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RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The biggest lie you tell yourself is, “I don’t need to write it down. I’ll remember it.”

FIRE!! If there is only one word in the English language that brings fear and terror to the brain, it’s that one word. Thursday, August 29, 2019 was just another quiet day ending, as had all the of the days prior to, as Duane and Rebecca Perrin rested their heads in bed at 10PM. Silence was broken at 1:30 AM as someone was pounding on their front door to get up as their garage was on fire. Duane ran to the window overlooking the garage and saw massive flames engulfing the building as Rebecca called the fire department. Some 20 minutes later, the first of five volunteer fire departments arrived to try and put out the raging flames. They were still there hours later in the early morning hours of Friday the 30th snuffing out the smoldering wreckage.

RECOVERY AFTER FIRE was Duane’s story to the 34 club members that visited Duane and Rebecca’s home on Sunday the 21st of May. It began some 42 years earlier when Duane was advised of a 1929 Stearns Knight car (one of only 12 known to exist) that might be for sale. For 17 years Duane contacted the owner until one final day when he actually was able to purchase the car. For the next 25 years and some 5,000 of Duane’s man hours of labor and huge sums of money spent on restoration costs, the car was within 95% completion. All he had to show for it now was a melted pile of aluminum and a burned steel frame where the car once was. That and the remains of their Red 1991 Cadillac Allante that rested beside it.

Duane let the members of the club know what it is like to deal with several insurance companies in trying to recoup his losses. Suffice to say that his loss was well into the six figure category after being paid off. Sprinkled in with Duane’s hurt, were several funny comments he made about the ordeal.

Resting now in his newly built garage is a breathtakingly spectacular replacement 1929 Stearns Knight Touring car, the only one known to exist. This past week Rebecca found on the electronic universe a replacement Cadillac Allante, the final chapter in which Duane said he has finally found peace to end the grieving process. Lots of pictures were displayed showing the after effects of the destruction.

Rebecca then described her new found passion in photographing every single item they own in the unlikely event they have to go through some type of tragedy again and strongly urged the club members to do the same thing. **THANK YOU** Duane and Rebecca for hosting and feeding the masses and for the outstanding presentation on **FIRE!** *Continued next page*



Rebecca & Duane Perrin

RAMBLINGS—continued

To wrap up this months news, Stu had sent out a message via email concerning Bob Kuykendall’s hospitalization and fractured body parts due to a “fall”. No mention was made as to how the “fall” occurred, so I visited Charlotte and inquired as to what happened to the poor fellow. The TRUE story is the fact that Bob and some of his Army Guard buddies were going to go to Hooters for a men’s “luncheon”. As he was about to walk out the door, Charlotte’s cane somehow slipped out of her hand, went in between Bob’s feet and tripped him up, thus causing his “fall” and injuries. And now you know the rest of the story.

Karen says I keep pushing her buttons. If that were true, I would have found “Mute” by now.

((I’m sure that I’ll pay for this!))

JackDrago



The gang is full now, ready for Duane’s presentation.



Duane gave us the chronology of a very emotional, life-changing event.



There is always plenty of food at an AACA potluck picnic!



Good News: Their radiator badge collection was in another building and survived untouched.



Did I mention we had 12 deserts?



This is the replacement 1929 Stearns-Knight purchased to replace the one lost in the fire.

Perrins' Cars that were in Other Garages



1957 Ford Thunderbird



1913 Overland Touring

1930 Willys-Knight Plaidside



1929 Stearns Knight Cabriolet



The beautiful "Replacement" 1993 Cadillac Allante recently purchased online by Rebecca



Todd Smith's 1929 Buick

Members' Cars



Jimmy Rimel's 1949 Ford Pickup with a family connection. Josiah Gingerich taking video.



Scott & Patty Watson Gregorys'
1967 Chevrolet Impala



Bobby McLain's 1952 DeSoto



Barry & Rose Linke's 1965
Ford Mustang 2+2 Touring



Think Before You Restore

By Myron Smith

VP - Regions Development & Support
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"The car is only original once." This has become the mantra of those of us who have a strong attraction to 'original cars'. But what about older restorations or semi originals? Many a car has been subject to an overly enthusiastic owner who starts to do a total restoration and then lacks the where with all or finances to finish it. I suggest before you throw yourself into a full-blown project to sit down and do some serious pondering. What do you wish to accomplish? Are you really wanting to put the time and money into a full restoration? You can climb the ladder of trophy seeking. AACA has 4 advancing show rungs followed by maintenance awards in AACA and probably similar awards in the marque clubs. Do you want a car you can put the kids or grandkids in and run down to the local malt shop on Saturday nights, or a car to take to Cars and Coffee? Are you wanting a 'road car' that you can do tours and trips over long distances?

After being in the hobby most of my life, I've done the show route and have several 'trailer queens'. Once they are restored, gotten their trophies they do one thing for sure; they deteriorate. So, if you're committed to the show circuit, unless you sell which I seldom do, you're going to have a vehicle subject to the perils of time, just like when the car was new. Maybe not as fast but it happens.

My 1959 El Camino has been restored since 1975. It needed some work after being a daily driver in Nebraska with salty winter roads and an encounter with another car that ran a stop sign. However, with today's technology and masterful body men, much of it's originality could have been saved. But at the time I wanted the trophies. Do I regret the restoration? Yes, I guess I do, but we've had fun showing it and that is not to be discounted. I am the second-generation custodian of it being purchased new by my family and there is hope the 3rd and 4th generation will appreciate it too.

On the other hand, I have another 1959 which was not 'restored' although I collected new old stock pieces for it for years, then decided that with a little touch up it could still be an 'original' car. Personally, I like that much better. It's gone the HPOF route and still we are able to drive it occasionally.

So, this brings me back to my original thought, "what do you really want to accomplish with your car?" If it is having a vehicle that is a work of art, restore it, just realizing that you're probably never going to be completely done with it as shortly it'll need freshening. If your idea of fun is to get the thing out in public, realize it'll deteriorate also, but you can have fun playing with the thing. If you have enough originality to be able to keep it that way; it won't get scratches, it will just get additional patina. It's a big hobby, find your niche. .

Calendar of AACA Events & Community Car Events

- 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*
- 17 Saturday, 12:00 – 5:00 PM – 1st Annual Car and Truck Show Sponsored by the Waynesboro Quarterback Club, Waynesboro Moose Lodge #1309, 481 Hopeman Parkway, Waynesboro. Registration fee is \$15 with all proceeds benefitting the Waynesboro Quarterback Club.*
- 19 Sunday, 2:00 PM – Monthly Meeting & Covered Dish Picnic, Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church, 30 Tinkling Spring Drive, Fishersville. Drinks, utensils and paper goods provided.**
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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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- 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.**

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 May 21, 2023 W-S Region Meeting

The meeting was hosted by Duane and Rebecca Perrin at their home in Spring Hill, VA. President Jack Drago welcomed 34 members to the potluck dinner and program. Nelson Driver gave the blessing and we proceeded to enjoy delicious chicken (furnished by Perrins) and a great variety of dishes with a super selection of deserts (at least 12 choices). Once we all had our fill, Jack introduced the program on FIRE.

Duane and Rebecca gave us a good overview of the fire that occurred 4 years ago that destroyed their main garage and 2 collector cars.

Jack’s “Ramblings” in this issue gives a good summary of the presentation which was very informative for all of us.

The brief business meeting gave VP Rick Downs a chance to remind members about the June 18 picnic at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church. Jack then thanked the Perrins for their hospitality and program. The meeting was then adjourned.

Submitted by Stu Allen for Secretary Robbie Gray.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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

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