

TIRE TRACKS

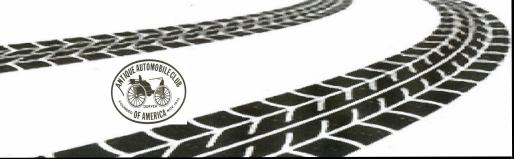
APRIL 2024

Volume 54, Issue 4

Visit our website—<u>http://waynesboro-stauntonregion.aaca.com/</u>

The Official Publication of the

Waynesboro-Staunton Region Antique Automobile Club of America





RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Marry a short gal and keep your guns on the top shelf. She still might get 'ya, but you'll hear her dragging the chair across the floor.

This months column comes from 500 miles away (to the relief of our membership) where two friends (Bob and Krystal) from Syracuse, New York (actually, Red River) invited me to stay with them for a very quick overnight visit. (they said they couldn't stand me for any more length of time than that, and even that was pushing the limit). If you've never heard of Red River, it's because it is on the furthest reaches of the planet and almost can't be reached from anywhere. Once you leave Interstate 81 in Sewercuse, it's a 50 mile excursion via snowmobile to Red River, population 30 according to signage nailed on a tree. I parked my truck in Syracuse and rented a new Arctic Cat sled for the trip. (photo) I stopped at the ONLY store in Red River for fuel, which is a combination gas, (\$12.45 per gallon) grocery, (one shelf) and a mortician of all things. There was a sight I hadn't expected, a disemboweled corpse on the grocery store floor, waiting for spring planting I guess. I wonder if the population is now 29? Electricity is non-existent as it ran out 40 miles prior to their home, so they use a generator for limited power. I counted 28 various species of wildlife (bear, deer, antelope, alligator, moose, hawks, mountain lion and one lonely Wooly Mammoth) and numerous other critters on that 50 mile jaunt, the one that took almost three hours. Down here 3 inches of snow causes the entire Commonwealth of Virginia to shut down for 9 days. My trip was through 3 feet of snow. I mention this because in Syracuse, there are only 2 seasons: Winter and the Fourth of July. I lived there for 24 years so I speak of what I know.

I can safely write about these folks as none of you know them and they aren't members of the club, and best of all, don't get the opportunity to read my column, and therefore I'm safe from retribution.

Bob is the sole U.S. distributer of the Volugrapho. It's a one of one and the only 8 passenger GV limousine ever built. (It's currently parked abandoned under the shade tree in front of Steve and Linda Ayers house in Waynesboro.)

I was suddenly attacked by these little "things" that began crawling all over me. Krystal asked me if there was anything wrong, to which I responded that I was not used to "things" crawling all over me. I deduced from her response, which was quick, to the point, and with great displeasure, stated that they are not "things", that they don't bite, and that in fact they are called CHILDREN, or little people, and for me to get over it. Maybe I should polish my remarks so as not to offend. But then again, that's me. (momentary digression here) I recall when I was their age (according to my parents) my relatives locking their doors at the sight of me coming to visit them. I believe "HELL ON EARTH" was my nickname. One of my dear aunts said that I was not brought up, but thrown up and that the doctor didn't slap me, he slapped my mother. (back to the story) These little people are 3 boys, (I insist they are Orangutans) and all three birthed in the woods as the nearest hospital is 95 miles from them. The oldest, Sven, is over 6 feet tall (at 5 years old) and has a FULL beard no less. Sasquatch, meet your twin! I think he cultivates it with some type of Cadaverine. Kevin, the middle carnivore, fell somewhere close to the tree where his older sibling fell from, but has a few less hairs and has a deep interest in nuclear physics The youngest, "San" Quentin, and is appropriately named, is just one molecule away from a pit bull. Conversing with these 3 is done by speaking with "grunts" and for whatever reason, messages seem to get across. After an evening of joy (and in case you're wondering, the two holer is out back with fur lined seats. Pucker up!) and prior to leaving at 6 AM after an 8 hour visit, Bob made me a bowl of what he described as oatmeal (humans actually eat this stuff?) to digest on the sled drive to Syracuse. About 16 miles into he trip, I felt rumblings in my nether region and promptly pulled the sled off the trail and headed into the brush and (CENSORS NOTE: Mr. Drago has yet once again stretched the boundaries of decency, as he had described in vidid, disgusting and repugnant detail, precisely what he did in the woods, and we therefore eliminated his paragraph) The wooded area has now been denuded of vegetation and is now a New York State toxic waste dump. Fortunately, I found the requisite Dunkin' Donuts and refueled my gut and headed back to the Valley. Next month will be back to "normal" as I traverse the Shenandoah Valley for tidbits to gather for my next column. Be vigilant. (Debra)

