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TIRE TRACKS THE ELECTRONIC VERSION

Greetings Waynesboro-Staunton Region members and friends. The snow flurries flying around this week reminds us that it may be time to think about getting the cars ready for winter. Before we do that, let's think about what we can bring for "Show & Tell" at our November meeting at Wood Grill. Here are some thought-starters from past years:

Stu Allen



NEXT MEETING: Sunday, November 18, 1:30 PM, Meeting & Annual Election of Officers and "Show & Tell" at the Wood Grill, 1711 Reservoir Street in Harrisonburg. Bring your collection, Hershey finds or what's-it to share with the group.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hope you had a chance to make it to Hershey this year. Like last year, the weather was excellent, but Friday's combination of clouds and wind made it a chilly day. Still, all in all it was an enjoyable time at Hershey. Thanks to Jim Gregory, this was the first year that I had a slot to use with other club members on the Chocolate field. Can't tell you how nice it was to be able to drive into the Chocolate Field. Only problem was, somebody sold my pickup truck when I stepped away to shop some other vendors! When I came back to the club's spaces there was a "Sold" sign on the windshield! Not sure who pulled that stunt, but I've narrowed the list down to Willis Clemmer or Stu Allen

Willis congratulates Bob on the "SALE" of his truck



Riding shotgun with me to Hershey this year was Bruce Elder. This was Bruce's 37th or 38th Hershey show. It's amazing to stroll the fields of vendors with Bruce. Not only is he extremely knowledgeable on just about every item you see (not just the cars, but parts and literature too), but it seems as though every vendor you pass speaks to Bruce. At first I just thought he owed these guys money, but that was not the case at all. There was a true affection for Bruce from vendor after vendor...from people he has known and contacts he has made over his many decades

of being in the old car business.

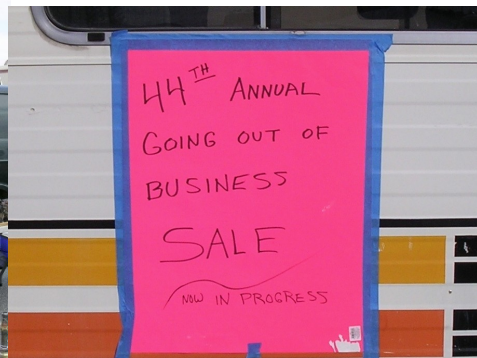
By the way, I strongly recommend you walk the fields at Hershey with somebody different from time to time. My friend, the late John Baldini, was a "tool" guy. When you walked the vendor spaces with John you would end up seeing tools you didn't even know existed...but now you just had to have. John would ferret out the best buys on tools of any type...from hand tools to engine lifts, nothing escaped John's eye. To this day, I still use a most unique brake drum removal tool that John spotted in a tool vendor's tent years ago. So, next time you're at Hershey take a day to walk the vendor spaces, the car corral, even the food vendor areas with somebody different. You'll see Hershey through someone else's eyes and it will become new again. I've said this before, the best part about Hershey isn't always the parts or the cars, it's the people!

Before I forget, the W-S Region AACA had a very nice turn out of cars and folks for the Stuarts Draft Retirement Community's Car Display and Ice Cream Social back on September 29th. Unofficially some 14 cars and around 18 people were on hand. Karen Moore and her staff did a wonderful job hosting us, and this year had the residents voting for their favorite cars. Robbie & Susan Gray's 1915 Model T took 1st place.

The November meeting will be Sunday, November 18th at 1:30 PM at the Wood Grill in Harrisonburg. This is our annual "Show & Tell" event, and we'll also be electing the Region's Officers for 2013. If you have an interest in serving please let the Nominating Committee of Betty Clemmer, Mel Redmond and Stu Allen know. New faces and new ideas are always encouraged.

Hope to see everyone at the November meeting, and keep bringing out those old cars and trucks... it's the only way to travel!

