

CHESAPEAKE BULLETIN



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Rain, Rain, Go Away....

For the third year in a row, Mother Nature was not on our side for our annual Swap Meet. Despite the bad weather, all of those in attendance certainly made the best of things! Special thanks to Tom Young for organizing this event once again, making this his 25th year.



Chesapeake Region Swap Meet 2024



Paula's President's Message

Hello Chesapeake Members!



Happy Spring to Everyone! Now it the time to gear up for. all of the great events few have planned to participate in. As I stated last month, be sure to check your vehicles over before you start driving them. Give them a good checkup, tire pressure, oil change and check all of the belts and lights. The Flea Market for 2024 will go down in history as another year for bad weather. Mother Nature has not been kind to us in the past 3 years.

Unfortunately, a lot of our outside vendors did not show up and the foot traffic was very lean but despite that our loyal members got the job done. I would like to thank Tom Young for heading up the flea market for his 25th year. In addition and so I do not miss anyone, let me say thank you to everyone that helped with set up on Friday and Saturday as well as those that donated food and baked goods. Without everyone's help, this event would never be a success. The profits we earn at the flea market are a large part of how we subsidize events throughout the year for our members.

I would like to start gathering ideas from all of the membership regarding the 70th Anniversary celebration in 2025. It might sound like along way off but really it is not when you start planning events. I have heard from some members that they would like to do the boat trip again with the crab feast. I would like for us to do something special every month if possible. So put your thinking caps on and let's start planning for the tremendous milestone in the club's history. Come to a meeting and share your ideas.

Remember that our monthly membership meetings are now back to the 2nd Monday of the month in the evening at Divinity Lutheran Church starting at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

Paula Lynn Ruby



Chesapeake AACA Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes, April 8th, 2024

The monthly meeting of the Chesapeake Region of the AACA (Club or CRAACA) was held on April 8, 2024, at The Divinity Lutheran Church in Towson, MD. There were 18 members in attendance.

Welcome: President, Paula Ruby – Paula called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. She welcomed all members and guests.

Vice President's Report: Mark Stershic – Mark reported on two museums he visited on his recent vacation to Florida. He recommended:

- 1) Elliott Museum/ The Stewart Museum on Hutchins Island. They have lots of "old stuff" and 90 cars. Sterling Elliott was an inventor from the 1800's who held 125 patents.
- 2) Ideal Classic Car Dealership in Venice, Florida. Marc reports that Mary was very "tolerant" and did get some time on the beach!

Secretary's Report: Judy Dawson – Judy was absent due to illness. Motions and important items of business from the last Board Meeting were shared by Paula. She brought in The Kirkham Award, the National AACA Membership Development Award, to show the members. MOTION: To purchase a reconditioned AED Machine to have on hand for Club and Public events. Made by Tom Dawson, Seconded by Marc Stershic Passed with the vote of 19 members. (See New Business for further details.) Motion to approve: Al Zimmermann, Seconded by Henry Chaudron, Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Lyndie Vantine – Lyndie was absent. A total profit figure was announced for the March Flea Market. We were glad we were able to make a profit, despite the very poor weather. Tom is concerned that after three years of bad weather, our pre-registrations may take a hit next year. It was suggested that we re-invest money into a 7 month CD, yielding 4.5 APR. Motion to approve made by Marc Stershic, Seconded by Bill Wurzell. Passed.

Membership/Facebook Report: Vicky Wilmer – Our current membership stands at 336 adults, and 9 students, for a total of 345 members. New member presented: John Stathopoulos. Motion to accept: Tom Dawson, Seconded: Gary Wilmer. Passed Welcome, John!

Activities Report: Tom Dawson – Tom reported on upcoming activities as outlined in the CHESAPEAKE REGION ACTIVITIES FOR 2024 chart enclosed in this month's copy of the Bulletin. Of particular interest: Swigert Tour: We now have 21 people signed up for our tour of The Swigert Museum on April 22nd. Deadline to sign up is 4/15/24. The Club will pay for the bus rental and gas. Admission to the Museum and lunch will be on your own. Insurance rider received on 4/4/24.

Update on The Great Race: Paula, Judy and Tom met with John Classen in Gettysburg on April 2, 2024, to discuss our involvement. He said our duties would include being Greeters, Ambassadors, and parking cars as they arrive. Paula discussed the possibility of providing snack bags at departure, the next morning with fruit, water, snack bars, etc. We would need about 240 bags.

