



# TIRE TRACKS

December 2016

**THE ELECTRONIC VERSION**



Greetings, Waynesboro—Staunton Region Members & Friends, We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. As we look forward to Christmas, we hope that you can join us for our Annual Christmas Party and Gift Exchange on December 18. Pano's always provides great food and an excellent place to have our celebration. Hopefully the weather will cooperate so that we get a good turnout of our old cars since Pano's staff will again pick their favorite car. See you there!

Stu Allen—Editor

## Christmas 2013



## Christmas 2015



**DECEMBER MEETING:** Sunday December 18, 2 PM, Business Meeting and Annual Christmas Party & Gift Exchange at [Pano's Restaurant, 3190 S. Main St.,](#) Harrisonburg.





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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our first day of winter weather would fall on our November meeting day, but it appears it did not have any effect on our attendance. We just about filled the room at Mrs. Rowe's. Congratulations are in order for our new 2017 officers: Alfred Meyer, President; Walter Wilson, Vice-President; Robbie Gray, Secretary; and Jack Drago, Treasurer. They will start their terms at our January installation meeting. Unfortunately, I felt that the items brought for "Show and Tell" were a little light but still interesting.

Jack Drago is asking for all our members to pay their 2017 dues in December if at all possible. Also, please review the Roster for any changes and/or corrections. Your help in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Again, I want to thank Alfred Meyer for a great job handling the W/S Questionnaire and thank all those members who responded. I feel this gives our Board valuable information on what is expected from the Region.

Bob Ridle reminded everyone of the Augusta Fair Committee's dinner and silent auction at the Weyers Cave Community Center on January 28, snow date February 4, 2017. We are currently sponsoring only 1 table which seats 10 people at this time but we are hoping to sponsor another table or 2. The tickets are \$10.00 in advance, please pay Bob no later than our December meeting or mail your check to him now. Again, next year we will have a great opportunity to improve our presence in the community at the 2017 Augusta County Fair held at the Expo Center. Please plan on attending this event.

Under New Business 2 new items were approved. The first item, ODMA is trying to hold an annual fall tour in addition to the annual meet. The first tour is scheduled for November 2017 and will be hosted by the Richmond Region. We voted to participate in this event.

The second item is that AACA National is offering one year free membership to all Veterans who were never members of the AACA. National and ODMA would like to see all Regions also offer the Veterans 1 year free membership. We received a unanimous yes vote to offer the same program.

Charlotte Kuykendall and Jack Drago will be hosting our Christmas gift exchange at our December 18<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Party/Meeting at Pano's Restaurant in Harrisonburg, VA. Please bring a gift for a man or woman for each person in attendance. There is no limit on what you can spend and/or bring. Pano's again will select their favorite antique vehicle so please make plans to bring your antique vehicle to this meeting. This has always been an enjoyable event.

Next month will be my Swan Song. Again, thank you for your support.

Ken Farley



## Augusta County Fair Silent Auction & Dinner

"Family Fun at the Augusta County Fair"

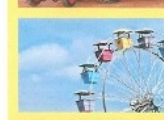
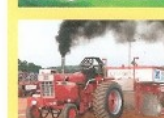
When: January 28, 2017

(Inclement weather date: February 4, 2017)

Where: Weyers Cave Community Center

Time: Doors open at 5:00 pm

Dinner begins at: 5:30 pm



**MENU:**  
Pork Tenderloin  
Green Beans  
Mashed Potatoes  
Cole Slaw  
Dessert  
Coffee, Tea, Water

## Tickets

Presale: \$10.00  
At the door \$12.00  
No refunds on tickets

Fair Date:  
August 1-5, 2017

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## November 20 W-S Meeting at Mrs. Rows—"Show & Tell"



With windy & cold conditions, only Scott Gregory's '68 Buick and the Gray's '88 LeBaron made an appearance.



It's "Show & Tell" time. Billy Melton leads off with a collection of rare first edition automotive



Jim Gregory brought a fur "muff" used by passengers in open cars to keep their hands warm on cold days!



Alfred Meyers shows his 1913 Buick's "Best Buick On The Field" trophy from this fall's Hilton Head Island Concours d' Elegance.



Your editor showed a "Clear-Ex" device that claims to deliver more power from every gallon of fuel.



Before heading home, Chester Bradfield gives Treasurer, Jack Drago, his 2017 Region membership dues.

