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Greetings, Waynesboro—Staunton Region Members & Friends, The ODMA meet was a big success and thanks to Tidewater Region for all their hard work in putting it on. This issue highlights our participation in the meet and I want to show you some of the other outstanding vehicles that were on display. Next year's meet will be hosted by Tri-County Region so we should be able to get a good turnout from Waynesboro-Staunton Region.

Stu Allen—Editor



1953 Buick Skylark



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1957 Cadillac Eldorado



1929 Duesenberg J



1930 Duesenberg J

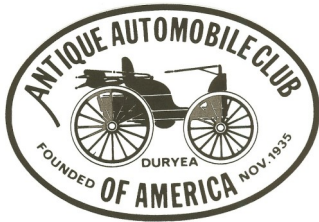


1929 Cadillac

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Stu Allen—Editor

MAY MEETING -Sunday May 21, 2 PM, Meeting at the New Ming Garden Restaurant, 316 Federal St., Waynesboro. Buffet: \$12.99 Program: Guest Speaker – Bill Krzastek– see page 5 for details



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The big event this month was the ODMA Meet hosted in Virginia Beach by the Tidewater Region of AACA. This was a truly fun event: A great hotel and location. Best AACA event hotel I've been at, terrific rooms, good food and a reasonable price. Everything was well organized and went like clockwork.

In all, they had about 145 cars in the show on Saturday. The day was perfect and the show field was all on hard pavement. The rain held off until the field was released. We were represented by Stu Allen who showed his 1917 Buick, Nelson Driver who showed his 1927 "T" and 1977 Chrysler, Dick McNinch who showed his 1986 Mercedes-Benz and Ken and Shirley Farley who showed their 1963 Chevrolet wagon. Ken & Shirley and Stu received Preservation Awards and Dick received a Repeat HPOF Award. Ken was also responsible for leading the DPC judging.

Bob Riddle has had a riddle he posed to the Board earlier this month and again at Sunday's Membership Meeting. Specifically, "Have you noticed any changes in the website?" It's a detailed change. Only eagle eye Doris Stone noticed it. The webmaster is now Scott Gregory. Bob and Ann have purchased a new home in Port St. Lucie FL to be closer to family. They will be moving shortly. Bob has turned the reins over to Scott but will continue to provide support to Scott via the magic of the internet.



We thank Bob for his dedicated and capable service in many roles!! We wish him and Ann many happy healthy years in the Sunshine State.

The April Membership Meeting is also our Founder's Day meeting at which the Founder's Day Trophy is presented to a member who has made significant contribution to the well being and progress of our Region. This year's recipient is Scott Gregory. Shirley Farley, last year's recipient, presented the Trophy to Scott. Shirley also headed the committee of previous recipients who selected Scott for 2017. Shirley received a small replica of the Trophy as a permanent award. Next year the Trophy will move on to another selected recipient.

It's interesting to note that all the Gregory's have been recognized for their contribution to our Region by receiving the Trophy: father Jim, mother Sue and now Scott. Thank you to you all.

Jim Kilbourne, one of members, made a very interesting presentation on "Cars in a Foreign Country". When Jim was on temporary assignment in Tajikistan for the Army, to help the Tajik military with transportation and motor vehicle issues, he had opportunity to not only learn about military vehicles but also the private car and vehicle markets. "Market" is truly the word for private car sales where dealers for new cars and used cars are all located together in a large open field to sell their wares. Jim likened it to Hershey or our understanding of a Middle-Eastern bazaar. Truly a different culturally based approach with all the haggling you'd expect in a bazaar. Thanks Jim, well done.

Please check the Activities Calendar on our website for dates and location of several car shows and events in May.

VP Walter Wilson has arranged our next monthly meeting, May 21st, to be at the New Ming Garden Chinese Restaurant in Waynesboro. Bill Krzastek will be our speaker. See you there!

Alfred

Our First Antique Car (Part 1)

Janet and Alfred Meyer

When Janet and I started dating some of my UTC friends and colleagues sensed this relationship was going to become permanent. One of them, Vern Eklund, to encourage the relationship, invited us to join him and wife Phyllis on a Model A day tour. We went, we had a great time and we were conquered. We joined the Western Massachusetts MARC Chapter and started touring with them modern.

Now we needed a Model A. I had my heart set on a 1930 or 31 Deluxe Phaeton but soon found they were far and few between. However, on one tour we met Eddie Crafts, a recent widower who was down in his cups that day. Janet as a former widow spent time with him and they commiserated. He in fact asked me if she could ride with him on that day's afternoon tour. Eddie, a dealer in NOS parts had a lovely 1930 standard roadster Kewaunee Green and Elk point Green with Apple Green wheels black top and upholstery and dual side mounts. He had supplied whatever parts were needed by Warren Paul of North Hampton MA to restore the car. Warren was known for building fine, correct, hi-point cars that were also great touring cars.

