



# TIRE TRACKS

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**THE ELECTRONIC VERSION**



Dear AACA Members,

So many pictures—so little space. This is the kind of challenge editors love. If you attend any shows or tours this summer, take a few shots and send them to me. I try to capture many of the events but can always use other (and often better) pictures. We're still seeking additional "My First Car" stories. Thanks to Jim & Mary Owen for their Packard story featured this month.

Stu Allen—Editor



**Here's hoping you all have a  
safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July**



We hope to see you all at Brightview-Baldwin Park next weekend. It's always a relaxing time and the residents look forward to our annual visit.

*Pictures are from previous years' displays.*



**JULY MEETING: Saturday, July 9, 10AM—2PM, Brightview-Baldwin Park Car Display, 21 Woodlee Road, Staunton, VA. Meeting & Lunch (provided) around 1 PM.**



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Father's Day meeting on June 19 at the Golden Corral was a busy place but we managed to pull it off. I believe the food was a little better than normal. Robbie Gray's presentation of the 2015 Glidden Tour in Oklahoma was very informative and generated a lot of additional comments from our members. With all of our members who have participated in the past Glidden tours like Billy Melton who has done so 38 times, our Region is a veteran Glidden touring Region. I believe Ronnie Shanholtzer has participated in 37 Glidden tours and there are others who are close or just past 20 so you can see where the additional comments were coming from.

Can you believe it is July already? Where does the time go? So much to do, so much to accomplish! Car Shows, Car Tours, Club Meetings, and keeping everything running and road worthy. Between you and me I hope it will not end—fun, fun, fun!!!

If you receive the AACA Survey, please take a few moments and respond. They need our input to plan things for the future. Speaking of, be on the lookout for our very own Waynesboro/Staunton Questionnaire. Please take a few moments and answer the few simple questions. It will help to guide us in the correct direction so we can continue to have great times and enjoy each other.

When you read this, the Stuarts Draft Retirement Community display will have passed and I hope you didn't miss it. We always have a great time showing our vehicles to the residents and not to mention the great ice cream treats. We will again be having our July meeting at Baldwin Park in association with our vehicle display and provided luncheon. Please plan to bring your antique vehicle and chairs so you can sit back and relax under the trees.

At our past meeting, Bob Ridle and Alfred Meyer passed around a sign-up list for those wishing to participate at the Augusta Fair held at Expo on August 5. Also a list was circulated for members to sign up for 1 hour shifts to assist with manning our information table. If you have not already done so, please see additional information in this Newsletter and on our Website so you can sign up and participate. As I have said in the past, this is a very important event for our Region.

It is not too early to start thinking about our 2017 Officers Election. Please feel free to volunteer yourself or your good friend.

Again, thank you for your support.

Ken Farley

## Scenes from W-S June 19 Meeting at Golden Corral in Waynesboro

President Ken Farley conducted a short business meeting.



VP Al & Janet Meyer sell the popular 50/50 tickets.



Robbie Gray told us all about the 2015 Glidden Tour in Oklahoma.





## My First Car

By

Jim & Mary Owen



### 1937 Packard 115C Touring Sedan

*(This article has been previously published twice and it is updated prior to each publication.)*

Our 1937 Packard Six Touring Sedan was built late October or early November 1936 and delivered to the Clifton Forge Motor Company at 612 Main Street in Clifton Forge, Virginia, and Phone 71. My father, James C. Owen, Jr., took delivery in early December 1936. The full delivery cost was \$1,039.00 minus \$309.00 for the trade-in of his 1928 dual ignition Nash for a final cost of \$750.00.

