



**MAY 2013**



## ***TIRE TRACKS      THE ELECTRONIC VERSION***

Greetings Members and Friends. After we went to press with the printed version of Tire Tracks, several of the W-S Region members traveled to Charlottesville to attend the 39th Piedmont Region Car Show. Rainy weather didn't dampen spirits of those in attendance but certainly kept some of the cars away that would normally be on the show field. Before the rain really started to come down, we took some pictures of W-S Region members' cars. We also managed to bring home some trophy hardware. Congratulations to Piedmont Region for another successful show!

**Stu Allen-Editor**



**Nelson Driver's '31 Willys-Knight**



**Second- Class 24**

**Steve Cummins & '67 Lotus Europa**



**Billy Melton's '23 Model T**



**Second- Class 9**

**Dick McNinch's '66 Mustang**



**Mel Redmond with a dry spot**



**Second- Class 6**

**Bob Ridle and '56 Studebaker Hawk**



**First- Class 16**

**Robbie Gray and '29 A Huckster**



**First- Class 20**

**Susan Gray and '32 Dodge Street Rod**



**First- Class 5**

**Your Editor and '49 Buick Super**

**NEXT MEETING : Sunday, May 19, 1:30 PM, W/S Region meeting, Aroma Buffet & Grill, 233 Burgess Rd.—Harrisonburg Crossing Shopping Center (across from Walmart). Activity-Spring Driving Tour**





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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There are some people I want to thank for making our April Founders' Day dinner meeting a big success and some other people I want to congratulate. First I want to thank Charlotte Kuykendall for suggesting Carol Ralston and friends for our entertainment. The four ladies played their dulcimers while we tapped our feet and even sang along to some of the music. Thank you, Carol, and friends for the wonderful entertainment.

I also want to thank all the members who wore vintage clothing including Betty and Willis Clemmer, Nelson Driver, and Bob Kuykendall. Also thanks to everyone who drove an antique car to the dinner meeting. They made a nice display in the parking lot. Two of Pano's managers selected their favorite car and the winner was Jim Gregory's beautiful yellow Buick Convertible. Congratulations, Jim. With his Pano's gift card, he and Sue can return to Pano's for another dinner!

Since this was our Annual Founders' Day meeting, the highlight of the day was the announcement of the 2013 recipient of the Founders' Day Award. The award went to **William "Billy" Melton**. In my remarks before announcing the winner, I said, "The person receiving the award has been a very active member of the Region for many decades... loves to go on tours... has helped plan many tours... is caring and compassionate... has attended most W-S Region meetings and activities regardless of the weather. Rain and snow won't keep this person at home. Once I saw this person drive a **1903** Oldsmobile through about a foot of water in a parade." Billy corrected me and said it was a **1901** Oldsmobile and added that the parade was in Buckhannon, West Virginia. Congratulations, Billy.

All past recipients of the Founders' Day Award who were present were recognized.

They were Owen Harner, Jim Gregory, Mary Helen Ayers, Paul Wampler, Willis Clemmer, Doris Stone, John Stone, Nelson Driver, Robbie Gray, Stu Allen, Mel Redmond, Susan Gray, Bob Ridle, and Ken Farley. Including Billy Melton, the Founders' Day Award has been awarded to 27 members. Six are deceased and one has moved out of the area.

There are many opportunities in May for getting those antique vehicles on the road and enjoying a lot of fun and fellowship. See the *Tire Tracks* and the W-S Region website for more information on these and other upcoming events in our area.

May 3 and 4—60<sup>th</sup> Annual Old Dominion Meet in Fredericksburg

May 5—Car Display at Romano's in McGaheysville

May 11—Waynesboro Motorsports Show in Constitution Park.

May 11—Apple Blossom Car Show in Jim Barnett Park in Winchester

May 18—Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center Foundation Vehicle Display in Fishersville

May 19—May meeting of the W-S Region at Aroma's Restaurant in Harrisonburg

Happy birthday wishes to Sue Baugher who recently celebrated her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday, and get well wishes go out to Clarice Allen and Kelly Chapman. Hope to see you all soon.

