



October 2014



## **TIRE TRACKS THE ELECTRONIC VERSION**

Greetings, Wayneboro—Staunton Region Members & Friends,

Our September Steak Fry and Auction was a great success with record attendance (55) and over \$950 raised for our treasury. Thanks to all who donated and to those that made winning bids. A special thanks to Betty Clemmer for donating her fur coat and all the items from Willis’s collections. We want to thank Bruce Elder for another entertaining auction—nobody does it better!



Doris Stone recently gave me a box of archives and among some photographs I found this one. It looks to me that Bruce, assisted by Billy Melton, is conducting the annual auction. This must be from many years ago since this is not the Coyner Springs location that we’ve used since I’ve been around. If you look closely, you may note that Bruce sports a different haircut than today. Let me know where and when this auction took place so I can add the picture and a note to our scrapbook.

October will be a busy month for many of our members with two tours and the annual trek to Hershey. We hope the weather will be as great as it has been in September. Make sure you get the old car(s) out and enjoy the hobby.

Stu Allen—Editor



It has been known to rain at Hershey



Sunny days are the norm



You never know what you’ll see

**OCTOBER MEETINGS: Saturday Oct. 4, 8:30 AM—Poplar Forest Tour—See Page 2  
Sunday Oct. 19, 1:30 PM—Fall Color Tour and Fall Dinner at the Perrin’s - See Page 7**



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am writing this message while John and I are on the 69<sup>th</sup> AAA Revival Glidden Tour--“Travel the Flatlands of NW Ohio”-- in Defiance driving our 1929 Ford Phaeton. There are about 200 cars on the tour (all built in 1942 or before) including from our Region, Robbie and Susan Gray driving their 1915 Ford Touring, Dave and Carol Sarginger in their 1933 Ford Truck, and Ronnie and Janice Shanholtzer in their 1931 Ford Station Wagon. Janice's sister and brother-in-law, Wilda and Walter Schutz of Toronto, Canada, are riding with them. We have traveled scenic backcountry roads of Northwest Ohio and Indiana, winding along rivers and abandoned canal right-of ways, traveling through small towns and rural areas. We saw personal collections of vintage tractors, beautiful dream cars, Corvettes, Jeeps, and related memorabilia. Each day included everyone's favorite—ice cream.

Defiance is a city with a population of about 17,000 in the northwestern part of Ohio, about 55 miles southwest of Toledo. Defiance's economy is based on the manufacturing of a variety of products. The largest employer is the General Motors Powertrain division, which is the largest automotive iron foundry in North America. Other products manufactured in the area include fiberglass (Johns Manville), auto parts, and farming food products (lots of corn and soybeans in the fields).

September was a month of several national tours. Earlier in the month the Sentimental Tour was held in New Hampshire and Maine. Attending from the W-S Region were Stu and Clarice Allen, Bob and Ann Ridle, Gareth and Debra Eick, and Dick and Joyce McIninch. The Allens were recognized as having completed **all** Sentimental Tours. I heard someone say that he ate lobster four times during the week. Boy, am I envious!!

You have two great opportunities for touring with members of the Region during the month of October. On Saturday, October 4, we will leave the top of Afton Mountain at 9 a.m. for an all-day tour to Woodson Mill and Poplar Forest. Before lunch we will stop at Woodson Mill, a historic grist mill in Nelson County that is still in use today. After lunch we will visit the highlight of the tour--Poplar Forest. On Sunday, October 19, you can look forward to another tour and dinner hosted by Dwayne and Rebecca Perrin at their new garage near Staunton.

We really need a good headcount of who is going on October 4<sup>th</sup> and October 19<sup>th</sup>. Information about who to contact to make your reservations and other information about each tour can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. I hope you can attend both events.

*Dois Stone*

### POPLAR FOREST TOUR—Sat. October 4



The Farley's, Stones and Gray's have planned a great tour to Thomas Jefferson's second home, Poplar Forest, for Saturday, October 4. Meet at the old Howard Johnsons on Afton Mountain at 8:30 AM for a prompt 9:00 AM departure. Call Ken Farley (540-248-0635) if you plan to attend so final headcount reservations can be made.