My parents were married December 8, 1938, and went to Jamestown, Virginia for their honeymoon in the Packard. I arrived January 22, 1943, and took my first ride in the Packard from the C&O Hospital in Clifton Forge to my home in Eagle Rock, Virginia, a ride of 16 miles. This Packard has made an indelible mark in my life, and though many don't think this is possible, I remember my first fall when I was about nine months old. We went for a Sunday drive and stopped at a roadside picnic table for lunch. I remember my Dad holding me up close to a tree to look at a colored leaf and I distinctly remember seeing the front of the Packard in the background. Almost everywhere the family went was in the Packard whether it was to aunts and uncles for Sunday dinner or just out for a drive. When I was about eight years old my Dad put me on his lap and let me steer the Packard on some of those drives. By the time I turned 14, Dad let me drive the Packard on the back roads, and I learned how to drive in the Packard. I drove the Packard all through high school and tech school until 1961 at which point I bought a 1954 Oldsmobile Holiday 88. Dad continued driving the Packard until 1966 at which point he bought a used 1959 Oldsmobile 88. At this point, the Packard stayed mostly in the garage with the exception of an occasional drive when I came home for a weekend. As a matter of fact, it was on one of those weekends Mary had her first ride in the Packard much to my mother's chagrin. Mom felt the Packard was too dirty for her future daughter-in-law, but Mary had on a pair of blue jeans and could have cared less. For 41 years it remained very lightly used with a total about 500 miles on the odometer.

My father died December 7, 2006, and I sold the house in Eagle Rock in 2007 and took the Packard to Kings Restoration in Cloverdale. I had estimated the cost of restoration would be about \$25K. Little did I know! The Packard was finished in January 2010 and since then we have put about 12,000 miles on her with only a few minor problems until last year. The engine was overhauled early in 2015 and on our way home from the 2015 ODPC Fall Meet in Fredericksburg the fan shaft broke and left us on the side of the road. After getting a new water pump, the Packard was back on the road in time for the 2016 ODPC Spring Tour.

Our first tour was the 2011 Glidden Tour to Cumberland, Maryland. Since then we have been on several other tours: another Glidden Tour, the 9<sup>th</sup> Henry Joy tour, a Mid-Atlantic VMCCA tour and seven Old Dominion Packard Club tours. These tours have covered Williamsburg, Fredericksburg, Quantico, Front Royal, and Charlottesville, VA, Mount Airy and Winston-Salem, NC and Bird-in-Hand and Reading PA. These were just the headquarters for these tours and during some of them the Packard made it into other states. We have really enjoyed touring, seeing places we have never seen before and meeting some really great people.

We only had to go modern on two tours. The Packard didn't make it to Chattanooga, Tennessee for the 2013 Glidden Tour. It refused to start the morning we were to leave and upon return, we found that the points on the Packard were not opening properly. We were disappointed that we were not able to go in the Packard but because it was so unbearably hot in Chattanooga we enjoyed the air-conditioned comfort of our modern car. The Packard didn't make to the 2015 ODPC Spring Tour in Lexington, Virginia, because the engine overhaul was not finished.

Mary and I were first time Tour Masters for the 2016 ODPC Spring Tour in Charlottesville. It was quite an undertaking! We were excited but at the same time very apprehensive. Thankfully, we had some great people from the ODPC who were old hands at putting on tours that helped us out. Some members from the Piedmont Region AACA even pitched in to lend a hand. There were a few hiccups during the tour but no "Hard Luck" stories to tell. We are looking forward to a few other tours as participants in 2016.

When we restored the Packard we wanted a tour car, not a show car. We have had more fun touring in this car than you can imagine and much to our surprise she has picked up a few awards along the way. We are hooked on touring and will be seeing you down the road!

Happy Motoring!





## **2016 Grand National Meet**

June 2-4

Pennsylvania College of Technology—Williamsport PA

I was fortunate to be able to attend the 2016 Grand National meet in Williamsport with Ken & Shirley Farley. Ken had two '63 Chevrolets entered and needed a hand trailering one of his cars. This was my first time attending a G.N. meet and it was a great experience. The Susquehannock Region did a tremendous job of handling 632 show cars as well as 550 trailers on the beautiful campus of the college. Volunteers did a masterful job of parking trailers and show cars in a well-organized fashion. Rain held off until after the judging was completed and the cars got only a little damp on the way back to the trailers.



The show field was mostly on grass with shade trees making it very comfortable.