*Doris Stone*

**Doris & John Stone  
brought their 1960  
T-Bird to Panos for  
Founders Day**



**April 21, 2013 Waynesboro-Staunton Region  
Meeting at Panos, Harrisonburg  
2013 Founders Day**



It was a beautiful day to dust off the old cars



Betty Clemmer modeled her raccoon coat—perfect accessory for their '31 Model A

Willis had a fur coat, too. Your editor's camera vapor-locked and all we got was this:



Owen Harner looked dapper in his 1940's outfit. Dolly told us she picked the outfit up at Goodwill and it was going back to Goodwill on Monday!



Nelson Driver claims that his closet is full of vintage clothes!



W/S member Carol Ralston brought her friends, and the "Sweet String Sisters" entertained us with their dulcimers.



President Doris Stone presented 2012 Founders Award winner Ken Farley with a small replica of the cup.



Doris presented the 2013 Founders Award to Billy Melton recognizing his many years of service to our Region



Jim Gregory's 1949 Buick Super was picked by Panos' Managers as their favorite car.





## **Changed your Antifreeze Lately?**

The arguments for and against long life coolant continue even fifteen to twenty years after it was introduced. Long life coolant was introduced by GM and Texaco around 1994 to decrease maintenance costs by extending the recommended coolant change interval from 2 or 3 years to 5 years. Since then, there is a confusing array of brands and types of coolant on the shelves at your friendly auto parts store. The big question for old car owners is: Which kind should I use?

Old car magazines such as “*Skinny Knuckles*” have printed articles warning that long life coolant may not be good for old cars. You have probably read horror stories in other car magazines that the long life coolant eats radiator solder and destroys gaskets. Some marque car clubs have warned their members through their newsletters that they will ruin their engines through the use of this stuff.

It’s my guess that most cars on the road today have coolant that is much older than even the 5 year life called for in the owners manual. It’s not one of those things most of us think about. We usually think about oil changes and if we don’t, most modern cars will tell you when a change is due. On our collector cars, we usually think about changing oil before we put them away for the winter and we might check the antifreeze to insure that we are protected against freezing, but do you know how old that stuff in the radiator is? I asked myself that question after reading a thread on AACA Forum the other night. If you check out the thread at:

<http://forums.aaca.org/f162/urgent-warning-extended-life-anti-freeze-292163.html> you will hear both sides of the argument. Of particular interest is the website mentioned: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ffpe8aVvb2c>, that is an informative video produced by Prestone. Here is what I learned:

- ♦ The old green stuff we all grew up with is called *inorganic additive technology (IAT)*. You’ll find that the color is an additive and doesn’t necessarily identify which type of coolant you are using. IAT coolant has not been used by O.E. manufacturers since the mid 90’s. IAT coolant was typically expected to last 3 years or 45,000 miles.

- ♦ *Hybrid organic acid technology (HOAT)* is the second type of coolant discussed and is used in some European and some Chrysler vehicles. It is rated to last 5 years/100,000 miles.
- ♦ The third type of coolant recommended by Prestone is called *organic acid technology (OAT)*. It is rated for 5 years/150,000 miles. The key here is that the OAT formula is backward compatible with older style coolant. They recommend that you flush the system after draining the old coolant but unlike some of the stories you’ve read, OAT coolant can be mixed with the other types without causing any problems.

One thing Prestone points out that old coolant often retains its protection from freezing as well as providing superior cooling in hot weather after 5 years but the concern is the loss of inhibitors that prevent rust, corrosion and erosion in the cooling system.

The Prestone video in the thread is pretty convincing for me. It clearly states that Prestone Extended Life coolant is safe for use in our old cars. In today’s litigious society, Prestone must be really certain of their claims to go public with them in this video.

