



# TIRE TRACKS

January 2016

**THE ELECTRONIC VERSION**



Greetings, Waynesboro—Staunton Region Members & Friends,

Happy New Year! As we toss out the old calendars and start the 2016 year, it's time to start picking out the old car events we plan on attending this year. Please read our VP's note below and help make Tire Tracks a good reference for planning. We hope all of you have a happy and healthy new year with lots of great adventures with our old cars.

Stu Allen—Editor

## 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, Lyndhurst, 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:

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540-290-1356, or,  
At Meetings.

Thanks, Alfred Meyer

**JANUARY MEETING::** Sunday, January 17, 2 PM, Business Meeting at the Golden Corral, 51 Apple Tree Lane, Waynesboro. Installation of Officers for 2016. Program - Susan and Robbie Gray will tell us about their trip to New Zealand.



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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

When you read this Christmas will have passed and we will be starting a New Year, so Happy New Year to everyone. Quite a few of our members are going through some difficult times with health issues. I wish them all a speedy recovery and please keep them in your prayers. Sadly, we also lost our 2003/04 former Region President, Jim Ailles. Our condolences go to his family.

Our last Region meeting which included our Christmas Party for the year 2015 is over and I feel it was an enjoyable event. It also lasted for almost 3 hours and was very well attended. I want to thank Alfred Meyer for making all the arrangements, Clarice Allen for creating the beautiful table centerpieces and Charlotte Kuykendall and Jack Drago who ran our delightful Chinese gift exchange. They were all great gifts but there were a few gifts that changed hands a few times. One of our newest members, the Bradfield's, won both the 50/50 and the Pano's best old car award. I hope this helps make a merrier Christmas for them.

Unfortunately again, 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 in 2016. There will be one change in your Executive Board as Charlotte Kuykendall's term expires the end of December. I have appointed Scott Gregory to replace Charlotte. Scott will become the Class of 2018.

Your Vice President, Alfred Meyer, is busy planning our 2016 activities. Make sure you keep up with all our activities which will be posted on our Website and listed in the Tire Tracks. Alfred will also be compiling a list of all non-AACA activities and events which will occur here in our area. These also will be posted and listed.

I know that a lot of you, including me, will be working on our vehicles during the winter months. Just remember that our vehicles need repairs and maintenance so that we can drive and enjoy them. So I hope you enjoy both working on them and driving them. At least our wives will know where we are and what we are spending our money on. Some of you might even be getting new rides to enjoy next season.

Hope to see everyone at our next meeting on Sunday, January 17, 2016, at 2:00 PM at the Golden Corral in Waynesboro. We will have the installation of officers and the Gray's will put on a presentation of their latest tour to New Zealand.

Don't forget your National and Region dues. Again, thank you for your support.

Ken Farley

## **REMINDER**

### **2016 Dues are due!**

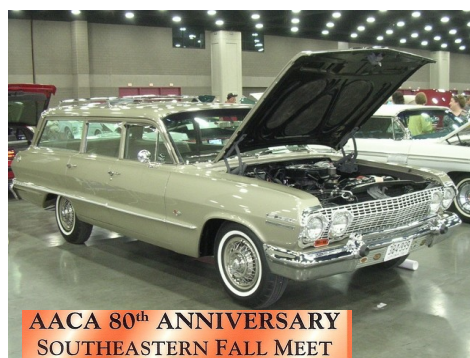
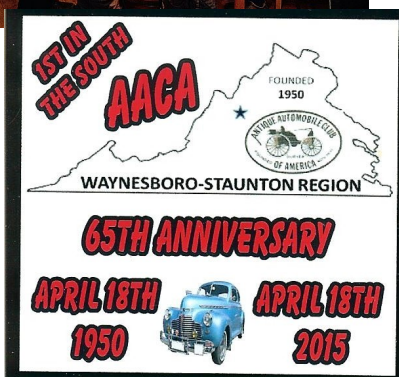
**Please fill out the renewal form included in the December Tire Tracks**

**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/>**



## 2015 Highlights—How many events do you remember?





## **MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Our annual Christmas Party and gift exchange was held at Pano's in Harrisonburg on December 20.



