



# TIRE TRACKS

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Greetings, Waynesboro—Staunton Members, Bob Kuykendall loaned me a neat piece of automobilia. Our West Virginia neighbors had an early system of licensing drivers. See below. Do you have any interesting literature that we can share with our readers? Please send them to me.

Stu Allen

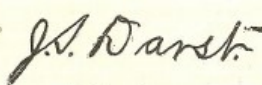
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State of  West Virginia

**License to Maintain an Automobile.**

This is to certify that the undersigned, in pursuance of the authority vested in him by law, has this day granted to H. B. McClintic of Frankford West Virginia, a license to maintain and operate an automobile, beginning the first day of July, 1915, and ending the 30th day of June, 1916, and has assessed and collected a license tax of ten dollars.

Given under my hand at the city of Charleston, this the 30th day of June 1915.

  
Auditor, State of West Virginia.

NOTE:—THIS LICENSE IS CO-EXTENSIVE WITH THE STATE.

(Over)

## West Virginia Automobile License Laws

Section 44 Chapter 82 Acts of 1907, as Amended by Acts of the Legislature of 1911.

A license to maintain an automobile shall be granted by the Auditor to the owner thereof, and shall be co-extensive with the State. Such license shall be numbered consecutively and a record shall be kept showing the name of the person to whom each license is granted. In addition to the certificate of license the Auditor shall furnish to every such licensee two metal tags or plates, bearing the same number as the license and the word "licensed," which shall be printed on such tag or plate in plain letters. One such tag or plate shall be securely attached in a conspicuous place on the front and the other on the rear end of such automobile.

Any person other than the owner of the automobile licensed who shall deface or destroy such tag or plate shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than five dollars nor more than twenty-five dollars. Duplicates of any such tag or plate may be issued by the Auditor to the person to whom the original was issued upon payment of the fee of one dollar for each. Any person who shall maintain or operate an automobile without such tag or plate or with one bearing any other number than that of the license issued therefor, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than twenty nor more than one hundred dollars. If any controversy respecting the identity or ownership or control of an automobile, the number borne by it shall be prima facie evidence that it was owned and operated by the person to whom the license therefor was issued. If a license for an automobile be issued to any person other than the owner, it shall be invalid and such automobile shall be deemed to be maintained and operated without a license. It shall be the duty of the assessor to report to the Auditor during the month of July of each year on blanks prepared by the Auditor, the names of the owners of all automobiles listed by him in his county for taxation.

### Sec. 4. This Chapter shall not be construed

(j) to require any non-resident owner of an automobile or vehicle of like nature, who has complied with the provisions of the law of the State, territory or federal district of his residence, relating to automobiles, and is duly authorized to operate an automobile therein, and who, while in this State, displays on his car the license number issued to him by his State, territory or federal district authorizing him to operate the same therein, to obtain a license to operate his car in this State, if, by the laws of his State, territory or federal district, a like privilege and exemption is accorded and granted to owners of automobiles in this State who have complied with the laws thereof. And the Auditor shall have printed the provisions of this act on the back of each automobile license issued by him, in addition to the provisions of section forty-four of this chapter.

NOTE:—See also Acts 1911—A Bill regulating the use of public highways by motor vehicles, and requiring chauffeurs to be registered.

**FEBRUARY MEETING—Sunday, February 18, 2PM, Meeting at Sooner BBQ, 2629 Stuarts Draft Highway, Stuarts Draft, VA 24477. Program—Mr. Jimmy Kilbourne—"Car Manufacturers during World War II—what they produced to aid the war effort"**



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## Ramblings from the President:

Ever have one of those days when all is peaceful and quiet? This was just one of those days and I was just sitting around while the earth spun on its axis. I was engrossed reading a nice book with the dog laying on my feet at the base of my overstuffed leather chair. OK, so it's actually burlap covered early dump wood. I can dream can't I? At least today is just tranquility at it's best. RING! RING!



**Ken**



**Jack**

Hello?

"Hi Jackie, it's Ken Farley".

(ME thinking), Where's caller ID when you need it most?

