



TIRE TRACKS

JUNE 2022



Greetings, W-S Members, Lots of activities going on this summer. Check our calendar for chances to get the old cars out. Long trips may be cost-prohibitive but local activities are still attractive.

Stu Allen

GOT GAS?

Remember gas wars in the 60's ? -\$.19 / gallon!



1920



1969

OAPEC EMBARGO
1973
NO Gas!



MAY 27, 2022

Sunday, June 19, 2:00 PM – Monthly Meeting & Picnic at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church, 30 Tinkling Spring Drive, Fishersville. Bring a dish to pass and a lawn chair. Drinks and table service will be provided.



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RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

*My wife has a slight impediment in her speech.
Every now and then she stops to breathe.
(Jimmy Durante)*

Rather than wax on with verve about our club's 70th Anniversary party, I'll let our photographers tell the story in pictures. And a **GRAND** time was had by all and THANKS for all of the members that helped with set up and especially tear down.



Jack Drago

Waynesboro-Staunton Region's 70th Anniversary Celebration

After a 2-year delay due to the pandemic, W-S Region held the long awaited party to celebrate our anniversary. Our Region was founded in 1950, and became the first AACA Region in the South. The party was held at the Weyers Cave Community Center with 49 members and guests in attendance. We learned late Thursday that the Boogie Kings would be unable to play for us since pianist Willy Hayes was at UVA with his mother who was in intensive care. Fortunately, Patty and Scott Gregory came to the rescue with a sound system and music to entertain our group. We also showed a video of the 1999 Glidden Tour that was hosted by our Region.

Patty and Scott also created the clever table decorations featuring pictures of members' cars.



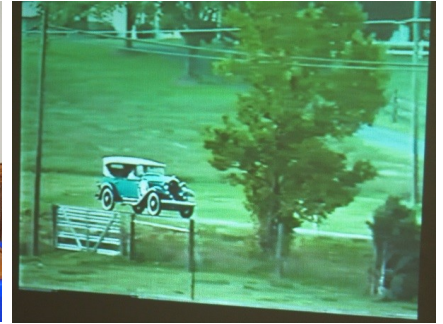
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Our historical display had photos back to the 50's and the banner and plaque from the General Wayne Hotel in Waynesboro where it all started in 1950.



Nelson Driver, as keeper of the Region's dash plaque collection had them on display.



We showed the video of the 1999 Glidden Tour sponsored by our Region that hosted 383 tour cars!



Members had plenty of time to socialize as the buffet was being set up.



Guests Tommy and Debbie Nolan had a chance to catch up with Nelson Driver.



It was evident that the stories were being told.



The dinner buffet was furnished by Early Katering Company out of Harrisonburg



We enjoyed Parmeson Encrusted Chicken, Beef Bistro Medallions and all the fixings that were delicious.



No celebration is complete without cake and we had 3!

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President Jack Drago shared some facts of what was going on in the world back in 1950.



National AACA Vice President Debbie Nolen explained her role on the Board as VP Youth Development/Awards. She stressed the need to get young people involved in our hobby to keep AACA thriving in the future.



This was the beautiful sight that greeted us as we finished the cleanup after a very enjoyable Anniversary Celebration

HISTORY OF WAYNESBORO-STAUNTON REGION FROM 1950 TO 1960

By John A. Brown (1916-1991)

In the fall of 1949 the Antique Automobile Club of America brought its Glidden Tour to Virginia. The write-ups in the newspapers kindled the interest of John A. Brown who drove to Luray to see the cars arrive at the Mimslyn Hotel. It was here that he met William Swigart, Leslie Henry, and M. J. Duryea. Mr. Brown applied for membership in the national organization at this time.

In late December of 1949, Mr. Brown recruited new members by personal calls and letters throughout the state. By April 14, other enthusiasts had registered so that a new region could be formed.

The first organizational meeting was held at a dinner meeting in the small dining room at the General Wayne Hotel in Waynesboro, Virginia, on April 18, 1950. Among those present were a number of men who later became Charter Members. An election was held and the following officers were chosen: Regional Director--John Brown; Assistant Regional Director--Ralph Lutz; Secretary-Treasurer--Frank S. Harrison; and Corresponding Secretary--William Sandy. The other Charter Members were Jeff Diffie, Ki Williams, Michael Williams, Raymond Driver, Carl Fulwider, Claude Baugher, Raymond Gaw, W. A. C. Pettit, Jr., W. A. C. Pettit, III, Judson Phillips,

During the summer months of 1950, the new region grew in size and was at that time the only Antique Automobile Club in Virginia and in the entire South.

