



# TIRE TRACKS

AUGUST 2020



Greetings Members, It's quite a challenge putting together a newsletter when all of our events for the past four months have been cancelled. Hopefully by the time September rolls around we'll have some new events to talk about. This month I went back to the first Tire Tracks I put together in Jan. 2009 when we reflected back to a 1972 issue of Tire Tracks.

Stu Allen

## YOU WERE THERE - 1972

July 1972 – The “Happy Birthday USA” celebration began on July 4 with a parade in Gypsy Hill Park in Staunton. Fourteen old cars were on hand and paraded in a group around the park. Afterwards the cars were parked in a group for display. The best appearing cars as picked by the parade judges were; 1<sup>st</sup> prize Raymond Driver, 1912 Hupmobile and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize Ralph Simmers, 1931 Ford. It was at this event that another “new” car was shown. Owen Harner having finished restoration on his 1925 Ford “T” coupe brought it out for its first public appearance.

John Brown, National Director reported that the 1972 National rosters were lost in a flood at the printers in Harrisburg (PA) and due to the fact that the AACA had already paid \$7000., they would not be reprinted.

The Eastern Spring Meet held at Seven Springs, PA, June 22-24, (1972) was quite WET. It rained the whole weekend. (It had already rained for 10 days). All was not lost though because the resort manager after friendly arm twisting, allowed the flea market to set up indoors on Fri. & Sat. Can you imagine a resort like the Homestead or the Greenbriar letting a bunch of guys string out car parts and literature up and down the halls, in the cafeteria, in meeting rooms, etc.?

There were 525 cars registered but it was estimated that only about half showed up Saturday for judging.

September 1972 – Congratulations are in order to several club members who brought home trophies from recent events. In Culpepper Ralph Simmers won a 2<sup>nd</sup> place and John Stone a 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy. At a meet in Quincy, PA. Ralph Simmers won a 2<sup>nd</sup> and Ronnie Shanholtzer won the long distance trophy. At a meet in Winchester on Labor Day Ralph Simmers won a 1<sup>st</sup> place, Ronnie Shanholtzer a 2<sup>nd</sup> and Earl Blanchfield won two trophies for each of the cars he had registered. (This reporter failed to write down the details at the time and can't recall them now).

October-November 1972 – Good news from Hershey... Would you believe Mr. Carey now has hubcaps for his Velie? Jeff Brown was checking out the hubcaps at one of the vendors and spotted 4 nice Velie hub caps. Luckily he remembered where they were and they were still there when Mr. Carey came by our flea market space that same day. We also located a parts book for him at the space next to ours. The weather was chilly, rainy, and windy but most everybody said it was bigger and better than ever.

**August Monthly Meeting: Sunday, August 16, 1:30 PM – Monthly Meeting & Picnic with the Tri-County Region, Grand Caverns Shelter #3, 5 Grand Caverns Drive, Grottoes. (See Page 2)**



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## RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

And with all manner of fanfare, CONGRATULATIONS on the 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY of DAVE and PAM POTTER. This month I have enlisted the help from my assistant Mr Webster, of the dictionary fame and his interpretation of the word “COMPARISON”. He records it thusly: (1) “a statement or estimate of similarities and differences”. (2) “the quality of being similar or equivalent”. On June 26 I had the “opportunity” to have a COVID 19 test done at Augusta Health in Waynesboro to either clear me for some surgery on Monday the 29th or banish me to the health risk population. I passed with flying colors. Back to COMPARISON. (and yes the surgery went very well) Having been in Uncle Sam’s Navy way back when and the far majority of us having quite a familiarity with swabbing decks/floors with MOPS, we recall they were made with a large wooden handled pole and a huge amount of braided material at the water end of said devise, called a mop. On board ship we “swabbed”.



That was then and now some 6 decades later the health industry has attached the term SWAB to a sinister devise. (Mr. Webster (as does the health industry) defines it as “a small piece of absorbent material attached to the end of a stick or wire”.) Apologies to Nurse Ratchet of “One Flew Over The Cuckoo’s Nest” movie fame, and now employed at Augusta Health, the test for COVID 19 requires a “SWAB” of the nasal cavity. If one refers to Mr. Websters definition in the above stated version, I’d personally like to differ in the opinion that in fact it was a LARGE WOODEN HANDLED POLE WITH A HUGE AMOUNT OF BRAIDED MATERIAL at the end, one in which almost gave me a frontal lobotomy. “You have tears in your eyes Mr. Drago, was it uncomfortable?” “Heck no, let’s do it again on the other side!” And now you know the meaning of the word COMPARISON and SWAB.

