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RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?

And just when I thought things were coming back to normal, along comes yet another “there’s a story here” moment. I stopped by VP Rick Downs’ house to pick him for breakfast at the Verona Gag a Maggot cafe (his choice, not mine) and as I came to the end of the cul de sac, I noticed this huge 3x3 foot sign on the front lawn of his house.



**Borough
of
BUCKWHEAT**
Rick Downs Mayor

There are times that I wonder if it’s just me, or is it in fact that I’ve been beamed up to the Twilight Zone. I didn’t dare ask Rick what the sign was about and even my “there’s a story here” mind couldn’t come up with any ludicrous thoughts. The next door neighbor came over to me before Rick got out the door and asked me If I was a friend of his? I told him I was the Warden from the State Lunatic Asylum and looking for an escaped inmate, and obviously I’m at the right place. He just chuckled. Rick has repeatedly told me that being from the North, he’s different from most humans. And the flag? Dear Lord, why me? What did I do?

Many thanks to Greg Riddle and Tri-County Region for their invitation to join them for a wonderful Sunday, the 11th afternoon tour of the Russell Museum in Waynesboro, lunch at the New Ming Garden, followed by a guided tour of the Swannanoa Palace on Afton Mountain. If you don’t do anything for the rest of your life, then do make time to visit the Russell Museum. This is a world class “Smithsonian” type of museum full of Science, art and sculpture that will absolutely give you insight into the world of brilliance for what the human mind can do. We had 15 W-S members along with 21 Tri-County members for this event. Stu was busy taking photos’s for all to enjoy in this issue of Tire Tracks,

Even duct tape can’t fix stupid, but it sure does muffle the sound.

Jack Drago



This is how you entice “car guys” to go in to a museum with sculptures and paintings!

June 11, 2023 Tour with Tri-Countu Region

Russell Museum and Swannanoa

Sam Spicher and Greg Riddle of Tri-County Region invited the W-S Region to join them in a private tour of the Russell Museum in Waynesboro, followed by a tour of the Gilded Age Mansion—Swannanoa.

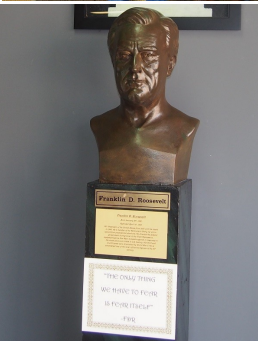
The museum features all of the art that was displayed at the mansion during Walter and Lao Russell’s ownership. (1948-1988)



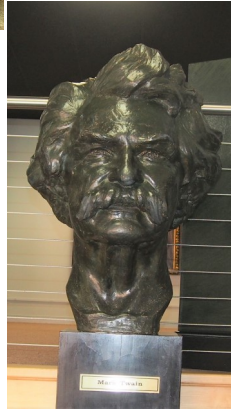
Swannanoa is an Italian Renaissance Revival villa built in 1912 by millionaire and philanthropist James H. Dooley (1841–1922) above Rockfish Gap on the border of northern Nelson County and Augusta County, Virginia and sits high atop the Blue Ridge Mountains at Afton. *(Wikipedia)*



Our group was given a private tour of the museum with a knowledgeable docent.



Among the sculptures featured were Franklin Roosevelt and Mark Twain.



Mark Twain Memorial sculpture with characters from his books.



In addition to sculpture, Walter was a master wood carver as shown in this headboard.

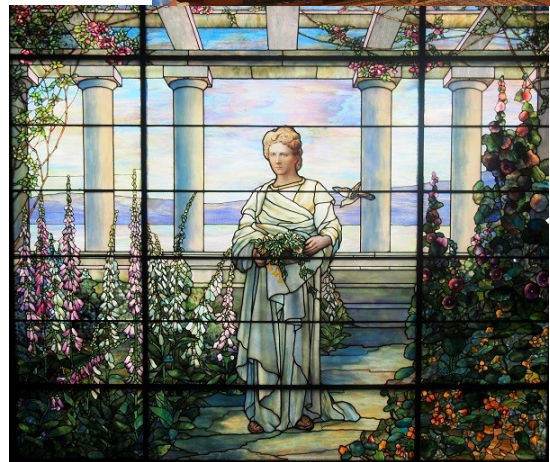


Lao Russell was an accomplished painter and some of her work is on display in the museum.



The dining room—just one example of the amazing architecture and décor in the mansion.

Touring the “Swan Room”.



This Tiffany 4000 piece stained glass window is the highlight of the mansion and depicts Mrs. Sarah Dooley in the garden. It’s the largest Tiffany window in a private residence.

Swannanoa continued



Did I mention we fed the gang at Ming Garden after the museum and before going to Afton?



Each of the major rooms is equipped with an ornate marble fireplace. They are only decorative since this was a "summer cottage".



Our group listens to the docent's discussion of how the mansion survived over the past century.

A major use for the mansion today is as a wedding venue. The columns are decorated for a previous wedding.



The great marble stairway leads to the Tiffany window.

A bit of history courtesy of Wikipedia.

