



# TIRE TRACKS February 2016

**THE ELECTRONIC VERSION**



Greetings, Waynesboro—Staunton Region Members & Friends,

One of the things I enjoy on snowy winter days is looking over old automotive literature. Our member Bill Melton has a treasure trove of interesting automobilia which he kindly shares with us. Did you know that the state of Virginia had motor vehicle inspection in 1931? We'll include a scan of the "Free of Charge" inspection brochure in this issue.

Stu Allen—Editor

**IMPORTANT**

READ CAREFULLY

The Division of Motor Vehicles is making every effort possible to protect you from automobile accidents.

Read this pamphlet carefully and co-operate with this Division by having your automobile inspected "Free of Charge" at the Official Adjusting Station in your locality.

AFTER HAVING SECURED YOUR 1931 LICENSE PLATES, THEY SHOULD BE SECURELY FASTENED TO THE MACHINE IN SUCH PLACE AS TO BE IN PLAIN VIEW AT ALL TIMES (AS BELOW).

THE ABOVE ILLUSTRATION IS THE PROPER DISPLAY OF LICENSE PLATES.

**FEBRUARY MEETING:** Sunday, February 21, 2 PM, Business Meeting at the Wood Grill, 1711 Reservoir St., Harrisonburg. Program - "Virginia Minerals and Mined Materials for Automobile Manufacture"—Scott Gregory

# DETAILS OF INSPECTION

The FREE INSPECTION shall consist of the following, ONLY:

## 1. TEST BRAKES.

Requirements (Driving at 30 Mi. Per Hr.): All motor vehicles except commercial trucks, and tractors exceeding 7,000 pounds gross weight:

	Good	Perfect	Legal
2 wheel .....	40 ft.	30 ft.	50 ft.
4 wheel .....	30 ft.	20 ft.	50 ft.
Hand Brakes .....	60 ft.	40 ft.	75 ft.

Commercial motor vehicles, trucks and tractors with semi-trailers attached exceeding 7,000 pounds gross weight:

Both hand and service applied simultaneously	50 ft.	Either applied separately	75 ft.
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(All tests on hard level surface.)

## 2. TEST HORN.

Requirements: Press button and determine whether signal gives sufficient warning.

## 3. TEST LIGHTS.

Requirements: (a) Virginia State law limits to 32 candle power bulbs in headlights. Bulbs showing signs of blackening or a whitish discoloration inside of the glass are inefficient and should be discarded. They no longer give the proper candle power.

(b) All bulbs which are burned out or missing must be replaced.

(c) Lights must have proper lens and reflectors must be bright.

(d) All tail lamps must have a RED lens.

## 4. TEST STEERING MECHANISM.

Requirements: Wearing parts must appear to be sufficiently strong so as not to indicate any possibility of breaking under ordinary conditions, thus causing an accident.

## 5. MIRRORS.

Requirements: Virginia State law requires all vehicles so constructed or loaded as to prevent rear view of highway to be equipped with a mirror in such condition and so placed as to give rear visibility.

## 6. WINDSHIELD WIPERS.

Requirements: Test to see if windshield wiper is workable.

## 7. OBSCURE TAGS.

Requirements: Tags must be wholly visible and not obscured by bumpers, tires or other accessories.

The time required for the above inspection (no repairs or adjustments included) should be about ten minutes. Repairs and adjustment, if any be necessary, may be made by agreement with owner and station at usual rates.

T. McCALL FRAZIER,

Director Division of Motor Vehicles.



As many of you know, using hand signals these days often gets other drivers to wave back, but most have no clue as to where you are headed! Extra precautions are needed when driving old cars with no electric turn signals.

Thanks to Billy Melton for loaning me the original brochure.



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our first meeting of 2016 has now been held and it was well attended. The Gray's put on a great presentation on their December trip to New Zealand. It amazed me that Robbie could name not only all the places they visited, but he also could name all the rivers, lakes, mountains, roads, towns, etc., as if he had lived there for a long time. Thank you again, Robbie and Sue, for a great show.

Our Sunshine Report is still on the shady side with 3 additional members being added—Charlotte Kuykendall, Glen Royer and Michael Embres. On a brighter side, Mary Helen Ayers went home on Thursday, January 21, Sue Gregory had her last cancer treatment and Clarice Allen is off her walker. So things are getting better for these members.

