



TIRE TRACKS

DEC. 2020



Greetings Members, I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving in spite of the ongoing pandemic that has controlled our lives for most of the year. Your Board has tried to keep some sort of club activities going even with the restrictions in place. Let's all hope that 2021 will allow us to resume more normal meetings and tours. We know National has rescheduled many of 2020 meets and tours so hopefully we can take part in those events. I want to be among the first to wish you a Merry Christmas as we all hope for a Happy New Year.

Stu Allen

"The Old Days"

Spencerport, NY December 1970



**WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Due to Covid restrictions the Annual Christmas Party and Gift Exchange is cancelled.



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RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

INTERVIEWER: To what due you attribute to your longevity?

CHEF JULIA CHILD: Red meat and gin.

As I write this, there are ONLY 50 days left in the year that did not exist, or hopefully can be counted as the year that will never be recalled. In my disillusioned mind, I remain at 79 years old instead of (YIKES) 80. Time to move on. DAP's on November 8th brought out some 50+ cars and I visited with Walter Wilson III and Allison Graves, Steve Cummins, Jim Gregory, Rick Downs and Jim Rimel. Wonderful turnout for the end of the year ice cream social/cruise in. Rick Downs brought his latest drive, a BMW thing, this, after selling the 6 minute ownership of his Mustang (his 98th purchase this year). He told us he had to spend 5 grand for the roof. We all explained that when we bought a car, the roof was part of the car. (the roof is an option?) Wonder what he paid for the doors and seats?

Fifteen of us devoured Italian delicacies at Bella Luna in Harrisonburg on Sunday the 15th and ended this non-existent year's club festivities. Due to the pestilent disease running rampant, it was decided with much regret to cancel our Christmas party for the absolute safety of our membership. Beginning in 2021 we will take one month at a time to decide what, if any functions will occur, where and when. Because of all that has happened (or not happened) in 2020, the BOD has decided to drop the dues for 2021. The BOD will meet on schedule and develop meetings/tours etc. to implement as soon as we can again function normally.

Chester Bradfield had made a suggestion for a bus tour ANYWHERE next year. So my offer to the membership at the meeting and now thru the Tire Tracks is, what are your thoughts folks? Overnight? Day trip? Sights? Tours? Let's make 2021 an extremely memorable one.

Thanksgiving is over. We are all safe and hopefully had a wonderful meal with all the booze and trimmings. We decided that in order to keep our relatives at bay, we told them we were serving grilled Yak, Cauliflower soup, Boston baked beans, radishes and Tofu desert. It worked, they stayed home and the turkey dinner was superb.

Jack Drago

AACA National Dues

Don't forget to renew your National membership. Your renewal card(s) were included with both your Sept./Oct. and Nov./Dec. issues of Antique Automobile

W-S Membership Renewal

As Jack mentioned, your BOD elected to cancel dues for 2021! Our treasury is fairly healthy and as you know, we had few opportunities to spend funds this year. Treasurer Todd Smith told us he would happily receive any donations but no registration renewal fees will be expected.

I will be updating our Roster for 2021 so if you have any revisions (new cars or sold cars, phone numbers or email address changes, please send me a note. We are required to submit our roster to National by January 31.

Stu Allen

W-S November 15 Meeting at Bella Luna Pizza



Bella Luna Pizza was our location for our November meeting. All the masked members were “spaced out”!



It was a good time to catch up with our friends. Kare Drago is visiting with Deb & Larry Skillman.



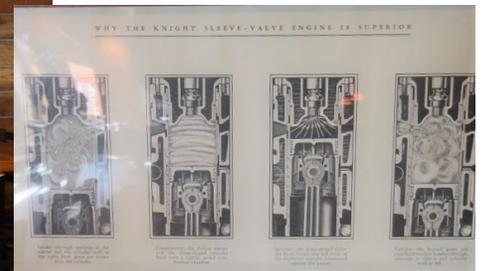
Nancy & Chester Bradford are talking with John Stone and checking out the menu.



Susan & Robbie Gray are discussing future tours with Doris Stone.



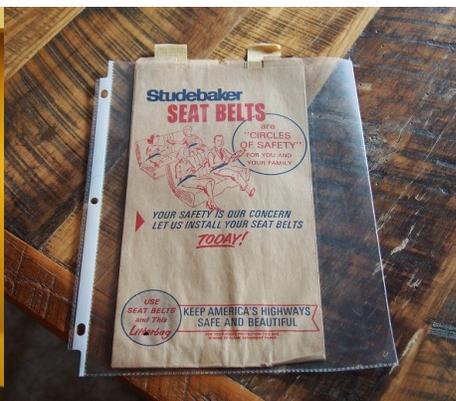
For “Show & Tell” Nelson Driver brought a framed illustration of the Knight sleeve-valve engine.



