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Greetings, Waynesboro—Staunton Region Members & Friends,

As many of us are recovering from too much turkey, I hope it's not too late to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for in our old car hobby, for the freedom to pursue our passion with the fellowship of a great group of people. They often pitch in when we find ourselves stranded or reach a point in our restoration when we run out of ideas of how to get that thing running. That's the value of belonging to AACA and it's tough to convey this to people who have never belonged to the club. Thanks to all of you who have supported the Waynesboro-Staunton Region.

Stu Allen—Editor

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

REMINDER

2016 Dues are due!

Please fill out the page 4 and mail to Jack Drago. Info. from this form is used to update our roster.

Did you remember to mail in your National AACA dues? The form was in the Sept.-Oct. issue of *Antique Automobile* magazine or register on line at http://www.aaca.org/

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had another great day in the Shenandoah Valley for our annual election and Show & Tell meeting at Mrs. Rowe's Restaurant. We had 36 members present, including our recent new member Calvin Peterson from Waynesboro. There seemed to be fewer items for the Show & Tell this year, but I believe everyone enjoyed what was brought and presented. Thanks to everyone who brought something to share.

Unfortunately, no one stepped forward for any office this year, so you will have the same officers for next year as this year. For me personally, it has been an honor and pleasure to serve as your President and I am looking forward to doing so again next year. I cannot speak for the others, but I believe they have the same feeling as well. Alfred is in the process of lining up some great events and spectacular places for us to tour next year. All the new events will show on the Website and in the Tire Tracks, so keep on the lookout for them and also attend our meetings.

Shirley and I leave for the AACA Buzzy Tour in Florida at The Villages driving our 65 Corvair on Wednesday (11/18). I just hope everything goes smoothly and we have an enjoyable trip.

Please plan to attend our final meeting of the year. It is our annual Christmas Party and Chinese gift exchange. We will have a new Santa and new elves this year assisting with our gift exchange. Be on the lookout for some surprises! See details elsewhere in this newsletter for time and location.

Hope everyone has an enjoyable Thanksgiving and don't over eat.

Again, thank you for your support.

Ken Farley

P.S.—Don't forget to pay your dues for 2016
—see page 4

Develop relationships with non-AACA clubs and local community

By Bernie Golias AACA VP Strategic Planning, VP of Library & Research Center

I am writing to the regions and chapters this time from a strategic planning view. We're all generally interested in building the club by sharing the benefits, especially with other car enthusiasts, collectors, owners etc. However, there are a lot of other opportunities that pass by daily that we could tap into and grow the club. One specific strategy would be to improve relationships with non-AACA clubs and local communities through joint activities. The objective would be to enhance and provide collaborative activities for enjoyment with non-AACA members and the general public through close communication with AACA Regions and Chapters. Has your region or chapter ever thought of collaborative joint events that may satisfy interest in the community, e.g. holding an AACA event/car show with non-AACA clubs, your local museums, hospitals and businesses? These shared marketing opportunities may help develop rapport with the community leaders and professionals and could allow the opportunity for dual marketing processes through periodicals, newsletters and various types of media and mediums. Thus allowing the club and its partner to be more visible and proactive. It is a well known fact that the general public (community) enjoys participating in events that have a rewarding cause i.e. a car show to raise money for the kidney, cancer or diabetes foundations. Exposure is created and potential memberships too. I would start by selecting your representative within your group to communicate with each non-AACA group and community partner and to coordinate an event. If each region and chapter would select a scheduled event once a year with their community partner the team effort could bring lasting results and additional members. Please contact me if you'd like to discuss some additional strategies at berniegolias@aol.com.

W-S Meeting on November 15 Featured "Show & Tell



Mrs. Rowes was the the host for the meeting and the food and service were great.

Calvin Peterson is our newest member.



Jim Gregory showed his 1970's Dodge driven by Dale Earnhardt. Who knew Dale ever drove a MOPAR?



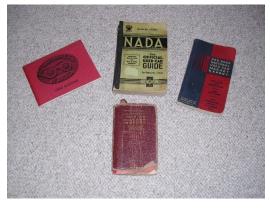
Billy Melton showed some of his collection of early stock certificates—This one was from the Lincoln Motor Company.



