



TIRE TRACKS

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THE ELECTRONIC VERSION



Greetings Members, **Happy New Year!** Now is the time to look back on our activities for 2019 as we look forward to 2020. If you read the December issue of AACA Speedster, Stacy Zimmerman (Editor) does a great job of summarizing some of the changes in our world that have occurred over the past decade. The influx of electric cars is the development that may have a major impact on the automotive world. We'll have a presentation on hybrid and electric vehicles at one of our meetings during 2020. We are always in search of your stories and articles for Tire Tracks as well as topics for our monthly meetings. If you have an idea, please contact V.P. Walter Wilson or me and we'll help you put it together.

Here is wishing you and your families a Happy and Safe New Year.

Stu Allen



Who would buy a chicken at a pork dinner? Ken would! (*Feb. Expo Auction*)



Dean Webster VDOT Safety Service Patrol Program (*April 2019*)



The cars are staged for the after picnic tour. (*June Meeting and Tour*)



July @ Baldwin Park



Expo Display in August



September Auction

January Monthly Meeting: Sunday, January 19, 2020 2:00 PM – Mrs. Rowe's Family Restaurant
74 Rowe Road, Staunton. Monthly Meeting & Installation of Officers. Speaker will be Lynn Harris of
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MUSINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, here we are 3 days after Christmas and trying to figure out what to write for Tire Tracks and here comes a threatening email from the editor. My, how testy he can get when deadlines approach. One would think he'd be used to my habits by now.

OK, so if you were not able to attend the Christmas festivities at Mrs. Rowes, then you sadly missed some OUTSTANDING food on the buffet table (why am I always fixated on food?) and a great gift exchange. The 38 members went out of their way to bring in some fantastic gifts as the number of gifts swapping hands was probably at one of the highest numbers in years. Thank you members for a very memorable event.

Karen and I hope every one has a very Happy New Year 2020 and we look forward to seeing y'all (it's a Southern word) at Mrs. Rowes for our January meeting. (and good food off the menu)

Jack Drago



This beautiful Santa was first won by Nancy Bradfield but ended up with Carol Sarginger after the swapping was completed.



Santa Jack and Elf Charlotte review the rules for the gift exchange.

For our 70th Anniversary, the food committee consisting of Patty Watson Gregory, Doris Stone and Karen Drago, needs your input on the menu selection. If you have dietary restrictions, please let Patty know (patty@vt.edu). They would like to accommodate everyone who attends.

Don't forget to renew your membership (Page 8).

This updated information will be included in the 2020 Roster. Your National AACA renewal form is included in the past two issues of *Antique Automobile*.

DECEMBER 15 MEETING AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

The meeting was held at Mrs. Rowe's Restaurant. The 1954 Ford Country Sedan parked outside provides advertising. We understand that it's now for sale!



Nancy Bradfield arrived in the 1991 Cadillac Sedan DeVille (31k miles) that she recently purchased at Hershey. She also brought Chester!



The gift table was filled with goodies.



President Jack Drago greets some of our members.



Folks line up for the buffet. Nobody leaves the AACA meetings hungry!



The buffet featured salad, pork tenderloin, shrimp, chicken, mashed potatoes and fried apples!



Scott Gregory sells the 50/50 tickets. Our winner was Santa Claus!



Mrs. Rowe's is famous for great pies. These all were gone by 2:48 PM.



Shirley Farley drew one of the early gifts. An unknown person stole the towels and Shirley got another chance to open a package.



This beautifully decorated truck didn't stay very long with Rick Downs.



Larry Skillman briefly had an assortment of drill bits.



James Owen checks out the screwdriver sets he unwrapped.



They're Only Original Once **Fred Trusty-HPOF Chairman**

This is the 5th in a series of articles about original vehicles; Historical Preservation Original Features (HPOF) class. The 1st article was an overview of the HPOF class, the 2nd opened the doors and looked inside, the 3rd looked at the exterior, the 4th looked at convertible tops, trim, glass, wheels, tires, and now we look at the evaluation process.