Dick McIninch showed his 1936 Rolls-Royce Phantom III.

The closing Banquet was held in the local Masonic Temple dining room and the awards followed in the auditorium upstairs

At the Awards Ceremony  
AACA President Bob Parish presented Dick with a 2<sup>nd</sup> Grand National Award



*Picture courtesy of Mark McAlpine*

(W-S President) Ken & Shirley Farley had two cars on the show field.



Their 1963 Chevrolet Impala SS Convertible earned its 15<sup>th</sup> Repeat Senior Grand National Award.

Their 1963 Chevrolet Impala Station Wagon was awarded its Senior Grand National.



Your Editor stayed with the cars while Ken & Shirley judged. The wagon was a crowd favorite with folks surrounding it much of the day. Wagons bring back lots of memories for many of us who grew up prior to the advent of mini-vans and SUV's.



AACA Executive Vice President Tom Cox presented Ken with the trophies for both of his cars.

Here is what the Grand National Awards look like.  
Ken & Shirley need to expand their trophy case!



With so many great cars on the field it was tough to decide which to take pictures of. Here is a 1912 Little Giant D Bus that won a 1<sup>st</sup> Grand National Award.



## **AACA Sentimental Tour**

**June 12-17**

### **Salisbury, North Carolina**

The 9<sup>th</sup> AACA National Sentimental Tour was hosted by the Hornets Nest Region. Salisbury, NC is about 45 miles north of Charlotte. W-S members who attended were Alfred & Janet Meyer, John & Doris Stone, Jim & Scott Gregory, and Stu & Clarice Allen. There were 72 cars registered but with the usual cancellations about 62 cars toured.

Salisbury is noted for its railroad history and the tourists got to see several sites that preserve part of that history. Our Opening Orientation Dinner on Sunday was held in the beautiful Salisbury Historic Train Depot where renovations were completed in 1996. This station still serves Amtrak and we were able to watch some of the trains as they stopped at the station.

Monday's tour took us to the Dennis Carpenter Ford Restoration Parts complex near Concord, NC where we visited their production facilities as well as their museum.

The plant tour showed us large stamping presses, many of which were purchased from Ford.



Progressive dies (many are original from Ford) are used to form authentic wheel covers.



The next stop was the Auto Barn Classic Cars showroom where Al & Janet checked out a Riviera convertible.



We then visited The Depot at Gibson Mill Antique Mall



On Tuesday we toured to Lake Norman, the largest man-made lake in NC. We enjoyed a dinner cruise on "Lady of the Lake" in air conditioned comfort.

Wednesday took us to the North Carolina Transportation Museum in Spencer, NC. that is devoted to the state's railroad heritage.



One of the highlights there was the steam locomotive "611" now restored and owned by the Virginia Transportation Museum in Roanoke.

Some of our folks got to ride the huge turntable that is used to position the engines in the roundhouse.



That evening we displayed our cars in downtown Salisbury and were visited by the local residents.



Scott Gregory with Doris and John Stone relax in downtown Salisbury.



Thursday took us to the Morgan Ridge Vineyards & Brewhouse where we toured and tasted the wines and were served a delicious lunch.

We then drove to Gold Hill, NC, a restored gold mining town where gold was discovered in 1824.



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## AACA Sentimental Tour (continued)

On Friday we took a trolley tour of historic Salisbury where the guide showed us the original Cheerwine Building, the Salisbury National Cemetery and the site of the only prison in North Carolina during the Civil War.



Sources estimate that over 11,000 mostly Union soldiers are buried at this site. Some were buried in trenches and some in individual graves. Many are unknown.

For the Closing Meal on Friday night we returned to the NC Transportation Museum where the meal was served in the Roundhouse.



During our meal, "611" made several passes under steam in the railyard.

These folks were recognized for having attended all 9 Sentimental Tours: Dave Konter, Stu & Clarice Allen, Charlie & Ardie Froehlich and tour founders- Judy & Earl Beauchamp.



*Photo courtesy of Doris Stone*

Our thanks to the Hornets Nest Region for sponsoring the tour. We understand that the 2018 Sentimental Tour will be in Nebraska.