Bob Ridle

HERSHEY 2012—A PHOTO ESSAY

The W-S Guys had lots of “stuff” to sell



1932 Lincoln V-12—\$285,000.



Hershey Hybrid



1953 Plymouth w/ 688 miles



1969 GoGo Mobile—\$25,900



1910 International—\$38,875



1951 Thrif-T



Saturday Morning—The cars enter the showfield

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Hershey—Continued**Ken Farley checking the DPC cars****Shirley Farley judging Chevrolets****W-S Member Al Meyer's 1913 Buick****1905 Cadillac HPOF****1908 Sears HPOF****Lifesize Hershey Kiss****FALL FOLIAGE TOUR—OCT. 21, 2012****The W-S members gathered at the Staunton Mall****Nelson Driver and his Willys-Knight led the tour South****Route 11 provided great color as we headed to Lexington****Our lunch and meeting were held at the Redwood Family Restaurant****Our final stop was a tour of the Devils Backbone Brewery**

"If You Can't Find It At Hershey, It Doesn't Exist"

Among the "treasures" I took to sell at Hershey this year were several instrument clusters that a friend had given me years ago. They were all from late 40's or 50's American cars except for one Volvo gauge panel. Through the wonders of the internet I was able to identify the vehicle each of the clusters fit with the exception of the Volvo cluster. The speedometer was metric so I figured it would be for a European application and would be a real long shot to sell. I almost left it home but thought it might be a good conversation piece so I took it along. It was new and in excellent condition so I figured somebody might need it. If you've been to Hershey you know that many foreign collectors attend every year to pick up U.S. built cars and parts that are not available in their respective countries.

The clusters for American cars attracted a steady stream of shoppers to our booth and some were sold early in the meet. The Volvo cluster languished at the back of the table as everyone checked out the domestic clusters. On Friday morning, a gentleman stopped at the table, picked up the Volvo cluster and checked it out. He put it back on the table, looked at me and then picked it up again and asked "Where did you get this?" I told him that it came with a group of clusters for American cars and that I didn't know what it fit. He excitedly told me that he owned 3 antique Volvos in his home country of Sweden and that this cluster was one he had been searching for all over Europe and had been unable to find. He had been forced to try to rebuild his old cluster but was unable to find a source for the speedometer face that had the numerals reverse painted on the glass. One company had offered to reproduce the face but the minimum order quantity was 50 pieces and the price was out of sight.



He was very excited with the find and proceeded to tell me all about Volvo history, showed me pictures of his cars and stated that this single part had made his trip to the U.S. worthwhile. He couldn't believe that he found the part and I couldn't believe that I'd found a customer for it.

So how did this part come to be in the U.S.? He told me that starting prior to World War II, Volvo had a resident buyer stationed in Detroit for the purpose of sourcing parts to be exported to Sweden to be used in building new cars. He remarked that as a result, some of their cars from the 30's and 40's had styling similar to our domestic cars. Apparently Volvo purchased instrument clusters from AC Spark Plug in Flint, MI and this sample was a unit that was never exported.

We've all heard that if you can't find it at Hershey, it doesn't exist, and the old car guy from Sweden will gladly tell everyone that the saying is true.

Stu Allen

Stuarts Draft Retirement Community Car Display



Residents' Favorites—First -Robbie Gray -'15 "T",
Second-Bob Ridle-'51 Studebaker,
Third-Randall Almarode—Shay



2012-2013 Calendar of Events

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|----------------|---|
| 1. NOV. | 14 Weds. W/S Board Meeting 7:00 pm

18 Sunday, 1:30 PM, Meeting & Annual Election of Officers and "Show & Tell" at the Wood Grill, 1711 Reservoir Street in Harrisonburg.
Bring your collection, Hershey finds or what's-it to share with the group. |
| DEC. | 12 Weds. W/S Board Meeting 7:00 pm

15 Saturday, 12 Noon, Meeting & Christmas Dinner Party and Gift Exchange at Sanzones Italian Restaurant, 2897 Stuarts Draft Hwy. (Rt. 340), Stuarts Draft. |
| JAN. | 9 Weds. W/S Board Meeting 7:00 pm |
| 2013. | 20 W-S Region Meeting—Location and Program to be announced. |

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

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

It's that time of year again—Fill out the attached Renewal Membership form and send to Mary Helen. 2013 will be here soon!

