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TIRE TRACKS **THE ELECTRONIC VERSION**

Greetings Waynesboro-Staunton Region members and friends. This month we feature some shots of Region members and their cars at the Old Dominion Meet held in Roanoke on May 5, 2012

Stu Allen



Should I have one more burger?



I thought a Marlin was a FISH!



I'll have mine with cheese and onions.



When I grow up I want to be a Roadmaster.



You don't have sauerkraut?

NEXT MEETING : Saturday, June 16, 1 PM—Picnic at the Allen's, 265 Stayman Lane, Staunton. Bring a dish to share. Meat, beverages, dessert, dishware and utensils provided.



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President's Message

As this issue of *Tire Tracks* goes to press, the start of the 2012 AACA Sentimental Tour is just days away. The Waynesboro-Staunton Region's Sentimental Tour Committee is rapidly approaching the finish line to a journey begun some two years and five months ago. It was January, 2010 when the very first committee meeting was held at Stu and Clarice Allen's home in Staunton. The number of meetings, the number of man-hours, and the years of experience brought by this region to organizing this event is really quite remarkable. As a rookie member of this group, your President was in constant awe of the talent and depth of knowledge this team of volunteers exhibited over the past 29 months. By the time the July edition of *Tire Tracks* rolls around, the 7th Sentimental Tour will be in our rear view mirror and we'll be able to appreciate just how good a job this committee did. But for now, let the show begin!

Awhile back an old friend called to see if I'd like to accompany him to a junkyard where he was going to pick up a '52 Hudson for parting out. Junkyard? Count me in! I love going to junkyards. Now I know some folks prefer to call them "salvage yards" or "wrecking yards", or "Used Parts Emporiums". But really, "junkyard" cuts through right through the euphemisms to the heart of the matter. Besides, "salvage yard dog" just doesn't cut it!

For most "old car nuts" roaming through a junkyard is like a trip in a time machine. As you move from one section to the next, aisle after aisle, row upon row, you are catapulted back over the decades. It could be a Studebaker like your Dad had, or a Buick like Uncle Bill's, or an old Dodge like Grandma drove that triggers the time-warp. For some folks simply viewing the vehicle starts them down memory lane, but for me the dashboard is the catalyst. Maybe it's because, we spend more time staring at a car's dashboard than any other part of the car.

The wood grained dashboard of a '50 Hudson sends me back to a summer in 1953. School's out and the family is rolling down the highway on a vacation trip to Ohio. I can see Dad at the steering wheel, smell the fruit and sandwiches Mom packed for a roadside picnic, and feel my cousin Petie's foot in my side defending his half of the back seat.

The simple glass panel over the gauges of a '53 Studebaker (my first car) vaults me forward to a high school dance in 1962. I can smell my date's corsage and see my white carnation. Chubby Checker is belting out "The Twist" on the old car's radio, and tonight there will be a first kiss.

The toothy grin of a '54 Buick with its thermometer style speedometer sends me back to a gray rainy day in the Ocean View section of Norfolk. There's a hurricane bearing down on Tidewater and we're on our way home from the market laden with food and supplies for riding out the storm. I can hear the wind howl as the car rocks gently in its grasp. My Father squints through the windshield as the wipers struggle to keep up, while my Mother uses Kleenex to wipe the fog off the glass. The water is up to the hubcaps, but the big Roadmaster plows on and we arrive safely home.

When I see the dashboard of a '42 Studebaker Commander it's suddenly the winter of 1946. My parents are driving through a blizzard in the mountains of Pennsylvania as I sit bundled up on the back seat. My father stops at a small filling station and buys the proprietor's last set of chains. He mounts them and we move on crawling through the night behind a Greyhound bus. Eventually the bus turns off and we continue west on Rt. 40. The next morning the police in Washington, PA are amazed to see a Studebaker with Virginia tags roll into their town. "Didn't you folks know the highway was closed 24 hours ago?" an officer asks. "Nope", says my father as he smiles and pats the Commander's dash.

If you've ever wondered why it takes so long to get through a junkyard, it's not "finding the parts". It's sifting through the years that makes us pause. Junkyards, you see, are really museums full of memories. And the dashboards are the museum's display case, full of people and events still drifting somewhere in the valleys of our minds.

Hope to see everyone at our June picnic meeting at the Allen's on Saturday the 16th at 1 PM. Bring a dish to share and maybe a lawn chair. Meat, beverages, utensils and dishware provided. This will be our post Sentimental Tour "decompression" party. Hope to see everyone there. As always, let's bring out those old cars and trucks!