On Wednesday the 15th we had a board meeting at Stu Allen’s house. Stu, being a retired engineer at General Motors and was titled FLuid Atomization Kinematics Engineer (FLAKE) is a fanatic on cleanliness and safety (Covid-19) and as such we had to strictly adhere to his demands for health concerns.

On arriving at his driveway we were greeted by an armed guard that took our temperature, had us fill out a 3 page, 45 question document as to our health from birth to current date. After passing the test, we proceeded to cordoned off and well marked parking spots, precisely 6 feet apart. After exiting our cars we proceeded to several tents, the first supplying us with a full length head to toe hazmat suit. The 2nd was a complete spray down with an alcohol/benzoyl peroxide solution, followed by the 3rd tent with a warm air blow dry, and then into tent 4 which contained a sealed off hyperbaric chamber to kill off any remaining germs and then finally, entry into his house. We followed a roped off path to his basement where 8 six foot tables were spaced exactly 6 feet apart where surgical gloves waited for each of us to put on. Each table was assigned and labeled with our name, Speaking was done thru a 6 foot (of course) tube attached to the head piece of each suit and breathing through a 6 foot (naturally) hose attached to an oxygen tank located under each table. After the meeting, our “dessert” was a libation of a concoction of liquid Chocolate cake mixed with a ginger ale/iced tea brew all sucked in by the speaking tube. Unique experience indeed and quite tasty to boot. Nice touch Stu.

Jack Drago

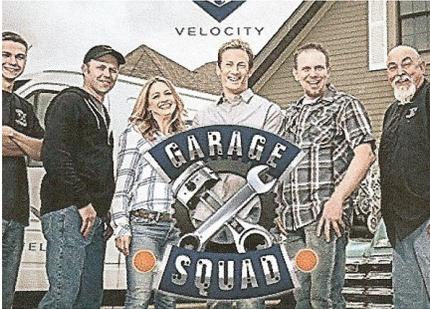
## August & September Meetings

In view of the current pandemic, we would like to proceed with a modified gathering at these two meetings. For these meetings, we propose that each member bring their own table service, side dishes, and drinks and the club will provide chicken (August) and steaks (September). The meat would be served to each member and we could spread out in the pavilion for social distancing. In order to make this work we need an estimate of how many members would be willing to attend. We recognize that some folks will not be comfortable with these arrangements but we feel this is the best we can do under current circumstances.

Please respond to the survey via email.

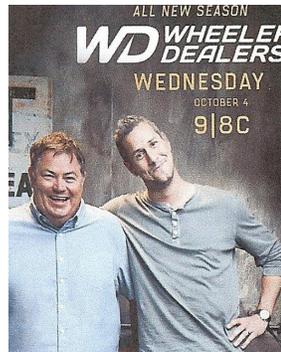
## What's On Your DVR?

Since most of us are “sheltering at home” like me, you may be watching much more TV than usual. My DVR has a bunch of car shows recorded and I thought I might give you my take on several offerings that are currently being broadcast. The advantage of the DVR recordings is that you can fast forward through the commercials and watch a one hour show in about 40 minutes.



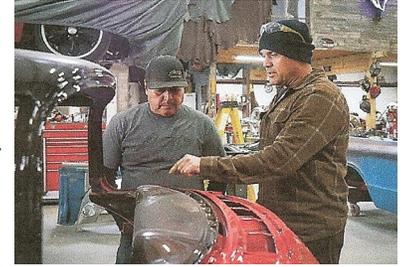
**Garage Squad** - Bruno Massel and his cohorts take on “rescue” projects that do-it-yourselfers have typically started and gotten in over their heads, run out of money or time, and call for help. The projects they tackle range from restorations to original, resto-mods and some full race cars. Some projects would probably take 6 months or more but the “Squad” gets them completed in a week to produce a one hour episode. Somehow they manage to get all needed parts overnight, upholstery done and motors machined in 1 or 2 days. They go through some complete rebuilds and upgrades that are interesting to watch. The common theme is that they are always running in to unforeseen problems that cause them to always be way behind schedule to meet their “reveal” day. The show is entertaining but the timeframe is a bit far-fetched.