Table Centerpieces were created by Clarice Allen assisted by Janet Meyer and Shirley Farley



Gifts were ready for the Chinese Auction



Members were ready for the delicious meal



President Ken Farley conducted the business meeting



Chester Bradfield brought his 1964 Studebaker Grand Turismo selected as Pano's Favorite



Santa Charlotte with assistant Jack conducted the lively gift exchange



Half the fun is "stealing" a gift from a fellow member



Owen and Dolly struggled to keep "Reindeer Bob" under control



## My First Car

In 1964 I had been accepted as a co-op student at General Motors Institute (now Kettering University) sponsored by Rochester Products Division, General Motors. Since I would be living in Rochester, New York and Flint, Michigan during alternating six week work blocks and school blocks, my parents helped me purchase my first car at our home town of Mansfield, PA. I spotted a little 1962 Corvair Monza sitting in the back storeroom of our local Chevrolet dealer, and it seemed the perfect fit for me.



It was equipped with the standard 102 HP engine, 4-speed manual transmission and bucket seats. What more could a 17 year old engineering student want?

I don't remember the purchase price but since the car cost around \$2300 new, it must have been around \$1000. It had something like 23,000 miles on it and had been well cared for. We drove it home and before long it was loaded with all my gear for first move away from home and my first work assignment in Rochester. In early July I made my first solo trek to the big city and to a rooming house that had been arranged through the plant. Little did I know that when I entered Rochester, the National Guard was controlling the city streets due to race riots that had occurred that week. I did a lot of talking to get through check points so that I could reach the house where I had rented a room.

Soon I was working as a non-union hourly employee in the plant operating a manual feed punch press making carburetor levers. The bad news was that it was a dirty job in a noisy part of the plant but the good news was that I was earning \$2.83/hour, enough to pay my living expenses and most of my tuition.

Before long, I purchased a trombone exhaust system with dual pipes from J.C. Whitney and when installed gave the little car a great sound, especially after some 450 mile trips from Rochester to Michigan where the mufflers got pretty well burned out.

My favorite memory of this car was driving through Canada with a friend who had a 1963 Monza with the same loud exhaust. We loved to pull out of the toll booths side-by-side and stage a little competition in loud acceleration.

I was happy with the car for at least six months but when I spotted the new 1965 Corvairs, I was in love! I ordered a new black Corvair Corsa coupe and soon traded the '62 in at the PA Chevy dealer.

I learned later that a female high school classmate of mine bought the car and totaled it shortly thereafter. It was sad end for a good car.

Stu Allen

## Editor's Note

This is the first 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.

## Past President Rev. James Ailles

### **1930-2015**

We were saddened to hear of the passing of past president Jim Ailles on December 17, 2015. Jim was president of the W-S Region in 2003 & 2004. He loved his 1931 Model A and was an active participant in club activities

A2 Daily News Leader, Monday, April 1, 1996



### **High wheeler**

James Ailles of McGaheysville, owner of Master Clean Services, takes his 1946 Boneshaker High Wheeler for a spin through Staunton Mall this weekend as part of the Staunton-Waynesboro Antique Car Club show.

(Photo by Trent Chambers)

Shown here is Jim on his 1946 hi-wheeler at the Staunton Mall Car Show in 1996.

In his later years Jim stayed interested in our Region and Jack Drago tells me that Jim and Isobel were the first to send in their W-S dues for 2016.

Our condolences go out to Isobel and the family. Jim will be missed.

## 2016 Calendar of Events

**JAN. 17 Sunday, 2 PM, Business Meeting a the [Golden Corral, 51 Apple Tree Lane, Waynesboro](#). Installation of Officers for 2016. Program - Susan and Robbie Gray will tell us about their trip to New Zealand.**

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

**21 Sunday, 2 PM, Business Meeting a the [Wood Grill, 1711 Reservoir St., Harrisonburg](#). Program - TBD**

**MAR. 17-19 [AACA](#) Winter Meet, Naples, FL. Hosted by [Naples-Marco Island Region](#).**

**20 Sunday, 2 PM, Business Meeting. Location & Program - TBD**

### Sunshine Notice

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



### **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

**Mary Helen Ayers**

**Bobby Caricofe**

**Karen Drago**

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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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### December 20 Waynesboro-Staunton Region Meeting Minutes

56 members turned out on a fall-like day for our annual Christmas Party and enjoyed an excellent meal at Pano's Restaurant in Harrisonburg. After the meal President Ken Farley welcomed the members and recognized the current officers. He thanked Clarice Allen, Shirley Farley and Janet Meyer for providing the table centerpieces and favors. He announced that Scott Gregory will join the Board for the class of 2018. He thanked Charlotte Kuykendall for her three years of service on the Board.

Ken gave the Sunshine report and told the group that Mary Helen Ayers is in Shenandoah Rehab after breaking a leg in a fall and Clarice Allen is recovering from a fractured hip. Doris Stone told us of the recent passing of our former president Jim Ailles.

The Secretary's minutes for November were approved as printed in Tire Tracks.

