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RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?

My family doctor for the past 15 years recently moved to the other side of the Blue Ridge Mountains for a better financial lifestyle. My new doctor is named Garibaldi Masacci O’Hara D.V.M.Q.U.A.A.C.K.U.P.S. (really) I went in for my annual checkup and told him I had stiff joints and it was difficult to walk. After a thorough exam he said I had “early symptoms of Rigor Mortis.” I inquired if it was fatal, and he replied that in my case I “was dead from the neck up and didn’t have the common sense to lay down.” He wants me to come back every month in order to keep his practice going.



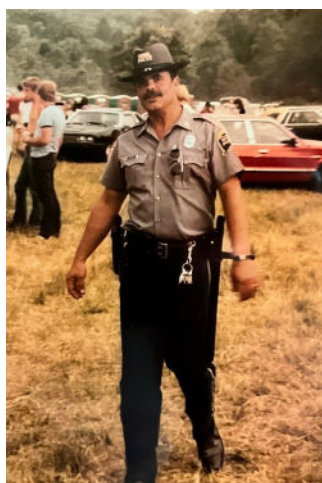
And speaking of prunes, this picture from the archives, (compliments of the late Jim Gregory), is a photo of a group of our ancient members of the W-S Region consisting of Robbie Gray, Nelson Driver, Glen Royer, David Barr, Stu Allen, Chester Bradfield, Bob Kuykendall and Richard Obenshain.

Sorry to disappoint, but no photo exists of me still a young, virile, handsome, debonair, self centered, witty stud. (some say obnoxious).

REDNECK MEDICAL DICTIONARY:

COMA—A punctuation mark.

Jack Drago



From my catalog of old pictures comes this one. I had taken this photo of a 3 foot by 6 foot picture in the front hall of one of our W-S members who was a cop way back in 1979. He stated that he had just arrested a homeless woman and her 8 kids for picnicking after the 5PM curfew limits in Haddam, Connecticut. He also stated

that this was his 2nd arrest that week as he previously jailed a 96 year old woman for stealing a Hershey bar from a convenience store as she hadn’t had any food for 3 days. When he brought her to the police station, he gave her some prunes to eat. Sadist.

We all know that Jack has a special place in his heart for police officers!

Your Editor



W-S MAY 24, 2026 Meeting at Sunset Park—Waynesboro



The rain stopped and the sun came out just in time for our picnic meeting at Sunset Park overlooking downtown Waynesboro.



Barry and Rose Linke proved the hill climbing ability of their 1924 Ford Model T by making the grade to the park.



Nelson Driver's new favorite ride, the 1968 Buick LeSabre.



Fred Hollen brought his 1992 BMW 318i convertible.



Butch & Peggy Beverly came over the mountain in this beautiful Camaro.



Lots of food and plenty of time for fellowship were enjoyed by all.



Sue Gregory stopped by to give us the flyers on the Cruise-In honoring Jim Gregory. (see Page 6)





Polly showed off her gift at our 2024 Christmas Party.

On Sunday , May 24, 2026 we received the sad news that Polly Belford, an active member of our club had passed away. At her request there will be no services. Her wishes are to have Paul, her son and daughter distribute her ashes about her and Paul's property. If you would like to send a card, his address is:
Paul Day, 48 Deer Haven Lane, Staunton, VA. 24401



In spite of her illness, Polly attended our April meeting at Ming Garden.



One Man's Junk is Another Man's Treasurer,

Part I By Fred Trusty
AACA V.P. Legislation

I was talking with a friend who said that he finally found someone that would haul his Camaro off for scrap. In the early 1990's he owned a daily driver 1979 Camaro base coupe with a worn out 305 engine. Since he worked at a NAPA Auto Parts machine shop, he could perform machine work on his own car for free, after hours of course. He bought a used Chevy 350 and being young and into cars, he wanted more horsepower so that meant a racing cam, a 750 Holley dual pumper carburetor, and of course a large airhorn. Got to have an airhorn to be cool. He never got around to finishing the bodywork so he drove it for a couple of years with the body in various colors of primer. The problem was that it was difficult to drive because of the racing cam. He could barely keep it running at stoplights. Pop the selector in neutral, rev the engine up to keep it running, and then drop it in drive when the light changes. The car needed a stall converter but he didn't have the time or money because by the time Jeremy finished the engine, he had graduated with his engineering degree, had a full-time job, got married, and just bought a fixer upper old farmhouse.

