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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Dear Members of SRAACA -

This is my last letter to you as your President, and I write it with a heart full of gratitude to all of you for your support and your good humor during the past three years. There have been challenges as we adjusted to the pandemic, and cancelled many normal activities that we all enjoy, as we did our part to protect

ourselves, our families, our friends, and each other from COVID-19. This has been an especially difficult time because the life of our Club is centered around community and public events - car shows, fun runs, tours and other special events. I am proud of the way we kept up our morale, and our sense of humor - and just plain determination to hang in there and keep slogging through - even though our frustration level went high at times.

It has been a great privilege for me to work with the other club officers - with Kevin, Linda, Bonnie, Duane, and with the Board members - with David, Jeff, Tom, and Bill. And also with David and Sharon.



Boyd Kilmer's 1956 Ford which went to a new owner when Boyd and Beverly "downsized" last year. Photographer unknown.

CALENDAR

- DEC 2 Membership Meeting & Cookie Exchange, 7pm, Round Hill UMC, Winchester.
- DEC 4 Shepherdstown Christmas Parade, line up 8:30 am, parade at 10am. See page 8.
- NO BOARD MEETING IN DEC.
- DEC 18 Annual Christmas Dinner & Installation of 2022 Officers. See page 5.
- DEC 25 Merry Christmas!
- DEC 27 NOON DEADLINE for January newsletter
- JAN 1 Happy New Year!
- JAN 6 Membership Meeting,
 7pm, Round Hill UMC, Winchester

You are a great team! It has been a pleasure to work, and laugh - and sometimes to commiserate - with all of you! Thank you all so much!

As we approach a new year - and a new start in the life of our club, the pandemic is not over but there are signs that it is losing its grip, and that our club can look forward to resuming more of our normal activities. At this point, the 2022 Apple Blossom Festival is a "go", as is our own Apple Blossom Car Show in May. In addition, the Antique Car Club Shelter at Jim Barnett Park is reserved for our summer picnic meetings in June, July, August, and September of 2022. I am looking forward to taking part in all these activities, not as your President but as a

member. Our Club is so full of wonderful and interesting people from different backgrounds, experience, knowledge - each with their own wisdom and, of course, opinions (some quite strong!) - that I don't want to miss any opportunity to continue to "mix it up" with any and all of you! We have a fun Club!

I am also excited about the new year because I believe that our new President, Dan Rowzie, will do [see PRESIDENT, page 2]

Dec. 2, 2021
Membership
Meeting
and
Cookie Exchange

Bring a dozen cookies to swap, munch some, and take leftovers home! Yum!

Location: Round Hill UMC
Time: 7:00 pm
Meeting Host: Doug Swanson
Cookie-centric beverages will be served.
(See directions Page 10)

HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

02 Eric Kirk

20 Jeff Smulovitz

06 Alice Dyer

24 Sharon Lewis

09 Sharon Parker

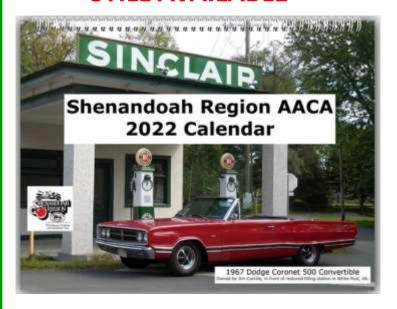
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2022 CLUB PHOTO CALENDARS STILL AVAILABLE



FROM PROJECT CHAIR TOM PARKER:

Thank you to everyone that submitted photos for the 2022 calendar! This year's 12-month calendar, which is in wall format, 8.5 in. x 11 in. closed, includes a wide variety of cars, trucks, and motorcycles from a wide range of years for your enjoyment.

The following members' vehicles are included: Jim Colville *[see cover, left]*, Dan & Ginny Rowzie, Mark & Carolyn Dinsmore, Harry & Ruth Newman, Craig & Linda Comontofski, Jim & Tami Tillery, Jim Stup & Ibby Stratton, Dave & Lauren Conrad, Jeff & Vickie Smulovitz, Bob & Josie Engle, Tom & Emily Parker, Duane & Bonnie Catlett, and Curt Mason.

We have a few left to sell from the initial printing, and will take paid orders for another batch if these sell out. The price is \$20 per calendar and all proceeds will go to help replenish our Region funds. Order yours now, and we can have these in time for the Christmas Party. Contact our Treasurer, Bonnie Catlett to reserve your calendar.