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**Minutes of the October 21,
2012 W/S Region Meeting**

President Bob Ridle called the meeting to order at 3:08 PM at the Redwood Family Restaurant in Lexington. There were 10 members and one guest present. Bob mentioned that several of our "regulars" were attending the Glidden Tour in Texas and others were also out of town.

Mary Helen Ayers reported that Mel Redmond had just received a pacemaker and is on the mend and that Ron Capps is recovering well from a hip replacement. Jim Ailles has moved to Willow Estates. Mary Helen also gave the Treasurer's report.

The Secretary was in Texas but no revisions were required for the September minutes.

Bob reported that the next meeting will be at the Wood Grill in Harrisonburg, 1:30 PM on November 18. This will be our annual Show & Tell program and we will also elect officers for 2013.

Nelson Driver reported that the ODMA planning meeting will be held on November 3rd in Fredericksburg. Nelson, Bob Ridle, Paul Wampler, Ken Farley and Stu Allen plan to attend.

Stu Allen reported that the registration fees paid by members who worked on the Tour were refunded (minus the \$25 fee paid to National). Once all of the checks have cleared, the Tour account will be closed and the net proceeds will be credited to the Region account.

Bob reported that the 14 cars and 18 people attended the Stuarts Draft Retirement Community Car Display and Ice Cream Social. Residents voted on their favorite car. Robbie & Susan Gray took top honors with their 1915 Model T.

Stu Allen reported that the Nominating Committee is close to completing the slate of officers and should be ready for the November

election.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Following the meeting we visited the Devils Backbone Outpost Brewery for a tour and tasting, followed by an enjoyable Fall Color tour home.

Respectfully Submitted by Stu Allen
for Robbie Gray, Secretary



I am selling this 1994 Olds Cutlass Supreme Convertible for a friend of mine.

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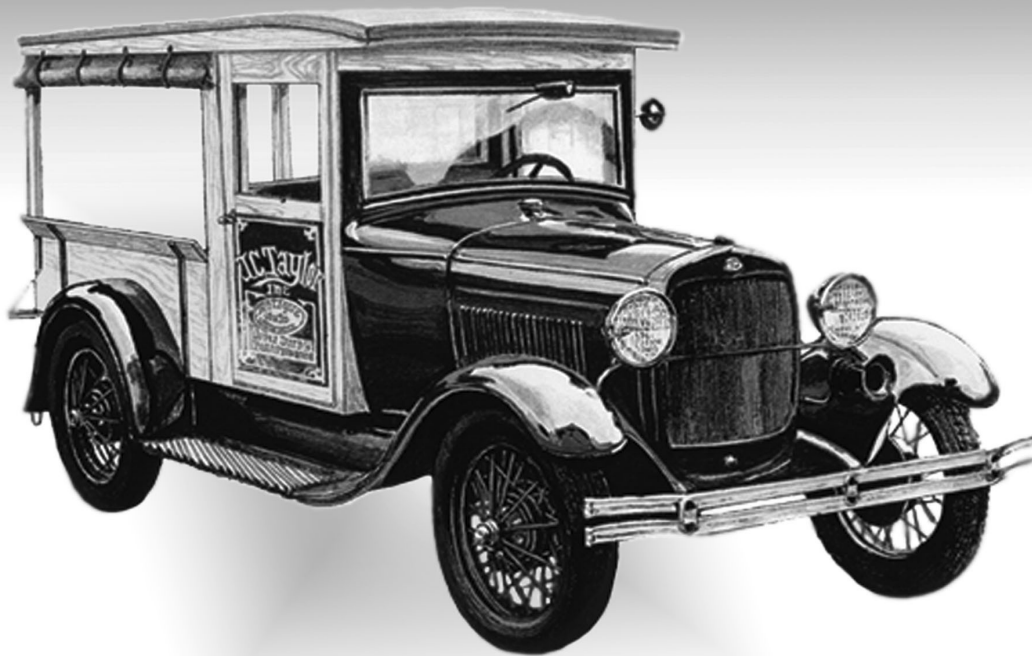
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