So, he parked the car in the small wooden barn on the property and that's where it sat until he told me about it in late 2018. He said the body was solid with only the usual rusted areas behind the rear wheels. Using a piece of rubber fuel line, we connected a gallon gas can to the carburetor, installed a new battery, and poured a little gas into the throat of the carburetor and it started. It ran very rough but we were able to drive it onto my trailer. Then Jeremy told me to pull up by his garage because he had some more things he wanted to get rid of. He threw in two already machined small block Chevy blocks and a crank. Then he threw in a set of American Racing aluminum mag wheels.

Stay tuned. More to come in Part II.

Courtesy AACA Spring 2026 Rummage Box



Could this be Fred's latest barn find?

(file photo)

Tire Tracks

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Minutes of the May 24, 2026 W-S Region Meeting

The Waynesboro-Staunton Region of the AACA held it May 24, 2026 meeting at Sunset Park in Waynesboro at 2 pm. President Jack Drago opened the meeting by welcoming the 25 members and guests present.

Nelson Driver gave the blessing and the members and guests proceeded with the picnic lunch which was enjoyed by all.

Vice President Rick Downs gave the activities report and calendar which is printed in the Tire Tracks.

Todd Smith gave the treasurer’s report and stated we have 45 members who have paid their dues.

The secretary reported on the new driving laws which have gone in effect. They deal with work zone speeds, matching speed for merging on to highways, holding and using mobile phones, failure to yield at cross walks, and following distance of 3 seconds between cars in good weather and 6 seconds in bad weather.

The Tire Tracks report was given by Stu Allen, who stated he still needs articles.

Josiah Gingerich gave the website report that it is up to date.

Jack Drago stated with sorrow on the passing of two members, Jim Gregory and Polly Belford.

Nelson Driver discussed the upcoming ODMA tour on October 24 stating plans were still being made.

The 50/50 was won by Todd Smith.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Gray, Sec.



President Jack conducts the business meeting.

From the Editor’s Desk

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

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS




Velva Barr
Josiah Gingerich
Dave Sarginger

Calendar of AACA Events & Community Car Events

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- JUN** 6 Saturday June 6 , 9:30-11:30, Summit Square Annual Antique and Classic Car show.
See flyer on Page 6
- 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
- 20 **Third Annual Cruise-In dedicated in memory of Jim Gregory—Blue Ridge Church of the Bretheran—19 Browns Lane, Waynesboro (see page 6)**
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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. Model A Club will join us. Set-up starts at 12PM. Vehicles in place by 1:00.**
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- AUG** 12 **Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen’s 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton**
- 16 **Sunday, 1:30 PM – Monthly Meeting and Picnic with the Tri-County Region, Grand Caverns, 5 Grand Caverns Drive, Grottoes.**
- 19-22 **Annual Grand Nationals / Zenith Awards - NB Center, Allentown PA**

2026 Tentative Meeting Schedule

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



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*This event is dedicated in memory of
Jim Gregory who helped organize prior
cruise-ins*



**3rd Annual
SUMMER BASH
CRUISE-IN**

Saturday, June 20, 2026
from 5-8pm


FUN! FOOD!
FREE Hot Dogs & Hamburgers, Chips, Drinks

Blue Ridge Chapel Church of the Brethren
19 Browns Lane, Waynesboro, VA 22980

- Cruise-In! No cost to enter!
- Cornhole!
- Bounce House!
- Other Outside Games/Activities!
- Bring Your Own Chair!

Next year's tentative date is June 19, 2027
See you then!

More info, call Larry Hypes 540-910-1695



Summit Square Retirement Community
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Join us at Summit Square for our Annual Classic & Antique Car Show on Saturday, June 6th!

📍 501 Oak Ave
Waynesboro, VA
9:30-11:30 A.M.
Registration begins at 9:00 A.M.
(Rain date: June 13th)

🥪 Breakfast Sandwiches
🍦 @Sweet Treats Truck
🎟️ 50/50 Raffle

Whether you're a car enthusiast or just looking for a fun way to spend your morning, we'd love to have you with us.

Bring a friend, bring your family, and come make some sweet memories with us.



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

Tri-County Region Meetings
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