand Caverns, 5 Grand Caverns Drive, Grottoes. Shelter #4. Bring a dish to pass. Chicken, drinks, utensils and paper goods provided.**
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- SEPT 7-12 Revival AAA Glidden Tour—Owensboro Kentucky—VMCCA Hosted**
- 10 Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton**
- 13 Saturday -“The Barn” Show –32 Old Barn Lane, Staunton -Jim Rimel**
- 20 Saturday— Staunton Cars and Coffee at Terry Court in Staunton 8-10AM**
- 20 49<sup>th</sup> Edgar Rohr Memorial Meet—Bull Run Region –Manassas VA**
- 21 Sunday, 2:00 PM – Monthly Meeting, Steak Fry and Auction, Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church, 30 Tinkling Spring Drive, Fishersville. Bring a dish to pass. Steaks, drinks, utensils and paper goods provided. Don't forget your auction donations and your checkbook!**
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- OCT 7-10 Eastern Fall Nationals @ Hershey—Hershey Region**
- 15 Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton**
- 18 Saturday— Staunton Cars and Coffee at Terry Court in Staunton 8-10AM**
- 18-23 Mid-Atlantic VMCCA Regional Fall Tour—Woodstock, VA. Call Nancy Bradfield for info.**
- 19 Sunday, 2:00 PM—Monthly Meeting at Francesco's in Bridgewater**

### Future Planning

**NOVEMBER 16 Ming Garden**

**DECEMBER 14 Tinkling Spring Christmas Party**

**Invitation Only**

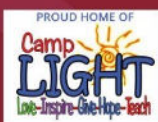
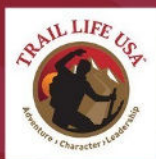


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