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RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

I finally figured out why I look so bad in photo's. It's my face. I watch this generation try to rewrite our history, one thing I'm sure of... it will be misspelled and have no punctuation.

I had a boat load of money to spend in January and decided to take a 14 hour drive on down to Mecum Auctions in Kissimmee, Florida for several days. I spent the entire boatload of \$60 on entrance tickets to watch the high rollers spend their boatloads on the auction. Saw some spectacular cars and even got to sit in a Ferrari and a Bentley, both of which were in the high 6 figure dollar category. Vehicles were somewhat set into different categories on display. Several thousand dollar cars up to about the million dollar mark you could touch and sit in. From a million to about 5 million you could view them from the ropes. From 5 million to the moon you could drool as they were on a stage 15 feet away.



Free loaded with an old friend I used to work with. He told me as I left, he hoped to never see me again. It must be my magnetic personality. (or maybe because I drank a whole bottle of his George T. Stagg Straight Bourbon Whiskey that he paid \$747.99 for).

I was born and brought up in a state that had “aggressive” drivers, and I could certainly hold my mettle with any of them. However, after spending 5 days in the Sun Shine State with prehistoric, homicidal maniacs behind the wheel, when your life could end in any split second, and every foot of every mile was a white knuckle affair, I decided to take the truck to the local Amtrak station, load it aboard the train, put myself in a “roomette” and enjoyed a restful 17 hour train ride back to good old Virginia. America from a train window is more than quite a sight, it's eye popping to see how people live near the tracks and on the “other side”.



Another item scratched off the bucket list. A “roomette” by the way is not a ROOM per se. It is just slightly larger than a broom closet, (3'6” wide) holds two extremely comfortable leather seats and two “beds” (your seat that folds into a bed and one that drops down from the ceiling). I've not yet figured out how a person can climb into the upper rack. With the door closed, just to remove your shoes is an exercise in contortion. It accommodates 1 or 2 bags (cosmetic size, and not suitcases), and also includes powder room and shower down the passageway in your car, excellent free meals and quiet travel.

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If you've never had the urge to travel by train, I'd strongly suggest it. Just don't go "animal car" (economy). Oh the story I could tell here. Go business. It's first class travel and beats airlines in every category. I must admit though that there is a "slight" difference in the motion of a plane, or train, that might cause some concern in travel, enough of which I could write a whole 'nuther story. Maybe I will in the future. By the way, If you've never been to a Mecum auction, I'd strongly suggest you go. It is quite an entertaining experience and you meet the nicest people there.

Words of wisdom from Jim Gregory:

"If you see a bomb technician running, try to keep up!"

Things My Mother Taught Me:

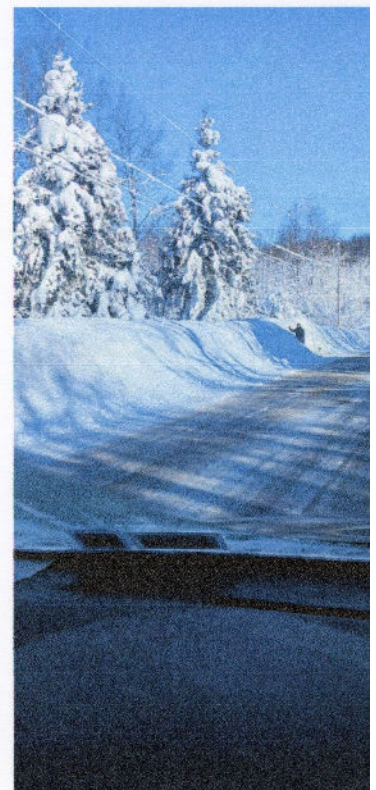
PART 19: ESP: "Put your sweater on! Don't you think I know when you are cold?"

We're going to meet at the Golden Corral on March 16 at 4PM. Larry and Debby Skillman are going to put on a presentation on their eye-witness account of the devastating events that occurred in North Carolina last year. I'm also going to announce a brand new member added to the Board of Directors. In April we've got a private tour scheduled after the dinner. Hope to see you at both locations.

