



RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Once you're in Heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?

Robbie Gray and I were enjoying a frosty one on his front porch a few days ago and he inquired if I had any stories from my youth? I told him that we lived on the second story of what we called "three deckers" in Dorchester, Mass. We were the last house (#584 Adams St) in a row of 3 deckers and only a few hundred feet from Hemenway Playground where we played hockey in the winter and baseball in summer. (go ahead, look it up, I can prove it.) When I was about 9 years old in 1949, a young couple moved in next door, also on the second floor of their 3 decker. They came over to introduce themselves shortly after moving as Martin and Lois Jones, their beautiful 12 year old girl Miriam, who eventually became Prom Queen at high school and their 9 year old son, Ralphy, who they said was nicknamed "Animal" and a Golden Retriever dog, "Chipper". "Animal" really seemed to enjoy his nickname and responded with humor to it when called. The rest of this story is very sensitive in nature, was difficult to write and great care taken so as not to offend anyone. "Animal" was born with a very unique and extremely rare genetic disease, one of those 18 letter things that can't even be pronounced. He was one of only some 4 or 5 in the world afflicted with it. At 9 years old he was in full blown, raging puberty. He was shaving twice a day, poor kid, and had more hair than Sasquatch. When he took "Chipper" out for a walk at night, it was difficult to determine which one was the dog. Let me step back 9 years to when "Animal" was conceived. .

It was explained to us that his mother had some type of Petri dish in her and that some of the tadpoles, pollywogs and chromosomes swimming there hit their heads on the diving board, the X, Y, and Z's got mixed up, and out popped "Ralphy". "Animal" was extremely intelligent, with an IQ in the 150 range. He played Center Field on the baseball team and was responsible for us winning several games due to his speed and ability to drop the ball at the feet of the third baseman. When we played Frisbee, he drew crowds. Unfortunately, someone aflicted with this disease lives a very short life, and "Animal" was no exception. When all us kids were around 12 years old and just getting started into puberty, "Animal" passed away in his sleep at home. His family couldn't afford a good funeral for "Animal", and so all the neighbors and fellow school students took up a collection for a proper viewing and burial. He was dressed in new Jeans, a white shirt, a Blue bandanna around his neck, along with a new studded leather collar and leash. We buried him in the back yard.

Robbie was so moved, he polished off the remainder of the 3 gallon keg to drown his sorrow.

Things my mother taught me, part 2: RELIGION: "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

Jack Drago

Notes from Your Editor

September promises to be a busy month for our Region. I wanted to highlight some of the events:

First on <u>Saturday Sept. 9</u> we'll be visiting the American Heritage Girls and Trail Life at Wayne Hills Baptisit Church in Waynesboro. I've sent an email to all members with the details of that Cruise In.

Next on Weds. Sept. 13 (5:30 PM) we'll visit some much older friends at The Retreat at Fishersville where we get to enjoy ice cream while the residents get a chance to share their memories along with our cars.

On Sunday Sept. 17 we'll have our Annual Steak Fry and Auction at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church. This is always a fun event and a good fund raiser for the Region. Bring a dish to pass. Steaks, drinks, utensils and paper goods will be provided. Don't forget your auction donation items and your checkbook! Mark Robertson will be our auctioneer again this year and it will be very entertaining!



One of the great things about AACA is that we provide a mother ship for many marque specific car clubs. A good example is the Model T Ford Club International. Several of our Region members are active Model T members who enjoy touring all over the country. Robbie Gray, Nelson Driver, Jim Gregory, Todd Smith, Dave & Carol Sarginger, Barry & Rose Linke, Jay & Kay Mader and Tony Edwards with daughter Donna and son-in-law Matt recently returned from a T tour in Wisconsin and reportedly had a great time.

Stu Allen

Some of us have met Fred Trusty on National Tours or Meets and you'll never meet a more down to earth guy. Below he tells us of his latest project. Given the travel schedule for the National AACA President I don't expect to see Part II until next year. Stu



About four years ago I heard about a 1962 Oldsmobile Super 88 from a man that I had met at a local cruise in. The next day I called and talked with the grandson of the original owner. His grandfather purchased the car new but passed away in 1966 so his grandmother inherited the car. She didn't drive so it just sat in the garage. The grand kids would get the car out every now and then to take her for a ride but very few miles were logged between 1966 and 1988. She passed away in 1988 and her son inherited the house. He had no interest in the car, so it just sat there until he passed away in 2018. I met the grandson at the house and sure enough, it was an all original 1962 Oldsmobile Super 88 with 57,000 miles. It was covered in dust and all four tires were flat and dry rotted. I was able to turn the engine over with a long breaker bar on the crankshaft nut so that was a good sign. The best part was that it had clear plastic seat covers so the seats were like brand new. A deal was made to purchase the car. I loaded it onto my trailer and brought it home to my shop. I knew I would have to go through all systems to make it roadworthy. I figured I'd have the car running and in good shape in a few months.