"Hi Ken, you back in town for a week or two"?

(KF) "Nope we leave tomorrow morning for Albany".

(Me thinking), it should be Albania.

(KF) "So I wanted you to know that the nominating committee has completed the list of new officers for the club for 2018".

(ME) "That's nice. Now I've got to go back to vacuum underneath the stove".

(KF) "Wait! I've got more news"!

(ME) "Ken, unless you're telling me I've won the lottery, I've got to watch the paint dry on the ceiling".

(KF) "Really? What color did you paint it?"

(ME) "Black, Ken. It keeps me in the mood to commit murder".

(KF) "Anyone I know?"

(ME) "Ken, the news? What's the news"?

(KF) "When did you join the club"?

(ME) "Gosh, I don't remember. Maybe sometime in 2008, maybe? Why"?

(KF) "As you know, we need a president for the club in 2018 as it's the only position not yet filled. So I nominated you whether you want it or not. Thanks for accepting, it's very much appreciated".

(ME) "Ken, it's nice to be considered, but I've got a plate chock full of things to be accomplished and I really don't have any spare time whatsoever to be president of the W-S Region".

(KF) "Thanks ever so much Jackie. I knew you'd accept the nomination and will do a great job as has all of those that have gone on before you. Thanks again and bye, bye".

CLICK!!!

ME) Now looking at the black ceiling for thoughts.

**Jack Drago**



**Jack's 1956 Ford Vic.**



## **Waynesboro-Staunton Region Meeting January 21 ,2018**

Our January Meeting was held at Mrs. Rowe's in Staunton. Mother Nature provided outstanding weather with temperatures near 60. Several members brought out their cars which is unusual in mid-winter.



Jim Gregory's 1965 El Camino



Susan Gray's 1963 Olds F85 Cutlass



Paul Wampler's 1965 Rambler Marlin



Jim & Mary Owen's 1990 Cadillac



Duane & Rebecca Perrin's Allante



John & Doris Stone's 1986 Chrysler



Member's gathered ready to enjoy the good food at Rowe's.



Doris & John Stone installed our 2018 Officers—Treasurer Todd Smith, Secretary Robbie Gray, VP Walter Wilson III, Board member Ken Farley and President Jack Drago.



Robbie Gray gave an interesting talk and showed pictures of the 2017 Revival Glidden Tour held in Hastings, Nebraska.



## **“A 57 ROADMASTER 75 TIME CAPSULE”**

“You’ve got to go look at this car!” My friend Don Mayton called to tell me about an old Buick he had looked at one day. “I would buy it but I don’t need another car.” I told him that I didn’t need another car either, but I agreed to go check it out. We were in Flint, Michigan, home of Buick City and the Flint Region AACA. What are the chances of finding a low mileage Buick stashed in a pole barn no more than 4 miles from the home of Buick? But there it was. After contacting the owner and arranging a time to visit the car, my wife and I were checking out a 1957 Roadmaster 75 with only 23000 miles on the odometer. It hadn’t been started for several years, the battery was dead but all tires were still up. It was dark in the corner of the barn, but my flashlight revealed a remarkably original car. The interior looked like new, the body showed no rust, and the oil change stickers on the driver’s door verified the low mileage. After a 10 minute inspection, I knew I wanted that car.

That night I reviewed “Old Cars Price Guide” and figured what it would take to get the car on the road, considering the fact that I couldn’t be sure that it would run or that the Dynaflo transmission would function. The next evening, I sat down with the owner and made a reasonable offer. She promised to think it over and said she would call me. After a few weeks, I decided that she wanted more than I was ready to pay so I filed the notes and figured I would call again in a few months to see if she was still interested in selling.

In May, 1997, my wife received a call from the owner who said if we were still interested, we should come see her. Two hours later we wrote the check and the Roadmaster was ours. We learned that the reason we had not received a call responding to our original offer was that the owner’s mother (wife of the original owner) couldn’t face seeing “Dad’s car” leave the family. The owner’s mother passed away in early 1997 and the owner wanted the car to go to someone who would get it back in operation and preserve this unique time capsule.

