



# TIRE TRACKS

August 2018



Greetings, Waynesboro—Staunton Members, In this issue you'll see lots of activities during the month of August. Jack talks about our display at the Augusta County Fair on August 3.(see Page 2) as well as our annual joint picnic with Tri-County Region at Grand Caverns. This is always a fun day with excellent food as well as a chance to check out some cars we don't often get to see. We'll be at Shelter #2 so we hope to see you all there.

Stu Allen



Scenes from the 2017 joint picnic with Tri-County Region at Grand Caverns. Lots of food and fellowship.



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## MUSINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

### ITEM 1.

And yet another Baldwin Park Retirement Community car show has gone down in history. We had 17 cars and some 30 odd (by count and not strange) members show up. The ambient temperature was in the low 90's in the sun and rather **brisk** in the shade, but we still managed, as always to have a good time. B.P. again provided a nice lunch, then a short meeting and we were all on our way home to do "honey do" tasks.

### ITEM NEXT

While this is being written on the 18th day of July, my Swarovski crystal ball says that we had 14 cars at the Stuarts Draft Retirement Community car show on July 27th. The weather was beautiful, and we consumed some 4 gallons of ice cream and 8 dozen cookies. OK, so maybe just a tad embellished, but we did enjoy ourselves as usual. The residents of SDRC were again most appreciative of our visit and some folks took home some trophy's. My crystal ball is good, but it ain't that good.

### ITEM FINAL

Friday, August 3rd will be our 3rd annual car show at the Augusta County Fairgrounds. Let's show the residents of SAW and the outlying areas on the other side of the mountain what an eclectic bunch of vehicles we have. We've got space for over 50 vehicles both indoor and under the big top. Come and enjoy the Fair for FREE, stuff yourselves will all manner of Fair food, (or bring your own) and watch the Fairgoers. It can be more entertaining than watching people at the airport. Hope to see everyone there.

Jack Drago

## Scenes from 2017 Augusta County Fair



## Waynesboro-Staunton Region Car Display July 7, 2018 at Brightview/Baldwin Park

We enjoyed a beautiful day at Brightview/Baldwin Park for our July meeting. We had 17 cars on display and a good turnout of residents.



Everyone enjoyed the sunshine in a beautiful setting



We were pleased to be joined by resident Romaine Morrison who at 101 is the same age as Stu Allen's 1917 Buick.



Residents' Choice went to Jim Rikel who lives at Baldwin Park. His 1931 Ford Rat Rod is one of a kind.



Voters selected Ken & Shirley Farley's great 1963 Chevrolet Station Wagon for the Participants' Choice Award



### Antique Automobile Club of America



**Eastern Spring Meet  
Gettysburg, PA.  
July 11-14, 2018**

**Hosted by the  
Chesapeake Region**



*"Celebrating historic vehicles in an historic location"*

Clarice and I attended the Eastern Spring Meet in Gettysburg, PA. It was a beautiful weekend with temperatures in the low 90's but no rain to inhibit owners from bringing their cars out. There were 515 cars registered and few no-shows so there was plenty to see. The host hotel was the Wyndham Gettysburg and the show field and trailer parking surrounded the hotel. Ken & Shirley Farley came to judge at the meet and there were many familiar Virginia faces from other ODMA Regions.

We took our 1957 Buick Roadmaster to be evaluated in the HPOF class. It had received two HPOF awards in past years but had not been evaluated for HPOF Original since that award was established. The Historical Preservation of Original Features program encourages owners of vehicles 25 years old or older, to maintain significant original features in this original condition, and to show them at National Meets. A vehicle may be entirely "original" or it may have certain original features such as paint, chassis, upholstery, engine compartment, etc. that are essentially as delivered. These vehicles will not be point judged. The Original HPOF criteria is more strict than the HPOF evaluation so I was concerned when the two judges spent about 15 minutes evaluating my car. It turns out that everything was OK and we were awarded Original HPOF at the awards banquet on Saturday night.

Stu Allen



There were many interesting vehicles at the meet. Here are a few that I spotted:



Budd Lacy brought his 1923 Buick Touring for the HPOF Class



1908 Black ( I had to look this one up, made in Chicago) in HPOF



Don Barlup brought his 1917 American LaFrance fire truck—HPOF



1911 Stanley Steamer going for First Junior

As Editor, I receive several AACA Newsletters. The following neat article was printed in “*Headlights*” from the South Jersey Region - the June 2018 issue. Reprinted with permission from Edward Fuller (Author) and Linda McFarland—Editor of “*Headlights*”. I think you will enjoy the story.

