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Greetings W-S Region members and friends,

Hershey is behind us for another year and most of us are hurrying to get those last minute jobs done before we lose the nice sunny days. Prepping the old cars for winter is pretty high on the list in my shop. Also on the list is coming up with something to show off at our annual "Show & Tell" at our November 17 meeting. We have had some neat items shown in the past so let's all see if we can top last year!

We hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving as we give thanks for all the blessings we enjoy.

Stu Allen-Editor



Action against Ethanol

By Herb Oaks

VP Legislation

Since my last article on "Action against Ethanol", a lot has happened. I think we have gotten some attention with our opposition. AACA joined with SEMA and the AMA to oppose Ethanol in fuel. The Hemmings News article with pictures of the three organizations meeting at the Capital in Washington, DC in June was a powerful article. It received 76 comments, all favorable, in our fight against Ethanol in fuel. The impression is that AACA is taking a leadership role on the issue and I hope that it will continue to encourage our members to act. You can view the Washington rally on the AACA forum. It's worth taking a look at.

I have done some research on how this all came about. Former Vice President Gore and many oil-industry supporters were dubious about the feasibility of using Ethanol in gasoline blends, as mandated in the U.S. Renewable Fuel Standard. This regulation was intended to reduce dependence on foreign oil, make emissions cleaner and decrease gasoline prices. Causes we can all agree upon.

The Ethanol mandate has failed on most fronts we believe. For instance, for many months unleaded gasoline has remained over \$3.00 per gallon. According to the American Automobile Association, this is the first time in US history that this has happened.

Nationwide, Ethanol had the unattended consequence of driving up food prices. The Ethanol mandate eats up about 40% of US corn and 15% of global corn supply. This naturally drives up food and feed costs. The automotive industry has made great strides recently in improving fuel efficiency and the Nation needs affordable oil and gasoline to fuel its needs and economy. Ethanol is not providing the answer we need. It's time to throw in the towel and get the corn out of gasoline. You are seeing more and more gas stations with banners advertising "We sell real gas – Ethanol free". I saw this in Chattanooga while on the Glidden Tour and it was quite a sight to see a long line of antique automobiles waiting their turn to fill up. Right here in my home town, Jacksonville, NC, we have added 5 more stations that now have a pump with Ethanol free gasoline. Yes, the fact is Ethanol free gasoline costs more. But as an old advertising slogan stated – "Pay me now or pay me later". Many antique automobile owners and all of us who have lawnmowers, boat motors, etc. have paid later. As a chemical, Ethanol increases water formations which can than corrode metals. Ethanol can also dissolve plastic and rubber. Both types of reactions damage our engines and fuel systems, and intensify over a period of time when the vehicle is not used.

If everyone who is an AACA member would write their public officials in Washington, we can make a difference. Remember, if you do not "get in the game" then you cannot complain! Reach out to your congressmen on all issues that affect our hobby-it is important!

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NEXT MEETING : Sunday, November 17, 1:30 PM Meeting and Election of Officers—Activity—Show & Tell and Election of 2014 Officers—Wood Grill, 1711 Reservoir Street, Harrisonburg



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had an absolutely beautiful fall afternoon for our tour on October 20. It was a bright sunny day with a brilliant blue sky. There were at least 20 antique vehicles on the tour and about 50 people. New members Dave and Carol Sarginger were on their first tour with the Region and drove their handsome 1933 Ford Pickup. Susan Gray did a fantastic job of selecting our 36-mile route and making the contacts with the Horn Family to open Buck Hill Lodge. All of the antique cars completed the tour even though some needed a little help getting up the hill to the Lodge. We saw, once again, friends helping friends.

A highlight of the tour -- for some of us long-time members -- was a stop at Buck Hill Lodge in Western Augusta County. The Region held dinner meetings there at least twice a year in 1973 through 1975. When I was secretary of the Region in 1976 and 1977, I remember going to Buck Hill Lodge for some of our meetings then too. I was pleased to see that the Lodge is in good condition and still being used for many church functions, wedding receptions, reunions, etc.

Several weeks ago John and I mailed a letter to Commissioner Richard D. Holcomb of the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles. We told him about our trying to register in our names the vintage license plates that had been on my dad's 1952 Dodge for decades and were told by a DMV employee that the plate number had already been registered three or four times and could not be registered again. We were also told that the current policy permits each number to be registered only once, regardless of the year. We concluded our letter to the Commissioner with our contact information and the following question:

What can antique vehicles hobbyists do to get the policy changed so that we can register all vintage license plates that are the same year as the vehicle regardless of the plate number?

As of today, we have not received a reply from the Commissioner. What should we do now?

At our November 17 meeting, we will be electing our officers for 2014. Serving on the Nominating Committee are Nelson Driver, Chairman; Jim Gregory; and Paul Wampler. Please say "yes" if they ask you to serve next year. Also at our November meeting, we will have "Show and Tell," which has been quite interesting and educational in past years. Please bring your "goodies" to share on the 17th at the Wood Grill.

