

CHESAPEAKE BULLETIN

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Chesapeake Region Members take on Chantilly, VA at the AACAA Annual National Convention!!!

A busy week for all those who were able to attend. The first day trip to the Smithsonian's Udvar-Hazy Air & Space Center kicked off the convention which was followed by luncheons, seminars, judging school and the trade show. Don't forget the caricature artist and our very own "Vegas Casino". Finally, the Convention ended on Saturday, February 10th with the National Awards Banquet.

Our student member, Elizabeth Bodvin, was awarded the John and Janet Ricketts Leadership Scholarship. Bill Wurzell won the editor newsletter award, Franklin Gage won the Faila Old Faithful Award and the Chesapeake Region won the I.C. Kirkham Membership Award for our increase in club membership!

What a night to SHINE!!!!!!



Paula's President's Message

Hello Chesapeake Members!



OH! Baby it's Cold Outside. Well not really. We've been getting above normal temperatures so far in 2024. Fingers crossed that March is just as kind to us.

We were finally able to have our first Board and Membership meeting and there was great attendance at each meeting. Both the Board and Membership meetings were held back to back on the same day and the Board brought important items to the general Membership to be discussed and voted upon. Be sure to check out the meeting minutes in the bulletin to see what you missed. Both of the meetings were very productive and we are looking to continue this same format for at least February, March, and possibly further into the year.

Looking back on the end of the 2023 Membership year, we continued to increase our number of new members. We had gone into the Harford County area where we welcomed 16 new members at one event. We look forward to continuing these opportunities to increase our membership in the Chesapeake Region AACA.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our next membership meeting at 1:30pm on Saturday, March 2nd at Divinity Church. Until then, be sure to take care of yourself in the winter days ahead. Stay warm!

Paula Lynn Ruby



Chesapeake AACA Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes, January 13, 2024

The monthly meeting of the Chesapeake Region of the AACA (Club or CRAACA) was held on January 13, 2024, at The Divinity Lutheran Church in Towson, MD. There were 27 members in attendance.

President: Paula called the meeting to order at 1:49 PM.

Secretary: No Prior Information Shared due to December break for holidays.

Treasurer: Lyndie provided Paula with her summary report. A motion to approve the report was made by: Mike Natalie and seconded by: Al Zimmerman. The motion passed and the report will be held for audit.

Vice President: No Report.

Membership/Facebook: Our current membership stands at 374 adults. 65 members have not returned renewal forms and 14 members confirmed they will not be renewing. New Members Michael Cooper and Marvin and Linda Thomas have been approved! Welcome to Chesapeake Region!! A motion to approve the report was made by Jack Treadwell and seconded by Tom Young. The Motion was passed.

Activities: Tom reported that activities are coming in now that the holidays are over and groups are putting out their flyers. January 20th a group will be assembling at the AACA museum in Hershey to discuss the Great Race Event which will come through Maryland on June 25th. The Holiday Banquet for next year at Friendly Farms has been set for Sunday, November 24th - Save the Date.

Luncheon for New Members will be held on March 3rd with doors opening at 1:00 p.m. and lunch at 1:30. Cost will be \$10.00 for new members and \$20.00 for existing members. All new members will be receiving formal invitations to attend. Existing members will receive a flyer. This will be held at Graystone and will be a Buffet meal with a cash bar. A motion to approve the club spending approximately \$2,000 on this membership luncheon was made by Al Zimmerman and seconded by Gary Wilmer.

Technical: Phil gave a brief report and demonstration of the brake caliper service kit that is needed when you have disk brakes tied to your emergency brake. The kit can be purchased at Harbor Freight for approximately \$25.00!

Chief Judge: No Report

Bulletin: January Bulletin is out on the website and will be emailed as an attachment moving forward each month as soon as it is ready to be published. The Bulletin will also be placed on the website for historical purposes. The website is having technical issues because of the AACA host page. They are aware of the issues at headquarters.

Website: The website is being updated as information is presented and Flyers for future events are ready.

Legislative: Actively watching

Director's Reports:

Gary: None

Tom - \$3,215 collected so far for the Swap Meet. 10 inside spaces; 16 barn spaces; 55 outdoor spaces; 4 car corral spaces and 7 waitlisted spaces are all received to date. Help is needed for Friday morning, March 8th marking spaces and Saturday morning, March 9th getting everyone in (BRING FLASHLIGHTS, it's still dark!)

