



TIRE TRACKS

FEBRUARY 2022

THE ELECTRONIC VERSION



Greetings, W-S Members, with the snow covered landscape here in Staunton we can start to look forward to Region activities for 2022. The Augusta County Fair Dinner & Auction on Feb. 5 is always a hit with our group and we usually have more participants than any other sponsoring organizations. The food is always great and many interesting items are offered in the silent auction. We hope to see you there!

Stu Allen



Scott & Patty Gregory discuss their next bid.

Scenes from Past Auctions



Who but Ken Farley would buy a chicken at a pork dinner?



Our gang discusses all the bargains they purchased at the silent auction



Bobby Gordon scored "large" when he purchased a tandem bike at the live auction.



Ronnie Shanholtzer

Ronnie passed away on Jan. 26. He was 80. His wife Janice passed away in Dec. 2020. He and Janice had been members of our Region since the early 70's. A memorial service for both Ronnie and Janice will be held in the spring. Our prayers are with the family.

Obituary

<https://www.johnsonfs.com/obituaries/Ronnie-L-Shanholtzer?obId=23852309#/obituaryInfo>

February Meeting—Sunday, February 20, 2:00 PM – Monthly Meeting at Armstrongs—
358 Lee Hwy, Verona Program—Electric Vehicles



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RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT



A tough old rancher told his grandson that the secret to a long life was to sprinkle a little gunpowder on his oatmeal every morning. The grandson did this religiously, and he lived to be 97. When he died he left behind 14 children, 27 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and a 15-foot hole in the wall of the crematorium. What this has to do with our club has no objective defense.

Your editor sent me a nasty gram (deservedly so) about getting some verbiage for Tire tracks in a very short time period. 5 minutes to be exact. January was an extremely poor month to gather any type of facts about members, whether true or fabricated (embellished?) and therefore my article shall be devoid of any such nonsense. However, February is days away and we've (I've) got 2 opportunities to subvert the antics of the Fair Dinner/Auction attendees on the 5th and also those that shall meet at Armstrong's Restaurant on the 20th. What's that old saying? "The pen is mightier than the sword!"

How did Vikings communicate over long distances? Norse code. GROAN!

Jack Drago

Reminder.

Don't forget to pay your W-S and National dues for 2022. The W-S renewal form is included the January issue of Tire Tracks and your National renewal form was in *Antique Automobile* in the last issue. Treasurer Todd Smith reports that we are missing about 40% of our renewals for 2022. Send to:

Todd Smith

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Notice to Virginia Drivers

I met a nice young female police officer in Staunton a couple of weeks ago. She had fancy blue lights on her police cruiser. She quickly explained that she pulled me over for an expired inspection sticker. I told her that was strange since I had the vehicle inspected the week before. She looked at my sticker again and said "They tricked us—the stickers didn't change color this year." She apologized and sent me on my way. So if you have a car inspection early in the year, don't be surprised if you see blue lights in your rear view mirror.

Stu Allen

February Program

Are you ready for electric cars and trucks? We'll explore the world of electric vehicles at our meeting on Feb. 20 at Armstrongs. All of the major automakers are committed to electrify their vehicles over the next few years. We'll cover the history, systems, and upcoming developments of electric cars. I hope you can join us.

Stu Allen



Our First Motorhome

By Stu Allen

As I looked through some old pictures from the 1970's, I was reminded of the first camper our family purchased and enjoyed in 1975. We lived near Rochester, NY and located a 1973 Shasta motorhome at a dealer near Buffalo. It was an 18' body on a Chevrolet G-30 van chassis. It was in decent shape, with about 30,000 miles and with some minor fix-up was ready to travel. Our two kids were ages 5 and 9 and were anxious to travel and see the country.



1973 Shasta on Chevrolet Chassis

The first thing we learned was that the aftermarket AC system worked well for the first hour in hot weather, but it gradually got warmer and finally hot air was normal. The solution was to drive with the windows open. The next thing we learned was that the 12volt/110volt refrigerator would run the coach battery down overnight if we camped without an electric hookup. We replaced that refrigerator with a 3-way unit that ran on propane when electricity was not available. After a couple of overnights at campgrounds close to home we felt confident enough to embark on our first cross-country adventure.



On the road in 1975

The first major trip was from Rochester to California and back. We left on July 4, 1975 and returned home on July 26. We travelled about 6000 miles hitting most of the National Parks on the route so we averaged over 270 miles per day. My wife kept a log of our campsites, scenic stops and adventures along the way. It's interesting to look back at our trip log. Gas prices were around \$.57 per gallon so with the Shasta averaging 12 mpg. We spent about \$290. on fuel. Campgrounds were inexpensive, ranging from \$3.00 to \$7.00 per night. Fees for National Parks were about \$4.00. At today's prices: \$3.19 for gas, \$25- \$80/ night for campgrounds and \$35/ day for National Parks would be significantly more expensive.