Treasurer Jack Drago gave his report and announced that only about half the members have paid their dues for 2016. The Treasurer's Report was approved. President Ken emphasized the importance of sending in both your National and Region dues as well as any roster changes since Jack will be updating the roster in January. (*The renewal form was included in the December issue of Tire Tracks*)

Under correspondence, Ken discussed a GPS tracking device used on the Glidden Tour that allows tracking of each car so that the trouble truck can pinpoint the location of any tour car that has trouble and needs assistance. It would also provide the location of a stolen vehicle that has the device on board. The units are available for purchase or rental. Contact Ken if you would like further information. Ken also mentioned a January meet in Puerto Rico.

He announced that the Farley's '63 Chevy wagon and Allen's '34 Chevy Sedan will be receiving National Awards at the AACA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia held February 11-13. He also discussed the 2016 Freedom Road Rally will tour Virginia June 5-10.

Alfred Meyer gave the Activities Report and hi-lighted the January 17, 2016 meeting to be held at Golden Corral in Waynesboro.

Nelson Driver reported that the 2016 ODMA Meet date has changed to April 29-30 to avoid conflict with a National Meet.

The 50/50 winner was Nancy Bradfield and a special drawing for a gift certificate provided by Pano's was won by Jim and Mary Owen. The Studebaker driven by Chester and Nancy Bradfield was picked as the best antique car in attendance by the Pano's staff. Chester thanked the Region for our participation in the Dynamic Aviation show in October. Since Dynamic Aviation donated all of the proceeds for the plane rides, over \$14,000. was raised for charity at the show. The event will be held again in 2016.

The meeting was then adjourned so that we could hold the annual Chinese auction. There was spirited opening and "stealing" of gifts and Santas Charlotte Kuykendall and Jack Drago kept the proceeds moving at a fast pace. Charlotte's riddles were soundly booed during the festivities.

Stu Allen reporting for world traveler Robbie Gray, Secretary.

**Happy  
New Year!**





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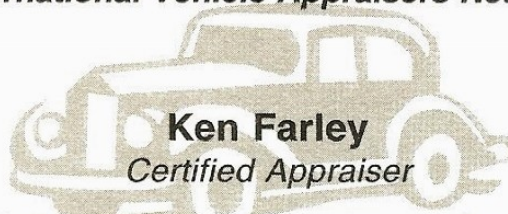
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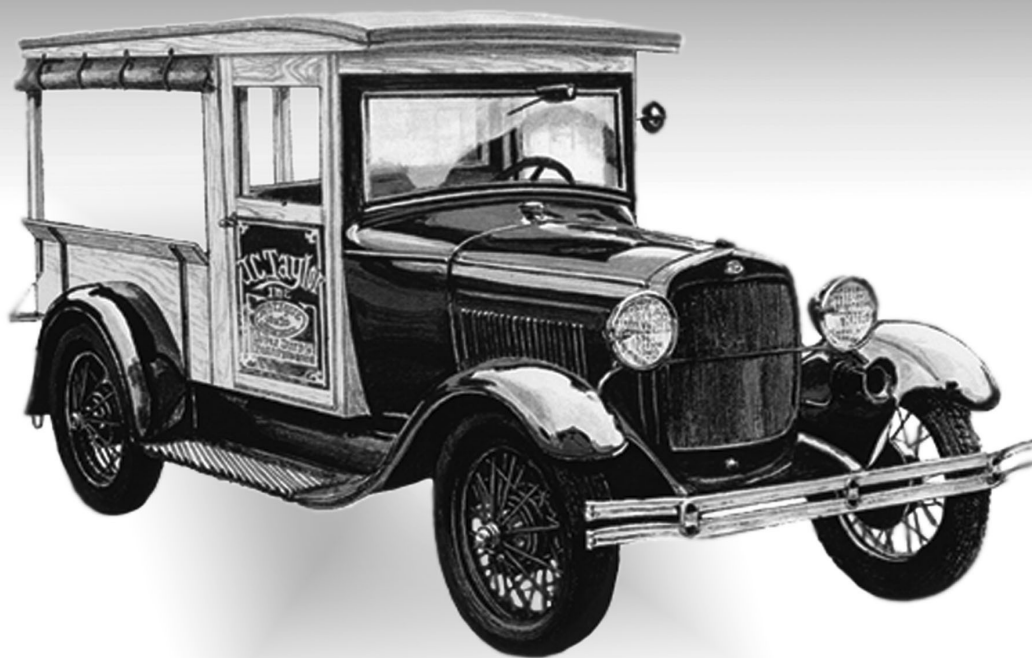


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