THINGS MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME: Part 8 THE SCIENCE OF OSMOSIS:

"Shut your mouth and eat your supper".

Jack Drago

March 17 2024 W-S Meeting at Sooner BBQ in Stuarts Draft







Sooner's provided a great meal.

35 members and guests attended.







The Skillmans handle the 50/50.

Each person got to fill out their order.

Members enjoyed pulled pork and all the fixings.







Nelson Driver's'27 Model T



Butch & Peggy Beverly's Camaro



Rev.? Jack delivered this epistle after the meal!

Brethren and Sisteren, we are gathered here today at the Temple of the Sooner, Baptists, Methodists, Episcopalians, Pennsyvanians, and Pomeranians, Israelites, Mennonites, Shiites, Troglodytes and flashlights and I your Pastor, John of the tribe of Dracular. We ask you to pray for our fallen sister Debra who has strayed from her marital vows of fidelity. While dining at the feast of the Augusta, her demands of lust could not be supplied by her betrothed, Lawrence of the tribe of Skillman whose jewel box was smaller than her wants or needs. While perusing the other males at the table, a wink from another sinner, Glenn of the tribe of Royer who pointed in the direction of his jewelry box, sinner Debra then reached under his tunic, her licentious libido groping for 10 minutes at what she thought would satisfy her wickedness. Oh wicked woman, why hast thou cast aside your heart for the devil. Debra yelled out in great delight, "I FOUND IT". From this Holy Bible, the words of Leviticus, Chapter 3, verses 1 through 49, extoll upon this evil soul to give up the thoughts of the devil, your unclean thoughts and deeds and return to the Lord and beg forgiveness.

While our sister Debra of the tribe of Skillman may have sinned, we who are her Brethren and Sisteren who are seeking in her lapse of judgement, that she earnestly seek repentance for her indiscretions and share the proceeds of the winning lottery ticket with the rest of us.

Brethren and Sisteren, may I have an AMEN to that.

71st Annual ODMA Meet - May 17 & 18, 2024

Held at the Holiday Inn - Valley View, Roanoke

Hosted by the Roanoke Valley Region AACA



Friday, May 17th

- Registration in hotel lobby 9am-5pm
- Rock-a-Billy Festival at the Virginia Museum of Transportation. \$10 per person.
 Meet in hotel lobby at 4:30pm or drive on your own. Special parking available.

Saturday, May 18th

- Registration and parking on show-field 7:30am-11am
- Barbeque food truck onsite
- · Cars permitted to leave show-field 3pm
- Social Hour with cash bar at host hotel 6-7pm
- Dinner and Awards 7pm-10pm. \$40 per person

Host Hotel Reservation Information

Holiday Inn – Valley View 3315 Ordway Drive, NW Roanoke, VA 24017

Phone: (540) 362-4500 or (888) 480-0427

Special ODMA Meet Room Rates -

\$159 per night plus tax. Includes breakfast for 2. Room rate applies to May 16 through 19 Cut-off for special rates is May 1, 2024.

Mention ODMA when making your reservation.

Check-in is 3pm. Check-out is 11am.

Join fellow Virginia AACA members for fun, friendship and antique cars! Our host hotel/show site is adjacent to Interstate 581, easily accessible from Interstate 81, U.S. 220 or U.S. 460. You are invited to a Friday evening welcome featuring the Rock-A-Billy Festival (live rock and country bands), food and more at the Virginia Museum of Transportation, one of America's best train and auto displays.

REGISTRATION FORM ON NEXT PAGE

Pre-registration required for all activities you choose to attend

Register by Mail

Use the form on the next page and mail with your check payable to:

RVR-AACA

PO Box 11785 Roanoke, VA 24022-1785

Register Online

Register and pay online at **roanokeaaca.org**Click on the ODMA tab at the top of the home page

Have questions?

