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## RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

**I'm not saying I'm old and worn out,  
but I make sure I'm nowhere near the curb on trash day.**

The following letter was received by your President March 6th, 2023.



300 E Street  
Washington, DC 20546  
Willy Dormph, Administrator

Mr, John Drago  
President  
W-S Region AACA  
412 University Farm Rd  
Stuarts Draft, VA 24477

Dear Mr. Drago:

We at NASA recently received a photo from the editor (Mr. Stuart Allen) of your club newsletter, Tire Tracks, that shows a picture of a dull "reflector". The photo was given to our senior design engineer working on the Hubble Telescope in regards to one of the current reflectors not operating. Our supplier, Raytheon, is having difficulties in getting us a replacement reflector for the Hubble Telescope and what your editor has supplied has peaked our interest.

It appears that the photo "reflector" may be mounted on some type of an empty container of some strange configuration, but with some polishing with Turtle Wax would be a suitable replacement for our damaged reflector. We would be interested in purchasing the shown "reflector" for the reasonable sum of \$1.67

If shipping could be arranged to transfer the "reflector" without the empty container it is mounted to, NASA would be forever in your favor.

Response may be made to NASA Kennedy Space Control, Orlando, Florida, 39564

Regards:

*Willy Dormph*



**I asked my wife if I was the only one she'd been with.  
She said yes, all the others had been nines and tens.**

**Jack Drago** (the photo (by Stu Allen) is purportedly of my head)

## MORE RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

On Sunday the 19th, twenty four members attended the monthly meeting at Sooner's Restaurant in Stuarts Draft, and the owners Brad and Barbie, put on a HUGE luncheon for us. If that weren't enough, when, if ever, were you offered FREE seconds on your meal? If you are around and about on the 3rd Sunday of the month, come on out and join us for some lively conversation, great food, (April at New Ming Garden in Waynesboro) and news about the club and upcoming activities. April is also the Founders Day meeting in which we present to a well deserving member, the Silver Trophy Bowl .

Jack Drago

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*From Mansfield PA PennySaver in 1963*

**W-S March 19 Meeting and Feast at Sooners BBQ—Stuarts Draft**



Butch & Peggy Beverly drove their beautiful Camaro.



Fred Hollen arrived in his 1956 Dodge Pickup.



The Beverly's & Linke's enjoyed the BBQ and sides.



Owners Brad & Barbie served everyone and came back offering "seconds".



Somebody had to be last! President Jack looks hungry!



All these plates will soon be empty—Great Meal.

## The 1923 Get Acquainted Tour

*A sunny April day, a nice new paved highway, let's hit the road and visit the neighbors.*

*This tour report was published in Vol. 5-Issue One Newsletter from:*



Mansfield, PA

*With permission from Joyce M. Tice—Editor*

On a sunny Wednesday in April 1923, a century ago, 500 people from Williamsport packed themselves into 105 cars and headed north. Although the event was sponsored by and participated in by almost every business, professional organization, club, fraternal group, and church in both Lycoming and Tioga Counties, the objective was a tour of friendship. No distribution of advertising or trade solicitation was included.



The lead car was equipped with electric chimes that played tunes along the way. The group were greeted at 9:15 by crowds at Trout Run where the Repasz Band, which accompanied the party in a huge motor bus, played several selections, and the glee club sang. In Liberty at 10:10, they were greeted with a large sign bearing the message, "Welcome to Liberty." Almost every residence and place of business displayed flags and bunting, and the whole town had turned out to welcome the visitors. The Liberty High School Band and the Repasz Band performed, and the mayor conducted a tour.

At Blossburg, the mayor joined the group and conducted a tour. A decorated flatbed truck was used as a speaker's platform. The party made an unexpected stop at Covington, birthplace of Frank H. Patchen who was one of the Williamsport organizers, for upon arriving there it was found that the whole town had turned out to welcome the tourists. Mr. Patchen caught up with old friends, while the band and glee club entertained.