Dois Stone

SAVE THE DATE!

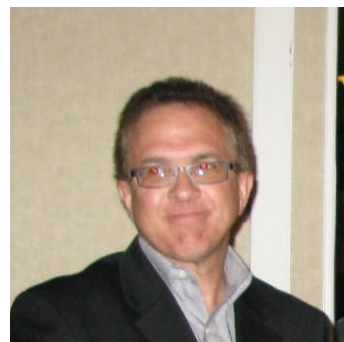
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Sunday, January 19, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

Tinkling Spring Church Fellowship Hall, Fishersville

Fall Tour—October 20, 2013



We were treated to a nice Fall Tour on a beautiful fall day on October 20. A record turnout of 21 cars met at Rite Aid in Verona and then toured the countryside west of Staunton.



The colors were a bit muted this year but it was a great day to drive the back roads.



Our first stop was the Buck Hill Lodge.



Doris told us that the Region used to meet at the Lodge back in the 1970's. Here members check out the meeting room.



Raymond Swadley had trouble restarting his '35 Ford on the steep driveway (low battery) and needed a little assist from Robbie's '70 Cadillac.



The tour wrapped up at Hog Wild BBQ in Staunton where we enjoyed food, ice cream, and a short business meeting.

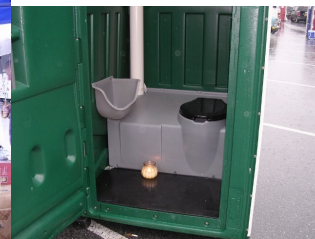
AACA Eastern Regional Fall Meet, Hershey, PA October 8-12, 2013

The Hershey Fall Meet was a bit damp this year. Tues. and Weds. were fine. Thurs. morning it drizzled and shortly after noon the monsoons arrived. Some hearty souls continued shopping at the few vendors with tents who stayed open. When we drove into the Chocolate Field on Friday, we were greeted by the sight of some collapsed tents and most vendors either covered or already packed up. We drained the water off our tents and uncovered our “goodies”. Again this day there were a few shoppers wearing rain gear and carrying umbrellas, but most seemed to be walking for the exercise and wondering “What am I doing here?” By Friday noon, most people had enough and most vendors packed up and by 2:00 the fields began to look like more like they usually look on Saturday afternoon— deserted!

One gentleman explained why he was out in the terrible weather when he explained: “A bad day at Hershey is still a lot better than a good day at work!”

Those that stuck around for the car judging on Saturday told us that it turned out to be a nice day. The golf course where the judging takes place was well-drained and few cars collected any mud. Some estimated that about half of the cars registered were present for judging. Your editor, like many others, decided to head for home and dry out the wet car parts and pack them away for next year. Hershey 2014 is Oct. 8-11—only 346 more days!

Stu Allen



There was one dry spot at Hershey that featured a candle!



Some of us “old timers” remember how Hershey used to be when it rained



2013-2014 Calendar of Events

<u>NOV.</u>	13	Weds. W/S Board Meeting 7:00 pm
	17	Sunday, 1:30 PM Meeting and Election of Officers—Activity—Show & Tell and Election of 2014 Officers—Wood Grill, 1711 Reservoir Street, Harrisonburg
<u>DEC.</u>	11	Weds. W/S Board Meeting 7:00 pm
	15	Sunday 2:00 PM—Annual Christmas Party and Gift Exchange, Pano's Restaurant, 3190 South Main Street, Harrisonburg
<u>JAN.</u>	8	Weds. W/S Board Meeting 7:00 pm
	19	Sunday, 1:30 PM—Joint Meeting of Piedmont, Tri-County and Waynesboro-Staunton Regions—Tinkling Spring Church Fellowship Hall. Details and Reservation Form will be in the December issue of Tire Tracks.

Don't forget to send in your membership renewal—Form is attached

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Notes from October 20, 2013

W/S Region Meeting

On Sunday, October 20th, The
Waynesboro/Staunton Region
AACA held a Fall Tour leaving
from the Rite Aid in Verona and
traveling west to Buck Hill Lodge.
From there, we traveled back to
Staunton for a meal and our
meeting at Hog Wild BBQ. At the
meeting President Doris Stone
welcomed the forty plus members
and guests present and noted that
there were 21 cars on the tour. She
gave a history of the club visits to
Buck Hill Lodge. According to old
issues of Tire Tracks, the club was
there on Nov. 12th, 1973 and again
on March 17th, 1975. At that time
the lodge was owned by Robert
Horn, but now it is operated by
Dave and Sharon Horn.

With Mary Helen absent Doris gave
the Treasurer's Report. She asked if
anyone knew of an ill member,
none being reported.

Vice President Jack Drago gave the
activities report stating the Nov.
meeting would be on the 17th at
1:30 pm at the Wood Grill in
Harrisonburg with our annual
"Show and Tell" and election of
officers.

The Secretary's minutes were
approved as printed.

Doris announced the Nominating
Committee consisting of Nelson
Driver Chairman, Jim Gregory and
Paul Wampler.

