

July 2014



TIRE TRACKS THE ELECTRONIC VERSION

Greetings, Waynesboro—Staunton Region Members,

Join us for two July events—Baldwin Park/Brightview on July 12 and Stuarts Draft Retirement Community on July 18. Enjoy the cars, the people, and food/ice cream.

Stu Allen—Editor



**Baldwin Park/
Brightview
Display
2013**



**Stuarts Draft Retirement Community
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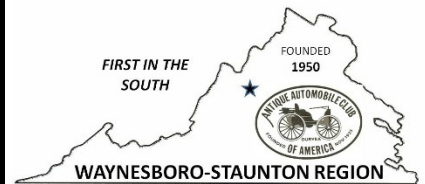


NEXT MEETING: : Saturday, July 12, 10 AM—Vehicle Display at Brightview-Baldwin Park, 21 Woodlee Rd. Staunton. Lunch provided by Baldwin Park with Business Meeting to follow. Bring your lawn chairs.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our June meeting was a big success even though the weather forecast called for thunderstorms, which didn't materialize. Many of us gathered in Verona for a driving tour in antique vehicles and a few modern cars which took us over some country road with beautiful vistas of the Blue Ridge Mountains and even a one-lane iron bridge over Middle River. When we arrived at Swannanoa, we were joined by several more members. Some of us left Swannanoa wondering why it has not been restored but also realizing that it will take millions of dollars. Their brochure states "In 1999, Skyline Swannanoa, Inc., started renovations on the property. This included a new roof, extensive exterior and interior work, including windows and doors. The future plans for the Palace are to be a bed and breakfast hotel and executive conference center."

When we arrived at Jim and Sue Gregory's house, other members who skipped the tour were there. Thank you, Jim and Sue, for the delicious food and great hospitality and thank you, Sue Gray and Ken Farley, for the driving tour.

We are so fortunate to have two members of our Region who are well-known, experienced AACA Senior Master Judges. Ken and Shirley Farley have been members of the W-S Region for about 8 years. They moved to the Staunton area in the spring of 2006 from Annandale where they were and still are members of the Bull Run Region AACA. They joined AACA in 1988 and have been AACA judges ever since. They both have 147 judging credits. Ken is currently serving as the chairman of the Driver Participation Class (DPC) that began in 2007. Before DPC, Ken preferred to judge pre-war vehicles. Shirley prefers to judge 1955 through 1958 Chevrolets.

So far this year Ken and Shirley have judged at national meets at Charlotte, North Carolina; Auburn, Indiana; Buffalo, New York; Lincoln, Nebraska; and at the Grand National Meet at Lebanon, Tennessee. Also on their calendar are the Central Fall Meet at Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, July 31-August 2, and the Eastern Fall Meet at Hershey in October. In addition to antique vehicle judging, they enjoy collecting Lionel Trains. Ken and Shirley said, "We are really enjoying doing more touring now and will continue to do more in the future if our health permits." Ken also serves as our Region's vice president.



I hope you will participate in the two activities planned for our members during July. On the 12th, we will be displaying our antiques at Brightview Baldwin Park in Staunton and on the 18th, at the Stuarts Draft Retirement Community. The residents at both facilities love looking at our cars and reminiscing about "the good old days." So please make a special effort to attend and to share our hobby with those dear folks.

Doris Stone

Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center Foundation Car Display

May 31, 2014

On Saturday, May 31, the 2nd Annual WWRC car display was held as a fund raiser for the Driving Program at the Center. The weather was great, the turnout of 41 cars was outstanding and the event was enjoyed by all. Judging was done by the WWRC students.

Our Region was joined by the Corvette, Corvair, Model A and Mustang Clubs



“Best of Show” went to Edwin & Martha Brooks for their 1946 Chevrolet Pickup



First Place AACA went to Bob Ridle's 1956 Studebaker Power Hawk



Second Place AACA—Stu Allen's 1957 Buick Roadmaster



Third Place AACA—Scott Gregory's 1967 Chevrolet Impala



There's no better way to spend a beautiful May afternoon than enjoying the shade with the car guys!

