



TIRE TRACKS

June 2021

THE ELECTRONIC VERSION



Greetings, W-S Members, It seems so good to have some old car activities to report on. Region members Ken & Shirley Farley, Nelson Driver, Jim Gregory, Alfred Meyer and your editor attended the 2021 Founders Tour in the Canaan Valley of West Virginia. The Founders Tour is for cars from 1932 through 1996. The tour was held May 20 to 25 and we came home on May 26. There were 94 cars and about 200 people in attendance. I'll save most of the details and pictures for next month once I get time to edit the 200+ pictures I took. My son, Stu Jr., came down from Rochester NY to be my navigator and we drove 904 miles in total counting the trip over and back. The weather was great with warm temperatures and only a few sprinkles on Monday. I was glad that I decided to drive my 1989 Buick Regal instead of trailering my 1949 Buick (my usual tour car) once I experienced the tour routes that often included 6, 7, or even 10% grades. Disc brakes were definitely an advantage. We still get positive comments about our 2012 Sentimental Tour as well as the 1999 Glidden from others on the tour. More next month.

Stu Allen



Are you aware of the history of Memorial Day? According to what I have read, the tradition of honoring those killed in war was started after the Civil War in several US communities and was originally called Decoration Day. I remember my grandparents always called it by that name. Congress recognized Memorial Day as a Federal holiday, the last Monday in May, and that became effective in 1971. The holiday commemorates American military personnel who died in all wars. Today, many think of this day as the official start of summer and a long weekend. We should all pause and think of the true meaning of Memorial Day.

June Meeting—Sunday, June 20, 2:00 PM- Monthly Meeting and Picnic at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church, 30 Tinkling Spring Drive, Fishersville. Bring a dish to pass. Drinks and utensils will be provided



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RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

"I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever."

Oh how tasty it was, that pork loin, mashed potato, green bean platter that was served up at the County Fair dinner in Weyers Cave on Saturday night. Twenty three of us club members finally got out of the house to enjoy each other's company and go wild on spending money on both the silent and live auctions going on that night. We outnumbered by 5 to 1 any other group present and our bidding obviously went far above any other guest there. We took home what thieves would pay for custom flags, watches, blankets, wine, toys, gift cards, ad infinitum.



How about a bicycle built for two that listed for \$3,200 and sold for \$50. One item was thrilling to listen to as the auctioneer finally called out "SOLD!" and pointed to Bobby Gordon. He then asked Bobby, "Sir do you have a license for that thing?" Bobby sheepishly replied, "No sir." The auctioneer asked, "How are you going to get it home?" Bobby replied with eyes welling up, "I don't know." The auctioneer then inquired, "What are you going to do with it sir?" Bobby, with tears running down his cheeks replied, "I don't know." If there are any members that have use for, or the place to park it, a Russian Fighter jet is parked on the Fort Defiance soccer field next to Bobby's house. Cash offers are welcome and it's the buyer's responsibility to fly it out.

Sunday was a spectacular bright and sunny day (above 22,500 feet) for a wonderful picnic hosted by Jim and Sue Gregory at their home and attended by 27 members of the club. Tons of delicious home prepared food was served and topped off by freshly made desserts by Jim.



Jim also provided us with a tour of some of his collectible goodies. Gigantic license plate hoard, Jim Beam bottles, model cars, and the world's largest collection of nuts, bolts, screws and springs dwarfing Ace Hardware and Lowe's combined. I'm sure that somewhere in this publication our editor will stuff in some type of photo that is not flattering.



THANK YOU Jim and Sue for the pleasure of attending your party. Now that the pandemic is 98% behind us, the club is going to get into high gear and commence business as usual. Look for upcoming events starting in June at Tinkling Spring Church.

Jack Drago

Augusta County Fair Dinner & Auction May 8, 2021

Jack did a good job of reviewing the auction. Here are a few scenes from the fun event.



The gang enjoys the good food!



Jack & Karen Drago review the silent auction items



Watching the live auction.



Ronnie Shanholtzer donated this framed puzzle.



Bobby McLain & Heather check out their treasures.



Jim & Sue Gregory pack up their goodies.

May 16, 2021 W-S Region Meeting at the Gregorlys'

The day started out a bit on the soggy side but was cloudy and dry for our meeting. The threatened rain may have discouraged some from attending but we still had a good turnout. Many members had not seen each other for over a year! Great food and at last, some much needed fellowship.



In spite of the drizzle, some old cars made the meeting.



The guys catch up on the latest car stories.



Robbie & Susan Gray signed up our newest members—David & Velva Barr



Jim's garage converted to a dining room shared with a great Franklin.



Oh the stories they tell!



Some of the ladies felt that blankets were in style.



Where Have All The Junkyards Gone?

By Don Barlup
VP - National HQ & Library

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When I first got involved in the hobby in 1971, (I still have my first antique car, a 1940 Pontiac 50 years later.) junkyards were everywhere. I spent many an afternoon visiting my favorite yards, looking for treasures for that car. It was a plain Jane 4-door sedan with the only option being an under seat heater. It was sold new by N. E. Black Pontiac/Buick in New Bloomfield, PA to Earl Rempher, a local farmer, who had problems driving in and backing out of his small 1-car garage. All four fenders were a testament to his lack of driving ability.