Historian: No Report

Social Committee: Looking for fun events now that the holidays are done. Contact Judy with any details.

Sunshine: Cards sent to Bruce Knott, Buzz Diehl, Tom and Judy Dawson and Shelly Hack

Old Business: No Old Business

New Business: Vicki Wilmer made a **MOTION** to allocate \$500 to Bill Wurzel and \$500 to Paula Ruby to offset the costs of attending Convention in Chantilly, VA in February to accept awards. Seconded by Gary Wilmer. Passed.

Roundtable Discussion: Several new car shows were discussed and information has been placed into activities calendar. Keep the calendar handy as it's changing each month adding in new things.

*The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 PM, with a motion by Jack Treadwell, and seconded by Al Zimmerman.

Fondly,
Judy Dawson



Love is in the Air... Getting to Know Chip and Michelle Miller

Chip and Michelle were married on September 11, 1993 after meeting at a friends house as a blind date. Obviously, Chip said "I Love You" first. Growing up, Chip worked at his service station and Michelle worked at the local Mars grocery store.

Outside of the activities they do with Chesapeake Region, they love doing just about everything together whether it's running errands, small trips or even housework. They do really love to travel to the beach together and look forward to staying together until the Good Lord separates them.



A little help from Cupid joined Phil and Shelly Hack!!!

We may still be the newlyweds of Chesapeake Region. We married on September 3, 2016. We certainly were both into neat and interesting cars. Our first date was in May 2015. I became Activities Director for this club about that time and Director of Free State VCCA shortly thereafter. So, I came with club responsibilities and two collector cars: My '62 Corvair Rampside and '63 Thunderbird. On our first date, I picked her up in the T-bird. Shelly is still with me, but the bird left the nest last month.

Cars were not just my interest, but hers too. The first car I purchased myself was back in 1975. It was a 1961 Austin-Healey 3000! It was a bit rough, but it ran great, and I loved it. I decided to return to school in 1977 and the car had to go. Big Mistake. Her first car was a 1969 Impala with a 396 under the hood. That was replaced with a 1975 Corvette which she drove for 10 years and sold for more than she paid for it. After the Corvette came a Trans Am and two Z/28 Camaros! So, she's a car girl too. More important than cars, we both have strong family ties.

We have no biological children of our own, but we certainly have lots of children in our lives. I was widowed and brought with me a stepdaughter and two grandkids who reside in Nashville. We see them a couple times a year. My granddaughter lived with us during Covid while attending college remotely. Shelly brought with her a stepdaughter from a previous relationship, whom we call our own. She lived with us until she married. Shelly also has a goddaughter she has known since she was a year old. We visit her and her family a couple times a year in Florida. We are blessed to be able to call all of them "ours".

Our relationship began sort of surreptitiously. Unbeknownst to us, mutual friends were playing cupid, setting up situations that forced us together. Obviously, and by good fortune, it worked. I was working as an electrical engineering contractor after 30 years with Constellation Energy. Shelly worked in IT for over 36 years. Shortly after marrying, Shelly decided to join me in retirement after 26 years at the Social Security Administration. Life has certainly been wonderful for us. We built our dream house together along with a dream garage. We've traveled to Italy and Ireland and plan to travel more each year.

We're very fortunate to have a large circle of friends both within, and outside the car clubs. Our family, friends and car clubs keep us very busy!



Another moment of Cupid shooting his arrows - Gary and Vicky Wilmer

Gary and Vicky were married on April 2nd, 1994 after meeting on a blind date orchestrated by former CRAACA members Pam and Dick Alexander and Betty and Dick Fisher at Mealey's in New Market on March 5th, 1993. Vicky taught with Pam Alexander and they all had known Gary through CRAACA. Gary ended up saying "I love you" first and the rest is history.

Gary is a retired Postal Letter Carrier and Vicky taught elementary school for 11 years for Carroll County Public Schools and has been a preschool teacher for 21 years. Gary and Vicky love to go out to eat at different restaurants and their favorite place to travel is to Macungie and the Poconos area.

Their future plans include Vicky's retirement, playing with old cars and spending time with their family.



Our Newest Member of Chesapeake Region - Charlie Olivia Chaney

Scott and Lauren Chaney are proud to announce the arrival of Charlie Olivia Chaney. She made her appearance on Wednesday, January 31st, weighing 8lbs 9oz. and 21 inches long. God is so good!



