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RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's weird being the same age as old people. Each month I generally have to unscramble the cobwebs in my cranium for a column to give the Editor In Chief. Fortunately, this month two things came up to save me the effort of conjuring up some cockamamy story. Treasurer Todd Smith and I met in Grottoes for lunch to discuss a tour route he had thought up. More will follow in the next two months or so. On the way home, as luck? would have it, I saw Larry Skillman sitting in front of his house on Route 340, in a lounge chair watching cars go by, dressed in what he called his "bathing suit", something my seared eyes will vehemently disagree with. I shudder to think that I'll carry this retina burned vision in my head with me till I die. Since this is a family publication, I'll leave you with one word. STRAP!! Reluctantly I stopped to visit, and Larry asked if I'd like to see his latest endeavor. I'm game (idiot) and off we were to his back forty. Tucked well hidden from the house (remember July 2022 Tire Tracks?) was a 14 foot high commercial duty chain link fence topped with rows of razor wire surrounding a 25,000 square foot building. Each corner of the compound had security cameras and floodlights. The right rear corner also having a 100,000 volt transformer (which explained the low hum coming from the fence) On the roof of the concrete building was a 3 foot wide WWII air raid siren. (What? No guard towers?) What type of treasure needs this type of security? The two doors on the front of the building, each of which were solid steel, rode on wheels, due the massive heft. Outside sat his 1957 Chevy. No security for that I might add. I must digress for a moment and refresh the minds of club members, a statement I've made many times, that being,

I WILL NEVER REVEAL what I see since many people have very private and expensive collections. As the huge doors closed behind us, smack dead center of this empty warehouse, sitting on a rotating platform under spotlights, was Larry and Deb's most prized and valuable possession. I must admit I was quite taken aback as there are maybe two of these still in existence. It was roped off on all 4 sides with cabling, sitting on a beautiful white Ermine carpet. A quick walk around revealed the temp gauge was missing. Some under the hood wiring was burned, the carburetor missing and the paint exceptionally well abused. The driver seat? The vinyl had more holes than Swiss cheese due its share of heavy posterior wear. A very detailed metal sign, hand painted by an artist, (Van Gag) was positioned in front of the vehicle describing its peculiar features and also that it was a barn find. I mean, really, the remains of a Craftsman riding lawnmower? My tolerance for idiots is extremely low these days. I used to have some immunity built up, but obviously there's a new strain out there.



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W-S April 16 Meeting at New Ming Garden

Sunday the 16th of April had 32 members present at New Ming Garden restaurant in Waynesboro for our monthly meeting and food frenzy. The event was actually for the crowning moment of the presentation of the 2022 Founders Cup to a well deserved member of the W-S Region. Our own Editor In Chief, Stu Allen, who designates countless hours and days to the preparation and printing of Tire Tracks, hosts our monthly meetings in his home, feeds us home-made treats afterwards and also suffers immense abuse from yours truly, was honorably awarded the silver bowl for his outstanding dedication to the club. The bowl was presented by Todd Smith our treasurer and year 2020 winner. One of our members who shall remain anonymous and was sitting across from me took the ENTIRE TRAY of frog legs off the buffet cart and hauled it to the table. An entire herd of frog family was then consumed in less than 6 minutes by David Barr. Round two of the raid was a mountain of crawfish. For desert he hopped his way to the cookie department. What an obscene appetite for someone with a 32" claimed waist. When I was born, I had a 42 inch waist. If you aren't doing anything on Sunday, May 21st, and have any interest in how to lose a valuable building and cars to fire, then you really should attend a very special session (and chicken dinner) on the subject presented by Duane and Rebecca Perrin at their home on Springhill Rd in Staunton. Duane previously put on a show and tell at their home years ago and you will find him a very interesting speaker. For a wrap up, THANK YOU to Robbie Gray for the jar of neutral shoe polish for my "dome". Buffing wheel coming from Amazon by the time you read this

Jack Drago

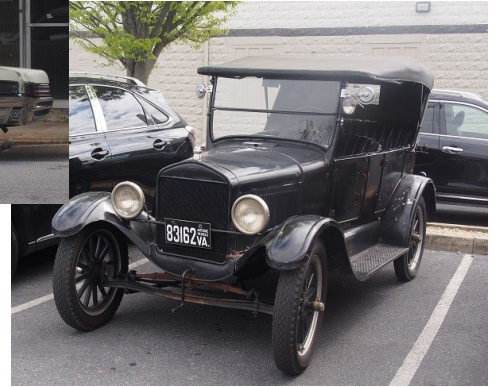
Jack announced that Ken Farley was recognized at the 2023 National Meeting with the Thomas J. Wells Memorial Award that recognizes an AACA Field Judge whose performance has contributed to the success of AACA's judging program. Ken has been a leading proponent of the Driver Participation Class for many years.



More scenes from our April 16, meeting st New Ming Gardens



We maxxed out the special room at Ming Gardens. The huge buffet has something for everyone to enjoy!



A Spring Day brings out the cars, some of which had rested since September. Guess who the owners. Are.





Generations

By Fred Trusty
2023 AACA President

According to most car clubs, the old car hobby has been on the decline for several years. The reason, they say, is older members are aging out and younger people aren't interested in cars. The silent generation (1925 – 1945) is now between 78 and 98 years old and the baby boomer generation (1946 – 1964) is now between 59 and 77 years old so it makes sense that we are losing a lot of members over the age of 59. Let's take a look at some of the other generations. The years can vary depending on the source.

Generation Z (1997 – 2012) 11 – 26 years old. Gen Z has a completely different view of the world than other generations. They grew up with cell phones, social media, same sex marriage, global terrorism, and tend to have an entrepreneurial spirit. They freely admit that they are digital device addicts, value financial security, but yet they have very little loyalty toward their employers. They look up to their role models based on career and financial success and tend to have the least disposable income.