### Scenes from the September 21 Steak Fry and Auction



**Grillmaster Jim Gregory cooks the steaks**



**The gang did a good job on the food**



**Mel serves home-made ice cream from the DIVCO**



**Ken Farley takes care of Business**



**"We're not sure what it fits but it's a nice headlight"**



**Members check out the variety of donated auction items**



**Eager members await the start of bidding**



**Auctioneer Bruc Elder and assistant Bob Ridle kept a fast pace while entertaining us in the process**



**Mandy Brown models the fur coat donated by Betty Clemmer**

**BETSY—THE LONG-TERM RESTORATION**

**Restoration of a 1934 Chevrolet Master**

**By Stu Allen**

**Part 7 Let's Work on the Car**

With the garage finished, it was time to get going on the body work. First I removed the doors and took off the door trim panels. It was no surprise that the wooden door frame bottoms had significant rot and required replacement. I removed the window lift mechanism and wing windows, replaced the lower wood pieces and painted the interior of the sheet metal.



Once the door frames were again solid, we hung the doors back on the body to check the fit before further body work. The doors have a diagonal turnbuckle arrangement that allows changing the curvature of the door to match the body shape. The next task was to shim the body mounts so that the doors would be aligned correctly in the body opening. This is a trial-and-error process that is slow since when you change shims in one mount, it affects the alignment on the opposite door. Once we were satisfied with the door fit, we removed them and set them aside for later finishing.

I then started work on the body. The car had been painted black over the original brown paint and the paint that had been brushed on was flaking off. I found that by carefully scraping this layer of paint with a razor blade, I could expose the original finish along with the pin striping that had been done by the factory.



I carefully photographed the original striping to allow duplication after the body was painted.

I decided then I should tackle the running boards. The originals were so far gone that they were not even useful for patterns.



Fortunately I had purchased some well-used boards at Hershey that needed lots of work but were restorable.



After cleaning, straightening, and welding in patches, the boards were smoothed and painted.



I next put the fenders back on the car to check the fit to the running boards.

As you can see in the above picture, the original fenders on the car showed significant damage since the car had been used as a field car on the farm. I had searched for years for replacement fenders with no success. I did see one NOS rear fender at Charlotte several years ago but the price was \$800.! That made me decide to see if I could restore the original fenders.

*Next Month—Parts and More Parts*

## 2014 Sentimental Tour



As Doris mentioned in the President's Message, the Allens, Ridles, McIninchs and Eicks from our Region attended the tour sponsored by the Granite Region of New Hampshire. The tour was based in Portsmouth, NH and we covered 600 miles in New Hampshire and Maine. The tour kicked off with a reception at Red Hook Brewery on Sunday night where we met many friends who had attended the 2012 tour that W-S Region hosted. There were 104 cars registered for the tour.



Monday's tour took us up the Maine seacoast to Kennebunkport where we visited the Seashore Trolley Museum that has a collection of over 200 trolley cars, some restored, some under restoration and some awaiting attention.



On our return trip to Portsmouth we stopped to check out the Knubble Light in York, ME. This lighthouse was built in 1879 and was automated in 1987 so no lighthouse keeper resides there now.

On Tuesday we travelled to the Canterbury NH Shaker Village that was established in 1792. In the 1850's, more than 300 Shakers lived and worked in the village. The museum interprets 200 years of Shaker life with 25 restored original buildings. Exhibits focus on Shaker crafts that supported the community. The last Shaker sister passed in 1992.



Wednesday found us at the Portsmouth harbor where we enjoyed a harbor cruise. There is an active Navy shipyard there where nuclear subs are refitted. It was a beautiful day on the water.



On Thursday we toured to historic Paris, ME, where Hannibal Hamlin, Lincoln's first Vice-President was born. Paris is the home of the Bahre Collection of over 60 vehicles, including 7 Dusenbergs, one of which toured with us during the week. There are also Packards, Cadillacs, Stutz, Auburn 12, Mercedes, Rolls Royce and even a Tucker. All are in pristine condition. I particularly liked the 1940 Buick with a Brewster body shown in the above picture.

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## 2014 Sentimental Tour—Continued



Our lunch that day, courtesy of the Bahre family, was served from the the trunks of antique cars by hostesses in period costumes coordinated with the year of each car. Unfortunately, the day was dampened by the only rain during the tour. This was the longest tour day where we covered about 200 miles but was well worth the trip.