Don't Miss Out - RSVP NOW! Membership Welcome Luncheon Sunday, March 3rd

You won't want to miss out on our first annual Membership Welcome Luncheon. It will be held Sunday, March 3rd at Greystone Golf Course. This is truly the luncheon just to celebrate your decision to join the Chesapeake Region AACA!! Please check your mail for further information. We are glad you are here and we are here to answer any questions you may have about the club and/or events to come.

Upcoming Shows at Shrewsbury Markets

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April 26	4 pm - 8 pm
May 24	4 pm - 8 pm
June 28	4 pm - 8 pm
July 26	4 pm - 8 pm
August 23	4 pm - 8 pm
September 27	4 pm - 8 pm
October 25	4 pm - 8 pm

There are NO Rain Dates

NO TRAILERS IN SHOW AREA

ALL VEHICLES
WELCOME

Dash Plaques
3 Trophies
50 / 50 DRAWING
Oldies Music
Good Food
\$2 DONATION

TOYS FOR THE KIDDIES

Saturday November 2
11 AM - 3 PM
Rain or Shine
\$10 or a new \$10 toy
Benefits Local Charity



Tech Talk...with Phil Hack

Tech Talk is Dedicated to Gary Ruby, Sr.

PICK YOUR PART

As our old cars keep getting newer, many of us are choosing to work on newer late model cars that may even be our daily drivers. Some of these parts are only available from dealerships and can be very expensive. Historically, "junkyards" could be pretty sketchy. Not necessarily so anymore. Locally, we used to have Crazy Ray's. If you ever had the "pleasure" of visiting one of their facilities, they were pretty "Crazy". Enough said. Recently, Michael Taylor and I were tapped to repair his sisters' taillight and rear wiper on her 2007 Jeep Grand Cherokee. Parts were only available at the dealership and were going to cost more than \$200. Ouch!

I checked and Crazy Rays has been purchased by a national chain Pick Your Parts (PYP). We went to the Edgewood location and were pleasantly surprised at the operation. Pay \$3 and walk in with your tools. The cars are all arranged by type: sedans, small SUVs, large SUVs, trucks, etc. You can even look up the car you want on your phone and get the aisle location. The vehicles were all safely set on jack stands made of rims. We Pick your part, return to the office and pay a reasonable price with 30-day money back guarantee. The folks there were helpful and courteous. They have locations in Baltimore, Edgewood, Hawkins Point and Mt Airy. We found 3 Cherokees with taillights intact. Pulled one, grabbed a few other small items and checked out. \$40.00. Not bad.

Phil Hack

HELP NEEDED FROM MEMBERSHIP!

The weekend of March 8, 9 and 10th is one that we need all hands on deck. Our needs are plentiful so please help where you feel you can even if it's just for an hour.

Friday, March 8th - We need help laying out the field beginning at 9:00 a.m. If you are available in any way, please contact Gary Wilmer at 443-340-7690 or Phil Hack at 410-292-3656.

Saturday, March 9th - General Parkers needed from 5:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. directing spectators.
Contact Al Zimmerman 443-470-0637

Vendor Parkers - Direct vendors to their spaces. PLEASE BRING A FLASHLIGHT.
Contact Tom Young 443-744-6338

FOOD HELP:

PLEASE CONTACT VICKY WILMER 443-340-7703) IF YOU CAN MAKE OR BRING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

SLOPPY JOE; BAKED GOODS (MUFFINS, COOKIES; BROWNIES; RICE KRISPIE TREATS, ETC.) SHOULD BE PLACED IN BAGGIES READY TO SELL.

FOOD SERVERS AND SELLERS FROM 6:00 A.M. - NOON INCLUDING CASHIERS

END THE WEEKEND AND RELAX AT THE St. Patrick's Day Parade - March 10th - If you are planning to participate in the St. Patrick's Day parade, please provide your contact information to Nick Prevas- highlandmd@yahoo.com

Save the Date

April 22, 2024

VAN TRIP TO...Swlgart Museum in Huntingdon, PA

Meeting at the Park N Ride at Route 83 and Route 439

Approximate Cost to attend \$20.00, space will be limited to the first paying individuals.

