

CHESAPEAKE BULLETIN



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Chesapeake Region AACAA Annual Banquet November 19, 2023

Over 100 members of the Chesapeake Region attended the annual banquet at Friendly Farms Restaurant. The fellowship and holiday spirit was certainly present.

Thank you to all who brought chocolate donations to our military stationed overseas.



Paula's President's Message

Hello Chesapeake Members!



Happy 2024! I hope that everyone had a fantastic holiday season filled with family and friends.

As we venture into a new year and car season, let us take the time to reflect and be thankful for what has led us to be here today and what all we accomplished as a club in 2023. Our membership grew leaps and bounds and I hope we will continue through 2024 with the same drive to invite new faces into the club.

In order to accomplish this task, I encourage you to bring your friends to join whether it be a general membership meeting or a car show in the area, all are welcome to join the fun of Chesapeake Region AACA! In addition, I am very grateful for our new board of directors who have stepped up for the upcoming year. I can't wait to work with each of you to accomplish great things.

With a new year also comes setting goals for the future. I would love to see more of your smiling faces at our Membership meetings, your presence and voice matter! Don't forget, the February and March meetings will be held on Saturday's at 1:30pm at the Divinity Lutheran Church. In case of inclement weather, we will follow the snow emergency rulings for Baltimore County. When in doubt, just give me a call. We have great things planned for 2024 so be sure to check out the Region Activities pages listed in the bulletin. 2024 is our year Chesapeake Region, we need you!

Paula Lynn Ruby



November 27, 2023 - Phoenix Bridge Reopening



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Officer Change Over Meeting - November 26th



Winter Blues....NOT YET!!!
Here's a project underway for the 2024 Season!



This 1969 Chevrolet Chevelle convertible was gifted to Gary Ruby, Jr. as a young high school driver from his mom and dad. This car has been near and dear to Gary and is now getting its turn for a full restoration. Driving the car on the trailer from the paint shop was like taking a newborn baby home from the hospital for the first time.

Are you working on a project and you want to share? Send in your article to Rachelle Bodvin at chesapeakeeditor@gmail.com

Chesapeake President aka Parade Star



The Miracle on Main Street parade was held in Westminster, MD on November 25, 2023. This is always a smaller parade but lots of fun as the floats/cars all decorate with holiday lights and wave to all the spectators. This year was on the warmer side and was very well attended by the community. Paula escorted our student member, Elizabeth, as the reigning US American Miss Northern States Teen 2023-2024.

Steve Clark and his 1972 Cadillac Eldorado

During 2023, my car a 1972 Cotillion White Cadillac Eldorado has become so popular that twice it has been chosen to pose at local events.

Most recently in November 2023:

In October 2023, I was contacted because Echo Stage in Washington DC was looking for a magenta, pink or white classic Cadillac for an event on November 2, 2023. Thank-you Vince Taliano for informing me of this opportunity. I immediately sent a picture of my white 1972 Cadillac Eldorado, and they replied that they wanted my car for the event. And they paid me nicely. On November 2nd I drove up from Baltimore and drove it to the venue, parked it in front of Echo Stage, and my good friend Susan took me away to let the car be alone in its glory. I inquired as to who was performing as I was curious as to who wanted my car there. I was told by the event coordinator that it was top secret, and she could not divulge. That made me even more curious. I did a little googling and discovered that A-Trak, a Canadian DJ (Alain MacLovitch) turntablist and record producer was going to be at Echo Stage. I'm not familiar with his music but saw that the Echo Stage venue has lots of lights and lasers. The coordinator took a picture and the billboard read: "PACBIO Sold Out". Thank-you to the Lyft driver Leslie that brought me back to my car at the end of the event after midnight. Lyft was a lifesaver. I did not get to see the "sold out" show but was excited that my car was selected and well poised and liked.

Since I was already in the Washington DC and Silver Spring, Maryland area I decided to stay and attend the Aspen Hill Shopping Center Car Show on Saturday, November 4th. I had heard that Charles Phoenix (Joyride) was going to be a guest of the Potomac Region Cadillac LaSalle Club (CLC) at this car show, and I really wanted to meet Charles Phoenix, as I follow him on Facebook. Several CLC members and their Cadillacs were well represented at the show. I had a wonderful time conversing with the CLC members and numerous car show spectators. I finally did get to meet and talk with Charles Phoenix and even though my 1972 Cadillac is too new for his Joyride, he took time to personally view my car, and I let him sit in the driver's seat. He had many nice comments about my car's original interior, dashboard, steering wheel, and made my day!

Echo Stage was the second time this year that my Cadillac Eldorado was poised as a feature for an event.

