



TIRE TRACKS

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THE ELECTRONIC VERSION



Greetings, Waynesboro—Staunton Region Members & Friends, Did you know that Tire Tracks has been published since 1971? Craig Peterson was the first editor and below is the kickoff of the first issue. We continue to solicit your stories just as they did in 1971. Have we published your story yet?

At the March meeting of the AACA held at Lloyd's Steak House the newsletter "TIRE TRACKS" was born. From its humble beginning this month Jay Brown, Nelson Driver and myself will try to bring you interesting and informative bits of news from our club and others. We would welcome articles from club members, buy-sell and trade items and any other items club members would like to add to make a better publication.

If you are in the process of restoring a car or have just finished and feel inclined to write an article by all means do! The process by which we will print this newsletter will not reproduce photographs but black and white drawings will copy and make for more interest.

All "antiquers" are always looking for that one last "whatchamacallit" to finish their latest project. Advertise!! A fee of fifty cents to help cover printing and postage will place an add of fifty words that will go to seventy or eighty antique car nuts, who talk more than 10,000 * ordinary people. (*A conservative estimate).

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our 10th Annual Brightview-Baldwin Park vehicle display I feel came off super. It was so nice to see some of our senior members bring their vehicles out. Susan Gray with her 1929 Model A Huckster received the Residents' Choice Award and Owen Harner with his 1940 Ford 2-Door received the Participants' Award. As you can see, we are in Ford Country. Baldwin Park provided a very nice lunch for us and we had a short business meeting as a result of no Board Meeting in July. Everyone was not too late getting away.

We again discussed the Expo Display that we will have on Friday, August 5. Bob Ridle went over everything in great detail. We now have over 30 vehicles signed up from our Region. Please do not forget that Scott Gregory needs items to be displayed that will show some of our Region awards and history at our Expo table like we had at our 65th Anniversary Party.

Alfred Meyer went over our upcoming events and explained our Waynesboro/Staunton Region Questionnaire that you will be receiving. Again, this is to benefit your Board planning for upcoming events and programs to be presented to the Region.

Our new Nomination Committee Chair, Doris Stone, will soon be soliciting our membership for members to run for the 2017 election. If you feel you would like to serve as an officer, please contact her.

Shirley and I will have a somewhat break on vehicle events with only one AACA National Meet to attend in August in New Bern, NC and then on to our Chevy 6-Cylinder Tour in Michigan that will be held in September. This will be followed by Hershey. Then it is over for another year. How the time just flies by. Just maybe, I will be able to get out to my shop and get some of my work completed if I'm lucky.

Hope to see all of you at the Expo Display.

Again, thank you for your support.

Ken Farley

Augusta County FAIR

August 2 – 6, 2016

"Family Fun at the Augusta County Fair"

AACA Car Display August 5, 4-9PM Bldg. #3

**Our Annual Picnic with Tri-County Region is
August 14. See you there!**

Scenes from 2015



July 9 Car Display at Brightview-Baldwin Park

Our 10th Annual Car Display at Brightview-Baldwin Park was a success with great weather, 27 vehicles on display, and a lunch provided by our hosts that our members enjoyed. Residents visited the cars, shared memories and voted for their favorite vehicle. Participants also voted for their favorite and trophies were awarded for each category.



Participants' Choice-Owen Harner
1940 Ford 2-Dr. Sedan



Residents' Choice-Susan Gray
1929 Ford Model A Huckster



Alfred & Janet Meyer handled the registration as well as the 50/50 tickets



The staff at the facility tell us that residents look forward to this every year



Raymond Swadley shows Dave Potter a neat poster showing his 1935 Ford Deluxe Sedan



Is there a better way to spend a sunny July afternoon than being surrounded with neat cars and car guys and gals? Not that we've found!



MY FIRST CARS

BY: SCOTT GREGORY

When I was about 14 years old, my father tried to get me more interested in antique cars (cars in general, really) by suggesting we work on a project car that I could drive once I turned 16 and had a driver's license. Eventually, we ended up considering a 1959 Nash Metropolitan owned by Dan Dylewsky, a former Waynesboro-Staunton club president, who happened to live a few doors down from us. I don't recall the details, but a deal could never be struck and the Metropolitan project never came to be. With the benefit of hindsight, I believe I dodged a bullet on that one.

After the Nash project sort of fizzled out, thoughts of cars and licenses fell by the wayside. As a teenager I was far more interested in rocks and minerals than cars. As I neared my 16th birthday, my folks realized they really needed to figure out what I would do for a vehicle. I was involved in a lot of different school groups and activities, almost all of which turned my poor mother into a taxi service. That's when my dad's daily driver suddenly became mine.

