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## RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

*If one synchronized swimmer drowns, do the rest drown too?*

Last month I wrote about Ellen Dreese and her 44 magnum and surmised that my life probably wasn't worth 2 cents after submitting that article to Stu. At our Board of Directors meeting on the 10th, Ellen casually walked into the dining room, dropped a real nice shiny penny on the table in front of me and then whispered in my ear, "Would you like a drink and some dessert?" I know I look dumb, but I'm not stupid.

And then along comes yet another story that is 100% true. May God have mercy on my soul for repeating it. Osvaldo Kuznetsov (I made this name up as he is one of our club members) saw me in the Kroger store in Roanoke (or somewhere else) about a week ago, he in a very unusual bubbly mood. "Ozzie", was in the past, very conservative, quiet and unassuming, but always in good nature. He hadn't been on my radar as he had never said or done anything previously for me to write about him. He greeted me and said that I was now looking at a new "Ozzie". He'd been down at the dumps (the landfill) recently and felt that an entire new beginning was for him, to change his entire outlook, his life, go bold, be explorative. He brought out his cell phone and showed me a date site he was on and for me to read his biography. This is what he wrote: *"Movie star handsome, (with a picture of Paul Newman) 185 pound body builder physique, just a tick over middle age stud with an antique car collection is seeking a blonde, voluptuous, hot to trot 21 year old TWINKY to share in world travels on my 150 foot yacht. Barclay's Bank in London holds my extreme wealth to share with you.*

*Live your fantasy riding in one of my 1928 Duesenberg Model J cars in the countryside of Virginia on my 2,000 acre race horse farm wearing a 10 karat diamond necklace around your neck. Dream of what can transpire in my large barn with fresh hay in the rafters. Roam my 24 room palace full of priceless European antiques. Exotic meals prepared by my staff at your beckon. Your "Sugar Daddy" is here. Reply to: "STARSTRUCK104.org".*

I suggested to "Ozzie", did he know who he was talking to? He said he was aware I was the President of the club, (hello, I also write) and then proceeded to enlighten me on some very personal and what I considered to be, wildly bizarre and kinky thoughts, at which time I decided to head on to the ice cream aisle to stick my head into the freezer and cool off. Because of the nature of this story, now you know why I very obviously had to change the name to Osvaldo in order to protect the club member from embarrassment.

If "Cinderella" (Twinky) ever meets up with "Prince Frankenstein" Kuznetsov this should be an interesting story. I just can't wait. And NO, this is not made up. No one can make this stuff up. As I was leaving the store, I saw Ozzie go by, driving a bile Green Pontiac Aztec.

Jack Drago



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### W-S September 21 Steak Fry & Auction

Our annual steak fry & auction took place at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church with beautiful weather and a good turnout of 28 members.

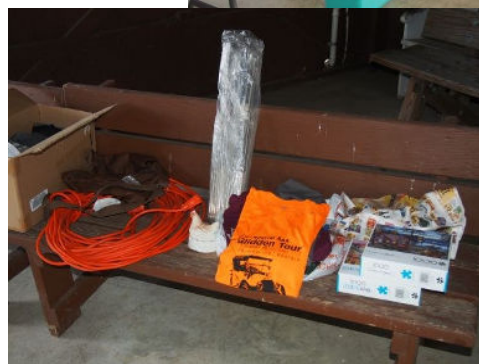


Picnics are always a good time to catch up on the summer activities.

A nice assortment of dishes, brought by members rounded out the great steak dinner.



Jim Gregory and Joe Yancey grilled the steaks to perfection.



Auction items included car parts, puzzles, t-shirts and exercise equipment.

The guys check out a strange tool. What is it?



*It's a crimping tool used for connections between solar panels. (Info. From the curious buyer!)*



Richard & Claudette Obenschain brought out their 1940 Packard.

Robbie Gray drove his Model T fresh from the "T" Tour in Minnesota.



Auctioneer Mark Robertson did his usual fine job of convincing members that these items needed a new home!

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*Old Dominion Meet  
Association's Annual*

**2025 Fall Tour  
November 20-23**



Registration Deadline is November 17

## *Oh, What Fun We'll Have.....*

### *Thursday*

Arrive, get settled then join old friends and new at the 7:00pm **Pizza Meet and Greet** at the Round Hill Inn!

### *Friday*

**James Madison's Montpelier**     <https://www.montpelier.org/visit/>

James Madison's Montpelier is a memorial to James Madison and the Enslaved Community, a museum of American history, and a center for constitutional education that engages the public with the enduring legacy of Madison's most powerful idea: government by the people. Spending time at Montpelier involves a fair amount of standing and walking.

**Lunch at BBQ Exchange**     <https://www.bbqex.com/>

The Barbeque Exchange in downtown Gordonsville, VA features hickory-smoked and slow-roasted pork shoulders and spareribs. The meats are dry cured with secret ingredient rubs and then cooked in a specialized wood-burning cooker. The Chicken Halves are grilled over live coals akin to the roadside BBQ's that the Rotary, Kiwanis, and Fire departments have become famous for serving on Saturdays across the Eastern seaboard.

**Civil War Exchange Hotel**     <https://theexchangehotelmuseum.org/>

Built in 1860, the Exchange Hotel with its high ceiling parlors and grand veranda welcomed passengers from the two rail lines: the Virginia Central Railroad and the Orange & Alexandria Railroad.

*Dinner on your own...*

### *Saturday*

**Culpeper Museum**     <https://culpepermuseum.com/visitthemuseum/>

A nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that collects, preserves, interprets, and promotes the history of Culpeper from the Triassic Period 215 million years ago to present-day Culpeper, by engaging diverse audiences and educating visitors using our collections of objects and photographs in exhibits and programs, and to create an increased understanding of the significant historical events that occurred locally and formed the community.