Intended to be a "summer place" for Richmond, Virginia millionaire and philanthropist James H. Dooley and his wife Sarah "Sallie" O. May, it reportedly took over 300 artisans several years to build the structure, complete with marble from Tate, GA and inside Italian Marble, Georgian marble, Tiffany windows, and terraced gardens. It was built as a token of love from husband to wife, the depth of James and Sallie May's relationship being represented in the 4,000 piece Tiffany stained-glass window and a domed ceiling bearing the likeness of Mrs. Dooley. Despite the lavish expenditure, it was occupied only for a few years following completion in 1912.

Major Dooley died in 1922 at the age of 82. He left Swannanoa entirely to his wife, Sallie Mae, along with several million dollars. Sallie May Dooley died in 1925 at the age of 79. Major Dooley left the estate to his four sisters. Many pieces of the Swannanoa furniture were moved to Maymont upon the death of Sallie May. Her Swan furniture and bed are on display at Maymont in Richmond, Virginia.



Scott Gregory's 1967 Chevrolet Impala

W-S Region Monthly Meeting & Picnic
June 18, 2023

Our meeting and picnic were held at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church in Fishersville. We couldn't ask for better weather— 75 degrees and low humidity.



Robbie Gray, Todd Smith and Nelson Driver (Oh the stories they tell!)



Karen Drago and Carol Ralston at the beverage table.



The gang has time to get caught up as they anticipate the upcoming meal.



“Bring a dish to pass” always results in a wide variety of delicious dishes. More than enough for everybody.



The pavilion has several outdoor picnic tables that were just right for a sunny, comfortable day.



Josiah Gingerich and Nelson Driver talk with our new member Steve Ayers. Steve's mother, Mary Helen Ayers, was our treasurer for nearly 30 years and retired in 2015.



Paul Day arrived in his great 1937 Ford Pickup. There was a rumor about an emergency gas stop on the way?



Steve Ayers brought his 1928 Ford Model A Fordor Sedan.



Chester Bradfield came in style—his 1958 Chevrolet Bel Air 2-Dr.

Calendar of AACA Events & Community Car Events

- 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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- AUG.**
- 2-5 2023 Vintage Tour, Aroostook County, Maine. Hosted by the Maine Region.**
- 9 Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton**
- 10-12 2023 Grand Nationals, Bettendorf, IA. Hosted by the Mississippi Valley Region.**
- 13 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.*
- 20 Sunday, 1:30 PM – Monthly Meeting & Picnic with the Tri-County Region, Grand Caverns, 5 Grand Caverns Drive, Grottoes. Bring a dish to pass. Chicken, drinks, utensils and paper goods supplied.**
- 26 Saturday, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Atomic Speed, LLC Car Show, Camp LIGHT, 107 Creative Works Lane, Waynesboro. Registration fee is \$20 with all proceeds going to Camp LIGHT.*
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- SEPT.**
- 3 Sunday, 2:00 – 5:00 PM – Cruise-In at Wright's Dairy-Rite, 346 Greenville Avenue, Staunton*
- 8- 47th Annual Pasture Party, 14349 Blue Ridge Turnpike, Somerset. Sponsored by the Somerset Steam & Gas Engine Association.*
- 10 Sunday, 4:00 – 7:00 PM – Rides & Rods Cruise In, DAP's Ice Cream, Burgers, and Fries, 3278 Stuarts Draft*
- 13 Wednesday, 5:30 – 7:30 PM – Vehicle Display & Ice Cream Social, The Retreat at Fishersville, 25 Old Oaks Drive, Staunton. Note – September board meeting will be held at this event.**
- 16 Saturday, 1:00 PM – Town of Elkton Classic Car & Motorcycle Cruise-In, Downtown Elkton Terrace Avenue to Spotswood Avenue*
- 17 Sunday, 2:00 PM – Monthly Meeting, Steak Fry and Auction, Grand Caverns, 5 Grand Caverns Drive, Grottoes.**
- 10-12 2023 Western Divisional Tour, California Central Coast and Santa Ynez Valley. Hosted by the Santa Barbara Region**
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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>

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Minutes of the June 18, 2023 W-S Region Meeting

The Waynesboro-Staunton Region of the AACA held June 18th, 2023 (Father's Day) meeting at the Picnic Pavilion of Tinkling Springs Presbyterian Church in Fishersville at 2 pm. President Jack Drago welcomed the 31 members and new members present. Nelson Driver gave the blessing and then we enjoyed the picnic meal.

Vice President Rick Downs stated the next meeting would be on Saturday July 8th at 10:00 am at Brightview Baldwin Park in Staunton, this being the annual car show for the residents.

Todd Smith gave the treasurer's report.

Stu Allen stated the printer was still having trouble printing Tire Tracks, so he had made a few copies for the members who do not have e-mail. He also, is asking for articles for Tire Tracks.

Jack Drago held a discussion about a tour to a winery and other possibilities with the Model A Club.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Gray, Sec.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- Velva Barr
- Josiah Gingerich
- Jim Gregory
- Owen Harner
- Dave Sarginger

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Robbie Gray (540-943-3171)

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