The 4 steps in the sleeve-valve combustion process are shown in the drawings.



Mr. Studebaker (Chester Bradford) showed some of his literature collection.



This litter bag was an advertisement for optional seatbelts offered by Studebaker.



A threatened strong rainstorm kept most old cars at home but your editor brought his 1989 Buick Regal. It got wet on the way home!

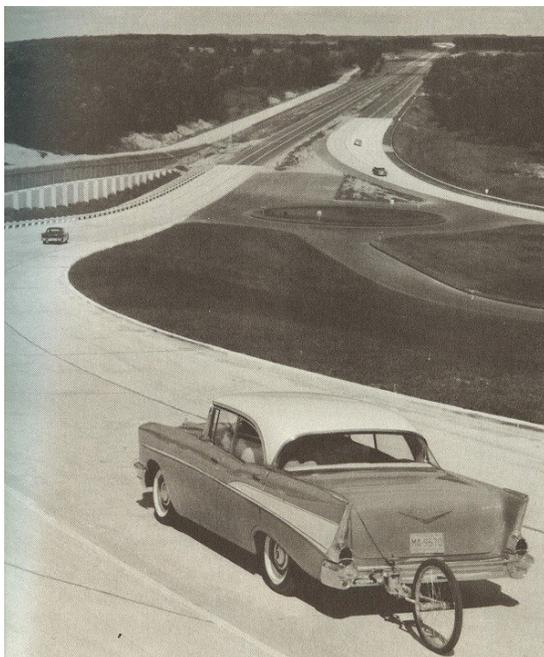
Fuel Economy Testing in the “Old Days”

By Stu Allen

Automotive manufacturers have always been aware of the fact that car owners care about fuel economy. Back in 1957, even with gas prices at \$.31/gal. (\$2.89 in 2020 dollars), GM was testing fuel economy on its vehicles for potential advertising advantages over the competition.

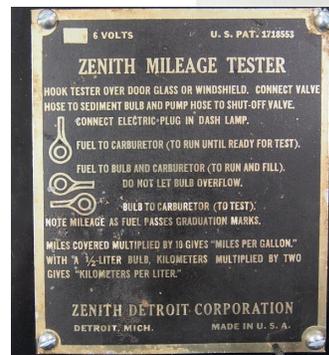


Shown here is some of the test instrumentation used at the GM Proving Grounds in Milford, Michigan to test fuel economy under actual road conditions. The flow measurement equipment was set up to measure fuel flow between the fuel pump and carburetor. Data was taken over a set road course under controlled speed and distance.



Test vehicles were equipped with a Fifth Wheel Speedometer to provide accurate speed and distance data.

Once the vehicles were in the owners hands, dealers had to respond to complaints that “my car doesn't get the gas mileage that the advertisements claimed!” As you know, fuel economy is greatly influenced by the driving pattern of the individual. Short trips by a lead-footed driver could easily contribute to poor gas mileage. Dealers had a way to show the owner that the vehicle was getting proper mileage by using devices that could be installed on the car to measure fuel usage on the road. I have two of these devices in my collection.



The first is the Zenith Mileage Tester. It was designed to be hung on the passenger-side door window. It has a glass burette that holds 1/10 of a gallon gasoline, hoses and valves and a 6-volt fuel pump to supply fuel to the carburetor. This system allows the operator to fill the burette and switch from fuel supply from the tank to using the measured fuel in the device. The driver then watches his odometer and records the miles travelled. Once the 1/10 gallon of fuel is used, the miles travelled multiplied by 10 gives the miles/gallon. This readily demonstrated the effect driving techniques and road conditions had on fuel economy.

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The owner might not still be satisfied but at least had a better understanding of his driving effect on mileage. The dealer's rep. could also determine if that vehicle had any problems that might cause poor economy.

A similar device is the the Kent-Moore Gas-Per-Mile Gauge that also mounted on the side window.



This is a simple device with valving to allow filling the 1/10 gallon burette and switching from the fuel tank supply to the measured fuel using the vehicles fuel pump. It was mounted on the passenger-side door window.

We're not sure of the age of these devices, but the Zenith unit predates 1953 since it is a 6-volt. Jack Drago tells me the Kent-Moore device was still being used in the 70's.

When I started at Rochester Products in the 60's GM was using exhaust emissions equipment to measure fuel economy and no longer had to use fuel measurement test equipment.



Calendar of AACA Events & Community Car Events

**DEC. 5 Saturday, 2:00 PM – Monthly Meeting, Christmas Party & Gift Exchange
CANCELLED**

11 Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton

As Jack mentioned in his Ramblings Notes, the Christmas Party is cancelled and as we look forward to 2021 we'll go from month to month depending on the state of the pandemic. Updates will be in Tire Tracks and I'll email the schedule as soon as it is set up.