My personal experience with long life coolant started in 2001 when I heard a talk by a well-respected engine development engineer from Buick who recommended using DEX-COOL in our antique cars. Both my ‘49 and ‘57 Buicks were due for new coolant so I carefully flushed the cooling systems of the old green ethylene glycol and installed the long life DEX-COOL. Since then I’ve put 10,000 miles on the ‘49 and 3000 miles on the ‘57 with no adverse effects from the new coolant. I realize that this is not a robust experiment that proves that all cars can use long life coolant, but it causes me to question some of the horror stories I’ve read.

I recently purchased some coolant test strips that are supposed to tell you if your coolant is past its useful life. These strips are commonly used by truck fleet operators to determine when coolant changes are required. My first use of the test strip told me that I needed to change coolant that was well beyond the 5-year useful life window. So, one of my spring chores is to change coolant in both my antique and modern vehicles that have coolant that is more than 5 years old. Based on my past experience and what I’ve read and learned from Prestone, I’ll continue to install the extended life coolant.

I’d be interested in hearing your experience with different types of coolant, so drop me a note with your thoughts and I’ll include them in a future issue.

Stu Allen

## 2013 Calendar of Events

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| <b><u>MAY</u></b>  | <b>3-4</b> 60th Annual Old Dominion Meet, Fredericksburg, VA—Historic Fredericksburg Region<br><b>5-10</b> AACA Founders Tour (1932 and later), No. Alabama & So. Tennessee<br><b>9-11</b> AACA Central Spring Meet, Auburn, IN<br><b>11</b> Waynesboro Motorsports Show, Constitution Park, Waynesboro<br><b>15</b> Weds. W/S Board Meeting 7:00 pm<br><b>18</b> Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center Foundation Fundraiser Vehicle Display—Fishersville<br><b>19</b> Sunday, 1:30 PM, W/S Region meeting, Aroma Buffet & Grill, 233 Burgess Rd.—Harrisonburg Crossing Shopping Center (across from Walmart) Activity-Spring Driving Tour<br><b>30—6/1</b> AACA Eastern Spring Meet, Carlisle, PA— <a href="#">Gettysburg Region</a> |
| <b><u>JUNE</u></b> | <b>12</b> Weds. W/S Board Meeting 7:00 pm<br><b>14</b> Friday, 6 PM, W/S meeting and Display of Cars at the Stuarts Draft Retirement Community, just off the 100 block of Patton Farm Road. Bring your car to display and enjoy the ice cream! Caravan departs the Target parking lot in Waynesboro promptly at 5:15 PM.<br><b>27-29</b> AACA Annual Grand National, Moline, IL - <a href="#">Mississippi Valley Region</a>   |
| <b><u>JULY</u></b> | <b>13</b> Saturday, 10AM-2PM. Baldwin Park Car Display and monthly W/S Region meeting. 21 Woodlee Road. Staunton.<br><b>14-19</b> AACA Vintage Tour (pre-1932 vehicles) Frederick, MD - <a href="#">Sugar Loaf Mtn. Region</a><br><b>25-27</b> AACA Central Fall Meet, Grand Forks, ND— <a href="#">North Dakota Region</a>   |

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### **Minutes of the April 21, 2013 W/S Region Meeting**

The Waynesboro/Staunton Region, AACA met on Sunday April 21, 2013, at Pano's in Harrisonburg at 2:00 pm. President Doris Stone called the meeting to order and welcomed 37 members and a guest. After Nelson Driver asked the blessing and while awaiting lunch, the various members described the vintage clothing they had worn.

After lunch, Carol Ralston and the "Sweet String Sisters" presented a program of dulcimer music.

Mary Helen Ayers gave the sunshine report stating that charter member Sue Baugher had celebrated her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday and was unable to attend. Clarice Allen was at home recovering from back surgery. Kelly Chapman was having surgery this week. Past President Carl Yowell (1990-91) had passed away and was buried in Dayton last week.