Stu Allen



**My 1913 Model 'T'**  
By Edward Fuller



The story of my 1913 Model T Ford Touring begins on June 2, 1913 when it's engine block was cast. Over the next 40 years we can only assume that this Touring led the normal life of a Model T. Sometime in the 1950's the story picks up again when this T would be discovered and purchased by my Grandfather. I have been told that he found it for sale locally, a few towns over, stored in a garage with a collapsed roof. Prior to this T, my Grandfather had owned a Center-door that was replaced by a 1914 Touring that was soon on its way to be replaced by this newly discovered 1913 Touring.

During the 1950's my Grandfather and his brother both had Model T's that served not only parade duty but also provided means of transportation for Sunday afternoon family drives together. I still have one of the tow bars they used with their modern cars to flat tow their T's in high gear, with the plugs out, to evening Christmas parades. My mother grew up riding in the back seat and the '13 enjoyed life in the extra bay of my grandparent's garage.

As time went on, the T got used less and less. By the early 1980's I was a child and the car hadn't been out for at least fifteen years. During my weekly visits to my grandparent's house I always went out to their garage to look at the T and ask my grandfather when he was going to take my sister and I for a ride. By the time I was five or six my constant asking must have finally been too much for him and he began prepping the T for a ride.

(Years later, as an adult, I would talk to my mother's cousin about my grandfather and Model Ts. He would tell me the story of when my grandfather was getting his T ready for my first ride. He said he couldn't figure out why my grandfather was asking him for basic advice about getting the car running when my cousin learned everything he knew about Model T's from his dad and my grandfather. We realized that it was during this time, unbeknownst to us, that my grandfather was in the very beginning stages of Alzheimer's Disease.)

Finally the day came when the T was ready for a ride. My older sister and her friend from across the street climbed into the back seat and I took my seat up front, squeezed in between my grandparents. We left their driveway and headed for a back road just outside of town. About that time the car began to sputter and stall and we coasted to a stop along side of the road. After a few tries to restart the car, Pop gave up and decided to walk back home to get his Jeep to tow the T back home. I can still remember watching him walk away as we all waited in the Model T. As my grandmother and I grew tired of listening to my sister complain that we hadn't packed a lunch, my grandfather returned with his CJ5 and a tow rope. As he towed us home in the T, I appointed myself in charge of directing my grandmother who was now behind the wheel of the T on how to steer and continued to remind her to “go easy”. (Years later we discovered that the T had stopped running from a buildup of dirt and debris in the gas tank, a common problem most Model T's suffer from after sitting for years with old gas in the tank.)

That short ride was the only one my grandfather was ever able to give me. As time passed the Alzheimer's would continue to deteriorate his mind. Since my mother was an only child the T was left to me when my grandfather passed away. When people tried to buy the T from my grandfather his response would always be that he was going to give it to his grandson, even before I was born.

Over the next 20 years the ‘T’ sat once again in the extra bay of my grandparents’ garage while my interests were taken up by muscle cars, motorcycles, and hot rods. After years of my cousin urging me to go to Hershey, I finally decided to go to the swap meet to look for parts for a Model A project that I was working on. After my second year attending Hershey, my interest in Model T's reignited. Every time I would see someone riding around the swap meet in a ‘T’ I would say to myself, “I have to get Pop's Touring running again!”

So, the Model T was moved from the extra bay of my grandparent's garage to my garage and I went to work getting it running again. After a new set of tires, fresh wood spokes, a new gas tank, radiator, and other odds and ends, my grandfather's Model T was on the road again. I have kept the car pretty much how my grandfather had it. A few details are not correct but to me it will always be “Pop's ‘13”. Being built in June of 1913, it has a mix of 1913 and 1914 features.

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### My 1913 Model "T" - *continued*

One early evening after dinner in the summer this past year I decided it was a good time for a quick spin in the Model T. I asked my 6 year old son, Eddie, if he wanted to come along and without any hesitation he was out the door right behind me. There was nothing special about this ride. It was one that all Model T owners routinely take. No destination, just a short ride on the normal route around our house.