Contact Joe Sullivan, Meet Chairman:

Email: fxnft98@yahoo.com

Phone: (540) 892-6574 [call during evenings]









71st Annual Old Dominion Meet Association Car Show REGISTRATION FORM

Friday-Saturday, May 17-18, 2024 Location: Holiday Inn Valley View – Roanoke, Virginia

Pre-registration required. Registrations must be postmarked by May 10th. You may also pre-register online as late as May 10th at roanokeaaca.org.

Please print:								
Name (s)		AACA Region?						
Address		City			State Zip			
		AACA Member #						
	SS							
All displayed ve	hicles must have a visible, fu	illy charged, ope	erable, U	L-approv	ed fire exti	nguishei		
Vehicle #1 Mai	ke	Model			Year_			
	Circle					ODMA	ODMA	Do Not
			Junior	Senior	Preservation	HPOF*	DPC	Judge
Vehicle #2 Mai	ke	Model			Year			
	Circle							Do Not
			Junior	Senior	Preservation	HPOF*	DPC	Judge
agree that the Roses, volunteers, an Dominion Meet Ma	[Call during evenings] anoke Valley Region AACA, Old Don d agents of the above will not be he ay 17-18, 2024. I agree to abide by a amage insurance on the listed show	eld liable for any inj all guidelines of this	ury or dam show as o	age incurre utlined on t	d by the vehi his form and	cle(s) ente provided a	red in the at the show	show before, during or after the o w. I further certify that I carry the
SIGNATURE					DATE:			
Number of Veh	nicles Registered:	@ \$30.00 e	each = \$					
	No Charge (Indicate trailer							
Saturday Night	Awards Banquet tickets:	0	9 \$40.00	each = \$				
	an enjoyable buffet with yo						e dishes	and desserts.
Friday Night Vi	rginia Museum of Transport	ation tickets: _		_@ \$10	.00 each =	\$		
		TOTAL ENCL	LOSED	\$				
	Register and p	ay online at r	oanoke	aaca.oro	or mail	your red	istratio	on.
Marke skeet	and the same of th				1			

Make checks payable to: RVR AACA.

Mail form and check to: RVR-AACA, PO Box 11785, Roanoke, VA 24022-1785

For more information visit the RVR-AACA website www.roanokeaaca.org and click on the ODMA tab on the home page or email or call the Meet Chairman: Joe Sullivan, fxnft98@yahoo.com or (540) 892-6574 [Call during evenings]

This article was published in the May/June 1980 issue of Tire Tracks! Larry Huffman was editor.

IN PURSUIT OF A LITTLE

by Nelson Driver

Did you ever wonder why any given individual has the particular car he does? For some it represents a favorite make or era. With others their car just happened to be available when the urge hit to buy an old car. Sometimes the car catches the eye of the individual and then grows on him until he buys it. Then there are cars owned for sentimental reason, one that came through the family or were known and liked by the buyer when he was young. Some people are lucky enough to have an old car given to them which they later developed a liking for. Some bought their car to use when it wasn't very special, only to see ti become a collector's item and decide to keep it for that reason. Some vehicles come on the market at bargain prices while others were bought to save them from destruction. Then there are those who own vehicles which are the result of a deliberate hunt for a certain make, year, model or any combination of the above, but the one in particular that I'm writing about is my 1912 "Little Four" roadster. The story about how it came to reside in my shop goes as follows.

For as long as I can remember, I have been interested in old cars. I had known for some time of the fact that grandfathers's first car was a 1912 Little which he bought new. For some reason I was content to let that fact lie dormant in my memory with no thought of pursuing it further. As soon as my Parents would let me, I got into the hobby with the purchase of my first real car, a 1930 Ford Model A, which I still own. After I got it on the road, I began to notice that there were other cars besides Model A's and I began to develop an interest in "non-Fords". I also noticed that some people were looking for particular makes or models and I often wondered why. The idea, however, had a certain appeal and seemed like an interesting way to add direction and purpose to the hobby. My only problem was that I couldn't decide what sort of car to look for. Sometime in the early sixties, I be-

gan to develop an interest in discovering facts about Grandpa's Little with the idea of tracing its history as far a possible. However, for some reason, this idea had no connection with the former one. I wanted to learn what became of it, hoping against hope that maybe, just maybe, I might find the actual car itself and then in my wildest imagination thought that I might be able to acquire it. I questioned Grandpa at length until I felt I knew as much as he did about its disposition around 1920. The details from then on are quite sketchy and although the search still continues, I came to the conclusion that the chances of finding Grandpa's car were very slim.

