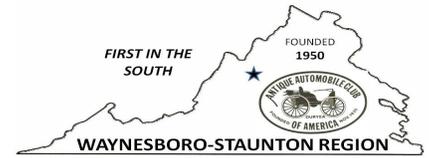




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TIRE TRACKS THE ELECTRONIC VERSION

Greetings, Waynesboro—Staunton Region Members & Friends, Cool nights and warm days tell us that summer is on the way out and prime fall touring season is upon us. As I write this, several members of our Region are on their way to Oklahoma City for the 70th Revival AAA Glidden Tour. Ken & Shirley Farley, Robbie & Susan Gray, John & Doris Stone, Ronnie & Janice Shanholtzer and Nelson Driver are headed west for what should be a great touring adventure. We expect some nice pictures and a presentation at a future meeting, as well as some stories to be included in later issues of Tire Tracks. Speaking of meetings and stories, don't miss the column from VP Alfred Meyer on page 4 of this issue. We want each of you to help us with topics for our meetings as well as articles for your newsletter (Tire Tracks). Alfred does a good job of giving some ideas of topics that lots of our members would be interested in, so give it some thought and contact Alfred and/or me.

Stu Allen—Editor

Antique and Collector Cars—Good Investment?

As I watched the wild gyrations of the stock market the past two weeks, it got me thinking of how our old cars stack up against the stock market as investments. Returns on stocks vary all over the map depending on the individual companies performance and success in the market place. I'm sure there are studies out there that will show the average returns on investment for thousands of companies but that is well beyond the scope of what we'll discuss here.

Billy Melton gave me an issue of Hemmings Motor News from 1975 and it is fascinating to look through the ads for cars at that time and compare them to today's prices. Since inflation of the dollar has occurred over the years from 1975 to 2015, we need to convert the 1975 dollars to 2015 dollars in order to come up with the real increase or decrease in values for the cars. Statistics tell us that \$100 in 1975 is equivalent to \$452.43 in 2015 dollars so we need to apply that ratio to the 1975 prices to find out if these cars increased or decreased in real value over that 40 year time span.

Let's look at some examples from the 1975 ads:

1931 Ford Model A Deluxe Roadster #1 condition.
Asking \$7500 (\$33932 in 2015 dollars)
2015 Old Cars Price Guide value is \$37500
Increase over 40 years = +10.5%

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2015 Old Cars Price Guide value is \$117600
Increase over 40 years = -13.4%

1953 Buick Skylark Convertible #2 condition.
Asking \$7500 (\$33932 in 2015 dollars)
2015 Old Cars Price Guide value is \$125650
Increase over 40 years = +270%

1957 Buick Special Convertible #3 condition.
Asking \$1795 (\$8121 in 2015 dollars).
2015 Old Cars Price Guide value is \$28350
Increase over 40 years = +249%

1961 Corvette Convertible with both tops #2 condition
Asking \$3500 (\$15835 in 2015 dollars).
2015 Old Cars Price Guide value is \$53550
Increase over 40 years = +238%

1966 Thunderbird Convertible #2 condition.
Asking \$1650 (\$7465 in 2015 dollars).
2015 Old Cars Price Guide value is \$24500
Increase over 40 years = +228%

1970 Plymouth Superbird #3 condition.
Asking \$6000 (\$27145 in 2015 dollars)
2015 Old Cars Price Guide value is \$54000
Increase over 40 years = +98.9%

I assigned a condition # based on pictures and description of the vehicle so results may vary depending on the actual condition as well as an actual selling price. So what did we learn? If we picked the right car in 1975 and got it at the right price, kept it for 40 years and sold it at book price, we would realize a decent return on our investment. If we picked the wrong car, we might never recover our original investment. Therefore, as we've been told many times, the best advice is to buy a car that you like, enjoy it while you can, but don't plan on it financing your retirement years.

Stu Allen



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our joint meeting with Tri-County at Grand Caverns went very well I thought. I was told we set an attendance record. The food was tremendous as well as abundant. I cannot see how anyone could have gone away hungry or without feeling stuffed. Alfred Meyer gave Tri-County members an invitation to join Waynesboro Staunton Region on our tour to the Summerset Steam and Gas Association's Pasture Party on Saturday, September 12. I would like to see more joint activities with our clubs. The more the merrier. Again, I apologize for not planning on providing the cups, plates, plastic ware, etc., just was not thinking.

On a sad note, I announced the passing of Jim Raines, past AACA President and fellow touring participant, on Friday, August 14. Please keep Sharon Raines and her family in your prayers and thoughts.