PRESIDENT,[from page 1] a great job of organizing and guiding us through the promise of a new year and a new start. Dan has gotten his feet wet as the Chair of the MSV Show committee. Undoubtedly, Dan's feet will get even wetter as he accepts he responsibilities of the Presidency. As we rally around Dan, let's get our feet a little wet bit, also, to make 2022 one of the best years in the life of our Club.

There is one more major Club event in 2021. That is the Christmas party at West Oaks Farm on Saturday, 18 December. Details are in this issue of The Split Rim. Mark your calendar, fill in the registration form and bring it, along with the ticket money, and give both to Bonnie at the next membership meeting on 2 December at Round Hill Church. By the way, the December membership meeting is the annual cookie exchange, so bring along a dozen of your favorite cookies (Craig requests chocolate chip) to share with others in the Club, including Craig. Merry Christmas!

— Peter



JAN NEWS DEADLINE IS
NOON DECEMBER 27
Send news, articles, & ads to:
shenandoahregion@gmail.com

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2022 CAR SHOW LIST Tom Parker is already starting to collect info on car shows/cruise-ins that are being scheduled for 2022. If you know of a car event you think the members would enjoy, please send the info to Tom at **tomparkerjr@gmail.com**. If you have flyers you would like sent out via email "blast" or included in the newsletter, also include Secretary Linda at **shenandoahregion@gmail.com** in your email to Tom. THANKS, TOM, for taking on this task again for 2022; the lists are outstanding!

Sunshine Report

Sunshine Chairs Dave & Sharon Lewis report sending:

- Get-well wishes to Josie Engle, who fell and cracked her shoulder.
- ▼ We were happy to see that Boyd and Beverly Kilmer were both feeling well enough to join us at the Nov. meeting.
- ▼ Please keep Josie and Bob, and Boyd and Beverly in your thoughts and prayers for healing.
- ◆ And as always, let's all also remember those members who struggle daily with ongoing health issues that keep them "in the shop" and not running on all cylinders.



MEMBER NEWS



Editor: Following includes highlights of responses to a request to the members to share what they have been doing since our last inquiry in mid-Oct.

From John (J.C.) Black: On my first show with the EDSEL here in Florida the car was given the Pastors pick award. Who would have thought?? Love to all the Winchester folks. JC [Editor: Congrats on getting an award on its first FL outing!]

From Craig & Linda Comontofski: After a 10-month build from basket case condition in Dec. 2020 to today, Craig has finally got the 1951 Vincent Black Shadow back together (almost — he still wants to replace the tail light). The goal was to get it finished in time for the Vincent North Amer-

ican Rally in Morgantown, PA (not WV) Sept. 27-29, 2021, and he just squeaked under the wire to have it ready for show at the Rally. We had a great time at the Rally, with Craig riding his 1975 Norton on the group ride, since the Shadow was not quite totally distance-ready yet (we trailered both bikes). Meanwhile, Linda got some R&R with her feet propped up in the hotel room and a book in hand. We had rain the second day, so we drove with friends to the Redding Airport to visit the Mid-Atlantic Aviation Museum there; we got to see many antique planes up close in the hangar and on the runway. The last day was the bike show, with 32 Vincents on display, including Craig's. The Shadow's tuned and running now, and Craig's put 30 miles on it so far. Unfortunately, in order to complete

the bike by the deadline, he had to "steal" parts off of his Comet and Rapide, so now he's on the hunt for replacements for THOSE parts to get the other two back together and running again. See "before" and "after" photos below. It appears that this is one of those never-ending sagas.... Merry Christmas, everyone!





From Jim Colville: Now that car show season is over, things have slowed down a bit. It's time to turn attention back to unfinished projects. The turquoise 318 Barracuda came home from the body shop a few years ago with a pretty new coat of paint. But, when it came home, the side glass was no longer lined up right, and windows couldn't be put up all the way. It's kind of a complicated procedure, so the car pretty much sat while I waited for a buddy with experience in such things to have time to help with the chore. Finally, a couple weeks ago, we spent a few evenings get-

[see MEMBER NEWS, page 4]

TIME FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Art Bragg sent a sneak peek at this year's Door Prizes for our Christmas Party. Shown is one of two 2021 White House Christmas ornaments and a very cool sign (approx. 15.75 in. x 19.75 in.) featuring an early Packard all decked out for the holidays (the headlights even light up!). Don't miss your chance to own one of these special items. See RSVP sign-up and invitation with





NOTE: the DEADLINE for your RSVP is DEC. 2, so DON'T WAIT another minute. SIGN UP NOW!

details on page 5.