By this time my interest in Littles had been aroused and began to grow when I began to hear hazy rumors that some of the breed were still in existence. Suddenly, the earlier problem of what kind of car to look for was solved. The goal was obvious. If I couldn't find Grandpa's specific car, any Little would do; but there was still a major problem -- that of money. I knew I wouldn't be able to afford the prices that that type of car usually brought in the market-place. but I figured that sooner or later things might change and if I kept my eyes and ears open I would find one that would fit the pocketbook. By the early seventies, I was definitely in search of anything pertaining to Littles that I could find--even just to see



a real live one.

It was approximately 1971 at the Hershey Fall meet when I achieved my first goal. I was standing next to the stadium watching the cars when I saw a car approaching that had the general shape of the pictures I had seen of Grandpa's Little. It was still to far away to identify and I tried not to let my hopes get up by telling myself that it was probably a Chevrolet, Baby Grand or a Monroe, or a Flint or some such substitute. The car came closer; it sure did look like those pictures. Then finally I could see across the radiator the name, Little! I just about jumped out of my skin! Fortunately I had brought along a camera and when I got to where the Little was parked, I made many trips around it with the camera pointing at

it like a compass at a magnet. Somehow a whole roll of film got exposed. Later, I met the owner and got acquainted with "Pinky" Randall of Michigan, a well-known collector of Chevrolets. It was now obvious that the breed was not extinct and there did exist some chance of obtaining my goal of ownership.

From this beginning I met other Little owners and learned of the existence of other Littles in various stages of restoration.

The next milestone occured at a meet one summer a couple of years later. Bill Melton told me that he had seen a Little advertised in Hemmings (I don't keep up with all the reading I'd like to) Fortunately he had that issue along and we found the ad. But, alas, the asking price was way above what I could afford so I had to let it go. (There is a long story behind that car too and it isn't quite finished yet, but that's something else) This proved that the critters did come on the market once in a while and maybe one would again, hopefully at a time of greater financial standing. For the next couple of years I searched faithfully in the appropriate categories of each issue of Hemmings and Old Cars finding only occasional ads for parts; this was encouraging.

In January of 1978, under and unusually heavy load of sleet and snow, my shop building collapsed. That February, when the March issue of Hemmings arrived, I was still down in the dumps and didn't even open it thinking to myself that even if there were a Little advertised I couldn't afford it, would have no place to store it or work on it; furthermore I was too blue to care.

In mid-march Billy Melton called me at work (Isn't this was fellow club members are for) He said that he almost did't call but wanted to be sure that I had seen the Little that was in the March Hemmings. I thought he was kidding at first (we all know that Billy never plays tricks on anybody, especially Ford owners) He insisted that it was true and told me the page number. I couldn't wait to get home that evening! I called the man and talked to him-----It was still there!! Sigh of relief! He wanted to sell for the best offer so we discussed the approximate range----it was within my reach. Another sigh of relief! His description of the

condition sounded worthwhile and very soon I found myself in Connecticut looking at it and making an offer. After a few more nervous, eternal weeks I received a phone call at home saying that he had gotten no larger offers———The Little was mine!!!! Biggest sigh of relief!!.

Since the Little was a basket case, I immediately began contructing sides for my trailer and in early June went back to Connecticut to get it. Here is another example of helpful club members. Herb Tull and Mike Williams went along and with our combined efforts found, I am convinced, all the pieces to it that were there. Some, I am sure, would have been left behind if I had gone by myself. Upon arriving home it became the first resident in the almost completed new shop building.

