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Greetings W-S Region members and friends,

Time to start searching your “stash” for items to donate to the Annual Auction to be held at Coyner Springs on Sunday September 15. We all look forward to being entertained by professional auctioneer Bruce Elder who has once again agreed to sell the exceptional items that seem to surface each year. Newer members may not be aware that it is considered entirely acceptable to bring back that item that you just had to have last year, (but never got around to using) for resale at this year’s auction. Quick, think of what you bought last year. I bet you can’t remember. It all goes for a good cause. Did I mention that the Region provides the steaks and there is always a veritable feast to consume prior to the auction? If we’re lucky, the M&M Dairy DIVCO may be there with homemade ice cream!

Stu Allen-Editor



NEXT MEETING : Sunday, September 15, 1:30 PM, Annual Auction & Steak Fry at Coyner Springs Park, Waynesboro. Bring a dish to pass, some great “stuff” to auction and your checkbook! Steak, drinks and table service will be provided.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Can you believe that it is now September and that the summer is almost over? I certainly hope you have had some fun with your antique vehicles this summer. Your Region has several more activities planned before the end of the year so there is still time to enjoy your antique car hobby.

On Sunday, September 15, we will be going to Coiner Springs for our annual steak fry and auction. Since this is our only fund raiser this year, let's make it a very successful one by donating your surplus car parts, baked goods, and "white elephants." Susan Gray and I are planning a driving tour in the afternoon on October 20 in Western Augusta County followed by an early dinner in Staunton. We will continue our tradition of having "Show & Tell" in November and a Christmas dinner and party in December.

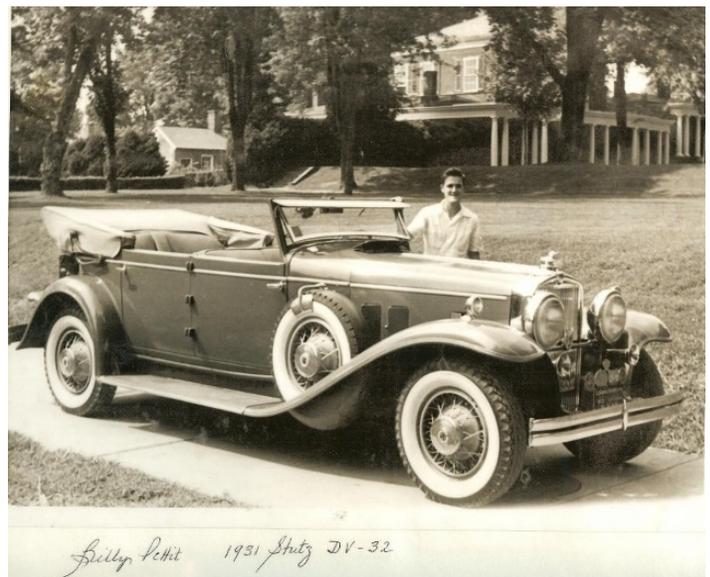
I thought we were going to have a wet picnic with the Tri-County Region in August at the Grand Caverns but the rain stopped as we were getting ready to leave home. A nice crowd from both regions attended and enjoyed the fried chicken that Jack Drago brought as well as salads, casseroles, and desserts that members contributed. There were several antique cars in the parking lot too—one driven by the Grays and another by the Gregorys and there might have been others that I didn't see. We welcomed new member Jim Rimel and his son Todd Rimel.

Did you know that Susan Gray and I have twin antique automobiles? We both have white Chrysler Le Baron convertibles. Susan's is a 1988 and mine is a 1982 so I guess they are not really twins but almost. I told Susan that one day when the weather is nice we should put the tops down and go "cruising." Can you make some suggestions as to where we should go? Should we take John and Robbie?

William "Bill" A. C. Pettit, III, formerly of Louisa, Virginia, and his father Claude were two of the founding members of the Waynesboro-Staunton Region. Bill passed away on March 14, 2012, at his home in Florida. I had the pleasure of communicating with Bill and sending him a certificate recognizing his "50 Years of Membership in The Veteran Motor Car Club of America" when I was National Membership Vice President for VMCCA several years ago. Bill had already received a 50-year pin from AACA. We have recently learned that the bulk of his estate, estimated to be in the millions, is being given to the Shriners' Hospitals for Children. Way to go, Bill! You can read his obituary near the bottom of this web page: <http://www.thecentralvirginian.com/?p=2082>

See you at the Steak Fry and Auction. Bring a friend.

