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## TIRE TRACKS THE ELECTRONIC VERSION

Greetings Waynesboro-Staunton Region members. This month we feature some shots from our April 21st meeting. Owen Harner and Willis Clemmer sorted through a lot of old photos to come up with these that capture some of the old cars (and some old members) from the early days of the club. How many do you recognize?

Stu Allen



NEXT MEETING : : Sunday May 20, 2012 - 1:30 PM at the Wood Grill, 1711 Reservoir Street in Harrisonburg—Spring Driving Tour to follow the meeting.



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### President's Message

If you missed the April Founders Day Meeting, you missed a good one. Admittedly, the event was a mixture of celebration and sadness as Owen Harner reported the death of charter member Carl Fulwider who had passed away the day before at age 92. It was also noted that W. A. C. "Bill" Pettit III, another founding member had passed away in March in Florida at age 79. Over the past several years Sue Baugher and Carl Fulwider honored us with their presence at our April Founders Day Meetings, providing a direct link to the very origin of the Waynesboro-Staunton Region AACA.

I'm happy to say Sue Baugher <u>was</u> with us at this year's Founders Day, having recently celebrated her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday! Sue was in excellent spirits and seemed to thoroughly enjoy the afternoon's activities, especially the slide show put together by Owen Harner and Willis Clemmer...more on that later. And while I'm thinking about it, a "thank you" to Mary Helen Ayers. Our Treasurer always makes sure that honored guests, like Sue, are given a corsage upon arrival. In addition Mary Helen keeps tabs on the well-being of members, and sends cards or flowers when appropriate on behalf the membership. There is much she does behind the scenes for the W-S Region, and that's why her name is the only name to appear twice on the Founders Award.

Presenting the 2012 Founders Award to this year's recipient, Ken Farley, was no easy task. Due to previous commitments, for the first time in memory neither of the Founders Day main participants could be present! Both Ken Farley, this year's honoree, and Clarice Allen, last year's recipient, were out of town. Ken had to be surprised with the award at a meeting of the Sentimental Tour Committee the previous week in order to get the deed done. Doris Stone made the 2012 award presentation of the silver bowl to Ken, and followed it up by presenting Clarice Allen with her replica cup as the 2011 award recipient. For pictures and more information on this annual award, sometimes referred to as the John Brown Trophy, visit our website at http://local.aaca.org/wavnesborostaunton/ and click on the "Founders Day Award" link on the left. There's an excellent article there by John Stone on the history of the region's highest award.

Kudos to Willis Clemmer, Owen Harner and Stu Allen for the wonderful job they did with the slide-show of the automotive history of our region. Owen hatched the idea about a month ago and then contacted Willis with the idea of the two of them rounding up old photos and newspaper clippings and putting on a slide-show at the April Founders Day meeting. Stu Allen was then brought into the picture to scan the material and assemble a PowerPoint presentation. It all came together beautifully at the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting as the people and the cars who made up the early days of this club came to life on the screen. Owen and Willis handled the narration with frequent contributions from Billy Melton and others.

Reminder #1 - The ODMA Meet is happening May 3-5 in Roanoke, hosted by the Roanoke Valley Region AACA. Saturday's car show will be at Virginia Western Community College. Our caravan of local participants in Saturday's show will depart at 7 AM (5/5) from the parking lot in front of the Staunton Mall ABC store. We should begin the caravan home Saturday afternoon around 4 PM.

Reminder #2 – For those who have registered for the Waynesboro Motor Sports Show on May 12<sup>th</sup>, W-S members should meet at 8 AM at the east end of the Willow Oak Plaza parking lot. Look for Mel Redmond's Divco. We'll leave from there for Constitution Park so we may be parked as a group.

Hope to see everyone at the May meeting on Sunday the 20th at 1:30 PM at the Wood Grill in Harrisonburg. Our meeting will be followed by a Spring Driving Tour, directions provided. As always, let's bring out those old cars and trucks!

Bob Ridle



Founding Member Sue Baugher waves to the crowd.