Robbie Gray brought a group of pictures of Billy Melton and the 1919 Buick Touring that Robbie recently purchased from Billy. (Don't tell Robbie's Ford friends!)



Ken Farley brought some interesting items including a windshield wiper spring tester.



Your editor brought some auto price guides from the 30's. Did you know you could buy a 1928 Stutz Blackhawk in 1933 for \$130.? Original price was \$4302. Talk about depreciation!



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1936 GM Streamliner



As part of our Show & Tell at our November meeting, Robbie Gray showed a picture of a 1936 Streamliner that I had not seen before. Pictured is one of eight vehicles that took some of the GM exhibits from the 1933-34 Worlds Fair on the road across the US, Mexico and Cuba. This first Parade of Progress hit the road in February 1936 and continued until 1940 when the Parade was revamped and the Streamliners were replaced by the new Futurliners.

During the five years the Streamliners were on the road they visited 251 cities and played to an estimated 12.5 million people. These huge 33' vehicles reportedly had a top speed of 40 mph and travelled in a 28 vehicle caravan including 9 support semis. Remember, there were no 4-lane roads in this era so it must have been an impressive sight to witness this parade. It was reported that when the Parade visited Fredericksburg VA, attendance at the exhibit was over twice the population of the city.

Little is known of the detailed construction of the Streamliners and the Futurliner Restoration Team that I was fortunate to be a part of, was never able to locate any of these vehicles. Our best guess is that they were scrapped as part of the WWII metal scrap drives.

The Futurliners replaced the Streamliners in early 1941. Shown below is the restored Futurliner #10 that we displayed at the DC Auto Show in January 2015.



New TV Show—"The Appraisers"

Old Cars Weekly in their November 10, 2015 issue, reports that a new TV show called *The Appraisers* debuts on December 5th at 8:00 and 8:30 PM EST on Velocity Channel, thanks to the folks at Chip Taylor Communications.

According to Old Cars Weekly "Many in the hobby have been searching for quality car programming that does not involve "reality drama," wrench throwing, foul language, incorrect information and lack of believability. The weekly show follows three unique and likable car nuts who travel around to several car events and collections across the country to visit with collectors of every breed. There are hobbyists with one car and those with collections many of us can only dream about. What makes these stories come alive is the human interest and the skills of the stars in interviewing a great cast of "characters." You will get to see everything from a Mohs Safarikar to a Lamborghini ... that really is spanning a lot of design territory! While the stories do have an element of "what is my car worth?" the stories behind each car and the history of the manufacturer are sure to delight and be a refreshing change."

"The Antique Automobile Club of America has lent their support to this show. The cast, which includes high-end Las Vegas car dealer Ben Nef, AACA Past President Tom Cox and AACA Library & Research Center Head Librarian Chris Ritter, coalesce well, entertain without being lude or rude, and bring a believable insight into the world of car collecting. Adding to this mix is the chance to tell the stories of great cars through the passion of their owners, something the club feels is very important."

Sounds like this might be a show that our members might enjoy.

Stu Allen



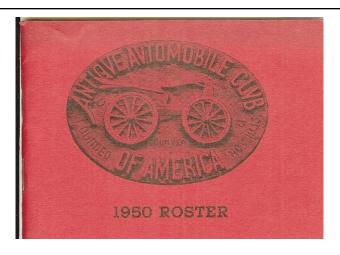
2013 AACA President Tom Cox, who stars in "The Appraisers" spoke at our January, 2014 W-S meeting

2015-2016 Calendar of Events

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- JAN. 17 Sunday, 2 PM, Business Meeting a the <u>Golden Corral</u>, <u>51 Apple Tree Lane</u>, Waynesboro. Installation of Officers for 2016. Program TBD

FEB. 11-13 AACA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

21 Sunday, 2 PM, Business Meeting a the <u>Wood Grill, 1711 Reservoir St.</u>, Harrisonburg. Program - TBD



We have a copy of the AACA National Roster from 1950 that lists the Waynesboro-Staunton Region as one of the seven regions chartered as of August, 1950. John Brown was listed as our Regional Director.