Earlier this year--on August 26, 2023, my 1972 white Cadillac Eldorado fit the bill for the Island Spice Grill's (Jamaican restaurant in Edgewood, MD) 9th Anniversary Celebration. Their requirement for this event was a white classic car, and my car delivered! Many attendees took pictures with the car. I had a great time at the event, which had delicious Jamaican food, drinks, music and entertainment.

Since owning the car for almost two years this was my first opportunity to showcase my car and get paid handsomely.

After my car being a star at Island Spice Grill, then Echo Stage in Washington DC, and having Charles Phoenix sit in my driver's seat, whats next?

Life with my Cadillac is beyond great!



Cool Kids Parade

December 9, 2023



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It was a foggy damp morning but several Chesapeake AACA Club members gathered for a very special parade sponsored by the Cool Kid Campaign. Patty Douglas, one of the volunteers, contacted Kenny Stevenson looking for a couple of convertibles for their short parade. They needed the convertibles to carry some princesses, the Oriole Bird and Poe from the Ravens. Kenny and Sally Stevenson carried Poe in their 47 Ford convertible, Tom and Judy Dawson carried the Oriole Bird in their 85 Buick Rivera Convertible, Paula Ruby had the honor of driving Cinderella and Ariel in her 2011 Mustang convertible and finally Gary and Vicky Wilmer drove Belle and Elsa in our 63 Pontiac Bonneville. TW and Jeannette Scott in their beautifully decorated Model A station wagon joined our merry group as we drove through the neighborhood of Ruxton Crossing to the Cool Kids Clubhouse. Along the route were neighborhood children and as we neared the Clubhouse there were many families and children from the Clubhouse. They were so excited to see the cars and their special passengers. In the parade were many service dogs and their owners dressed in their finest Christmas outfits as well as some motorcyclists with their bikes decorated for Christmas. The Towson University cheerleaders as well as Catholic High band were also a part of the parade. At the very end of the parade was none other than Santa on a firetruck all the way from the North Pole.

Once we arrived at the Clubhouse the families and participants were treated to hot chocolate and goodies as well as lots of activities for the children. It was great to be part of this special day!

The Cool Kid Campaign is an organization whose mission is to work to improve the quality of life for pediatric oncology patients, survivors, and their families by focusing on the academic, social, and emotional needs brought on by a cancer diagnosis. In 2011 they open their first Clubhouse in Towson where children and their families can come for fun activities and get support they need. They opened a second Clubhouse in Charlotte, NC in 2020. They hope to open another Clubhouse soon in Nashville, TN. This organization reaches out to the family once their child is diagnosed with cancer to offer services. They offer a special care package of the child's favorite things as well as gifts for their siblings. They provide a variety of activities for families such as movie nights, crafts nights, holiday celebrations, game nights, etc. They also provide tutorial services, psychological support, parental support, and emotional support for the entire family.



Region Activities 2024

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location
January 2024				
1/13**	Sat	1:30 p.m.	General Membership Meeting Date Change due to Snow	Divinity Lutheran Church
1/19- 1/21	Fri-Sun	Daily	AutoMania Indoor Swap Meet	Allentown Fairgrounds, PA
February 2024				
2/3	Sat	1:30 p.m.	General Membership Meeting	Divinity Lutheran Church
2/8- 2/10	Thu- Sat	Daily	AACA Annual Convention	Chantilly, VA
2/9- 2/11	Fri-Sun	Daily	Atlantic City Classic Car Show and Auction	Atlantic City, NJ
2/10	Sat	11am- 3pm	Winter Beater Cruise (Ugliest Cars)	Shrewsbury Farm Mkt
2/17- 2/18	Sat-Sun	Daily	Motorarama: Car, Truck, Bike Show	PA Farm Complex Harrisburg, PA
2/17	Sat	9am- 11am	Car Show and Cruise All Club Breakfast	Bel Air Moose Forest Hill, MD



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March 2024				
3/2	Sat	1:30 p.m.	General Membership Meeting	Divinity Lutheran Church
3/2	Sat	8am- 11am	Kent Island Cruisers All Club Breakfast	Kent Island Fire House
3/3	Sun	7am- 2pm	AACA Ontelaunee Region Swap Meet	Hamburg, PA
3/9	Sat	All Day	CRAACA Collector Car Swap Meet	Howard County Fairgrounds
3/10	Sun	2:00 p.m.	St. Patrick's Day Parade	Baltimore
3/22-3/23	Fri-Sat	8am-3pm	ACCA Sugarloaf Region Swap Meet	Carroll City AG Center
3/23-3/24	Sat-Sun	Daily	Mid Atlantic Indoor Car and Bike Show	Philadelphia Expo Center



Tech Talk...with Phil Hack

Tech Talk is Dedicated to Gary Ruby, Sr.