In the fall of 1951, the national club held its Glidden Tour in Pennsylvania. Club members John Brown and Hyde Kerr drove to Pittsburgh for the kick-off banquet held at the Webster Hall Hotel. At this dinner, Miles Amich of the Allegheny Mountain Region and John Brown discussed the possibility of holding an inter-regional meet the next spring. The plans for such a meet took shape, and in May 1952 the Tri-Region Meet was held at the airport race track in Winchester, Virginia. The three regions represented were: Alleghany Mountain, National Capitol, and Waynesboro-Staunton

During the summer of 1952 our club had a number of outings to such locations as the Staunton Fairgrounds, Grand Caverns, and Coyner Springs. At the Coyner Springs meet, Hamilton Crockford, special feature writer for the *Richmond Times Dispatch*, covered the activities and published an article with photographs in the paper a week later. This article helped create interest in Richmond, and in 1953 the newly formed Richmond Region was invited to join the Tri-Region meet planning group. The Allegheny Mountain Region withdrew from the organization, and the Richmond group offered to be host for the Tri-Region Meet in May as had been previously held in 1952.

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It was at this meeting in Richmond that the name "Old Dominion Meet" was suggested by club presidents Dave Garriques and John Brown. This name was adopted as the official name of the meet, and all future meetings held in rotation by existing clubs or newly formed regions within the state were to carry this name.

The second Old Dominion Meet was held in Waynesboro in May 1954 with about 80 cars registered.

During the years that followed, the Waynesboro-Staunton Region fathered a number of new clubs in the state through the efforts of some of its members:

Richmond Region (founded 1952)--David Garriques
 Roanoke Region (founded 1955) --Blair Riley
 Lynchburg Region (founded 1958)--Kenneth Hall
 Shenandoah Region (founded 1959)--John Jackson

At the time of our club's founding, there were three regions in the national organization with a national membership of 1,400. At present (about 1960), there are 205 regions and 36,000 members throughout the nation.

2022 AACA Annual Grand Nationals

Hosted by Tidewater Region—Virginia Beach VA

Temperatures in the 90's greeted over 350 members' cars from all over the country on May 19-21 at the Founders Inn & Spa in Virginia Beach. Since all of these cars & trucks have previously been awarded First Junior and Senior awards at National meets, along with many previous Grand National winners, the quality of the vehicles is outstanding. Meet Chair Marion McAlpine and her volunteers from Tidewater Region did a great job of planning and executing all the details required to host such a major event. The judging teams had a tough assignment to review all of the vehicles in each of the classes, particularly with the sweltering heat on Saturday. Judging was completed and the vehicles were released from the field at 3 PM.

Awards were presented at the awards banquet held in the Founders Inn Ballroom. Your editor has a bunch of pictures to share so we'll show more next month.

Update by Doris Stone, Bob Ridle & Stu Allen

In addition to fathering the above four regions, the Waynesboro-Staunton Region also sponsored two additional clubs in the 1960s. In 1962, the Region fathered the Charlottesville-Albemarle Chapter of the Waynesboro-Staunton Region, AACA. The chapter was founded by Waller Hunt, Taylor Gimbert, Taylor Gimbert Jr., Thomas Keith, and Mac Woodward. It later became the Piedmont Region AACA.

In 1966, the Region fathered the Tri-County Antique Car Club which was organized by Connie Dove, a Broadway, Virginia, resident who was also a member of the Region. He felt that there were enough car enthusiasts in northern Rockingham, Shenandoah, and Hardy Counties to begin a new club. In 1977, the Tri-County Club voted to seek membership as an AACA Region and was chartered in 1978.



Ken & Shirley Farley took home their 20th AGNM Repeat Senior for their 1963 Chevrolet Impala SS Convertible.



Your Editor received his first Repeat Senior Award for his 1934 Chevrolet Master 2-Dr.

Susan Gray Memorial Memorable Mystery Tour

Staunton, VA, April 9, 2022

Story by Alice & Morris Cameron

Morris and I drove up to join the Waynesboro–Staunton Region for the Susan Gray Memorial Memorable Mystery Tour. We were joined by Roger McGinnis and Charline Tice. We met at Staples, 850 Statler Boulevard, Staunton, VA. We were to pull out at 11 a.m. The Waynesboro–Staunton Region, President, Jack Drago held a drivers' meeting before we pulled out. He gave each of us written directions for the tour. He said that he and Susan had run the tour last year. We would be stopping for lunch at Quaker Steak and Lube, 30 Commerce Park Drive, in Raphine. There were 14 cars ready for the Tour.

We pulled out and traveled on wonderful back roads through the countryside. There were green leaves popping out and some blooms. What a beautiful drive. 21 miles later we were pulling in for lunch. After lunch we checked out the Peddle Cars and Putt Putt Engines on display next door. As we were loading back in our cars we noticed a few flakes of snow. I guess Susan wanted to have a laugh at us getting excited. All was well as the snow only lasted a few minutes. We continued again on great roads with no traffic. We saw beautiful views of the Blue Ridge, vineyards and McCormack Farm. We traveled for a total of 32 more miles. To end the day we



stopped at DAP's Ice Cream Shop. Everyone was out to have their favorite flavor.

