



#### RAMBLINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

# Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up like every two hours?

Some of you may have heard that I had a Pacemaker installed just days ago. Stu Allen is always talking about his and I figured I wanted to experience what he's always touting as the next best thing to bread. I'm recuperating with the assistance of the best nurse on the planet, my wife Karen. I'll keep it brief as my shoulder is just a little tender and pounding on the keyboard doesn't help my attitude. I was in the hospital for a few days of surgery and recovery and naturally during that time, personal hygiene cannot be performed. Let's just say that a polecat smells better, and on Wednesday when I was being discharged, they not only deloused and fumigated the room, they also burned the hospital bed. O.K., they give me all the discharge information and also an Alexa type machine to plug in at home so they can "monitor" my heart. If you are aware of Alexa, it means they can communicate with you. I'll be delicate here in what follows. When you are pumped up for days with medication, anesthesia and whatnot, the body naturally is prone to mixing the concoctions into some type of fermentation. God invented a mechanism in which a pressure relief valve opens to discharge the gases of fermentation. Sometime around 3 AM a voice came from Alexa blurting out, "Geeze, give it a rest pal!" I'm not safe even in my own home for pity sake.

What started out as me not being able to breathe in any air as to now being able to suck in more air than a jet engine.

What started out as a planned trip to Upstate New York with a co-driver from Florida for 5 days ended before it started with the Florida driver calling it quits in North Carolina after a call from Karen. There's even more to this story, including kidnapping, coercion and assault with a deadly weapon, but I'll leave that for some other time.

I wish to remind you, my readers, that your editor requires me to write an article each month and therefore I assume that my "ramblings" may have a twist on the weird side. (Editors note—You think?) You elected me, impeach me.

### Things my mother taught me:

#### **PART 11: WEATHER:**

"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it." (yes this is out of numerical sequence, live with it)

Jack Drago



Jack and Jim Gregory relaxed at our Baldwin Park Display on July 13 BP (Before pacemaker)

# Annual Vehicle Display at Baldwin Park—July 13, 2024



Residents were out in force to see our vehicles.

Our members enjoyed the shade.



New member Bob Walck brought this beautiful Oldsmobile 442.

Steve Albrecht.



Michelle Bradley, Sales Director, for Baldwin Park, talks with our Bob Kuykendall and resident Nelly Flora, a former Model A club

Larry and Deb Skillman drove their 1950 Ford Coupe.

Studebaker Wagonaire.



# <u>Car Display & Ice Cream Social July 5, 2024</u> <u>Stuarts Draft Retirement Community</u>



W-S members enjoyed the good weather and ice cream at our <u>Annual Display at Stuarts Draft</u>

Retirement Community.





## Augusta County Fair Display - July 26, 2024



W-S Region Hosted our Annual Antique Vehicle display at the fair with 19 vehicles on the floor.



Members and Friends brought out a good a good variety of vehicles to show to Fair attendees.



Members enjoyed the indoor facility with lots of time for relaxing and fellowship.

Richard Obenschain showed his 1940 Packard 160.



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Paul Day & Polly Belford brought their 1937 Ford Pickup.



Chris Earhart showed his "new" 1972 Ford Bronco.



Fred Hollen brought his 1956 Dodge Pickup.

Tony Edwards drove his 1931 Ford Model A Sedan.

Robbie Gray shows visitors his 1915 Ford Model T fresh from a tour in Michigan.



Fair visitors chose this 1969 Dodge Super B as their **Favorite Car** by voting with their donations to the Fair's designated charity. The proud owner is Lee Sanchez



Robbie didn't have time to wash his T after returning from the Michigan T Tour but visitors selected his car as the <u>Favorite.Second Place</u>

## **Confessions of a Forever GM Guy**

As most of you know, I'm an old GM/Delphi retiree who has owned only GM cars for the past 60 years. I must confess that the only vehicle that might make me break this string of ownership would be the car like the one I drove in high school that belonged to my mother. I've searched family photos for a glimpse of that car but have been unable to find one. It was the car I passed my driver's test in the day after I turned 16. It was the car my future wife and I dated in before I left for college. It was a cool car then and still is, although you seldom see one on the road or in car shows.

(*Drum roll!*) It was a 1962 Ford Galaxy convertible, black exterior, black interior and black top. It featured the 352<sup>in3</sup> V-8 and automatic transmission. My mom bought it from the local Ford dealer in Pennsylvania. It was a demo that the dealer's wife was using. My mom's students and my sisters thought it was pretty great for a teacher's car. The local Pennsylvania state police were very familiar with the car since Mom would occasionally get pulled over for speeding going to or from school. The teacher can't be late!



File Photo

I'm probably not the only AACA member that checks the car magazines (Antique Automobile, Buick Bugle, Chevrolet Generator & Distributer, Old Cars, and Hemmings. We walk the Hershey car corral every year, hoping that that particular car might show up. We also check the many online sources like the following:

https://www.hagerty.com/marketplace/search

https://bringatrailer.com/auctions/

https://www.enlistedauctions.com/

Probably the best source of of leads for that special car you are watching for is from fellow car club members. I remember one phone call I got back in 1996 from a friend in Michigan who urged me to go check out a 1957 Buick Roadmaster 75 with 23,000 original miles. That call led me to purchase the car that most of you are familiar with

So far, none have met my specific requirements for the Ford so the search goes on. Do I need another car? Certainly not, but it's fun to dream anyway.

