

Greetings, Waynesboro—Staunton Members, Welcome to the April edition of Tire Tracks. The weather at times feels like spring but the 22 degree morning temperatures tell us that we may not be done with winter just yet. If you pick your day carefully you can get that old car out while the sun is shining. Let's hope the weather cooperates for our April meeting at Armstrong's in Verona. This will be our first time there in my memory. They have lots of parking out back so let's see a good turnout of our collector cars. See you there!

Stu Allen



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Barry Linke gave me this ad. from The Daily Progress newspaper in Charlottesville dated April 19, 1949. What a difference 70 years makes!

The Rules of Life—Author(s) unknown.

Some may pertain to Old Car People

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

If you think there is good in everybody, you haven't met everybody.

One seventh of your life is spent on Monday.

By the time you make ends meet, they move the ends.

Not one shred of evidence supports the notion that life is serious

APRIL MEETING–Sunday, April 14, 2:00 PM—Founders Day Meeting at Armstrongs, 358 Lee Highway, Verona. Guest speaker from VDOT Safety Service Patrol.

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MUSINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring has sprung and the birds are singing joyfully. Our editor is breathing down my neck for this month's nonsense from me. Since I really couldn't come up with anything to fabricate from our monthly meeting at O'Neils Grille in Harrisonburg, I decided to test Karen's knowledge of my past instead.

"Ah, Karen do you know where I was on March 30th of 1971"? "NO, and I really don't care" was the reply. "Well I stayed overnight in Sturbridge, Massachusetts for an audit I was doing. I paid \$9.51 for a motel stay (YIKES, must have been a dump), had breakfast for \$1.60 and supper for \$6.50". She asked, "Where do you come up with this stuff"?.

"Well in addition to that history", I replied, "I was also driving a 1971 Plymouth Road Runner with a 383 engine and it had 8,925 miles on it."

"Again I ask, as my heart is just palpitating with all this knowledge, where did you come up with this bit of ANCIENT HISTORY". "Well I got it from one of my expense reports that I've kept all these 48 years" I replied.

"You kept 25 years worth of expense reports for 48 years, that probably take up 300 square feet of space and would take a dump truck to take to the land fill, and I'm supposed to be impressed? I married a nut"!

Obviously Karen has no interest, so how about some members? I thought not.



Notes from Your Editor

In April the old car activities really get underway. A quick glance at our Club Calendar (page 3) shows a bunch of activities that should spark interest in all of our members. Dust off the collector cars and iron out the flat spots on the tires that were caused by sitting through this long winter. Gas prices are creeping up but it's still affordable.

Some of the politicians seem to want to eliminate gasoline and all fossil fuel so we had better enjoy cars while we still can. All of the car companies are moving to various versions of electric cars but it is hard for some of us to believe that the internal combustion engine is doomed to go away.

Tremendous advances have been made in electric car battery technology. If you haven't tried driving an electric car, you should-pretty impressive. Driving range is being constantly improved and the cars provide most of the comfort features of their gasoline counterparts that we've been accustomed to.

The elephant in the room that the press seems to ignore is where all this electric power is coming from today and in the future. Some analysts predict that if everyone in the neighborhood would plug cars in at night in addition to all the electric power required in today's homes, the power grid currently in place would be overloaded and cause major outages. People seem to forget that all the "zero emissions" electric cars still consume power, much of which is generated by burning carbon-based fuel that clearly has emissions. The next few years should be interesting as these issues get debated.

Just my opinion!

Stu Allen-Editor



Baker Electric Miles at MPH Hours to recharge

Jack

W-S March 17 Meeting



Chester & Nancy Bradfield drove in style in their '34 Studebaker Dictator Landau Cruiser.



What better way to celebrate St. Patricks Day than our March 17th meeting at O'Neils in Harrisonburg?



Your Editor brought out "the green" with his '69 Buick Riviera.



Jim Gregory arrived in his '65 Chevrolet El Camino.





James & Mary Owen brought out their '90 Cadillac Coupe DeVille.