For those of you that did not get to know Susan Gray, she was like the energizer bunny! She was always full of energy. She loved to tour in her and Robbie's antique cars. Even when she was in the midst of her cancer treatments, she went to Tennessee last April on the Chrome Glidden Tour and July on the Model T International Tour and to our Ice Cream Social in August, just to name a few. She was a member of the Waynesboro, Staunton and Richmond Region Antique Automobile Club of America, the Vintage Motor Car Club of America and the Model T & Model A Ford Car Clubs.

Susan was employed by Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center for 48 years where she taught Driver's Education to the disabled for 46 years. One year when she was helping me at the Admissions Gate for the Richmond Region Car Show and Swap Meet a guy came through in a van. She looked at him and said I taught you how to drive. He said yes you did. She was off to renew that friendship. She never forgot a student. Sadly, Susan passed away on September 26, 2021. She and Robbie shared 46 wonderful years together.



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The Memorial Service for Janice and Ronnie Shanholtzer was held on May 21, 2022 with several of our W-S members in attendance. Ronnie had designed a unique tombstone depicting each of their careers and beloved antique cars.

Calendar of AACA Events & Community Car Events

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- JUNE**
- 4 Saturday, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Historic Fredericksburg Region AACA's 65th Annual Meet, Fredericksburg Nationals Stadium, 42 Jackie Robinson Way, Fredericksburg.**
 - 4 62nd Annual Apple Blossom Meet, Jim Barnett Park, 1001 East Cork Street, Winchester. Hosted by the Shenandoah Region. Rescheduled from May 7.**
 - 4 Summit Square 3rd Annual Car Show 10 AM– 1 PM Free Admission 501 Oak Ave. Waynesboro**
 - 8 Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton**
 - 11 Saturday, 5:00 PM – Cruise-In at the Waynesboro Moose Lodge, 481 Hopeman Parkway, Waynesboro. This is a free event..**
 - 11 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM – 54th Annual Richmond Collector Car Show and Swap Meet, St. Joseph's Villa, 8000 Brook Road, Richmond. Sponsored by the Richmond Region.**
 - 12 Sunday, 4:00 – 7:00 PM – Rods N' Rides Cruise-In at DAP's Ice Cream, Burgers & Fries, 3278 Stuarts Draft Highway, Stuarts Draft.**
 - 16-18 AACA Eastern Spring Nationals, Berkeley, WV. Hosted by West Virginia Whitewater Region.**
 - 19 Sunday, 2:00 PM – Monthly Meeting & Picnic at Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church, 30 Tinkling Spring Drive, Fishersville. Bring a dish to pass and a lawn chair. Drinks and table service will be provided.**
 - 25 Saturday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM – 2nd Annual New Vision Cruise-In & Joe Drega Memorial Car Show, Creative Wonders Learning Center, 2746 Stuarts Draft Highway, Stuarts Draft. This is a free event.**
 - 25 Saturday, 9th Annual Rocking Chair Nationals with Championship Car Show, Eastside Speedway, 134 Al Gore Lane, Waynesboro. Car show entry fee is \$20.**
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- JULY**
- 9 Saturday, 10:00 AM – Vehicle Display & Monthly Meeting at Brightview Baldwin Park, 21 Woodlee Road, Staunton.**
 - 9 Saturday, 5:00 PM – Cruise-In at the Waynesboro Moose Lodge, 481 Hopeman Parkway, Waynesboro. This is a free event.**
 - 10 Sunday, 4:00 – 7:00 PM – Rods N' Rides Cruise-In at DAP's Ice Cream, Burgers & Fries, 3278 Stuarts Draft Highway, Stuarts Draft.**
 - 16 Saturday, 9:00 AM – Bridgewater Steam & Gas Meet Car Show, 201 Green Street, Bridgewater.**
 - 29 Friday, Vehicle Display at the Augusta County Fair, Augusta Expo, 277 Expo Road, Fishersville.**
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- AUG.**
- 10 Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton**
 - 11-13 2022 Central Fall Nationals, East Moline, IL. Hosted by the Mississippi Valley Region.**
 - 14 Sunday, 4:00 – 7:00 PM – Rods N' Rides Cruise-In at DAP's Ice Cream, Burgers & Fries, 3278 Stuarts Draft Highway, Stuarts Draft.**
 - 21 Sunday, 1:30 PM – Monthly Meeting and Picnic with the Tri-County Region, Grand Caverns, 5 Grand Caverns Drive, Grottoes.**

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Since our 70th Anniversary Party was in held instead of our normal business meeting. No minutes will be published this month.


Stay tuned for the July Issue of Tire Tracks where we'll feature some of the amazing vehicles from the 2022 Annual Grand National Meet!

**Car Stories Needed**

Remember some of the cool cars we had in the 1970's? How about writing up a story for Tire Tracks?

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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