As usual, life got in the way so here it is four years later, and it's still not finished. That's why this article is titled Part I. Part II will be when I finally finish it.



August 20, 2023 Annual Picnic with Tri-County Region at Grand Caverns Region Park



Chester & Nancy Bradfield brought this beautiful Studebaker

Sonny & Myrna Henkel arrived in their stylish Packard





Robbie Gray brought his Ford Model T fresh from the "T Tour" in Wisconsin

Great weather, lots of chicken and a wide selection of food in the potluck picnic welcomed 50 members of W-S and Tri-County Regions.



Robbie measured 32 feet of delicious dishes



The gang had plenty of time to catch up on summer happenings



The Model T gang is huddled planning their next tour



Larry & Deb Skillman arrived in heir '57 Chevy



W-S President Jack Drago held a short meeting while Mike Yankey did the same for Tri=County Region

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Calendar of AACA Events & Community Car Events

SEPT.	3	Sunday, 2:00 - 5:00 PM - Cruise-In at Wright's Dairy-Rite, 346 Greenville Avenue, Staunton
	9	Saturday, 10 AM Cruise In for American Heritage Girls and Trail Life, Wayne Hills Baptist Church, 877 Ladd Rd. Waynesboro.
	8-10	47th Annual Pasture Party, 14349 Blue Ridge Turnpike, Somerset. Sponsored by the Somerset Steam & Ge 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, Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church, 30 Tinkling Spring Drive, Fishersville. Bring a dish to pass. Drinks, utensils and paper goods provided. Don't forget your auction donations and your checkbook!
- 23 Saturday, 10:30 AM 2:00 PM Private Car Gathering at "The Barn", 2165 Churchville Avenue, Staunton.
- 2023 Western Divisional Tour, California Central Coast and Santa Ynez Valley. Hosted 25-29 by the Santa Barbara Region

OCT. 3-6 2023 Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA. Hosted by the Hershey Region.

- 8 Sunday 12-4PM—Hazy Mountain Vineyard & Waynesboro-Staunton Region AACA Car Show Details to follow
- 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.
- 11 Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton
- 14 Saturday, 10:00 AM 2:00 PM Augusta Lions Club Fight for Sight Car Show, Gypsy Hill Park Stadium Parking Lot, 500 Thornrose Avenue, Staunton. Entry fee is \$25 with all proceeds benefitting Lions Club Leader Dog Program & Local Lions Sight Programs.
- **15** Sunday, 2:00 PM Monthly Meeting at Vito's Italian Kitchen, 1047 Port **Republic Road, Harrisonburg.**
- 22-27 77th Revival AAA Glidden Tour, Thomasville, GA.
- The Old Dominion Meet Association Presents the Historic Northern Neck Virginia Tour. NOV. 2-5 Hosted by the Northern Neck Region. Registration deadline is October 9, 2023.
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 - **19** Saturday, 2:00 PM Monthly Meeting at Golden Corral Buffet & Grill, 51 Apple Tree Lane, Waynesboro.

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Minutes of the Aug. 20. 2023 W-S Region Meeting

The Waynesboro-Staunton Region of the AACA held its annual picnic with Tri-County Region at Grand Caverns Region Park on August 20, 2023 at 2 pm. President Mike Yankey of Tri-County opened the meeting by welcoming all 50 present to this annual affair. Sonny Henkel gave the blessing and all enjoyed the 32 feet of picnic lunch as provided by the members.

After lunch, President Jack Drago reported on the passing of Ken Bahrs, a previous president of the club. He then discussed the steam train tour on the Virginia Scenic Railroad in October which will travel Staunton to Goshen. If you are interested, you can get tickets at Virginia Scenic Railroas.com. He reminded the members of the car show at Hazy Mountain Vineyard on October 8th from 2 to 5 pm.

Nelson Driver a brief report on the ODMA Tour (see Tire Tracks for more details).

Scot Gregory has moved to North Carolina but he will still remain as webmaster.

Debbie Skillman will take over as ticket master for the 50/50.

