



TIRE TRACKS THE ELECTRONIC VERSION

Notes from your editor: July is here already and if you are like me, you have lots of jobs left over from June. We hope you take time out to join us at Baldwin Park on Saturday, July 9 at 10 AM. This is a great time to relax, enjoy the shade and the fellowship, and treat the residents to some memories through our old cars. Baldwin Park treats us to lunch and I promise you'll be entertained by the residents' stories.

This month I thought I would pass along a message from our new National President, Joe Gagliano. Joe gives us some insight into where AACA and our hobby are going in the future.

Stu Allen—Editor



HELLO EVERYONE!

*By Joe Gagliano
2011 AACA National President*

I am truly honored to have been elected President of AACA and to have received the confidence of the members and the Board of Directors.

It has been a great 75 years and last year was a truly memorable one for Mary and me, particularly due to our direct involvement with the 75th Anniversary event in Louisville, KY. We have always enjoyed our AACA experience with national activities as well as having such a great time at region and chapter events. National tours are our favorite and we try to participate on them when we can, especially the Reliability Tour. As members since 1972 it has been a great journey.

Sometime in the past I read something that stuck with me, it said: "It's not the journey that is important; it's the people you meet along the way!"

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I think it is so true of this great hobby and especially AACA. We have seen, ridden in and owned many automobiles over the years, but it is the people we remember and appreciate the most. The hobby is multi-faceted and so diverse, but it is the people and members that remain the life blood of the hobby, while the friendships endure. We continue to remember and reflect on the most interesting, special moments and experiences.

While most clubs continue to worry about surviving, AACA is positioned to thrive. We have great members, a great headquarters staff and leadership, a tremendous Board and, of course, great friends.

Let me share with you some thoughts and goals I presented at the 75th Annual Meeting in Philadelphia this past February:

- * **FOCUS ON OUR STRATEGIC PLANNING**-We have made some great progress in this area, now is the time to distill it down to a reasonable and attainable list of deliverables. It is now time to implement.
- * **TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TECHNOLOGY**-Move forward with the advances developed into our new web site and take advantage of this wonderful tool and the advantages and benefits of the web.
- * **CONTINUE OUR COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS WITH OTHER CLUBS AND HOBBY GROUPS**- We are all in this environment together we need to leverage these relationships to everyone's mutual benefit.
- * **LASTLY, TAKE A SERIOUS LOOK AT ATTRACTING AND RECRUITING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CLUB LEADERSHIP**-That means a system and process of interesting new leaders to come forward and participate at the divisional and national levels of the club. We need to assess our expectations and requirements to enable talented and skilled members to seek and fill our management roles within the club. The challenge is how do we make this doable with other family and work related obligations?

It continues to be a great journey; we look forward to meeting new people and making many more friends along the way!

Thanks,
Joe



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Usually I open my column by commenting on our most recent meeting and activity. Since Ann and I were on the road at a car meet in Ohio during our June W-S Region AACA Meeting, you'll have to look for coverage on our last meeting elsewhere in this edition of *Tire Tracks*.

Before I forget, let me thank VP Jack Drago for pinch hitting for me during the June board and business meetings. He'll be doing it again in August, as Ann and I travel to Florida for her company's annual convention and a visit with our grandkids. I always appreciate Jack's "can do" attitude about backing me up. Also a "thank you" to Stu Allen and Larry Huffman who did a fast scramble to come up with a substitute activity for June's meeting, when the tour of the Brillman Wire Manufacturing facility was KO'ed by unforeseen circumstances. The Brillman Tour will be moved to a future date.

We had a nice turnout of W-S Region members and their cars for American Legion Post 13's car display on June 18th in Staunton. This was my first opportunity to get a good close look at Garry VanMetre's super original 54 Chevrolet. What a neat car! I also enjoyed getting a close look at Benny Whitesell's 63 Impala, 55 Mercury & 67 Mustang. Benny would have brought more cars, but he says he can drive only three at a time. George Weller's brother Ralph brought a super nice 54 Dodge that was their father's car. Now we just have to figure out some way to get Ralph in the AACA! Tommy Whitsell's sharp 55 Chevy was there, along with Stu Allen's 17 Buick and my 50 Hudson. There were also a couple of good looking, and even better sounding, MG's on the field, but they departed early before I could get the names of the owners.

There is some additional coverage of this event elsewhere in this issue of *Tire Tracks*.

As you're reading this, our annual Baldwin Park Car Show in Staunton is just days away. Once again Stu Allen and Carl Fulwider have made arrangements for this annual W-S Region event. July the 9th from 10AM to 2 PM our cars & trucks will be on display and I hope everyone makes an effort to participate. There will be a "Residents Choice" award determined by popular vote of the residents attending the display, and a "Participants Choice" selected by votes from those showing cars. Get there early for the shadiest spots and be sure to bring a lawn chair. Lunch is provided by BP around 1 PM, and we'll have a short business meeting following lunch.