The HPOF evaluation sheet is different from a class judging sheet. With HPOF there is only one evaluation sheet that the team captain fills out with input from the other judge(s) on the two or three person judging team. The sheet is based on a 30-point system with boxes for individual items that are checked for non-compliance. A copy of the evaluation sheet is on the AACA website under "Publications" and "Judges Guidelines". There is a column for the owner to check off any items that are known to be non-compliant and also a column that the judges use. One thing to note is that the judges don't automatically check a box in their column if the owner has it checked. The owner is under no obligation to check any of the boxes. All we ask for is owners to be honest.

There are two levels of awards with HPOF. The first level is the HPOF "Oval" which would be the equivalent of a First Junior award and the second and most prestigious level is the HPOF Original which is equivalent to a Senior award in class judging. Obviously, the bar is set higher for the Original level than that of the Oval. The sheet is set up so that an older vehicle has a lower compliance threshold as can be seen in the table below.

COMPLIANCE TABLE (Judges Use Only)			
	Thru 1931	1932 Thru 1959	1960 And Newer
HPOF Oval or Repeat HPOF	21-30	23-30	24-30
AACA Original or Repeat Original	26-30	27-30	28-30

It should be noted that there is usually some interaction between the team captain and the vehicle owner. The typical scenario is the team captain introduces himself and asks a question about the vehicle such as, "how long have you owned the car?"

Most owners are more than happy to share any history with the judges. It's nice to hear the "it's been in the family since new" type of stories.

The judges walk around the car together, look at the engine bay, interior, exterior, and chassis and then step back and discuss what they saw. As with class judging, documentation might be requested. Many times an owner has purchased the vehicle as is and really doesn't know any of the history of the car. For example, the judges might feel that the car has had a total repaint but unless there is evidence to support their suspensions, the benefit of the doubt goes to the owner. There are also scenarios where a very early car was probably repainted many years ago but the paint has developed a patina of its own to the point that the judges can't determine if it has been repainted or not. So the decision goes in favor of the owner.

There are too many specific scenarios to cover in a short article but if you have any specific questions, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is in the Antique Automobile magazine on the director information page.

Remember, they're only original once.



On July 14, 2018 we took our '57 Buick Roadmaster for Original HPOF evaluation in Gettysburg. 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



Why Is the New Building Important?

By Stan Kulikowski Vice President -
Regions Eastern Division

By now, I'm sure that everyone has heard about the new building and the capital campaign. As of Hershey, we are about 70% of the way to reaching our goal.

First, we are the largest resource for preserving our automotive history. Our resources do us no good if they are packed away in a dark corner. Our current building and library does not have the space to have all of our materials accessible for research. For some time, I stored some of the materials from the Vintage Chevrolet Club of America in my garage until some space was made available. These materials need to be made available to all of our members to aid in their restoration projects.

Second, we all know that the internet has become a great source of information. But it is also a great source of Misinformation. I have lost count of how many people have claimed to have owned a 1970 or 1970 Monte Carlo SS454 with a factory 4- speed. There are internet articles that claim that these cars exist, but none of the factory literature supports this claim. Anything can be put on the internet. Also, I'm sure that in your restorations the "experts" have told you "urban legends" of how cars were built and what, in their minds was correct. The only way to truly support the claims is with hard research that our library and its vast collection of factory material can support.

So how can you help? The last 30% is critical to us successfully complete this project. Talk to your regions about making a donation from the region. If every member chipped in, we would be able to quickly achieve our goal. This is YOUR resource ... YOUR pride and joy ... YOUR way to give back to the hobby and preserve it for future generations. Don't let the automotive history be subject to revisionist history. Help us document how our cars were truly built. Please do what you can to support the capital campaign.



AACA Membership Must Grow!