Our tour to Summerset on Saturday, September 12, headed up by Nelson Driver sounds like it should be a lot of fun driving to a very interesting event. Billy Melton said there are many great attractions to see and a super flea market. Make sure you can attend if at all possible.

Elsewhere in the Newsletter, your Vice President, Alfred Meyer is requesting assistance with meeting presentations and your Newsletter Editor, Stu Allen, is requesting assistance with Newsletter articles. If you can, please step up to the plate and help us out. It may be old stuff to you but other members will find it interesting so do your thing, it will make you feel good.

The end of the year Region elections of your officers is coming up. All of your current officers, including me, have stated they are willing to serve again next year. But, if anyone wishes to run for an office, please contact Jim Gregory to get your name on the ballot.

Looking at Shirley's and my calendar, we have 2 National tours to attend before Hershey, and then there is Hershey followed by one more National Meet in Louisiana and another tour in Florida just before Thanksgiving. Who said being retired would be boring?

Please check the Upcoming Events in this Newsletter and on our Website so you can make your plans accordingly. Hope to see you there.

Again, thank you for your support.

Ken Farley

It's Auction Time

Don't forget our Annual Steak Fry and Auction to be held on September 20, 2:00PM at Coyner Springs Park in Waynesboro. It's time to clean out your garage and workshop and donate your goodies to the annual club fund raiser. There is always lots of food (don't forget your dish to pass) and our Auctioneer Bruce Elder is ready to entertain while coaxing even the most frugal among us to buy that thing you always wanted!



Don't forget
your checkbook!

Scenes from Grand Caverns Picnic—August 16, 2015



ALERT ALERT ALERT

Herb Oakes VP Judging

It is important that each AACA vehicle owner must do their level best to get their vehicle ready for an AACA meet. Owners take this task very seriously. In AACA, it is the owner's responsibility to restore the vehicle correctly. This is done by using factory documentation, owner's manuals and AACA's judging standards. AACA's statement is that we, as judges, are looking for a vehicle as it was delivered from the factory to the dealer. The above is fairly simple, but where some of us are falling short is the issue of tires. I have asked our Tire Consultant, who also serves as a CJE Instructor on tires, to draft an article for the next issue of Antique Automobile that will give valuable information to our members who do not understand the basic tire situation. Many of them have been led astray and have purchased the wrong tires because they have been told that these are the replacement tires for their vehicle.



With the publishing of this article we can do justice to our members in preparing their vehicle to be judged at a National Meet. Each of you please read and pay attention to the upcoming article in Antique Automobile magazine. The right tires are available for your vehicle. I am asking each editor to publish this article in their region or chapter newsletter, suggesting that every member read this tire article. Once this article is published, the plan is to reprint it in the Rummage Box so that it can be used in Regions' and Chapters' Newsletters. We've got to get the right message out!

Speakers for Future W-S Monthly Meetings



We have been very fortunate to have excellent presentations at our Monthly Meetings prepared by our members: Bob Ridle and Stu Allen took us on a great tour to New England, Jim Gregory and Ken Farley wowed us with the Lemay Car Collection and Bob and Robbie Kuykendall presented a terrific tour of the Normandy Landing sites and celebration they attended in France. Nancy Sorrells of the Augusta County Historical Society also presented an interesting talk on the development of the County,

We would prefer to continue in that vein with similar presentations by members at upcoming meetings. We ask that if any of you have done research on a particular car or auto industry person, learned a new restoration or repair technique, found a new parts source or taken a tour you really enjoyed you share it and present it at one of our Monthly Meetings. We can help with preparing visuals and will supply the projector and screen. We can also have outside speakers too. So, if you've heard a good talk by an outside expert you think we should hear and would interest our members let us know.

We'd also like to try another presentation approach at upcoming meetings, perhaps in October. This would be several mini-talks, each by a different presenter, of 5-10 minutes each. We have all been in conversations at car events where the talker gave us some great information in a few minutes. We would like to have several of these "conversations" together as the presentation for the meeting. Possible "conversations" could be: Stu Allen's prepping for and winning his First Junior for his Chevrolet, Billy Melton telling us how to fix a Model T on tour that threw a rod, Ken and Shirley Farley's most recent judging experiences, Duane Perrin's research into preventing corrosion of the aluminum parts in the cooling system of his cars with antifreeze or sacrificial anodes or Robbie Gray's information on on-the-road inspections of car trailers and RV's passing through NC by State Police.

