



The Split Rim



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Calendar

- ◇ **January 1 — Happy New Year!**
- ◇ **January 7 — Membership Meeting — CANCELLED**
- ◇ **January 17 — Deadline** for FEBRUARY newsletter
- ◇ **January 21 — Board Meeting, 7PM Round Hill UMC**
- ◇ **February 4 — Membership Meeting TBD**
- ◇ **April 15-16 — AACA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA**
- ◇ **May 8 — Apple Blossom Car Show, Jim Barnett Park**

President's Column

Hello, everybody -

You certainly do not need to be reminded that 2020 has been a difficult year. COVID-19 has pulled the rug out from whatever is normal for any of us, and we have had to say goodbye to some dear friends and loved ones — sometimes because of the pandemic. As a car club, we have had to forgo some much anticipated pleasures — membership meetings, the Apple Blossom Car Show, fun runs, and the Christmas Party — all for the common good.

But there is a second big reason, besides the common good, why we cancelled some of our favorite large-crowd events this year. That second big reason is to keep ourselves healthy so that we are ready to get moving again when things get better. And they will get better! There is reason to hope! The new COVID-19 vaccine is showing great promise.

Spring is coming —I received my first seed catalog a couple of days ago — and we have every reason to expect that the current spike in COVID-19 cases will fade as Spring approaches.

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

- 3 Bonnie Catlett
- 7 Tom Rissler
- 9 Larry Hubert
- 10 Dickie Wolfe
- 12 Ryan Weddle
- 24 Ben Dyer
- 27 Jan Smith
- 28 Van Armstrong
- 29 Lisa Cadwallader

JANUARY 7 MEMBERSHIP MEETING CANCELLED – BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD

Virginia is still under a maximum indoor gathering limit of 25 at “press time”. Therefore, the Board of Directors has voted to cancel the Membership Meeting previously scheduled for Jan. 7. The Board Meeting (typically less than 10 attendees) IS scheduled to be held, however, on Jan. 21 at 7pm, Round Hill UMC Fellowship Hall.

Until we can all gather in larger groups again, please keep in touch with other members, whether by phone, text, or email, to check on their well-being, and also please let Secretary Linda know how you all

are doing — she will be happy to share news via email blast to those with internet and in the newsletter. Email: shenandoahregion@gmail.com

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General Meeting
January 7 — 7:00 pm
CANCELLED
Be Well!



Newsletter Deadlines

The regular deadline for submission of newsletter articles, want ads, photos, etc. is no later than the Monday immediately following each Board meeting. However, the final deadline for the FEBRUARY, 2021 newsletter will be Monday, January 17. **Submitting sooner, when you can, always is better!** Thanks for your prompt submissions!

MEETINGS

Remember, the General Meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 7 at 7:00 PM is cancelled.

The January 21 Board Meeting will be held at Round Hill UMC at 7PM.

DISAPPEARING BUSINESS CARD ADS

You may have noticed that we are gradually dropping the business card ads from the newsletters. The ads helped to offset our newsletter expenses; however, due to COVID-19, most small businesses are struggling. The Board of Directors felt that we could best thank our advertisers for their past support of our Club by NOT asking them for donations at this time.

Therefore, the Board voted to allow the existing business card ads to expire without soliciting the small businesses for renewal for another year. In January, we will revisit the issue. Hope this answers your questions, if any.

Bulletin BOARD

FOR SALE— 1977 FORD F150 4x4 351M 5000 miles new motor 4 speed detroit lockers on front and rear new interior 5000 or best offer call Richie at (540) 454-1613.

FOR SALE— 1933 Chevrolet Eagle 4 door sedan - restored 1975. 65 horsepower 194 Cu. In. 6 cylinder engine Comes with extra parts. Black body, cream wheels. Tan mohair inside. \$10,000. Chuck Kelley (301)518-0560.

FOR SALE — Now Available, 93 Octane Ethanol Free Gas, at Interstate Liberty. Rte. 7 at I-81. Pump 2.

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

FOR SALE— 1969 Convertible Triumph TR6, VERY good condition. Burgundy exterior, black leather convertible top, black leather interior with wood grain dash One owner, garage kept. 38,260 miles, original spare tire and tool set. \$20,000. For info., call 304-538-6264 or graybarn77@msn.com for pictures.

