



TIRE TRACKS

April 2021

THE ELECTRONIC VERSION



Greetings, W-S Members, If you look at our Calendar of Events on Page 4, you'll notice fewer events cancelled than in past months. That's good news for our members as well as your editor. As the vaccine rollout continues and weather becomes more conducive to outdoor events it appears that old car activities are picking up. I thought we might highlight a couple of the spring events by showing some scenes from those that occurred in 2019 when things were more "normal".

Stu Allen

Augusta County Fair Dinner and Silent Auction - Feb. 2, 2019



Our Region had the largest turnout of any of the clubs represented (two reserved tables) Members really got involved in the bidding and walked away with some real treasures???

ODMA Meet in Newport News—June 8, 2019



It was a long drive but our Region was represented by 4 cars and we enjoyed beautiful weather at the meet.

Future Meetings—Check our website and watch for emails announcing future activities.



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RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

“After age 70, it’s patch, patch, patch” (actor Jimmy Stewart)

We had our first board meeting on the 10th of the month at Stu’s house and while being quite productive, we didn’t wreck the joint on this occasion. Ken Farley was collecting \$10 per person for the upcoming Weyers Cave Fair Dinner and I came up \$3 short for 2 tickets. At the split moment I said that “I owe you \$3”, Robbie Gray tossed in \$3 and said “you owe me.” No problem, I figured, as he tossed a sheet of paper my way that simply said: ROBBY GRAY LOANED JACK DRAGO \$3 (THREE DOLLARS) Being naive, I promptly signed the paper, not even giving a thought to turning the paper over and looking at the the reverse side. The following morning I went to Robby and gave him the \$3 and thanked him for the loan. He inquired as to where the rest of the money was. I told him I just gave him \$3 that I borrowed. He said it was only the loan amount that I paid on, not the full amount that I signed for. “What kind of moron do you think I am”? I inquired. With a grin from ear to ear and his lawyer (Percy Tatham Warter) sitting by him, (who named him anyway?) he took out the paper and flipped it over. GREAT BALLS OF FIRE!!

LOAN AMOUNT: \$ 3.00

INTEREST: \$97.00

ATTORNEY FEE: \$785.00

FILING FEE: \$18.75

DOCUMENTATION FEE: \$17.56

PROCESSING FEE: \$42.95

RECORDING FEE: \$29.75

ONE SHEET OF PAPER \$ 3.95

INK: \$ 5.85

COMPUTER TIME: \$99.00

ELECTRICITY: \$13.45

OFFICE RENT: \$85.95

SECRETARY PAY: \$395.00

OVERTIME PAY: \$45.00

TRAVEL TIME: \$36.00

GASOLINE: \$18.00

TOTAL DUE: \$1,696.21

Knowing that Robbie would like a deal he couldn’t refuse, I brought in my friend sitting in the car and introduced him. “Meet Manzangano “ice pick” Onscrupulato. My friend owns the Profumo Cesspool Cleaning and Catering Company.” Loan settled for \$3. When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, Why, what did you hear?”

Jack Drago

Remembering Mary Helen Ayers

Long-time member Mary Helen Ayers passed away on March 6, 2021. She was a very active member who served as Treasurer from 1986 until 2015. She always had a smile and will be missed. Our condolences go out to her family.



Mary Helen took over as Treasurer in 1986 following Mildred Diffie.



Doris Stone presented Mary Helen her new name tag—**Treasurer Emeritus** and a clock recognizing her service as Treasurer since 1986.

Jan 2015

A Packard Finds Its Way Home

By Richard Obenschain

In 2009 I was working with Al Morkunas at The Motorcar Company. Al had quite a few clients with interesting automobiles such as a 1915 Peerless, 1947 Cadillac, 1917 Pierce Arrow, 1906 Autocar and a number of Packards. I had mentioned to my wife that Al seemed to solicit Packards to work on because there was always one in progress in the shop. She had heard about the Old Dominion Packard Club and suggested that I should become a member since I was spending a lot of time working on Packards and because I like them.

After a few months an ad appeared in the club newsletter for a 1940 5 passenger sedan located in Norfolk, VA. We had discussed getting an older car to enjoy and to work on and this one was not too far out of the price range. We drove to Norfolk to see the car. I looked at the car and had a test drive. The car had plenty of rattles but seemed to drive okay. The overdrive worked intermittently.

