



TIRE TRACKS

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THE ELECTRONIC VERSION



Greetings W-S Members, Earlier this week I passed on the obituary for Susan Gray announcing that a Memorial Service is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 16. I'm sure many of us will be there to pay our respects. We had planned a Mystery Tour for that day but we'll cancel that and reschedule it for another time. Please join me in sending prayers and condolences to Robbie and their family.

Stu Allen

SUSAN GRAY

JUNE 20, 1946 – SEPTEMBER 26, 2021



Susan was camera shy so I had quite a time finding an appropriate photo. I did find this one of her receiving the John Brown Award from our Region in 2009.

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

I'm sure many of you have stories and fond memories of the good times we had with Susan. My first encounter with her when I attended my first car show after I moved to Virginia in 2002. I had joined Piedmont Region since they had responded to my emails from Michigan inquiring about local Virginia regions. Piedmont had a car show that I attended with one of my cars. Susan spotted my window card showing that I was from Staunton and asked me why I hadn't joined W-S Region. I explained that I had never gotten any info. on the region. After she heard that, it only took 15 minutes to make me the newest member.

It's Hershey Time!

Oct. 5-9



Our gang will be in our usual spot—C40 40-50. Stop and rest a spell if you are in the area!

The October 16 Tour is cancelled so that we can attend the Memorial Service.



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RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT



I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on!

Coming up with this month's "Ramblings" proved a rather daunting task. Since the Steak Bake was at the end of the month and your editor is always on my case for early deadlines, I figured that I'd spend my wonderful cheer with several members of the club.

The closest to contact (right up the street) was Rick Downs and Carol Ralston. Both cars were in the driveway when I drove up, so that was a good sign. I rang the doorbell. No answer. Knocked on the door with my fist. No answer. Wrapped on the front window and Rick looked out behind the curtains and said, "GO AWAY, THERE'S NO ONE HOME".

The Potter's are always welcoming, so I drove the extra few miles to Churchville and in the driveway was a 4 foot by 8 foot sign that said "YANKEE GO HOME".

Undeterred, I knew that Jim and Sue Gregory were always in good humor, so I flitted on over to their house. "GO PESTER SOMEONE ELSE", WE'RE WATCHING THE PAINT DRY IN THE BROOM CLOSET".

Larry and Debra Skillman have always welcomed me before, so it was up to Crimora (already used up 2 tanks of fuel). The back door creaked open about 2 inches and what appeared to be the twin barrels of a shotgun poked out. I didn't see the "welcome" mat so I gingerly beat feet it out of there.

I'm beginning to get slightly discouraged, when I figured that the only last couple on Earth (at least on that day) that would greet me with open arms was Robbie and Sue Gray. The sign at the end of the driveway was the first sign of pleasure which read, "WELCOME FRIENDS AND STRANGERS".

Finally, a place where I could share my melancholy good will. At the end of the very long driveway I could see Robbie standing there with pitchfork and heading to my truck on a dead run was this gigantic, 1,000 pound Black Angus bull (named Hot Rod) with the ugliest Blood Red eyes you can imagine. I've got two options here. Either I put this rig in back up at 80 MPH or this runaway beast is going to punt me into Rockingham County. Discretion is the better part of valor so they say, and I opted for the former thought, put the truck in "R" and hastily went back home, at least where Karen always greeted me with a hug. Why won't the key unlock the door??

HA! Just got back from the Steak Fry and Auction. It was a HUGE success with many dollars added to the club treasury. I'll let Todd fill you in with the numbers.

Last month I mentioned Debra Skillman's "cute" moniker for me and payback is always fun. Sooooo, Deb and Larry brought their two small grandchildren to the auction with the grandson sitting between me and Deb, with Deb's back to us. When a bag of 6 Snickerdoodles came up for auction I had the little guy stick up his hand for \$25. After some serious bidding, the little one beat out 41 other club members and got the bag of cookies for \$124. Debra had no idea who was doing the bidding and when Mark Robertson brought the bag over, suffice to say that I had four flat tires on my car. The next time you see Doris Stone, please inquire as to what on Earth she is going to do with the *gorilla* she bought at auction. Many THANKS go out to Jim Rimel and Jim Gregory for barbecuing up the steaks and hot dogs and to all the members for the delicious side dishes and entertainment. THANK YOU ALL!

Jack Drago

Steak Fry and Auction September 26, 2021

As Jack mentioned in “Ramblings” we had a very successful steak fry and auction at Grand Caverns. Beautiful weather brought out 42 members. Jim Gregory had worked all week to get a quantity of good steaks and Jim Rimel stepped in to grill them to perfection. Members brought dishes to pass so we had a feast!

After the meal, our guest auctioneer Mark Robertson conducted a spirited auction of donated items that members had brought. Results of the auction totaled \$320.50. Thanks to Mark for his hard work in selling as well as providing the afternoon’s entertainment.



Jim Rimel grills the steaks and Jim Gregory does the hotdogs as Mark Robertson & Ken Farley supervise.



There’s always plenty of food at our gatherings.



Chester & Nancy Bradfield preview the auction items.



Deb Skillman and her granddaughter check out the puzzle selection. Deb and Larry were the best customers with the help of the grandkids!



Auctioneer Mark Robertson gets bids on a small gorilla. The winning bidder was Doris Stone and everyone wonders what will she do with it?



Richard Obenschain’s 1955 Packard Clipper and Scott Gregory’s 1967 Chevy Impala.



The Skillmans’ 1957 Chevrolet 2-dr hardtop. A big trunk was required to haul all their auction purchases!

Sept. 25 Car show at "The Barn"

W-S member Jim Rimel along with his son Charlie Rimel, held his annual show benefiting the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank and the Wilbert Foundation. Sponsors included Henry Funeral Home, Richards Wilbert and Paws to Remember. All proceeds went to the charities. About 70 cars were present and everyone enjoyed spectacular weather.