Dois Stone



From our scrapbook - circa 1954

CLARENCE, THE PACKARD

Our car, a 1938 Packard Eight Coupe Convertible, has brought us a great deal of fun and new friends since we bought it in 2005. We have toured with the AACA, the Blue Ridge Packard Club, and the Old Dominion Packard Club and attended a national Packard meet in Gettysburg PA. It has taken us on many interesting trips that include overnights at bed and breakfasts, winery tours, car shows and countless trips to get ice cream. To date we have driven it over 12,000 miles.

The car, a model 1601, has a 282 cubic inch 120 horsepower eight cylinder engine. Packard dropped the "120" designation for advertising in 1938 and named the cars based on the engine, hence ours is called a Packard Eight. It weighs 3,625 pounds and was the first in the coupe convertible series not to have a rumble seat. The wheelbase was extended seven inches to provide seating for four. The rear seat consists of two fold down opera seats. These work well when the top is down. Not so well with the top up!

Our car carried a base price of \$1,365 and came with several accessories: deluxe steering wheel (\$12.50), matching shift knob (\$0.50), electric clock (\$11.75), radio (\$65.75), heater (\$19.85), a Cormorant Radiator Ornament (\$6.75), and chrome wheel trim rings (\$20.00). This brought the total to \$1,502.10. Sharp eyed readers will note that the photos show a Goddess of Speed Radiator Ornament. This is on loan to us from a friend and fellow Packard owner Curtis Graf of Irving Texas.

Little of our car's history is known. What we do know is that in July 1987 the car was titled to Wayne and Miriam Putnam of Carthage MO. Attempts to contact them have failed. In April 1999 the car was for sale out of a fresh restoration at the Charlotte Auto Fair where it was spotted by a member of the Blue Ridge Packard Club, Curtis Easter. Curtis was hooked and he took title to it on April 12, 1999, and took it home to Lexington SC.

Thanks to Jerry Lynn and Roller Shipplett who invited Rish and me to go with them on a Packard Tour in the spring of 2004. There we met Curtis Easter and saw the Packard that would become ours in March of 2005.

Oh yes, the name. When I became old enough to be interested in cars, I would ask my dad "If you could have any car, what would it be?" His answer was always the same, a Packard convertible. We named our car Clarence in honor of my dad, Clarence Sanders Capps.

Happy Motoring!

Rish and Ron Capps



Photos courtesy of Ron Capps

**August Meeting—Annual Picnic
with Tri-County Region**

Sunday, August 18 arrived with a steady rain falling as members prepared for our annual picnic with Tri-County Region, held at Grand Caverns Regional Park in Grottoes. By 12:30 PM, the rain dwindled to occasional sprinkles but it was enough to discourage some of our regular attendees. Jim and Scott Gregory were brave enough to drive an old car and Scott explained that the 1969 Buick Electra was already outside in the rain so he didn't worry about getting it wet.

As usual, there was plenty of food and more than enough fried chicken, and everyone seemed to enjoy the food and fellowship.



When do we eat?

W-S Region Tour Banners

President Doris Stone has come up with cool Touring Banners to advertise our club and provide some added visibility to our old cars as we tour.



If you are interested in purchasing a banner, send me an email and we'll place an order. Cost will be \$15.00.

Stu Allen—stuscar@aol.com

2013 Calendar of Events

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| <u>SEPT.</u> | <p>4 Weds. W/S Board Meeting 7:00 pm</p> <p>8-13 Glidden Tour (pre-1943 vehicles), Chattanooga, TN - AACA</p> <p>13-15 Somerset Gas & Steam Pasture Party www.somersetsteamandgas.org/pasture_party</p> <p>15 Sunday, 1:30 PM, Annual Auction & Steak Fry at Coyner Springs Park, Waynesboro.</p> <p>19-21 AACA Southeastern Fall Meet, Cleveland, TN - Cherokee Valley Region</p> <p>21 Saturday, 10 AM, Staunton Mall 3rd Annual Car Show to benefit Blue Ridge Area Foodbank. Admission - Donate a non-perishable food item (canned goods are popular). Info - (540) 885-0315)</p> <p>21 38th Annual Edgar Rohr Memorial Meet—Manassas VA—See Bull Run Region Website</p> |
| <u>OCT.</u> | <p>7-13 AACA Eastern Regional Fall Meet, Hershey, PA - Hershey Region</p> <p>16 Weds. W/S Board Meeting 7:00 pm</p> <p>20 Sunday, 1:30 PM, Fall Driving Tour & Meeting / Location & Activity -TBA</p> <p>25-26 AACA Western Fall Meet, Cathedral City, CA - Sun 'n Sand Region</p> |
| <u>NOV.</u> | <p>13 Weds. W/S Board Meeting 7:00 pm</p> <p>18 Sunday, 1:30 PM Meeting and Election of Officers—Activity—Show & Tell</p> |