**Wheeler Dealers** – Mike Brewer scours the world (Europe or the US) to find bargain cars that need rescue, repair and polish in order to be sold at a profit. His current mechanic Ant Anstead performs significant repairs and component rebuilds resulting in vehicles that really look and drive remarkably better than when they were



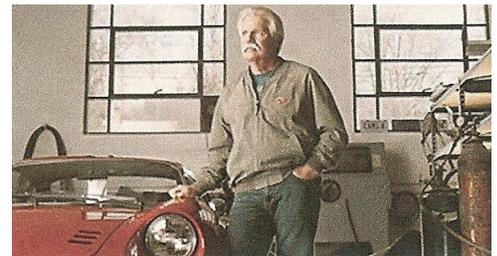
purchased. Ant does a good job of describing in detail the systems he is repairing so one gets some basic knowledge of how these parts function and the steps required to get them in working order. I wonder how he always has access to that special tool or test device to fix almost any system required. Since each project results in a one-hour show, some major steps are skipped, but the process is usually entertaining. Mike always gives a summary of what parts cost and the labor hours required for completion, but somehow the labor must be free to allow the sales price to reflect a profit.

**Iron Resurrection** – Joe Martin and his wife Amanda have a shop in Texas that performs major rebuilds into high-performance street machines. They usually take rusted hulks and perform major surgery to install frames and big motors on these vehicles. Joe and his team do some amazing metalwork, bodywork, and painting to turn out beautiful machines. The cast of characters in the shop provide comedy relief as well as creative build solutions. One episode that bothered me was when a couple brought in a gorgeous stock 1952 Chevy pickup that could have been an AACA show car. It was cut up and modified into a street rod with new frame and big motor. It was beautiful when completed but it was a shame to see it get modified. Most of their restoration candidates are beyond putting back to original but the Chevy was an exception. Joe is also a master with the air brush and comes up with some outstanding artwork on some of their creations. If you appreciate metal fabrication, this is the show to watch.



## **Chasing Classic Cars** –

Wayne Carini and his crew at his F40 Motor-sports shop, focus mainly on high-end American and European cars. The main theme



of the show is the search and purchase of these cars all over the US. Once they are found and bought, they come to the shop in Portland CT. where old-timer Roger Barr typically diagnoses and fixes whatever ails the vehicle. Once these repairs are completed, we are treated to a road test by Wayne, followed by a trip to the auction (usually high-end locations like Pebble Beach) where we get to see the bidding and final sale to a new owner. Since we don't know what the original purchase price of each vehicle was, we assume that Wayne must make enough profit to allow him to purchase the next “find” . We don't get much technical restoration information but the entertainment value is good.

Stu Allen

*What is your favorite car show? We'll feature more next month.*



### **If I Only Had the Time**

By Fred Trusty Vice President -  
Membership

As of the writing of this article, most of us have been on some sort of shelter in place or limited movement restriction in our communities for at least 4 – 6 weeks. For some areas it has been even longer than that. A lot of people haven't left their houses unless it's going to the grocery store every few weeks. Think about it. In some states, you can be fined just because you went for a drive in your car. Who would have ever thought something like this could happen in America? Remember the old saying, "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade."

So, what have you been doing to occupy your time? If you're like most car enthusiasts, you've spent some time on the Internet searching for parts, accessories, or maybe researching a particular vehicle. I bet a lot of you have looked at cars for sale on Hemmings thinking that there are some good deals out there since the economy has done a nose dive. One of the first things I did was search for some hard to find parts for my 1955 Pontiac 2-door wagon. Right off the bat I found the taillight housings at a fair price. They weren't in great shape, but at least there weren't any cracks or pieces missing. Yes, the opening in the body is the same as a 1955 Chevy, but the light itself is different. I immediately dropped them off at Highline Plating and two weeks later I had a couple of beautiful chrome housings. I already had the clear backup lenses from my original housings, so I started to search for the brake/light lenses. I found a pair of NOS lenses on ebay with the "buy it now" price of \$1,250.00. No typo. The decimal is in the correct place. If I spend that much for (2) 3" round pieces of red plastic with a small metal band, I better get used to sleeping in the dog house. Pretty small accommodations. So I began looking for other parts. I found a NOS grille filler panel at a great price. A few small spots of surface rust here and there, but other than that, just like new. I was still searching for the lenses when I stumbled on a pair of brand new front floor pans. When I saw the price I hit the "Buy it Now" button as fast as I could. Then a couple weeks later there was another pair of NOS brake/light lenses listed as auction style on ebay. Just like a gunfighter in the old west, I was ready with my fingers twitching at the keyboard as I faced off for the show down as the auction closing drew near. With just a few seconds left I drew and fired at reserve price. Bingo! I stole these lenses and I didn't even use a mask and gun. I also found a few other parts for my projects but after several weeks, looking for parts gets boring.

