



# TIRE TRACKS

DECEMBER 2021

**THE ELECTRONIC VERSION**



## Greetings W-S Members,

**Welcome New Members**—At our November 11 W-S meeting we were pleased to welcome Charles (Butch) and Peggy Beverly to our Region. They are long-time members of Piedmont Region, and were encouraged to join W-S Region by Barry Linke. They have an extensive collection including a '14 Ford T, '22 Hupmobile, '50 Jeepster, '60 and '61 Corvettes, '64 1/2 Mustang, '66 Mercedes 230 SL, '68 Firebird, and a '73 Ford Bronco. They live in Earlysville, VA which is about 11 miles north of Charlottesville.

We owe a great round of appreciation to **Patty Watson-Gregory** who has served as our Vice President during 2021. She has arranged some neat venues for our meetings and has already arranged locations and dates for the first part of 2022. We tried to get her to remain VP but she explained that she has a new full-time job that will not allow the necessary time to continue. Fortunately, Rick Downs has stepped up to volunteer for the position for next year. The other officers will remain in place for another year.

We were sorry to learn that Marden Press in Staunton was going out of business at the end of November. They have been our print shop for the 13 years I've been editor and for Robbie Gray before that. Vicki and Jo have been great to work with and have always given me good turnaround on publishing Tire Tracks. I think that their building being sold and higher rent, along with reduced printing requirements due to online communication, made it no longer feasible to continue business. Starting in January we'll switch to the Detamore Printing Co. in Staunton that has gotten good reviews from some of our members. We currently have 6 members without internet service so we need to continue with the printed version of Tire Tracks.

**Save the Date!** Our postponed Waynesboro-Staunton Region 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Party is scheduled for May 14, 2022. The anniversary date was really 2020 but due to the pandemic it could not be held. Uncertainty in 2021 caused us to hold off until next year. We have reserved the Weyers Cave Community Center for that date. We'll be looking for volunteers to help with planning for decorations and other tasks to make this a day to remember. *I missed the 2015 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration since I was recovering from a major heart overhaul. I plan on staying healthy for this one!*

Stu Allen

**Saturday, December 11, 2:00 PM – Monthly Meeting & Christmas Party Gift Exchange –  
Mrs. Rowes Family Restaurant, 74 Rowe Road, Staunton.  
Chinese Gift Exchange—Value under \$20.—Mark man or woman**



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## RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT



*Why did Rick Downs steal a police car when he was 16 years old? He saw "911" on the side and thought it was a Porsche.*

"You don't have to be crazy to be Region President, but it sure helps!" And thus was the quote from our editor pertaining to last month's RAMBLINGS column. The question asked to me by both Stu Allen and Dave Potter while sitting down for hors d'oeuvres at the memorial of Sue Gray was, "What is ever going on in your head? Where do you come up with the things you write about?" I asked them to kindly not interfere with all the conversations going on in my frontal lobe as they were distracting my concentration of the most important things being said. Between the music, talk, yelling and general hysteria going on in my skull, trying to fathom what these two were asking was quite disturbing to say the least.

When I managed to get everyone calmed down and rearranged in my mind, I then mentally rejoined my fellow diners at the table. Trying not to appear too weird, I asked them if they were at all knowledgeable about the painting SCREAM by Norwegian artist Edvard Munch. "Yes" was the reply, and I related that "Now you know what's going on inside my head."

Just take it from the one that writes this column, it ain't easy being me. Just ask my psychopathologist Yoor Anut for his diagnosis on my disorder. My family practitioner, the famous Dr. Webster of Dictionary fame, elaborates on the word CRAZY and its derivatives. If the shoe fits, wear it with pride I say.

Jack Drago

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**  
Let me be among the first to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We hope to see you at our Annual Christmas Party on December 11, 2021.

In 2019 Santa Jack and Elf Charlotte review the rules for the gift exchange.

### **Don't forget to renew your membership (Page 6).**

This updated information will be included in the 2022 Roster. Your National AACA renewal form is included in the past two issues of  
*Antique Automobile.*



## **November 21, 2021 W-S Meeting at Vito's Italian Kitchen**

Ourgoing V.P. Patty Watson-Gregory took us to a new venue, Veto's Italian Kitchen in Harrisonburg where we all enjoyed excellent food and fellowship.



Vito's is located on to Port Republic Road close to the exit off I-81.



Bobby McLain and Heather Layman braved the chilly November day in their 1952 DeSoto.



The gang studies the extensive menu. Lots of selections that got good reviews.

For our annual "Show & Tell" we had some interesting items.



Alfred Meyer showed the Antifreeze Refractometer - 3-in-1 coolant Tester for Checking Freezing Point, Concentration of Ethylene Glycol or Propylene Glycol Based Automobile Antifreeze Coolant and Battery Acid Condition.



Jim Gregory brought a car blanket or robe that keeps one warm in old cars with no or limited heaters.



Your Editor brought a strange adjustable wrench that was an early Craftsman tool patented in 1906.



The second item was an AC tool to adjust distributor point dwell on or off the car.