Members' cars at the show



W-S Region June Meeting –Tour of Swannanoa

June 8, 2014

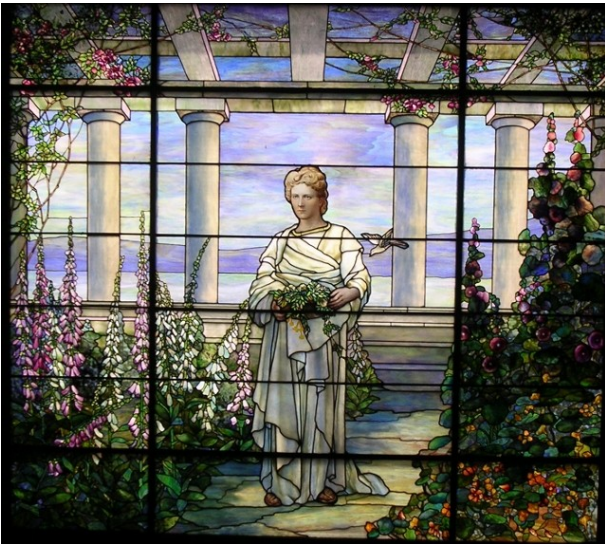
Swannanoa is a 52 room, 23,000 sq. ft. castle on Afton mountain. It was built as a summer home by Major James Dooley of Richmond, VA starting in 1911. Dooley had controlling interest in the Richmond & Danville railroad as well as the C&O. He passed away in 1922 and his wife Sallie May passed in 1925. The castle has been vacant since 1932. Renovation, started in 1999 by Skyline Swannanoa Inc., still has a long way to go.



The exterior is white Georgia marble



Our Region members prepare to enter the castle



This Tiffany window, featuring Sallie May, is at the head of the grand staircase as you enter the palace



The interior is Italian Carrara with beautiful fireplaces in each room



Beautiful intricate dining room ceiling created by artisans over 100 years ago



Inlaid wooden floors appear throughout the castle



The rear entrance shows significant deterioration-lots of work remains to be completed



One of the two towers is still accessible and provides a great view of the estate



W-S Region June Meeting –Tour of Swannanoa (continued)



The tour concluded at a picnic at Sue & Jim Gregory's where we were treated to great food and special desserts. Thanks to the Gregorys' for hosting us!



CARS FOR SALE

Betty Clemmer has decided to sell two cars that Willis drove on many Waynesboro-Staunton Region events.



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CARS FOR SALE

The family of Founding Member and Past President Jeff Diffie has decided to sell two of the cars he drove and loved. It would be great to see them stay in the club. Both cars have been garaged since Jeff's passing. If you are interested, please call Jeff's daughter, Linda Dodd.

540-493-1943 (cell) 540-721-7580 (home)

1929 Model A Woodie Station Wagon

Unrestored, original wood with side curtains.

An improved "C" motor and overdrive were installed in the car for touring but the original motor is included with the woodie.

The car has been to many National Meets.

Asking \$19,000. or Best Offer

Linda has other Model A parts (fenders etc.) for sale also.



1920 Dodge 4-Door Sedan

This car was restored in 1952 and has the original upholstery.
The original engine will be included with the car.

Asking \$9000 or Best Offer

BETSY—THE LONG-TERM RESTORATION

Restoration of a 1934 Chevrolet Master

By Stu Allen

Part 5 Projects and Life Cause Delays

At this point in the restoration, life and career events took over. My work required extensive travel around the world and several years flew by with no progress on the Chevy. Along came a promotion that required more hours at work and more travel. Another diversion occurred in early 1988, I found an ad for a 1965 Corvair Corsa convertible. As is usually the case, it "needed a little work". I drove it home and worked on it for much of the summer. That fall, we were transferred from Rochester, NY to Michigan. Needless to say, both restoration projects came to a major halt. We bought a new home north of Flint, Michigan with an attached two-car garage. We dropped the body back on the chassis and with a borrowed open trailer, towed Betsy to our new home. The Corvair squeezed into the rear of the moving van and got a free ride to Michigan. The next project was to build a new three-car garage to house Betsy along with the Corvair. By the time we got settled and completed construction, more years had flown by with no progress on Betsy.



I completed the restoration of the Corvair in 1994 and shortly thereafter another car followed me home from Iola, Wisconsin. I bought the 1949 Buick Sedanette that only needed a little work...and then in 1997 I had to buy the 1957 Buick Roadmaster that was too good to pass up. There seems to be a common theme here!



1949 Buick Super Sedanette



1957 Buick Roadmaster 75

That takes us to year 2000 as I started thinking seriously about retirement. I knew I had a good project to work on once I quit working, but we wanted a place to live where there were more months of old car weather than we had in Michigan. After retiring in 2001, we started a search for a new home in Virginia. We would spend a week in VA and then go back home in MI for 2 or 3 weeks. During the weeks at home I really got serious about Betsy. That fall I installed the transmission and drive shaft, and then installed enough of the new wire harness to try out the engine that had been rebuilt for 14 years but never started. The weekend before we left for Hershey, the engine fired and ran and I gained new inspiration to work on the car!



The body had been sitting on a dolly for 9 years and was pretty much in the as-found state.



Once I removed the upholstery and the remains of the fabric top insert, it became evident that my woodworking skills would be put to the test in the next phase.

