



# TIRE TRACKS

January 2021



Greetings Members,

Let's all say goodbye to 2020 as most of us have had a memorable (wrong adjective?) year. As we roll into 2021, let's hope that with the availability of the new vaccines, we can crank up the old car activities. Jack's Ramblings (page 2) covers our plans to get these old cars back on the road. I know some of you have favorite places to visit so why not plan a short tour for our Region? With all of us in our own cars, we clearly comply with the "social distancing" requirements. I don't know about you, but I can't wait to have an excuse to get out of the house and on the road!

In the year-end issue of Antique Automobile, Steve Rossi always publishes a "Catch-Up Column". With a apologies to Steve, let me catch up on some random issues/thoughts that didn't seem to make it in this year's Tire Tracks publications:

- We owe a big thanks to our returning officers and a special thanks to Patty Watson-Gregory for taking on the VP job. Our retiring VP, Walter Wilson, has done a great job of arranging meetings and programs and we wish Walter and Allison all the best as they continue to deal with Allison's health issues. Our prayers are with them both.
- Is it a "Virginia thing" to drive one's car with the maximum snow load on the roof and hood and only a small peek hole in the windshield to see the road?
- Are you ready for electric cars? California has



banned sale of internal combustion powered vehicles by 2035. I've seen no plans to resolve the issue of their electric power shortages that they have today let alone where the power will be generated without the use of fossil fuels. Other states and Canada may follow suit.

- How about the recent rash of car commercials showing young attractive people driving new cars at breakneck speed through city streets. What kind of message does this send to our youth about safe driving practices?
- What's going on with our postal service? I just got a phone call that a friend received an anniversary card today (Dec. 29) that was mailed and postmarked Dec. 6! It will be tough to pay bills on time if one sends checks by mail.

Stu Allen

**Future Meetings—Check our website and watch for emails announcing future activities.**



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## RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

*I am ready to meet my Maker. Whether my Maker is ready for the ordeal of meeting me is another matter.* (Sir Winston Churchill in a speech on his 75th birthday)

In days, it will all be **OVER**. The year that never happened and never should have. It seriously effected our club as far as get togethers and the camaraderie that goes with it. On the flip side, it put a fire in our belly's to make 2021 a banner year for activities. The gasoline (in my case, a platter of HOT Buffalo wings) that started the fire was our road tour in October that was a resounding success, and with that I begin my ramblings for December with this:

I wish to thank Stu for graciously opening up his home for our monthly board meetings and for the board to trash his home, for his delectable treats after the meetings and for putting up with our nonsense for 2 or more hours each month. Thank you to the board for your dedicated service to the club, for staying on for another year of service and for putting up with my flapping gums, and to you the members, for putting up with me. THANK YOU!

The board met in December (phenomenal apple pie and ice cream) to formulate our plans for the coming several months. Because of the still uncertain cooty nonsense and as of this writing, the absolute abolition of any gathering beyond 10 people, the club will not hold a January event. However, February will bring the annual Augusta County Fair dinner/auction at the Weirs Cave Community Center in which we are a sponsor. Should the dinner not happen, and the weather permits, then we will have a MYSTERY car club road tour instead. The route and luncheon have been set by your tour directors and we know that you will enjoy this upcoming endeavor.

For the remainder of the year, 6 more road tours are being scheduled for points North, South, East and West. All tours will begin with about an hours drive, followed by a luncheon, then drive and special attractions and ending with ice cream. To keep the suspense up, some tours will be named and others will be MYSTERY tours.

And now it is time for me to put up the Christmas tree.

*Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people, cops.*

Happy Motoring:

Jack Drago

## AACA National Dues

Don't forget to renew your National membership. Your renewal card(s) were included with both your Sept./Oct. and Nov./Dec. issues of  
Antique Automobile

## W-S Membership Renewal

Our BOD elected to cancel dues for 2021! Our treasury is fairly healthy and as you know, we had few opportunities to spend funds this year. Treasurer Todd Smith told us he would happily receive any donations but no registration renewal fees will be expected.

I will be updating our Roster for 2021 so if you have any revisions (new cars or sold cars, phone numbers or email address changes, please send me a note. We are required to submit our roster to National by January 31.

Stu Allen

### Virtual Car Show—Car Quiz

Can you match these show cars with our member owners?

Owners are listed on Page 6.

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## Meet our new Vice President— Patty Watson-Gregory

*Editors Note: Since some of you have not met Patty Watson-Gregory, our new Vice President, I asked her to give me some background information so we all could get to know her better.*



I'm the daughter of a career Navy officer and a nurse. From my father, I learned to be organized and attentive to details. From my mother, I learned to cook and be a good hostess. As a Navy brat, I moved many times growing up, staying mostly on the East Coast. I went to college at Virginia Tech and got a teaching degree in technology education, which is like engineering for the under 18 set. After graduation, I worked in Japan and Germany teaching children of servicemen and servicewomen living overseas. Along the way, I got a master's of arts in educational technology where I learned important skills, like how to troubleshoot using a projector and laptop. I worked for the Kaiserslautern District Superintendent's Office in Germany overseeing the technology projects in the school district - and fixing projectors hooked to laptops. I went back to Virginia Tech to study integrative STEM education. I now work for Harrisonburg City Schools teaching an integrated science and engineering program to 7th and 8th graders. While living in Harrisonburg, I met Scott Gregory and all you crazy car people. After we married (Scott and I, not you crazy car people) we settled down in Crimora with our four cats. When I'm not taking care of our household, aka petting the cats, I enjoy reading, kayaking, and RVing with family and friends.