Bob Ridle

OLD DOMINION MEET ASSOCIATION

MAY 5, 2012 ROANOKE VA

The ODMA meet in Roanoke was greeted by threats of rain and an occasional drizzle during the show. 12 W-S members drove down Route 11 through the rain early Saturday to attend. The weather scared some folks away as 106 cars arrived of 140 registered.



V.P. (Chef) Jack Drago brought his grill and proceeded to cook lunch for our members. This was a treat enjoyed by all.



Judging was completed efficiently and we were back on the road north by 3 PM. and the monsoons escorted us back home.



Robbie Gray's recently completed 1929 Model A Ford Huckster amazed most of us with its ability to run at or near the speed limit as those of us pulling trailers were challenged to keep up. Robbie received a First Junior Award.



Ken and Shirley Farley brought out their recently reaquired 1963 Chev. Impala Wagon, bringing back memories of the ultimate family car in the '60s. They received a First Junior Award for the wagon.

Other award winners from our Region were:

Paul Wampler—1965 Rambler Marlin—Preservation

Bob Ridle—1956 Studebaker Power Hawk—DPC

Jack Drago —1956 Ford Victoria—DPC

Jim Gregory —1949 Buick Super Conv.—Preservation

Nelson Driver—1966 Crown Imperial—First Junior

Dick McIninch—1986 Mercedes Benz 300 E—HPOF

Stu Allen—1917 Buick Roadster—Preservation

Best of Show honors went to a 1929 Buick owned by Ken Talley. The Old Dominion Award went to Tidewater Region and The Edgar Rohr Award went to the Roanoke Valley Region.

PIEDMONT REGION'S 38TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW

On April 29, 2012, Piedmont Region held their annual car show at Sam's Club in Charlottesville. Several W-S members braved the cloudy and damp start to the day and travelled over the mountain to the show. Clouds turned to sunshine and everyone enjoyed the day. Class winners from W-S Region included:

Class 1—Dick McIninch—1936 Ford

Class 2—Billy Melton—1919 Buick

Class 15—Robbie Gray—1929 Model A Ford Huckster

Class 24—Susan Gray—1980 Shay Roadster

Check out the pictures from the show at:

<http://clubs.hemmings.com/piedmontregionaaca/?club=piedmontregionaaca>

Waynesboro Downtown MotorSports Show

On Saturday May 12, the annual MotorSports Show was held in Waynesboro under beautiful weather conditions. Eleven W-S Region members showed cars/trucks and won three “Participants’ Choice” awards. Since the majority of cars at the show were modified, it was gratifying to see that the participants appreciate “original” cars. Here are pictures of the winners. Congratulations!



1933 Franklin—Jim Gregory



1963 Chevrolet Impala Wagon—Ken Farley



1980 Shay Roadster—Susan Gray

May Waynesboro-Staunton Region Meeting

Our May 20 meeting was held at the Wood Grill in Harrisonburg. A special presentation was made to Billy Melton



Billy Melton receives a 50 Year Membership Pin from W-S President Bob Ridle

Following the dinner and meeting we toured the back roads from Harrisonburg to Staunton.



We were treated to refreshments at Faith McDowell's (Susan Gray's co-worker) house near Salem Church

2012 Calendar of Events

JUNE

- 3-8 Sentimental Tour
- 13 W/S Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 16 W/S Meeting—Saturday, 1 PM—Picnic at the Allen's, 265 Stayman Lane, Staunton. Bring a dish to share. Meat, beverages, dessert, dishware and utensils provided.
- 16 Richmond Region AACA 43rd Annual Car Show, Swap Meet & Car Corral—see their website for more information—<http://richmondaaca.com/show.html>

JULY

- 14 Saturday 10AM—2PM W-S Region Baldwin Park Car Show, 1 PM Lunch & Meeting. 21 Woodlee Road, Staunton.
- 21 Bridgewater Car Show and Parade

AUGUST

- 8 W/S Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 18 Saturday 1:00 PM, Meeting & Annual Picnic with the Tri-County Region AACA at Grand Caverns Park in Grottoes
- 27-31 Reliability Tour, hosted by the Richmond Region AACA

SENTIMENTAL TOUR UPDATE

As you read this newsletter, preparations for the tour will be wrapping up as we await the arrival of 148 cars with 300+ people representing 25 states and Denmark.

