



February 2015



## ***TIRE TRACKS THE ELECTRONIC VERSION***

Greetings, Waynesboro—Staunton Region Members & Friends,

This month we celebrated with our retiring treasurer Mary Helen Ayers. She has faithfully attended every event our Region has held (unless she was on one of her cross-country trips) and kept our finances straight for nearly 30 years! As Treasurer Emeritus we know she will continue to be active with our group.

Congratulations Mary Helen!



1980—Assisting Mrs. Diffie



1992

Stu Allen—Editor



2008



1986



1994 Founders Award



2011



1987



Guess what year?



2014



**FEBRUARY MEETING: Sunday, February 15, 2:00 PM Business Meeting—Wood Grill Harrisonburg  
Activity - Report on 2014 Sentimental Tour - Stu Allen & Bob Ridle**



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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



My first monthly report to you, the members as your President of our great Region, where to start? First, I again want to thank our outgoing officers for their dedicated and faithful services, Doris Stone, Mary

Helen Ayers and Nelson Driver. Even though they are stepping down from their respective positions, I think you will still see them participating and serving the Region in other capacities. They are who I consider doers.

February has Valentine's Day, please don't forget your honey, President's Day and Ash Wednesday, and of course the Annual AAC Meeting in Philadelphia. There are also a few Region Committee meetings and our monthly meeting on Sunday, February 15 at the Wood Grill in Harrisonburg to keep us going.

This year we have 2 major events, our 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in April and the 62<sup>nd</sup> ODMA Meet which our Region is hosting in May. Alfred Meyer has put quite a few events into the planning stage for your Board to select from and for us to participate in this year so stay tuned for those announcements in the Tire Tracks and at our monthly meetings. It should be a great year for all of us to participate in our old car hobby.

All Committee Chairs should be selecting their committee members and have those in place by our meeting in February. This information needs to be given to Jack Drago so he can have the new club roster printed. Our committees, I feel, are the most important asset of our Region. If you feel you could contribute, please step forward and make yourself known to the Committee Chairs.

Shirley and I are planning on attending the AAC Annual Meeting in Philadelphia along with 6 National Meets around the country. Our Region should support the Tidewater Region's National Meet being held on May 2, either by registering your vehicle and/or judging. There are already several of us who are planning to attend and I'm sure we can take along anyone who just wants to partake in this event.

Again, thank you for your support.

Ken Farley

The newest (Dec 2014)) member of our club is Todd Smith of McGaheysville, who was sponsored by John and Doris Stone.

Todd, along with his good friend of 40 yrs Jack Ellis (Wilmington, DEL) own 2 antique Buicks, a 1929 Standard (6 cyl.) Sedan and a 1931 Model 87 Sedan. The 31 Buick was just recently purchased in NJ from its long time owner. This 31 Buick has the large 8 cyl engine with a 344 cu in straight 8, which is rated at 104 hp. The initial shakedown run was just performed and the car ran great, however, it was discovered that the 20 yr old gas tank liner had separated from the tank wall, so the tank will need to be repaired and a new liner installed. The 31 is pictured below along with Todd & Jack.



Todd, along with his wife Jeannette and his good friend (and co-owner) Jack are looking forward to touring with our Region.

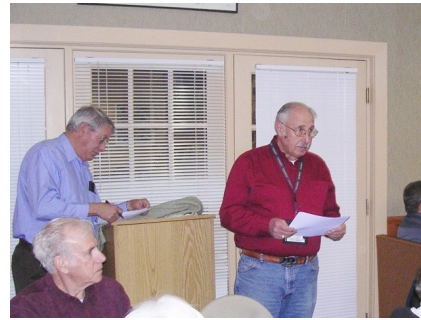


## January 2015 Meeting at Hometown Grill

Our first meeting of the year was held at Hometown Grill in Staunton. It was a cool but sunny day and some of our members brought out their old cars.



The room was filled to over-capacity and a few folks had to sit out in the main dining area while we ate. Outgoing president, Doris Stone conducted her final meeting after serving two years.



Jack Drago presented a comedy roast of outgoing Treasurer Mary Helen Ayers that gave us all a good laugh.

Doris Stone presented Mary Helen her new name tag—**Treasurer Emeritus** and a clock recognizing her service as Treasurer since 1986.



Robbie Gray, assisted by Bob Ridle, gave a brief history of the Glidden Tour. The original Glidden Tours, held from 1902 through 1913 were named after Charles J. Glidden, an early auto enthusiast and financier. He presented the AAA (American Automobile Association) with a trophy for the winner of the 1905 competition. The Glidden Revival Tours were started in 1946 and continue to the present day, sponsored by on alternate years by VMCCA (Veteran Motor Car Club of America) and AACA.

Our Region hosted the Glidden Tour in 1999 and several of our members regularly participate in the annual tour. Billy Melton has attended 39 Glidden Tours and Ronnie Shanholtzer has attended 38.