2022 DUES NOTICE

Please remember that 2021 dues expire Dec. 31. Don't miss out on Region activities, newsletters, and the annual roster! Here's what to do:

- (1) Pay your AACA National dues. You can return the form that was part of the mailer for your National AACA magazine, phone AACA with credit card info at (717) 534-1910, or renew online at www.aaca.org.
- (2) Pay your Region dues (\$20). Make checks/money orders payable to: Shenandoah Region, AACA. Bring to the Dec. meet-

ing, or send to Treas. Bonnie Catlett. Bonnie's address is on the last page of this newsletter.

(3) Don't wait — Since we had to cancel our annual Apple Blossom Meet in both 2020 & 2021, we need dues to cover our normal operating expenses (such as our website, post office box, newsletter printing & mailing, roster printing & mailing, meeting room).

PLEASE don't put this off - get around

PLEASE don't put this off - get around to it TODAY while you're thinking about it! THANKS!





ELECTION RESULTS

The Election of 2022 Region Officers was held at the November 4 Membership meeting. Tellers were Gene Ramey, Jim Tillery, and Doug Swanson. A total of 27 ballots were cast. Elected with a majority of the votes for

each office were: President, Dan Rowzie; Vice-President, Kevin Malony; Treasurer, Bonnie Catlett; Secretary, Linda Comontofski; Director for 2022-24 term, Paul Ruscito. Congratulations to the 2022 Region Officers, who will be officially installed at the Christmas Party on December 18.

MEMBER NEWS: [from page 3] -ting the side glass lined up. It's still not totally correct, but the door glass now lines up with the side glass. and the top can be put up or down with the windows up or down. While we were at it, we did the front end alignment (photo below). I hadn't driven it



much after new tires and a front end rebuild for the simple problem of not being able to take it somewhere for alignment cause the windows wouldn't go up to make locking the car possible. We used a home alignment system that we bought on line and have used successfully on other older cars. Next on this car is replacing a rusted out tail pipe and muffler, replacing a seal for the sending unit for the gas tank that's leaking, and then reinstalling the interior along with new carpet.

Another project to turn back to, is the tan Belvedere wagon. I took the seat frames





and bumper brackets to DK Coating in Inwood and had them blasted and powder coated. Now, finally, I can get the seat frames and the expensive OEM upholstery material from SMS Auto Fabrics, to the upholsterer, and get the seats done. Maybe, just maybe, I'll have both of these cars on the road next summer.

From Harry Newman: Harry reported that he attended the AMVET Veterans Appreciation Car Show/Cruise-In in Stephens City Nov. 7, probably the last of this season. He indicated that about 35 cars turned out. Harry provided a link to an online site with photos from the show. Several are included below. Unfortunately, the photographers weren't cited, so no

credits are given. The first photo below was labelled as the First Place winner. The red/black Pontiac convertible



(2nd Place) looks like the same one that was in the Nov. newsletter report on the Miller Crosspoint Trick or Trunk show.





Third place winner is above.

[see MEMBER NEWS, page 7]

REMEMBER WHEN?

Member Allen Bond III was surprised to see this photo of apple pickers 100 years ago in the Winchester Star recently. His grandfather, the first Allen Bond, is 2nd from left; his great-uncle, Howell Bond, is 2nd from right. Photo from Stew-



art Bell Archives, Handley Library. Orchard location unknown.







Shenandoah Region, AACA Cordially Invites You to Our Annual Christmas Party and Installation of 2022 Officers

When: Saturday, December 18, 2021

Where: West Oaks Farm Market & Event Venue

4305 Middle Rd, Winchester, VA 22602

Time: Cash Bar/Social Hour - 5:30-6:30 pm Buffet - 6:30 pm Installation & Program - 7:30 pm, followed by Door Prizes & Fellowship

(Door prizes include Packard Christmas Light-Up Sign, White House Christmas Ornaments, and Live Poinsettias)



Menu:

Roasted Chicken Quarters - Baked Ham
Tossed Salad - Mixed Seasonal Vegetables - Roasted New Potatoes
Apple Pie - Brownies - Coffee/Tea
Price: \$35 per Person

Reservations Required by Dec. 2 (see RSVP form below)

Advance Payment Requested

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 2, 2021.

Call Bonnie Catlett: (540) 869-6668, or e-mail her at catlettbd@gmail.com with the information below no later than Dec. 2. Bring this form to the Dec. 2 Membership Meeting with payment. Make checks payable to: Shenandoah Region, AACA.