A couple of days later my old car buddy, Dean Tryon, brought his trailer and we towed the Roadmaster home. After adding fresh gasoline and a new battery, we soon had a big Buick to put on the road. The only mechanical problem evident was a noisy, rusted-out exhaust system and as we were to learn on the first test drive, old brittle tires with sidewalls that were weak and subject to blowout.

Next, we started looking into this time capsule to understand how such a car could have survived all these years in such remarkable condition. Fortunately, the original owner’s family had saved a bunch of paperwork and gave it to me when we picked up the car. The original bill of sale shows that Mr. Otis Hall purchased this Roadmaster 75 from Ellison Motors Inc., Lancaster, SC on May 11, 1957 for a sum of \$5109. After his trade-in, Mr. Hall’s car payments were \$88.20 per month for 36 months. Mr. Hall used this car in South Carolina for 32 years. State inspection receipts, included with the car, show that less than 1000 miles were put on the car from 1982 through 1985 by the elderly owner.

After Mr. Hall passed away, his daughter and son-in-law transported the car to Flint, MI and registered it in June, 1989. Mileage on the car was 23191. The car was shown in one car show in Flint that summer, but unfortunately, Mr. Hall’s son-in-law passed away about four weeks after he brought the car to Flint.



Over the next eight years, family members would occasionally start the car and warm it up in the driveway before putting it back in the pole barn where it rested when I first saw it. Mileage when we picked up the car was 23213.

Inside the car glovebox was the original owner’s information envelope with owner’s guide, service policy, owner’s ID card, as well as battery and tire warranty information. There was also a brochure showing accessories available for the 57 Buick. An original color chart was found under the rear seat cushion when we cleaned the interior. I should mention that minimal cleanup of the interior was required since the rear seat bottom cushion had been covered since new with a seat cover and all of the carpet had been covered with a canvas type material as well as floor mats. Removing this covering revealed original carpet that appeared to have never been stepped on. Leather conditioner was used to clean and soften the trim on the seats. The exterior paint, which appears to be about 80% original, responded well to buffing. There are a variety of parking lot dings and spots where the paint has been rubbed thin but the body is in remarkable shape for the age of the vehicle. A lack of rust on underbody fasteners attests to the fact that this car has never seen snow or salt road conditions.

The Roadmaster 75 was a top of the line release in March, 1957 and the list of standard features included power brakes, power steering, power windows, power seats and power antenna. All of these features were in good operating condition except for the antenna which had been broken sometime in the past. Other accessories found on this car included the Wonder Bar radio with rear speaker, twin “Trailmaster” spot lights, “Door-guards”, tissue dispenser, vanity mirror as well as a trunk floormat. The original owner had apparently felt that the black Roadmaster would benefit from some extra chrome and had added a set of ’55 Roadmaster spinner wheel covers, a pair of ’56 Roadmaster “bombsight” fender ornaments as well as the all-chrome headlight bezels used in the rest of the ’57 model lineup. These non-standard items were later removed and the power antenna was replaced with a functional unit.

In the past 21 years we have driven, showed and toured with the car. It received the Buick Archival Award in 2000. That summer we arranged to take the original owner’s family on a short tour one day to show them that we had fulfilled our promise to preserve their family treasure. After we moved to Virginia, we received AACA HPOF certification in 2006. In 2008 we took it to Burlington, NC for the Sentimental Tour after a last-minute problem with our ’49 Buick. The car received a repeat HPOF award at Blacksburg, VA in 2010.

We continue to show the car as well as participate in tours with it and it currently shows just over 30,000 miles on the odometer.