Friday took us to Wolfeboro, NH where we visited the Wright Museum of WW II History, It is full of tanks, personnel carriers and all sorts of vehicles used in the war. Of particular interest were dioramas depicting U.S. life during each of the years during the war.



We then visited Richie Clyne's Garage that housed another impressive car collection. This 1909 Thomas Flyer was my favorite.

These are just a few of the highlights of the 2014 Sentimental Tour. We all left with fond memories of New Hampshire and Maine.

Stu Allen

## Movie Cars Wanted

The movie is called "Coming Through the Rye". The story line is about a young college student trying to track down the author of the book "Catcher in the Rye". The movie takes place in 1969, so I am looking for cars from 1950 to 1969. The cars from 1950 to 1960 need to show some wear and tear (faded paint - unrestored or damaged in some way).

I am also looking for pickup trucks from 1950 to 1969. I will need a tractor of some sort for one day. Any taxi cab or school bus from 1960 - 1969.

I need about 10 or 12 large cars (such as Buicks, Olds, Chrysler).

I am looking for stock VW bugs, VW buses or VW trucks.

I am looking for stock Corvairs (cars, trucks and vans). Most of these cars will only be used one day on the set, but some may become main cars in the movie and would be used multiple days.

This is a low budget movie. The Production company is willing to pay for your gas and you will be fed while you are on the set. You will also be required to drive your own car. This will put you in the movie. They will have insurance on your vehicle supplied by the production company.

The movie will take place in and around Culpeper, Virginia (just north of Charlottesville).

Any questions, please call Norman Altizer 540-915-4057.

Send pictures of your car with contact information to my email: [naltizer@comcast.net](mailto:naltizer@comcast.net)

## It's Hershey Time Again

When you visit Hershey on October 8-11, don't forget to stop at our spots in the Chocolate Field C40 40-50 where you'll find members of the W-S Region buying and selling parts, swapping stories (all true?) or resting up after trekking the fields in search of that illusive part we really need. See you there!

## Searching for 2015 Officers

The Nominating Committee is searching for candidates for Region officers for 2015. If you would consider running for an office or if you have suggestions of other members that should be considered, please contact Jim Gregory (540-942-2457), Mel Redmond (540-949-7075), or Stu Allen (540-886-8056). No experience required and lots of training is available!

## 2014 Calendar of Events

<b><u>OCT.</u></b>	<p>4 Saturday -Fall Tour to <a href="#">Poplar Forest</a>, Thomas Jefferson's summer home in Bedford County. We'll meet at the old Howard Johnsons parking lot on Afton Mountain at 8:30 AM. and depart promptly at 9:00 AM. <u>Call Ken or Shirley Farley (540-248-0635) to reserve your spot on the tour.</u></p> <p>8-11 <a href="#">AACA</a> Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey, PA. Hosted by <a href="#">Hershey Region</a>.</p> <p>12 Sunday –12:30-4 PM Chester &amp; Nancy Bradfield’s Annual Car &amp; Truck Show, 9219 Centerville Rd. Bridgewater VA. Bring a covered dish, lawn chairs and a smile! <u>RSVP 540-828-2907</u></p> <p>19 Sunday, 1:30 PM, The meeting will be hosted by Duane and Rebecca Perrin. Please meet at the Verona Post Office just north of the Rite Aid. There will be an <u>Autumn Color Tour</u> from Verona to the Perrins home, taking the long way, of course. The tour will leave at 1:30 PM. The Perrins will showcase their newly completed (or almost completed) “museum” and shop. Duane will talk a bit about the history of their cars. We will enjoy a fall dinner. The Perrins will provide chili and Brunswick stew, drinks, plates/bowls, and cutlery. Please bring corn bread or rolls, or your favorite autumn dessert. The Perrins would appreciate if you would let them know if you are coming so they can prepare for dinner – 540-885-1613 or <a href="mailto:rebecca@duaneperrin.com">rebecca@duaneperrin.com</a> .</p> <p>20-24 <a href="#">AACA</a> Founders Tour (post 1931 vehicles), New Jersey. Hosted by <a href="#">Buzzard's Breath Region</a>.</p>
<b><u>NOV.</u></b>	<p>16 Sunday, 2 PM, Annual Show &amp; Tell and Election of Officers for 2015 - Kathy's Restaurant, 705 Greenville Ave. Staunton.</p> <p>22 Saturday, 11:30 AM, ODMA Planning Meeting—Holiday Inn Staunton dining room</p>
<b><u>DEC.</u></b>	<p>14 Sunday, 2 PM, Annual Christmas Party &amp; Gift Exchange - Pano's Restaurant, 3190 S. Main Street, Harrisonburg.</p>

