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TIRE TRACKS THE ELECTRONIC VERSION

Greetings, Waynesboro—Staunton Region Members,

The weather has cooperated with our car events this month. Lets hope our good fortune continues for the picnic at Grand Caverns on Sunday August 17.

I just received an update on John Stone from Doris (see the President's Message page 2):

"John came home Sunday and is doing good. He had surgery last Fri. for a ruptured ligament in his spine. We thank everyone for the prayers, cards and well wishes."

Stu Allen—Editor

Cars shown at Baldwin Park/Brightview on July 12 (more on page 3)

1957 Chevrolet Convertible formerly owned by rock singer Alice Cooper.

Shown by Bill Campbell

Owen Harner's 1940 Ford

Stu Allen's 1917 Buick Roadster

> Billy Melton's 1923 Ford Model "T"

Ford Model "1"

Paul Wampler's 1968 Toyota

> Nelson Driver's 1931 Willys-Knight

Glen Royer's 1972 Chevrolet El Camino Dave Potter's 1954 Kaiser Manhattan

NEXT MEETING: : Sunday, August 17, 1:30 PM, Annual Picnic with Tri-County Region AACA at Grand Caverns Park, Grottoes, VA Fried chicken, drinks, plates & utensils provided. Bring a dish to share and a lawn chair or two.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

July was a really active month for the Stone household. We started the month by spending a week at Hilton Head with our two daughters Karen and Judy, their husbands Mark and Doug, and grandkids Amanda and Andrew. The beaches at Hilton Head were quite different from the other beaches in the Carolinas where we had gone previously. We thought Hilton Head was truly an island paradise. The walkway from our house took us under a canopy of live oaks with Spanish moss hanging down, loblolly pines, and palmettos and ended at a gorgeous sandy beach. We took a day-trip to Savannah, which is one of the most beautiful towns I have ever seen. The trolley tour through the historic district, arranged around garden squares, was very educational and enjoyable.

We found out that this year the Concours d'Elegance will be held October 24-November 2 in Hilton Head. The Car Club Jamboree will feature clubs from throughout the Southeast and beyond. This year's European feature are the cars of Germany including marques such as BMW, Porsche, Mercedes-Benz and more. Plus, to help celebrate its 100th anniversary, this year's Jamboree will include a contingent from the Maserati Club.

Also in July we enjoyed our Region's display of cars at Brightview Baldwin Park in Staunton and at the Stuarts Draft Retirement Community. Thanks to everyone for bringing their antique vehicles for the residents to admire. Congratulations to Bob Ridle for receiving the trophy for the residents' favorite car at Baldwin Park and to Al and Janet Meyer for receiving the trophy for the participants' favorite car. Al and Janet looked stunning in their vintage clothing. Congratulations to the following for receiving the people's choice awards at Stuarts Draft: 1st place—Bob and Charlotte Kuykendall for their 1929 Model A Ford, 2nd place—Stu and Clarice Allen for their 1957 Buick, and 3rd place—Carol Downs for her yellow VW Beatle.

After an incident involving John's 1942 tractor and a riding mower on a trailer, John got a helicopter ride to the UVA Medical Center. He suffered scrapes and bruises on his face and right arm, had numerous x-rays, CT scans, and MRIs, and had surgery to repair a ruptured ligament in his spine (ACDF).

One more thing we did in July was move, but we are still in Rockingham County. Our new address is 5297 Scholars Road, Mt. Crawford, VA 22841. My new email address is dmstone99@gmail.com and our home telephone number remains the same 540-289-5520.

Looking forward to August, I hope to see all of you at the picnic at the Grand Caverns on Sunday, August 17, at 1:30 p.m. We always have a nice crowd and good food and fellowship with our neighboring region, Tri-County. Bring a covered dish or two to share and lawn chairs. Fried chicken, drinks, and paper products will be provided. Weather permitting, many of us will drive antique vehicles to the picnic. How about you?





July 12, 2015 Car Display at Baldwin Park/Brightview

On Saturday July 12, the W/S Region, with some friends from the Model "A" Club, held our annual car display for the residents of the Baldwin Park/Brightview Retirement community. The weather was great and the 24 cars on display provided a good time for residents as well as the members.



Bob Ridle won the "Residents Choice" award for his 1956 Studebaker Power Hawk



Residents check out the 1973 Volkswagon "Thing" belonging to Al Morkunas



Mel Redmond and Nelson Driver relax in front of Mel's 1949 DIVCO milk truck



Alfred & Janet Meyer won the "Participants Choice" award for their 1930 Ford Model "A" Deluxe Phaeton



Janet Meyer, in her 1930's vintage attire, meets Baldwin Park resident Helen Homiak



Bill Jackameit showed his unusual 1964 Studebaker Wagonaire station wagon

BETSY—THE LONG-TERM RESTORATION

Restoration of a 1934 Chevrolet Master By Stu Allen

Part 6 Rebuilding the Wooden Body Framework

It was time to remove the remnants of upholstery and tackle the necessary replacement of the wood structure. Chevrolet bodies of this vintage were a wooden frame with sheet metal formed around the wood. The top of the body consisted of a tar paper type material supported by a system of wooden bows and slats. When this top material deteriorated, water leaked into the interior and rotted the wooden structure. I discovered the first challenge when I removed the headliner and found the top bows were shot. There was also significant damage to the wooden frame surrounding the rear window.



Fortunately, I had a fairly complete woodshop and a source of red oak that enabled me to replicate the parts of the framework that were beyond saving. None of the 7 top bows were usable as a pattern so I made a template matching the curvature of the windshield header and cut the new bows to that shape. I was able to use the old side rails as patterns and mortised the bows into the side rails as they were originally constructed. When I went to install the new top frame assembly into the body, I found I had to section the side rails in order to fit inside the existing sheet metal and then bolt the two sections back together once they were in place.