Duane & Rebecca Perrin travelled in their 1990 Cadillac Allante.

Good food and conversation was enjoyed by all!







President Jack Drago rings the bell to start the concise business meeting.

| | Calendar of AACA Events and Community Car Event | <u>'</u> <u>S</u> | | | | |
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| <u>APR.</u> | 4-7 AACA Southeastern National Spring Meet at the Charlotte AutoFair, Charlotte, NC. Hosted by the Hornet's Nest Region 10 Wednesday, 7 PM, Executive Board Meeting at the Grays, 1430 Red Top Orchard Rd., Waynesboro 14 Sunday, 2:00 PM – Monthly Meeting & Founder's Day, Armstrong's, 358 Lee Highway, Verona. Guest speaker from VDOT. | | | | | |
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| | 28 Sunday, Piedmont Car Show, Charlottesville, (See Page 7 for Registratio | n) | | | | |
| 4- | -5-1 AACA Southeastern Divisional Tour (up to 1994) in North Carolina. Hos Cape Fear Chapter | sted by the | | | | |
| MAY 8 Wednesday, 7 PM, Executive Board Meeting at the Grays, 1430 Red Top O Waynesboro | | | | | | |
| | 11 Saturday, 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM – 4th Annual Private Car Show at "The Ba Churchville Avenue, Staunton. Admission is \$20 per car with all money be the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. (Flyer will be in next month's Th | enefiting | | | | |
| | 6-18 Mid-Atlantic Pre-War Swap Meet, Comer-Jones VFW Post 621, 218 Veterans La | ne, Luray. | | | | |
| | 19 Sunday, 2:00 PM – Monthly Meeting, Capital Ale House, 41 C Harrisonburg | 'ourt Square | ÷, | | | |
| 5-3 | 6-1 AACA Annual Grand National Meet in Auburn, IN. | | | | | |
| <u>JUNE</u> | 1 Saturday, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM – 62nd Annual Downtown Meet in down Fredericksburg. Show field entrance is located at 706 Caroline Street in Fredericksburg. Hosted by the Historic Fredericksburg Region. | town | | | | |
| | 2-7 AACA Founders Tour (1932-1994) in Seward, NE. Hosted by the Nebras | ska Region. | | | | |
| | 7-8 2019 Old Dominion Meet hosted by the Historic Virginia Peni Region. Host hotel and show field is the Holiday Inn Newport Omni Boulevard, Newport News. | | | | | |
| | 12 Wednesday, 7 PM, Executive Board Meeting at the Grays, 1430 Red Top Waynesboro | p Orchard Rd | •, | | | |
| | 16 Sunday, 2:00 PM – Monthly Meeting & Picnic, Tinkling Sprin Presbyterian Church, 30 Tinkling Spring Drive, Fishersville. | ıg | | | | |
| | 22 Saturday, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM – 50th Annual Richmond Region AACA Swap Meet, St. Joseph's Villa, 8000 Brook Road, Richmond. | Car Show and | d | | | |
| | AACA Eastern National Spring Meet in Parsippany, NJ. Hosted by the Region. | New Jersey | | | | |

<u>Where They All Began – the Asian Edition</u>—By Scott Grgory

Continued from March issue

<u>Mazda - 1960 R360</u>

Mazda started out as the Toyo Cork Kogyo Company, founded in Hiroshima in 1920 as a machine tool manufacturer. In 1931, Toyo Kogyo moved from tool manufacturing to vehicles with the introduction of the Mazda-Go autorickshaw, a three-wheeled motorcycle with a truck bed. The company later produced weapons for the Japanese military throughout World War II. In 1960, the company launched its first automobile, the R360. With room for four (supposedly), the R360 was initially only offered as a two-door coupe, although a convertible was added later. Weighing in at only 838 pounds, the vehicle was powered by a rear-mounted air-cooled 356-cc V-twin engine rated at 16-hp, just enough for a top speed of 52 mph. The company formally adopted the Mazda name in 1984, although all automobiles sold from the beginning bore that name. Mazda went on to have a long association with the Ford Motor Company and was even partially owned by Ford for some time. Mazda has been wholly independent since 2015 and is now the world's 15th largest automobile producer.



