



## **TIRE TRACKS      THE ELECTRONIC VERSION**

Notes from your editor: In November ODMA is visiting the Virginia International Raceway (Info. in this issue). In June 2008, we visited VIR as part of the Sentimental Tour hosted by the North Carolina Region in Burlington NC. Here are some shots of our visit to the facility and our old cars out on the track as we followed the pace car—slowly!

Stu Allen—Editor



**NEXT MEETING::** Sunday Oct. 16 1:00 PM, Annual Fall Foliage Tour and meeting. Pack a picnic lunch and enjoy the fall colors. Bring your own food, drink, utensils, etc. and meet in the Holiday Inn Parking lot, I-81 at Exit 225 in Staunton. Departures from the lot will begin at 1:00 driving the proposed Albemarle County route for the 2012 Sentimental Tour. We'll picnic along the way, have a short meeting and return home before dark.



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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

How quickly September went by, and now October is already here!

For me, September started out Labor Day weekend with a Saturday visit to the NASCAR Hall of Fame in Charlotte, NC. Your President, along with other members of the H-E-T (Hudson-Essex-Terraplane) Car Club, had been invited to participate in a display of Hudsons on the mall in front of the Hall. Although I usually drive our cars to shows, because of the heat I decided to trailer our 1950 Hudson. So, Friday I loaded it onto the trailer and plunged into the Labor Day Weekend traffic. Between the crush of travelers, accidents, construction sites, and severe thunderstorms, the usual 4 ½ hr. drive to Charlotte took 8 hours! Was I ever glad I decided to use the truck & trailer! Saturday dawned with plenty of sunshine and was an ideal day for the display. Thanks to the movie "Cars", Hudson owners no longer have to explain to kids what a Hudson is! It was my first time visiting the NASCAR Hall, and I enjoyed it immensely.

September was marked by the W-S Region AACA's annual Steak Fry and Auction, and this year's turnout at Coyner Springs Park may have been the biggest in recent memory. As usual, Jim Gregory did a wonderful job in securing and grilling the steaks and hot dogs, ably assisted by Ronnie Shanholtzer. There was a wide variety of side dishes and desserts provided by members, and Mel & Mary Lou Redmond again served home-made ice cream right from their '49 DIVCO milk truck. As always, Bruce Elder did a marvelous job as auctioneer and comedian. Bruce's quick wit makes the auction the highlight of the afternoon. Unofficially this year's auction raised about \$780 for the club's treasury. A big "Thank You" goes out to all those who donated items to the auction and to all those who bid on them.

In case you missed it this summer, the W-S Region AACA welcomed three new members.... Steve Cummins of Staunton (67 Lotus & 85 Mazda RX-7), Raymond Swadley of Mt. Sidney (35 Ford & 66 Impala) and Leon Dailey of Harrisonburg (28 Chevrolet).

As you're reading this issue of *Tire Tracks*, the Hershey Meet in Pennsylvania is only days away. Several W-S Region members will be occupying section C40 / Spaces 40 thru 50 on the Chocolate Field. A warm welcome awaits anyone who stops by.

If you enjoy fall colors and driving your old car or truck, then October's meeting is for you! Pack a picnic lunch and join us at the Holiday Inn parking lot in Staunton on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, as we drive the proposed Albemarle and Nelson County route of next year's Sentimental Tour. We'll picnic along the way, have a brief meeting and return home by dusk. Departures start at 1 PM sharp from the Holiday Inn parking lot. It is recommended that each driver have someone (spouse or friend) to navigate for them, as each car will be provided a detailed set of driving directions for the tour. Billy Melton, Robbie Gray and Nelson Driver have been hard at work laying out this route, and it's up to us to scope it out and provide feedback for them. It should be a fun afternoon.

In early November, the ODMA and North Carolina Region are hosting a casual end-of-the-season car show at the Virginia International Raceway near Danville. For more information on this Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> event visit the Activities Page on our website at <http://local.aaca.org/waynesboro-staunton/>, and follow the links.

Hope to see everyone at the October 16<sup>th</sup> fall foliage run!

Bob Ridle



## September 11, 2011 Steak Fry and Auction—Coyner Springs Park

Our Annual Steak Fry and Auction was held on September 11, 2011 with beautiful weather, a record turn-out of members, great food and spirited bidding on items offered by our guest auctioneer Bruce Elder with his able-bodied assistant-in-training, Bob Ridle. Thanks to the cooks, donors, buyers and especially Auctioneer Bruce for making the event such a success again this year.



The old cars turned out in droves.



Willis & Betty Clemmer unload the goodies.



Robbie & Susan Gray's 1915 Model T made the trek.



Chefs Jim Gregory and Ronnie Shanholtzer prepare the steaks for the hungry crew.



The gang goes through the line. Plenty of food for seconds!



Mel & Marilou Redmond brought the DIVCO and served strawberry home-made ice cream.



Karen Drago checks out the auction merchandise, hoping to find Jack's Christmas gift.



Auctioneer Bruce Elder seeks another bid on a choice item as Barbara Melton waves her bid card.



Asst. Auctioneer-in-training Bob Ridle shows a swivel stand just before demonstrating how easily it came apart!