Mel Carson 2019 AACA President

The Antique Automobile Club of America membership must grow! Every current member has the opportunity to bring in a new member to AACA now! One of the best methods to bring in new members is to talk with them in person. When driving your antique car to fill the gas tank, attend cruise-ins or shows - folks at all times want to look at your car and talk with you about it. This is a good opportunity to tell them about AACA and all it offers to the antique car enthusiast. Please let them know, that to be involved, all AACA members do not have to own a pristine show vehicle. (In fact, AACA members don't have to own an antique vehicle at all.) This is a message to convey to any prospective new AACA member. A Drivers Participation Class (DPC) vehicle is a vehicle that has a place on the show field but is perfectly suitable for driving and touring at the same time – including air conditioning and radial tires. The AACA organization includes a great antique car magazine, about six to eight car show Nationals spread around the country, a Grand Nationals event each year, and usually about four Touring events each year. Library resources are offered to members who can obtain research and restoration information on possibly any vehicle every produced. The new AACA headquarters facility now under renovation in Hershey will include an enhanced state-of-the-art automotive research library to benefit all aspects of the hobby. Explain these advantages to a car person and they will be a great candidate for membership in the Antique Automobile Club of America and help keep alive our organization!

Calendar of AACA Events & *Community Car Events*

JANUARY 2020

15 Executive Board Meeting at the Gray's

Wednesday, 7:00 PM—1430 Red Top Rd., Waynesboro

18 Augusta County Fair Dinner & Silent Auction

Saturday, 5:00 – 9:00 PM – Weyers Cave Community

Center, 682 Weyers Cave Road, Weyers Cave.

Tickets are \$10 presale or \$13 at the door.

19 Monthly Meeting & Installation of Officers

Sunday, 2:00 PM – Mrs. Rowe's Family Restaurant, 74 Rowe Road, Staunton.

Speaker will be Lynn Harris of Wilson Workforce and Rehabilitation Center

FEBRUARY

6-8 AACA Annual Convention—Philadelphia, PA

12 Executive Board Meeting at the Gray's

Wednesday, 7:00 PM—1430 Red Top Rd., Waynesboro

16 Monthly Meeting

Sunday, 2:00 PM—Sooner BBQ, 2629 Stuarts Draft Highway, Stuarts Draft

27-29 AACA National Winter Meet,

Magic City Casino, 450 NW 37th Avenue, Miami, FL. Hosted by the South Florida Region.

MARCH

11 Executive Board Meeting at the Gray's

Wednesday, 7:00 PM—1430 Red Top Rd., Waynesboro

15 Monthly Meeting

Sunday, 2:00 PM—To Be Announced.

Tri-County Region Meetings

Dates vary - Check their website:
<http://tri-county-aaca.org/>

**Piedmont Region Meetings are the
4th Monday each month at 7PM.
They meet at the Cavalier Diner,
1403 Emmet St. N.**

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**December 15 Waynesboro-Staunton Region meeting and Christmas Party**

The Waynesboro-Staunton Region AACA held their December 15, 2019 meeting and Christmas Party at Mrs. Rowe's Restaurant in Staunton at 2:00 PM. President Jack Drago (AKA Santa) welcomed the 38 members and guests present. Nelson Driver gave the blessing. Members enjoyed the extensive buffet and good service provided by Mrs. Rowe's staff.

After the pies were consumed, Jack conducted a quick business meeting. He announced that we would return to Mrs. Rowe's on January 19, and we will order off the menu at that event. He reminded everyone that dues are due now for both the Region and National. The minutes of the November meeting were printed in Tire Tracks. Treasurer Todd Smith gave the Treasurer's report and remarked that we had received a \$100. donation in appreciation for work Ken Farley and Stu Allen had done on a non-member's 1931 Chevrolet. Susan Gray reported that she had visited Mary Helen Ayers and Paul Wampler who are both recovering from injuries. She also mentioned that her husband Robbie was recovering from knee replacement surgery with her capable help.

Since there was no further business, Santa explained the rules for the Chinese Gift Exchange. Everyone drew numbers to set the order of opening gifts. Chief Elf (Charlotte Kuykendall) kept track of the gifts that were repeatedly "stolen" until all gifts were opened and exchanged. The process went quickly and the festivities were completed before 4 PM. Jack wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Allen for Robbie Gray

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

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Name _____

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Month/Day

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Birthdate _____

Month/

Day

Address _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

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Make, model and year of your Antique or Classic automobile(s): *Ownership not required to be a member.*

Special Interests? _____

AACA National Membership Number: _____ *(Required to be a member of the Region)*

Applicant's Signature: _____

Annual Dues

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