### **Time to Renew!**

**We've included your W-S Membership Renewal form on page 7 of this issue. Don't forget to send it to Jack Drago or bring it to the December Christmas Party.**

### **The 64th Old Dominion Meet—Virginia Beach, VA** **Friday-Saturday, April 21-22, 2017**

The meet will be held at the Founders Inn & Spa. Just off I-64 in Virginia Beach. All events, show field and trailer parking will be on the hotel grounds. We were treated to a tour of the facilities during the ODMA Planning Meeting on Nov. 12, and we came away impressed with the meet location and setup. The good news included the special hotel rates offered by the Founders Inn which will be: Single-\$104, Double-\$114. These are bargain rates for the area and the hotel is first class.

The 2017 Meet features a special AACA Judging School as well as Continuing Judges Education (CJE) classes on Friday afternoon.

Details, registration forms and costs will be posted online early in 2017.

We wanted to get the word out early so W-S Region members could get this on your 2017 calendars.

Hosted by Tidewater Region AACA

Meet Chairmen: Marion & Mark McAlpine

Registration: Sandy & Richard Hall

Chief Judge: Jim Elliott



## Self-Driving Cars—Are You Ready?

Are you ready for self-driving cars? Ten years ago they would have been considered purely science fiction. Today they are already being tested in the U.S. You can purchase cars today that have automatic braking (in case you didn't notice that the car in front of you that just slammed on the brakes to miss a deer darting into the highway). Lane departure warning is available on several models in case you can't stay between the white lines. I recently bought a new Chevy Silverado that not only warns of lane departure but also gently steers the truck back into the lane! Talk about a strange sensation when the unseen force corrects your wandering path.

Some models won't let you switch lanes to pass if there is another vehicle encroaching on your path. A system of radar, cameras and computers are taking over many of the functions that we have always relied on the driver to accomplish. Therefore it doesn't seem to be an enormous stretch to see that the remaining driver functions will be taken over by computers.

Some of the early pilot testing has produced interesting results. If every vehicle in the system behaves normally, then the self-driving cars perform very well. The problems occur when some driver does something unexpected that may lead to major malfunctions. Picture yourself merging onto I-81 when the truck overtaking the vehicle can't or doesn't want to move over to let you in. If you are driving, you have the choice of mashing the throttle wide open to pull ahead of the truck, or just rolling along the merge lane or shoulder to let the truck pass before you merge into that lane. It's not clear what maneuver the computer would make. How about the time when someone pulls out right in front of you and proceeds to drive 35 in the 55 mph. zone? We can probably teach the computer to brake sharply and even mutter some words describing the "knothead" that just made this dumb maneuver. It seems that some situations will continue to require human intervention. If the "driver" is engaged in working on their laptop, or as some proposals predict, has turned the driver's seat around to face rear seated passengers, will there be sufficient time to take control of the vehicle when needed?

There has already been one nationally reported accident where the driver of a car on "automatic pilot" broadsided a tractor trailer. The last report I read explained that the camera looking forward on the vehicle was blinded by the sun and the driver (who was apparently watching a video) didn't have quick enough reaction time to stop the car before it hit the truck. I'm sure that a lot of these bugs will be worked out of the systems before they are readily available at your local dealership but I guess I remain a skeptic.

As old car enthusiasts, why should we care about the move to automated vehicles? Maybe it's because we like to drive! When I grew up, the date we looked forward to from an early age was when we turned 16 and could get our driving permit and then a license. I guess I never grew out of the joy of driving even after many years and many miles have passed. There is hope though. A recent issue of *Automotive Engineering* magazine says that even though manufacturers are "racing toward an autonomous future", both Cadillac and Mercedes Benz have shown new styling concept cars that are autonomous but would be best enjoyed if you "drive it yourself". Apparently they recognize that a portion of the population still appreciates being in control of the vehicle while enjoying the ride. What a concept!



The Cadillac Escala

Cadillac's press release says the Escala concept is "designed to be both a driver's car and an indulgent flagship sedan." Johan de Nysschen, President of Global Cadillac, told *Bloomberg* "You'll desperately want to drive yourself" in this car.



Mercedes-Benz Maybach 6

Even with Maybach's autonomous-driving capability, *Bloomberg* quoted Gorden Wagener, Daimler AG Chief of Design saying "This is a car you want to drive yourself" and "Driving has been a pleasure for 130 years and will stay that way for another 130 years."