On the way home my wife suggested that I not take my usual long time deciding on things if I wanted the car. I called the person handling the sale with an offer and the family accepted it.

Members of the Old Dominion Packard Club knew the car and the owner very well. I later heard that the owner was “close” with his money and didn’t fix things that he felt he could let go. Friends of his had to encourage him to have needed work done on the car. Interestingly, he did some major work including an engine overhaul, radiator and electrical renovations including a new wiring harness. All was nicely done. While he had the engine out he apparently decided it was a good time to paint the hood and front fenders. The result was that sitting in the driver’s seat looking forward it looked like a restored car. From the windshield back however, 70 years of wear and tear was evident.

I borrowed a trailer and headed to Norfolk to pick up my Packard. It started up happily and as we loaded it on the street a couple of neighbor kids asked, “Wow, is that a Rolls Royce?” That made my day, but what really knocked me down was a fellow watching us load the car remarked, “You know, this car came from Ft. Defiance, VA!” I replied, “No way! There are maybe 20 people who live in Fort Defiance and one of them is ME!” Turns out it had belonged to Herb Hulvey who was the postmaster in Fort Defiance and also the founder and first president of The Old Dominion Packard Club.



Against all odds my 1940 Packard came back to within 2 miles of its long-time owner. I often wonder as I drive the roads around Ft. Defiance how many times that car has been along the same roads. When I pass the cemetery at Old Stone Church, I salute Mr. Hulvey with a toot from his old car.



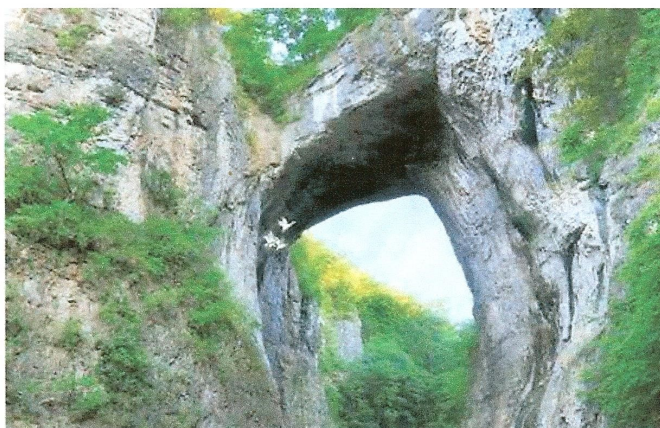
Richard & Claudette Obenschain drove their Packard on the 2019 ODMA Tour in Petersburg

Calendar of AACA Events & Community Car Events

Editors Note: Due to the present restrictions on gatherings, the Board will work on planning events and notify members on the website and by email as soon as possible.

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- APR. 8-10 Southeastern Spring National Meet at Charlotte Embassy Suites Hotel parking lot, with trailer parking across the street near the former show location at the Speedway. Hosted by the Hornets Nest Region.**
- 11 *Sunday, 4:00 – 7:00 PM – Cruise-In at DAP'S Ice Cream, Burgers and Fries, 3278 Stuarts Draft Highway, Stuarts Draft. Registration is free.*
- 14 **Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton**
- 15-17 **AACA National Convention, Sheraton Downtown Hotel, 201 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA. CANCELLED**
- 17 *Saturday, 5:00 – 8:00 PM – Cruise-In at the Waynesboro Moose Lodge, 481 Hopeman Parkway, Waynesboro. The theme is "Back to the 1960s". Registration is free.*
- 18 **Sunday, 2:00 PM Monthly meeting TBD Watch for email**
- 19-22 **Southeastern Divisional Tour, Howey In the Hills, FL. Hosted by the King of the Road Chapter**
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- MAY 6-8 Central Spring National Meet, Auburn, IN. Hosted by AACA National.**
- 8 **Saturday, 5:00 – 9:00 PM – Dinner & Auction to Benefit the Augusta County Fair. Weyers Cave Community Center, 682 Weyers Cave Road, Weyers Cave. Tickets are \$10. Call Ken Farley for advance tickets. Tickets at the door—\$13.**
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- 14-15 *7th Annual Mid-Atlantic Pre-War Swap Meet, Comer-Jones VFW Post 621, 218 Veterans Lane, Luray.*
- 15 *Saturday, 14th Annual "60 Years of Cars and Stars" Show, Eastside Speedway, 134 Al Gore Lane, Waynesboro.*
- 16 *Saturday 5-8PM Cruise-In at the Waynesboro Moose Lodge, 481 Hopeman Parkway, Waynesboro. The theme is "1970s Again". Registration is free.*
- 16 **Sunday, 2:00 PM Monthly meeting TBD**
- 20-25 **Founders Tour (1932-1996), Davis, WV. Hosted by the Mountain State Classics Region.**
- 30 *Sunday, 2:00 – 5:00 PM – Memorial Day Cruise-In at Wright's Dairy Rite, 346 Greenville Avenue, Staunton. This is a free event.*
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- JUNE 8 Saturday, Historic Fredericksburg Region Annual Meet, Fredericksburg, VA.**
- 9 **Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton**
- 11-12 **Old Dominion Meet Association Annual Show, Natural Bridge Historic Hotel & Convention Center, 15 Appledore Lane, Natural Bridge. Hosted by the Roanoke Valley Region.**
- 20 **Sunday, 2:00 PM – Monthly Meeting and Picnic at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church, 30 Tinkling Spring Drive, Fishersville.**