For 2016 we do not have any major events like we had in 2015—65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party and hosting the ODMA Meet. We have a clear calendar to concentrate on local events. To that end, Alfred Meyer has planned a lot of great events for us to partake in. He has put his heart and soul into it and is doing a great job for all of us to have fun with our old vehicles.

All of our events will be posted in our Newsletter, the Tire Tracks, and on our Website. We will also have a new posting that will have non-AACA local events posted for 2016. So get your vehicles serviced and repaired so you do not miss out on all of our great events this year.

At our February meeting we hope to have our new 2016 Roster and By-Laws/History booklets ready to be given out to our members. If you are not at the meeting to receive your booklets, please contact Jack Drago to make arrangements to get yours. If at all possible, we do not want to go to the expense of having to mail them to our members.

I want to take this opportunity to apologize to Stu Allen for the unnecessary joking comments that I made at our last meeting. I should have said that when Stu receives his National Award we should be applauding him for all his hard work and skills that went into restoring his Grandfather's 1934 Chevrolet to a level worthy of receiving this honorable reward. Please forgive my stupidity.

Bob Ridle and Scott Gregory will also be attending the AACA National Meeting in Philadelphia to learn how to transfer our Website over to AACA's new program. It will be a lot of additional work for both of them to perform. We also need to thank Scott for stepping forward to assist Bob with this endeavor.

Hope to see everyone at our next meeting on Sunday, February 21, 2016, at 2:00 PM at the Wood Grill Buffet in Harrisonburg. Scott Gregory will put on a presentation of "Virginia Minerals and Mined Materials for Automobile Manufacture".

Last reminder, don't forget your National and Region dues. Again, thank you for your support.

Ken Farley

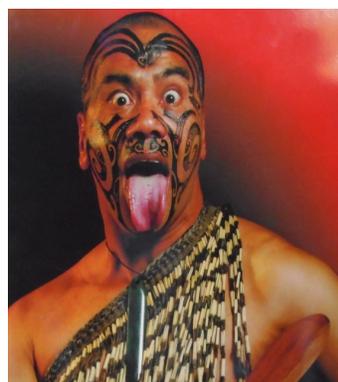
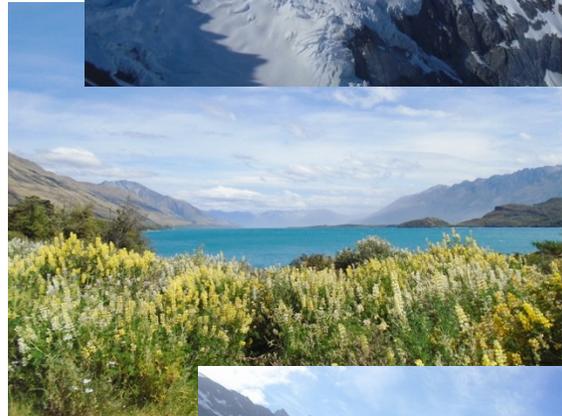


### W-S Region Meeting January 17, 2016

We had a good turnout at our first meeting in 2016 at Golden Corral in Waynesboro. After a delicious buffet, John & Doris Stone conducted the installation of officers for the new year. The officers had agreed to serve for another year so the only new officer was Scott Gregory who will be the Board member, Class of 2018, replacing Charlotte Kuykendall whose 3-year term had ended. We thank Charlotte for her service on the Board and welcome Scott to his new position.



After the business meeting, Robbie and Susan Gray entertained us with pictures from their recent trip to New Zealand. We'll include some of the pictures of the breathtaking scenery Robbie took during their Christmas trip.



Robbie assured us that all the natives were friendly!

## My First Car

By Larry Huffman

The first car that I could call my own was a 1957 Studebaker Provincial Station Wagon. The car was arctic white with a chrome luggage rack. My father bought the car new at Cochran Studebaker in Champaign, Illinois. The car also had a rear facing third seat. Even though my father would not let us have our own car while my older brother and I were in high school. (he was concerned that our grades would suffer) we had access to the Studebaker which was the family car. My father taught extension classes at the University of Illinois so he had a university car to drive. This gave us more opportunity to drive the Studebaker. During my junior year at Bridgewater College, he allowed me to buy the car and bring it back to Virginia. The Studebaker was nicknamed "The White Flash" and made many trips to Harrisonburg and Doc's Tea Room (where the Madison College girls were).