Now, stories like this are supposed to end up with a picture of the completed project and perhaps a note about where it won its First Junior Award, etc. etc. I'm not one to rush into things but I'm proud to report that some dismantling has occurred; therefore restoration has officially started. (Yes, it is possible to dismantle a basket case) Although I haven't committed the Little to a "Glidden Tour" yet, such plans are definitely in the future. There doesn't really need to be any big hurry because the long sought after Little has finally been captured and is not likely to escape.

WIT AND WISDOM FROM HERE AND THERE

Contributed by Jeff Diffee



It's easy to
get lost in
thought.
After all,
it's strange
territory...

Calendar of AACA Events & Community Car Events

- **APR.** 4-6 Southeastern Spring Nationals and Grand National, Charlotte, NC sponsored by AACA Hornets Nest Region
 - 10 Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton
 - 21 Sunday, 1:45 PM Tour of Dynamic Aviation and Air Force One

Chester Bradfield has invited members of our Region to visit Dynamic Aviation and tour the vintage aircraft Columbine, the first Air Force One that was commissioned when Dwight Eisenhower was U.S. President. We'll also get to see other vintage aircraft at the facility.

You'll be on your own at Francesco's in Bridgewater for lunch prior to the tour since we need to be in the parking lot at Dynamic Aviation, 1402 Airport Road, Bridgewater, at 1:45 PM for the tour at 2:00. Francesco's were unable to provide us our usual room since we'll be there in the prime time for the after church crowd, so get there early, take any seating available, and make sure you are out in time for the 5 or 10 minute drive to the tour.

The only requirement is that visitors must be U.S. Citizens and I need a list of names prior to the day of our tour. We already have 35 people signed up from our last meeting but there is still time for you to add your name to the list. Email me at stuscar@aol.com

- MAY 8 Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton
 - 10-11 10th Annual Mid-Atlantic Pre-War Swap Meet, Comer-Jones VFW Post 621, 218 Veteran Lane, Luray.
 - 11 Saturday, 8:00 AM 3:00 PM, 64th Annual Apple Blossom Car Show, Jim Barnett Park, 1001 East Cork Street, Winchester. Hosted by the Shenandoah Region.
 - 17-18 Friday & Saturday—ODMA Meet—Roanoke, VA—Holiday Inn Roanoke Airport—See page 3&4.
 - 19 Sunday, 1:30 5:30 PM Vehicle Display at Hazy Mountain Winery, 240 Hazy Mountain Lane, Afton. We will meet at 1:30 at the old Howard Johnson's parking lot at the top of Afton Mountain and travel as a group to the winery.
- JUNE 1 67th Annual Antique Car Show, Fredericksburg Agricultural Fairgrounds, 2400 Airport Avenue, Fredericksburg. Sponsored by the Historic Fredericksburg Region.
 - 9-13 AACA Eastern Divisional Tour, Fredericksburg, VA. Sponsored by AACA Buzzard's Breath Region.
 - 12 Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton
 - 16 Sunday <u>4:00 PM</u>—Monthly Meeting at Golden Corral Buffet & Grill, 51 Apple Tree Lane, Waynesboro <u>Note Special Time!</u>
 - 20-22 AACA Eastern Spring Nationals, Saratoga, NY. Sponsored by the Saratoga Region.

Tire Tracks

The official monthly publication of the Waynesboro-Staunton Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America

2024 Executive Board

President:

Jack Drago

412 University Farm Road Stuarts Draft, VA 24477 (540) 337-2120 Magnumrt5@verizon.net

Tranger unit to the contract of the contract o

Vice President:

Rick Downs 23 Willard Court Stuarts Draft, VA 24477 fsdowns@ntelos.net

Secretary:

Robbie Gray

1430 Red Top Orchard Road Waynesboro, VA 22980 (540)-943-3171 rwgray3@ntelos.net

Treasurer

Todd Smith

1422 Bloomer Springs Road McGaheysville, VA 22840 (540) 289-9917 tmjmsmith@gmail.com

Director/Corporate Agent: Stuart Allen

265 Stayman Ln. Staunton, VA 24401 (540) 290-0329 stuscar@aol.com

Directors:

Scott Gregory (727) 542-9723 Web Master
Barry Linke (540) 943-7514 Class of 2024
Bob Kuykendall (540) 942-3291 Class of 2025
Ken Farley (540) 248-0635 Class of 2026
Alfred Meyer 860-670-6352 Past President
Nelson Driver 540-487-8120 ODMA Rep.

