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TIRE TRACKS THE ELECTRONIC VERSION

Greetings, Waynesboro—Staunton Region Members & Friends,

A quick glance at our Calendar of Events (Page 7) is clear evidence that the old car hobby is slowing down for the winter. We still have fun events planned so let's get out and enjoy the fellowship. Have a safe Halloween and don't forget to set your clocks back this weekend.

Stu Allen—Editor

On Page 3 of this issue we cover the Fall Tour and visit to Duane & Rebecca Perrinns' home. There was so much to see that I thought we would show some more pictures of their collection. Editor



Duane has collected antique or collector car license plates from all of the states and some other countries.



Duane with his beautiful 1930 Willys-Knight Roadster



This is just part of the Radiator Badge and insignia collection displayed in original radiator shells.



Duane's Dad started the badge collection with this emblem from his first car. How many of you have heard of a Westcott?

According to "Standard Catalog of American Cars", the Westcott was built in Richmond, Indiana from 1909-1916 and then in Springfield, Ohio from 1916-1925. It was an "assembled car" meaning it was an assortment of parts purchased from other manufacturers, and the peak production year was 1921 with 1710 cars produced. I'm sure Duane would love to add a rare Westcott to his collection.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For those of us who love antique car activities, October offered many. Two events were hosted by our Region, and Chester and Nancy Bradfield invited the Region to their Annual Car Show and picnic. And there was the big Hershey flea market and car show.

For both of our Region's October events, we had great participation. It was a windy and chilly day when we went on our tour to Woodson's Mill and Poplar Forest. At the water-powered mill using water from Piney River, we were given an informative talk on how they slowly stone-grind grain into grits, flours, etc. It was our lucky day because they were grinding corn that morning so we got to see the mill in operation. Before leaving, some of us purchased pancake mix, corn meal, flour, and/or grits to take home or give as gifts.

During lunch, Nelson Driver was treated to ice cream and cake to celebrate his birthday. After lunch, we toured the partially restored house and Welcome Center at Poplar Forest. We had an excellent tour guide who explained how the restoration of Jefferson's house has been on-going since 1986. It should eventually be returned to the way Jefferson had it originally constructed. If you have never been to Poplar Forest, it's worth the visit. Due to the high winds, we all decided not to return to Waynesboro on the Blue Ridge Parkway as previously planned.

Our Region's October 21 tour and dinner was one of the best! The weather was perfect for the delightful Fall Driving Tour that Duane and Rebecca Perrin planned on country roads in Augusta and Rockingham Counties that ended with a stop at their new garages. There we saw their antique vehicles and a collection of antique license plates from all 50 states and many foreign countries and a collection of over 800 different car emblems.

We then enjoyed homemade brunswick stew, chili, a variety of breads, and many different desserts. A special thank you to Duane and Rebecca for their hospitality. It was evident that a lot of time and effort went into planning our tour and visit and for that we are most appreciative. Among those attending were new members Jim and Mary Owen, who drove their Packard from Charlottesville.

Now it is time to think about our November meeting. The Nominating Committee—Jim Gregory, Mel Redmond, and Stu Allen—will present its slate of 2015 officers; and as in past years, we will also enjoy "Show and Tell." Come to the meeting at Kathy's Restaurant in Staunton on November 16 to see what interesting things Billy Melton and other members bring.

There are four other events on the November calendar: Daylight Saving Time ends on the 2nd (remember to Fall back), Election Day is the 4th, Veterans Day is the 11th, and Thanksgiving is the 27th. Happy Thanksgiving, everyone.

Doris Stone



**The group
gathers at
Woodson's
Mill**

Bob Ridle Photo

October 19 Fall Color Tour

Our October W-S meeting started at the Verona Post Office where Duane and Rebecca Perrin handed out tour directions that took us to the back roads of Augusta and Rockingham counties. Fall colors were at near peak and it was a beautiful day to enjoy driving the old cars.



After a pretty drive of 50 miles and a couple of hours we arrived at the Perrins' home near Spring Hill.



There, Duane conducted a tour of his car and automobilia collection. Here he shows us their 1929 Stearns-Knight.



The Perrin's 1930 Willys-Knight Roadster has a most unique paint job.

Duane has an extensive collection of radiator badges—many from manufacturers you may never have heard of.



