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RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Don't sweat the petty things and don't pet the
sweaty things!

(yes it's old, just like the rest of us)



Maybe, just maybe it's me. I had one of my breathing
episodes the other day, serious enough that the EMT's
"rushed" me to the local hospital. "Rushed" in this
case is relative to ones definition of RUSH. Maybe
ambulatory things in Stuarts Draft are not as up to date
as the rest of society.



Doctor Kevorkian pulled the sheet off my face to
make sure I was indeed dead. Shocked him when I
said "BOO"!

This was supposed to be the end of my months
column, but was returned by Stu as being too short.
He wanted a page worth of nonsense if possible.
Suggested I write about the monthly meeting at
Francesco's. You'll be sorry.

Sunday's weather was sunny. Many of the
handicapped members entered through the
HANDICAP door. We sat around a U shaped table,
all 20 odd something of us. We weren't odd, it's a
number thing. Robbie Gray said a number of
members didn't show up as they were not present.
You folks elected him. A couple at one of the tables
not affiliated with the club, (the couple, not the
table) ordered something that must have come from
deep in the ocean, had been dead for a considerable
length of time and emitted an odor that would gag a
maggot. Some of the board members that were still
alive, or at the very least still breathing, reported on
their club functions. With the paint on the walls now
beginning to peel off, Fred Hollen made a motion to
adjourn.

**If you like chicken, then we shall see you at
Sunset park in May. Maybe even have a surprise
tour.**

Jack Drago



Sunset Park

W-S April 19, 2026 Meeting at Francesco's

Francesco's in Bridgewater is one of our favorite venues for AACA meetings. 24 members enjoyed the cuisine along with fellowship on this Sunday.



Nelson Driver arrived in his 1968 Buick LeSabre. Nobody told him it's not a MOPAR!



Duane Perrin brought his 1993 Cadillac Allante.



Rick and Carol Downs check out the extensive menu.



Our group always manages to arrive early and the wait staff scrambles to finish our setup.



Everyone enjoys the meal, and most have leftovers to take home.



President Jack Drago conducted the business meeting and highlighted the upcoming events.

Editor's Note: This month's column details the early history of the Old Dominion Meet as well as some early history of the Waynesboro-Staunton Region. Since John Brown was not only a founding member of the Waynesboro-Staunton Region, but also, the Old Dominion Meet, we thought it appropriate to print this early history in conjunction with the 73rd Old Dominion Meet sponsored by Tidewater Region on May 1-2, 2026.

THE WAYNESBORO-STAUNTON REGION AND THE OLD DOMINION MEET

In the fall of 1949, the Antique Automobile Club of America brought the Glidden Tour to Virginia. The write-ups in the newspapers kindled the interest of John A. Brown who drove to Luray to see the cars arrive at the Mimslyn Hotel. It was here that he met William Swigart, Leslie Henry, and M.J. Duryea. Mr. Brown applied for membership in the National organization at that time.

In late December of 1949, Mr. Brown recruited new members by personal calls and letters throughout the state. By April 14, 1950, other enthusiasts had registered so that a new region could be formed. The first organizational meeting was held at a dinner meeting in a small dining room at the General Wayne Hotel on April 18, 1950. John Brown was elected Regional Director at that meeting.

During the summer months, the new region grew in size and was at that time, the only Antique Automobile Region in Virginia and in the entire South. In the fall of 1951, the National Club held its Glidden Tour in Pennsylvania. Club members John Brown and the late Hyde Kerr drove to Pittsburgh for the kick-off banquet held at the Webster Hall Hotel. At this dinner, Miles Amich of the Allegheny Mountain Region and John Brown discussed the possibility of holding an inter-regional meet the next spring. The plans for such a meet took shape and in May 1952, the Tri-Region Meet was held at the airport racetrack in Winchester, Virginia. The three regions represented were: Allegheny Mountain, National Capitol, and Waynesboro-Staunton. During the summer, the Waynesboro-Staunton Region had a number of outings to various sites in and near Waynesboro and Staunton.

Hamilton Crockford, special feature writer for the Richmond Times-Dispatch, covered the activities and published an article with pictures in the paper.

This article created interest in Richmond and in 1953; the newly formed Richmond Region was invited to join the Tri-Region planning group. The Allegheny Mountain Region withdrew from the organization and the Richmond Region offered to host the Tri-Region meet in May as had been previously held in 1952. It was at this meeting in Richmond that the name "Old Dominion Meet" was suggested by club presidents, Dave Garriques and John Brown. The name was adopted as the official name of the meet and all future meetings held in rotation by existing clubs or newly formed regions within the state were to carry this name. The second Old Dominion Meet was held in Waynesboro in May of 1954 with about 80 cars registered.

So here we are---72 years later—nearly a dozen regions joining together in a great Virginia tradition. ODMA is continuing this proud tradition and, most of all, appreciative of John A. Brown, who has made so many significant contributions to the antique car hobby and to the Old Dominion Meet.



Waynesboro-Staunton Region hosted the ODMA meet in 2015. 87 cars were registered.



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Minutes of the April 19, 2026 W-S Region Meeting

The Waynesboro-Staunton Region of the AACA held its April 19TH 2026 meeting in Bridgewater at Francesco's Restaurant at 2pm. President Jack Drago opened the meeting by welcoming the 24 members present.

After the meal, Vice President Rick Downs stated the May meeting would be at Sunset Park in Waynesboro on the 24th instead of the third Sunday.