Patty



## Surprises Kids find in Old Cars

By Wayne Tuck

Executive Vice President

Features we find in old cars can be a new discovery for kids. I still laugh to myself every time I think about the time my youngest grandson came out to the garage for a visit with grandad. I was working on my 1952 Hudson at the time and put him in the front seat. The first thing he noticed was the size of the steering wheel. I'm sure he had never seen a car without power steering. This was a new discovery for him. He was even more surprised with the window crank handles. How many kids today have never seen crank down windows? Not only a crank down window, but crank open vent windows. Most of today's youth have never seen a vent window. He spent the next half hour working his way around the interior cranking windows up and down.

We found an entire new world of things he never knew existed. A cigar lighter? That is known as a power outlet today. You mean you need to push down the buttons individually to lock the car? You need a key to unlock it? Ash trays?

Turn the knobs to change the radio station? Where are the seat belts? What is that button on the floor? No padding on the dashboard?

Now let's take a look at an even older car. A tassel on the string that pulls the shade down over the back window? You mean you need to put your arm out the window to signal a turn? That lever on the left controls the spark advance? What is a spark advance anyway? Step on a floor pedal to start it?

All you need to do to get their attention is show it to them. Kids are even more thrilled if you take them for a ride. Let's all do something to pique their interest. The future of the old car hobby depends on it!

*Article from AACA Fall Rummage Box*

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**CAR QUIZ**

**Owners in**                      **Cars from**  
**Alphabetic Order**                      **Pages 3 & 4**

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**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

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| <b>Patty Watson-Gregory</b> | <b>John Stone</b>    |

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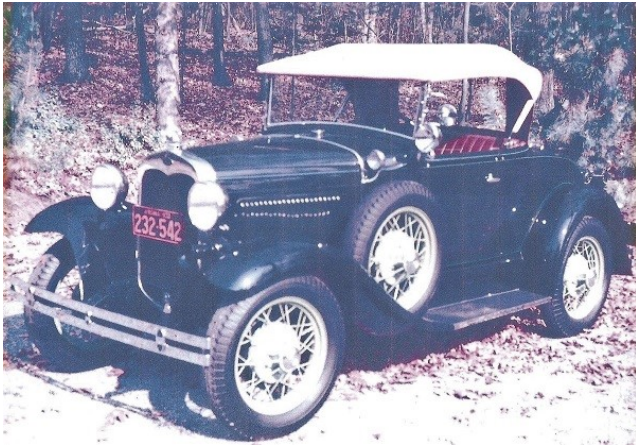
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- 1936 Ford Deluxe Touring Sedan,
- 1956 Ford Fairlane Town Sedan,
- 1966 Ford Mustang Convertible,
- 1986 Mercedes Benz 300E.

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

**Calendar of AACA Events & Community Car Events**

*Editors Note: Due to the present restrictions on gatherings, the Board will work on planning events and notify members on the website and by email as soon as possible.*

**JANUARY 2021**

**13 Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting** at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton

**FEBRUARY**

**10 Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting** at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton

**MARCH**

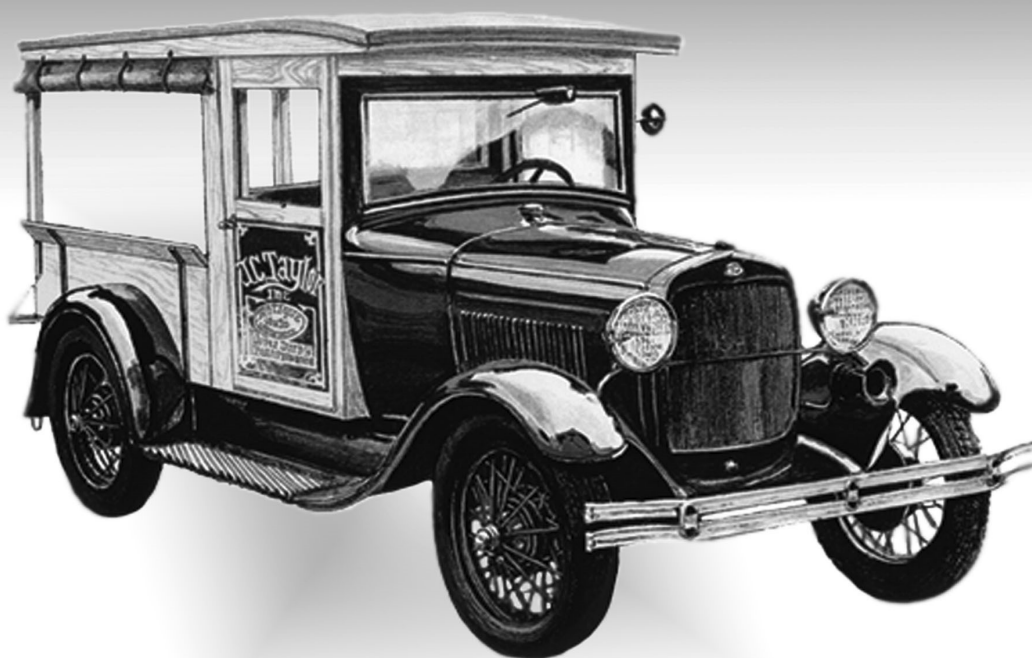
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