How about the maintenance on your old cars? Oil changes, brake adjustments, cleaning and waxing. Done. Next I started to actually work on some of my projects. I made a lot of progress but if you've ever restored a car, there comes a point where you are waiting on parts to come back from a vendor or you need the money to order more parts. In my case, I know the transmission kick down rod for my 1976 Ford F-150 Supercab is in the garage somewhere, but I can't seem to find it. If I order a new one and install it, then I'll find the old one. OK. Time to clean out the garage. Years and years' worth of Hemmings and club magazines to the recycle bin. Done, and still no rod, but I did find that 7/16 combination wrench that has been missing for years, again. Now I have three of them.

Then I thought I would write some articles for our local region and, obviously, for the Rummage Box. Done. I made a list of all my friends to call and check on. I called both of them the first day. Next, clean out my office. Done. Get rid of some old clothes in my closet. Done. I even offered to have a 10-yard dumpster dropped in the driveway so my wife could get rid of some shoes. Please refer to the sentence in paragraph two about small accommodations. Meeko, our 80-pound German Shepherd/ Huskie mix is not pleased at having a roommate. Oil all the door hinges in the house, get rid of some old house paint, and one more quick look on ebay for car parts.

Then there are those projects that you really don't want to do because they involve some physical labor. You know, the ones that for years you've said, "If I just had the time I would do this or that". Then comes the stark reality that thanks to coronavirus you do have the time now. There is no excuse for not tearing out that old falling down fence and putting up a new one. Or maybe cutting down that half dead tree, cutting and splitting the wood, and filling up the firewood shed. And one of my favorites is cleaning out gutters, which I have still not done yet.

I look forward to the day when things get back to normal and I can go back to saying things like, "If I only had the

*This article appeared in the AACA  
Spring Rummage Box*

*How about telling our members what you have been doing with all your spare time during this shelter in place. I'm always looking for your contribution of stories.*

## Calendar of AACA Events & Community Car Events

**AUG.**

- 9 *Sunday, 4:00 – 7:00 PM – Rides and Rods Cruise-In at Dap's Ice Cream, 3278 Stuarts Draft Highway, Stuarts Draft.*
- 12 **Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting** at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton
- 12-15 **AACA Eastern Divisional Tour, Eastern Shore of Maryland. Hosted by the Eastern Shore Region.** **CANCELLED**
- 16 **Sunday, 1:30 PM – Monthly Meeting & Picnic with the Tri-County Region, Grand Caverns, 5 Grand Caverns Drive, Grottoes.**
- 20-22 **AACA Southeastern Fall National Meet, Elizabeth, IN. Hosted by the Kyana Region** **CANCELLED**
- 21-22 **AACA Grand National Meet, Location change—Wyndham Gettysburg 95 Presidential Circle Gettysburg, PA 17325**

**SEPT.**

- 9 **Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting** at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton
- 11-13 *Somerset Steam & Gas Engine Association 44th Annual Pasture Party, 14349 Blue Ridge Turnpike, Somerset* **CANCELLED**
- 13 *Sunday, 4:00 – 7:00 PM – Rides and Rods Cruise-In at Dap's Ice Cream, 3278 Stuarts Draft Highway, Stuarts Draft.*
- 13-18 **AAA 75th Revival Glidden Tour (Vehicles 1942 & Earlier), Saratoga Springs, NY. Hosted by VMCCA.** **CANCELLED**
- 19 *Saturday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM – 13th Annual Goad's Classic Cruise-In, Rockbridge County High School, 143 Greenhouse Road, Lexington.* **CANCELLED**
- 19 **Saturday, 47th Annual Tidewater Region AACA Meet, Military Aviation Museum, 1341 Princess Anne Road, Virginia Beach.**
- 20 **Sunday, 2:00 PM – Monthly Meeting, Steak Fry & Auction, Grand Caverns, 5 Grand Caverns Drive, Grottoes.**