FOR SALE — 1928 4 cylinder, Chevy National, 2dr coach, 56,000 miles. Yellow body with black fenders. Engine, transmission, 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 — 1929 Model "A" Ford deluxe rumble seat coupe. Less than 300 miles on the 10 year old restoration. Vagabond Green with black fenders. Asking \$13,200. Contact Bob, 540-247-8634 or bengle1917@gmail.com

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

New Ad — 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

New Ad — FOR SALE: 1939 Ford Tudor, new 302, new T-5, new 9" rear end, new brakes, new radiator, new instruments, new tires & wheels. Runs great. \$28,000. Call Ben Dyer, 540-550-7073

New Ad — FOR SALE: Ford parts, (2) flathead engines, 302 89 Mustang engine, (2) S-10 trans, lots of old Ford parts. Call Ben, 540-550-7073.

ANY CHANGES TO REPORT?

Um, we're not referring to those few pounds you may have gained while staying home and snacking during the lockdowns...But if you had a change to mailing address, email, or phone number since the 2020 roster was published (March 2020), please let Secretary Linda know ASAP. She will start working on a 2021 Roster soon. Send her a note at 1501 W. King St., Martinsburg, WV 25401 or email your changes to shenandoahregion@gmail.com.

The News from Home . . .

Below are the responses I received from my query to the members as to what they've been doing to pass the time since our November newsletter. There is a wide variety of activities and projects and photos -- hope you enjoy them as much as I did ! Love to hear your voices !

Linda C.

From Harry & Ruth Newman

Linda,

Thanks for trying to keep up with us during these trying times. Two members of my Ruritan club have been infected with COVID along with a number of other friends. Serious business.

Still doing a lot of reading. Additionally, I am still working on that autobiography — over 270 pages at this point. I was also asked to join the board of directors of a Veterans group — the National Army Security Agency Association. Big item on the agenda is still to get an ASA Monument at Arlington National Cemetery.

I clean up the old SVX regularly and get the Red Baron out on the road some. Like us old folks, if we are just sitting around, things begin to freeze up ...



Bought a new car, a 2021 Mazda CX-5, TURBO. Has 250 hp and 320 lbs ft of torque. Really enjoying it.

Annual yard work, of course. Never seems to end.

Missing our meetings and the members. Hope everyone is staying safe and healthy and will have a Wonderful Holiday Season!

Harry

From Jack & Marguerite Fischer

Hi Linda,

We are well. With an uptick in covid cases we have been staying home more. I drive Jack crazy with the handwashing and mask wearing.

We did not travel for our annual Fischer Thanksgiving in Chesapeake, VA where the whole family gets together once a year. We miss seeing our family and friends who are spread all over the east coast.

I keep busy with cooking, reading, watching tv, going to the grocery or pharmacy. We talk on the

phone and Face-Time and text to keep in touch with everyone. We are done organizing as everything has been organized. Now we just have to keep it organized.

Jack is trying his hand at painting. He's painted 55 drawings since October. I attached one of my favorites, "Marg at Work".



I have decorated the house for Christmas which cheers me up and mailed my Christmas cards. Jack will be having sinus surgery next week at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore so we have been busy with doctor appointments to clear him and driving into Baltimore. He should be recovered just in time for Christmas.

Hope everyone is well and stays healthy. We can't wait to see everyone again.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all!

Marguerite & Jack Fischer

IN SYMPATHY

Shenandoah Region extends its sincere condolences to Jeff and Vickie Smulovitz in the loss of Jeff's sister, Barbara Clifford, age 64, of Renfrew, PA. She passed away December 1 from complications of COVID-19 after a month-long struggle in the

ICU.

Her underlying health issues prevented her from being able to recover from this awful disease.

Please keep Jeff, Vickie, and their family in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

From Dickie & Sally Wolfe

Dear Linda and club members,

This has been an extremely long year for us as today is the anniversary of Dickie's back surgery scheduled. We progressed with his first
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President

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Round Hill Church is continuing to extend hospitality to us when it is safe to meet, and they have invited us to use the new pavilion they are building on the church grounds, for our meetings and special events.

On a personal note, my granddaughter has given me a wonderful Route 66 face mask which I plan to use often as long as it is needed, but at the same time looking forward to retiring it when it is possible to show my antique cars again.

But that will not be the end of the face mask. I plan to display it in the garage where I keep the Golden Hawk — as a cherished

memento!

