



TIRE TRACKS

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THE ELECTRONIC VERSION



Greetings Members, We hope everyone is hunkered down and staying safe during this strange time in our nation. We are all hopefully getting more home and car projects done since we're limited on places to go. Some of us were fortunate enough to get out for some fresh air on April 22. Jim Gregory called to tell me that Doug Bridgeforth and some of his street rod buddies were planning to take an informal tour down towards Lexington and over to Goshen and back and wondered if some of our members wished to come along. Since my calendar as usual was open, I jumped at the chance. We met at Lowe's in Waynesboro with 11 cars showing up. Members attending were Jack Drago, Nelson Driver, Ken & Shirley Farley, Jim Gregory and your editor. We stopped at Subway near Lexington for take-out and enjoyed a picnic area along the river near Goshen. We of course followed the rules for social distancing and it was a beautiful day and a great cure for cabin fever. We were treated to a bald eagle sighting along the river. We hope to do this again next month.

Stu Allen





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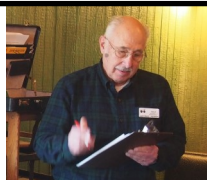


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RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT



Cabin fever? Certainly you jest. I've been keeping myself so occupied that one day just flows into the next. Take for example one day this week, say Tuesday the 14th. Day #45 of boredom and my mind wandered to my den. Comfy at 16.5 x 12.5 with parquet flooring. Parquet is small blocks of individual pieces of wood glued to the floor, each separated by a sliver of space, said space needing cleaning besides the vacuum. So I counted the blocks at 837.5 and the spaces between them at 3,350 spaces. To clean the spaces required toothpicks, some 1,675 of them to be accurate. Off to the toothpick store I trundled only to be waylaid by the toothpick police at the cashier. It seems that there is some sort of disease running around and that purchasing any item more than one needs special dispensation from the state government. One must not hoard I was told. No more than one sheet of toilet paper or one toothpick. So I made 1,675 trips to the toothpick store. We won't discuss the toilet paper issue thank you.

I was once arrested for going into a bank with a bandanna on my face. Lesson learned. Last week I went into the bank without a bandanna on my face and was arrested. What gives here? Make up your mind.

Ever wonder how many stitches go into making a hanky?
Cabin fever?

Jack Drago

Notes from your Editor

Since our April meeting was cancelled, there are no minutes for the meeting.

"Simple" Maintenance Project

One of the benefits of being forced to stay at home is feeling compelled to tackle some of the old car projects that you have been putting off. In my world, some of these tasks seem to become much more complex than I expected in the beginning. Over the past couple of weeks, I decided it might be time to check out my '49 Buick in preparation for the upcoming Sentimental Tour in West Virginia (now cancelled).

I put the car on the hoist and checked the tires, looking at date codes that quickly reminded me that the tires although looking new, were clearly due for replacement before doing any serious touring. I checked the car logbook and confirmed that these radials were installed in 2006 and would require replacement. Sounds straight forward. Order the tires and get them mounted and put them back on the car. Now, reality sets in.

I ordered the Coker radials online and they arrived in about a week.

I pulled the four wheels and decided to clean them up before having the new tires mounted and balanced. Guess what, the left front tire showed evidence of a brake fluid leak that had not been evident before, so that would need attention.

I ordered a new wheel cylinder from Rock Auto, figuring it would fix the problem. I then decided to pull the brake drum and have the system cleaned up when the new part arrived. The brake drum refused to come off. Tried all the normal steps, WD-40, Kroil, heat with a torch, and "gentle" taps with large hammers. OK, maybe things will work better tomorrow.

The next day arrives and I decide to use the last resort: look in the shop manual. Did you know that on these vintage Buicks the drums are riveted to the hubs and the hub comes off with the drum? After looking at the logbook, I found that I had rebuilt brakes on this car in 1994, right after we drove it home to Michigan from Wisconsin. (another story). Somehow, after 26 years I didn't remember the little details of removing front drums. After following the manual, the drum came off easily, revealing the faulty wheel cylinder. The brake shoes showed some wear so I decided to check the other 3 drums.