## Ethanol Fuel vs. Automotive Paint



During the recent VCCA Tour led by Ken & Shirley Farley, I noticed two vehicles (1934-35 Chevrolets) that had experienced paint damage due to exposure to gasoline with ethanol. This vintage Chevrolet has the gas tank filler located near the taillight and when the pump hose is removed, gas tends to drip on the paint below the filler. The damage is visible in these photographs. In both cases the paint has bubbles and is starting to peel off. I'd heard rumors of ethanol gasoline stripping paint but this was the first time I had seen it. Are all paints affected or just the type of paint used on these cars? We don't know, but suffice it to say: ***Be careful when fueling your collector car or you may experience significant paint damage.***

Stu Allen

## IT'S HERSHEY TIME AGAIN!

When October rolls around, the days are getting shorter, the nights are cool, the leaves are turning and "old car guys and gals" are heading for Hershey. During the September floods, there was some concern that the Fall Meet at Hershey could be in jeopardy. Significant flooding did a lot of damage in the Hershey area and some businesses have not recovered, but AACA Exec. Director Steve Moskowitz assures us that the meet is a go!

Some of the parking areas will be a bit soft yet but the flea market is all on asphalt so there should be no return to the Hershey mud of years past. It will be interesting to see how the show field on the golf course has dried out. Even the campground across the road from the Giant Center that was badly flooded expects to reopen on Sat. Oct. 1.

Meanwhile, in Virginia some serious preparations are being made for the trek north to Hershey. Cars are being polished, spare parts for sale are being inventoried and on Tues. Oct. 4 (Set-Up Day) we'll all arrive to get the big event underway. We'll get some pictures for next month's issue. Stop and see us if you attend the event.

### Scenes from Hershey 2010



### 2011 Calendar of Events

- OCT.**
- 5-8 Eastern Fall Meet—Hershey PA
  - 12 W/S Board Meeting 7:00 pm
  - 16 W/S Meeting—1:00 PM, Annual Fall Foliage Tour and meeting. Pack a picnic lunch and enjoy the fall colors. Bring your own food, drink, utensils, etc. and meet in the Holiday Inn Parking lot, I-81 at Exit 225 in Staunton. Departures from the lot will begin at 1:00 driving the proposed Albemarle County route for the 2012 Sentimental Tour. We'll picnic along the way, have a short meeting and return home before dark
- NOV.**
- 5 ODMA Show at Virginia International Raceway. Alton, VA. Heacock Classic Gold Cup Races will be running. 2012 ODMA Planning Meeting at that meet. See website for details.
  - 9 W/S Board Meeting 7:00 pm
  - 20 W/S Meeting—Election of Officers and Show & Tell—Wood Grill, 1711 Reservoir Street in Harrisonburg
- DEC.**
- 14 W/S Board Meeting 7:00 pm
  - 17 Saturday—12 Noon, Christmas Dinner Party and Gift Exchange at Sanzone's Italian Restaurant, 2897 Stuarts Draft Highway, Stuarts Draft.

Tri-County Region Meetings- Dates vary—  
Check their website.

Piedmont Region Meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday  
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North in Charlottesville at 7pm.

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**Minutes of the September 11,  
2011 W/S Region Meeting**

The September meeting of the  
Waynesboro/Staunton Region of  
The AACA was held at 1:30 pm  
on the 11<sup>th</sup> at Coyner Springs in  
Waynesboro for the annual  
Steak Fry and Auction.  
President Bob Ridle opened the  
meeting by welcoming the  
members and guests. Then, Bob  
proceeded with a nice tribute to  
the 9-11 victims, after which, we  
ate lunch.

Mary Helen Ayers gave the  
Treasurer's report.

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

Vice President Jack Drago gave  
the activities as follows;

Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>. Fall Tour  
leaves the Holiday Inn Exit 225  
in Staunton at 1 pm.

Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. Wood Grill in  
Harrisonburg at 1 pm.

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. Saturday at  
Sanzone's Italian Restaurant in  
Stuarts Draft from 12 to 4 pm for  
the Christmas Party.

Stu Allen gave a brief progress  
report on the Sentimental Tour.

President Bob recognized the  
two new members Glen Royer  
and Leon Bailey. Michael  
Embres was presented his First  
Place Plaque from the Old  
Dominion Meet.

Doris Stone read a letter from  
Bill Petitt, who was one of our  
early members.

The meeting was adjourned and  
Bruce Elder proceeded to  
conduct the annual auction with  
fervency and zeal.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Gray, Sec.

**2012 SENTIMENTAL TOUR  
Update**

We were fortunate to attend a  
great VCCA 6-Cylinder Tour  
hosted by Ken & Shirley Farley  
in early September. This tour  
used some of the same venues  
planned for our 2012 Tour so we  
picked up some good tips from  
their tour that will be helpful.

We have submitted our hotel  
contract and dash plaque design  
to AACA National and expect to  
have final approval at their  
meetings during Hershey week.

Since our last update, several  
people have signed up to help us  
with the tour: Dave Potter, Mary  
Lou Redmond, Mary Helen  
Ayers and Sue Gregory have  
agreed to help with the  
Hospitality Room and Pam  
Potter has agreed to help with  
Photography.

I hope you all can join us on Oct.  
16 as we test drive our route in  
Albemarle County.

Stu Allen

**OCTOBER  
BIRTHDAYS**

**Davis Angus**

**Nelson Driver**

**Michael Embres**

**Vince Ennis**

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