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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Notes from August 18, 2013 **W/S Region Meeting**

The annual joint picnic of the
Waynesboro-Staunton Region and
Tri-County Region was held at
Grand Caverns on Sunday, August
18 at 1:30 in Shelter 4. There were
approximately 34 members and
guests present. The meeting was
opened by Larry Huffman,
President of Tri-County, who
welcomed all present and then
asked the blessing. After the
excellent picnic lunch a brief
meeting was held. Larry reviewed
the upcoming activities of Tri-
County Region (see the calendar at:
<http://tri-county-aaca.org>). Doris
Stone, President of Waynesboro-
Staunton Region, then thanked all
for coming to the picnic and asked
VP Jack Drago for the W-S
activities report.

Jack Drago stated the Sept. meeting
will be the annual steak fry at
Coyner Springs on Sept the 15th at
1:30 pm. The rest of the activities
will be on the web page and in
Tire Tracks.

President Doris gave the sunshine
report, stating that Bob Kuykendall
was home from the hospital, Carol
Downs was recovering from back
surgery, Clarice Allen was
recuperating at home, and Reggie
Hiner was in the hospital.

Doris recognized new member Jim
Rimel and his son Todd, and guest
Larry Skillman.

The meeting was adjourned and
fellowship was had by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Gray, Sec.

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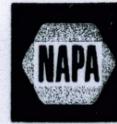


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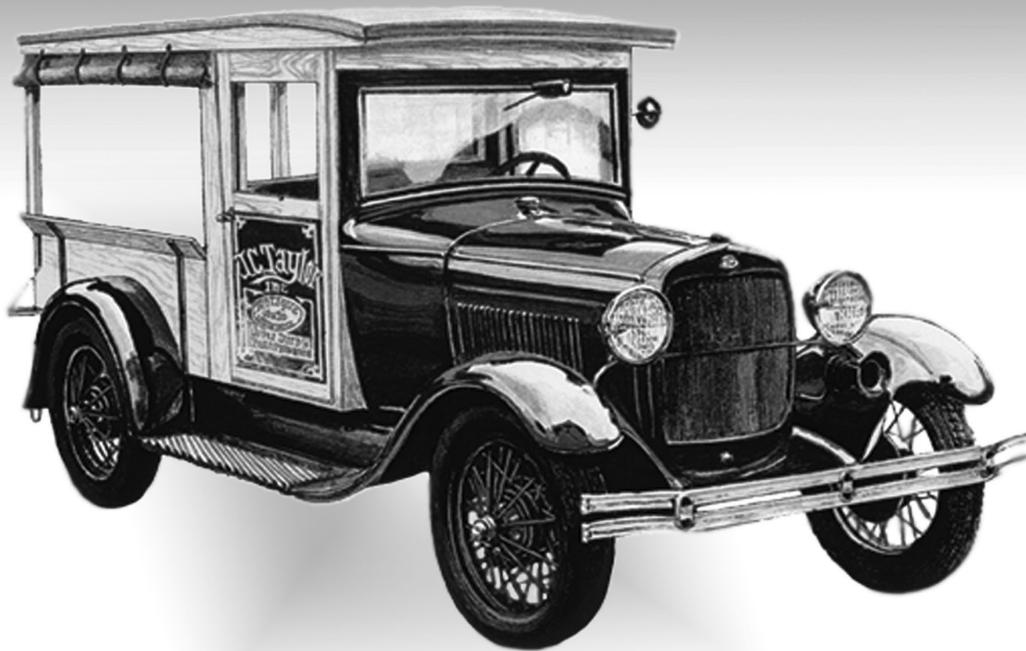
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