Rescheduled from 2020
Annual ODMA Meet – June 11 & 12, 2021
Held at Natural Bridge Hotel
Natural Bridge, Virginia



Enjoy a spectacular and historic venue for our 2021 meet. Natural Bridge is considered one of the “Wonders of the World.” Our host hotel is the historic Natural Bridge Hotel and that’s also where our show is held and adjacent to Virginia’s newest state park, “Natural Bridge State Park.”

You’ll find reasonable rooms at our host hotel, plenty of places to visit, including nearby Lexington, Virginia and so much more to enjoy. Plus you’ll have the option to join others Friday night at nearby Hull’s Drive-in, which is one of the few original drive-ins still operating in Virginia.



Our host hotel offers over 150 luxurious rooms, on-site fine and casual dining. As an added bonus Natural Bridge has just reopened The Cottages, a group of 8 buildings each with 4 comfortable suites, right at the entrance to our show-field.

Dine at the Colonial Dining Room, which has served guests for decades with a delicious menu or on Friday, choose their famous seafood buffet. The dining room is open daily for breakfast and dinner. Choose the Red Fox Tavern for a more casual atmosphere for breakfast, lunch or dinner.

Additional dining options abound in nearby Lexington along with breweries and even a cidery near Natural Bridge.



67th OLD DOMINION MEET REGISTRATION FORM

Friday-Saturday, June 11 & 12, 2021

Location: Natural Bridge Hotel & State Park, Natural Bridge, VA

Pre-registration required. Registrations must be postmarked by June 1st.

Please print:

Name _____ AACAR Region _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone # (____) _____ AACAR Member # _____
 Email Address _____

All displayed vehicles must have a visible, fully charged, operable, UL-approved fire extinguisher.

Vehicle #1 Make _____ Model _____ Year _____
 AACAR Class _____ Circle award sought: ODMA ODMA ODMA ODMA ODMA Do Not
 Junior Senior Preservation HPOF DPC Judge

Vehicle #2 Make _____ Model _____ Year _____
 AACAR Class _____ Circle award sought: ODMA ODMA ODMA ODMA ODMA Do Not
 Junior Senior Preservation HPOF DPC Judge

Please add any additional vehicles you wish to enter on another form and staple to this form.

I would like to help judge at the ODMA Meet. Preferred Class (list) _____ Any Class (check here) _____

I agree that the Roanoke Valley Region AACAR, Old Dominion Meet Association, Natural Bridge Hotel, Natural Bridge State Park, named sponsors, and directors, officers, employees, volunteers, and agents of the above will not be held liable for any injury or damage incurred by the vehicle(s) entered in the show before, during or after the Old Dominion Meet June 10, 11 and 12, 2021. I agree to abide by all guidelines of this show as outlined on this form and provided at the show. I further certify that I carry the required Liability Damage Insurance on the listed show vehicle(s), my trailer(s) and tow vehicle(s) for the state in which they are registered.