*Google Charles J. Glidden for a wealth of Glidden history*



Nelson Driver (left) conducted the Installation of Officers for 2015. Next to Nelson is Duane Perrin—Board of Directors Class of 2017, Jack Drago-Treasurer, Robbie Gray-Secretary, Alfred Meyer-Vice President and Ken Farley-President.



## **BETSY—THE LONG-TERM RESTORATION**

### **Restoration of a 1934 Chevrolet Master**

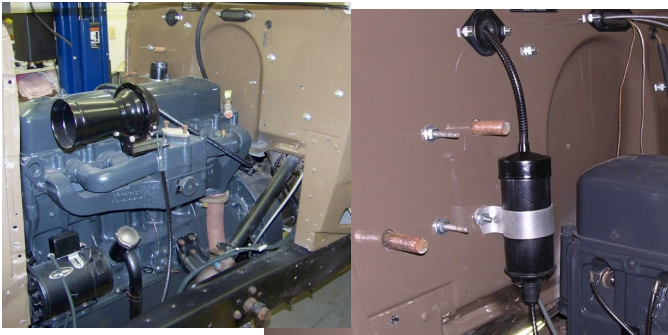
**By Stu Allen**

#### **Part 12 Instruments, Lights, Action?**

When we left last issue, we were working on wiring installation. Once the instrument panel was installed, the under-dash wiring was completed.



Next, the engine compartment wiring was completed and all connections through the firewall were made.



With all the essential wiring completed, it was time to see if the car would start. I installed a new battery, filled the radiator and crankcase, and put gas in the tank. With the distributor removed I spun the oil pump to provide lubrication and cranked the engine by hand to assure it was free. Next I replaced the distributor, set the timing, said a little prayer and started the car. This was a big step since the engine had not been started in 11 years! The oil pressure looked good and the engine ran smoothly so now I couldn't wait to see if the car would drive.



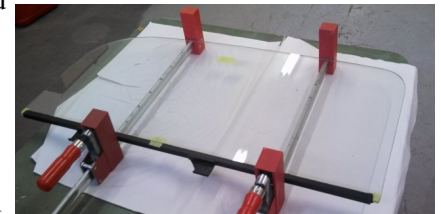
I installed the driver's seat and on a warm December day, I drove around the neighborhood and put 10 miles on the car. It wasn't pretty but it ran for the first time in 48 years. Talk about a "cool ride".

With winter (2012) settling in, it was time to start attending to assembling the rest of the vehicle. I had purchased an N.O.S. grill and trim ring many years ago at Hershey. The trim ring required replating due to shelf wear and the grill itself needed painting on alternate strips of the chrome. Once that was completed, it was installed in the grill surround and then remounted with the radiator on the car.



The rear tank cover and spare tire carrier were then installed

A local glass shop had cut safety glass using the original windows as patterns. The window lifts and surrounds were installed and mounted in the body



Next came installation of the glass in the doors



*Next Month—Time for a Top*

## 2015 Calendar of Events

### **FEB. 12-14 AACAA Annual Meeting—Philadelphia**

- 15 Sunday, 2:00 PM Business Meeting—Wood Grill Harrisonburg - Activity - Report on 2014 Sentimental Tour - Stu Allen & Bob Ridle**
- 21 Saturday, 12 Noon, ODMA Planning Meeting—Golden Corral, 51 Apple Tree Lane Waynesboro**

### **MAR. 6-8 [AACAA](#) Winter Meet, San Juan, Puerto Rico, hosted by Puerto Rico Region.**

- 15 Sunday, 2:00 PM Business Meeting—Business Meeting at the Golden Corral, [51 Apple Tree Lane](#), Waynesboro. Program - History of transportation in Augusta County. Guest Speaker - Nancy Sorrells.**
- 18-21 [AACAA](#) Western Spring Meet and Grand National, Tucson, Arizona, hosted by [Tucson Region](#).**
- 27-28 Sugarloaf Mountain Region AACAA's 45th Antique Auto Parts Meet, 8 AM ea. Day Carroll County AG Center, 706 Agriculture Center Dr., Westminster, MD.**

### **APR. 9-12 [AACAA](#) Southeastern Spring Meet, Charlotte, NC, hosted by [Hornets Nest Region](#).**

- 18 Saturday, 4 PM, 65th Anniversary Catered Dinner & Entertainment - Rimels' Barn, 2165 Churchville Ave., Staunton.**
- 26 Sunday, [Piedmont Region](#) Car Fest, Charlottesville, VA.**

**30-May 2 Eastern Spring Meet, Virginia Beach, VA, hosted by [Tidewater Region](#).**

Jim Rimel is planning a private car show for May 9, 2015 that will be by invitation only. Several car clubs (including our Region) are being invited, and he expects some very "high end" cars to attend. Details next month.