Honda – 1963 Honda S500

Soichiro Honda started out as a mechanic in 1937 before getting into parts supply, motorized bicycles, engines and motorcycles. By 1959 Honda was the world's largest motorcycle producer. Honda didn't introduce their first four-wheeled vehicle until 1963 when the T360 pickup truck was introduced. Within two months of the T360 going on sale. Honda rolled out its first passenger car, the \$500 roadster. The \$500 was powered by a dual overhead cam straight four-cylinder engine with four Keihin carburetors and a 9500-rpm redline. The 531-cc engine produced 44-hp at 8,000 rpm, but, at just 1500 pounds, could achieve a top speed of 80 mph. Honda built 1,363 S500s before rolling out the S600 the following year. Today, Honda is one of the most well-known Japanese car manufacturers and ranks as the world's 7th vehicle producer with 5.36 million vehicles produced in 2017.



<u>Piedmont Region Meetings</u> are the 4th Monday each month at 7PM. Check their website: http://clubs.hemmings.com/piedmontregionaaca/ ?club=piedmontregionaaca for location

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

<u>Kia – 1974 Kia Brisa</u>

Kia began life as Kyungsung Precision Industry, a manufacturer of steel tubing and bicycle parts, in December 1944. The company produced the country's first bicycle, the Samchully, in 1951. In 1952 the company changed its name to Kia Industries and went on to make Honda-licensed motorcycles beginning in 1957 and Mazda-licensed trucks beginning in 1962. Kia finally rolled out its first passenger car in 1974 with the introduction of the Kia Brisa, which itself was produced as a Mazda licensed product. The Brisa was powered by a 1.0-liter Mazda engine. Kia built the Brisa until 1981 when South Korean military dictator Chun Doo-hwan forced industry consolidation which caused Kia to abandon passenger cars in favor of light trucks. The first Kia-branded cars were sold in the United States beginning in 1994. Today, Kia is well known for its popular 10-year/100,000-mile warranty on new cars. In 2016 Kia vehicle reliability was ranked first in the United States by J.D. Power and Associates, the first time since 1989 that a non-luxury carmaker did not top the list.



<u>Hyundai – 1975 Hyundai Pony</u>

Chung Ju-Yung founded the Hyundai Engineering and Construction Company in 1947. Hyundai Motor Company was established in 1967 when the company began producing Ford cars and trucks under license. Wanting to build their own car, Hyundai hired George Turnbull, former Managing Director of Austin Morris at British Leyland. He subsequently hired five other top British car engineers and in 1975 the Hyundai Pony was introduced as South Korea's first mass-produced car. Hyundai would produce the Pony from 1975 to 1990. Styled by Giorgetto Giugiaro, the Pony was a rear-wheel drive sedan that looked like a hatchback. The Pony was fitted with a 1.2-liter four-cylinder Mitsubishi engine. Today, Hyundai and Kia are in an alliance partnership which represents the 4th largest vehicle producer in the world.



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March 17, 2019 Waynesboro Staunton Region Meeting

The Waynesboro-Staunton Region of the AACA held it March 2019 meeting on the 17th at O'Neals in Harrisonburg at 2pm. President Jack Drago opened the meeting by welcoming the 32 members present.

Vice President Walter Wilson stated that the next meeting would be held on April 14th at Armstrong's in Verona. This is the second Sunday because the third Sunday is Easter.

Todd Smith gave the treasurer's report.

The secretary's minutes were written by Shirley Farley and were approved as printed. Then, Robbie Gray reported on the passing of Bobby Lawrence of the Martinsville-Danville Region who was very active in the ODMA.

Susan Gray reported her visit with Mel Redmond and Edwin Brooks. She, Farley's and Stone's plan to visit Dolly and Owen Harner.

Stu Allen reminded the members of the Piedmont Region Show on the last Sunday in April at Sam's Club in Charlottesville.

