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TIRE TRACKS THE ELECTRONIC VERSION

Greetings, Waynesboro—Staunton Region Members,

As we all wait for warmer weather, I thought I'd share some catalog items that I found in a 1937 Continental Products Wholesale catalog. You never know when you'll need a new fan belt. At these prices, everyone should have had at least two spares.

Tired of messing with that old carburetor? At these prices, why not buy six units so you can share them with your Model A buddies?

You may need to adjust these prices for inflation (or adjust the decimal point a couple of places to the right).

Stu Allen—Editor





CARS FOR SALE

Betty Clemmer has decided to sell two cars that Willis drove on many Waynesboro-Staunton Region events.



1965 Mustang Convertible (Poppy Red)

289 cu. in.—Automatic Transmission Dual exhaust Bucket Seats Older restoration Asking \$17,500.

1981 Mercedes 380 SL Convertible

Has both hard and soft tops Automatic Transmission 101352 miles Asking \$14,500

Call Betty Clemmer 540-885-8285

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, March 16, 2:00PM, Hometown Grill, 30 Sangers Lane, Staunton (Across the road from Rowe's—Formerly Shoney's)



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I just checked the March calendar, and three important events happen this month: Daylight Savings Time begins on March 9, Spring begins on March 20, and the Waynesboro-Staunton Region meets on March 16. Our reservation has been made for a new location for this meeting; we will meet at the Hometown Grill and Buffet near Staunton at 2 p.m.

I want to thank Vice President Ken for presiding at the February meeting while John and I were returning home from attending the VMCCA Annual Meeting in Las Vegas. After listening to the weather forecast on the Monday before we were to leave, I called the airline and changed our original flights so we could leave from Reagan National on Wednesday morning. That same evening and the next day the Valley got 12-15 inches of snow, and our original flights were canceled. Were we lucky or what! At the VMCCA Awards Banquet, Ronnie and Janice Shanholtzer received the "Best Owner-Restored Model A Ford Award" for their 1931 Woodie. Congratulations, Ronnie and Janice.

Plans have been finalized for our April 5 tour to Montpelier. The directions are finished and a reservation has been made at Montpelier for a 1:30 p.m. group tour. So that Montpelier can plan for mansion guide staffing, they are requesting a fairly solid number about two weeks out. So at the March meeting, I will ask you to sign up for the tour. If you can't attend the March meeting, let me know by email or by telephone if you plan to attend. See the tour flyer in this newsletter for more information.

Also in April is our Annual Founders' Day dinner meeting on April 13, a week earlier than usual, at Pano's Restaurant. Like last year, we hope you will participate in these two optional activities: (1) Wear some vintage clothing--one item or an entire outfit. (2) Drive an antique vehicle. All antiques will be parked together and the manager of Pano's will select his favorite vehicle.

Be sure to do the following three things during March: "Spring Forward" on March 9, get your antique car ready for the tour to Montpelier on April 5, and attend your Region's monthly dinner meeting on March 16. See you there.





The 1936 Rolls-Royce Phantom III belonging to W-S member Dick McIninch is featured in the January-February issue of *Antique Automobile* (page 62).

If you haven't read it, check it out!

Congratulations Dick, Neat story!

W-S Region Meeting at Kathy's February 16, 2014

The readers of Virginia Living Magazine have voted Kathy's Restaurant as having the Best Breakfast in the Shenandoah Valley Region—2013



We had 35 members who attended the February meeting held at Kathy's Restaurant in Staunton. V.P. Ken Farley presided at the business meeting since President Doris was avoiding our snowy weather by visiting Las Vegas. Everyone seemed to enjoy the food from an extensive menu and agreed that we should have more meetings here.



3 of our guests were very quiet during the meeting!





The Inside Story

By Steve Moskowitz
Executive Director

From time to time I hear from members that they do not feel "connected" to the club and that they do not understand what the club is doing. Given the amount of information available through multiple sources that is rather disappointing. It is also human nature to forget so we need your help in spreading the word!

