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TIRE TRACKS THE ELECTRONIC VERSION

Greetings Waynesboro-Staunton Region members and friends. This month we feature pictures from our joint picnic with Tri-County Region. Here in the Valley there are many opportunities for shows and tours this time of year. Your editor can't be at all of them. Please take pictures and give me a write-up and we'll include them in future issues.

Stu Allen

For those not going to Manassas

Staunton Mall Car Show—Saturday Sept. 15

Car Entry Fee—5 canned food donations

All proceeds go to the **Blue Ridge Area Food Bank**

Register upon arrival or call (540) 885-0315

This is a non-profit event and a chance to give back to our local community and help those in need!

NOTICE

It's that time of year again. Your Nominating Committee is searching for willing & able people to fill out our slate of officers. No experience is necessary. Training and counseling will be offered free of charge. It's your opportunity to pitch in and help with club activities.

If you are willing to help out, please call Stu Allen (540) 886-8056, Betty Clemmer (540) 885-8285, or Mel Redmond (540) 949-7075.

NEXT MEETING : Sunday September 16, 1:30 PM. Meeting and Annual Steak Fry and Auction, Coyner Springs Park, Waynesboro. Steaks, hot dogs & drinks provided. Bring a dish to share, lawn chairs and items to donate to the auction. Bruce Elder will be auctioneer.



Chefs Jim Gregory and Ronnie Shanholtzer grill the steaks at the 2011 Steak Fry



Part-time auctioneer (and full-time entertainer) Bruce Elder coaxes the crowd to bid on another item they "Can't live without!"



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The month of August has been one big blur to your President, seems like I was on the road most of the time. That meant VP Jack Drago had to fill in for me twice during the month. Thanks Jack for a job well done. Now, where was I and what was I doing during August?

There were two "road trips" that kept me away. One trip was pretty routine, the other, anything but. The routine trip was to Ann's annual business convention in Orlando. As many of you know, she is a Director for Tupperware and every August the company has its "Jubilee" in Orlando. It's always a fun trip because we also get to spend time with our kids and grandkids who live south of Orlando. The other trip during August was old car related and took me to Indiana, and here things get a little crazy.

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times..."

And so, with a little push start from the great Charles Dickens begins my story of the road trip to Hoosier country. Once every five years the Studebaker Drivers Club holds its annual International Meet in South Bend, Indiana. As you may know, South Bend was Studebaker's home town, where hundreds of thousands of Studebaker cars and trucks were built. I won't even get into the number of wagons they built in South Bend before the motor car era. At any rate, this meet is THE meet for Studebaker aficionados around the world. I had registered and booked my room for the week back in January. My 51 Studebaker Champion was entered for judging in the Concours. On July 29th the "Bulletnose" was loaded on the trailer, lashed down, and my friend, Gary Moeller, and I shoved off for Indiana.

"The worst of times..."

The plan was to drive as far as Bellefontaine, Ohio on Sunday, then get an early start on

Monday so that we could stop by the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum on our way to South Bend. Since nearly all highway rest stops require a vehicle pulling a trailer to park with the "big boys", I dutifully pulled our rig into the tractor-trailer parking area of a rest stop along Rt. 30 in Ohio. Unlike most rest stops, this one did not have pull-through parking for the big rigs, but the older end-to-end parking spaces. I got the last space available on the right hand side of the lot, which put me behind a truck pulling a wide load of pre-fab buildings. I swear that load looked as tall as the Empire State building in front of me. I even drifted my rig back to the very end of my space to put as much room between us as possible. As we left the pick-up, I commented to Gary that I sure hoped the guy driving that big rig knew we were there. He didn't. About 25 feet shy of the men's room I heard a "crunching" sound. I turned around and saw the back end of the wide load was now part of the front end of my Lincoln Blackwood! The truck driver, realizing something was amiss, eased forward and climbed down out of his cab. We met at the shattered front of my truck. He apologized, explaining my rig was not visible in his mirrors, and he was already in his cab when we parked. He quickly provided his license and insurance information. The Blackwood had damage to the hood, grill & reinforcing panel, headlights, bumper cover, license bracket, and other items. Fortunately there was no damage to anything critical in the front end...like the radiator, oil cooler, or front suspension, so the Lincoln was drivable and we were able to continue the trip.