Then it was on to Wellsboro where they dined at a variety of places and attended a formal welcoming ceremony at the Arcadia Theater. In Mansfield, the list of members of the committee who welcomed the group reads as a directory of who's who in Mansfield. The leader of every group or organization of any kind was mentioned by name: 31 of them.



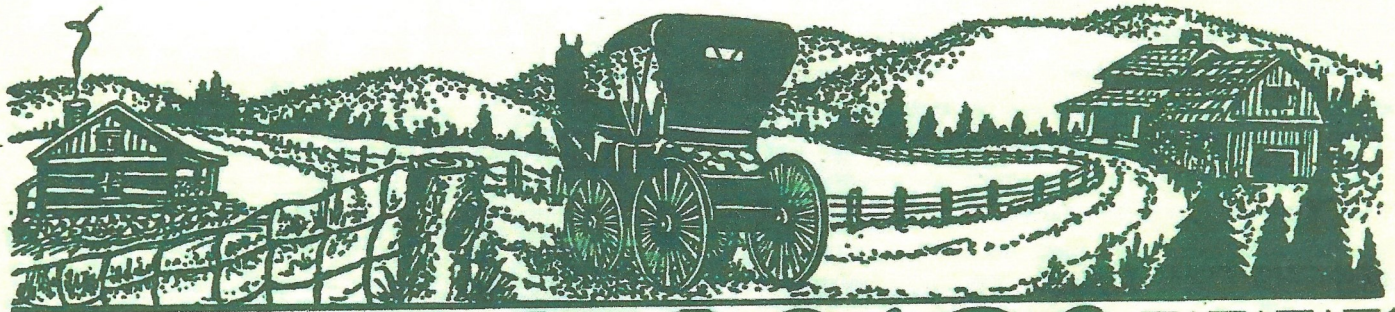
The Repasz Band gave a concert and Will George Butler conducted the Normal School Orchestra. A tour of the Normal School followed. More ceremonies of welcome followed, and the "Get Acquainted Tour" was judged a great success.

That's actually quite a complex operation to manage 500 people and 105 vehicles in our normally quiet little towns. Hopefully there were no car breakdowns



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**Glidden Tour  
Comes to the Shenandoah Valley**



The Sheandoah Valley and Blue Ridge Mountain areas of Virginia were the location for the 54th Revival of the Glidden Automobile Tour. Originally started in 1904 by Charles Jasper Glidden, the tour was meant to promote a more acceptable attitude toward motorcars, advance tourism, and to show that they were a viable means of transportation and thus worthy of better road systems for the future. But most people at the turn

of the century thought the gas-powered vehicles were nothing more than toys for the idle rich and were a menace on the dirt roads, scaring both people and horses.

But Glidden, the "new" car enthusiast, persisted and organized the first tour from New York to St. Louis, a total of 1,218 miles, to prove the automobile was here to stay. Officially, 77 cars participated in the run of which 66 made it to the finishing point. 36 different makes of automobiles were represented of which only four are still in production; Cadillac, Mercedes, Oldsmobile and White (trucks). The trip took 18 days and turned out to be the most successful, highly publicized and most significant the world would ever see.

The tour went on every year until 1912 when it was cancelled because of lack of interest. They tried again in 1913 but that was the last year the tour was in effect until 1945. By this time, most of the early "new" cars were antiques and thus it was renamed the Glidden Tour Revival. These automobile trips, which were held in a different state each year, were first sponsored by the Veteran Motor Car Club of America (VMCCA) who invited the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) to join them. For many years, the tour was split between the two clubs with the AACA taking the odd years and the VACCA taking the even.

In 1996, four entirely different tours converged in Dearborn, Michigan, the auto capital of the country where Henry Ford got his start, manufacturing his first production car in 1903. But he was not the first; the Oldsmobile was already being manufactured on the production line, as well as the Duryea.