Next Month—Rebuilding the wood body framework

2014 Calendar of Events

- JULY** 12 Saturday, 10 AM—Vehicle Display at Brightview-Baldwin Park, Staunton. Lunch provided by Baldwin Park with Business Meeting to follow.
- 18 Friday, 5:30 PM, Car Display at Stuarts Draft Retirement Community, arrival time 5:30 PM. We will have an ice cream social after 6 PM and the event will be over by 7 PM.
- 31-8/2 [AACA](#) Central Fall Meet, Concordia University, WI. Hosted by [Wisconsin Region](#).

- 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.
- 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](#)
- 18-20 [AACA](#) Western Fall Meet, Big Sky, MT.
- 21 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](#).

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

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

Saturday July 5 *Questions? Contact Frank O'Donnell*

Saturday Aug. 2 @ ODONNEL28@aol.com or

Saturday Sept. 6 540-819-5235

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Minutes of the June 8 Waynesboro- Staunton Region Meeting

The Waynesboro/Staunton Region of the AACA held their June meeting on the 8th day of June. We started with a tour beginning at the Rite-Aid in Verona at 2 pm. and ending on Afton Mountain at Swannanoa. After touring Swannanoa, we proceeded to Jim Gregory's residence for a picnic. A brief meeting was held at the picnic by President Doris Stone. She stated there were 25 people on the tour and 36 members and guests at the Gregory's.

Mary Helen Ayers gave the Treasurer's Report.

The Secretary's Report was approved as printed in the Tire Tracks.

Vice President Ken Farley gave the activities report as follows;

Saturday, July 12th – Vehicle display at Baldwin Park and lunch. Arrive 10 a.m., with lunch, and business meeting.

Friday, July 18th - Car display and ice cream at Stuarts Draft Retirement-Community, 5:30 pm to 7 pm.

For more check the activities page in the Tire Tracks or the website.

Bob Ridle gave a brief report on the Waynesboro Motorsports Show.

Stu Allen gave a report on the ODMA meet in Richmond. He stated the W/S Region had won the Edgar Rohr Trophy.

Susan Gray reported on the WWRC Car Show stating they had more cars than the year before.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Robbie Gray, Sec.

OOPS!

In my article on the 2014 ODMA in the June issue, I failed to mention that W-S member Dallas Wyant showed his 1974 MGB Roadster. My apologies to Dallas.

Editor



The Meyers and Perrins enjoy the porch at Swannanoa



We suspect that the wiring at Swannanoa may require updating!



JULY BIRTHDAYS

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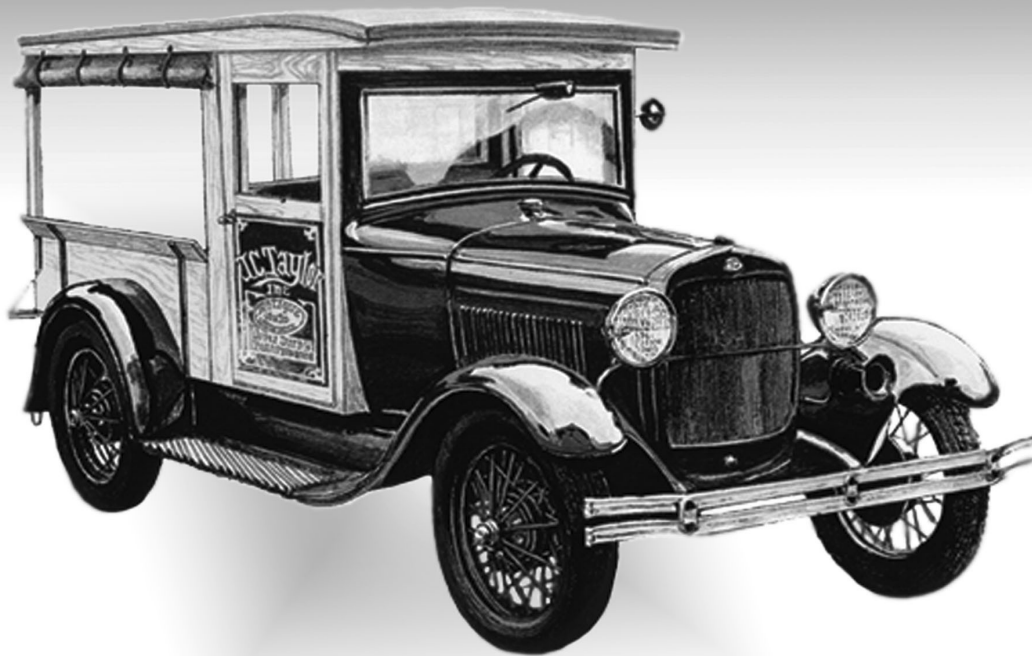
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