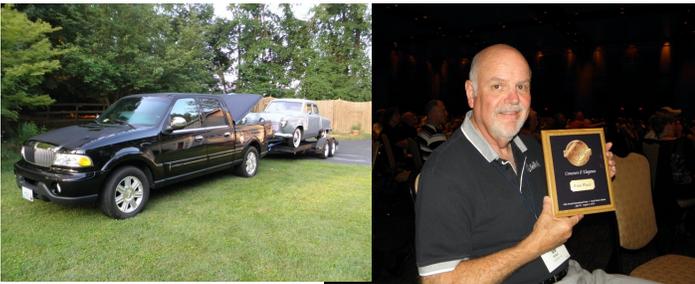


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“The best of times...”

We had a great week in South Bend. The Michiana Chapter of SDC and the community of South Bend did a great job of rolling out the welcome mat. We got to tour the original Studebaker Administration Building, see Studebaker family homes, tour the largest inventory of NOS Studebaker parts on the face of the earth, visit the new Studebaker National Museum, and even drive a few laps on the original Studebaker test track.



Oh yes, to top off the week the Bullethead took home a First Place in Division 2!

BTW – November will be here before you know it and the W-S Region AACA will once again be selecting its officers for next year. I have found my terms serving as your VP and then President have been extremely satisfying. I urge you to give some thought to a leadership role in the W-S Region. And I can assure you the Nominating Committee of Stu Allen, Betty Clemmer, and Mel Redmond would love to hear from you.

I hope to see everyone at Coyner Springs Park in Waynesboro for our annual Steak Fry & Auction on Sunday, September 16th at 1:30 PM. As always, the meat, drinks, ice, utensils & plates are provided. Bring a dish to share and a lawn chair or two. And be sure to bring something to donate to the auction to benefit the Region's treasury. Bruce Elder will once again serve as our Auctioneer. Also, I'll be taking a headcount to see how many will be bringing a car to the Stuarts Draft Retirement Community's Ice Cream Social on September 29th. Those who participated last year had a great time.

See you at the Steak Fry and keep bringing out those old cars and trucks!

Bob Ridle

Future Activities—Bus Tours

Dear Members,

As I had briefly mentioned at the August 18 picnic, some possible tours for the club (via Sunshine Tours in Dublin, VA) the BOD thought it would be nice for you to hear in advance what I have in mind. All tours are 1 day only and would leave from Staunton.

(1) Greenbriar Hotel and Bunker Tour (top secret underground bunker under the hotel) \$90 per person *

(2) D-Day Memorial (Bedford) and Smith Mountain Lake Luncheon Cruise \$85 per person * Admission to D Day Memorial and Luncheon cruise included

(3) Quantico Marine Corps Museum and Inner Harbor Baltimore National Aquarium (ships/submarine, lots of shopping and restaurants and the aquarium) \$75 per person *

(4) Memorials and Museums in Washington, DC (Lincoln/Jefferson/Roosevelt memorials, Korean/Vietnam/World War 2 memorials, Smithsonian Natural/American History and also the Air and Space Museum at Dulles Airport. \$75 per person *

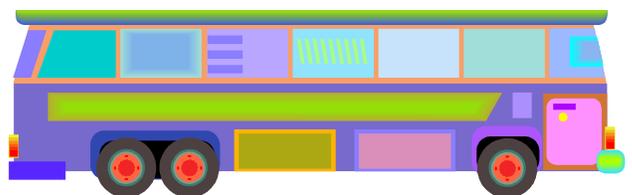
(5) Cass Railroad WV Fall Foliage \$80 per person * (train fare and box lunch included)

I will bring up several other possible tours (overnights) to discuss as well.

Karen and I have been on most of these tours (several times) and have been more than thoroughly impressed with not only the tour, but the tour bus company.

*The prices listed are LIST price and will not be charged as such, since the club will be picking up a portion of the costs. We will discuss this at our future club meetings. I will hand out brochures at the next meeting to get some feedback.

Jack Drago—Vice President



AUGUST 18 PICNIC AT GRAND CAVERNS



Our annual joint picnic with Tri-County Region was held in gorgeous weather at Grand Caverns Park in Grottoes. 65 members enjoyed an abundance of food, relaxation and time to kick a few tires.