At the time, my dad was driving a silver 1984 Nissan Sentra hatchback that he had purchased from Ed Lavender at Eastern Gate Motors in Waynesboro. I believe this was around the time that Nissan was beginning to phase out the Datsun brand name in favor of Nissan because the car had both Nissan and Datsun badges on it. The car had been used as a low-speed crash test vehicle and, as such, had a slightly creased hood and some other minor dings that were of little concern to someone as well versed in body work and painting cars as my dad. So he purchased the little Sentra, did some work on it and essentially had himself a practically brand new car for very little money. After a few years of driving it, he was ready for something else and figured it would make a good cheap car for a first-time teenage driver. The Sentra was a good first car, but we had numerous carburetor issues with it. During the warm weather months, everything was smooth sailing. Cold weather months were a different story altogether. If the car would even start, it would shake for quite some time until it was warmed up. Eventually I got used to the fact that I needed to think about starting the car 20-30 minutes before I needed to leave in the winter. Despite working on it quite a bit himself and finally relenting and taking it to the Nissan dealership mechanics, the carburetor issues never improved. Even with that problem, I still drove that silver hatchback the remainder of my high school years and through all four years of college.

After graduation and securing a job as a geologist out of state, my dad thought it was time to trade the reliability-challenged Sentra in for something more dependable and to introduce me to a concept thus far unknown to me – car payments. So one day he and Ed Lavender said they were going to the Harrisonburg Auto Auction to find me a car. I don't think my input was considered much. They just said “trust us” and off they went. Fortunately, Ed realized a young guy out on his own for the first time really needed a cool car. He managed to talk my dad out of some potentially good deals on some stodgy sedans and talked him into what would be the first car that was truly all mine – a 1989 Pontiac Grand Prix SE. It was fast, stylish and had sport suspension that allowed you to whip around curves at high speed. Toss in the lumbar seat gadgetry and the electronic dashboard that looked like the cockpit of jet and I was hooked. I loved that car. I've often looked around trying to find another Grand Prix like the one I owned, but with no luck. The ones I've managed to find have been well loved to say the least. I have not, however, tried to find another 1984 Nissan Sentra. That's a vehicle I prefer to let fade into history. One last note for those that know my preferences in automobiles – the Sentra and the Grand Prix are the only two-door cars I have ever owned.



Calendar of AACA Events and *Community Car Events*

- AUG.** **5** **Friday, 4 PM – 9 PM, W-S Region AACA display of vehicles at the Augusta County Fair inside the Multi-Purpose Building. Set up 2 PM – 4 PM. Free pass and trophies awarded! Information and maps were sent out for all members' cars registered.**
For more information contact Bob Ridle at 540-255-6500.
- 11-13 **AACA Southeastern Fall Meet, New Bern, NC. Hosted by [1st Capital Chapter of North Carolina Region](#).**
- 14** **Sunday, 1:30 PM, Annual Picnic with Tri-County Region at Grand Caverns Park, Grottoes. Bring a lawn chair or two, and a dish to share. Fried Chicken, plates, cups, utensils, ice & drinks provided. NOTE – This year's picnic is being held at Shelter #2!**
- 20 *Saturday, Cars & Coffee, 8 AM – 10 AM, Waynesboro Free Methodist Church Parking lot, [600 Hopeman Prkwy](#).*
- SEPT.** **10** **Saturday, Car Tour to the Somerset Steam & Gas Pasture Party. Details – TBD**
- 11-16 Revival [AAA Glidden Tour](#), North Conway, NH. Hosted by [VMCCA](#).
- 17 *Saturday, Cars & Coffee, 8 AM – 10 AM, Waynesboro Free Methodist Church Parking lot, [600 Hopeman Prkwy](#).*
- 25** **Sunday, 1 PM, Annual Steak Fry & Auction at [Covner Springs Park, 2091 Lyndhurst Rd.](#), Waynesboro. Steaks, Hot Dogs, plates, cup, utensils, ice & drinks provided. Bring a dish to share, a lawn chair, an item or two to donate to the auction and your checkbook!**
- OCT.** **5-8** **AACA Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey, PA. Hosted by [Hershey Region](#).**
- 9 *Annual Bradfield Car Show & Picnic, 12:30 PM at the Bradfield Home, [9219 Centerville Rd.](#), Bridgewater. Meal at 1:30 PM – Bring a dish to share. Paper goods & utensils provided. RSVP 540-828-2907 or nansgram@aol.com*
- 15 *Saturday, Cars & Coffee, 8 AM – 10 AM, Waynesboro Free Methodist Church Parking lot, [600 Hopeman Prkwy](#).*
- 16** **Sunday, 2 PM, Business Meeting at the [Wood Grill, 1711 Reservoir St.](#), Harrisonburg. Program – “Cars I’ve Enjoyed” – Duane Perrin.**
- 20-22 **AACA Central Fall Meet, Galveston, TX. Hosted by [Gulf Coast Region](#).**
- 22** **Saturday, Dynamic Aviation Flyover & Car Show, Bridgewater. Details – TBD**