Name	
Reserve	Dinners at \$35 per Person = Total Payment Due \$

If you don't see your size in stock, but wish to purchase club merchandise, Dave Conrad can place a new order once we reach a minimum quantity. Let him know what you need. Here's your chance to start your Christmas shopping!

CLUB MERCHANDISE



















IN STOCK

Jackets

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Hoodies

med 2 \$40.00

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Hats 415.00 summer/winter Contact Dave Conrad at meeting or...... cow47boy@yahoo.com

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REMEMBER WHEN?

Hard to believe it's been 30 years since Eric Kirk's 1926 Paige was on the Apple Blossom Meet plaque. It's still just as pretty — see the pic below from Eric's win as Best Orphan Car at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley show July 17, 2021. Wish we could all age as well as the Paige!

[photo by Jim Colville]





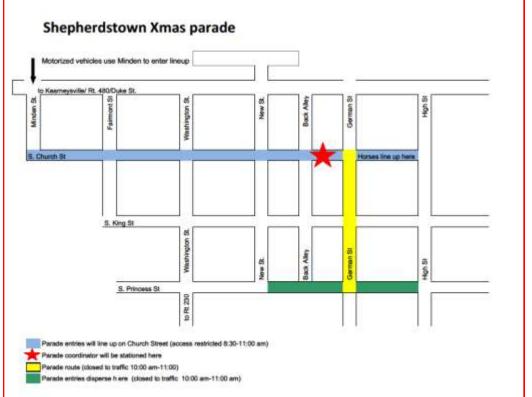
MEMBER NEWS: *[from page 4]* Here are more photos from the AMVET show Nov. 7. Harry Newman's red 1997 Subaru SVX, number 370 of 640 imported that year, is below.











Dear Shepherdstown Christmas parade participant:

Thanks for your willingness to be part of this year's Shepherdstown Christmas parade. This is always a fun, festive holiday event and we hope you will enjoy it! Following is some information about parade logistics. Please review it and let us know if you have any questions.

- The parade will be held on Saturday, December 4 no matter what the weather, even if it's snowing. We have held this
 parade in snowy conditions before and will do so again if need be.
- The parade will begin at 10:00 am sharp. It will proceed down German Street, starting at Church Street. It will end at Princess Street.
- The parade will form up on Church Street, south of German Street, starting around 8:30 am. Volunteers will be standing along Church Street to help you get to your place in the lineup.
- 4. If your parade entry includes a motorized vehicle, please enter the parade lineup at the south end of Church Street so your vehicle will be pointed north, toward German Street (take Duke Street to Minden Street, and go east on Minden one block to Church).
- Horses and horse-drawn vehicles should line up separately on the section of Church Street north of German Street, between German and High Street.
- In any case, once your group arrives, please have one person come to the corner of German and Church to check in with the Parade Coordinator. We need to know that you have arrived.
- 7. In the lineup and during the parade, please be prudent regarding Covid and follow whatever public health requirements or guidelines may be in effect on December 4. Masks should be considered. Groups should consider spreading themselves out more than usual, for social distancing.
- There are two toilets behind the Episcopal Church, off Church Street. Parade volunteers can direct people to them. If someone in your parade group needs to use toilet facilities, please point them to the church INSTEAD of sending them to shops and restaurants on German Street.
- If people in your parade group are arriving by car and need a place to park, the best place is the Shepherd University parking lot at the corner of High and Princess streets; the parade will end very close to that location.
- Once the parade starts down German Street, please try not to bunch up with other parade units; do your best to keep spacing between units.
- 11. Please remember that the show must go on: If a parade unit breaks down in front of you, please go around them.

Also please remember that everyone who is helping to organize this parade is a volunteer. We are doing our best to make this a great community experience. Please help us all stay in a holiday spirit as we celebrate our wonderful town of Shepherdstown!

See you December 4. If you have a question, please email shepherdstownparades@gmail.com and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Shepherdstown Christmas Parade Committee

SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV CHRISTMAS PARADE SATURDAY, DEC. 4, 2021 LINE-UP 8:30 AM—PARADE AT 10 AM

Rain or Shine (or Snow)

We have been invited to participate in this year's event. Per the email from the Rotary Club, pre-registration is not required. See map of the line-up and parade route. Details are below left.

From their email:

"Greetings! You've been kind enough in the past to inform your members whenever the town of Shepherdstown WV is hoping to recruit antique vehicles to participate in town parades. We hope you'll be willing to help us again.