Stu Allen stated he needed articles for Tire Tracks, also reminded the members to check the activities page in Tire Track.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Gray, Sec.

W-S Past President Ken Bahrs (2001-2002) passed away on Aug. 13. His obituary can be viewed at:

https://www.newsleader.com/obituaries/

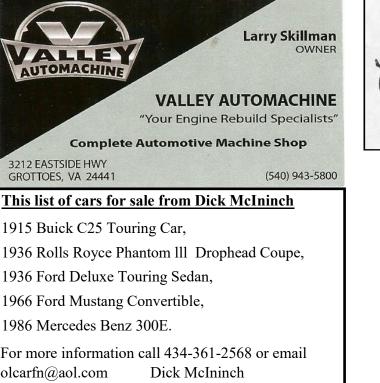
Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.



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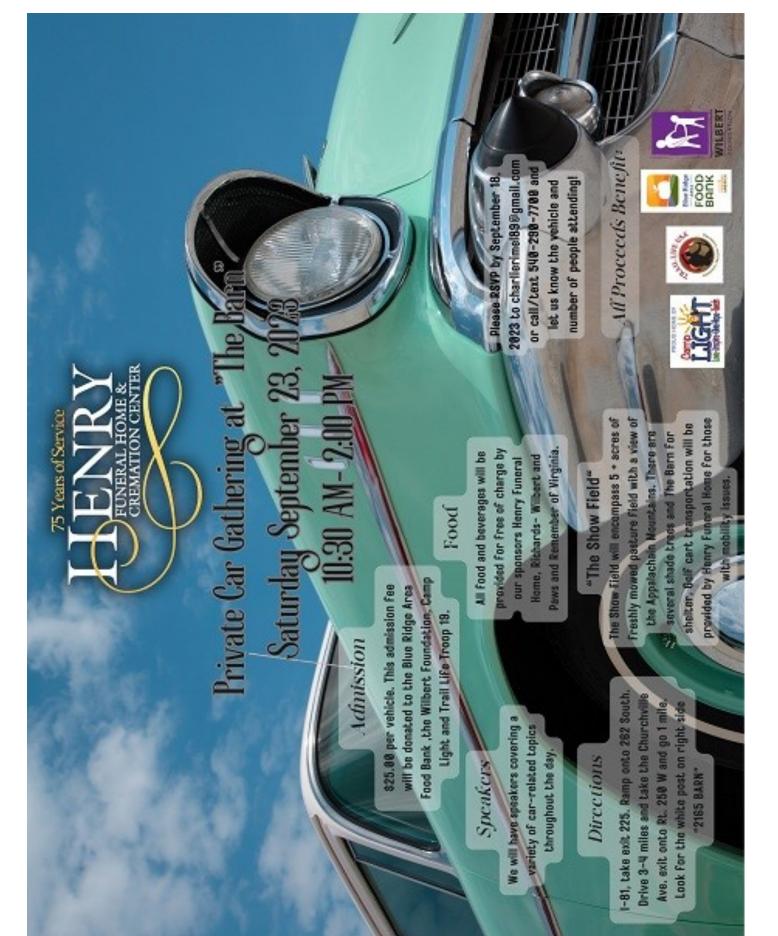
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NOVEMBER 2-5, 2023

Step back in time and experience the road less traveled during the 2023 ODMA Tour through the Northern Neck of Virginia – the birthplace of our nation. Hosted by the Northern Neck Region AACA.

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Registration deadline: October 9, 2023, or until filled. Tour fee **PER PERSON**: \$180. Your fee pays for admission to the historic sites as well as dinner Thursday and Saturday nights, breakfast Friday and Saturday mornings, lunches Friday and Saturday afternoons.

Questions? Contact Bob or Ward Bob Bailey at 540.645.7565 or rbailey1776@gmail.com Ward Sevila at 703.407.1983 or wsevila@msn.com A rain or shine event!