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE:** _____

Number of Vehicles Registered: _____ @ \$20.00 each = _____

Trailer Parking (Trailer length _____) _____ **No Charge** _____

Friday Night at Hull's Drive-in, nearby Lexington _____ @ \$20.00 per car = _____

Limited to the first 160 cars

Meal at Drive-in (Indicate choice below) _____ @ \$10.00 per person = _____

Saturday Night Awards Banquet tickets: _____ @ \$35.00 each = _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Participants in Friday Night Drive-in: Please make your meal selection by indicating the quantity in blank provided:

_____ Hamburger & Fries _____ Hot Dog & Fries _____ Chicken Sandwich & Fries _____ Pizza

All meals include a drink in a Hull's Drive-in souvenir cup

Please make checks payable to: RVR AACAR

Mail form and check to: Maynard Keller – Meet Chairman, PO Box 11785, Roanoke, VA 24022-1785

For more information see the ODMA website (www.odma.aaca.com) or email or call the Meet Chairman:

Maynard Keller, mlk@maynardkeller.com or (540) 537-4636.

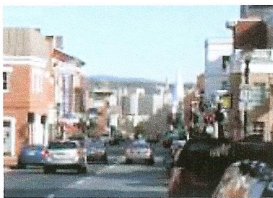
About the Show-Field

No hot asphalt here. Our show will be held on a nearly level, well drained field with way more room than we'd ever need. Right nearby is a large hard-surfaced parking lot reserved with ample room for all trailers and towing vehicles. All of this is across the street from the Natural Bridge Hotel.

Things to Do in the Area

Be sure to visit the actual Natural Bridge, on the grounds of the new state park. A short walk will take you to the bridge and its breath-taking rise above Cedar Creek (Old U.S. Rt. 11 runs right over the bridge.) Walk a bit further and view a lovely waterfall. Admission required. A large gift shop invites you with unique items.

A short walk from the host hotel is the Natural Bridge Caverns, the deepest on the East Coast. A few miles away, visit Natural Bridge Zoo or Dinosaur Kingdom. (Individual tickets or ticket packages are available at the host hotel.)



About a 15-minute drive North on U.S. Rt. 11 (or Interstate 81) takes you to historic Lexington, home of Washington & Lee University and Virginia Military Institute. Stop in at the Visitor Center on Washington Street and learn more about the sites, such as Lee Chapel, the Stonewall Jackson Memorial Cemetery, Stonewall Jackson House, The George Marshall Museum, The Virginia Military Institute Museum, Antique Malls and wonderful shops, galleries and restaurants for every interest and taste.



Just north of Lexington you'll find an assortment of retail stores for any needs you may have.



Be sure to sign up for the Friday Night tour to Hull's Drive-in in nearby Lexington. This drive-in dates to 1957 and has been lovingly restored to modern standards by volunteers. It is the nation's first non-profit, community owned drive-in theatre. See tour details on registration form.

ODMA Meet Schedule of Events

Thursday, June 10th

Registration in Hotel Lobby 2pm-5pm

Hospitality Room in the Blue Ridge Suite in the hotel, second floor 4pm-7pm

Friday, June 11th

Registration in Hotel Lobby 9am-5pm

Group tour to Hull's Drive-in in nearby Lexington. Departs Natural Bridge at 7:30pm.

Saturday, June 12th

Registration and Parking on Show-Field 7:30am-11am

Cars permitted to leave Show-Field 3pm

Social Hour with Open Bar, Washington Hall at host hotel 6pm-7pm

Dinner and Awards, Washington Hall at host hotel 7pm-10pm \$35 per person

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Meeting Minutes will be published once regular Region meetings start again.

Picture Quiz


Does anybody remember these folks? Obviously an ice cream stop but we're not sure if that's a milkshake in the brown paper bag?

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Chester Bradfield
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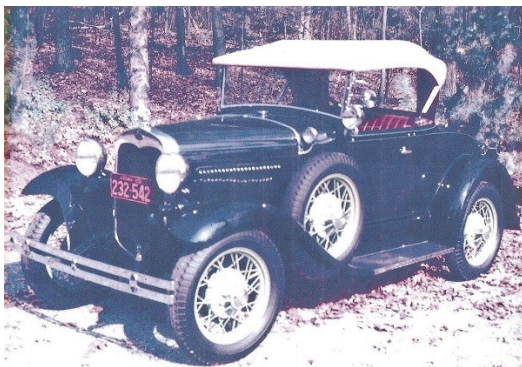


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