As an old car guy. I couldn't agree more.

Stu Allen

## 2016 Reliability Tour of the Low Country November 3-12, 2016 Co-sponsored by AACA and HCCA

The 2016 Reliability Tour, for 1916 and earlier vehicles, was convened on Hilton Head Island (HHI) SC and in Savannah GA. The HHI Motoring Weekend and Concours d'Elegance occupied the first four days and the balance of the tour was in Savannah.

Janet and Alfred Meyer attended the tour with their 1913 Buick M31 Touring Car. For the HHI events the tourists had the option of having their car on the Concours d' Elegance field as a display or could submit the car for acceptance in the Concours d' Elegance for judging. Although you've all heard Alfred say "We're not car show people", the benefits of having your car in the Concours d' Elegance for judging were too tempting to not submit the M31 for Concours acceptance. Acceptance provided an Exhibitor's Badge admitting one to all three days of events, Car Showcase, Aero Display, Auction and Seminars without cost plus admission to the Exhibitor's Lounge for complimentary breakfast and lunch sponsored by Hagerty and top HHI restaurants on Concours day.

Entering for fun (more on that at a later time) and not expecting to gain an award in their class, O1b, Pre 1916 3 Cyl. or greater and 30 HP or less, they received two awards: A Blue Ribbon for Best in Class and a Gold Ribbon for Best Buick on the Field.



Hilton Head Commemorative Plate



Janet Meyer with their Buick and the ribbons



Meyer's 1913 Buick M31 on the show field



The Blue Ribbon Trophy is an engraved Cut Crystal representation of the Harbourtown Lighthouse on Hilton Head Island. The Gold Ribbon trophy is an engraved Cut Chrystal Vase on a Walnut Base sponsored by the The Brashares Family Foundation.



**Don't forget our Annual Christmas Party and Gift Exchange at Pano's on December 18. Bring a gift marked Man or Woman and enjoy good food, great fellowship and some fun gifts.**

**See you there!**





## Calendar of AACA Events and *Community Car Events*

**DEC. 18** Sunday, 2 PM, Business Meeting and Annual Christmas Party & Gift Exchange at [Pano's Restaurant](#), [3190 S. Main St.](#), Harrisonburg.

**JAN. 15** Sunday, 2 PM, Meeting & Installation of Officers. Location-TBD

**28** Saturday, 5 PM, Augusta County Fair Silent Auction & Dinner, [Weyers Cave Community Center](#), [682 Weyers Cave Rd.](#) W-S Region sponsoring a table. Dinner \$10 – Advance tickets available from Jack Drago.

**FEB 9-11** [AACA](#) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

**19** Sunday, 2 PM, Meeting. Location-TBD

**23-25** [AACA](#) Winter Meet, Ocala, FL. Hosted by [North Central Florida Region](#)

### Tri-County Region Meetings

Dates vary - Check their website  
<http://tri-county-aaca.org/>

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

### CARS & TRUCK FOR SALE



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Owner : Patricia Stanley 540-760-7732

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### **Nov. 20 Waynesboro-Staunton Region Meeting Minutes**

On Sunday November 20, 2016 Waynesboro-Staunton Region of AACA held it's meeting at Mrs. Rowe's in Staunton at 2 pm. President Farley opened the meeting and welcomed all present. Sue Gregory gave the blessing before the meal. Afterwards, Ken called the meeting to order.

Mary Helen Ayers reported she did not know of anyone ill.

The secretary's minutes were printed in the Tire Tracks and approved as printed.

Jack Drago gave the treasurer's report and stated that we had made approximately a thousand dollars on the annual auction. He also reminded the members, that the 2017 dues are due. Please fill out the form in Tire Tracks and return it with your dues. This is so he can make the necessary changes to the roster before it is published.

Jim Kilbourne gave the members 2017 calendars.

Vice President Alfred Meyer stated that the December meeting would be at Pano's in Harrisonburg at 2 pm on the 18<sup>th</sup> with the gift exchange and Santa Charlotte with assistant Jack presiding.

The Questionnaire was reviewed by both Alfred and Ken as to what the members wanted the club to do in the line of activities and meetings.

Bob Ridle reported on the Expo Car Show and the dinner they were having on Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm in the Weyer's Cave Community Center. The W/S region is sponsoring one table at the dinner and more tables are available if more members wish to sign up.. Please check the information on the website for this event and if you are interested contact Bob Ridle.

