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## RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

**I can't believe we don't have  
world peace after changing  
the names on pancake boxes  
and syrup bottles!**

I was sitting at one of the two club tables at the County Fair Auction on Saturday evening at Cornerstone Church joined by 27 other members, all enjoying friendly banter and conversation. While jotting down notes for this month's column, while everyone else was in joy, it became clear to me that for once, I'd be able to write something nice and fuzzy about the membership and not my usual "stuff". I felt relief and thinking it was the beginning of a new me. My legal pad listed all manner of nice items the members were bidding on, knowing that I could fill a full page of what they were purchasing. How things can change in a flash. What you are about to read is 100% true and factual. There are at least 9 members that can attest to, and numerous photos to back up what you are about to learn.

Seated to my left was Alfred, then Stu, then Linda Royer and then Glen Royer. Glen stood up, reached inside his pants and rummaged around for several minutes. Linda shrieked "what are you doing?" to which he said "I can't find it!" I will swear on the bible as to the veracity of the following. Deb Skillman, sitting opposite Linda said, and I quote, "Let me help" and ran around the table to Glen. She reached inside Glenn's pants with her left hand for maybe a good 3 or 4 minutes, then proudly yelled out, "I found it", all the while some 250 other guests in the hall watched in shock. After her claim of "finding it" she promptly reached out with her right hand and grabbed a nine inch knife off the table. I can't go any further. Fill in your own thoughts.

*Editor's note: Glen was looking for his 50/50 tickets)*

## I found it!



I remember quite some time ago, watching TV and a fellow named Rod Sterling would announce "You are now about to enter the Twilight Zone". How prophetic those words became. The live auction saw Bobby Gordon (he bids on the weird stuff) saw him sitting front row bidding on a huge 36" x 72" oil painting of a stunning young beauty standing in a field. The sun was shining on her long blond hair hanging on her shoulders, spectacular blue eyes gazing at the sun, her body resting in a relaxed position against the side of a 1931 Model A Ford. This was the closest thing to a 3D painting that I've ever seen. Someone was talented in the arts. Bobby did win the painting in a very hot contest with a final \$375 bid. Maxine was beside herself as to where he was going to hang this thing and also questioned his mindset. Without going into detail of the painting, suffice to say that if it was winter, she'd have frostbite. Dirty old man. BRRRRRR!

## **Things my mother taught me: Part 8:**

**CONTORTIONISM: "Will you look at the dirt on the  
back of your neck!"**

**Jack Drago**

**Feb. 17, 2024 Dinner & Auction to benefit the Augusta County Fair**



The event was held at the Cornerstone Church of Augusta with about 250 people in attendance.



28 Region Members joined to support the benefit for the Fair.



The customary pork dinner with all the fixings was enjoyed by all, especially dessert!



The silent auction featured 5 tables of donated articles and was busy with people signing up.



V.P. Rick Downs discusses auction strategy with Jack and Karen Drago.



Karen checks out the popcorn maker after Rick was the successful bidder.

**February 18 W-S Region Meeting at Franciscos in Bridgewater**



Franciscos offer a large menu of great food.



The gang studies the choices.



Waiting for the food to arrive gives us time to socialize.



The Skillmans sell the 50/50 tickets as the wait staff takes food orders.



Members check out the tabs after a great meal. Note the many round take-home containers.



President Jack convenes the business meeting before we all head home for a nap!



### Member Spotlight -Bob Ridle



Past W-S President Bob Ridle received a Master Webmaster Award as well as the Sparkplug Award (Best AACA Website) at the 2024 AACA National Convention in Chantilly VA. These awards recognized Bob’s website for the Treasure Coast (FL) Region.

Bob is a repeat winner of the Sparkplug Award since he received that award in 2017 for his work on the Waynesboro-Staunton Website.

Bob escaped us and moved to Florida where he is currently President and Webmaster for the Treasure Coast Region. Here is a picture of Bob & Ann at the convention.



Bob & Ann’s home in sunny Port St. Lucie FL.



Bob & Ann with their Hudson departing from your editor’s garage for Florida once the new garage was complete.



The Ridles decided they needed a car with AC for their weather. Here’s the 1978 Ford 2-dr Thunderbird that met the requirements.



The Ridle Family all enjoy Florida!