Our magazine is not the only source of communication. We have over two-thirds of our members who receive our monthly online publication, Speedster, but less than half of our members open the email!! Speedster allows us to get the latest news out in a timely fashion, so please encourage your members to read this publication. Also, encourage your members to give us their email address if they have not already done so. If a member is unsure whether we have it or if their address is changed, they simply need to call national headquarters at 717-534-1910 and we will make the changes.

Our magazine is shipped second class mail, which works well in most cases but certainly not all! Remember, that we always have an old issue available digitally (great way to introduce AACA to friends) and the current issue goes up a couple of weeks after the latest magazine comes out (only available to members).

So if your magazine is delayed, remember you can catch up on the latest with a very cool digital version which has a bunch of tricks available which cannot be done with the print version, like links embedded in ads.

The AACA Forums are another great way to stay in touch with AACA and the hobby. It is a feature that does not seem to be used greatly by our members but is hugely used by members of other clubs as we host many independent clubs. We have numerous sections from Judging to Meets & Tours. Up to date info is easy to find on the web. Please encourage your members to spend a little time on the website and see what features are available. There is a wealth of info and a lot of entertainment at www.aaca.org.

Naturally, we have a national headquarters and Board of Directors, so if you have a question, please feel free to contact the appropriate person to get a quick answer. AACA is unlike any other car club due to our size and we have the people to assist you! Feel free to contact your board (names, addresses and area of responsibility) are in the front of the magazine or call headquarters at 717-534-1910.

The club also puts out a youth magazine and Judges Newsletter so we do communicate! The club is now working on an app for phones and investigating a host of other technologies. Jeff Stumb has introduced more YouTube features and our president, Tom Cox, has been doing yeoman's work on trying to get us more involved in electronic technologies. Please help us in spreading the word.

In the February 2013 issue of Tire Tracks, I promised to keep you updated on the restoration of my 1934 Chevrolet Master. It's not done yet but I've made some progress over the past year.

BETSY—MY 1934 CHEVROLET

This car was purchased used sometime after WWII by my grandfather, who was a farmer in northern Pennsylvania. The odometer was broken, showing about 64,000 miles, and never worked as long as he owned the car. Since Grandpa never had a truck, "Betsy" as the '34 two-door was nicknamed, served as the primary hauler for the farm. I remember as a little guy, riding in the Chevy with bags of cow feed filling the rear of the car where the back seat once resided, and a couple extra bags draped over the front fenders. Grandpa lived a couple miles from town on Pickle Hill and the trusty Chevy with its Blue Flame Six, pulled the steep hill many times with the cargo of at least 1000 pounds of feed on board. The rear bumper of the car had been sectioned and a heavy hitch installed to allow the car to pull a wagon or pull the hay rope that raised loose hay bundles up into the hayloft in the barn. Since "Betsy" was a farm car (Grandpa had a 1949 Pontiac 4-door that was the "good" family car), she was also used in the fields to chase cattle, fix fence as well as other off-road errands.



My Grandparents with the 1934 Chevy—circa 1950

As a young man of 11 or 12, I was taught to drive the car, first on Grandpa's lap and eventually to solo out on the farm. I was rather small for my age, so the Chevy was furnished with a pillow that got me high enough to see over the steering wheel while managing to reach the pedals. I thought it was pretty special that I was entrusted to take off on my own with "Betsy".

The car was licensed, inspected and used on the highway until 1955, when it developed a habit of boiling over when it got hot. From then on, it was relegated to strictly farm use where it could be shut down and cooled off when it started boiling. Grandpa sold the cattle and he no longer needed a farm car so Betsy was parked in a shed with no front door, where it sat for at least 15 years. Grandpa passed away in 1978, and the family decided

that I, as the oldest grandson, should inherit the old Chevy.



"Betsy" in the Shed

At that time I was working as a carburetor engineer with Rochester Products Division of GM in Rochester NY. I was fortunate enough to have a two-car garage at our home near Rochester as well as an understanding wife and kids, so I got a friend of mine to travel to Pennsylvania, extract the car from the shed and haul it home.



