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## RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

*I went into the bookstore and asked the saleswoman,  
"Where's the self-help section?"  
She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.*

We are so lucky to have been born into the most beautiful and bountiful country on Earth. We've been given the opportunity over our long lives to have experienced many warm Christmases with family and friends, wonderful meals and lots of laughter. January 1st starts with a brand new year, this one being 2026, and the good Lord willing, peace and happiness that will continue. Karen and I hope each of you had a Blessed and **Merry Christmas** and **Happy Holidays** and look forward to a Happy New Year for all. We wish to **THANK** all of the members for your continued support during this past year and for more interesting things for 2026.

Karen woke me up Thanksgiving morning rather perturbed and stated that she just got Tire Tracks on her email and instead of looking at a fresh cooked turkey and trimmings on page one, there was a photo of a stuffed, beached whale in a hospital bed. Who, me?

We (**she**) decided that a trip to Costco was in the cards for a "few" groceries. I thanked her at the cash register for her thriftiness. The bill this time for the **groceries** was only \$867.98 .



Cheerios used to come in small, regular, large, jumbo and lately "family" sized boxes. At Costco they come NEIGHBORHOOD sized. Have to store them in the garage as they won't fit in the pantry. We had 2 hotdogs left in the 'fridg. Thanks to Costco, we've got 56. Should be good till 2032. I'll save you the on the rest of our purchases, except the final. You've been to Costco, and you know that when you enter the store, the TV section is on the right. The war department (if you are married, you know what I mean) has been on my case for years to buy a new TV. She was gushing over the fancy large units on display, especially the color ones. I reiterated that our 17 inch black and white Philco that gets 3 channels has served us well for 40 years and there is no need to replace it now. She stated a new TV is less expensive than a divorce and I was just a cheapskate. Frugal is much better on my ears. I relented and she got her new TV for Christmas. I should also mention that we don't have a wall in the house where this thing could hang.

When you happen to be in the area, our back yard has been converted to a drive in movie theater. Think I'm kidding? The next door neighbor who lives 1,000 feet away is enjoying our TV more than we do. Did I mention the Christmas "tree" in the den? This family heirloom has been with me my entire 85 years. Born and lived in a second floor apartment, so space was at a premium. The "tree" currently sits on the sofa table, is 16 inches tall and has 3 colored bulbs. She insists we get something that can at the minimum, sit on the floor and get reasonably close to the ceiling and have 250 lights. As it is, the "tree" fits in the kitchen drawer when not in use. Where would I put a 7 footer? *And pray tell I'd love to know, who is going to pay the electric bill for all those bulbs?*

Jack Drago

(and starting this month is the first of:)

**REDNECK MEDICAL DICTIONARY: ARTERY:**  
*The study of fine paintings.*

## W-S December 20 Christmas Party & Gift Exchange

Our annual Christmas Party and Gift Exchange was held at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church. The excellent meal was provided by White Hill Catering. There was plenty of food and many of the members took home leftovers to enjoy later.



A festive electric train circled the Christmas tree.



There was plenty of time for members to catch up on the Holiday happenings.



The buffet featured turkey, pulled pork and all the fixings and finished with banana pudding, apple or lemon pie.



We enjoyed a great turnout of 44 members and guests who enjoyed the meal, gifts and fellowship.



Rick Downs was an early pick with a car care products bucket full of goodies.



That gift didn't last long as Chester Bradfield figured he needed the gift more than Rick did.



Paul Day received one of the popular mini tool boxes.



Peggy Beverley picked a warm gift that will be great this winter.



David Barr received a handy battery operated work light.

**2025 Year in Review****January 2025**—Meeting Cancelled due to Weather**February** Meeting at Francesco's in Bridgewater**March** Meeting at Golden Corral

Augusta County Fair Dinner/Auction

**April** Francesco's and Tour of Carriage Museum**May** Meeting/Picnic at Sunset Park—Waynesboro**June** Picnic at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church  
Milling Around Car Tour**July** Baldwin Park Display

**July**—continued Display at Augusta County Fair**August** Picnic at Grottoes with Tr-County**September** Steak Fry and Auction**October** Meeting at Francesco's and Tour of "29<sup>th</sup> Division Museum in Verona**November** Meeting at Ming Garden

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**TIRE TRACKS****Minutes of the December 20, 2026 W-S Region Meeting**

President Jack welcomed all 44 members and guests to our Annual Christmas Party and Gift Exchange. Nelson Driver offered the blessing and the group gathered at the buffet supplied by White Hill Catering. The meal was excellent (as usual) and everyone really enjoyed food and fellowship. Once the pies and banana pudding were finished, Jack with helpers Robbie Gray and Todd Smith conducted the gift exchange. Several gifts were "stolen" as is the tradition and a good time was had by all.

There was no formal meeting but Jack conducted a survey of the members as to plans for activities in 2026. All agreed that the Christmas Party should be a repeat of 2025.

Jack also announced that the January meeting would be at Panera Bread in Waynesboro.

Many of our members left the meeting with containers of leftovers and a large tray of salad was delivered to Valley Mission in Staunton.

Stu Allen for Robbie Gray, Secretary

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

**Karen Drago**  
**Maxine Gordon**  
**Robbie Gray**  
**Patty Watson Gregory**  
**Kathy Kempton**  
**Alfred Meyer**  
**James Rimel**

## Calendar of AACAA Events & Community Car Events

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**JAN** 14 Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton

18 Monthly Meeting—2:00 PM—Panera Bread—1101 Red Top Orchard Road, Waynesboro

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**FEB** 5-7 AACAA Annual Convention/ National Awards—Chantilly, VA

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

15 Monthly Meeting - 2:00 PM Francesco's—101 North Main St. Bridgewater

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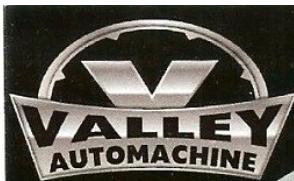
**MAR** 7 Augusta County Fair Dinner and Auction

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

15 Monthly Meeting - 2:00 PM Monthly Meeting at New Ming Garden Buffet—316 Federal Street, Waynesboro.

### 2026 Tentative Meeting Schedule

April 19	Hometown Grille
May 17	Sunset Park-Picnic
June 14	Francesco's
July 11 25	Baldwin Park Augusta County Fair
August 16	Grottoes-Picnic
September 20	Tinkling Spring - Auction
October 18	Panera Bread
November 15	Ming Garden
December 19	Christmas at Tinkling Spring



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**1991 Toyota Deluxe pick up with 110 K  
original miles.**

Every thing works except tape deck as it needs  
2 rubber band drive belts.

Price is \$7400 Truck is auto with over drive  
and has AC and zero rust.

It came from Danville Va. I bought it with  
98,000 original miles.

Call Rick Downs 540-836-0507

### For Sale

**1946 Chevy Pickup**

**1979 Harley-Davidson Shovelhead**

**Happy to talk to someone about price.**

**Walter Wilson**

**703-273-1600**

### Tri-County Region Meetings

Check their website:  
<http://tri-county-aaca.org/>

### Piedmont Region Meetings

Meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at Timberwood  
Grill near airport road on Worth Ave.

**In case you have forgotten to renew!**



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Month/Day

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Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Month/Day

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