I am looking forward to seeing all of you sometime next year. Right now, I don't know when that will be.

Neither does your Board. But your Board, too, is tired of the pandemic and is ready to invite everybody together again in some kind of activity, when it is safe to do so. Have a blessed Holiday season, even if the festivities are a bit smaller than usual or more "virtual". One special hope for this particular Holiday season is that the "virtual" will soon start to become less virtual.

— Peter

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neck surgery In January followed with loss of arm use for 3 months, then July two front & back lower back surgeries. Lost use of legs for 2 months. Dr said 6 months to heal.

As of yesterday the walls of his new man cave/coffee shop went up with my assistance. Ceiling going up today if he's up to it.



Still a few bad days but are thankful to be covid free so far. That's more scary than what we've been through.

We hope everyone has a safe holiday season and we'll see everyone once vaccinated!!

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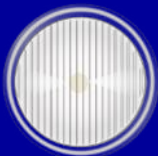
WELCOME BACK!

We are happy to report that former members George and Linda Glavis have re-joined the Region for 2021.

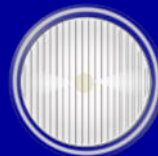
We look forward to seeing them again once we're meeting in groups again.

Please update your 2020 rosters to show :

George and Linda Glavis,
Front Royal, VA
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email: glavis@comcast.net



Imagine your ad here?



Sunshine Report

- ♥ **Sunshine chairmen David and Sharon Lewis reported sending cards to Jeff and Vickie Smulovitz in the loss of Jeff's sister, and to Jack Fischer who is having sinus surgery at Johns Hopkins the week before Christmas. Please keep Jeff and Vickie, and Jack and Marg in your thoughts and prayers for healing.**
- ♥ **On a happy note, Chip and Nancy Rohr are excited to announce the birth of their first grandchild, a grandson born Nov. 30 to their daughter Ginger and her husband. The baby is Renn Conner Acosta (Renn, after Chip's late brother, and Conner, Chip's mother's family name) -- congratulations to the parents and ecstatic grandparents!**
- ♥ **Please let Secretary Linda Comontofski or the Lewises know if you hear of anyone who would appreciate a card to let them know they're in our thoughts. Phone and email addresses are on the last page of the newsletter.**



♥ **Stay healthy and safe, everyone !**

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Coffee & donuts celebration then!!

Virtually Hugs
Dickie and Sally Wolfe

From Mark & Carolyn Dinsmore

Hi Linda,

A big HI to everyone I haven't seen in months. Carolyn and I are doing well. No covid thus far. My daughter and her fiancé got it and quarantined for two weeks until they were over it.

I helped Barry's brother Kevin weed out the Pontiac stuff and got it organized to sell next summer.

I keep plugging away at my Can Am project. Body work is done. Refinishing all the suspension parts and axle. Stripped and painted the front frame. Reassembled painted suspension and installed new



brakes. The underside of the body is cleaned and primed ready for black paint, then I can put the rear axle back in.

I have also been a general contractor the last two months getting a pizza shop ready to open! My daughter and her fiancé bought an Anthony's pizza in north Martinsburg on Route 11. It will be called Josetty's Pizza. That's all that's new here. Some pics to follow.

Mark

From Jeff & Vickie Smulovitz

Linda,

I don't know if Dave or Sharon may have contacted you to let you know that my sister Barb has passed away. She contracted COVID-19 and was in ICU on all types of
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REMINDER - 2021 DUES (Nag, Nag, Nag)

Please note that 2021 dues were payable **before Jan. 1**. If your dues are unpaid by the end of February, the Bylaws direct that you must be dropped from the Club, but we don't want to say good-bye to friends! Don't miss out on future Club activities, newsletters, email updates, and the annual roster! Here's what to do:

(1) **Pay your AACA National dues for 2021**. You can phone AACA with credit card info at (717) 534-1910, or renew online at www.aaca.org.



(2) **Send your Region dues (\$20) to Treasurer Bonnie Catlett**. Make check/money order payable to: Shenandoah Region, AACA. Bonnie's address = 5601 Mid-

dle Road, Winchester, VA 22602.

NOTE: Don't wait to pay your Region dues until you get your AACA membership card in the mail. Secretary Linda will verify your AACA 2021 membership online in January, when AACA posts for the new year, and she will let Bonnie know your AACA dues were paid.