Paula reports that she sent an email to Dave Johnson at Howard County Fairgrounds re a new contract for our 2025 Swap Meet. She followed that with a registered letter, requesting to move the date back one week, making it fall just one week prior to Sugarloaf's Show in Carroll County. Tom suggested a new activity at Starlight Farm, a Lavender Farm in White Hall, MD. for 6/1/24. A festival is planned there for 6/15 and 16. Tom will research.

Technical Report: Phil Hack – Absent due to illness. No Report.

Chief Judge Report: Henry Chaudron – Henry is assembling the awards for The Fall Harvest Show.

Bulletin Report: Rachele Bodvin – Bulletin is on the way!

Website Report: Buzz Diehl – Absent No Report.

Legislative Report: Mike Natale – Absent No Report.

Director's Reports:

Gary Wilmer – Gary reported that the National Meet in Charlotte went well, but the show itself was, once again, disappointing.

Tom Young – Also attended the Charlotte Meet. His race car was certified and won its Grand National Award.

Historian Report: Chip Miller – No Report.

Social Committee Report: Judy Dawson – Absent due to illness. No Report.

Sunshine Report: Margaret Werneth – Absent. No Report. Cards being sent as requested.

Old Business: The Hagley Car Show is limiting registrations. Send in your registrations asap.

New Business: All contracts now need to be reviewed and signed by the President. Paula will research to see if that will require an amendment to our By-Laws. The Board voted on March 25th to purchase a reconditioned AED Machine to have available at all Club and Public events. It was voted on by 19 attending members. We paid no sales tax, and also got a 10% discount.

Roundtable Discussion: Our books have gone to Richard Boyd for audit and tax preparation.

50/50 Raffle: None tonight.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM with a motion by Tom Young and seconded by Michelle Miller. Passed.

Fondly,
Judy Dawson



Baltimore St. Patrick's Day Parade



Lou Fritz Estate Cars For Sale

1948 Willys Overland Jeepster	VJ-2 convertible 4 cyl.	68,997Mi.	\$16,500
1972 Mercedes 280se	Sedan	53,453 Mi.	6cyl. \$21,000
1931 Packard 833	convertible touring car	78,566 Mi.	\$125,000
1915 Paige Detroit	Model 6-46 Fairfield touring car	15,397Mi.	\$36,000
1931 Ford Model A Victoria		25,117 Mi.	\$22,500
1987 Chevrolet El Camino Conquista		51,869 miles	\$17,500
1955 Oldsmobile Holiday Super 88	4 door ht.	32,173mi.	\$17,750
1941 Ford Super Delux	4 door sedan		\$18,450
1988 Corvette	35th Anniversary Addition	110,700 Mi.	\$12,600
1959 Cushman Super Eagle	motorcycle		\$ 6,500

If interested in any of these cars please call Bill Franz (410-207-9110)

Message to the club from family of John Young

THE FAMILY OF
John Louis Young

acknowledges with deep appreciation
your kind expression of sympathy

Members of AAC A,
Thank you so much for
your thoughts and prayers
during this difficult time.
John's love of cars, with
his brother at his side,
was a big part of his life.
He would be so grateful that
others acknowledged his
enjoyment in this activity.
Thank you -
Chris, Tom & the family

Reminders

As a reminder, we are still seeking ideas for the 70th Anniversary of our club.
Please bring forward any ideas to Paula Ruby for consideration.

Keep an eye on our activities calendar as it's growing quickly now that Spring is here.
This is the perfect time to dust off your cars and make sure they are ready!

The Markets of Shrewsbury and Treasured Motors both have events at the end of this
month! These events are always a great time!

Southeastern Spring National Charlotte, North Carolina

On April 4-6 several Chesapeake Region members attended the Southeastern Spring National/Grand Nationals Club members Franklin Gage, Michael Weaver, Joe Wurm, Tom Young, Jack Anderson, Terry Bond, TW and Jeanette Scott, Scott Chaney, Andrew, Todd and Gary Wilmer. Several members won awards:

Tom Young - First Grand National & Repeat Preservation

Jack Anderson - Senior Grand National

Joe Wurm - Senior Grand National

Joe Weaver - First Grand National

Jeanette Scott - Repeat Senior Grand National and Repeat Preservation

Scott Chaney - Repeat Driver Participation



Congratulations to
Everyone!