Millennials (1981 – 1996) 27 – 42 years old. Millennials grew up with computers, the internet, cell phones, the environmental movement, and are tech dependent. A smartphone is more than an electronic device, it's a part of who they are. Most were starting their careers after the 2008 recession which reduced their earning potential, and they also have more debt due to increased college tuition costs but more of them are college educated compared to other generations. They are also likely to have less disposable income due to the higher debt. They seem to be more idealistic, too. It's not just working for a paycheck; it's working for a purpose or a cause.

Generation X (1965 – 1980) 43 – 58 years old. Gen Xers have been described as independent and try to balance their work and personal lives. Typical Xers have a do-it-yourself attitude, are tech savvy but not tech dependent, and lean toward casual in their style of dress. Oil leaking around the valve cover your 2004 Honda Civic? Watch a YouTube video, order the part online, and do it yourself. Their kids are in high school, college, or working full time. They're starting to think about grandkids and taking care of their aging parents.

Some are starting to have some disposable income due to kids moving out and the passing of their parents. "I remember riding in dad's antique car as a kid and you know, I think I can get it running again. Dad would have loved to see me driving it."

By now you're probably thinking, what do generational differences have to do with car clubs? In order to market a product you have to know your market window. Everyone talks about getting younger people involved in the hobby and that's great. Plant the old car seed in a youngster and hopefully when they grow up, they will embrace the hobby. But let's face it, most people under the age of 25 have very little disposable income and very little free time. School, sports, and a part time job take most of their time. So what about the 26 – 45 age group? This demographic is in the middle of their careers and have families, so their money and time are also limited. I'm not saying that no one under 45 likes old cars. All I'm saying is that their lives are so busy they don't have the time. I look back to when I was that age. A man that I knew tried to get me to join AACA. I told him I didn't have time for a club. I have a full-time job, a small business, a farm, and three kids playing soccer. I barely have time to sleep. Fortunately, he was persistent, and I finally joined the KYANA Region a few years later after our son graduated from high school. Our oldest daughter was in high school and driving so we were no longer a taxi service for her. That left our youngest daughter who was still in middle school but being a taxi for one kid takes a lot less time. It wasn't until she graduated that we began to have some free time.

The point that I'm trying to make is to be mindful of younger people's hectic lives when trying to recruit them. Us baby boomers were once as busy as they are so be patient. When they reach the 45 – 65 age group is when they start to have some disposable income, free time, and start thinking about their youth. That is when they are most likely to join a club.

Josiah Gingerich from our car club made a Youtube video on his channel that he would like everyone to see.. Here is the link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L8mLffhBUZY>

Calendar of AACA Events & Community Car Events

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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.*
- 13 *Saturday, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Cruise-In at the Augusta Military Academy Museum, 1640 Lee Highway, Fort Defiance.*
- 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**
- 20 *Saturday, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Annual Car Show at Summit Square Retirement Community, 501 Oak Avenue, Waynesboro. Registration begins at 9:00 AM and is free and open to all makes and models.*
- 21 Sunday, 2:00 PM – Monthly Meeting at Duane & Rebecca Perrin's, 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
- 10 *Saturday, 5:00 – 8:00 PM – Camp LIGHT Cruise-In, 107 Creative Works Lane, Waynesboro. Event is open to all vehicles. Pre-registration for VIP parking in the 1950's-inspired town is \$25.*
- 11 Sunday, 2:00 PM -Tour with Tri-County Region— Russell Museum in Waynesboro, Dinner at New Ming Garden, Private Tour of Gilded Age Mansion (Swannanoa) on Afton Mountain. No charge for tours.**
- 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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- JULY 8 Saturday, 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM – Vehicle Display & Monthly Meeting, Lunch provided, Brightview Baldwin Park, 21 Woodlee Road, Staunton.**
- 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.*
- 16-22 2023 Founders Tour, London to Brighton, London, Ontario, Canada. Hosted by the Ontario Region.**
- 26-29 2023 Special Eastern Summer Nationals, Hamilton, NY. Hosted by the Rolling Antiquers Car Club of Norwich, NY**

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Minutes of the April 16, 2023 W-S Region Meeting

Waynesboro-Staunton Region of the AACA held its April 2023 meeting on the 16th at Ming Garden in Waynesboro at 2 pm. President Jack Drago opened the meeting by welcoming the 31 members and a guest present. Nelson Driver gave the blessing.

Vice President Rick Downs stated the next meeting would be at the Perrin's in Spring Hill on May 21st at 2 pm which is to be a pot luck lunch. The address is 4177 Spring Hill Road, Staunton.

Todd Smith gave the treasurer's report which was approved by voice vote.

Stu Allen stated that there are no printed copies of the Tire Tracks this month because the printer's equipment was down. It will be mailed once completed.

Nelson Driver reported on the ODMA meet was held on the 1st of April in Fredericksburg.

This year's Founders Award was presented by Todd Smith to Stu Allen for years of service to the club. Jack Drago went into a long diatribe about how the trophy had gotten here today.

It was reported that Ken Farley was recognized at the 2023 National Meeting with the Thomas J. Wells Memorial Award that recognizes an AACA Field Judge whose performance has contributed to the success of AACA's judging program. Ken has been a leading proponent of the Driver Participation Class for many years.

Barry Linke placed a challenge for everyone to come up with the cubic inch displacement of engines stating 400 to 430 because this was the fourth month of the year.

The guest Steve Grub from Lovington was recognized and responded briefly.

The 50/50 was won by Barry Linke.

The meeting was adjourned.


Respectfully submitted by

Robbie Gray, Sec.



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