Nelson Driver stated the Old
Dominion Planning Meeting would
be held on Nov. 9th in Richmond
with the meet on May 17th.

Doris announced the January
meeting would held at Tinkling
Spring Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall.

AACA President Tom Cox has
agreed to be our guest speaker.
Tri-County and Piedmont Regions
will be invited. The meal would be
catered and reservations would be
required. A flyer will be emailed/
mailed to everyone giving the
pertinent information.

Ken Farley said a meeting of the
committee for the possible National
Meet would be held.

New members Carol and Dave
Sarginger were recognized.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Gray, Sec.

Dept. of Corrections

One of our members, Isobel Ailles,
found some errors in the October issue
of Tire Tracks. In the Calendar of
Events the dates for the November and
December meetings were incorrect.
They are correct in this month's issue
and thanks to Isobel for being a sharp-
eyed reader.

Your Editor



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Clarice Allen

Charles Cook

Sue Gregory

Mel Redmond

Christopher Sipe

Sarah Sipe

Doris Stone

The Wedding Story

By Dean Tryon, Wake Forest, NC

Interesting car story today. We were using our '29 Buick to take the bride and groom from their wedding at our church in Wake Forest to their reception in Raleigh, NC. All was going well except it was getting dark at 7:30 on Sat night. About half way to the reception, the groom asked me a question about his Nissan. A few seconds later, the handle fell off the windshield crank above the steering wheel onto the floor and a few seconds later, the car died and slowly came to a stop. I was baffled – the gages all indicated normal, no unusual noises and my first thought was that the throttle rod was disconnected but when I pressed on the pedal, I could hear the air inlet noise change so it was obviously OK. It felt like we were out of fuel but the fuel pressure gage was OK. I turned the electric pump on just in case – no change. We finally coasted to a stop and the groom was ready to jump out and give a push but we were safely off the main road by then.

So what does the mention of “Nissan” in the back seat, the “crank handle” falling off and the car stopping all have in common?

Before I got out to open the hood, I tried to restart it just for the heck of it. I instinctively turned on the ignition switch. BINGO! I had not turned off the ignition switch. A true “light bulb” moment. The car started right up and ran fine the rest of the trip. Apparently the falling crank handle just happened to fall on the ignition lever and turned off the ignition. Who would have figured! It was even more amazing that I came to that conclusion quickly (by chance though) without getting my hands dirty.

So, the mention of a Nissan in a Buick apparently was not the root cause of the car stopping – but it could have been!



Editors Note: Dean is an Old Car Buddy of mine and many of you have met him on the 2012 Sentimental Tour and at some of our meetings. Dean and I worked together for many years at General Motors and Delphi. Dean is editor for the 1915 - 1918 Buick & McLaughlin-Buick Owners Newsletter Group



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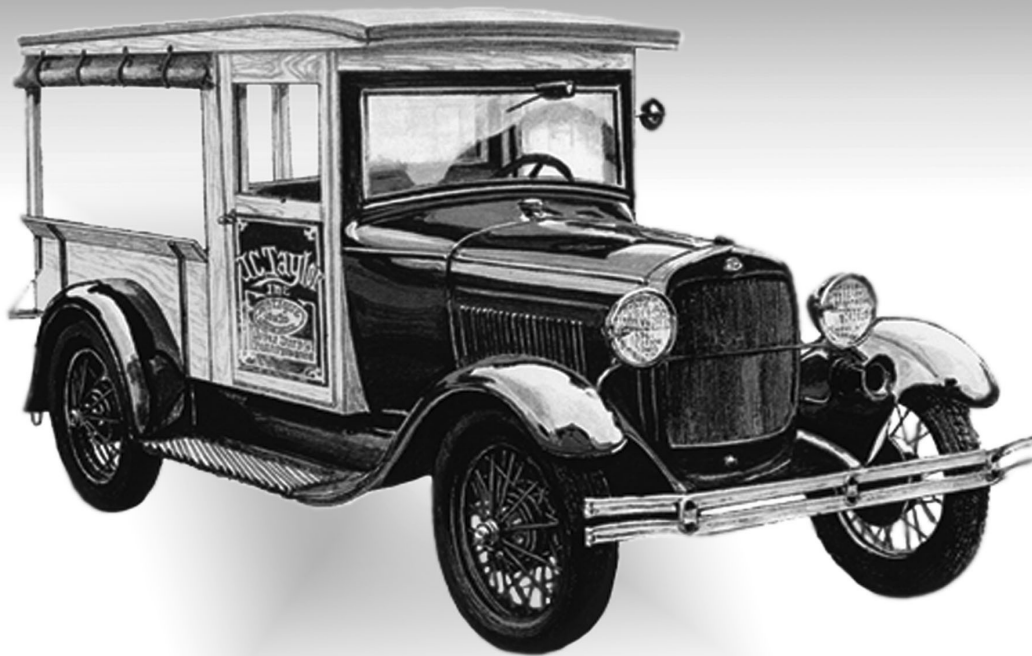
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