## Calendar of AACA Events & Community Car Events

- DEC.**      **8**    **Wednesday, 7:00 PM**    **Executive Board Meeting** at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton
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**2022**
- 16**    **Sunday, 2:00 PM – Monthly Meeting at Kathy's Restaurant, 705 Greenville Avenue, Staunton. Installation of officers.**
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- FEB**      **9**    **Wednesday, 7:00 PM**    **Executive Board Meeting** at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton  
**2022**
- 10-12**    **AACA Annual Convention—Philadelphia PA**
- 20**    **Sunday, 2:00 PM – Monthly Meeting at Armstrongs—358 Lee Hwy, Verona Program—Electric Vehicles**
- 24-26**    **AACA Winter Nationals, Melbourne , FL.—Cape Canaveral Region**



### My First Car

By Jim Elliott - AACA President

It is always interesting to ask others about their first car. My Dad's first car was a 1946 Ford that he purchased upon his return from France at the conclusion of World War II. He had hoped to purchase a Chevrolet, but the waiting list was just too long. My Dad was frugal and often told me that if I could afford my own car, I could afford my own college tuition. Needless to say, that stymied my purchase. However, after I finished my sophomore year, my Dad partially relented. I would be allowed to purchase a car in May as long as I sold it in August before I returned to campus for my junior year. So the search began. I wanted a station wagon as I mowed lawns and did odd jobs in the summer. My Dad vetoed the first car I found. A 1959 Edsel with seats that "crunched" as the seat foam was disintegrating. The second car received a similar veto. It was a 1958 Chevrolet with rust holes and a generator light that was blinking.

The third candidate became mine. It was a 1963 Rambler 770 which I purchased for \$235.00 and drove it home. In addition to being a station wagon, it had reclining front bucket seats. It served me well over the summer even though it got better gas mileage than oil mileage. While gas was 23 cents a gallon, I could buy "reclaimed" (used) oil for 19 cents a gallon. It changed its own oil as it used a quart every fifty miles. As with every year, summer ended too soon. I sold the Rambler for \$250.00 and took my cash back to college, being the only car I ever sold at a profit.



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**Minutes of the November 21, 2021 Waynesboro-Staunton Region Meeting**

The Waynesboro-Staunton Region of the AACA held its November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 meeting at Vito's Italian Kitchen in Harrisonburg at 2 pm. President Jack Drago opened the meeting by welcomed the 24 members present. He stated, we have two new members present; Butch and Peggy Beverly.

Vice President Patty Gregory gave the activities report as follows: the December Christmas Party and Meeting would held at Mrs. Rowe's in Staunton on Saturday December 11 at 2 pm with the usual gift exchange. The rest on the activities are in the newsletter or on line.

The Treasurer's report was given by Jack Drago for Todd Smith.

The secretary had no report.

Stu Allen reported that he has a new print shop for Tire Tracks since Marden Press is going out of business.

Scott Gregory stated he is updating the activities calendar for next year.

Ken Farley reported that the date for the Expo dinner has not been determined as of yet.

A motion was made by Alfred Meyer and seconded by Jim Gregory that all the officers will remain as they are with the exception of the Vice President who will be Rick Downs. It was passed on voice vote.

For show and tell: Stu presented an unusual tool and instrument for setting points, Alfred Meyer showed a 1999 Glidden cap and an instrument for testing antifreeze, Jim Gregory had a car lap blanket, Bob Kuykendall had a car mouse trap, and Robbie Kuykendall presented a brass tube in which the obit. of the deceased was placed and then deposited in the coffin.

Robbie Kuykendall won the 50/50 of \$26.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Gray Sec.

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

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Special Interests? \_\_\_\_\_

AACA National Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (Required to be a member of the Region)

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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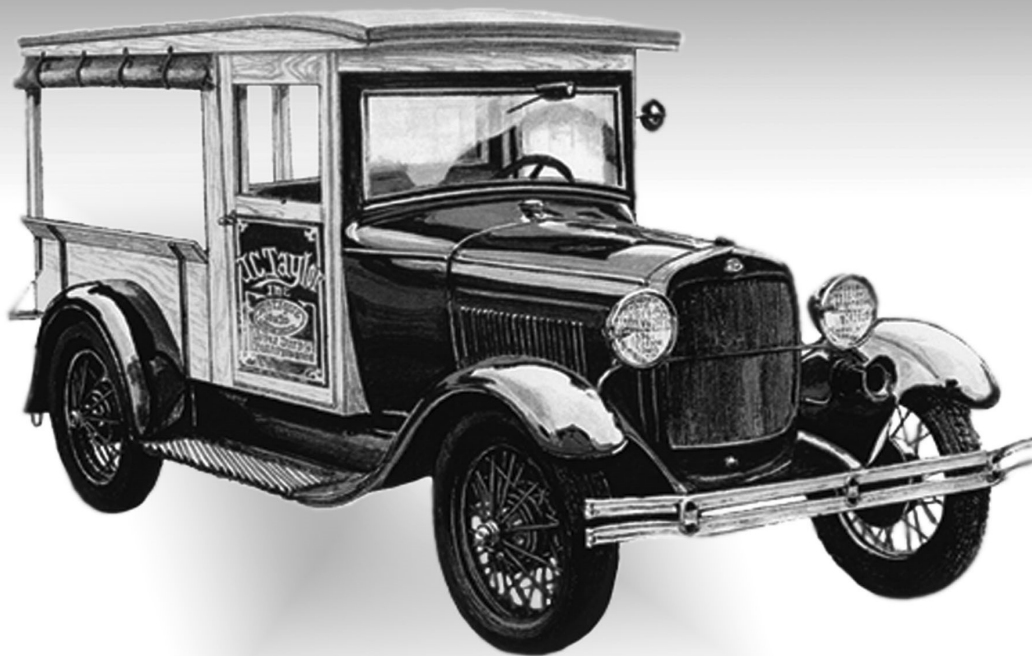
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