As time passed our friendship with Eddie grew. Eventually he decided to sell the car and despite having several very good offers gave us first right of refusal and an attractive price. We struck the deal and drove "Jezebel" home with much excitement.



Never having driven a Model A before I didn't know what expect in general and in particular from this car. So we started out cautiously and gingerly and increased the length and difficulty of the trips. Finally we went on a 3-night tour with the Western Mass A's through the Berkshire Mountains in western Mass. The car performed beautifully. I was very pleased. As we were almost home, about 2-miles to go, I said to Janet: "I think we have a very good car". She said: "You're not home yet, wait 'til we get in the driveway". Sometimes she's prescient!

At the next light I put in the clutch and nothing happened- she kept right on rolling. I forced her out of gear and came to a stop. Got it into first gear, started the engine and drove home in first.

As I began to diagnose the problem I found the clutch released sometimes and sometimes not. Talking with my Model A buddies, I got lots of theories, none of which could account for the intermittency. I also got some very aggressive, almost violent ideas, on how to "break the clutch loose", permanently

I decided it's best to take the engine out and inspect the clutch to diagnose the problem. That would also give me a chance to easily check the main and rod bearings, the oil pan and the valves. So that became the plan.

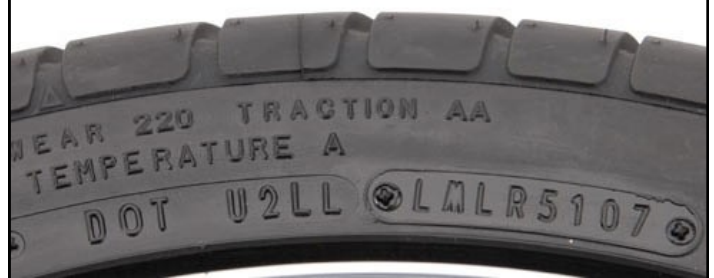


Quiz—Can anybody guess what Alfred found that caused the problem? Check next months Tire Tracks where the cause is revealed.

How old are your tires?

There's an easy way to check but you may have to crawl under the car to see the numbers. See this website for a good explanation of the system:

<https://www.tirerack.com/tires/tiretech/techpage.jsp?techid=11>



ODMA Meet—April 21-22, 2017

Virginia Beach, VA

The annual Old Dominion Meet Association meet was held in Virginia Beach on April 21-22. Tidewater Region sponsored the meet at Founders Inn on the campus of Regent University. It was a beautiful setting with trailer parking and the show field located conveniently surrounding the host hotel. The weather was great and 147 cars were on the show field. Some of us from “over the mountain” were concerned about the notorious traffic jams in the Virginia Beach area but were pleasantly surprised with smooth trips both to and from the show. Here are pictures from the show:



Nelson Driver had two cars in the meet; His 1977 Chrysler towed his 1927 Ford Model T to Virginia Beach.



Dick & Joyce McIninch received a Repeat HPOF Award.



Ken & Shirley Farley were awarded a Preservation Award for their 1963 Chevrolet Impala Station Wagon.



Stu Allen received a Preservation Award for his 1917 Buick. ODMA President Budd Lacy also presented the Centennial Award for the car that is now 100 years old.



The April 23 Region Meeting at Mrs. Rows in Staunton



Shirley Farley presents the Founders Day Award to Scott Gregory



As last years Award winner, Shirley received a Jefferson Cup from President Alfred Meyer



Jimmy Kilbourne gave a very interesting talk on his visit to Tjikistan where he studied the military vehicles and got to visit the local car market.



Calendar of AACA Events and *Community Car Events*

MAY	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">10</div> Wednesday, 7 PM, Executive Board Meeting at the Grays 11-13 Shenandoah Valley Region AACA – 59th Annual Apple Blossom Car Meet. <i>13 4th Annual “Dooms Day” Cruise-In at Smyrna Presbyterian Church, Route 340 just north of Eastside Speedway</i> 11-13 AACA Central Spring Meet, Auburn, IN. <i>20 Saturday, Cars & Coffee, 8 AM – 10 AM, Waynesboro Free Methodist Church Parking lot, <u>600 Hopeman Prkwy.</u></i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">21</div> Sunday, 2 PM, Meeting at the New Ming Garden Restaurant, 316 Federal St., Waynesboro. Buffet: \$12.99 Program: Guest Speaker – Bill Krzastek—Bill’s vehicles have been featured in numerous international publications and have been displayed at the AACA and The Peterson museums. Bill has also appeared on Jay Leno’s Garage show on TV. Bill lives in Waynesboro and will give us an overview of his car collecting hobby. 26-27 AACA Eastern Spring Meet, Huntington, WV. Hosted by Huntington Region.
JUNE	6-9 AACA Founders Tour, Gettysburg, PA. Hosted by Gettysburg Region. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">14</div> Wednesday, 7 PM, Executive Board Meeting at the Grays 15-17 AACA Annual Grand National Meet, Independence, MO. Hosted by Kansas City Region <i>17 Saturday, Cars & Coffee, 8 AM – 10 AM, Waynesboro Free Methodist Church Parking lot, <u>600 Hopeman Prkwy.</u></i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">18</div> Sunday, 2 PM, Meeting. Location-TBD
JULY	<i>No Board meeting in July.</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">8</div> Saturday, 10 AM – 2 PM, <u>Brightview-Baldwin Park</u> Vehicle Display, <u>21 Woodlee Rd.</u>, Staunton. Lunch (provided) and Meeting at 1:15 PM (approx.). <i>15 Saturday, Cars & Coffee, 8 AM – 10 AM, Waynesboro Free Methodist Church Parking lot, <u>600 Hopeman Prkwy.</u></i>