Stu Allen

## Car Display at Stuarts Draft Retirement Community on June 24

In spite of threatening weather, 21 cars were on the field at Stuarts Draft Retirement Community for our annual display and ice cream social. The weather was great for the display but some of us got very wet on the way home!



Residents always turn out in force to view the cars and reminisce.



We now have our own "insiders" at the Community. Mel & Marilou Redmond now live there.



Residents picked their "Favorite Car" and Barry Linke (shown at left) won First Prize for his 1924 Ford Roadster.



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

**JULY**    **9**    **Saturday, 10 AM-2 PM, Brightview-Baldwin Park Car Display, 21 Woodlee Rd., Staunton, VA. Meeting & Lunch (provided) around 1 PM.**

**14-16**    [AACA](#) Central Division Meet, North Mankato, MN. Hosted by [Minnesota Region](#).

16    Saturday, Cars & Coffee, 8 AM – 10 AM, Waynesboro Free Methodist Church Parking lot, [600 Hopeman Prkwy.](#) For more information or contact Doug Bridgeforth at 540-649-0614.

**17-21**    [AACA](#) Founders Tour, Huntingdon, PA. Hosted by [Allegheny Mountain Region](#).

**31-8/3**    [AACA](#) Eastern Divisional Tour, Richmond, VA. Hosted by [Richmond Region](#).

**AUG.**    **5**    **Friday, 4 PM – 9 PM, W-S Region AACA display of vehicles at the Augusta County Fair inside the Multi-Purpose Building. Set up 2 PM – 4 PM. Free pass and trophies awarded! For more information, and to register by the July 15th deadline, contact Bob Riddle at 540-255-6500 or Al Meyer at 540-290-1356.**

**11-13**    [AACA](#) Southeastern Fall Meet, New Bern, NC. Hosted by [1st Capital Chapter of North Carolina Region](#).

**14**    **Sunday, 1:30 PM, Annual Picnic with Tri-County Region at Grand Caverns Park, Grottoes. Bring a lawn chair or two, and a dish to share. Fried Chicken, plates, cups, utensils, ice & drinks provided. NOTE – This year's picnic is being held at Shelter #2!**

20    Saturday, Cars & Coffee, 8 AM – 10 AM, Waynesboro Free Methodist Church Parking lot, [600 Hopeman Prkwy.](#)

**SEPT.**    **10**    **Saturday, Car Tour to the Somerset Steam & Gas Pasture Party. Details – TBD**

**11-16**    Revival [AAA Glidden Tour](#), North Conway, NH. Hosted by [VMCCA](#).

17    Saturday, Cars & Coffee, 8 AM – 10 AM, Waynesboro Free Methodist Church Parking lot, [600 Hopeman Prkwy.](#)

**25**    **Sunday, 1 PM, Annual Steak Fry & Auction at [Coyner Springs Park](#), [2091 Lyndhurst Rd.](#), Waynesboro. Steaks, Hot Dogs, plates, cup, utensils, ice & drinks provided. Bring a dish to share, a lawn chair, an item or two to donate to the auction and your checkbook!**

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

**Tri-County Region Meetings  
Dates vary - Check their website  
<http://tri-county-aaca.org/>**



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### **June 19 Waynesboro-Staunton** **Region Meeting Minutes**

The Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting of the Waynesboro-Staunton Region AACA was held at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Waynesboro. President Ken Farley opened the meeting and welcomed the 35 members present. Nelson Driver gave the blessing and lunch was enjoyed by all before Ken proceeded with the meeting.

Mary Helen Ayers gave the Sunshine Report. She expressed our sympathy to Shirley Farley whose mother passed away on Monday, June 13. She reported that Owen And Dolly Harner are having health problems.

The Secretary's Report was approved as printed in Tire Tracks.

Ken gave the Treasurer's report for Jack Drago who was out of town.