**Piedmont Region Meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at the Doubletree Hotel on Route 29 North in Charlottesville at 7pm.**

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### **January 18, 2015 Waynesboro-Staunton Region Meeting Minutes**

The January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting of the  
Waynesboro/Staunton Region of the  
AACA was held at the Hometown Grill in  
Staunton. President Doris Stone opened  
the meeting and welcomed the 40 members  
and guests. She also recognized Barry  
Linke, President of the Piedmont Region.  
Nelson Driver gave the blessing.

Mary Helen Ayers gave the sunshine  
report stating she knew of no illnesses.

The Secretary's minutes were printed in  
the Tire Tracks and were approved as  
printed by vote of the members present.

Jack Drago the Treasurer elect gave the  
Treasurer's report. He stated he had  
received the books and other material from  
Mary Helen. Doris stated that the books  
would be audited by Bob Kuykendall and  
Ron Capps. At this time, Jack Drago  
proceeded to roast Mary Helen on her 30  
years of service. John Stone then made a  
motion to elect Mary Helen "Treasurer  
Emeritus". This motion was seconded and  
passed unanimously. Doris then presented  
Mary Helen with a clock and the Emeritus  
name tag.

Doris quoted from the W-S By-Laws:  
"Amendments may be made from time to  
time by a two-thirds vote of the members  
present upon at least two weeks written  
notice to all Region member stating the  
proposed change" This was done by  
printing it in the January Tire Tracks. Ken  
Farley read the proposed change: The  
board will be increased by two members to  
include the Editor of the Tire Tracks and  
the Webmaster. The motion was seconded  
and passed.

Jim Rimel discussed a planned car show of  
multiple car clubs on May 9 at his barn.

Stu Allen gave a brief ODMA report.

Nelson Driver proceeded to install the  
2015 officers as follows;

President-Ken Farley  
Vice President-Alfred Meyer  
Secretary-Robbie Gray  
Treasurer-Jack Drago  
Board Member-Duane Perrin

President Ken Farley gave some brief  
remarks and thanked Doris Stone for her  
service as President. Ken read the  
committees and their members which will  
be published.

Vice President Alfred Meyer gave the  
activities report which is published in the  
Tire Tracks.

Jack Drago reported on the cost of name  
tags. The old Virginia shaped tags are  
costing \$13.50 and new rectangular ones  
cost \$5.50. After much discussion, a  
motion was made and passed that the new  
member could decide which one they  
wanted.

The 65th Anniversary Party agenda was  
discussed and approved. The social hour  
starts at 4:00, the meal at 5:00, meeting at  
6:30 and entertainment at 7:30.

The 50/50 of \$32 was won by Mary Owen.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Gray, Sec.

**Note:** Mary Helen Ayers will continue  
to be our Sunshine Reporter. Please  
notify her of any illness, etc. in our  
club.

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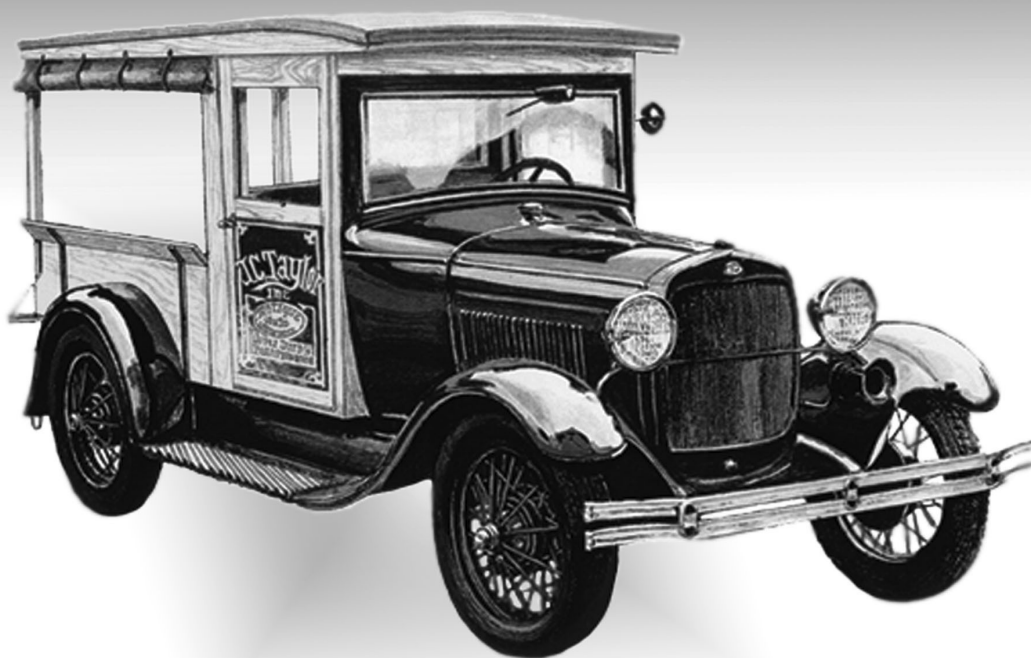


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