Stu Allen

## Calendar of AACA Events and *Community Car Events*

<b>FEB.</b>	<b>8-10</b>	<b>AACA National Meeting—Philadelphia PA</b>
	<b>14</b>	<b>Wednesday, 7 PM, Executive Board Meeting at the Grays, 1430 Red Top Orchard Rd., Waynesboro.</b>
	<b>17</b>	<b>Saturday 12 PM—ODMA Planning Meeting, Pano's in Harrisonburg</b>
	<b>18</b>	<b>Sunday, 2PM, Meeting at Sooner BBQ, 2629 Stuarts Draft Highway, Stuarts Draft, VA 24477. Program: Mike Gassman of <u>Gassman Automotive &amp; Upholstery</u></b>
<b>MAR.</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Wednesday, 7 PM, Executive Board Meeting at the Grays, 1430 Red Top Orchard Rd., Waynesboro.</b>
	<b>18</b>	<b>Sunday, 2:00 PM – Monthly Meeting at Kathy's Restaurant, 705 Greenville Avenue, Staunton. Program: to be announced</b>
	<b>23-24</b>	<b>AACA Winter Meet in Mobile, AL. Hosted by the <u>Deep South Region</u></b>
<b>APR.</b>	<b>5-7</b>	<b>AACA Southeastern Spring Meet, Charlotte, NC. Hosted by the Hornets Nest Region.</b>
	<b>11</b>	<b>Wednesday, 7 PM, Executive Board Meeting at the Grays, 1430 Red Top Orchard Rd., Waynesboro</b>
	<b>15</b>	<b>Sunday, 2:00 PM – Monthly Meeting &amp; Founder's Day at O'Neil's Grill, 221 University Boulevard, Harrisonburg. Program: Stephen Campbell will share humorous insights into financial planning</b>
	<b>19-21</b>	<b>AACA Western Spring Meet, Tucson, AZ. Hosted by the Tucson Region.</b>
	<b>27-28</b>	<b><u>The 65th Old Dominion Meet, Lacey Spring Elementary School, 8621 North Valley Pike, Harrisonburg. Hosted by the <u>Tri-County Region</u></u></b>

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Tracks. Tell us about your latest  
acquisition, your latest project, latest  
screw-ups or any other adventures you've  
had with your car. Send me your pictures  
- they make the newsletter more  
interesting.  
Stu Allen—Editor

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### **January 21 Waynesboro-Staunton Region Meeting**

The Waynesboro-Staunton Region of AACA held it January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 meeting at Mrs. Rowe's Restaurant in Staunton at 2 pm. President Alfred Meyer opened the meeting by welcoming the members present. Nelson Driver gave the blessing.

The sunshine report was given by various members that Ronnie Shanholtzer was at home after spending the night in the hospital. Owen Harner was still in Bright View, Bruce Elder had a reoccurrence of his illness.

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

Todd Smith gave the treasurer's report and a summary of the income and expenses of the last year.

Vice President Walter Wilson stated the next meeting would be at Sooner's in Staunton on February 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. The rest on the activities are in the newsletter and on the website.

President elect Jack Drago stated he is collecting money for the Augusta County Fair Dinner and Auction on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January at the Weyers Cave Community Center.

Ken Farley gave a report on a lubricant for gear boxes.

Stu Allen made a request of the members to get their dues registration form in as soon as possible. This is necessary for the printing of the rosters.

Doris and John Stone installed the officers for 2018 as follows:

President Jack Drago, Vice President Walter Wilson, Secretary Robbie Gray, Treasurer Todd Smith and Board Member Ken Farley.

Alfred thanked the 2017 officers and members for their support.

The 50/50 of \$35 was won by Mel Redmond.

The meeting was adjourned.

The program was presented by Robbie Gray on the 2017 Glidden Tour.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Robbie Gray, Sec.



### **Mark Your Calendars**

The 2018 ODMA Meet, hosted by Tri-County Region will be held Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Lacy Spring Elementary School. The school is at 8621 North Valley Pike, Harrisonburg. Let's get a large turnout from our Region since this will be an easy drive from our area.

There will be no host hotel but a list of local hotels in Harrisonburg is available.

The Region plans on booking food trucks to provide food for the show field and restrooms and room for Judges' administration will be in the school. The closing banquet will be at Pano's.

Chief Judge will be Nelson Driver. The next ODMA Planning meeting will be on Feb. 17, 2018 at Pano's.



### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Rish Capps

Ron Capps

Shirley Farley

Frank Gallo

William Melton

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Beth Scripps

Prewitt Scripps

Jeannette Smith

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