Fast forward to the next day when I pull the remaining drums, locating another wheel cylinder that has some weeping fluid as well as brake shoes that show some wear after 26 years and 20,000 miles. Back to Rock Auto to order 3 more wheel cylinders and 4 sets of brake shoes. In the process, I'll replace the DOT 3 brake fluid that is due for change.

I'm sure the rest of this simple repair will go much more smoothly??? I'll give you an update next month if the project is completed by then.

Stu Allen

Vintage Newsletter –Tire Tracks is founded - April 1971

Nelson Driver (Waynesboro-Staunton Region President 1971-1972) gave me a copy of the first newsletter published in 1971. It was 5 pages and I'll include a sample of the contents. It's interesting to note that editor Craig Peterson was asking members to contribute items to the newsletter, just as your editor does every month in 2020.

Stu Allen

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 "whatchamacallet" 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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It looks like the "green movement" started 49 years ago in Waynesboro and Staunton. I remember helping our Boy Scout troop conduct paper drives. It was a good source of income for the Scouts in the 70's.

Stu

GLASS - GLASS - GLASS

Some local Staunton and Waynesboro students are worried about our environment and are acting now by picking up old glass for reprocessing.

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Did you know during the Roaring 20's if you bought two tickets to the Homestead on the railroad they would tek your car there for free?

Remember When?

Fifty-nine years ago this month, April 14, The Titanic, on her maiden voyage sank with the loss of about 1000 persons.

Thirty-eight years ago this month April 19, 1933 President Roosevelt officially removed the United States from the Gold Standard. Also, 38 years ago this month, April 4, 1933 the U.S. Navy Airship Akron, a lighter than air craft crashed during an electrical storm.

Remember?

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Did you know? An elephant can lift 1/2 its own weight and an ant can lift 100 times its own weight, however, an ant cannot lift an elephant!

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The U.S. Government announced earlier this year the minting of a silver dollar with Eisenhower's picture on it. The first silver dollar minted since 1935.

Buick



Calendar of AACA Events & Community Car Events

MAY

- 7-9 AACA Central Spring National Meet, *Cancelled***
- 8-9 62nd Apple Blossom Car Meet *Cancelled***
- 9 *Saturday, 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM – Private Car Show at The Barn, 2165 Churchville Avenue, Staunton. **Cancelled***
- 10 *Sunday, 4:00 – 7:00 PM – Rides and Rods Cruise-In at Dap's Ice Cream, 3278 Stuarts Draft Highway, Stuarts Draft.*
- 13 Executive Board Meeting at the Gray's *Cancelled***
Wednesday, 7:00 PM—1430 Red Top Rd., Waynesboro
- 13-16 AACA Eastern Divisional Tour *Cancelled***
Eastern Shore of Maryland. Hosted by the Eastern Shore Region.
- 15-16 *Mid-Atlantic Pre-War Swap Meet, Comer Jones VFW Post 621, 218 Veterans Lane, Luray **Cancelled***
- 13 Sunday, 2:00 PM – Monthly Meeting – Capital Ale House, 41-A Court Square Harrisonburg VA 22801 *Cancelled***

JUNE 7-12 AACA Sentimental Tour (Vehicles 1928-1958), Potomac Highlands of West Virginia. *Cancelled*