We were treated to a great meal of chili and Brunswick stew along with tasty corn bread and tremendous desserts. ***Thanks Duane & Rebecca!***

BETSY—THE LONG-TERM RESTORATION

Restoration of a 1934 Chevrolet Master

By Stu Allen

Part 9 Parts and More Parts

As mentioned last month, the fenders for Betsy were in rough shape but my only alternative was to repair them. First, I sandblasted them to expose prior repairs (welds and lead filler). Once the paint and filler were removed, patches were welded, flanges were reformed, and dents were removed to regain the original contours.



Once these repairs were completed, the priming and filling process began. I used epoxy primer as a solid base before any filler was used. Then body filler filled the low spots, followed by primer-surfacer, sanding and repeating the process until I was satisfied with the smooth surface obtained. It often took a full weeks work to get each fender ready for final paint.



Since I planned to paint the fenders black, the finish after primer was critical since every flaw would be obvious once the black paint went on. When I got to the final paint stage, I was satisfied with the results.



Chevrolet used wood graining on the dash, glove box and window garnish moldings. I purchased a kit from Grain-It Technologies that duplicates the original process. Soft rubber rollers are used to transfer printers ink from a negative plate to the metal after it is painted with a base coat. This provides realistic appearing wood grain.



Glove box door before and after new wood grain



Center section of dash before and after



Gauge panel before and after



Next Month—More Body Parts

HERSHEY 2014

It was another great year at Hershey. We had good weather until the rains came Friday afternoon. Those who braved the rain for the Saturday judged meet said that the drizzle let up and it turned out to be a decent day. There were many no-shows due to the threatening weather.



Nelson Driver brought lots of goodies to sell



“Restorable—Ran When Parked”

There is always something different at Hershey



“Chasing Classic Cars” star Wayne Carini was in the swap meet with his camera crew.



Hershey is truly an international event. Here our friends Dean Tryon from NC and Wolfgang Prochazka from Austria man our booth in the Chocolate Field



The car corral seems to always draw a crowd



Are there bargains at Hershey? Here's a 34 Chevy for \$30,000 and another for \$15,900!



Tech Notes

Tire Valve Stem Extension

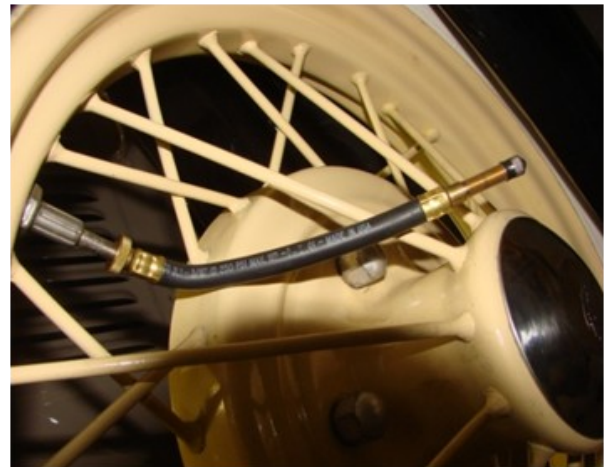
This technical note describes a tool I keep in my Roadside Recovery toolbox. It assures me I can pump up low tires at any gas station.

The Problem The passenger side rear tire on our Phaeton developed a slow leak on a weeklong tour. When I went to a local service station to top it up, I found I could not get their air chuck to line up with the end of the valve stem.

Their air chuck was the bulky kind with a pressure gauge built into it. When I tried to line up the end of the air chuck with a correct high Model A valve stem in the center of the Model A wheel rim, the air chuck hit the hub cap and remained at an angle to the valve stem. I found similar air chucks at other stations and finally at one station that did repair work I was able to use the air hose inside their repair bay which had a conventional round-knob air chuck.

This can be a problem not only Model A wheels but also other spoked wheels with a high valve stem that exits the center of the rim, e.g. Brass Cars.

Two Solutions My two solutions to this difficulty are shown in the photograph. The first on the top is a valve stem extension I made up out of a conventional round-knob air chuck, with a retaining clip to hold it on the valve stem, a piece of ¼ in brass pipe and a valve and valve stem salvaged from an old tube. You clip the air chuck on the valve stem and then fill the tire through the valve on the other end.



It works well but another solution is the hose-type dual wheel truck valve stem extension shown in the bottom in the photo. This screws onto the valve stem, where the air chuck retaining clip can fall off, and being flexible its always easy to line up with the air supply hose. Dual wheel valve extensions are available at any truck tire or RV supply place for about \$10. The second photo shows the hose-type extension installed on a valve stem and the ease with which it can be adjusted to connect with the service station supply. But, it does require a tight bend in the hose to get it on. Take your pick.