Some of the regions at that time covered several states, for example the Mid-West Region included Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin. It must have been tough to get people to drive long distances for a regional meeting.

"The club by-laws provide that fifteen persons may petition the Board of Directors for the granting of a regional charter. Such regions are the center of local activity and may collect dues, hold local meets, dinners, etc."

Honorary members in 1950 included Harvey Firestone Jr., Charles Kettering, Ransom Olds, and Alfred P. Sloan, and many others.

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<u>Piedmont Region Meetings</u> are the 4th Monday at the Doubletree Hotel on Route 29 North in Charlottesville at 7PM

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November 16 Waynesboro-Staunton Region Meeting Minutes

Waynesboro-Staunton Region of the AACA held their November 2015 on the Sunday the 15th at Mrs. Rowe's in Staunton. President Ken Farley opened the meeting and welcomed all 36 present. Nelson Driver gave the blessing. After lunch, Ken again called the meeting to order. He recognized Calvin Peterson as a new member.

Mary Helen Ayers gave the sunshine report that Clarice Allen had broken her hip and she was at home doing fine.

The secretary's report was corrected to say that 32 members were present and Bruce Elder had been elected to honorary membership. The minutes were then approved as corrected.

Treasurer Jack Drago gave a witty dissertation and then the treasurer's report.

Ken asked the secretary to submit the paper work for the national membership award.

VP Alfred Meyer gave the activities report as follow;

The December meeting would be at Pano's in Harrisonburg on the 20th at 2 p.m. with annual Christmas Party. There will be the Chinese gift exchange of gifts up to \$15.

The January meeting will be at Golden Corral in Waynesboro.

Alfred, then asked the members to help with ideas for programs and speakers. He asked for a show of hands of members who would be interested in the boat tour of Smith Mountain Lake next spring or summer.

Jim Gregory gave the nominating committee's report as follows; President Ken Farley, Vice President Alfred Meyer, Treasurer Jack Drago, and Secretary Robbie Gray. The floor was asked for more nominations and none were presented. Therefore we will continue with the present officers for 2016.

Mel Redmond gave a report on the Waynesboro Motorsports Show which will be held at Willow Oaks Plaza on the 14th of May.

Nelson Driver gave the ODMA report the next planning meeting will be on Feb. 20th, 2016 with the meet being on May 20, 2016. The 2017 meet will be in Virginia Beach on April 22, 2017. A vote to accept the AACA standards for the HPOF and DPC classes was passed. The new officers are as follows; Pres. Russell (Buddy) Lacey of Richmond Region, VP Mark Alpine of Tidewater Region, Treasurer Sandy Hall of Tidewater Region, and Secretary Nelson Driver.

Ken appointed an audit committee of Bob Kuykendrall and Ron Capps.

At this time, the annual show and tell were held with the following presentations:

Jim Gregory – A Dale Earnhardt #8 Dodge from the 1970's.

Billy Melton – a collection of automobile literature.

Stu Allen - Early auto price books.

Alfred Meyer- A pair of glazer's pliers.

Ken Farley- Early Fram oil filters, a windshield wiper spring tester, and a Buzzard motometer.

The 50/50 of \$32. was won by Susan Gray. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Gray Sec.

Note: Mary Helen Ayers is our Sunshine Reporter. Please notify her of any illness, etc. in our club. (540) 942-4033



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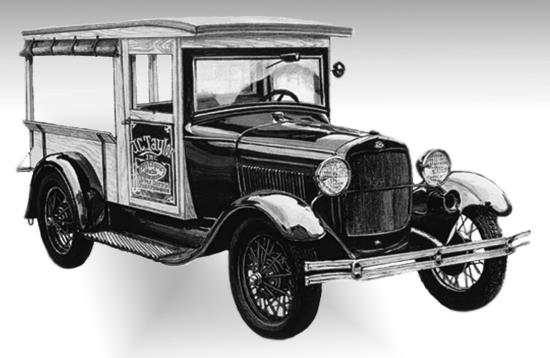
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