Hap Gemmel's Salvage Yard, outside of York, PA was a gold mine. It covered both sides of a country road and had many classics and convertibles resting peacefully in the woods. He had no less than a dozen 40 Pontiacs in various stages of decay. A radio from one, a cigar lighter from another, a clock from another, etc. My plain Jane car soon became a well optioned ride! The barn on the property was full of cars, trucks, and an assorted disarray of parts. You literally walked over parts to get to parts.

Hap, short for Harold, was a character who would rival any junkyard dog with his green and white checkered pants and red and white striped shirt (yes, both worn at the same time) he was a sight to behold. In the upper level of the barn sat a long forgotten early solid tire truck covered with all sorts of car parts. You could easily have walked past it. I didn't! Turns out it was a 1914 Hahn Huckster truck, which I still own. Hap named a price, I countered. Hap liked to flip coins – yes, I lost, but would have paid his price anyway.

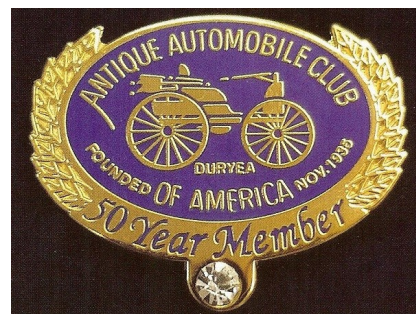
Both Hap and the yard are long gone, but my memories of those frequent treks through that yard seem like yesterday. A housing development now sits on that hallowed ground. That is where all the junkyards have gone!

W-S Members Recognized for 50-Year Membership



Jim Gregory and Nelson Driver recently received their 50-year Membership pins and were recognized at our May 16 meeting.
Congratulations!

50-year Membership Pin



As a thank you for your longtime passion and dedication for the automotive hobby, AACA awards members who have been in the club for 50 years or more with a beautiful 50-year pin. This stunning award can be bestowed upon a long-time member at an AACA Nationals or a region event, or simply by sending it to you in the mail. To receive this pin, you must be a member for at least 50 years, which do not have to be consecutive. You (or your region/chapter) must then contact national headquarters. We will research our archives to confirm 50 years of membership.

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Calendar of AACA Events & Community Car Events

- JUNE**
- 2-5 Eastern Divisional Tour, Eastern Shore of Maryland. Hosted by the Eastern Shore Region and the Bay Country Region.**
- 3-5 American Truck Historical Society Annual National Convention and Truck Show, Rockingham County Fairgrounds, 4808 South Valley Pike (Route 11), Harrisonburg.*
- 4-5 85th Annual AACA National Convention, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 50 Kingsmill Road, Williamsburg, 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.**
- 13 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.*
- 17-19 Eastern Spring National Meet – “Horses to Horsepower”, Saratoga Springs, NY. Hosted by the Saratoga Region.**
- 20 Sunday, 2:00 PM – Monthly Meeting and Picnic at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church, 30 Tinkling Spring Drive, Fishersville.**
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- JULY**
- 1-3 Central Spring National Meet, Auburn, IN. Hosted by AACA National.**
- 10 Saturday, 9:00 AM – Annual Vehicle Display & Monthly Meeting, Brightview Baldwin Park Assisted Living, 21 Woodlee Road, Staunton.**
- 10 Saturday 5-8PM Cruise-In at the Waynesboro Moose Lodge, 481 Hopeman Parkway, Waynesboro. Registration is free*
- 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.*
- 11-16 Vintage Tour (1931 and Earlier), Lock Haven/Wellsboro, PA.**
- 22-24 Annual Grand National Meet, New Ulm, MN. Hosted by the Minnesota Region.**
- 30 Friday, Vehicle Display at the Augusta County Fair, Augusta Expo, 277 Expo Road, Fishersville.**
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- 8 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.*
- 11 Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton**
- 13-14 Fall National Meet, Loveland, CO. Hosted by the Poudre Valley Region. Western**
- 15 Sunday, 1:30 PM – Monthly Meeting and Picnic with the Tri-County Region, Grand Caverns, 5 Grand Caverns Drive**

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**Minutes of the May 16, 2021 W-S Region Meeting**

The May 16th, 2021 meeting of the Waynesboro-Staunton Region of AACA was held at the home of Jim and Sue Gregory at 2pm. They graciously provided a picnic lunch for all present. President Jack Drago opened the meeting after lunch and stated it was great to see so many present.

Patty Gregory gave the activities report which is on the activities page in Tire Tracks or on the web site. She also gave the web address to the DMV in Charlottesville City Hall as follows: <https://charlottesville.org/552/DMV-Select>

Todd Smith gave the treasurer's report for the last three months.

The secretary introduced our new members David and Velva Barr.

Stu Allen reported on the news letter stating he needed stories.

Scott Gregory reported the web site was up to date.

Nelson Driver reported on the ODMA meet that will be held in Natural Bridge on June 11th and 2th.

A motion to donate \$100 to the Hull Drive-in was made, seconded, and passed.

50 year pins were presented to Jim and Sue Gregory and Nelson Driver.

Ken Farley reminded the members about the car show at Expo on July 30th.


The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Robbie Gray, Sec.

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

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