Ken reported on the ODMA meeting in Va. Beach stating it would be held at Founders Inn on April 21-22, 2017.

The ODMA Association wants each region to have a basket of items representing the area for a silent auction. The motion was made and passed for W/S to participate.

It was also discussed that a fall ODMA tour will be held next year (after Hershey) by Richmond Region. Depending on interest, this may become an annual event sponsored by various ODMA Regions. Billy Melton reported that similar tours were tried many years ago but were dropped due to lack of participation. We agreed to support the effort if the initial tour is successful.

The November birthdays were recognized.

A motion was made and passed to follow National on giving each new member joining under the Veterans Program a one year free membership to our Region.

Doris Stone presented the slate of officers for 2017 as follows;

President, Alfred Meyer  
Vice President, Walter Wilson  
Secretary, Robbie Gray  
Treasurer, Jack Drago

These officers were elected by acclamation.

Chester Bradfield won the 50/50 of \$40.

The meeting was adjourned and the show and tell program was presented by various members.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robbie Gray, Sec



### **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Christena Bahrs  
Steve Cummins  
Sharon Embres  
Scott Gregory  
Bill Kerr  
Ed Lyman  
Rebecca Perrin

## WAYNESBORO—STAUNTON REGION AACA



## APPLICATION/RENEWAL FOR MEMBERSHIP

PLEASE PRINT

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Make and year of Antique or Classic automobile(s): (It is not necessary to own an antique automobile to be a member)

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\_\_\_\_\_

Special Interests: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member in good standing of the National AACA? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

(You must be a member of National AACA in order to become a member of a Region or Chapter.)

National Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Members recommending: 1: \_\_\_\_\_

2: \_\_\_\_\_

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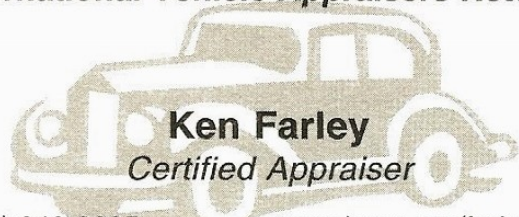
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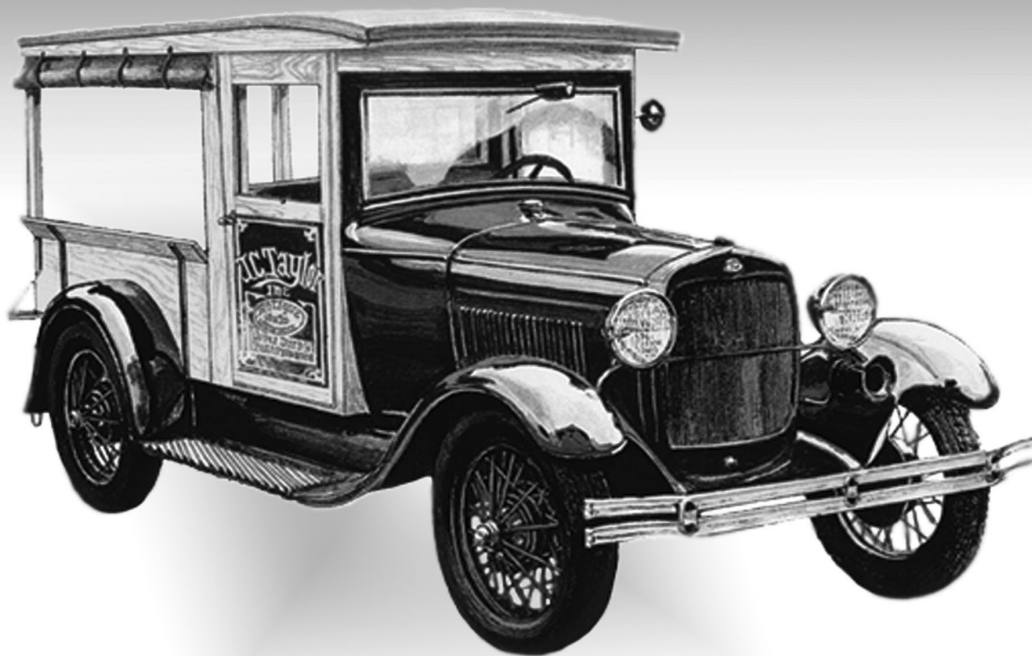
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