Stopped for pictures—Oak Creek Canyon, Arizona

This was the start of our camping adventures. Over the next twelve years we put 50,000 miles on the Shasta with trips to Nova Scotia (twice), Yellowstone and Grand Tetons, Maine and Virginia. Great memories for the family. When our kids reached their teen years, the Shasta got used less and less and we finally sold the rig in 1988. It sold for about the same price we had paid for it in 1973. **Priceless!**



Yosemite Falls -
Our favorite
picture from the
trip!



Still the Same

**By Fred Trusty
Vice President - Membership**

As a pre teenage kid growing up in the mid 1960's, I had a huge HO gauge slot car track set up on two sheets of plywood in our basement. My best friend Bob had one set up at his house, too. In the winter months, along with other neighborhood kids, we would spend many hours racing those cool little cars around the track. We learned how to modify them by changing the gear ratio, adding wider tires, and the ultimate upgrade, installing a high output armature. To us kids, this was the equivalent of replacing a six-cylinder engine with a V8.

Our favorite game was "Demolition Derby." The object of the game was to knock the other kid's car completely off the track which meant it was out of the game. If a car was still touching the track, you could put it back in the slot and continue. Each player would start with the same number of cars. If you ran out of cars, then the other kid was the winner. Each wired control box had a reverse switch. If you could spin your car around on a curve you could hit the reverse switch and go the opposite direction. A car with wide tires on the back could be used to "drift" in a curve and maybe knock the opponent's car off the track.

We didn't have computers so parts procurement meant one of your parents taking you to the local Hobby Shop on a Saturday morning. This could take several weeks or longer depending on what your last report card looked like. Cutting grass, raking leaves, shoveling snow, and picking up bottles were the revenue stream for this expensive kid's car hobby.

Here it is some 55 years later and I still want to play demolition derby except it's when someone has cut me off while talking on their cell phone. Millennials are into drifting. I still have quite a few cars, some of which I have modified for more power, and of course wider tires. Parts procurement can now take weeks or months due to supply chain issues. I don't pick up bottles for the deposit but I do save my aluminum cans and I still cut grass. As the old saying goes, "The more things change, the more they stay the same."



My Introduction to the Hobby

**By: Don Barlup –
Vice President National Headquarters
& Library**

Along about 1970, as a lad of 23, I was travelling along Rt. 83 near York, PA and saw this neat old car parked at an old abandoned gas station. I got off the next exit, found the car, which had a for sale sign in the window, and proceeded to replace someone else's card (he was interested also) with my card.

In a day or two the phone rang. It was the car's owner. We discussed price and a couple of days later I was driving it home.

What I bought was a 1940 Pontiac 2519 series 4- door sedan with 87,000 miles on the clock. It was a base model with only an under seat heater option and was sold new at N.E. Black Buick Pontiac in New Bloomfield, PA, for \$884.00.

It had four dented fenders as the original owner enjoyed a drink or two and had a problem backing it in and out of his narrow garage.

Back then, salvage yards and flea markets were full of used and NOS parts for this car. A radio, clock, and cigar lighter from the local junk yards and NOS deluxe chrome bumpers, fenders, etc. from Carlisle and Hershey. My plain jane car became a well optioned ride, which carried my late wife and our three young children, with diaper bags and strollers in tow to many a weekend car show. We even drove it to Pontiac, Michigan.

I joined the Pontiac Oakland Club (POCI) and AACA in 1971. I could not show the Pontiac at Hershey as the cutoff date for the show cars was 1937 at that time. The 25 year rule was instituted a few years later.

From 1979 to 1982, I served as POCI President and in 2015 I served as AACA President.

This \$300.00 purchase over 50 years ago has led me on a fantastic hobby journey, which continues to this day. The people I have met and the places I have been while attending many meets and tours are among my most enjoyable memories and I cherish all of them and hope for many more years to come.

Many cars and trucks have come and gone over the last 50 years and many still share space in the garage with my first antique car, my 1940 Pontiac, the one that started it all!



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Both stories from AACA Fall 2021 Rummage Box

