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Greetings W-S Members,

It's hard to believe that the holidays are already here. The cold wind, falling leaves and crisp mornings remind us that it will soon be time to get those old cars ready for hibernation. In this issue, we feature the Fall Hershey Meet and the Fall ODMA Tour. It's not too soon to start thinking of AACA events for 2022. Your Board is starting to plan local events including our postponed 70th Anniversary celebration. With the pandemic hopefully behind us, we can start thinking about some local tours, meeting programs, and other chances to get those old cars on the road.

Looking at the AACA National calendar, there are events within easy driving distance from our Region:

Annual Grand Nationals - Virginia Beach - May 19-21, 2022

Eastern Spring Nationals - Beckley WV - June 16-18, 2022

Sentimental Tour- Gettysburg PA– September 10-16, 2022

If you have not attended one of the National events, you are missing out. Lets see if we can get some W-S members to go to these events as a group. It's always fun to have travelling companions (with tools and expertise). Check your 2022 calendars.

Stu Allen



November Meeting—Sunday, November 21, 2:00 PM – Monthly Meeting – Vito's Italian Kitchen, 1047 Port Republic Road, Harrisonburg. Program—"Show & Tell"



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RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT



*When I got to work this morning, my boss barked,
“You missed work yesterday didn’t you?” I
answered, “No, not particularly.”*

For October, we again had our monthly board meeting at Stu’s house and were invited down to his “new” man cave. “New” being the extremely large replication of the back end of a 1973 Caprice station wagon (on steroids) on one wall. It is a tail gate of some sort. Talk about wall art? After the meeting I inquired to Stu as to why the fancy wall art.

He stated that the “tailgate” was actually the door to his office. He suggested we watch the operation. You press the left taillight and the glass slides up into the ceiling and the lower part slides into the floor (aka a clamshell), weird, but novel to say the least. The floor of the office was a highly polished piece of stainless steel and the walls were a kaleidoscope of colors gone awry made from the flattened door panels from Chevy Vega’s along with the door handles still attached. The center panel behind the desk being the only change and that was from a Ford Pinto mixed amongst the Vega panels. Each panel was welded to another to form the walls. (unusual?, yes, but it worked!) Too many fumes Stu, way too many fumes. As you may or may not know, Stu was a very high end design engineer in the experimental fuel induction laboratory of one of the Big 3 in the auto business, and his office, he claims, is an extremely strange throwback to those days. Try helium Stu, it’s better on the brain.

The ceiling was not only dome shaped, but, GASP, shag carpeted with 2 hanging 1936 Ford headlamps as lighting

His desk and accoutrements resembled the control bridge of a Flash Gordon spaceship including an old Underwood typewriter (they had typewriters on a spaceship?) and multi colored flashing lights embedded in the desk top surface ostensibly to shut out the bazaar reality around him. He had what appeared to be some type of experimental carburetor on the desk and a large beaker of what he called 1H-imidazol-4-y ethanamide radiation iridosmine. I inquired as to how he came up with that concoction and he stated that it was the ionization of melting grilled cheese and califlower petals to form a new fuel. Whatever Stu, whatever. With that knowledge in hand, we all promptly jumped into our own multi-channel simultaneous wavelength dispersive systems, plugged in the optimized optical path parameters and retuned to our own little asteroids.

If Stu Allen, Ken Farley and Nelson Driver are in the same car, who is driving? A police officer!

Jack Drago

Editor’s Note: You don’t have to be crazy to be Region President, but it sure helps!

November is Show & Tell Month

Bring your Show & Tell items to our Nov. 21 meeting and see if you can stump the crowd!



Billy Melton always came up with a gadget that nobody had seen before. This was in 2017.

Hershey 2021

Our annual trek to Hershey (Oct. 5-9) was great as usual. Overcast weather and pleasant temperatures made for good shopping/selling and the usual array of neat cars. Noticeably absent, due to Covid restrictions, were the Canadian and overseas visitors. There were noticeably fewer vendors but traffic in the flea market was pretty good. The attached pictures attempt to capture some of the sights of this event.



The W-S guys set up in the swap meet.



When was the last time you saw a Corvair Pickup?



I always check out the HPOF class. This is an unrestored 1915 International Harvester truck.



Jeff Brown and family brought their 1906 Wayne to the show. (Both Jeff and the Wayne still going strong)



I always enjoy watching the vehicles driving onto the show field.