Stu Allen

# Calendar of AACA Events & Community Car Events

- AUG. 2-4 Das Awkscht Fescht—Macungie PA—Sponsored by Ontelaunee Region
  - 8 Thursday, 5:30 7:30 PM Vehicle Display & Ice Cream Social, The Retreat at Fishersville, 25 Old Oaks Drive, Staunton.
  - 10 Saturday, 4-7PM Summer Bash & Cruise In at Blue Ridge Chapel Church of the Brethren, 19 Browns Lane, Waynesboro (off North 340)
  - 11 Sunday, 4:00 7:00 PM Cruise-In at DAP's Ice Cream, Burgers & Fries, 3278 Stuarts Draft Highway, Stuarts Draft.
  - 14 Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton
  - 18 Sunday, 1:30 PM Monthly Meeting and Picnic with the Tri-County Region, Grand Caverns, 5 Grand Caverns Drive, Grottoes.
  - 22-24 Special Eastern Fall Nationals—Hampton Roads Convention Center—Hampton VA Climate Controlled Show Hall Hosted by Historic Peninsula Region
- **SEPT** 8 Sunday, 4:00 7:00 PM Cruise-In at DAP's Ice Cream, Burgers & Fries, 3278 Stuarts Draft Highway, Stuarts Draft.
  - 11 Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton
  - Sunday, 2:00 PM Monthly Meeting, Steak Fry and Auction, Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church, 30 Tinkling Spring Drive, Fishersville. Bring a dish to pass. Drinks, utensils and paper goods provided. Don't forget your auction donations and your checkbook!
  - 22-27 Revival AAA Glidden Tour (Pre 1943) Fairfield, PA Sugarloaf Mountain Region
- OCT. 8-11 Hershey Eastern Fall Nationals -Hershey Region—Hershey PA
  - 16 Wednesday, 7:00 PM Executive Board Meeting at Stu Allen's 265 Stayman Ln. Staunton
  - 20 Sunday, 2:00 PM Monthly meeting at Ming Garden
  - 24-26 Southeastern Fall Nationals Huntsville , Alabama—North Alabama Region



#### GROW YOUR REGION AND YOUR CLUB

By Dave Anspach AACA Executive Vice President

Everyone knows that membership has been down over the past few years. It had gone down a bit pre covid, dropped a lot more during covid, and has continued a gradual decline since then. There are a thousand reasons why this is happening, but we, as a club shouldn't just sit back and accept it. It is up to every one of us to FIGHT this trend!! But HOW?? What can one person do??

Well, first of all, realize that you are NOT alone. The club provides all kinds of materials for you to use to promote membership. Get them from the office in Hershey and USE them. Carry them with you ever you go. See an old car at the gas station? Give the driver some literature. See a guy in the store with a car jacket, t-shirt, or hat on? invite him or her to your next region meeting. Going to a car show? Set up a table with a batch of AACA Magazines and recruit members. Just think, if every member just got one new member a year, in just a few years we would be a massive organization!

I mentioned being part of a region. For many people the social aspect of the old car hobby is the primary factor for joining a club. Use our regions shows, tours, picnics, parties etc as a tool to get people to join. Push your region to do things together. A group of AACA show cars together going to a local show will surely dominate the prizes. People want to be a part of a winner and they will want to join your club. Invite every person to your Regional meeting. Carry with you and give to every one an introduction to your Region and the places and

Another thing to remember is to get a name and email address. Then send that prospective member an electronic copy of your Region newsletter (which costs you nothing) and have your membership chair send them a reminder before your next meeting!!

And don't forget those free memberships. Who can say no to something free? But please, don't just hand the form to someone. Get their information and have them sign it and take it with you! Then, be sure to mail it in to Hershey. So many forms have just been handed out and gone unused!! Remember we have special free memberships for veterans. Use them !! The fact that veterans are recognized is sometimes the difference that brings someone into the fold.

We ALL must fight this battle of declining membership. Every one of us had a special reason or person who got us involved. It is up to YOU to be the reason or person for the next new member to join!!



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#### Minutes of the July 13, 2024 W-S Meeting

Our July meeting was held at Baldwin Park with no formal meeting. Pictures are on Page 2. Our display brought a good turnout of residents who enjoyed the beautiful weather. Participation by members was sparse this year due to several regulars being away on tours. We did have 10 vehicles for folks to look over and reminisce about. In the voting, Residents Choice was the 1972 Ford Torino Sport that Steve Albrecht brought. Participants Choice went to Bill Jackameit for his 1964 Studebaker Wagonaire.

Lunch was served on the lawn by Baldwin Park and we all had lots of good food and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Allen for Robbie Gray

#### **More Fair Pictures**



This youg lady came all the way from Germany and got her picture in your Editor's 1949 Buick.

Pretty girls like Buicks! This is Aubrey Lawson with her dad, Troy.



# **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**



David Barr
Jack Drago
Bill Jackameit
Sheila Kilbourne
Jay Mader
Bobby McLain
Leonard Pittman



ATTENTION MEMBERS: If the member that purchased the Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson porcelain statues at last year's auction would like the original boxes and Certificate of Authenticity sheets, I found them in storage. Email me or call and they are yours.

Jack Drago

# **FOR SALE**

#### 1929 Nash Advanced 6 Deluxe Sedan

Shows 78,000 carefully driven miles and is in great original shape Repainted in 2002 but does has some minimal damages.

Need a tune-up and some tender love and care.

Was \$25,000; now asking \$17,000 OBO!

Bob Nutt: 540.294.5500





**European Classic Tires for the Model A** 21" or 19" in stock now Made in Denmark

#### **Chilton Manuals Donated to our Club**

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!

<b>Quantity</b>	<u>Brand</u>	Yrs. Covered
12	Asian	1996-2012
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7	Misc.	1975-2003
5	Truck & Van	1996-2003







These are excellent resources for maintaining your current rides and future collectibles.

Call Stu Allen if you are interested (540-290-0329) and we'll arrange delivery or pick up.

> **Tri-County Region Meetings** Check their website: http://tri-county-aaca.org/

**Piedmont Region Meetings** New website coming

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