As we walked into the barn, my son climbed in the front seat and pushed the plunger down on the Klaxon a few times for the mandatory operational check of the horn. (I am convinced that there is some kind of magnetic attraction between a child's hand and a Klaxon horn plunger!) As I placed my left hand on the crank handle - the same place my Grandfather used to place his hand - I looked up through the windshield at my son as he looked intently back at me with his hand on the ignition switch. After a couple pulls the engine came to life and my son quickly switched it over from battery to magneto. I motioned to him to move the spark lever down several notches just like I had shown him. After I climbed in and grabbed the steering wheel, I felt the hole where one of the screws that hold the steering wheel spider to the rim is missing, like I always do. I'll probably never replace the missing screw, the T just wouldn't be the same if I did. As I pulled to the end of the driveway with my hands on the wheel, the same place my grandfather had his hands on the wheel, I said what I always say to myself before I pull out of the driveway in the T: "I'm doing it Pop, I've got it running and driving again!"

The ride went smoothly and ended back in the barn. My son and I climbed out and as I began my routine of putting the car away, I looked over and noticed he was deep in thought. He had that look on his face that I had seen before when I knew he was doing some deep thinking. Finally he spoke and said, "Daddy, some day when you are all done with the Model T are you going to give it to me like your Pop gave it to you?" After I cleared my throat and smiled, I said "Yes son, one day Pop's Model T will be yours."

Later I realized there is a good chance that the routine ride around the block that Eddie and I took that evening was a ride that he might remember one day. Hopefully he will look back on it and realize that it was on that ride that he was bitten by the Model T "bug" just as I was bitten on that ride my grandfather gave me

### Pictures from Eastern Spring Meet in Gettysburg



How to make the ultimate car (or truck) hauler. This 1972 Seagrave ladder truck was used in Spencerport NY in the 70's when we lived there. It was shown in DPC after being converted to haul another fire truck. Talk about an attention getter!



1913 Buick Roadster going for Senior



1926 Duesenberg in HPOF

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

- AUG.**
- 3** Friday – Vehicle Display at the Augusta County Fair held at the Augusta Expo, 277 Expo Road, Fishersville. Vehicles can arrive between 12:00 to 4:30 PM. Departure is at 9:00 PM.
- 8** Wednesday, 7 PM, Executive Board Meeting at the Grays, 1430 Red Top Orchard Rd., Waynesboro
- 19** Sunday, 1:30 PM – Monthly Meeting & Joint Picnic with the Tri-County Region, Grand Caverns Shelter #2, 5 Grand Caverns Boulevard, Grottoes. Bring a dish to pass. Drinks, utensils and paper goods will be furnished.
- 20-24** AACA Reliability Tour, Geneva, NY. Hosted by the Genesee Valley Antique Car Society Region & the Wayne Drumlins Region
- 24** *Thunder Road at Wayne Theater sponsored by Bruce Elder. See notes on Page 8. More details at our August 19 Meeting and Picnic*
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- SEPT.**
- 5** Wednesday, 7 PM, Executive Board Meeting at the Grays, 1430 Red Top Orchard Rd., Waynesboro
- 8** *42nd Annual Somerset Steam & Gas Engine Association Pasture Party, 14375 Blue Ridge Turnpike, Somerset. Car show is Saturday with free admission when displaying an antique car.*
- 9** Sunday, 2:00 PM – Monthly Meeting, Steak Fry and Auction, Coyner Springs Park, 2091 Lyndhurst Road, Waynesboro
- 12-15** AACA Central Division Tour, Texas Panhandle hosted by the Amarillo Region
- 16-21** 73rd Revival AAA Glidden Tour, Magic in Magic Valley, Twin Falls, ID. See website for link to registration form.
- 29** *Saturday, 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Fall Fest Antique Car Display, Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church, 30 Tinkling Spring Drive, Fishersville.*
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- OCT.**
- 10** Wednesday, 7 PM, Executive Board Meeting at the Grays, 1430 Red Top Orchard Rd., Waynesboro
- 10-13** AACA Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey, PA hosted by the Hershey Region
- 21** Sunday, 2:00 PM – Monthly Meeting at Bella Luna Wood-Fired Pizza, 80 West Water Street, Harrisonburg. Speaker will be Greg Owen, author of a book detailing the history of Camp Lyndhurst, a WW II German prisoner-of-war camp.
- 21-26** AACA Founder’s Tour, Metropolis, IL hosted by the Southern Illinois Region Ohio Valley Chapter

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### **July 7, 2018 Waynesboro- Staunton Region Meeting**

The July meeting was held at Baldwin Park after our car display for the residents of Brightview/Baldwin Park. We had 17 vehicles on the grounds surrounding the dining room and the residents seemed to enjoy the wide variety of cars.