Please get around to it TODAY, and If you have already paid your AACA and Region dues for 2021 – THANK YOU !!

J.C. TAYLOR

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support equipment for the month of November. Her underlying health issues prevented her from being able to recover from this awful disease.

Not to woe is me but our youngest daughter Kristen tested positive the other day. She has been mentoring a medical student and that person was in direct contact with someone outside of the medical school system. Hopefully her youthful age will be an advantage to a speedy recovery. She is the third member

in our family to have contracted this terrible disease. Other than that Vickie and I are doing pretty good. We had a Thanksgiving dinner of 2.

No family gathering this year and Christmas looks like it will be very similar. We missed seeing everyone at this year's banquet and wish everyone a very MERRY CHRISTMAS ☩ AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Let us all remember what the true meaning of CHRISTMAS is.

From Bob & Nita Bearer

Hi Linda.

Nita and I have been doing well during these trying times. Did 3 weeks in Daytona Beach last of October-first of November. Lots of beach time and take-out or-delivery for food.

Both cars in storage for winter. Have been meeting with several car people at Royalicious, 0-60, or Chris's new place by Martins in Stephens City on Saturday mornings around 9:30am.

Miss everyone and our meetings. Merry Christmas to all and stay safe.

Bob and Nita Bearer

From Gene Ramey & Judy Powell

Thanks Linda and everyone for the stories and pictures. We miss all of you! Judy and I are laying low and doing well so far.

Gene

From Kenny & Penny Allen

Hello Friends,

We're keeping busy with limited social visits with some of our neighbors.

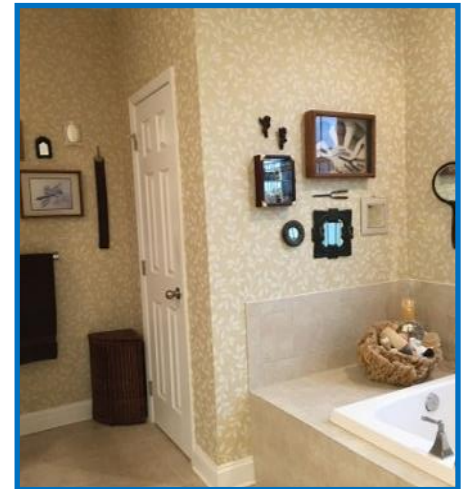
I had a stripe painted on my GTO.



Just the other day we baked up a bunch of holiday cakes we give out to neighbors each year and I also made some buckeyes for a few special afterthoughts.



Penny even got some wallpaper online and papered our bathroom.



We didn't decorate as much for Christmas this year as we're sure none of the family is coming.

We're blessed with good health and energy and



wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Kenny and Penny Allen
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From Jim Colville

A little bummed that the car shows and cruise-ins are now definitely over for our area. Normally about this time, I would be preparing to head to Florida to visit family for the holidays. But this year, I opted to stay home due to Covid.

When I go to Florida for the holidays, I typically try to attend one Saturday night cruise in at Olde Towne Kissimmee, and if I can time the trip right, to include the third Saturday of the month, the incredible once a month cruise in at The Villages as well.

This year, that won't be happening.

My buddy David, still has his brother's Mustang on the lift in my garage. His plans for a quick cut out rust and weld in new metal on each rear wheel well turned into a bigger job than he had hoped.

The factory used expanding foam inside the quarters where they attached to the wheel house. Moisture trapped between the foam and the sheet metal is actually what appears to have caused the rust.

Turned out he had to cut away more metal than he had hoped, just to be able to get to the foam and pull it out since he can't weld through the foam without likely torching his brother's car.

I suggested spraying the foam with Brake-Kleen, knowing the product tends to melt some kinds of plastic. But David pointed out that Brake-Kleen can create lethal toxic fumes if even a trace of it remains on the metal when he welds.

Turns out David has plans for his future that doesn't include dying at a young age, so he was reluctant to try my suggestion.

Meanwhile, He has dragged his 64 Galaxie parts car into the middle of the driveway to disassemble it. Still needs to cut the roof off

to use on his 390-4 speed car.

I actually try to use my ugly 1996 POS pick up truck to screen the view of the POS Ford parts car from the neighbors.



If any of the neighbors complain to the HOA, the parts car will either need to go away immediately, or a much nicer old car will be evicted from the garage to make space for the junk car.