- 10 Executive Board Meeting at the Gray's**
Wednesday, 7:00 PM—1430 Red Top Rd., Waynesboro
- 12-13 AACA National Southeastern Spring Meet, Charlotte, NC. Charlotte Autofair at the Charlotte Motor Speedway, 5555 Concord Parkway South, Concord, NC. Hosted by the Hornets Nest Region. *This event has been rescheduled from 4/2-5/2020.***
- 12-13 67th Old Dominion Meet Association Car Show—Saturday, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM, , Natural Bridge Hotel, 15 Appledore Lane, Natural Bridge. Hosted by the Roanoke Valley Region. *Postponed to Nov. 6-7***
- 13 *Saturday, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM, 3rd Annual Classic Car Show, Summit Square, 501 Oak Avenue, Waynesboro.*
- 14 *Sunday, National Street Rod Association Appreciation/Safety Day, DAPS Ice Cream, 3278 Stuarts Draft Highway, Stuarts Draft.*
- 20 Richmond Region 51st Annual Collector Car Show & Swap Meet -Saturday, St. Joseph's Villa, 8000 Brook Road, Richmond.**
- 21 Monthly Meeting and Picnic at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church—**
Sunday, 2:00 PM , 30 Tinkling Spring Drive, Fishersville.
- 24-27 AACA Eastern Spring National Meet, Beckley, WV. Hosted by the West Virginia Whitewater Region**
- 27 *Saturday, 3:00 – 8:00 PM – Robert Sumner Memorial Cruise-In at Dap's Ice Cream*

Calendar of AACA Events & Community Car Events (Continued)

JULY

- 11 Saturday, 10:00 AM – Annual Vehicle Display & Monthly Meeting**
Brightview Baldwin Park, 21 Woodlee Road, Staunton.
- 12 Sunday, 4:00 – 7:00 PM – Rides and Rods Cruise-In at Dap's Ice Cream, 3278 Stuarts Draft Highway, Stuarts Draft*
- 19-24 AACA Reliability Tour (Vehicles 1915 & Earlier), Lock Haven/Wellsboro, PA.**
Organized by Bob Giles and Tom Roberts
- 23-25 AACA Grand National Meet, NB Center for American Automotive Heritage, 540 Union Boulevard, Allentown, PA.**
- 11 Friday, 4:00 – 9:00 PM – Augusta County Fair Vehicle Display, Augusta Expo, 277 Expo Road, Fishersville.**

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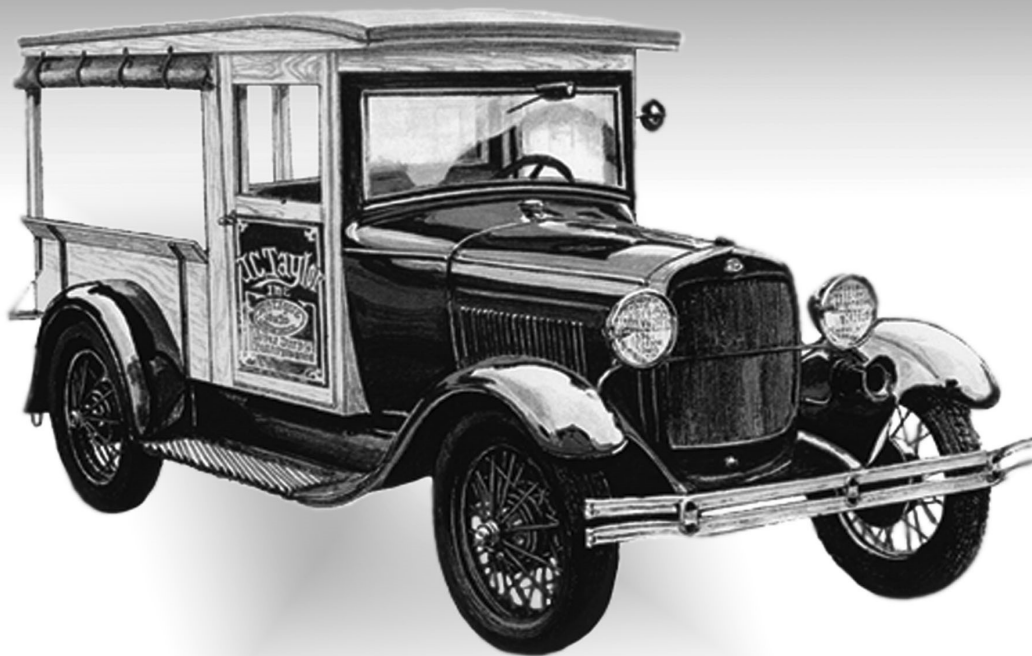


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