So please put on your thinking caps (am I dating myself) and let me have your suggestions and recommendations for talks.

Just as I'm looking for speakers, Stu Allen is looking for input for *Tire Tracks*. If you'd rather write than present, send him a page or two or a paragraph or two for our newsletter,

Thanks.

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AACA Awards 101 Chuck Crane VP Publications

Are you mystified by the AACA awards program? It is not that complicated. A great seminar on the subject was recently presented at the Central Spring Meet in Independence, MO. The awards follow the life cycle of our vehicles. HPOF or Historic Preservation of Original Features is an evaluated class for survivor vehicles relatively unchanged from when they were new, first receiving the HPOF badge. After receiving the HPOF certification the vehicle is evaluated for Original status, which receives the Original Tab. Later in the life cycle, the vehicles become drivers with changes along the way such as radial tires instead of bias, newer radios and the like, but with major things like engines still correct but maybe rebuilt or upgraded. These are DPC or Driver Participation Class vehicles which are evaluated, not point judged, and receive a DPC badge. Both of these classes receive participation awards when shown. As the vehicles then age and get thrashed and trashed, they are in need of full restoration to get back to the level of when they were received by the dealer from the factory. These vehicles then come into the point judging classes.

All vehicles must arrive on the judging field under their own power and start out with 400 points. Authenticity is the key, with Condition and Workmanship also part of the deductions from 400 points. Vehicles enter at the Junior level and proceed upwards toward the Senior and Grand National levels. Details are found in the Official Judging Guidelines Manual and are presented also in Judging Schools. Preservation awards are given once the Senior level is attained and the vehicles are shown at National Meets.

There are national awards presented at the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia in various categories each year. Every vehicle shown at a National Meet or Tour is looked at by the National Awards Team (the folks in the yellow shirts with lots of judging credits). Nominations are made by the team during the year, owners are notified later in the year and they decide if they want to be considered. The team meets in Hershey in early December and picks the winners for presentation at the Annual Meeting. That's how simple the whole process is. Join the fun at the next National Meet in your area.

2015 Calendar of Events

SEPT. 12 Saturday - Somerset Steam & Gas Association's Pasture Party. Free admission for antique cars. Billy Melton extends a personal invitation to W-S Region members to attend. Nelson Driver will lead a tour departing promptly at 9 AM from Willow Oaks Plaza in Waynesboro.

The Somerset Steam & Gas Pasture Party is a non profit show. Although there is a gate donation requested, proceeds, after show expenses are paid, are split between local charitable organizations, Volunteer Fire Companies, Rescue Squads, Scholarships and charitable work within the surrounding communities.

Billy Melton tells us that Antique Cars will be admitted free and parked in a special display area.

Local businesses contribute innumerable to the support of the Pasture Party from free transportation, to logs for sawmill, to everything in between. We thank them and request that you show your appreciation by supporting our local businesses.

Featured Activities

- Antique Tractors
- Steam & Gas Engines
- Live Country Bands
- Flea Markets
- Arts & Crafts
- Corn Chopping
- Excelsior Mill
- Shingle Mill
- Food Concessions
- Duplicating Lathe
- Lawn & Garden Tractor Pull (Stock only)
- AND MUCH MUCH MORE!!
- Sawmill
- Steam Shed
- Threshing Baling
- Kiddie Tractor Pull
- Tractor Prony Brake
- Tractor Games
- Steam Plowing
- Antique/Classic Cars & Trucks
- Famous Steamed Beans

14-18 AACA Founders Tour (Post 1931 vehicles), Northeast Ohio, hosted by Canton & Meander Chapters of the Ohio Region.

20 Sunday, 2 PM, Annual Steak Fry & Auction at Coyner Springs Park in Waynesboro. Steak & Hot Dogs, along with plates, utensils, ice & drinks provided. Bring a dish to share, a lawn chair or two and, of course, something for the auction!

OCT. 7-10 AACA Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey, Pennsylvania, hosted by Hershey Region.

18 Sunday, 2 PM, Business Meeting at Thai Staunton Restaurant, 1000 Greenville Ave. Program-TBD

NOV. 5-7 AACA Central Fall Meet, Houma, Louisiana, hosted by Lagniappe Chapter of Louisiana Region.

14 Saturday, ODMA Planning Meeting for 63rd ODMA Meet, Martinsville, VA. Details-TBA

15 Sunday, 2 PM, Business Meeting at Mrs. Rowe's Restaurant, 74 Rowe Road, Staunton. Annual Show & Tell and Election of Officers.