Our involvement in hosting a tour started with a conversation I had with Hulon McCraw (then V.P. of National Activities) during the 2008 Sentimental Tour in North Carolina. Since Clarice and I had been fortunate enough to attend all of the Sentimental Tours, we thought it was about our turn to play host here in the Valley. When we returned home, I pitched the concept to our Region and they agreed to host if I would sign up to chair the event. We received official notification from National right after Hershey in 2008 and as they say, the rest is history. A special thanks to our Tour Team who have endured at least 23 team meetings over 3 years as well as meeting at other times with some of the special committees required to pull this event together. Thanks also to each of you W-S Region members (41 at last count) who have signed up to help host this National Tour.

Stu Allen—2012 Sentimental Tour Chairman

Tri-County Region Meetings- Dates vary—
Check their website.

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



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Minutes of the May 20, 2012 W/S Region Meeting

The May 20-2012 meeting of the
Waynesboro-Staunton Region
was held at The Wood Grill in
Harrisonburg at 1:30pm,
President Bob Ridle opened the
meeting and welcomed the
members and guest. He asked
for a head count for the driving
tour after the meeting today.
Larry Huffman gave the
blessing, then we proceeded with
the meal.

Mary Helen Ayers said that was
no sunshine report. Then, she
gave the treasurer's report.

The secretary's report was
approved as printed in the
newsletter.

Ronnie Shanholtzer reported on
the Bridgewater Show which will
be held on the 3rd Saturday in
July. This will be the 50th
anniversary show and a special
dash plaque will be given to
participants. The plaque will
have three cars on it which are
Bob Early's, Jr. Craun's, and
Ronnie Shanholtzer's.

Vice President Jack Drago gave
the activities report for next
three months ;

Saturday June 16th meeting, 1
pm at the Allen's as a post
Sentimental Tour Party. Bring a
dish to pass.

Saturday July 14th meeting at
Baldwin Park 10-2 with lunch
included.

Saturday August 18th meeting
and picnic at Grand Caverns
Park starting at 1 pm.

The results of several car shows
will be published in the
newsletter.

Bob Ridle presented Billy Melton
with his 50 year membership
pin.

Billy responded briefly about
thoughts on being a member.

Stu Allen gave a brief
Sentimental Tour report and
stated the next meeting of the
committee will be Thursday,
May 24.

Ken Farley thanked the club for
the Founders Day Award.

The meeting was adjourned.

The Spring Car Tour was on the
back roads from Harrisonburg to
Staunton with a stop at Faith
McDowell residence for
refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Gray, Sec.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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Martha Brooks

Harry DeVore

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Susan Gray

Jim Gregory

Owen Harner

Dick McIninch

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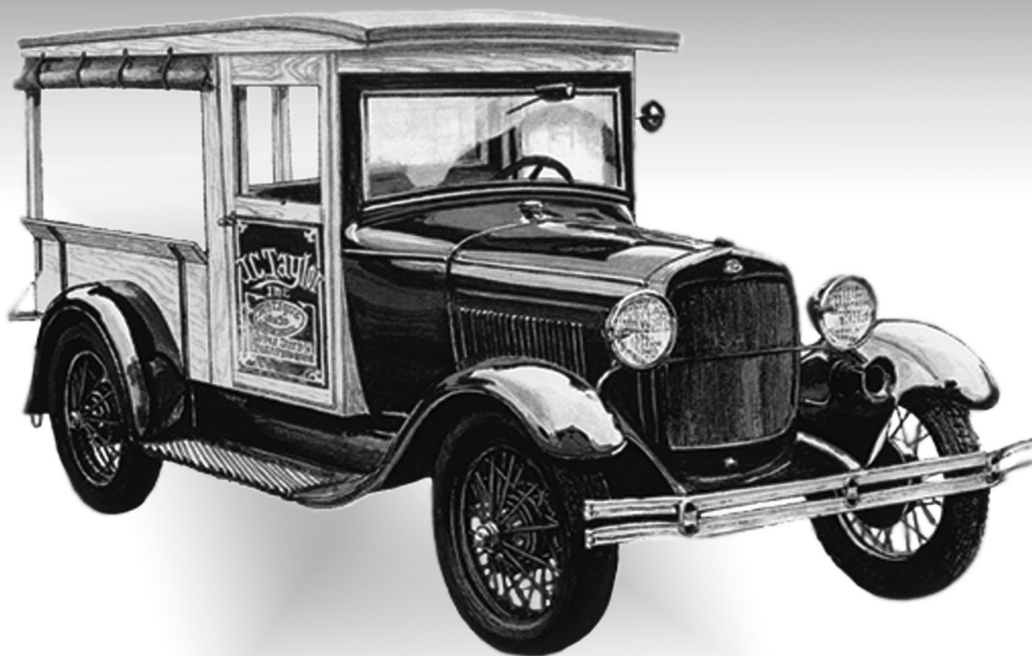
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