Please note our August and September meeting dates are a little different this year. August features our annual picnic meeting with the Tri-Country Region at Grand Caverns Park. The event this year is on Saturday, the 20th. And our annual Steak Fry & Auction will be held at Coyner Springs Park on September 11th in order to avoid conflict with this year's Glidden Tour. More information on these events and others can be found elsewhere in this issue of *Tire Tracks* and on-line at our website at <http://local.aaca.org/waynesboro-staunton/>. Simply click on the "2011 Activities" link.

As you can see, there are plenty of opportunities coming up to display your vehicle and enjoy AACA fellowship. See you at Baldwin Park!

Bob Ridle

June 12, 2011 W/S Meeting at Traditions



30 members and guests enjoyed the food and fellowship at Traditions in Harrisonburg



This guest was dog tired!



After our meal we toured the Valley Turnpike Museum



Car Display at American Legion Post 13 June 18, 2011



1967 Mustang-Benny Whitesell



1955 Mercury-Benny Whitesell



1950 Hudson-Bob Ridle

1917 Buick-Stu Allen



1963 Chevrolet-Benny Whitesell



1954 Chevrolet-Garry VanMetre



1954 Dodge-Ralph Weller

On July 9, 2011 we'll hold our 7th Annual Car Display at Baldwin Park, a retirement community in Staunton. Residents and our members enjoy the beautiful park-like setting and some neat cars. The Model-A Club will be joining us this year. Let's look back at some of our displays in past years.



First Baldwin Park Display July 21, 2005



2008 Best of Show
was
Reggie
Hiner's
'23 Dodge



In 2009 we were joined by the Corvette Club and one member modified a light pole!



W/S Members and Baldwin Park residents share memories in 2010

2011 Calendar of Events

- JULY**
- 9 Saturday—Annual Car Display at Baldwin Park, 21 Woodlee Road, Staunton. 10 AM to 2:00 PM. Lunch will be provided.
 - 16 Bridgewater Lawn Party Car Show 8AM, Parade at 6 PM
- AUGUST**
- 10 W/S Board Meeting 7:00 pm
 - 11-13 Southeastern Fall Meet—Appalachian Region—Bristol, TN. Highlighting HPOF vehicles. See *Antique Automobile* for details.
 - 20 Saturday, 1PM W/S region Meeting—Annual Picnic with Tri-County Region at Grand Caverns Park, Grottoes—Picnic Shelter #4. Bring a dish to pass. Drinks, paper products and utensils will be provided
- SEPT.**
- 7 W/S Board Meeting 7:00 pm
 - 9-11 Somerset Steam & Gas Pasture Party—Somerset, VA. Details at www.somersetsteamandgas.org
 - 11 Annual Steak Fry and Auction—1:30 PM—Coyner Springs Park, Waynesboro

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Minutes of the June 12, 2011 W/S Region Meeting

The June 12th meeting of the Waynesboro/Staunton Region AACA was held at Traditions Restaurant in Harrisonburg at 1:30 p.m. There were 30 members and guests present. Vice President Jack Drago opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Rev. Sonny Hinkel returned grace and a buffet meal was enjoyed by all. Mary Helen Ayers read a thank you note from John Stone and then gave the treasurer's report.

The secretary, Robbie Gray read a resolution that was needed for the changes in the bank signature card. The resolution is as follows:

We the members of the Waynesboro/Staunton Region of the AACA authorize the removal of Willis Clemmer (the old corporate agent) from the bank accounts and addition of Stuart Allen (the new corporate agent) along with the name of Mary Helen Ayers, Treasurer to afore said accounts.

Jack Drago, then gave the activities report as follows;

The July meeting will be a Baldwin Park for the usual car show on Saturday July 9th at 10 a.m.

The August meeting will at Grand Caverns with Tri-County on Saturday the 20th.

Other announcements were American Legion Post # 13 will have a car show on June 18th starting at 10 a.m. The Great America Race will be in Harrisonburg on Monday June 13 at noon.

Nelson Driver read the list of ODMA winners and gave the awards to those who had not received them.

Clarice Allen was the 50/50 winner of \$22.

Stu Allen announced the change in the afternoon tour. John Brillman, who had planned to host us at his

shop in Mt. Jackson was forced to cancel our visit due to a funeral of a close friend. Larry Huffman came to our rescue with a visit to the Valley Turnpike Museum in Harrisonburg.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Gray, Sec.



2012 SENTIMENTAL TOUR Update

Your Sentimental Team continues to refine the tour routes as we are now less than one year away from showtime. We're pleased that member Ron Capps has agreed to coordinate the visit to Staunton's Frontier Culture Museum and to help with setting up the other activities planned for Friday of the tour.



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