Nelson Driver stated that the ODMA meet will be held in Newport News on June 7th and 8th.

Ken Farley reported on the dinner held for Expo and that the Augusta County Fair Car Show would be held on Friday, August 2nd.

Jim Rimel stated that the Car Show at his barn would be on May 10th.

The president recognized the new members Paul Day and Polly Belford.

Paul Day won the 50/50.

The members talked about their car projects.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Robbie Gray, Sec



Thanks to all of you who have contributed articles and pictures for <u>Tire Tracks</u> during last year. We were pleased to be recognized again with the "Excellence" award for 2018. Scott Gregory was again recognized as a "Master Webmaster" for 2018. Congratulations Scott!



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Nancy Coiner Tom Kempton Jimmy Kilbourne Bob Kuykendall Robbie Kuykendall Claudette Obenschain Janice Shanholtzer Shirley Wampler George Weller Geraldine Wyant



45th Piedmont Region AACA Car Show Sunday, April 28 2019

Behind Sam's Club Route 29 North, Charlottesville VA



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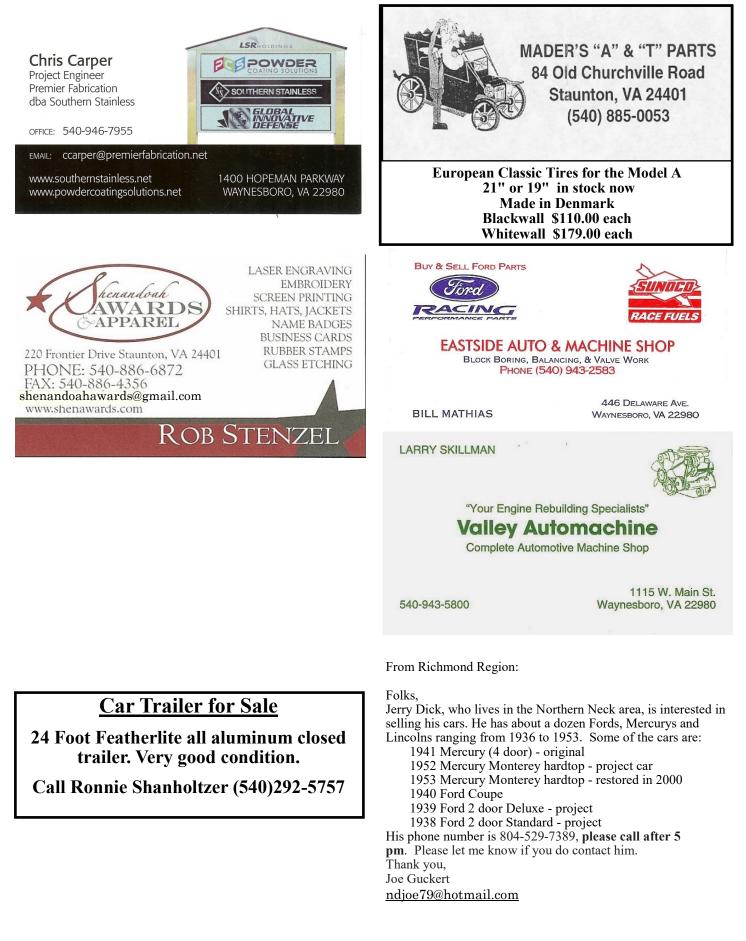
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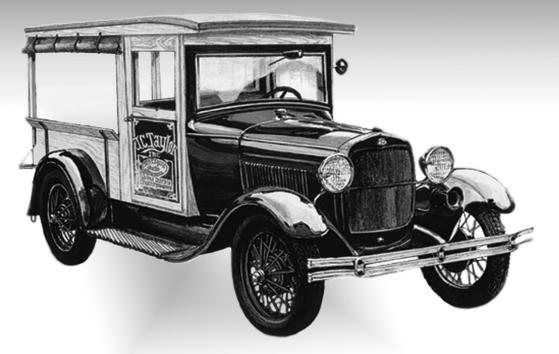


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