**Tentative Meeting dates: January 17
February 21**

**Tentative Board Meeting dates: January 13
February 10**

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Minutes of the November 15
W-S Meeting

The Waynesboro-Staunton Region of the AACA held its Nov.15th, 2020 meeting at Bella Luna in Harrisonburg at 2 pm. President Jack Drago opened the meeting and welcomed the 15 members present.

Todd Smith gave the treasurer's report which was approved.

The secretary's minutes were printed in the Tire Tracks.

Jack Drago stated at the board meeting the following were discussed: The Christmas party, January meeting, 2021 Waynesboro-Staunton dues and future car tours.

The Christmas Party is being cancelled because of Covid restrictions.

The January and future meeting are being cancelled at the present time, but meetings will resume as soon as it possible to safely have them. Please watch Tire Tracks for future meeting announcements.

It was discussed at the meeting that the 2021 dues be forgiven. After much discussion, this was put to a vote after a motion was made, seconded and passed. If you would like to make a donation of your dues, please do so to Todd Smith.

In future car tours, the oldest cars would start the tour. This is be done for safety reasons because they cannot run the speed of the newer cars.

The annual election was held with the following results: President Jack Drago, Vice President Patty Watson Gregory, Treasurer Todd Smith, and Secretary Robbie Gray.

Nelson Driver said that all ODMA events are postponed until next year.

Susan Gray gave the sunshine on the following members: Mary Helen Ayers is a the Stuart Draft Retirement Community, George Vest is at home recovering from a broken ankle, the Wampler's are at home, Ed Lavendar is at home, Allison Graves Wilson is continuing with treatments, and Ron and Janice Shanholtzer are at home.

At this time, the annual show and tell took place with a few interesting items.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Gray, Sec.



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- Sharon Embres
- Scott Gregory
- Kay Mader
- Rebecca Perrin



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This list of cars for sale from Dick McIninch

1915 Buick C25 Touring Car,
1936 Rolls Royce Phantom III Drophead Coupe,
1936 Ford Deluxe Touring Sedan,
1956 Ford Fairlane Town Sedan,
1966 Ford Mustang Convertible,
1986 Mercedes Benz 300E.

1930 Ford Model A Deluxe Roadster
Brewster Medium Green exterior/black fenders, Apple Green pinstripe and wheels, duel side mounts, luggage rack w/trunk, rebuilt engine, rear end and transmission, LaBaron-Bonney leather interior and top, spotlight, turn signals, seat belts (front & rumble seat).



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

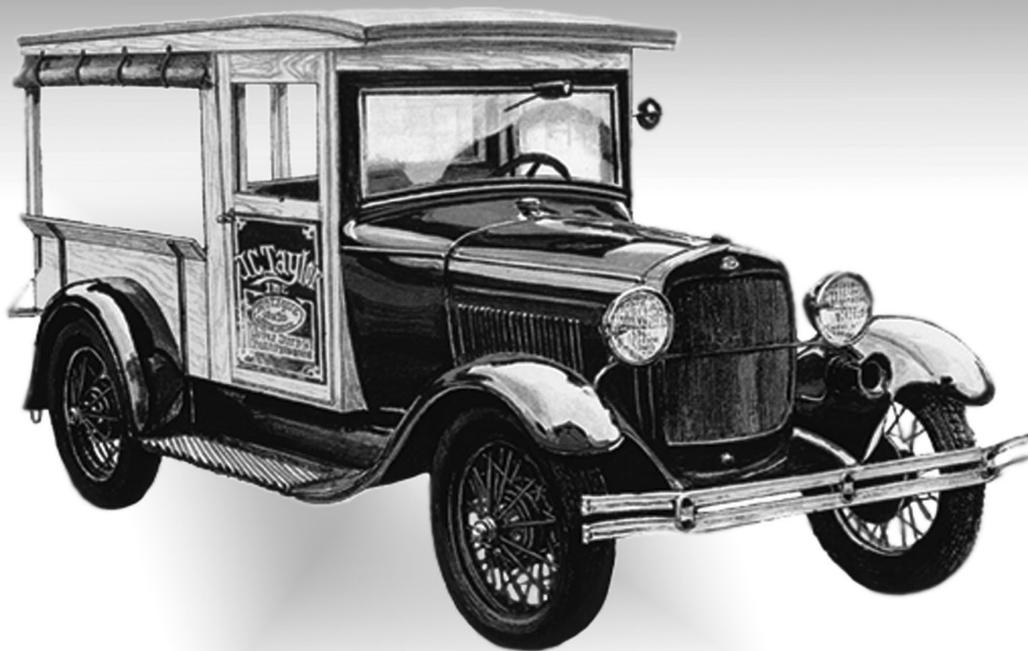
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