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April Waynesboro-Staunton Region Meeting

The Waynesboro-Staunton Region of the AACA held its April 23rd meeting at Mrs. Rowe's in Staunton at 2pm. The president, Alfred Meyer opened the meeting and welcomed the 32 members present. Sue Gregory gave the blessing.

Mary Helen Ayers said there was nothing to report on for the sunshine report.

The secretary's minutes were printed in the Tire Tracks and were approved as read.

The treasurer's report was given by Alfred Meyer for the absent treasurer Todd Smith. It was approved as read.

The vice president activity report was given by Alfred in Walter Wilson absence. Please read activity report in the newsletter or on the website.

Robbie Gray gave the legislative report on the E-15 gas and the new pamphlet from DMV on antique vehicles.

Bob Ridle gave the website report by saying that Scott Gregory is the new web master. He will take over as Bob is moving to Fla. Scott, then announced that we are now on facebook .

Nelson Driver gave the ODMA report that we had 8 members there. He gave the awards to them from the meet.

Ken Farley reported on the Expo car show in August.

The Founders Day Award was presented by last year's winner Shirley Farley to Scott Gregory, the 2017 winner. Shirley received a Jefferson Cup as permanent award as a Founders Day Award winner.

The 50/50 was won by Scott Gregory of \$33.

Jimmy Kilbourne gave a very interesting program titled "On the Road to Dushanbe" on the Military vehicles and car markets in Tajikistan.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Robbie Gray, Sec.

More ODMA Winners

Best Chrysler Award - John & Lynn Heimerl - 1935 Chrysler Air Flow



**Best Of Show—Jim Elliott
1903 Cadillac**



MAY BIRTHDAYS

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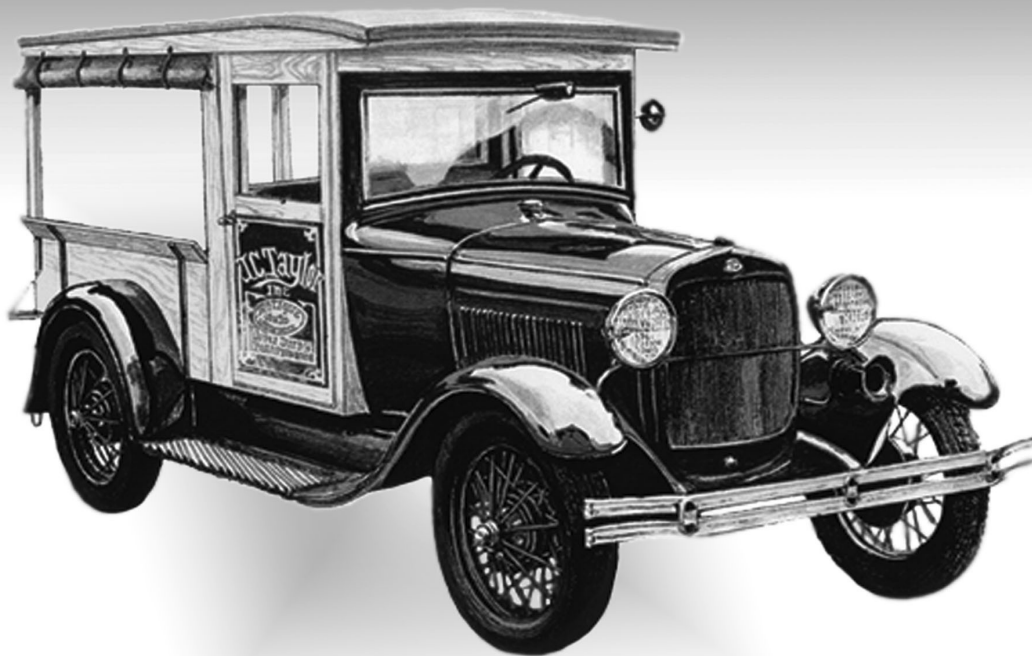
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