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

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



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**Minutes of the October 21  
Waynesboro-Staunton Region**

We held our Annual Steak Fry and Auction at Coyner Springs Park in Waynesboro. We had an excellent turnout with 55 members and guests present. The group enjoyed a delicious feast on steaks, hots, and covered dishes followed by a table full of great desserts, and home-made ice cream from Mel & Marilou Redmond's DIVCO ice cream truck.

V.P. Ken Farley conducted the business meeting since President Doris was on the Glidden Tour. Mary Helen reported that Carol Ralston was home from a hospital stay after being injured in a fall. The Sept. Secretary's Report was approved as printed. Mary Helen gave the Treasurer's Report. Ken reported that we have received four complimentary National Memberships for 2015. He then reviewed the schedule of activities for the rest of 2015 (see Page 6). He announced that the nominating committee of Jim Gregory, Mel Redmond, and Stu Allen will be looking for officer candidates for 2015 and if anyone is interested, please call them.

Stu Allen reported that planning for the 2015 ODMA meet is underway. The date is May 22-23, 2015. The host hotel will be the Holiday Inn Staunton and the meet will be held at the Augusta County Government Center in Verona. An ODMA Planning Meeting is scheduled for November 22 at the Holiday Inn.

Ken Farley won the 50/50 drawing and adjourned the meeting to a chorus of boo's from the crowd.

The group gathered for the auction conducted by our veteran auctioneer, Bruce Elder. Ken noted that this was Bruce's 21st year conducting the auction. Sales were brisk and included many items donated by Betty Clemmer including her vintage fur coat. The group expressed their thanks to Bruce for his hard work.

Stu Allen for Secretary Robbie Gray

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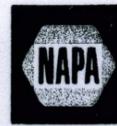


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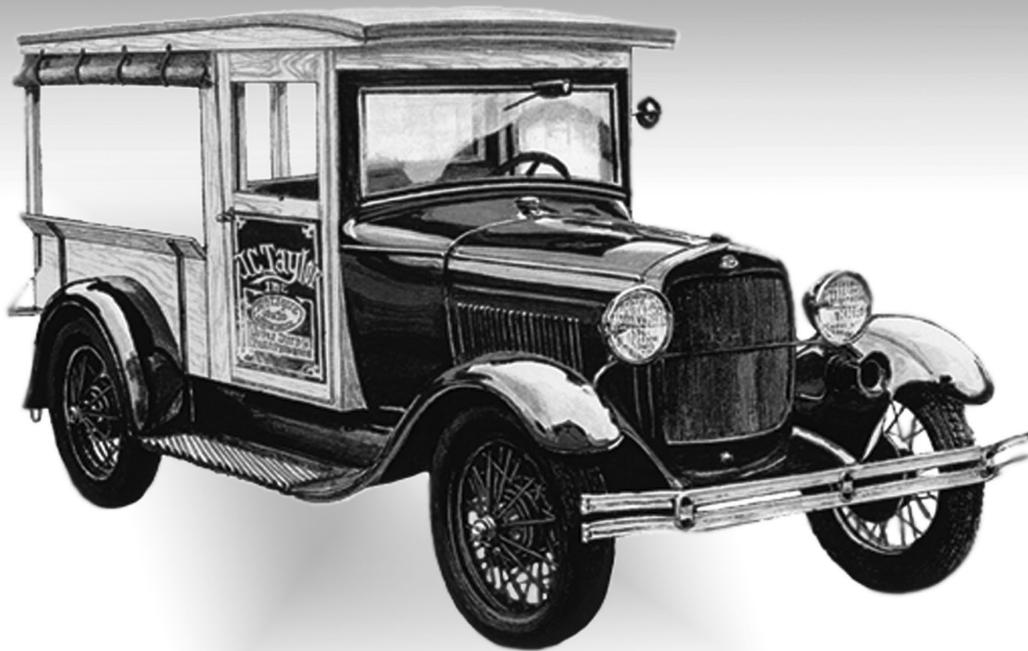
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