Jack Drago

These photos were taken in Penneville, New York, February 20th, just south of Lake Ontario. This is where President and Mrs. Drago used to live with and loved every flake of it!

This is what snow is supposed to be!



February W-S Meeting at Francesco's in Bridgewater

February 16, 2025

28 members and 2 guests enjoyed the fine cuisine at Francesco's. This is a favorite dining site for our group.



The gang checks out the extensive menu.



The Skillmans' did their usual great job of collecting for the 50/50. Note the moths exiting Jack Drago's wallet!



Nobody leaves Francesco's hungry.



Barry Linke showed pictures of his Ford drag car that competed in Hot Rod Drag Week at Hebron Ohio in September 2024. ET-13.7 at 99.85 MPH.



The Bradfields' brought the Carsons, guests from Colorado. Jack welcomed the guests.

Silent Auction and Dinner
Benefitting the Augusta County Fair
Saturday, March 8, 2025
Weyers Cave Community Center
Doors open at 5:00pm
Dinner begins at 5:30pm

\$12 for pre-sale tickets, \$15 at the door
Stu Allen has pre-sale tickets



The pork dinner is always a hit!



Rick Downs discusses bidding strategy with Karen and Jack Drago.

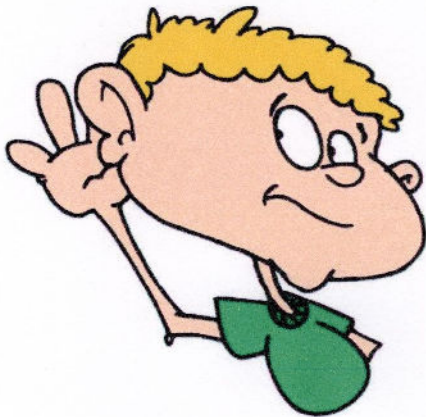


Deb Skillman shows off her winning prize.

TIP or Question of THE MONTH



Now that works!



We can all use a little help around the garage or shop!

Send me those tips or questions

As reported by Mike Petersen

"Tip of the Month"

It is a good idea to have a flex handle/breaker bar wrench and a 6-point socket for your vehicle lug nuts that is stored in your vehicle. These can usually be stored with the jack. Do not forget an extension if needed to properly loosen/tighten the lug nuts. Even if the lug nuts were properly torqued, they may be difficult to remove especially in an emergency situation (e.g. flat tire, in the rain, along the side of the road, at night).

Any time my vehicle has been serviced that requires removal of a wheel when I get the vehicle home I always loosen the lugs and tighten them in the proper sequence with the proper torque value. Failure to do this can result in warped brake discs and difficulties on the road when dealing with the spare tire.

I carry a large heavy duty trash bag for the flat tire. Some cars have a "donut" spare tire, and the flat tire/wheel assembly will not fit into the spare tire storage area so the flat tire will need to travel inside the vehicle. The flat tire may be dirty. Even if the tire/wheel assembly will fit in the spare tire area one can just put the flat in the bag, put it in the vehicle, and deal with it later rather than trying to get it stowed in the spare tire storage area while parked along the side of the road and in the rain. An additional heavy duty trash bag is easy to store and makes a great seat upholstery protector in case your clothes are soiled while changing the tire.

I carry gloves and a long sleeve shirt to wear while changing tires on the road. It is also a good idea to have a spare set of lug nuts. These, as well as the trash bag and wrench, may be stored with the jack.

If you have a "donut" spare tire that is not the same diameter as the tire on the car it should be installed on the non-driven axle if you have a 2-wheel drive vehicle. If installed on the driven axle, then the differential will be constantly differentiating as you drive along. This is OK for a few miles if you need to get to a better place for moving the spare to a non-driven axle. If you have a full-time 4 wheel drive then try to get the flat repaired and installed as soon as possible.