Historic Northern Neck Virginia Tour Schedule of Events



4-6:30 PM Pick up registration packets in the Stratford Hall Dining Room 7 PM Pizza and soft drinks available in the Stratford Hall Dining Room

Friday, November 3, 2023

7:30-9 AM Breakfast in Stratford Hall Dining Room 10 AM-Noon Tour Stratford Hall Noon-12:30PM Box Lunch in Stratford Hall Dining Room (Lunch from Art of Coffee) 12:30-1:30 PM Drive to Ferry Farm 2-4:30 PM Tour Ferry Farm

Enjoy shopping and dining on your own in Downtown Fredericksburg Return to Stratford Hall for a quiet evening

Saturday, November 4, 2023

7:30–9 AM Breakfast in Dining Room 9-9:30 AM Drive to Sabine Hall, Warsaw VA 10 AM–Noon Tour Sabine Hall and grounds We will divide into groups

Noon-12:45 PM Drive to Heathsville 1-1:30 PM Lunch at Heathsville UMC (Lunch from Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern) 1:30-3:30 PM Tour Rice's Hotel/ Hughlett's Tavern 3:30-4:30 PM Return to Stratford Hall 4:30-5:30 PM Free time

5:30–6 PM Drive to Wilkerson's Seafood, Colonial Beach 6–8 PM Banquet at Wilkerson's Seafood 8– 8:30 PM Return drive to Stratford Hall



Sunday, November 5, 2023 Check out and have a safe trip home. Old Dominion Meet Association See you next year!

Lodging fee: Cheek House or Astor House - \$139*; Cabin - \$160* *plus taxes

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Each of the fifteen guest rooms in Cheek House offers either a king bed or two twin-sized beds with a private bath. The Great Room offers a spacious area for conversation, a cup of coffee, an afternoon card game, or the perfect spot to unwind. The guest house features a large, wraparound deck set among the treetops furnished with outdoor dining furniture perfect for enjoying the serene environment and the sights and sounds of the historic property.

The Astor Guest House was named after Lady Astor who served as Stratford Hall's first director from Great Britain. Perfect for families, friends or a group traveling together, Astor has three rooms with kingsized beds and three with twin-sized beds with private baths. Giving a sense of home, the Astor provides the convenience of a comfortable living room and the tranquility of a woodland deck to enjoy when not exploring Stratford Hall.

The cozy log cabins offer the ultimate retreat in a serene setting. Appointed with comfortable furnishings and modern amenities, these cabins evoke the feeling of the past meeting the present. Each cabin has an outside seating area to enjoy the landscape and natural beauty of the Northern Neck.

The Old Dominion Meet Association (ODMA)

is one of the few non-geographical associations of its kind in AACA. Thirteen of the 15 AACA regions in Virginia are members of ODMA. ODMA hosts a statewide meet annually that rotates among the regions. The class structure organization, judging criteria and awards follow those of AACA with some local exceptions. The 13 member regions are Accomack-Northampton Region • Bull Run • Historic Fredericksburg • Historic Virginia Peninsula • Martinsville-Danville • Northern Neck • Piedmont • Richmond • Roanoke Valley • Shenandoah • Tidewater • Tri-County • Waynesboro-Staunton

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2023 ODMA Fall Driving Tour - Registration Form			
Northern Neck Region AACA Registration Deadline October 9, 2023			
Person 1			
Person 2			
AddressStateZIP			
E-mail Cell Phone for Tour			
Trailer Parking Requested (check one) Yes No			
Number of People X \$180 = Amount Enclosed			
Friday Lunch by Art of Coffee All meals come with water or soft drinks			
Person One			
A. Ham/Swiss on croissant, carrot sticks, cookie with (choose one) Chips Potato Salad Pasta Salad			
B. Turkey/Cheddar on croissant, carrot sticks, cookie with (choose one) Chips Potato Salad Pasta Salad			
C. Roast beef/cheddar on croissant, carrot sticks, cookie with (choose one) Chips Potato Salad Pasta Salad			
D. Cold Plate: mixed greens topped with: (choose one salad) Chicken Tuna Egg AND (choose one) Pasta Salad Potato Salad			
Person Two A. Ham/Swiss on croissant, carrot sticks, cookie with (choose one) Chips Potato Salad Pasta Salad			
B. Turkey/Cheddar on croissant, carrot sticks, cookie with (choose one) Chips Potato Salad Pasta Salad			
C. Roast beef/cheddar on croissant, carrot sticks, cookie with (choose one) Chips Potato Salad Pasta Salad			
D. Cold Plate: mixed greens topped with: (choose one salad) Chicken Tuna Egg AND (choose one) Pasta Salad Potato Salad			
Saturday Lunch by Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern			
A. Two flour tortillas (Italian meat/cheese & turkey/cheese), potato salad, chips, carrot cake and water or tea Person 1 Person 2			
B. Vegetable quiche with side salad Person 1 Person 2			
Make checks payable to NNRAACA			
Mail checks to Tom Clark, Treasurer, 1327 Hoskins Dr., Tappahannock, VA 22560			
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