Cars and Coffee

Third Saturday each month—September 19, 8-10AM

**Corner of Rt. 54 and Hopeman Parkway,
Waynesboro**

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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

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**September 16 Waynesboro-
Staunton Region Meeting
Minutes**

Our Annual Joint Picnic with Tri-County Region was held on August 16 at Grand Caverns Park. We counted 81 members and guests who enjoyed great chicken, lots of delicious dishes and excellent desserts. The weather was super and the noisy thunder we heard stayed over on the Blue Ridge and not a drop of rain interfered with the festivities.

After we made a mad dash to Dollar General for plates, cups and silverware, Nelson offered a prayer and everyone got to enjoy the meal. After everyone ate, no formal meeting was held but Alfred Meyer announced the upcoming tour to the Somerset Steam Show and made a special invitation to Tri-County members to join us.

We then enjoyed a great time to socialize with many people enjoying the shade and comfortable lawn chairs. A good time was had by all and we look forward to next year.

Respectfully submitted,
Stu Allen for Robbie Gray, Secretary

Found after Picnic

We have two serving spoons, a large knife and one plastic container left at the picnic shelter. Call Stu to arrange a return.

Note: Mary Helen Ayers is our Sunshine Reporter. Please notify her of any illness, etc. in our club. (540) 942-4033



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Were You Ever a New Member?

Don Barlup AACA President

Of course you were! We all started somewhere! Be it our religious, social, service or hobby organization. We each took that first step into the unknown. The fact that you are reading this message tells me that your experience with AACA has been, for the most part, a positive one. But where is that new member that joined us a while back? We haven't seen him or her recently. Was it something we said? Was it something we didn't say? Something we didn't do? Something we did do? Did we welcome them? Did we engage in conversation with them? Did we share our excitement with them? Did we simply thank them for their interest and attendance? If you haven't seen them recently maybe you need to call or email them! New members are hard to get and even harder to keep. Make that contact today! Don't wait for someone else to do it. It could be too late! Show that new member that you really do care!



**SEPTEMBER
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- Rena Caricofe
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- Carol Downs
- Debra Eich
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- Marilyn Rimel
- Todd Smith

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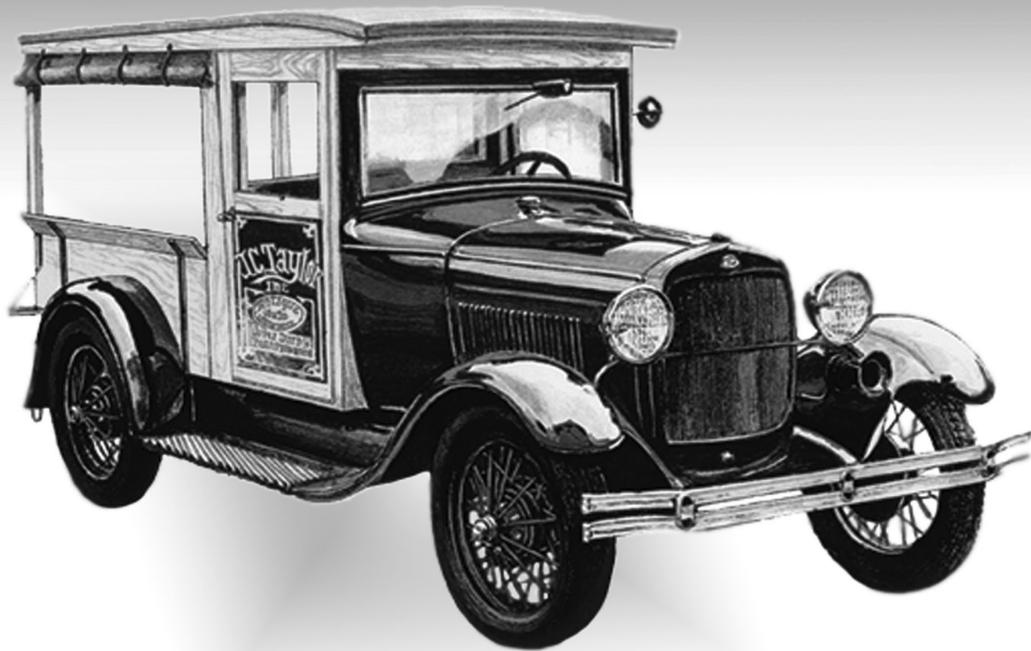
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