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RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT



My doctor asked me if anyone in my family suffers from mental illness. I said, “No, we all seem to enjoy it.”

Your mind is already wondering what’s in store in this month’s blather page from the President. Actually, I had intended to take this month off to reset my gray matter (brain, not hair, as I have a follicle impairment) and also that 99% of the club members have banished me from their property leaving me speechless about what transpires out there.

However, our Christmas party popped up, the one held at Mrs. Rowes and attended by 30 members. Mr. and Mrs. Claus did an outstanding job of bringing very nice gifts this year and the “swap” was more than successful. Blankets were on the hot list of items being exchanged. Tools for the guys? More than you can imagine. I initially got a tire pressure gauge (desperately needed) and immediately Robbie and a few members of the peanut gallery piped up that the gauge was to determine how much hot air I had in me. Whatever! David Barr lost the most presents as everything he picked out was “donated” to another guy. Our photographers were more than busy and the accompanying photos’s will attest to the festivities.

Moving along, **Saturday, January 14th (not the 21st)** we will have our guest speaker discussing the eye opening prospective of the sinking of the heavy cruiser USS Indianapolis (CA-35) at 0035, July 30, 1945 by the Japanese submarine I-58, after the ship left Tinian Island after dropping off components of the atom bomb that later would be dropped on Hiroshima, Japan. This presentation will be at Mrs. Rowes at 2PM with meals ordered off the menu.



In closing, Karen and I wish each and every one of you a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Happy New Year 2023. For those of us in the “fossil” age group, at any given time, the urge to sing “The lion sleeps tonight” is just a whim away, a whim away, a whim away. Yeh, yeh, yeh, then you come up with something else!

Jack Drago



Next Meeting: Saturday January 14, 2023, 2:00 PM
at Mrs. Rowe’s Family Restaurant, 74 Rowe Rd.,
Staunton. Short Business meeting and election/
installation of officers before we eat. Order from the
menu. Program follows immediately.

Scenes from the Christmas Party



Nelson Driver had his Rockwood out for exercise & gas.



The gang gathers in anticipation of Mrs. Rowe's excellent buffet.



Treasures await the gift exchange.



President Jack Drago with his short-lived tire gauge.



Paul Day with the treasures he opened, only to be lost again at the exchange.



Robbie Gray with his crank flashlight. Fitting for a "T" owner.



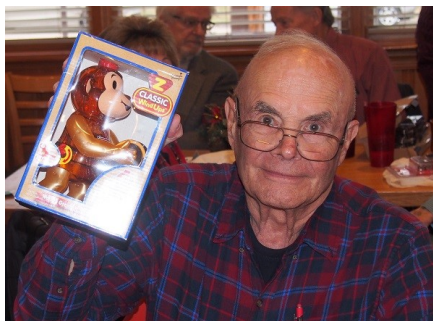
Doris Stone opens a bottle?



Barry Linke opened a '49 Buick w/ trailer— soon claimed by one '49 Buick owner.



David Barr got a gadget for his Man Cave.



I promised VP Rick Downs—No monkey jokes.



Rose Linke got mugged!



Todd Smith with his Buick tool set.

2022 in Retrospect

It's always fun to look back at some of our Region activities from the past year. Here are some highlights:

In February we attended the Augusta County Fair's Dinner and Silent Auction. It is always a fun affair.



Deb Skillman was the winner of lots of Tupperware.

The major event in May was the celebration of our Region's 70th Anniversary that was delayed 2 years due to Covid.



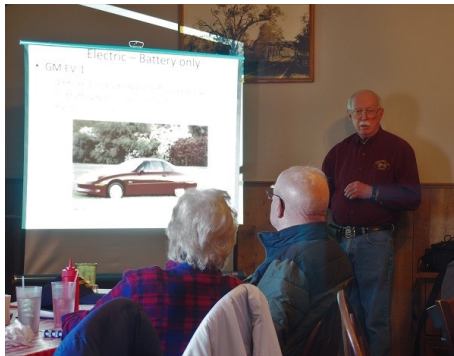
We had 3 cakes to finish up a great catered meal.



During the year we did 3 car displays at Retirement Facilities where the residents can really relate to our cars and trucks.



In February your Editor did a presentation on electric cars.



In April we completed the **Susan Gray Memorial Memorable Motoring Tour**. This tour to southern Augusta and northern Rockbridge counties was planned by Susan Gray and Jack Drago before Susan passed in September 2021.

We did our Annual display at the Augusta County Fair where we had a good turnout of fairgoers visit and learn about AACA.



On a crisp April morning we met at Staples in Staunton.