2012 Calendar of Events

- SEPT.** 7-9 Somerset Steam & Gas Engine Assoc. Annual Pasture Party—see website - www.somersetsteamandgas.org
- 12 W/S Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 15 Saturday, Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet—Manassas— www.bullrunaaca.org
- 16 Sunday 1:30 PM. Meeting and Annual Steak Fry and Auction, Coyner Springs Park, Waynesboro. Steaks, hot dogs & drinks provided. Bring a dish to share, lawn chairs and items to donate to the auction. Bruce Elder will be auctioneer.
- 29 Saturday, 6 PM-PM, Ice Cream Social & Car Display at the Stuarts Draft Retirement Community, 104 Patton Farm Road. Bring your car and enjoy ice cream! RSVP to Bob Ridle by 9/24

- OCT.** 3 W/S Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 10-13 Eastern Fall Meet, hosted by Hershey Region AACA, Hershey, PA.
- 21 W/S Meeting TBA—Possible Fall Driving Tour
- 21-26 Glidden Tour, hosted by VMCCA in Brenham, TX.

- NOV.** 14 W/S Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- 18 Sunday, 1:30 PM, Meeting & Annual Election of Officers at the Wood Grill, 1711 Reservoir Street in Harrisonburg

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

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



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Minutes of the August 18, 2012 W/S Region Meeting

The August meeting of Waynesboro/Staunton and Tri-County Regions of the AACA was held on Saturday the 18th at 1 pm at Grand Caverns Park. This was the annual meeting of the two regions for a picnic lunch with approximately 65 members and guests present. The meeting was opened by Vice President Jack Drago, who welcomed all present. Sonny Hinkle return grace and then we ate. After lunch, Jack Drago and Bobby Good (President of Tri-County) held the joint meeting talking about the possibility of bus tours to various places. After this, the joint meeting was adjourned for the individual club meetings.

Mary Helen Ayers gave sunshine report, stating that Jim Ailes was in therapy and improving. She then gave the Treasurer's Report.

Robbie Gray stated that the Secretary's Report is as printed.

Billy Melton was asked to report on The Somerset Pasture Party which will be held on September 7, 8, and 9, 2012. Check the website for information.

www.somersetsteamandgas.org

Jack Drago reminded the membership of the Annual Steak Fry and Auction at Coyner Springs in Waynesboro. Remember to bring your goodies for the auction. The meeting was then adjourned and good fellowship was had by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Gray, Sec



I am selling this 1994 Olds Cutlass Supreme Convertible for a friend of mine.

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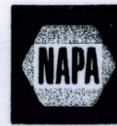
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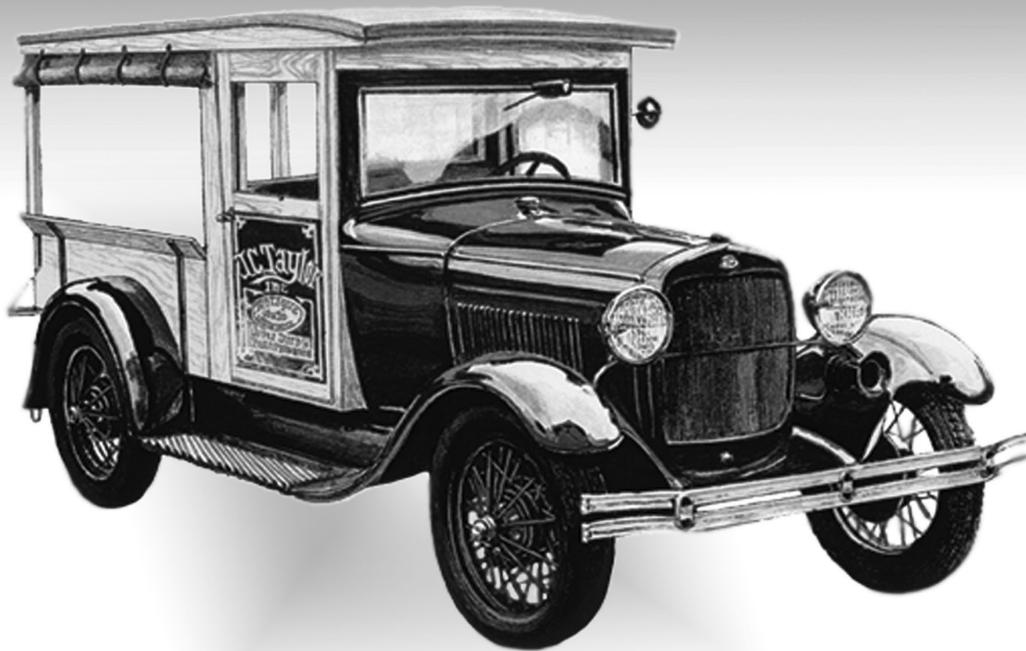
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