Big & Little

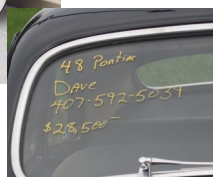
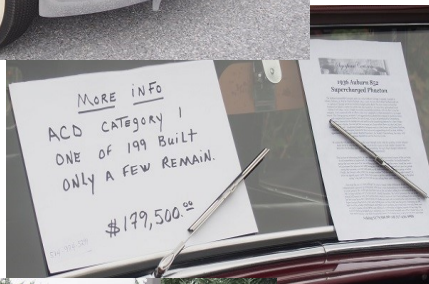
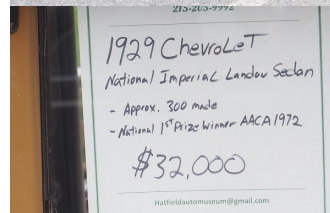


Hershey Car Corral

Hershey Region says there are 1000 car corral spots. I didn't count them but my feet were sore after walking the whole thing. I captured a few highlights that were on display.



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Fall ODMA Tour **22-23 October 2021**

Bill Carl and the Shenandoah Region hosted the Fall ODMA Tour based in Winchester VA. 22 cars participated with Jim Gregory, Nalson Driver and your editor representing the W-S Region. The tour routes were well documented and we got to see some interesting venues as well as some great scenery in the northern part of the valley.



Some of the cars on the tour.



This '57 Cadillac Eldorado is nearing the end of a 2-year restoration.

Our stop on Friday was at White Post Restorations where we were given given a tour by the owner, Billy Thompson.



A total body-off rebuild of a Porsche is in progress.

This '32 Cadillac V-12 is receiving an engine rebuild.



White Post is well known for their brake cylinder rebuild in their extensive machine shop.



After leaving the restoration shop we got a photo op. at a restored Sinclair station in White Post.



We then drove through the grounds of the beautiful Long Branch Estate. This is prime VA horse country.

On Saturday morning we visited the Strasburg Museum and some great displays of early 20th century artifacts.

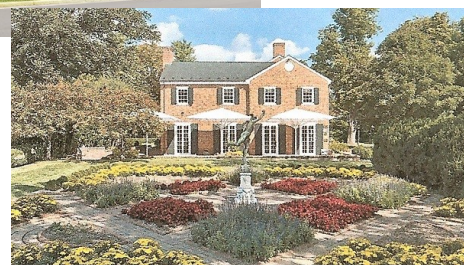


One of the features at the Museum is a model train display depicting Strasburg in the '30s when Strasburg was a major railroad stop. This impressive working model setup fills an entire train car behind the museum.



Strasburg is famous for clay pottery that was a major industry in the early days.

Saturday afternoon after travelling through some beautiful country south and west of Winchester, we visited the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley and the Glen Burnie Manor house. A great display of animal photos by Joel Sartore was featured in the museum.



We all enjoyed a great tour and we thank Bill Carl and the Shenandoah Region for hosting the weekend.

Calendar of AACA Events & Community Car Events

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- NOV. 10 Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting** at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton
- 11-13 Special Western Fall National Meet, Phoenix, AZ. Hosted by the Phoenix Region.**
- 14 Sunday, 4:00 – 7:00 PM – Cruise-In at DAP'S Ice Cream, Burgers and Fries, 3278 Stuarts Draft Highway,
- 14-17 Western Divisional Tour, Phoenix & Central Arizona. Hosted by the Phoenix Region.**
- 21 Sunday, 2:00 PM – Monthly Meeting – Vito's Italian Kitchen, 1047 Port Republic Road, Harrisonburg. Program—"Show & Tell"**
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- DEC. 8 Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting** at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton
- 11 Saturday, 2:00 PM – Monthly Meeting & Christmas Party Gift Exchange – Mrs. Rowes Family Restaurant, 74 Rowe Road, Staunton.**
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- JAN 12 Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting** at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton
- 2022 16 Sunday, 2:00 PM – Monthly Meeting—To Be Announced**
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Growing up in the 1960's

By Fred Trusty
Vice President - Membership



When I was about 8 or 9 years old I got my first lawn mower. I think I paid \$5 for it. It was basically a used piece of junk but it worked, sometimes. Do you remember the Briggs and Stratton engines with wind up starters? You folded the handle out and then wound it up several revolutions and when you folded it back it would release the spring that turned the engine to start it. It met its demise when I hit a steel pipe sticking out of the ground and bent the crankshaft but with the money I had made cutting yards I bought a brand new Sears Craftsman mower. I wanted the self-propelled model but it cost more so I had to settle for the push type. I paid for the mower, then we went to the pickup counter outside, gave the clerk the sales ticket, and he went back in the warehouse and brought out the big cardboard box on a dolly and then put it in the trunk of my dad's '56 Buick. What a surprise when we got home and unpacked the mower. The clerk had made a mistake and gave us the self-propelled model. I was thrilled, but only for a moment. My dad said we didn't pay for that mower and to keep it would be stealing. He made me call Sears and tell them what happened. Much to my surprise, they told me to keep the mower.