With each new year, we antique car collectors get one year older. Antique cars get one year newer. With the advent of 2024, a 1999 car is now eligible for AACA judging. Hey, you say! That's just a late model used car! Well, yeah. What inevitably must advance with this, is our knowledge of how to repair and restore these "new-antique" automobiles. Our 2016 Ford Explorer, while still nowhere near "antique" age, recently required new rear brakes. Of course, they are disc type. Disc brakes provide many improvements over our old drum brake systems, not the least of which is ease of replacement. Remove a couple bolts on the caliper, slide out the pads, compress the brake piston, slide in new pads and reassemble. DONE! Well, not always. Rear brakes often contain an integrated mechanism inside the caliper for the emergency brake operation. Some, such as my Ford, have an internal rotary ratcheting jackscrew and springs. Stepping on the emergency brake pedal pulls the cable and activates the internal screw that pushes on the piston to grip the rotor.



When replacing worn pads, a problem arises when trying to compress the piston back into the caliper to make room for the new pads. Often, the piston can be pushed in with a large pair of channel-locks. Not so with my Ford. You must use a brake caliper compression tool (see pictures). The tool mounts on the caliper and acts as a screw press. The tool has two nubs on the face that interlock with two slots on the back of the piston. Turning the lever also turns the piston as it pushes it into the caliper. You cannot compress in this type of caliper piston without this tool. Believe me I tried. Also, the brake pads have a nub on the back side which must line up with the slots on the piston. Therefore, you must make sure that as you turn and compress the piston, you stop turning when the nub and slots line up. The piston does not rotate during normal braking. It only needs to rotate as you compress it back into the caliper. The compression tool comes with an assortment of interchangeable faces to fit different sizes of pistons. They can be purchased for about \$50, or they can be borrowed for free from most auto parts stores. Like it or not, old cars are getting newer and old guys are getting older. Some of the new technologies are interesting and learning about them certainly is good for our continued well-being.

Now, let's get out and find that first 1999 Grand National Winner!

Phil Hack

FOR SALE

Nothing listed for sale at this time!

MEMBERSHIP REMINDERS

Swap Meet volunteers - March 9th will be here before we know it. This is our annual swap meet and is an event that takes a lot of manpower.

Please reach out to Tom Young at tbirdtoms60@verizon.net if you can give an hour or two of your time to help at this event.

70th Anniversary - Please reach out to Paula Ruby at paulaspackard@hotmail.com with any ideas which you may have for celebrating the 70th anniversary of the club which will be in 2025.



Elected and Appointed Officers for 2024 (Elected Positions Make up the Executive Board of the Club with full voting rights)

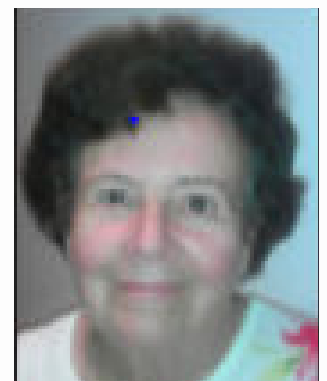
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SUNSHINE REPORT FROM MARGARET

I sent Get Well Cards to Tom and Judy Dawson, Bruce Knott, Gene Sauter, David Kelley, Linda Franklin and Buzz Diehl.

Another Big Congratulations to Margaret on winning the Maryland Senior Citizens Volunteer Hall of Fame Award.



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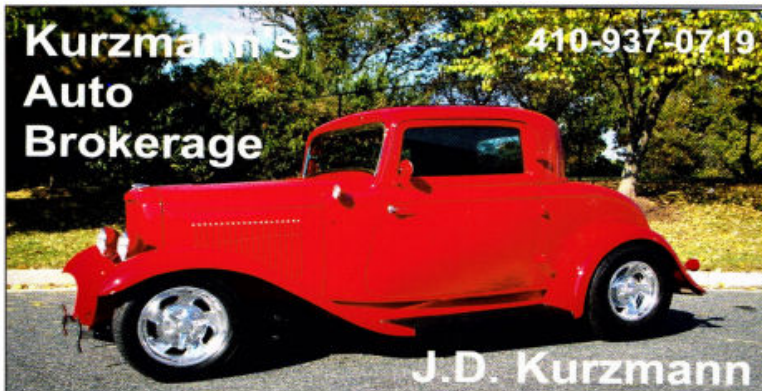
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