Specifically, we'd appreciate it if you could announce that we'll be delighted to have your club's members partici-

pate in this year's Shepherdstown Christmas Parade, which will be held on Saturday, December 4, starting at 10:00 a.m.

The parade is sponsored by the Shepherdstown Rotary Club. The goal is to help mark the Christmas season with a festive community event.

If any club members would rather skip the whole registration thing and just show up the morning of the 4th if the weather is favorable and the spirit moves them, we'll be happy to fit them in on the spot. Note that NO ALCOHOL is permitted, and THROWING CANDY TO PARADE CROWDS IS PROHIBITED BY THE TOWN OF SHEPHERDSTOWN.

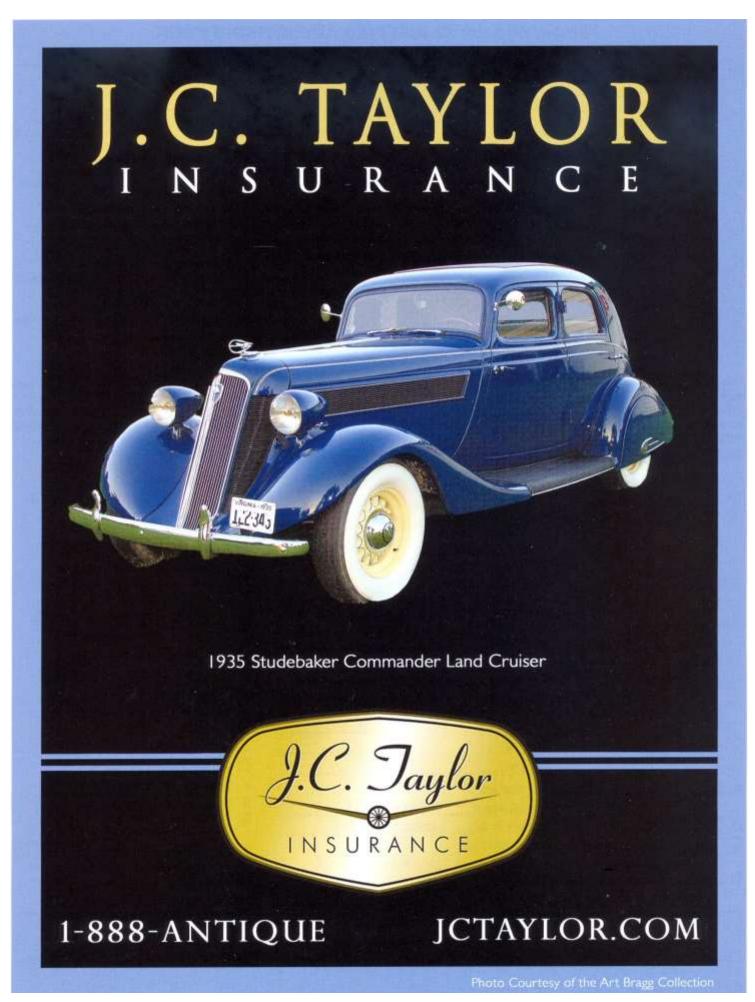
If anyone has any questions, they can contact us anytime at shepherdstownparades

@gmail.com

or 304-876-1139.

Thanks,

Peter Smith, for the Shepherdstown Rotary Club"





MARKETPLACE



Free Gas, at Interstate Liberty. Rte. 7 at I-81. Pump 2.

FOR SALE – VA Vintage Tags – Tom Rissler (540) 662-9020

FOR SALE — 1928 4 cylinder, Chevy National, 2dr coach, 56,000 miles. Yellow body with black fenders. Engine, trans-mission, and brakes rebuilt within last 4 years. New tires. Original top. Runs and drives great. Project car. Needs new wood and wiring. Comes w/ extra parts. \$7,000. Call Doug Swanson (540) 636-4558.

FOR SALE: Corvette: 2007 with 100,000 miles, Triumph: TR6, 1972 with 70,000 miles. Call Von Brinker 540-336-3151.