It was announced that the W-S Region is now a member of the Car Club Council of Central Virginia  
[www.carclubcouncil.com](http://www.carclubcouncil.com)

Vice President Alfred Meyer gave the activities report as follows:

Car Display at Stuarts Draft  
Community on Friday June 24<sup>th</sup>  
at 6 pm.

Our next meeting will be at  
Brightview-Baldwin Park on  
July 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

See the Website or Tire Tracks for the rest of the activities.

Nelson Driver reported that the next ODMA Planning Meeting will be held in November.

Bob Ridle reported on the Car Display at the Augusta County Fair on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Sign up sheets were passed around for members present planning on bringing cars and to man the information table during the display that will be open from 4 to 9 pm. Contact Bob Ridle at 255-6500 if you did not sign up at the meeting.

Under New Business, the AACA and W-S Questionnaires are being sent to all members and they are asked to reply.

The 50/50 was won by Billy Melton.

The meeting was adjourned.

The program was presented by Ken Farley and Robbie Gray on the Oklahoma Glidden Tour that occurred last fall.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Gray, Secretary



### **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

**Stu Allen**

**Edwin Brooks**

**Kenneth Farley**

**Glen Royer**

**Ronnie Shanholtzer**

**Joe Yancey**

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### ***Missing a Lid?***

*Found at Tinkling Spring after our May 15 Pot Luck dinner meeting—one glass Corning Ware lid to a dish of sweet potatoes. Call Charlotte Kuykendall at 540-942-3291 to retrieve.*



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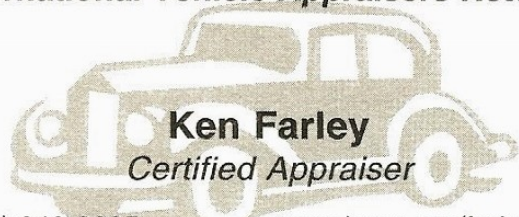
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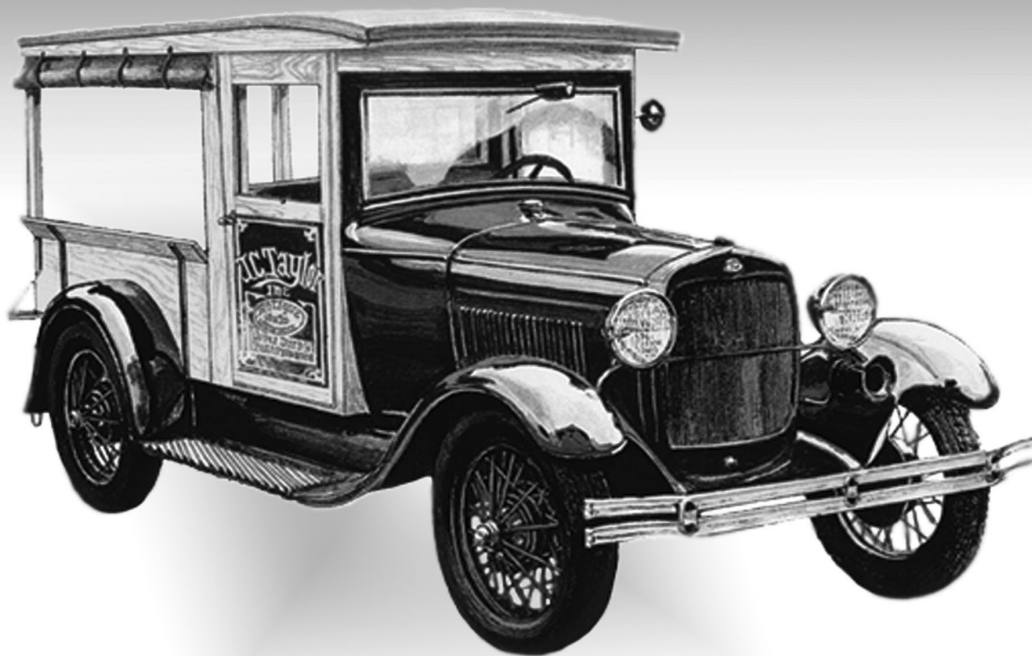
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