By the time I graduated in 1964, the old Studebaker was showing signs of age (and additional repair needs). Since I was then about to start teaching at Elkton, I drove down to Hensley Chevrolet and purchased a brand new tan colored Corvaire Monza. Every time we have a class reunion at Bridgewater, my classmates recall the "White Flash" and how we would all contribute to the 30 cents per gallon gasoline to make our frequent trips to "The Burg".



### Editor's Note

This is the second of what I hope will become a regular Tire Tracks feature but I need your help! We all had a first car and I want to tell your story. Please send me your story and a picture if possible and we'll use it in future issues during 2016. Thanks to Larry for his reminiscing!

### CAR EVENTS CALENDAR

#### I Need Your Help!

This year we will add a **Car Events Calendar** in each issue of *Tire Tracks* and on the W-S website. The **Calendar** is to make you aware of local Car or Car Related Events in the Augusta County and surrounding counties that may be of interest. Events of interest include car shows and car exhibits, antique engine shows, parades, expos, farm shows and more. This calendar is separate and distinct from the Activities Guide which lists AACA and AACA-group sponsored events in each newsletter and on the website. This calendar will therefore be non-AACA events

To make this listing a success **I need your help**. I will compile and list items that appear in *Hemmings* and other national car magazines. But, I need you to tell what's coming up in your town or locale, be it Staunton, Mt. Crawford, Lyncdhurst, Stuarts Draft, Waynesboro, Fishersville, Bremono Bluffs, or wherever. If you think it would interest to our members it's a candidate for listing.

Keep in mind to let me know as soon as you know of the event so we can get it listed early enough to give folks time to plan for it. I'll need to know at least a month or two ahead of the event so we can get it into the next *Tire Tracks* before the event. Let's give it a try and see how it works.

Please let me know at: [AlfredVA31@gmail.com](mailto:AlfredVA31@gmail.com) , 540-290-1356, or At Meetings.

Thanks, Alfred Meyer

**2016 Calendar of Events**

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

**21 Sunday, 2 PM, Business Meeting at the Wood Grill, 1711 Reservoir St., Harrisonburg. Program - “Virginia Minerals and Mined Materials for Automobile Manufacture”—Scott Gregory**

**MAR. 17-19 AACA Winter Meet, Naples, FL. Hosted by Naples-Marco Island Region.**

**20 Sunday, 2 PM, Business Meeting at Mrs. Rowe’s—74 Rowe Rd., Staunton Program - “Trends in the Antique Car Hobby—What’s Hot—What’s Not” - Bruce Elder, Ken Farley and Dick McIninch**

**APR. 7-10 AACA April Spring Meet, Charlotte, NC. Hosted by Hornets Nest Region.**

**17 Sunday, 2 PM, Business Meeting at Thai Staunton Restaurant, 1000 Greenville Ave. Staunton, Program—”All Your Ducks in a Row” - Mary Ann Stripling**

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**Sunshine Notice**

During Mary Helen Ayers’ convalescence please notify Stu Allen or Ken Farley of members that should be included in the Sunshine Report



**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

**Rish Capps**

**Ron Capps**

**Shirley Farley**

**William Melton**

**Duane Perrin**

**Jeannette Smith**

**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**

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**January 17 Waynesboro-Staunton Region Meeting Minutes**

The Waynesboro-Staunton Region of the AACA held its January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting at the Golden Corral in Waynesboro at 2 pm. President Ken Farley opened the meeting by welcoming the members (there were no guests present). Ken stated he wanted to thank all 2015 Officers, Board members, and Committee Chairs. He wanted to welcome Scott Gregory to the Board, Class of 2018. Ken gave a brief recap of last year's meeting and activities.

The Sunshine Report is as Follows:  
Mary Helen Ayers is recovering from a broken leg.  
Clarice Allen is doing well with her cancer treatments.  
Charlotte Kuykendall is having a knee replacement surgery.  
Glen Royer is recovering from surgery.  
Michael Embres is having back surgery.