We will be departing at 8:30 a.m. and will return late afternoon

Contact Tom Dawson for more information at 410-688-8358

Region Activities 2024

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location
February 2024				
2/17- 2/18	Sat-Sun	Daily	Motorarama: Car, Truck, Bike Show	PA Farm Complex Harrisburg, PA
2/17	Sat	9am- 11am	Car Show & Cruise All Club Breakfast	Bel Air Moose Forest Hill, MD
2/25	Sun	1pm- 3pm	Free State VCCA Covered Dish Luncheon	Glyndon Methodist Church
March 2024				
3/2	Sat	8am- 11am	Kent Island Cruisers All Club Breakfast	Kent Island Fire House
3/2	Sat	1:30 p.m.	General Membership Meeting	Divinity Lutheran Church
3/3	Sun	1:00 p.m.	CRAACA New Member Luncheon	Greystone Golf Course
3/3	Sun	7am- 2pm	AACA Ontelaunee Region Swap Meet	Hamburg, PA

Region Activities 2024

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location
March 2024				
3/9	Sat	7am- 3pm	CRAACA Collector Car Swap Meet	Howard City Fairgrounds
3/10	Sun	12:30 p.m.	St. Patricks Parade- CRAACA Member Drive	Mt. Vernon Place
3/22- 3/23	Fri-Sat	8am- 3pm	AACA Sugarloaf Region Swap Meet	Carroll City AG Center
3/23-3/24	Sat-Sun	Daily	Mid Atlantic Indoor Car & Bike Show	Philadelphia Expo Center
April 2024				
4/4-4/6	Thu-Sat	8am- 3pm	AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals	Charlotte, NC
4/7	Sun	8am- 4pm	Classic Auto Mall Show Swap Meet	Morgantown, PA
4/8	Mon	7:00 p.m.	General Membership Meeting	Divinity Lutheran Church
4/13	Sat	9am- 12pm	Carroll County Rec & Parks 1st Annual Car Show	Carroll County AG Center
4/14	Sun	10am- 2:30pm	Mid Maryland Ford Car Show	Westminster, MD
4/20	Sun	10am- 4pm	Romancing the Chrome	Jarrettsville, MD
4/17-4/21	Wed-Sun	Daily	Spring Carlisle	Carlise, PA
4/20-4/21	Sat-Sun	Daily	Arcadia Steam Spring Crank Up	Arcadia, MD
4/27	Sat	10am- 12pm	Boy Scout Troup 328 Car Show	Timonium United Methodist
4/27	Sat	9am- 2pm	Treasured Motorcars Open House	Hanover- New Freedom, PA

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

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Director at Large	Gary Wilmer	wilmervicky@gmail.com	443-340-7690
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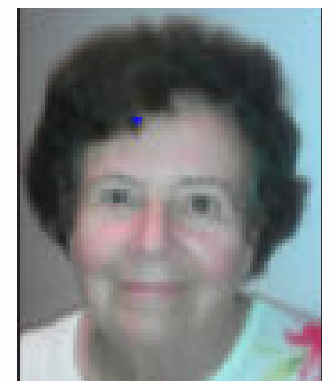
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SUNSHINE REPORT FROM MARGARET

I sent a Get Well Card to
Owen Garland.

Happy Valentine's Day to all
of the Chesapeake Members!!

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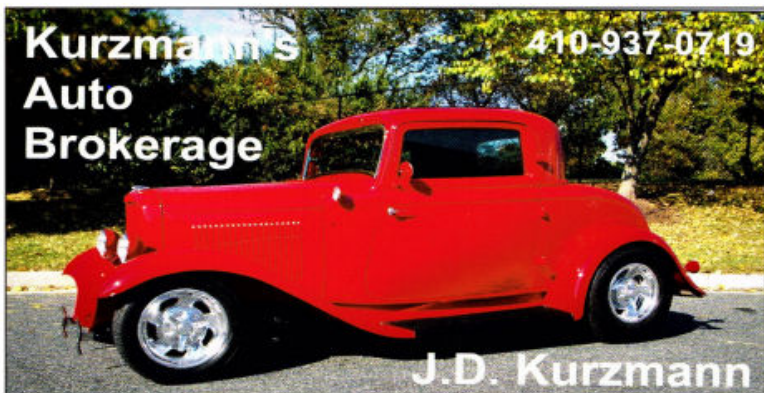
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