Trying to keep busy, I built a not quite yet complete HO scale (1/87 scale) diorama. It's a bit large for its purpose of being a display for an HO scale Chrysler Corporation branded HO scale train. (See photos on page 9.)

Basically it's set up as "sixty years ago today" in a somewhat warmer climate.

For an idea of the scale, a Hot Wheels car at 1/64 scale is typically 3" to 3 1/2" long. A 1/87 scale auto is typically 2" to 2 1/2" long.

Hoping I'll have more car stuff to report next month.

Merry Christmas to everyone!

Jim Colville

From Jim & Tami Tillery

Hi Linda and Everyone from the Tillery's.

All things quiet at our house. We are doing well. Tami and I have been working a lot in the yard and garden, prepping for winter. Also put the lawn-mower to bed and woke up the snow blower. Might

need that snow blower pretty soon, Seeing the kids and grandkids occasionally but not as much as we wish. Face Time is a good standby but not nearly as good as in person.

Spending some time working on the 55 Plymouth (Scarlet). Had some cooling problems and carburetor issues but those are getting worked out. Thanks to Kenny Harper for a few tricks in the fuel area.

Haven't seen any members for months so looking to when we can get back together again. In the meantime I hope all stays healthy and happy.

A very Merry Christmas to all and an equally happy, safe and blessed New Year.

Jim

From Doug Swanson

Hey, Linda.

I trust all is well. I've been quiet for all these "how are you doing" requests, so here is a breakdown for the year.

Like everyone else, The National Archives Museum locked down in mid-March, so I've been teleworking ever since.

Over the summer, I spent just about every weekend at my sister's cabin on Lake Anna. On the odd weekend, I started stripping and refinishing the interior doors in my house. After 80 odd years, they really needed it. At this time, I only have three closet doors remaining.

In August, my sister and I went to a family funeral in Minnesota. The last male member of our family from the WWII/Korean War generation passed away of old age, and covid was not going to keep us from paying our respects.

However, even with maintaining all the covid protocols, we both managed to contract covid on the

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return to DC. Fortunately, we did not spread it to anyone else. It was two weeks I don't wish to repeat.

Going into the fall, I was tasked at finding desks for my nephews as they needed them for their on-line college classes. I found a couple mid-century, knee hole desks, like the teachers used during the 1930s-40s. One needed a complete makeover, but I got it refinished in record time and then refinished an oak, kitchen cabinet.

I've had the Model A out for a few joy rides in the spring and fall. Naturally, our annual end-of-year holiday cruise was canceled, so we'll be staying in the area this year for the holidays.

Merry Christmas to the Shenandoah Region gang.

Doug

From Craig & Linda Comontofski

Craig spent some time in his workshop this month, troubleshooting Jim Tillery's 1964 Honda S90. He got it running (rode about a mile) but it still has petcock problems to be resolved, with the correct part hard to come by; the Honda is now winterized and stored until Spring.

Craig continues to ride either vintage or modern motorcycles several times a week, often solo, but sometimes with friends. Which bike gets chosen depends on how cool the weather may be, as his modern bikes have heated hand grips (and one has a heated seat, too – cozy!).

Last week he and a buddy put on cold-weather gear and rode from Martinsburg south into Virginia on back roads. They ended up at Shawnee Springs Market for a late lunch – and found member Larry Omph and his friend Frank stopped there as well, cruising in Frank's rod.

Larry said it was too chilly that day to take his own roadster out, but Frank's has a heater as well as a top, thus their choice of ride for the day.

From Cross Junction, Craig and bike pal rode out to Paw Paw and stopped in to see member Mike Witt's shop. Mike's got several jobs in progress plus his own projects;

er, so Craig and 2 bike pals rode their vintage Nortons east and north on back roads and made a big 5-hour loop thru Shepherdstown, Sharpsburg, Boonsboro, past Greenbrier State Park; late lunch in Wolfsville, MD at the general store; then southeast past Gambrill State Park to Frederick, MD; then west and south back to WV thru Harper's

Ferry and home. Linda had hot coffee waiting upon his return, as it was approaching dusk by then. She was happily content INSIDE each day, where it's always comfy and no helmet is required. Merry Christmas and Happy

Craig & Linda



he's a busy guy.

The next day was a little warm-

New Year to All !!

Colville diorama



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