Alfred Meyer

2014/2015 Calendar of Events

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<u>DEC.</u>	<p>14 Sunday, 2 PM, Annual Christmas Party & Gift Exchange - Pano's Restaurant, 3190 S. Main Street, Harrisonburg.</p>
<u>JAN</u> <u>2015.</u>	<p>18 Sunday, 1:30 PM, Business Meeting at the Hometown Grill and Buffet, 30 Sangers Lane, Staunton. Activity - Report on the 2014 Glidden Tour - Robbie Gray</p>



Woodson's Mill



Photos courtesy of Bob Ridle and Robbie Gray

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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October 19 Waynesboro-Staunton Region Meeting Minutes

The Waynesboro-Staunton Region of
AACA held its October 19th meeting at the
residence of Duane and Rebecca Perrin in
Spring Hill.

After a two hour Color Tour of valley,
starting at the Post Office in Verona and
ending at the Perrin's residence, the 40
members and guest took a garage tour and
had a delicious meal provided by the
Perrins with the assistance from the
members.

Prior to the meal President Doris Stone
opened the meeting by welcoming the
members and guest. Nelson Driver gave
the blessing and then we proceeded with
the meal. After which, Doris called the
meeting back to order and recognized the
new members present.

Mary Helen Ayers gave the Treasurer's
Report stating the proceeds from annual
auction exceeded previous years.

The Secretary's minutes were approved as
printed in The Tire Tracks.

The Activities Report was given by Doris
as follows :

November 16th meeting will held at
Kathy's Restaurant in Staunton at 2 pm.
with the Election of Officers and the
annual Show and Tell.

December 14th (2nd Sunday) meeting will
be held at Pano's in Harrisonburg at 2 pm
for the annual Christmas Party with a gift
exchange.

Stu Allen gave an update on the ODMA
meet. The meet will be held on May 22
& 23, 2015 at the Government Center in
Verona and the host hotel will be the
Holiday Inn. The fall ODMA planning
meeting will be held Saturday November
22 at the Holiday Inn at 11:30 AM. W-S
members are encouraged to join the
ODMA reps. from the other member
Regions for that meeting.

Mel Redmond reported that Waynesboro
Motorsports Show would be on May 16th,
2015.

Doris thanked the Perrins' for setting up
the tour and hosting the day and the
meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Gray—Secretary

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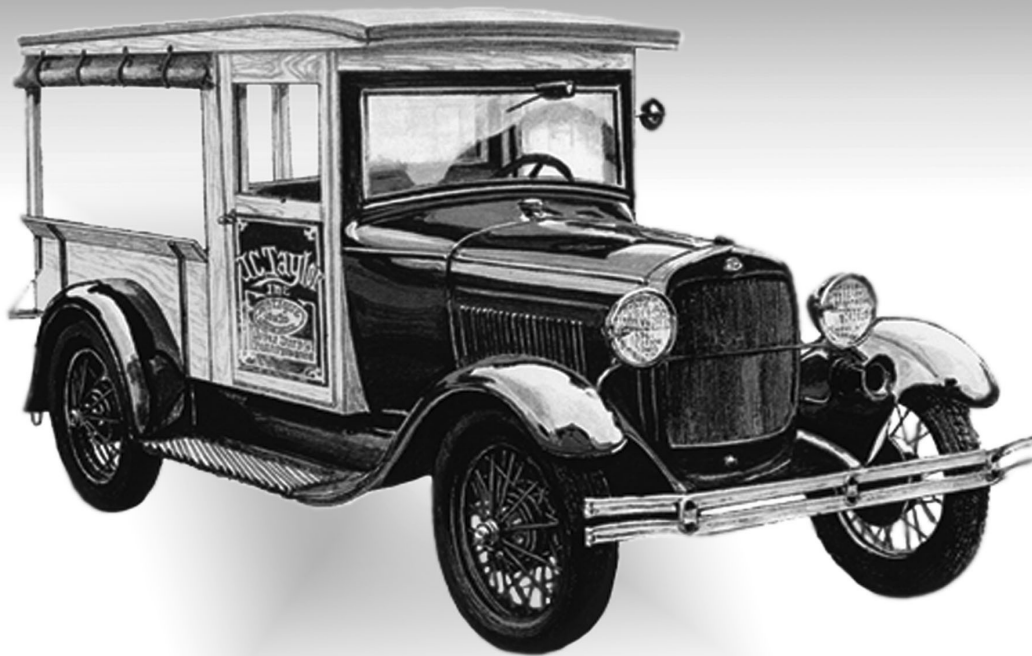
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