When checking the air in your tires do not forget to check the spare. I do not rely on the service people to check the air in the spare.

Pro Tip: Mike Petersen is the Triangle Chapter's "EF Hutton" of tips, so "enough said"

Thank you Mike for your continuing contributions to our Tips column.

Tip published in AACA Triangle Chapter (NC) Newsletter—Randy M Robertson Editor and Mike Peterson author

Calendar of AACA Events & Community Car Events

MAR 8 Saturday, Augusta Fair Silent Auction/Dinner Saturday, 5:00 pm at the Weyers Cave Community Center.

**8 Suffolk, VA Tidewater Region—Automotive Swap Meet & Car Corral
Bill Treadwell 757-650-3667**

12 Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting

16 Sunday, 4:00 PM -Monthly meeting at Golden Corral in Waynesboro

APR 3-5 Southeastern Spring Nationals—Charlotte, -NC Hornets Nest Region

9 Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton

13 Sunday, 2:00 PM -Monthly meeting at Francescos in Bridgewater

MAY 2-4 The 2025 Greenbrier Concours d'Elegance. White Sulphur Springs, WV

3-5 Western Spring Nationals/Grand Nationals—Tucson Arizona—Tucson Region

9-10 Friday and Saturday -Mid-Atlantic Pre-War Swap Meet - Luray VA

14 Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton

18 Sunday, 2:00 PM -Monthly Meeting & Picnic at Sunset Park in Waynesboro

JUNE	22	Tinkling Spring Picnic
JULY	12	Baldwin Park
AUGUST	17	Grand Caverns - Tri-County Picnic
SEPTEMBER	21	Tinkling Spring Auction
OCTOBER	19	Francesco's
NOVEMBER	16	Ming Garden
DECEMBER	14	Tinkling Spring Christmas Party

CLUB DUES ARE NOW DUE

Hello all Waynesboro-Staunton AACA Car Club members. It's that time of year again - Yes - for those who have not yet paid, Club dues are due.

Thank You to the 37 of our 51 members who have paid their dues.

For those remaining members who have not yet paid - just a reminder that dues are \$15.00 / \$20.00 to receive the newsletter by mail. You can pay me in person at the meeting (cash or check) and by mail (check) - send to Todd Smith, 1422 Bloomer Springs Rd, McGaheysville, VA 22840.

If you are unsure if you have paid your dues or not, just see me at the meeting or give me a call and I will let you know if you are paid up.

Thank You
Todd Smith - Treasurer

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Minutes of the Feb. 16 W-S Region Meeting

The Waynesboro-Staunton Region of the AACA held its February 16th, 2025 meeting in Bridgewater, Virginia at Franciscos at 2 pm. President Jack Drago opened the meeting welcoming the 28 members and 2 guests, the Carsons from Colorado.

Vice President Rick Downs stated the March meeting would on the 16th at 4 pm at the Golden Corral in Waynesboro. For the rest of the schedule for meetings see the Tire Tracks.

Treasurer Todd Smith gave the treasurer’s report for the months of January and February which was approved as read.

Robbie Gray, secretary, spoke on the new state laws, new state inspection stickers, the 2025 Greenbrier Concours d’ Elegance (May 2-4, 2025), Mid-Atlantic Pre-War Swap Meet on Friday and Saturday May 9th and 10th and 79th Revival Glidden Tours on Septembers 7-12 2025 in Owensboro, Ky.

The President reported on the reviews on the Christmas Party which was a success. It was announced that the April meeting would be back in Bridgewater with a tour of a collection of horse drawn carriages after.


Stu Allen stated he had tickets for Fair Dinner on March 8th for \$12 each.

Nelson Driver stated that the ODMA meet was still looking for a Region to hold it.

The 50/50 was won by Steve Ayers. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Gray, Sec.



We are pleased to have a new Board Member. Josiah Gingerich has agreed to be Assistant Webmaster Master working with Webmaster Scott Gregory who is now living in North Carolina.

From the Editor’s Desk

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