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July 9 Waynesboro-Staunton Region Meeting Minutes

The Waynesboro-Staunton Region of the AACA held its July meeting on the 9th at Brightview-Baldwin Park in Staunton for its annual car display for the residents beginning at 10 am to 2 pm. President Ken Farley opened the meeting and welcomed the 36 members and guest present. He stated we had 27 vehicles on display. Nelson Driver gave the blessing before lunch.

Mary Helen Ayers gave the sunshine report that Dolly Harner and Sue Gregory were at home and Duane Perrin was recuperating from gall bladder surgery.

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

Jack Drago gave the Treasurer's Report which was approved.

Vice President Alfred Meyer gave the activities report as follows:

- ◆ Aug 5th the car display at Expo,
- ◆ Aug 14th The annual picnic at Grand Caverns Shelter #2 with Tri-County.

Bob Ridle gave the report on the upcoming car display at Expo. He explained how the display were going to done.

Owen Harner won the Participants' Choice trophy for this 1940 Ford 2-Dr. Sedan and Sue Gray won the Residents' Choice trophy for her 1929 Model A Ford Huckster.

Ken stated Alfred was sending a questionnaire to the membership and he wants it fill out and returned by all members.

The 50/50 was won by Rick Downs.

Respectfully submitted

Robbie Gray, Sec.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Kenny Bradley

Jack Drago

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Herman Knight

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Joetta Weller

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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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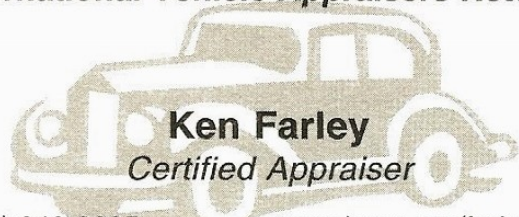
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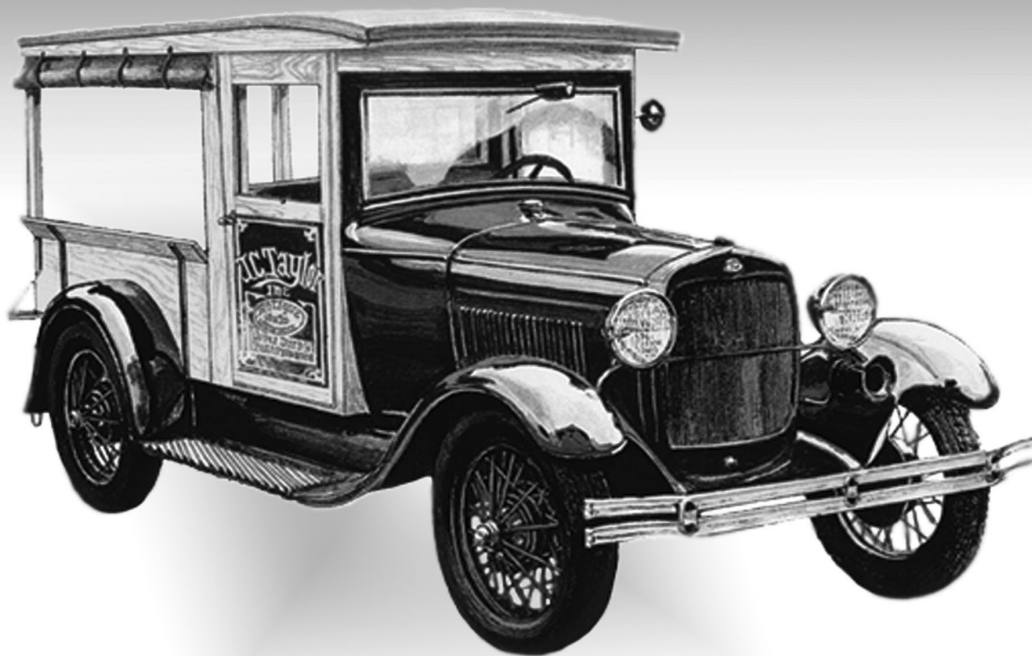
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