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*Your \$75 per person fee includes admission to Montpelier, Civil War Exchange, and pizza party. You will need \$5.00 for the Culpeper Museum and Belmont is free.*

## **HISTORY OF THE OLD DOMINION MEET**

**By Founder John Brown** *(written in 1989)*

I suppose that the Old Dominion Meet is a little like Topsy in "Uncle Tom's Cabin", it just "grow'd". In order to trace the origin of our meet, we must go back to a little guest room in the old Webster Hall Hotel in Pittsburgh. As I remember it, there was a group of men which included Hyde Kerr, Miles Amick, A.H. Amick, Edgar Rohr, and John Brown. The late Hyde Kerr and I had driven up to Pittsburgh on a weekend in late September 1951. We wanted to attend the kick-off banquet of the Glidden Tour and then watch the beautiful old cars leave in the morning of the following day. I had met William Swigart, Les Henry, Jerry Duryea, and several other AACA officers at the Mimslyn Hotel in Luray when the 1949 Glidden Tour came to Virginia and was looking forward to seeing them again. So it came to pass that after the banquet, a group of us assembled in that room. We soon realized that we represented three different regions of AACA—National Capitol, Allegheny Mountain, and Waynesboro/Staunton. After swapping a few stories about cars we found or restored, the talk drifted around the idea of holding a Spring Meet which would include all three regions. Winchester was suggested as a centrally located meet site and in a short time, the rough plans had been formulated and committees organized. The name "Tri-Region Meet" was proposed and agreed upon by all present. During the winter, all the details were finalized and in May 1952 we gathered at Winchester to show and judge our cars. I don't have any idea how many vehicles were there or who won prizes, but it was an exciting event and everyone had a good time. We had our banquet and awards at the George Washington Hotel. I still have the letter sent to me by Edgar Rohr telling me that he had made all the "arrangements" for the dinner and rooms reserved for our group. Before we left for home on Sunday, tentative plans were made to hold another Tri-Region Meet next year. These plans, however, never came to fruition since several members of the Allegheny Mountain Region were unlucky about some of the judging and this region dropped out. This might have spelled "finis" to regional meets in our area, but a number of things happened that moved things closer to our first meet. At this time, we had several club members who drove up from Richmond each month to our meetings. One member, Dave Garriques, had been instrumental in starting a new region in Richmond along with Frantz Hershey, a Mr. King, and several others. I remember writing to Dave and suggesting that the Richmond Region join us and National Capitol to form a new Tri-Region Meet. Dave was enthusiastic and invited us to come to Richmond for the Tobacco Festival and the Gold Jubilee of the American Automobile Association. Many of our club members and fellows from DC area came for the event which included a football game, a car parade, and a car show at Parker Field. It was at this Festival that representatives from National Capitol, Edgar Rohr: Richmond Region: Dave Garriques and Frantz Hershey: and Waynesboro/Staunton, Jeff Diffie and John Brown got their heads together and decided to hold a meet of Virginia Regions the following spring. One of us (I don't remember who) suggested that "Old Dominion" would be a good name and was a distinctive name that no other AACA regions would use. The Richmond Region offered to host the meet and it took place the following May. It marked the beginning of a great Virginia tradition and will be forever known as the first Old Dominion Meet. The following year, Waynesboro/Staunton was the host on May 22nd of 1954. I believe that the National Capitol Region hosted the Old Dominion in 1955, but I might be in error. I will welcome comments by anyone with a better memory than mine. Some events, locations and names become a bit hazy after thirty-four years, but the memories of excitement, fun and friendships I made are clear in my mind and will bring a warm feeling in my heart for as long as I live.

*The family of the late John Alton Brown, founder of the Waynesboro-Staunton Region and an AACA director, gave the Region 86 articles entitled "Down the Road A Piece", written by Brown from the late 1970's until his death in April 1991. Many of these articles were printed in our Region newsletter, "Tire Tracks," as well as the Tri-County Region newsletter, "Clutch Chatter". Enjoy this trip down memory lane.*

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**Minutes of the September 21, 2025 W-S Region Meeting**

The Waynesboro-Staunton Region of the AACA held its September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 meeting at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church in Fishersville at 2 pm. This was the annual steak fry and auction. President Jack Drago opened the meeting by welcoming all present.

Nelson Driver gave the blessing and Jim Gregory and Joe Yancey cooked the steaks before the picnic meal was enjoyed by all. After which, Mark Robinson acted as auctioneer for the club. A good time was had by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Gray, Sec.

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## Calendar of AACA Events & Community Car Events

### **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 followed by a Tour of the 29<sup>th</sup> Division Museum in Verona (Military museum)**

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

- 15 Saturday— Staunton Cars and Coffee at Terry Court in Staunton 8-10AM**
- 16 Sunday, 2:00 PM—Monthly Meeting at Ming Garden in Waynesboro**
- 20-23 Thurs. thru Sat.- Old Dominion Meet Association Annual 2025 Fall Tour Orange, VA. (see brochure Page #)**

### **DEC 10 Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton**

- 20 Saturday, 1:30 PM— Annual Christmas Party at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church, 30 Tinkling Spring Drive, Fishersville**

### **Annual Christmas Party—Reservations Required**



For planning purposes - Email Stu Allen ([stuscar@aol.com](mailto:stuscar@aol.com)) with your food choices for the delicious catered meal. Please reply by October 5, 2025.


Turkey or Pulled Pork

Apple Pie or Lemon Pie or Banana Pudding

Salad—Yes or No

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