This year's tour was sponsored by the Waynesboro/Staunton Region of the AACA and was joined by three other area Clubs; the Tri-County Region (Broadway area), the Piedmont Region (Charlottesville-Abemarle Co.) and the Skyline Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America (Waynesboro/Staunton/Harrisonburg areas). John and Doris Stone of Port Republic were this year's Tour Chairman and Registrar/Tour Guide Editor, Earl Beauchamp, Jr. was the Tour Director, assistant Tour Chairman was Willis Clemmer, Carl Fulwider was the Financial Officer, and Larry and Susan Huffman were the Glidden Gazette Editors, with a host of others filling positions from everything to meals and accommodations, to publicity and entertainment.

The 1999 Glidden Tour ran from Friday, September 18th through Friday, September 24th, with actual planned auto tours from Monday through Friday.

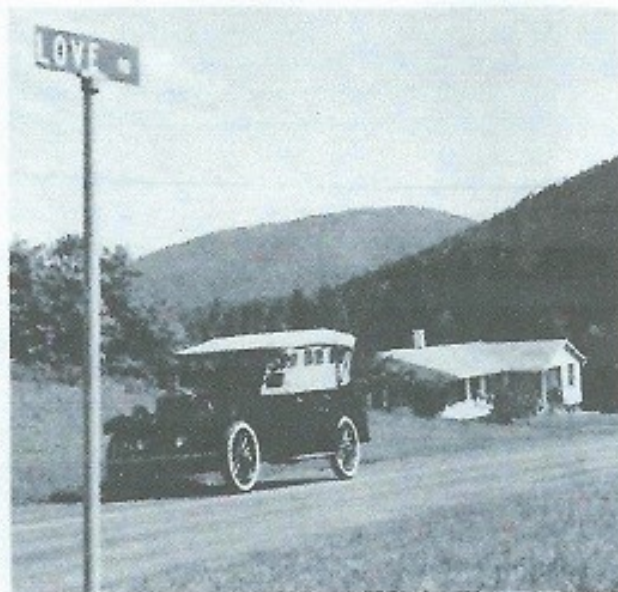
The registration and starting point each day was the Verona Government Center. From there participants were given a written tour guide and a Glidden Gazette, which told where that day's run was scheduled to be. Individual cars were free to leave at their leisure with "sweep vehicles" leaving the center at 9:00 a.m. These vehicles brought up the rear, so to speak, making sure there were no stranded cars that needed attention or repair.

Monday's tour went to the New Market and Luray Caverns. Tuesday they went to Monticello and Ash Lawn-Highland. Wednesday the tour went to Sherando Lake and the Blue Ridge Parkway. Thursday Lexington and Natural Bridge were scheduled. Friday's tour finished up with a run to Staunton and Waynesboro.

Each day a "report card" was kept in which the participants were required to fill out, showing departure time, lunch break, and arrival time, kept in minutes. At the Friday night banquet held at Expoland in Fishersville, these times were tallied and an average was run. The closest to that average was the winner. The winner of the Glidden Trophy (given to a car up to the year 1913) was presented to Chip Rohr of Manassas, Virginia, for his 1912 Buick. The Reserve Glidden Trophy (for cars above 1913) was awarded to two people; Jeff Chattin of Canton, Georgia, for his 1917 Locomobile and to Richard Cushman of Brevard, North Carolina for his 1931 Ford.

This year approximately 600 participants and 350 cars came for the Shenandoah Valley Glidden tour, enjoying some of Virginia's most beautiful sites. 35 states were represented and 39 different models of cars were driven. Next year the tour will be held in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Special thanks to Nelson Driver, 1999 President of the Waynesboro/Staunton Region of the AACA, for sitting down with me and supplying all information concerning the Glidden Tour, both past and present.