FOR SALE: 1962 Biscayne 2-door post car, many extra parts , 6 cyl car but have extra 283 or 327 motors 3speed trans. \$4,000. Call Bo Weddle, 540-323-2858

FOR SALE—REDUCED PRICE: 4 new Firestone tires, (2) 700x16 and (2) 600x16, mounted on 1935 Ford wire wheels. \$800 or best offer. Call Ben Dyer 540-550-7073

FOR SALE: 1932 Chevy rumble seat Coupe with spare in each front fender. Green with black

FOR SALE — Now Available, 93 Octane Ethanol fenders. \$17,000. Located west of Clearbrook, Free Gas, at Interstate Liberty. Rte. 7 at I-81. VA. Mrs. Wright, 540-312-3995

FOR SALE: 1923 Ford Coupe \$10,000; 1923 Ford Delivery \$5,500; 1929 Durant \$5000; 1927 Meteor Hearse \$7000; 1930 REO Sedan \$5000; 1947 Desoto \$3000 OBO: Located in Tappahannock, VA. Pat Bacon, cell 804-296-

FOR SALE: 1956 Mercury Montclair, 312 V8 Automatic, 2-door Hardtop, blue & white. Asking \$9500. Jim Stup 540-465-5066

FOR SALE: Due to failing health, I am selling all my mechanics tools (SNAP-ON). Chest & roll cabinet 33 W x 18 D x 56 H. One box is completely full and then some. Also have 34-pc 3/4 drive socket set w/box, 60-pc puller set w/ cabinet, floor jack, parts washer, (2) sets of 5ton jack stands, various other tools & equipment . Call Allen Bond III, 304-261-4080 or 304-876-6790.

FOR SALE: Over 800 books on antique trucks; also antique videos on DVD, magazines (Antique Truck, Vintage Truck, This Old Truck, Double Clutch, Old Time Trucks, Vintage Fire Truck, Cars & Parts, Early Ford V-8, AACA). Call Allen Bond III, 304-261-4080 or 304-876-6790 FOR SALE: 1972 Chevy Monte Carlo. All orig. 63,000 miles. Med blue w white top, fully equipped. Beautiful condition. \$22,500. Todd 540-667-0878

FOR SALE: 1957 Ford Thunderbird. Triple white. Body off frame restoration. 50k miles. 312 V8 automatic. Beautiful condition. Please call or text Dave Lewis at 540-247-3584 for details.

FOR SALE: 5 powder-coated gloss black vintage Chevy 6-lug wheels 15x5" with tires mounted & balanced with beauty rims; 4 are National XT5000 p206/75r15 with .006-.008 tread, 1 is Uniroyal Tiger Paw p215/70r15 with .005 tread . All 5 have tubes. \$1200 for all. Call or text Dave Conrad 540-550-4911

> **DEADLINE FOR** JAN NEWSLETTER **NOON DEC 27**

Send news, articles, and ads shenandoahregion@gmail.com

DON'T FORGET—TREAS. **BONNIE MUST HAVE** YOUR RSVP FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY NO LATER THAN DEC 2.

Advance payment requested.



Driving Directions to Round Hill UMC

2993 Northwestern Pike, Winchester, VA 22603

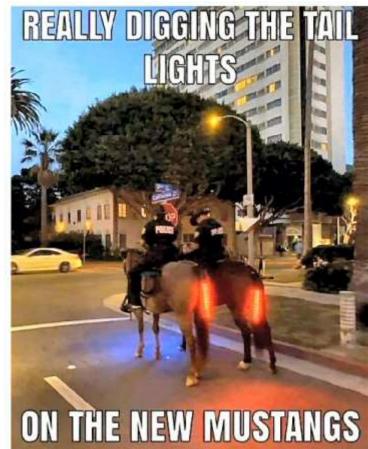
Starting just west of Winchester Medical Center, from the intersection of Route 37 and Route 50:

- > Drive west on Rt 50 (Northwestern Pike) for approx. 2 miles.
- > Shortly after crossing Nat'l Lutheran Blvd, turn left on Rt 654 (Poorhouse Road). There is a used car lot on the left as a landmark.
- > At 0.2 miles, turn right onto Rt 803 (Round Hill Road). Independent School of Winchester across 803 is a landmark at this intersection.
- > At 0.3 miles, turn right at the Church rear driveway (Trinity Lane) and drive uphill into the parking lot. There is a sign at the driveway entrance.

Fellowship Hall entry is at the bottom level, rear of the Church, off the parking lot (no stairs).

If you miss the Church rear driveway:

- > Continue on Route 803 until it curves uphill, meeting Rt. 50.
- > Turn right onto Route 50, driving east.
- > At 0.5 miles, turn right directly into the front driveway of the Church.
- > Proceed left around the building to the rear parking lot.



Girls Luv Cars [These are funny-looking Fords... you think this might be Photoshopped?]







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