Calendar of AACA Events & Community Car Events

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- FEB.**
- 5 Saturday, 5:00 – Augusta County Fair Dinner and Silent Auction, Weyers Cave Community Center, 682 Weyers Cave Road, Weyers Cave. Presale tickets are \$10 and \$13 at the door.**
 - 9 Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton**
 - 10-12 AACA Annual Convention- Wyndham Gateway, 95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg,**
 - 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**
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- MAR.**
- 9 Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton**
 - 10-12 2022 AACA Western Spring Nationals, Henderson, NV. Hosted by the Las Vegas Region.**
 - 20 Sunday, 2:00 PM – Monthly Meeting at Sooner BBQ, 2627 Stuarts Draft.**
 - 20-26 2022 Founders Tour (1932-1997), Mobile, AL/Biloxi, MS. Hosted by the Deep South Region**
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- APR.**
- 7-9 2022 AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals, Charlotte, NC. Spring Charlotte AutoFair, Charlotte Motor Speedway, 5555 Concord Parkway South, Concord, NC Hosted by the Hornets Nest Region. .**
 - 9 Saturday, 11:00 AM – The Susan Gray Memorial Tour of Rockbridge County. Meet at Staples, 850 Statler Boulevard, Staunton. Tour will depart at 11:00 and lunch will be at Quaker Steak and Lube, 30 Commerce Park Drive, Raphine.**
 - 9 Saturday, 5:00 PM – Cruise-In at the Waynesboro Moose Lodge, 481 Hopeman Parkway, Waynesboro. This is a free event.*
 - 13 Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton**
 - 17-23 AACA Central Divisional Tour, LaPorte, TX.**
 - 21-23 2022 AACA Special Winter Nationals, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico. Hosted by the Puerto Rico Region.**
 - 22 2022 AACA Special Grand Nationals, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico. Hosted by the Puerto Rico Region.**
 - 23 Saturday, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM – 27th Annual Valley Mustangs Unlimited All-Inclusive Car Show & Cruise-In, Paul Obaugh Ford, 13 Lee Jackson Highway, Staunton. Entry fee is \$20 pre-registered or \$25 day of show with proceeds going to Special Olympics*

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There are no minutes this month since our January 16 meeting was cancelled due to the big snow storm.

Our next gathering will be at Weyers Cave Community Center on February 5, for the Augusta County Fair Poek Dinner and Silent Auction.

See you there!

Technical Tip

Have you ever been stumped with a no-start condition on your collector vehicle? I ran into one on our old Shasta Motorhome (story on page 2) with the Chevrolet 350 V-8 on a G Van chassis.

We were visiting the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY and as we finished our tour it started to rain in buckets. No problem—we climbed into the camper and decided we'd head out for our next destination. I got in the drivers seat and turned the key to start, the dash lights came on but nothing from the starter. We had a new battery and the rig had been running fine so I was puzzled. I checked voltage at the battery and it was fully charged. The cables were clean. I jiggled the gear shift to make sure we were really in park and still no click or start. I then got the idea to check the neutral safety switch on the Hydramatic transmission. Crawling under the rig in running water on the parking lot, I checked the connector and it looked fine. Luckily in my toolbox I had a small jumper wire tha I used to bypass the switch. Success—the engine started immediately. After changing my soaked clothes, we completed the rest of the trip with no problems and I replaced the switch when we got home.

Stu Allen

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**


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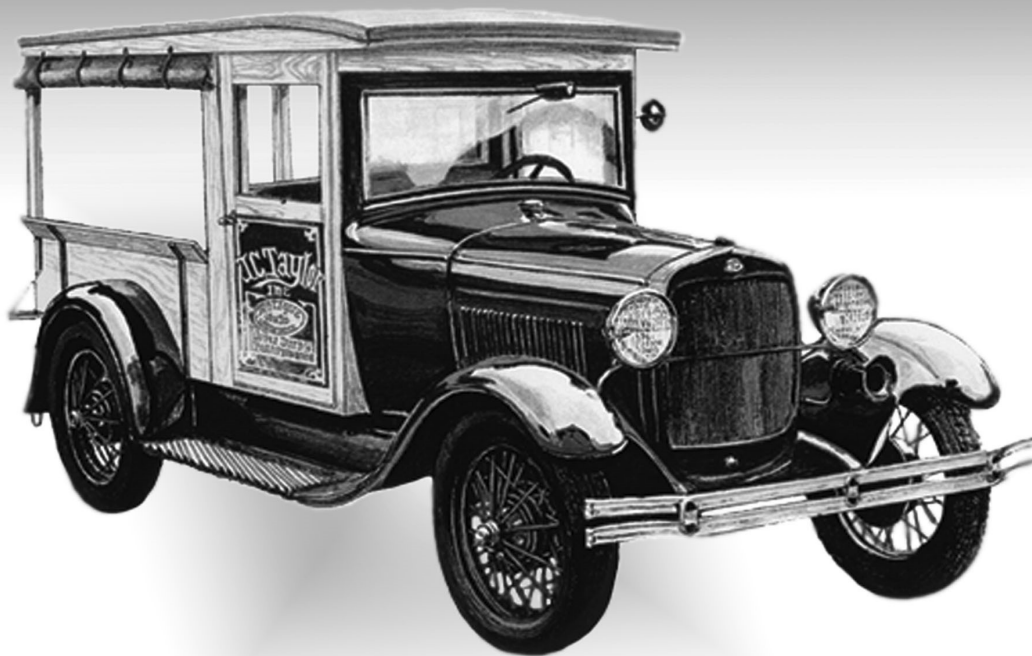
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