## Calendar of AACA Events & Community Car Events

- APR. 1 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Old Dominion Meet—Fredericksburg, VA**  
 9 *Sunday, 4:00 – 7:00 PM – Rides & Rods Cruise In, DAP’s Ice Cream, Burgers, and Fries, 3278 Stuarts Draft Highway, Stuarts Draft. This is a free event.*
- 12 Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting** at Stu Allen’s 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton
- 13-16 Charlotte AutoFair, Charlotte Motor Speedway, 5555 Concord Parkway South, Concord, NC. Hosted by the Hornets Nest Region**
- 15 2023 Spring Nationals, Charlotte Motor Speedway, 5555 Concord Parkway South, Concord, NC. Hosted by the Hornets Nest Region**
- 16 Sunday, 2:00 PM—Monthly Meeting at Ming Garden 316 Federal Street, Waynesboro VA**  
 22 *Saturday, 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM – 28th Annual Valley Mustangs Unlimited All Inclusive Car Show/Cruise In, Belk Parking Lot Across from Paul Obaugh Ford, 13 Lee Jackson Highway, Staunton. Entry fee is \$20 for pre-registered vehicles and \$25 day of show.*  
 23 *Sunday, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM – National Street Rod Association (NSRA) Appreciation and Safety Day Cruise In, DAP’s Ice Cream, Burgers, and Fries, 3278 Stuarts Draft Highway, Stuarts Draft.*  
 29 *Saturday, 9:00 AM – “70 Years of Stars and Cars” Car Show, Eastside Speedway, 134 Al Gore Lane, Waynesboro. Entry fee is \$20.*
- 4/30—5/3 2023 Southeastern Divisional Tour, Oak Ridge, TN. Hosted by the East Tennessee Region.**
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- MAY 10 Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting** at Stu Allen’s 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton  
 12-13 *9th Annual Mid-Atlantic Pre-War Swap Meet, Comer-Jones VFW Post 621, 218 Veterans Lane, Luray.*  
 14 *Sunday, 4:00 – 7:00 PM – Rides & Rods Cruise In, DAP’s Ice Cream, Burgers, and Fries, 3278 Stuarts Draft Highway, Stuarts Draft. This is a free event.*
- 18-20 2023 Eastern Spring Nationals, Gettysburg, PA. Hosted by the Gettysburg Region**
- 21 Sunday, 2:00 PM – Monthly Meeting at Duane & Rebecca Perrins’, 4177 Spring Hill Road, Staunton. Bring a dish to pass. Chicken, drinks, utensils and paper goods provided. Program: “RECOVERY from FIRE”**  
 27 *Saturday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM – 7th Annual Vettes for Veterans Car and Truck Show, Gypsy Hill Stadium Parking Lot, 500 Thornrose Avenue, Staunton. Registration is \$10 per car with all proceeds going to the VFW.*
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- JUNE 7 Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting** at Stu Allen’s 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton  
 11 *Sunday, 4:00 – 7:00 PM – Rides & Rods Cruise In, DAP’s Ice Cream, Burgers, and Fries, 3278 Stuarts Draft Highway, Stuarts Draft. This is a free event.*
- 19 Sunday, 2:00 PM – Monthly Meeting & Covered Dish Picnic, Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church, 30 Tinkling Spring Drive, Fishersville.**

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**Minutes of the Mmarch 19. 2023 W-S Region Meeting**

The Waynesboro-Staunton Region of the AACA held its March 2023 meeting on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at Sooner's in Stuart Draft. President Jack Drago welcomed the 24 members present. Doris Stone gave the blessing and we had lunch after which the meeting was held.

The Vice President Rick Downs gave the activities report that the next meeting would be at Ming Garden on Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. The rest of the activities are listed on the web site or in Tire Tracks.

Todd Smith gave the treasurer's report after which he stated that only 55 members had paid their dues. He requested that the members who had not paid to please pay them immediately.

Robbie Gray gave the secretary's report on the actions of the General Assembly dealing with our hobby. He also stated that the ODMA meet is being held on April 1<sup>st</sup> in Fredericksburg.

The President presented the possibility of a train trip out of Staunton on the Buckingham Scenic Train in the fall. It would be a 3 hour tour with lunch at a cost on \$136 per person. The trips are sold out now but reservations should reopen in the fall. A discussion was held afterwards and Jack will proceed with getting a date for the members as soon as reservations open.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Robbie Gray



**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- Chester Bradfield**
- Nancy Coiner**
- Tom Kempton**
- Jimmy Kilbourne**
- Bob Kuykendall**
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olcarfn@aol.com Dick McIninch



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**Robbie Gray (540-943-3171)**

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