#### <u>2012 Founders Day—April 21, 2012</u>

A bright sunshiny day brought out old cars for our annual Founders Day Celebration at Sanzone's in Stuarts Draft.



Ed Lavender and Jim Gregory check out Jack Drago's '56 Ford "Vicky" with a newly rebuilt transmission.



Jim Gregory's '26 Hupmobile looking good!



Jerry Pendley's '40 Ford rolls in.



Scott Gregory travels in style with his '67 Impala.

Editors Note: Thanks to Scott Gregory for the Founders Day pictures

### Founders Day Award

As explained in the President's Letter, the Founders Day Award was presented a few days prior to Founders Day since the 2012 recipient, Ken Farley, was committed to judging at the Southeastern Division National Spring Meet in Charlotte NC. To complicate matters, the 2011 recipient, Clarice Allen, was attending a memorial service in Pennsylvania. Through the wonders of digital media, President Bob was able to announce the award while projecting pictures of Ken and Clarice receiving their awards from past honoree Doris Stone.



Doris Stone presents the 2012 Founders Day Award to Ken Farley



Clarice Allen receives her replica award as the 2011 Founders Day Award winner



Bob Ridle reads the list of names of our founding members from the commemorative plaque that formerly hung in the General Wayne Hotel in Waynesboro.

#### 2012 Founders Day—April 21, 2012 (continued)



Owen Harner and Willis Clemmer presented a slide show featuring "Pictures from the Old Days" showing the cars members had back in the 50's and 60's.







#### Carl W. Fulwider Nov. 4, 1919-April 20, 2012

As was reported at the Founders Day Meeting, Carl Fulwider, one of our founding members, passed away at King's Daughters' Nursing and Rehab. Center on April 20, 2012 at the age of 92.

Carl was born in and grew up Staunton, graduated from Dunsmore Business College, served as a bomber pilot in the Air Force and after returning to civilian life, operated the family business (Fulwider's Garage and Towing, and the DeSoto-Plymouth Car Dealership). After selling the family business in 1957, he worked in auto sales for some of the local agencies. He eventually worked for the Virginia Department of Highways as a right of way agent and review appraiser, where he was involved in obtaining some of the property for Interstate 81 north of Staunton. He retired from that organization with 21 years of service.

Carl was a long time member of the Waynesboro– Staunton Region AACA and was awarded the Founders Day Award in 1993. He was past-president of the Staunton Exchange Club and a lifetime member of St. Pauls United Methodist Church.

Carl enjoyed round and square dancing and became a dance instructor and caller. He loved to build furniture and restore antiques and as an expert calligrapher, for years hand lettered the individual names on Robert E. Lee High School diplomas in Old English.

Carl had many antique cars during his lifetime, including the '26 Rolls Royce and '17 National that were pictured in the 2012 Founders Day slides. Two of his favorites that he restored were a 1952 DeSoto Custom Sedan that he sold in 2006 and a 1917 Buick Roadster that he sold to your editor in 2009. He told me earlier this year that "I never should have sold that DeSoto!"



Carl will be greatly missed by club members and friends. Our condolences go out to Carl's family.