Richard Obenschain's 1955 Packard Clipper

George Vest's 1940 Ford Standard 2-Dr.



As a tribute to Bruce Elder, his assistant Brian Rhodes talked about the collector car market and things he had learned from Bruce over many years.

This chopped bus belongs to Camp Light, the camp for special needs kids, that was one of two charities receiving funds from the show.



Todd Smith and Jack Ellis brought their 1929 Buick Model 27.



Jack Drago's 1956 Ford Victoria

Your Editor's 1917 Buick parked near to a 2021 Corvette. Quite a contrast!



Corvettes dominated the show field, with models from 1966 through 2021.



The future generation of car nuts from the Rimel family

Calendar of AACA Events & *Community Car Events*

OCT.. 2 *Saturday, Shenandoah Valley British Car Festival, Ridgeview Park, 700 South Magnolia Avenue, Waynesboro. Sponsored by the Shenandoah Valley British Car Club.*

2 *Saturday, Annual "Lost in the 60s" Show, Eastside Speedway, 134 Al Gore Lane, Waynesboro.*

6-9 Eastern Fall National Meet, Hershey, PA. Hosted by the Hershey Region

8 *Friday, 6:15 PM – Myers Ford Company Fall Cruise-In, 13959 Spotswood Trail, Elkton. This is a free event.*

10 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 Southeastern Divisional Tour, Mt. Airy, NC. Hosted by the Savannah Region.

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

16	Saturday, and Mystery ty. Meet	Cancelled	12:00 PM – Monthly Meeting Tour to Rockbridge Coun- at Staples, 850 Statler Boule-
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11-16 Central Divisional Tour, Broken Arrow, OK. Hosted by the Tulsa Region

22 *Friday Night Cruise-In at Quaker Steak and Lube, 30 Commerce Park Drive, Raphine.*

22-23 Old Dominion Meet Association Fall Tour. Hosted by the Shenandoah Valley Region

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”

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. Rows Family Restaurant, 74 Rowe Road, Staunton.

Last chance to register for the ODMA Tour (deadline is Oct. 2). See the September Tire Tracks for details.

Lost & Found

I have some serving spoons and a deviled egg container that were left after the steak fry. If they are yours, give me a call and I'll arrange to return them (*after they are washed!*).
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**Minutes of the September 25, 2021 W-S Region Meeting**

Our September meeting was held at Grand Caverns in Grottoes. On a beautiful Fall day, 42 members arrived to enjoy our Annual Steak Fry and Auction.

President Jack Drago opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and promised a short business meeting before we enjoyed the food and auction.

Jack read a request for an antique car to transport a wedding couple in October so if anyone can help, please call Jack.

He reminded everyone that our October tour will be Saturday, Oct. 16, weather permitting.

V.P. Patty Watson-Gregory reviewed our future meeting schedule and locations.

Treasurer Todd Smith gave the financial report and it was accepted.

Stu Allen said that we had sufficient material for our October newsletter.

Ken Farley reported that the Augusta County Fair dinner and silent auction is planned for February but the date is not finalized. He announced that he and Shirley were celebrating their 62nd Anniversary at our meeting! Ken also reported that Susan Gray was very ill and our prayers were needed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Stu Allen for Secretary Robbie Gray.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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**President Jack Drago has a few tickets left! Give
him a call—540-337-2120**

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Piedmont Region Meetings

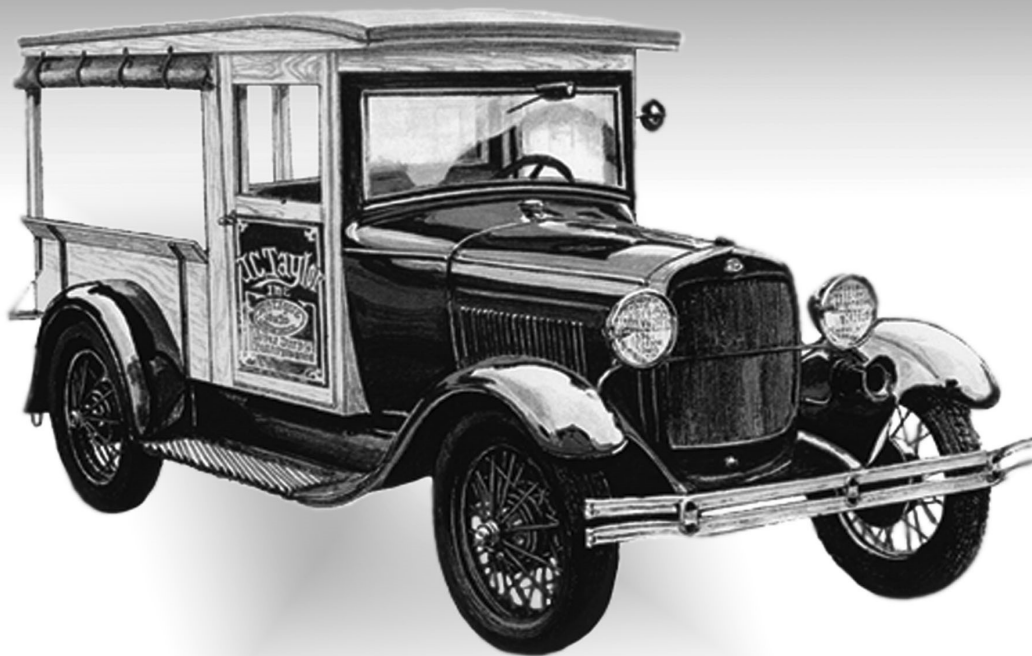
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