Todd Smith gave the treasurer's report and reminded the members that dues are due. He stated 45 members had paid their dues with 6 in question.

Stu Allen stated he still needed stories for the newsletter.

The new webmaster Josiah Gingerich stated he had the website up to date.

Nelson Driver reported that the ODMA meet would be on May 2 in Chesapeake.

Duane Perrin and Stu Allen stated the Fair would be on either the last Friday or Saturday in July.

Jack Drago then discussed the trip to Roanoke to see the Transportation Museum and Black Dog Salvage in June. It is off due to lack of support and availability of a bus.

Scott Gregory and Doris Stone were recognized by Jack Drago.

Karen Drago reported that Ann Ridle was out of the hospital and she and Bob were back in Florida.

Karen Drago won the 50/50.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Gray, Sec.

MAY BIRTHDAYS



- Butch Beverly**
- Paul Day**
- Rick Downs**
- Fred Hollen**
- Joyce Jackameit**
- Ed Lavender**
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Calendar of AACA Events & Community Car Events

- MAY 1-2** **Friday & Saturday -ODMA Meet Chesapeake, VA. See ODMA Website.**
- 8-9 Mid-Atlantic Pre-War Swap Meet, 218 Veterans Lane, Luray VA
- 9 66th Annual Apple Blossom Car Show/Swap Meet—Winchester VA, Shenandoah Region**
- 13 Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen’s 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton**
- 16 Cars and Coffee at Terry Court in Staunton 8-10 AM
- 24 Sunday, 2:00 PM -Monthly Meeting & Picnic at Sunset Park, 300 N. Winchester Avenue in Waynesboro . Bring a dish to pass. Chicken, drinks, utensils and paper goods provided .**
- 28-30 Eastern Spring Nationals—Indiana PA— Shannock Valley Region**
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- JUN 10 Wednesday, 5:30 PM, Ice Cream Social and Display at English Meadows, 25 Old Oaks Drive, Fishersville VA. (formerly named Retreat at Fishersville)**
- 11-13 **Southeastern Fall Nationals-Oak Ridge Tennessee- Volunteer Region**
- 13 Saturday, 8-3, Richmond Collector Car Show and Swap Meet, St. Josephs Villa, Richmond VA Sponsored by Richmond Region AACA**
- 14-19 **Sentimental Tour (1928-1958) Mechanicsburg PA– Oakland/Pontiac Worldwide Region**
- 14 2:00 PM Monthly Meeting at Francesco’s—101 North Main St. Bridgewater**
- 20 Cars and Coffee at Terry Court in Staunton 8-10 AM
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- JUL 11 Saturday, 10:00 AM- 2:00 PM – Vehicle Display & Monthly Meeting, Lunch provided, Brightview / Baldwin Park, 21 Woodlee Road, Staunton.**
- 18 Cars and Coffee at Terry Court in Staunton 8-10 AM
- 23-25 Central Spring Nationals - Green Bay, Wisconsin**
- 25 Saturday, 12-4PM, Vehicle Display at the Augusta County Fair, Augusta Expo, 277 Expo Road, Fishersville**
Set-up starts at 12PM. Vehicles in place by 1:00.

2026 Tentative Meeting Schedule

August 16	Grottoes-Picnic
September 20	Tinkling Spring - Auction
October 18	Panera Bread
November 15	Ming Garden
December 19	Christmas at Tinkling Spring



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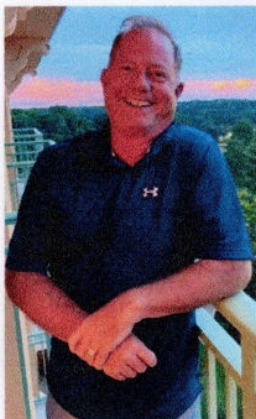
Tri-County Region Meetings
Check their website:
<http://tri-county-aaca.org/>

Piedmont Region Meetings
Meet the 4th Monday of the month at Timberwood Grill near airport road on Worth Ave.

LOOKING AHEAD

By Jeffrey Broadus

2025 Asst. VP Public Relations, Asst. VP Marketing / 2024 Membership



To paraphrase a famous quote, "Ask not what the AACA is doing for you. Ask what you can do for the AACA."

Membership is the key reason AACA exists. With all the confusion surrounding social media and a digital marketing effort, please know it's only an aspect of building a solid organization. The real effort is a ground roots effort supported by our regions, chapters, who participate in marque events and continually network across all these channels promoting the benefits of AACA. At headquarters we're investing in our future and have our sights set on the collectors of tomorrow. It takes a small platoon to build an army.

We need YOU, the collectors of tomorrow. It takes a small platoon to build an army. We need YOU.

Your Board of Directors are committed and investing in building awareness and promoting club benefits in an all-out effort to build membership. We've launched a social media campaign; we're building email list and our resources as well as reaching out to other industry partners asking for their support. With all that said, the key to our success truly lies with member input, new ideas and a commitment beyond just AACA events.

Many of us belong to multiple clubs for a variety of reasons and we need to explain why they need to join AACA. Did you know if your car is judged by AACA and received a Junior, Senior or Grand National award, collector car insurance providers are more willing to value your car above online value guides. Just one of the many benefits of membership.

If you haven't visited our newly designed club and Library websites recently, I encourage you to do so.

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- a. America's Automotive Library
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- e. A list of local Regions and Chapters
- f. Calendar Filled with Conventions, Shows & Events
- g. Monthly Newsletter — *The Speedster*
- h. AACA Judging & Guidelines

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