The Secretary Report was written by Stu Allen and was approved as printed.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Jack Drago and was approved as read. Jack reminded the members to pay their dues if they had not done so. Also, he stated that the 2016 directory and new by-laws books will be printed and distributed at the February meeting.

Ken Farley appointed Bob Kuykendall and Ron Capps to audit the books of the treasurer.

Under correspondence, we received thank you note from the Jim Ailes Family.

Vice President Alfred Meyer gave the activities report as follows:

February meeting: Sunday, Feb 21, 2016, 2 pm At Wood Grille in Harrisonburg.

March meeting: Sunday, March 20, 2016 at Mrs. Rowe's in Staunton.

The rest of the year meeting calendar, community car events calendar, Waynesboro-Staunton Region events and tours calendar and local parade calendar will be in The Tire Tracks and on the web site. They will be updated regularly at both locations. Also, check the community announcements section of both local newspapers.

Ken Farley gave a report on the AACA Judge's Letter.

Doris Stone reported she had updated the by-laws and written descriptions for the committee jobs.

The Officers for 2016 were installed by Past Presidents John and Doris Stone and are as follows; President Ken Farley, Vice President Alfred Meyer, Treasurer Jack Drago, Secretary Robbie Gray, and Board member Scott Gregory.



Bob Ridle reported that the web site is going to be updated because AACA is changing the software program they use. This region web site is being hosted by the AACA and therefore we must update to their program. He stated Scott Gregory is going to be the new assistance webmaster. Bob made the motion that the W-S region pay the expenses for him and Scott to attend the meeting in Philadelphia on the web site program. This motion was seconded and the vote was in the affirmative.

Nelson Driver reported on the ODMA meeting that will be held on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Ken said Sue Gregory is getting with her committee to select our new Founders Day Award recipient.

Bob Kuykendall won the 50/50 of \$35.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and passed.

The program was on the Gray's trip to New Zealand presented by Robbie Gray.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Gray Sec.



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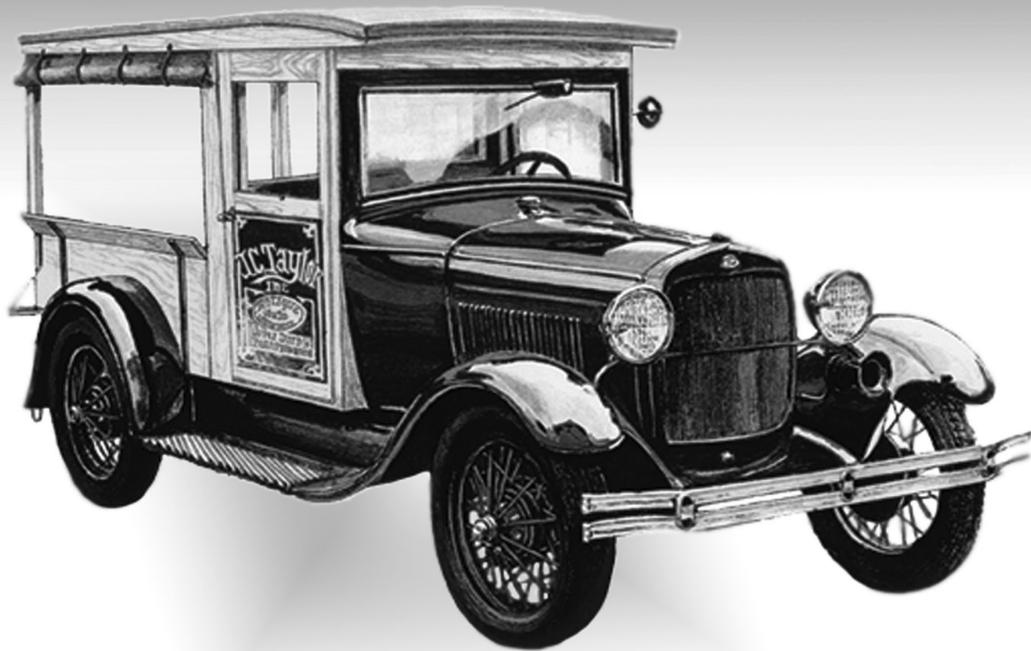
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