Mary Helen Ayers gave the Treasurer's Report which was accepted on a motion, seconded and passed for approval.

The Secretary's minutes were approved as printed in the Tire Tracks on a motion, seconded and passed.

Doris recognized the past recipients of the Founders Day Award who were present.

Doris then presented Ken Farley (the 2012 winner) with a small replica Founders Award. She then began reading the report of the committee for this year's recipient.

When Doris missed the year of the car (1903) and was corrected by Billy Melton as 1901 everyone knew who was this year's Founder's Day recipient.

William (Billy) Melton was presented the John Brown Trophy by Doris Stone.

Vice President Jack Drago reported on the upcoming meetings:

Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> Aroma's in  
Harrisonburg 1:30 pm.

Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> Stuarts Draft  
Retirement Comm. Car Display  
and Meeting 6-8 pm. Caravan  
from Target Parking Lot at 5:15  
pm.

Other activities:

Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>, Piedmont Region  
Car Show, Sam's Club parking  
lot, Charlottesville. Caravan  
from Target parking lot 8 am.

May 3 -4, ODMA, Fredericksburg.  
Caravan on Saturday from Target  
parking lot 7 am.

Saturday, May 11, Waynesboro  
Motorsports Show at Constitution  
Park. Caravan from the Advance  
Store parking lot 8:30 am.

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> WWRFCF. Car  
Show 9 am - 2pm.

Please check the web site and Tire Tracks  
for other meetings and activities.

It was reported that our Application to  
Host the 2017 AACA National Meet had  
been mailed.

The Pano's Manager's favorite car award  
and gift card was won by Jim Gregory (49  
Buick).

The 50/50 drawing for \$30 was won by  
Joetta Weller.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Robbie Gray, Sec.

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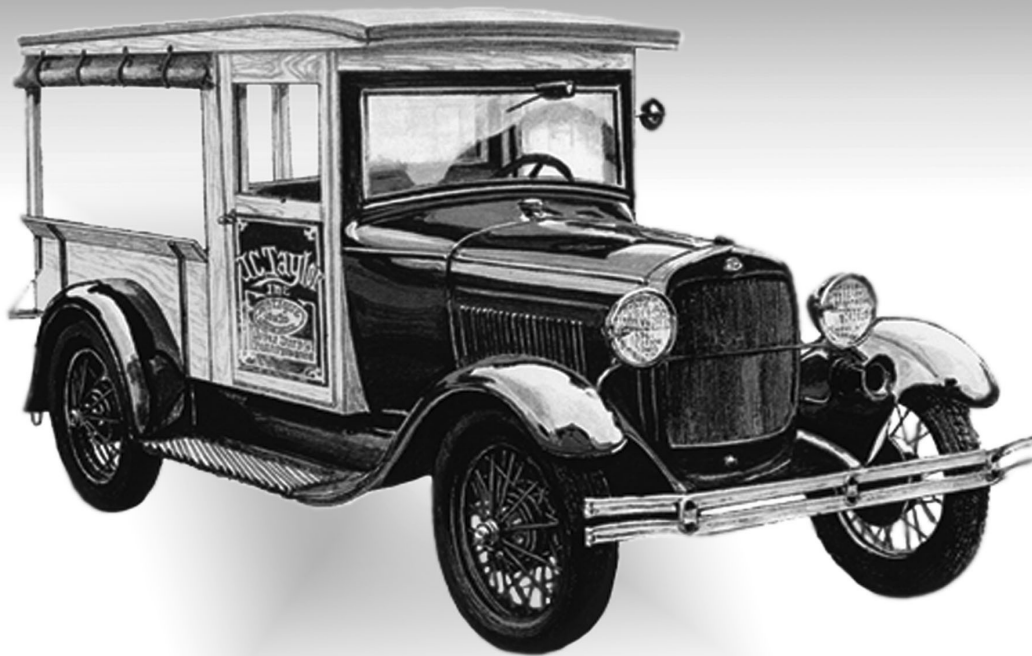
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