I then made laminated strips to complete the top framework and installed them on the body.





The frame surrounding the rear window was particularly challenging since it contained compound curves and was connected to the side frame with splines.



The remnants of the original wood gave some clues of the shape but much trial and error was required to come up with a suitable fit.



Some frame braces were replaced and one door post required a piece to be spliced in.



At this point the wooden body frame structure was sound. This was completed in June 2002 just in time for our move to Staunton.



2014 Calendar of Events

AUG. 14-16 AACA Central Division Tour, Texas Panhandle. Hosted by Amarillo Region.

- 17 Sunday, 1:30 PM, Annual Picnic with Tri-County Region AACA at Grand Caverns Park, Grottoes, VA Fried chicken, drinks, plates & utensils provided. Bring a dish to share and a lawn chair or two.
- 23 Saturday. 1st Annual Augusta Expo Big Truck & Auto Show. Free Registration 8 AM to 11AM
- 31 Sunday, 2PM 5PM, Wright's Dairy-Rite, Greenville Ave., Staunton. Annual Labor Day Weekend Cruise- Registration is free. Dash plaques.

SEPT. 8-12 AACA Sentimental Tour, MN NH MA. Hosted by Granite Region

- 12-14 38th Somerset Steam & Gas Pasture Party. Rt. 231, Somerset VA www.somersetsteamandgas.org
- 18-20 AACA Western Fall Meet, Big Sky, MT.
 - Sunday, 1:30 PM, Annual Steak Fry & Auction, Coyner Springs Park, Waynesboro, VA. Steaks & Hot Dogs provided, along with drinks, plates & utensils. Bring a dish to share, lawn chairs, and something for the auction!
- 21-26 AAA Revival Glidden Tour (pre-1943) Defiance, Ohio. Hosted by VMCCA.

OCT. 4 Saturday -Fall Tour to Poplar Forest, Thomas Jefferson's summer home in Bedford County.

8-11 AACA Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey, PA. Hosted by Hershey Region.

- 19 Sunday, 1:30 PM, Business Meeting Location-TBA
- 20-24 AACA Founders Tour (post 1931 vehicles), New Jersey. Hosted by Buzzard's Breath Region.

<u>Piedmont Region Meetings</u> are the 4th Monday at the Doubletree Hotel on Route 29 North in Charlottesville at 7pm.

<u>C'Ville Cars and Coffee</u> 7:30-9:30 AM -C'Ville Coffee House, 1301 Harris Street, Charlottesville

Saturday Aug. 2 Questions? Contact Frank O'Donnell
Saturday Sept. 6 @ ODONNEL28@aol.com or
540-819-5235

<u>Tri-County Region Meetings</u> - Dates vary— Check their website. http://tri-county-aaca.org/



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Minutes of the July 12 Waynesboro-Staunton Region Meeting

The Waynesboro-Staunton Region AACA met on Saturday, July 12, 2014, at 12:45 p.m. on the grounds of Brightview Baldwin Park in Staunton. President Doris Stone called the meeting to order under a shade tree.

Mary Helen Ayers gave the Sunshine Report and the Treasurer's Report. The secretary's minutes of the May meeting were approved as printed in the *Tire Tracks*. Doris presented Past President Paul Wampler with his "Past President" name tag.

In the absence of Vice President Ken Farley, Doris reported on the upcoming meetings and activities as follows:

Fri., July 18—Car display and ice cream social at Stuarts Draft Retirement Community, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Sun., Aug. 17—Picnic with the Tri-County Region at Grand Caverns, 1:30 p.m.

Sun., Sept. 21—Annual Steak Fry and Auction at Coyner Springs Sat., Oct. 4—All-day tour to Poplar Forest

Bill Campbell informed the group about the Classic Car/Truck Show & Concert with Jimmy Fortune & Friends at Augusta Expo on August 23 and encouraged attendance.

Stu Allen announced that the dates for the 2015 Old Dominion Meet will remain as previously set—May 22-23 even though that is Memorial Day Weekend. He determined that there was not another weekend in late April or May to hold the Meet that didn't have conflicts.

Doris announced that Ken Farley had received notice from the AACA National Board that our application to host a 2017 National HPOF/DPC Meet was not approved. The 2013 Board asked us to host this meet, but the 2014 Board did not approve it. This Board prefer meets with all classes of vehicles represented.

Doris thanked Stu Allen for planning today's event. Stu thanked everyone for coming and bringing their antique vehicles for the residents to enjoy. There were 24 cars on display. He announced that the residents of Baldwin Park voted for Bob Ridle's Studebaker Hawk as their favorite vehicle. The car show participants selected as their favorite vehicle a Model A Ford driven by Al and Janet Meyers. The owners were presented trophies.

The meeting adjourned and everyone enjoyed lunch provided by Baldwin Park.

Doris Stone for Robbie Gray, Sec.

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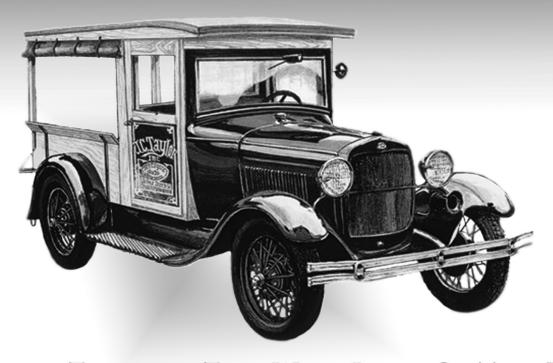
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