President Jack Drago called the meeting to order after a nice lunch provided by our hosts. He thanked the 24 members present for bringing out their vehicles. He reviewed the upcoming activities including the Car Show and Ice Cream Social at Stuarts Draft Retirement Community on July 27, as well as our display during the Augusta County Fair on August 3.

Ken Farley gave us some more details on that display, and encouraged us to get a good turnout as this is a rare opportunity to show the community what AACA is all about. He has invited the Model A Club to join us and we hope to fill the building and overflow into the large tent adjacent to that site. There will be the usual voting by placing money in the milk jugs in front of each vehicle and Ken suggests that members start the process by putting a donation in their jug so visitors get the concept offered.

Stu Allen told of meeting Romaine Morrison, a resident who told us that she was the same age as Stu's 1917 Buick. She turned 101 years young in May and still gets out to look at old cars!

Stu Allen then gave the results of the voting by members and residents from our display:

"Participants Choice" went to Ken & Shirley Farley for their beautiful 1963 Chevrolet Station Wagon.

"Resident's Choice" went to a resident, Jim Rikel who had asked if he could show his 1930 Ford Rat Rod.

Brightview/Baldwin Park had donated two nice trophies that were presented to the winners.

Bob Kuykendall won the 50/50 raffle and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stu Allen for Robbie Gray

### **Thunder Road**

Note from Bruce Elder:

I am sponsoring the big screen showing of one of the greatest car movies of all time, "Thunder Road" starring Robert Mitchum at the Wayne Theater on August 24th as a fundraiser for the theater.

I will introduce the film and give the audience some background and trivia about the making of this moonshine running classic. Brian and I are inviting all of our car club friends to bring out their old cars to display on Main Street. Featured in the film are 1950 Fords and Mercury's, 1957 Fords and Chevrolets, 1950 Oldsmobiles and 1940 Ford coupes.

More information will be available at our August Meeting.



### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

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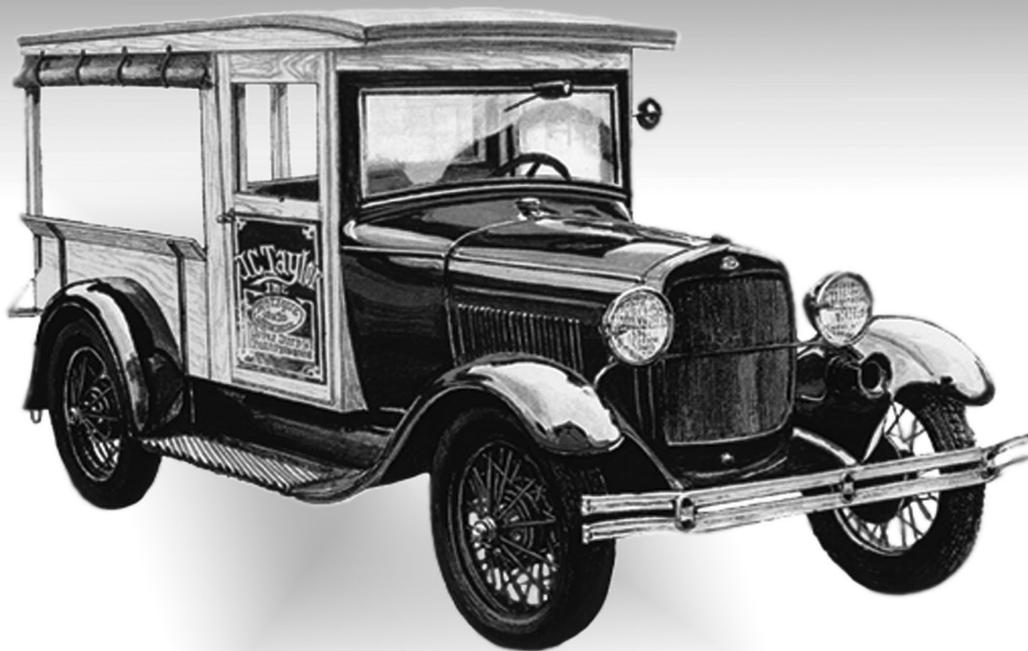
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