I made a lot of money cutting grass with that mower but unfortunately, it was stolen out of our garage a few years later.

I was now 12 and wanted a paper route delivering newspapers for the Courier Journal but you had to be at least 14. No problem. A kid I knew in the neighborhood was 15 so he got two routes and let me run one of them. I did all the work and he took a cut of the profit. I would get up at 3:30 AM every morning, ride my bike to the corner drop off about two blocks away, pickup my papers and then deliver them. Home by 7:00 in time for breakfast and then off to school. Right after school about 3:30 I would go to the drop off corner, pick up the evening edition, make my deliveries and home by 5:30 for supper. There was only one edition on Sunday but it was much thicker so no bicycle delivery. I had to walk. Back then you had to collect the money from all of your customers so that meant knocking on doors at night. When I turned 14 the kid that got the route for me was 17 so he gave me both of his routes since he got a job at a gas station. With two paper routes, I was really making bank. Good thing, since I had my sights set on something big in two years, a car. Can you imagine a 12-year-old kid riding his bike alone in the streets at 3:30 AM today? Or how about going door to door collecting money at 9:00 PM? The 1960's were a golden time to be growing up. I wish our world was still like it today.

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Our October Region meeting was cancelled so that we could attend the memorial service for Susan Gray.

**SUSAN GRAY**

**JUNE 20, 1946 –
SEPTEMBER
26, 2021**

Susan has always been our chief recruiter of new members. After I became newsletter editor, hardly a month went by that I didn't get a call: "Hey!" (She never said hello) "I've got a prospective member and we need to send him a copy of Tire Tracks." This often led to a new face in the club. Susan was also our "Sunshine person" and visited club members who were under the weather. Those visits were really appreciated

I'll miss those calls as well as her enthusiastic support for all our club activities.

Stu Allen

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During our visit to White Post Restorations, we got to see a rare Kline Kar that was manufactured in Richmond from 1912 through 1923. This basket case is being cosmetically restored for a museum in Richmond.

Tri-County Region Meetings

Check their website:

<http://tri-county-aaca.org/>

Piedmont Region Meetings

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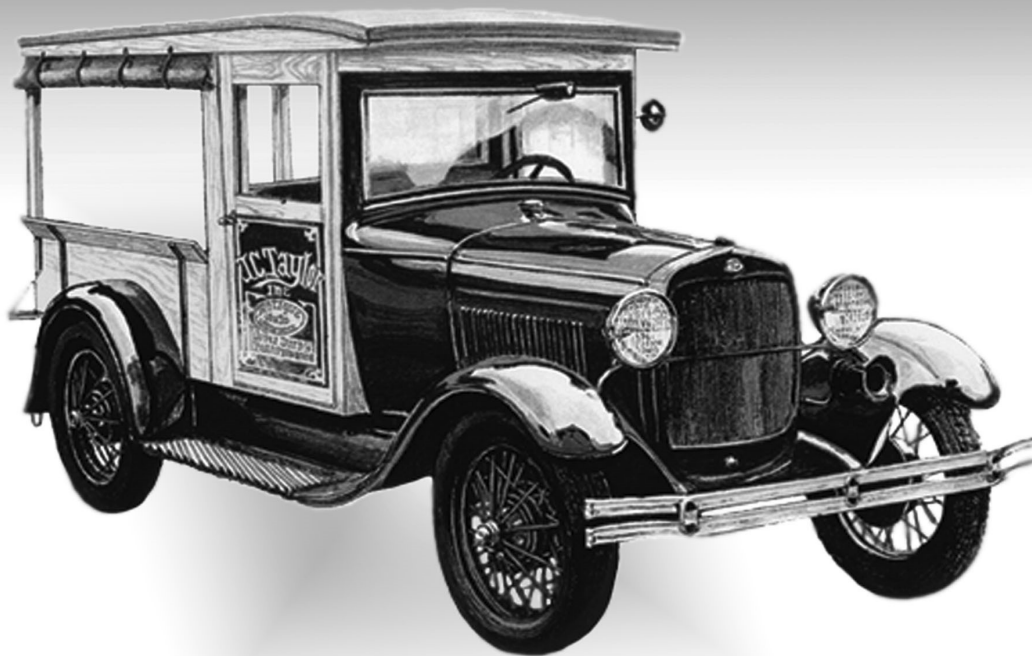
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