**OCT.**

- 3 *Saturday, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM – 17th Annual Lost in the 60's Car Show at Eastside Speedway, 134 Al Gore Lane, Waynesboro. \$20 to show or spectate.*
- 6-8 *Tuesday – Thursday, Mid-Atlantic Pre-War Swap Meet Special Fall Edition at the Comer-Jones VFW Post 621, 218 Veterans Lane, Luray.*
- 7-10 **AACA Fall National Meet, Hershey, PA. Hosted by the Hershey Region.** **SWAP MEET CANCELLED**
- 11 *Sunday, 4:00 – 7:00 PM – Rides and Rods Cruise-In at Dap's Ice Cream, 3278 Stuarts Draft Highway, Stuarts Draft.*
- 14 **Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting** at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton
- 18 **Sunday, 2:00 PM – Monthly Meeting – TBD**
- 23-25 **Old Dominion Meet Association Tour – Hosted by the Shenandoah Region.**



**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- Jack Drago
- Bill Jackameit
- Sheila Kilbourne
- Herman Knight
- Nancy Knight
- Charlotte Kuykendall
- Kathleen Lang
- Robert Lang
- Heather Layman
- Jay Mader
- Bobby McLain

Member Glen Edwin Brooks, husband of Martha Brooks, passed away on Sunday, June 7, 2020 at Shenandoah Nursing and Rehab.

We send our condolences and prayers to Martha and their family.

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**Piedmont Region Meetings** are the  
4th Monday each month at 7PM.  
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**Tri-County Region Meetings**  
Dates vary - Check their website:  
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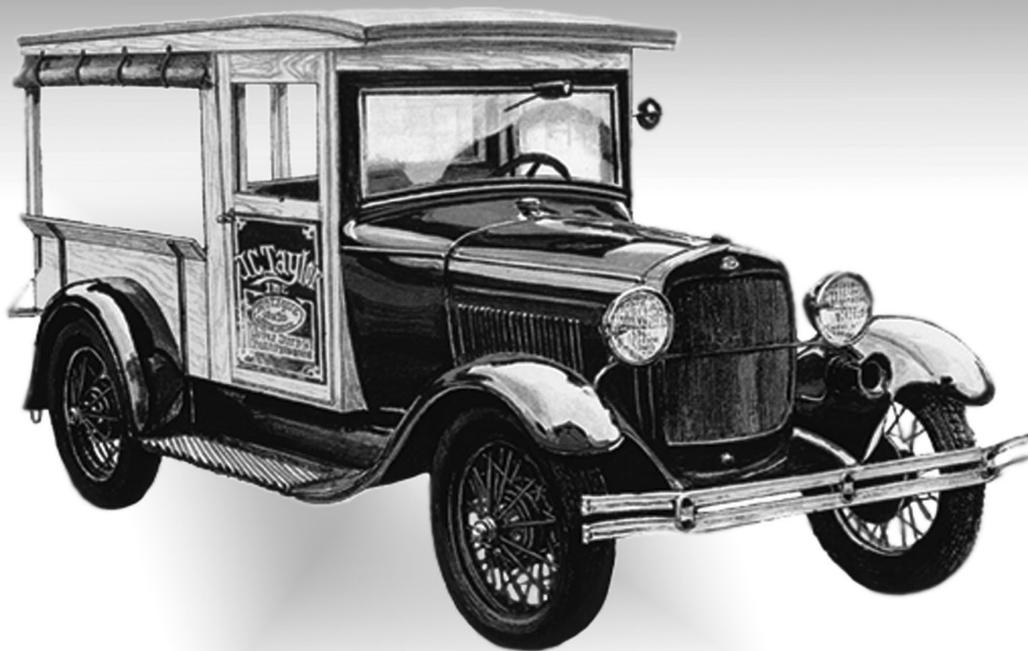
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