One stop was Old Providence Stone Church built in 1793.



Our Joint picnic with Tri-county Region was well attended with lots of food.



2022 in Retrospect (continued)



At our Sept. Steak Fry & Auction Jim Gregory, assisted by Glen Royer cooked up the delicious steaks.

Nancy Bradfield checks out the items donated for the auction.



October is Hershey Month and our Region was well represented.



Bobby Gordon always has a story to go along with his sales.



Hershey wouldn't be normal without at least one rainy day. Set-up day on Tuesday.

Our spot. I tell people that Hershey is a social event where we sell an occasional part.



My "pick" of the Car Corral was this 1906 Buick Model F.

Priceless!

National Events in 2022

Your Editor was fortunate enough to attend three National Events in addition to Hershey.



My '34 Chevy received a Repeat Senior Award at the Annual Grand Nationals in Virginia Beach in May.

Ken & Shirley Farley took home their 20th AGNM Repeat Senior with their 1963 Chevrolet Impala SS convertible.



Beckley, WV hosted the Eastern Spring Nationals in July. My '89 Buick Regal received its HPOF certification.

In September my son and I attended the 10th Sentimental Tour in Gettysburg, PA.

There is some beautiful scenery in that part of PA.



Memories

We lost several members during 2022.

Ronnie Shanholtzer

Allison Graves

Larry Huffman

Paul Wampler

Past President Roy Miller

We also received word that Jeff Brown, son of our founder John Brown had passed away.

They will be missed.



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Calendar of AACA Events & Community Car Events

- JAN. 2023**
- 11 **Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting** at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton
- 14 **Saturday 2:00 PM- Monthly Meeting at Mrs. Rowe's Family Restaurant Program— Mr. James Belcher Jr. will discuss the after effects of the sinking of the USS Indianapolis in World War II. His father was a survivor.**
- 26-28 **Winter Nationals, Miami, FL. Sponsored by South Florida Region**

- FEB. 2023**
- 8 **Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting** at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton
- 9-11 **AACA Annual National Convention—Williamsburg, VA**

This year's Annual Convention will include a welcome reception on Thursday evening; a vendor display and trade show on Friday and Saturday; a luncheon with "surprise" entertainment hosted by First Lady Denise Tuck on Friday; as well as a pinewood derby competition scheduled for Friday evening. In addition, numerous seminars are planned for Friday and Saturday involving many aspects of car maintenance, repair and history. Judging schools will be conducted on Saturday with classes for beginners and advanced classes along with the Team Captains' School. Saturday evening concludes the convention with a formal awards banquet to recognize the 2022 winners of National Awards for newsletters, websites, club service, judging, touring and car display.

Editor's note: Last year's meeting was moved to Williamsburg and proved to be a much better location than what many of us had experienced in Philadelphia.

- 11 **Augusta County Fair Benefit Auction—Weyers Cave Community Center**
Details to follow.
- 19 **Sunday 2:00 PM—Monthly Meeting at Francesco's—101 N. Main Street in Bridgewater**

- MAR. 2023**
- 8 **Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting** at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton
- 19 **Sunday 2:00 PM—Monthly Meeting— TBD**

Looking Ahead

April 13-15—Southeastern Spring Nationals—Charlotte NC

May 18-20 -- Eastern Spring Nationals—Gettysburg PA

July 16-22—Founders Tour—Ontario, Canada

August 10-12—Grand Nationals —Bettendorf, Iowa

October 3-6—Eastern Fall Nationals —Hershey PA

October 22-27—"Revival AAA Glidden Tour"- Thomasville
Georgia

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Minutes of the December 10, 2022 W-S Region Meeting

The Waynesboro-Staunton Region of AACA held its December 10, 2022 meeting and Annual Christmas Party at Mrs. Rows in Staunton at 2 pm. President Jack Drago opened the meeting by welcoming all 30 members present. Jack stated that this was going to be a short meeting so after lunch we could have our gift exchange.

Nelson Driver gave a holiday blessing.

Vice President Rick Downs stated the next meeting was going to be on Saturday, January 14 at Mrs. Rows in Staunton. (See page 1 for details.)

At this time we ate the delicious buffet lunch and had the gift exchange. Blankets and a restored Sinclair Opaline oil can were the favorites. The exchange was lively and everyone enjoyed the time to socialize.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Robbie Gray, Sec



Shirley Farley opened a nice blanket but it didn't last long.



Joe Yancey took the great oil can home.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



- Bobby Caricofe
- Karen Drago
- Maxine Gordon
- Robbie Gray
- Patty Watson Gregory
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