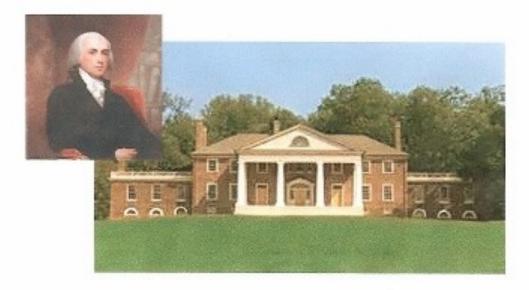
Loaded and ready to head to Rochester

I soon found out that the many years of farm use and barn storage had not been kind to the car. The shed roof had leaked and so did the tar-paper roof on the Chevy so the interior was in sad shape. Mice had made fine winter homes in the interior, which led to many hours of disposing of nests. The straight 6 engine was seized, the chrome bumpers were bent and rusted, and the fenders all showed the results of being a field car for all those years. "Betsy" could be best described as a "barn find" that was basically all there, but would require major restoration to bring it back to life. Since it was a family heirloom and held so many memories for me, I decided that I would try to bring her back to life. I had a degree in automotive engineering and worked on modern cars for a living, so I was confident that it was a project I could handle. Little did I know of the real "education" I would gain in the To be continued process!

Next Month: Starting the long-term restoration

Please join the

Waynesboro-Staunton Region AACA
Spring Antique Car Tour to Montpelier
home of President James & Dolley Madison
Saturday, April 5, 2014



<u>Departure Points:</u> 9:30 a.m. Family Dollar parking lot on Route 340, Grottoes 10:10 a.m. Liberty Gas Station on Route 340 south of Route 33, Elkton

Leisurely tour on some country roads to Orange. Lunch at Country Cookin about 11:30.

Spend the afternoon at Montpelier. We have a reservation for a 1:30 tour. We will view an orientation film in Visitors Center, take guided tour of the mansion, stroll the gardens and outdoor exhibits, etc. Buy tickets in Visitors Center for \$18 each.

Reservations recommended. Email dmstone65@comcast.net or phone 540-289-5520 so that Montpelier can plan for mansion guide staffing.





Old Dominion Meet -- May 16-17, 2014

Alice Cameron, Budd Lacy, Debbie Nolen, and Barbara Andres Richmond Region Host Committee

"We cordially invite all AACA members to the 61st Old Dominion Meet, May 16-17, hosted by the Richmond Region AACA. The Wyndham Virginia Crossings Hotel & Conference Center will serve as headquarters for this great line-up of weekend festivities showcasing our wonderful antique cars.

Friday afternoon finds us touring the Virginia War Memorial and the Virginia State Capitol. . . . The Friday Night Welcome Reception at the Hotel begins at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday is the big car show. It will be held on the grounds of the Wyndham Virginia Crossings Hotel & Conference Center. This year we are featuring the automobiles of Auburn, Cord, and Duesenberg. The ODMA show continues to attract some of the finest and most historically significant antique cars from around Virginia and its many neighboring states!

On behalf of the ODMA and the Richmond Region AACA, we look forward to having you and your AACA Region family this spring in Richmond where your antique car adventures await you!"

Note: Registration Forms will be available at the W-S Region March meeting and in the April edition of Tire Tracks. Deadline to postmark registration form is April 17.

CARS FOR SALE

The family of Founding Member and Past President Jeff Diffee has decided to sell two of the cars he drove and loved. It would be great to see them stay in the club. Both cars have been garaged since Jeff's passing. If you are interested, please call Jeff's daughter, Linda Dodd.

540-493-1943 (cell) 540-721-7580 (home)

1929 Model A Woodie Station Wagon

Unrestored, original wood with side curtains.

An improved "C" motor and overdrive were installed in the car for touring but the original motor is included with the woodie.

The car has been to many National Meets.

Asking \$19,000. or Best Offer

Linda has other Model A parts (fenders etc.) for sale also.



1920 Dodge 4-Door Sedan

This car was restored in 1952 and has the original upholstery. The original engine will be included with the car.