From the Editor's Desk

Please submit any articles, pictures, or ideas for publication to me at the following:

Stuart Allen 265 Stayman Lane Staunton, VA 24401

Phone: 540-886-8056 (Home)

540-290-0329 (Cell)

email: stuscar@aol.com



Minutes of the March 17,2024 W-S Meeting

The Waynesboro-Staunton Region AACA held its March 17th, 2024 at Sooner's in Stuart Draft at 2 pm. President Jack Drago welcomed the 33 members and 2 guests, Ron and Roxanne Meyers. Doris Stone gave the blessing which was an Irish blessing.

Vice President Rick Downs gave the activities report stating the next meeting would be in Bridgewater at Francesco's. As you arrive at the restaurant, go ahead and sit anywhere available because we have to be a Dynamic Aviation by 1:45 pm. You have to have your name on the list to get in Dynamic Aviation. If your name is not on the list now call Stu Allen at 540-290-0329. The rest of the activities are listed in Tire Tracks.

Todd Smith gave the treasurer's report.

Nelson Driver gave the ODMA report as follows; the meet will be in Roanoke on May 17 & 18 at the Holiday Inn Airport and the tour will be in Richmond on November 7th thru the 10th. Jack discussed car shows in the area; Richmond,

Fredericksburg, ODMA.

It was reported that Linda Royer was recovering from double hip surgery.

Jack Drago then put on his profit's garb and expounded with an epistle (shown on Page 2).

Debbie Skillman answered by saying if Jack was going to preach he would need a pair of sandals as pictured.



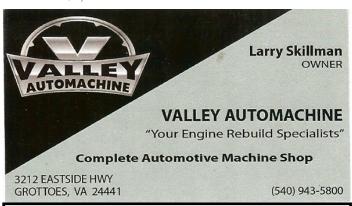
A motion was made and passed to donate the clubs half of the 50/50 to Dynamic Aviation as a contribution for the tour. The 50/50 was won by Velva Barr. The meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Gray, Sec.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Chester Bradfield
Tom Kempton
Jimmy Kilbourne
Bob Kuykendall
Robbie Kuykendall
Claudette Obenschain



This list of cars for sale from Dick McIninch

1915 Buick C25 Touring Car,

1936 Rolls Royce Phantom III Drophead Coupe,

1936 Ford Deluxe Touring Sedan,

1966 Ford Mustang Convertible,

1986 Mercedes Benz 300E.

For more information call 434-361-2568 or email olcarfn@aol.com Dick McIninch

FOR SALE

1929 Nash Advanced 6 Deluxe Sedan

Shows 78,000 carefully driven miles and is in great original shape Repainted in 2002 but does has some minimal damages.

Need a tune-up and some tender love and care.

Was \$25,000; now asking \$17,000 OBO!

Bob Nutt: 540.294.5500





European Classic Tires for the Model A
21" or 19" in stock now
Made in Denmark

Chilton Manuals Donated to our Club

Bob Kuykendall recently picked up a donation from the local library of 58 Chiltons Manuals, all in good condition. They are now in Stu Allen's garage and are available to our members and friends for **FREE**!

Quantity	<u>Brand</u>	Yrs. Covered			
12	Asian	1996-2012			
8	Chrysler	2000-2012			
4	European	2000-2012			
7	Ford	2000-2012			
11	GM	2001-2012			
4	Import	1991-2002			
7	Misc.	1975-2003			
5	Truck & Van	1996-2003			







These are excellent resources for maintaining your current rides and future collectibles.

Call Stu Allen if you are interested (540-290-0329) and we'll arrange delivery or pick up.

Tri-County Region Meetings Check their website: http://tri-county-aaca.org/

<u>Piedmont Region Meetings</u> New website coming

J.C. TAYLOR INSURANCE

Since the 1960s, J.C. Taylor has been America's premier specialty insurance provider for classic cars, antique autos, modified, and custom vehicles.

NO HASSLES.

OMPETITIVE PRICING.

AGREED VALUE.



JCTAYLOR.COM/AACA 888-845-0108

Get a quote today!