Stu Allen

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		2012 Calenda	r of Events	
MAY	3-5	ODMA Meet, hosted by the Roanoke Valley Region AACA at Virginia Wester Community College, Roanoke. Our caravan for the Saturday show leaves the Store—Staunton Mall promptly at 7 AM.		
	9 W/S Board Meeting 7:00 pm			
	12 Waynesboro Motor Sports Show—Constitution Park in W W-S Members should pre-register and meet at East end o parking lot at 8 AM to caravan to Constitution Park		ter and meet at East end of Willow Oak Plaz	
	20	W/S Meeting 1:30 PM at the Wood Grill, 1711 Reservoir Street in Harrisonbu Spring Driving Tour to follow		burg—
<u>JUNE</u>	3-8	7th AACA Sentimental Tour		
	13	W/S Board Meeting 7:00 pm		
	16	Saturday, 1 PM—Picnic at the Allen's, 265 Stayman Lane, Staunton. Bring a dis to share. Meat, beverages, dessert, dishware and utensils provided. Saturday 10AM—2PM W-S Region Baldwin Park Car Show, 1 PM Lunch & Meeting. 21 Woodlee Road, Staunton.		; a dish
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	21	Bridgewater Car Show and Par	ind Parade	
2012 SENTIMENTAL TOUR Update The Sentimental Tour is now only a month away. We've had a few cancellations but also some new registrations so we're very near our goal of 150 cars. We still need volunteers to pre-run routes for us to check our tour directions. Please call or e-mail me if you can help. A fresh set of eyes following route directions often turn up improvements that will prevent problems for our guests who are unfamiliar with the valley. All of our committees are busy finalizing the details—please help if you get a phone call. Thanks to all who are working to make this a great tour. Stu Allen			<u>Tri-County Region Meetings</u> - Dates var Check their website.	.y—
			<u>Piedmont Region Meetings</u> are the 4 <sup>th</sup> M at the Doubletree Hotel on Route 29 North in Charlottesville at 7pm.	•
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#### <u>Minutes of the April 21, 2012</u> <u>W/S Region Meeting</u>

The Waynesboro-Staunton Region AACA meeting was held on April 21th at Sanzone's Italian Restaurant in Stuarts Draft at 1:30 pm where 35 members and 1 guest were present. President Bob Ridle opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Betty Clemmer gave the blessing. After the meal, Mary Helen gave the Treasurer's report and the sunshine report. It was stated that Sue Baugher, who was present and a founding member. had celebrated her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday. Then, Owen Harner said he had a sad announcement that Carl Fulwider had passed away on Friday. He had been a founding member of W-S Region.

Owen Harner passed a picture of three members sitting on a porch in Harper' Ferry on one of the early club tours.

Bob Ridle held up a plaque which had been on the wall at The General Wayne Hotel. It gave the date of the first meeting as April 18, 1950 and the names of the members. The Waynesboro-Staunton Region was the fourth region in the country and the first in the South. Bob then stated that due to circumstances beyond our control neither of the previous recipient and the new recipient of the Founders Day Award could be present. Fortunately, Doris Stone had made the presentation to this year's recipient Ken Farley and last year's recipient Clarice Allen at a Sentimental Tour Committee Meeting. (see page 3)

Doris Stone reported on the Sentimental Tour stating there were 149 cars with 157 passengers registered . She also stated that anyone who wanted a Sentimental Tour shirt to e-mail Clarice Allen at <u>stuscar@aol.com</u>

Vice President Jack Drago reported on the Activities saying that the next meeting would be at the Wood Grill, 1711 Reservoir Street in Harrisonburg on Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm.. The program for this meeting would be a Spring Car Tour for the members and their cars.

Bob Ridle reminded the membership to check activities on the web site for times and dates. (<u>http://</u> <u>local.aaca.org/waynesboro-staunton</u>)

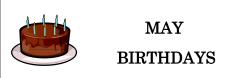
Mel Redmond reported the Waynesboro Motorsports Show would be on May 12<sup>th</sup>.and applications are available on line at <u>www.waynesboromotorsports.com</u>

Ron Capps won the 50/50 drawing.

The meeting was adjourned and the program was presented by Owen Harner and Willis Clemmer. They presented a slide show of old members and their cars. The pictures dated from the 1950s and 1960s.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Gray, Sec.



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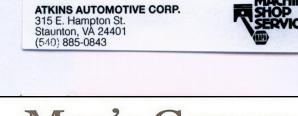
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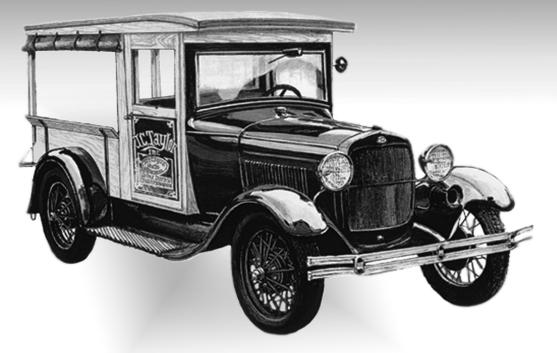
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