**Member Spotlight**

Jimmy Rimel’s 1962 Triumph TR3A and his story was featured in the recent publication—ACA Oral History Project.



Jim brought their 1949 Ford Pickup to our July 2023 Display at Baldwin Park

**JAMES A. RIMEL**

12/31/2022



1962 Triumph TR3a restored in 1992 by my father and I; family Heirloom

**GROWING UP, MY DAD WAS**

an antique car collector and he was the one who got me into the antique car club. I now own quite a few cars, including a 1962 Triumph TR3A, a 1976 Triumph TR6, a 1994 Honda Del Sol VTEC, and my wife recently acquired her grandfather's 1949 Ford F1 pickup. All of these cars have a special place in my heart, but my favorite is the 1962 Triumph TR3A that my dad and I restored together in 1991. We even won a national first place

award at Hershey, Pennsylvania with it. I've been a member of the Antique Automobile Association since 2013 and I enjoy attending the events, picnics, and driving the cars to the events. One of the most interesting and valuable lessons I've learned about antique automobiles over the years is to be patient and not rush into a project. Taking the time to think things through before starting to tear a car apart is the best way to ensure a successful restoration.



Another vehicle in Jim’s fleet is this 1948 Jeepster spotted at a recent Cars & Coffee in Staunton.



This is Jim’s 1976 Triumph TR6.

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## Calendar of AACA Events & Community Car Events

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- MAR. 9** Sunday, 8 AM to 1 PM Tidewater Region Annual Swap Meet, Nansemond-Suffolk Academy, 3373 Pruden Blvd., Suffolk , VA 23434
- 13** Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton
- 17** Sunday, 2:00 PM – Monthly Meeting—Spooner BBQ -2627 Stuarts Draft Highway, Stuarts Draft
- 17-23** Founders Tour 'Touring Cajun Country—Layfayette, Louisiana', sponsored by the AACA Louisiana Region
- 21-24** AACA Special Winter Nationals, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico.
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- APR. 4-6** Southeastern Spring Nationals and Grand National, - Charlotte, NC – sponsored by AACA Hornets Nest Region
- 10** Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton
- 21** Sunday, 2:00 PM – Monthly Meeting—Francescos in Bridgewater  
Special Treat after the meeting!
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- MAY 8** Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton
- 10-11** 10th Annual Mid-Atlantic Pre-War Swap Meet, Comer-Jones VFW Post 621, 218 Veteran Lane, Luray.
- 11** Saturday, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM, 64th Annual Apple Blossom Car Show, Jim Barnett Park, 1001 East Cork Street, Winchester. Hosted by the Shenandoah Region.
- 17-18** Friday & Saturday—ODMA Meet—Roanoke, VA—Holiday Inn Roanoke Airport—Details to follow
- 19** Sunday, 1:30 – 5:30 PM – Vehicle Display at Hazy Mountain Winery, 240 Hazy Mountain Lane, Afton. We will meet at 1:30 at the old Howard Johnson's parking lot at the top of Afton Mountain and travel as a group to the winery.

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**Minutes of the Feb. 18,2024 W-S Meeting**

The Waynesboro Region of AACAA held it February meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> at Francesco's in Bridgewater at 2 pm. President Jack Drago welcomed 27 members present.

Vice Pres. Rick Downs gave the activities report as follows:

March meeting at Sooners in Stuarts Draft at 2 pm

April meeting at Francesco's in Bridgewater at 2pm.

Todd Smith gave the treasurer's report. He also gave a summary of last year's expenses and income for the club.

Stu Allen said he is looking for articles for Tire Tracks. He stated that the web-site has been updated but was working very slowly.

Nelson Driver reported on the ODMA meet in Roanoke on May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn Airport with the tour to be in Richmond in the fall.

Jack reported there were 28 members at the County Fair Dinner in Fishersville at the Cornerstone Church of Augusta.

Nelson Driver made a presentation to the club of a copy of John Brown's article from Susan Huffman.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Gray



**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

**Kenneth Coiner**  
**Dolly Harner**  
**Carol Sarginger**



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olcarfn@aol.com Dick McIninch

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Bob Kuykendall recently picked up a donation from the local library of 58 Chiltons Manuals, all in good condition. They are now in Stu Allen's garage and are available to our members and friends for **FREE!**

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