Asking \$9000 or Best Offer

2014 Calendar of Events

MAR. 12 Weds. W/S Board Meeting 7:30 pm

16 Sunday, 2:00 PM Business Meeting—Hometown Grill, 30 Sangers Lane, Staunton (Across the road from Rowe's—Formerly Shoney's)

APR. 3-5 AACA Southeastern Spring Meet hosted by Hornets Nest Region

- 5 Saturday—Spring Driving Tour to James Madison's Home—Montpelier—Details Page 4
- 9 Weds. W/S Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 13 Sunday, 2:00PM -Founders Day Meeting—Pano's, 3190 South Main St. Harrisonburg. Drive your antique car and wear vintage clothing if you have it.
- 27 Sunday—Piedmont Region AACA—40th Annual Car Fest, Charlottesville—Details TBA

MAY

- 4 Sunday, 1 PM, Business Meeting Hometown Grill (Old Shoney's), 30 Sanger's Lane, Staunton. Activity A tour of Ken Shoemaker's auto, jukebox & model train collection.
- 8-10 AACA Special Spring Meet, Auburn, IN.
- 10 Saturday, Waynesboro Motorsports Show Details TBA
- 13-16 AACA Eastern Division Tour, Tappahannock, VA. Hosted by Northern Neck Region.
- 16-17 Friday & Saturday, 61st Annual ODMA Meet, Richmond, VA Details Page 5
 - Wednesday VMCCA National Heritage Tour coffee stop hosted by W-S Region AACA at the Rockfish Gap Fire Department in Nelson County.
- 29-31 AACA Eastern Spring Meet, Buffalo, NY. Hosted by Lake Erie Region.
 - 31 Saturday, Second Annual Woodrow Wilson Car Show, Fishersville, VA Details TBA

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

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

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Minutes of the February Waynesboro-Staunton Region Meeting

The Waynesboro-Staunton Region of the AACA held their February meeting in Staunton at Kathy's at 2 pm on the 16th. Vice President Ken Farley opened the meeting by welcoming the 35 members and guest. After Nelson Driver asked the blessing we ate lunch.

Ken Farley called the meeting to order after lunch. Mary Helen Ayers gave the sunshine report stating that Bruce Elder had cancer. He will be in our prayers. Then she gave the Treasurer's Report.

The Secretary's minutes were printed in the Tire Tracks. A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed, seconded, and passed.

Ken Farley presented the activities report as follows;

The March 16 meeting will be held at Hometown Grill in Staunton and the program will be on James Madison,

April 5 will be the tour to Montpelier, see flyer in Tire Tracks.

April 13 will be the Founder's Day meeting at Pano's in Harrisonburg.

Shirley Wampler and Shirley Farley will audit the books.

Nelson Driver reported on the ODMA meeting and told us that the by-law change (HPOF Original and Race Car class) was voted on and passed. He also requested judges for the meet. He got a list of volunteers.

Ken Farley reported on the annual meeting in Philly. He stated, that one of the changes was anyone entering a 100 year car in any national event would receive a grill badge. He also reported that the incoming President, Micky Bohne was unable to attend due to her husband's surgery. Don Barlup will be the new Executive Vice President and Herb Oakes will be VP Class Judging.

Robbie Gray reported on the General Assembly. He stated that there a few bills that might affect the members. He also, reminded the members to look at the website for meeting, tours, and other activities.

The 50/50 was won by Shirley Farley.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Robbie Gray, Sec.

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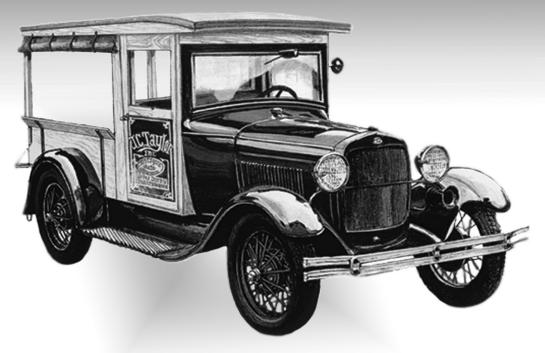
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