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RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

You ever been crazy about somebody back in the day and you see them now, and you think, "Glad I missed that ship!"

I can read your minds and your wondering what kind of nonsense I'll be bring to this months column. Since various cultures are celebrating in their own holiday spirit, and it is a wonderful time of year to do so, I'll dispense with my usual bit of insulting and derogatory stories.

December is a rather hectic month, what with shopping for special meals to eat, gifts for those on the naughty list, relatives that you barely know or like coming to visit, putting up those 25 boxes of decorations that are outdated and older than dirt, that wimpy aluminum tree with 9 bent branches and tinsel (remember that?) all those blow up tacky reindeer and bright lights all over the front of the house and then finally having to endure the W-S Region Christmas Party at Mrs Rowes, well, welcome to Christmas 2023. We had 39 folks show up in their Christmas secondest clothes and our local photographer on scene has supplied the newsletter with all manner of neat pics, so I'll dispense with my embellishments that any outlandish antics occurred. I shall close this paragraph with this, FUBAR. It is an acronym that we used in the Navy, for what seemed as a daily occurrence, when planned things went awry. Trust me on this one, It shall be fixed.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and that Santa Claus and the Elves got them their new Ferrari or Rolls Royce parked under the tree. The ladies were hoping for a HUNK of man (Burt Reynolds) to replace the fossilized things they are currently residing with. Cardboard cutouts not allowed. Me? I finally got ONE new sock to replace one of my socks that I've been wearing since 1957 that has holes in the toes and heel. Let's not even mention the underwear. Even got my usual bag of lumped coal. Now, I can't even surmise what I did to the dog, but as I was standing in the middle of the den, he came over to me, jacked up his left rear leg and! How embarrassing. No more beef treats for him. Ever see a cat launch itself in attack mode? Doctor says I should heal in about 4 months and not need plastic surgery. HO, HO, HO! Yeah, right.

Hark, off in the distance I hear the melody of people singing Auld Lang Syne, I see some carrying torches, some a long pole and some with buckets of tar and feathers. Wonder where their going? Especially since I'm the only house on the street.

Things my mother taught me, Part 6- FORESIGHT:

"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident" (go ahead and chuckle, you heard the exact same thing!)

Jack Drago



Christmas Meeting December 17, 2023

Mrs. Rowe's in Staunton

We always think of our W-S Region as a close-knit group but our Christmas meeting this year was more close than usual. For some reason the staff at Mrs. Rowe's had set up for 25 people in their small room. In the past we have always filled their large room for our meetings. Needless to say, when 39 people showed up and were directed to the small room, things were a bit crowded. The staff moved more small tables in and eventually got everyone seated and the waitresses did their best to get drinks for us. The food was good as usual but maneuvering to the buffet table was tough. The gift exchange was completed but "stealing" was limited since it was difficult for everyone to see the gifts as they were unwrapped. In spite of the challenges, members had a good time and left well-fed.



Mrs. Rowe's specialty is great pies.



The gifts were ready for the "Chinese" exchange



The "full house" at Mrs. Rowe's



Jack explained the rule for opening and "stealing" gifts.



Members enjoyed the buffet.

Deb Skillman opened a warm, soft blanket





Doris Stone's grandson Jack (with mom Judy) was pleased with his Lego gift.



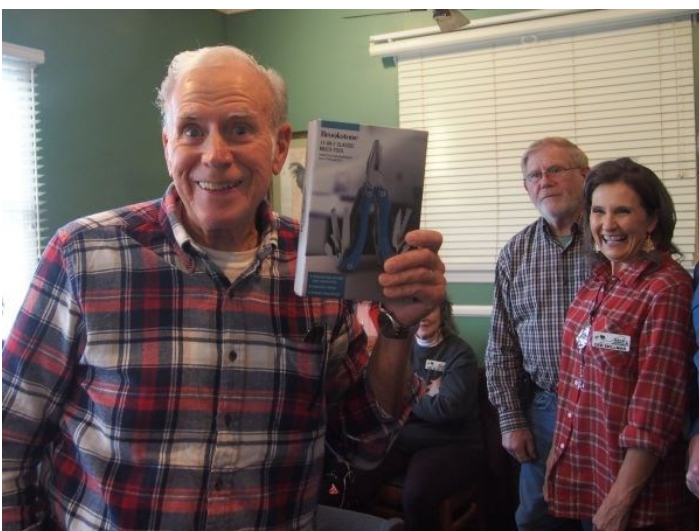
Rose Linke shows off her gift of chocolate.



Robbie Kuykendall looked puzzled at the glass rattle someone put in his gift.



Linds Ayers models the beautiful shawl that she opened.



Barry Linke seems very happy with his Brookstone Multitool.



Robbie Gray checks out his flexible flashlight—perfect for working on Model T's.

Highlights of 2023



James Belcher Jr. shared the story of the USS Indianapolis that was sunk on July 30, 1945. Jim's father, James Belcher was one of the few survivors of this tragedy.



Duane and Rebecca Perrin shared their story of their August, 2019 fire that destroyed their shop with a rare 1929 Stearns Knight as well as a 1991 Cadillac Allante.



Robbie Gray and Jack Drago at the Annual Auction that supports the Augusta County Fair.



We toured Swannanoa (The Italian Renaissance Revival villa built in 1912) with Tr-County Region.

Calendar of AACA Events & Community Car Events

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- JAN. 10** Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton
- 2024 21** Sunday, 2:00 PM – Monthly Meeting—Ming Garden in Waynesboro.
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- FEB. 10** Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton
- 18** Sunday, 2:00 PM – Monthly Meeting—Francescos in Bridgewater
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- MAR. 13** Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton
- 17** Sunday, 2:00 PM – Monthly Meeting—Spooner BBQ in Stuarts Draft

More Highlights of 2023



July 8, 2023

Steve Albrecht's 1969 Pontiac GTO won Participant's Choice at our annual Baldwin Park Display. The Ayers' grandkids were the hit of the show.



July 28, 2023

Our gang enjoyed the Car Display at the Augusta County Fair in spite of the rain.



September 17, 2023

Auctioneer Mark Robertson entertained us at the Annual Club Auction at Tinkling Spring while selling some good "stuff"



October 8, 2023

Our Tour and Display at Hazy Mountain Winery was held on a cold and windy day.

Editor's Notes

It's always fun to go back over the year's activities and remember the good times. We have lost several members who have passed on and will be missed, but at the same time have welcomed new members to help carry on the club meetings, tours and displays. All regions are concerned about our aging membership and we need to continue encouraging younger people to become interested and join our club. Tours are a favorite activity with our old cars so we need folks to step up and host a tour. If you have suggested activities, please contact any of the Board members and we'll get it on the schedule.

Here's wishing you a **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Stu Allen—Editor



August 20, 2023

Our Annual Picnic with Tri-County Region at Grand Caverns had great weather and a good turnout.

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Minutes of the Dec. 16 W-S Meeting

The December 2023 meeting of the Waynesboro-Staunton Region of the AACA was held on Saturday the 16th at Mrs. Rowe's in Staunton. President Jack Drago welcomed the 39 members and guests present for the annual Christmas Party.


Doris Stone lead the blessing before the meal.

After the meal, Jack asked the members to e-mail him with their comments about the restaurant (magnumr15@verizon.net).

The annual guest exchange took place, with all present having a good time. The 50/50 was \$60.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Gray, Sec.


JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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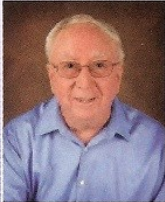
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