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE

April 22, 2024

VAN TRIP TO...Swigart Museum in Huntingdon, PA
Meeting at the Park N Ride at Route 83 and Route 439
Approximate Cost to attend \$20.00. CALL NOW- THE
DEADLINE IS TODAY, 4/15!!

We will be departing at 8:30 a.m. and will return late afternoon
Contact Tom Dawson for more information at 410-688-8358



Electrical Troubleshooting Tech Session

Thursday, March 14, I held an Electrical Troubleshooting Session at Tom Dawson's garage. Tom and I were joined by Michael Taylor, Tom Young, Robert Brown, Bruce Stumpp, Lewis Mendenhall and Bill Dorsey. Tom's 1985 Mercury Marquis Wagon had an electrical parasitic drain causing the battery to completely discharge in less than 24 hours. Electric current (measured in amperes) can be likened to water flow (measured in gallons per minute). Tracking a parasitic drain is performed by disconnecting the battery negative cable and connecting an ammeter in series with the cable and battery terminal. The ammeter will read any current flowing with the ignition key off. Typical drain should be about 80 milliamps (0.08 amps) or less. This normal current could be supplying energy to a clock, digital radio or other similar device requiring continuous power. If the ammeter reading is substantially higher, you can track down the culprit by removing fuses and/or disconnecting devices one at a time and watching for the current to drop. When the current drops, the problem is in that particular circuit or device.

Unfortunately, we had mixed results this day. A peculiar issue caused the ammeter fuses to blow. We eventually got one to work and measured nearly 3.5 amps of current flowing! I was under the hood watching the ammeter while Michael removed the fuses one by one. We traced it to the courtesy light circuit. Robert was the "smart guy" on site and noticed a car door open causing all the courtesy lights to be on. Duh on my part. We suspected the real problem might have been an aftermarket alarm siren. We disconnected the siren and broke for lunch. Tom checked the car later and the problem was solved. Each morning after Tom checked the car and it started fine.

The following Thursday, Tom brought the wagon to my house where we checked the drain again to confirm our results. With a properly operating ammeter, we measured a drain of 34 milliamps (0.03 amps). Perfect. We put the car on the lift to diagnose the other problem with the car, an inoperable gas gauge. This we checked by disconnecting the lead to the sending unit in the tank and grounding it out. The gauge immediately rose to FULL confirming the problem was in the tank. We removed the sending unit from the tank and found the float had a hole in it causing it to fill with gas and lay on the bottom of the tank. Since we couldn't locate a new one right away, we soldered up the leak and reinstalled the unit. So far, it's holding up. SUCCESS!

If you have a problem you'd like help with, would like to host a tech session, or would like me to host one, please let me know. This is your car club and we have several members willing to help with your collector car.

Phil Hack

Region Activities 2024

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location
April 2024				
20	Sat	10-4	Romancing the Chrome	Jarrettsville, MD
17-21	Wed-Sun	Daily	Spring Carlisle	Carlisle, PA
20-21	Sat-Sun	Daily	Arcadia Steam Spring Crank up	Arcadia, MD
22	Mon	8:30-6	Swigart Museum Trip	Huntington, PA
26	Fri	4-8	Markets at Shrewsbury Cruise-In	Amish Market Shrewsbury, PA
27	Sat	9-3	Desoto Owners Spring Fling Show	Casa Mias Parkton, MD
27	Sat	10-12	Boy Scout Troup 328 Car Show	Timonium United Methodist
27	Sat	9-2	Treasured Motorcars Open House	Hanover - New Freedom, PA
27	Sat	7-1	Street Survivors of MD Swap Meet	7900 Crain Hwy Glen Burnie
May 2024				
2	Thur	11:30-1	St Elizabeth School Visit	St Elizabeth School
3	Fri	10-3	Carroll Lutheran/Sun Valley Retirement	Westminster, MD
10	Fri	10-3	Carroll Lutheran/Sun Valley Retirement (rain date)	Westminster, MD
10-11	Fri-Sat	Daily	Carlisle Import & Performance Nationals	Carlisle, PA
11	Sat	12-4	Big Truck Brewery Car Show	Parkton, MD
11	Sat	11-2	Unforgotten Heros	Sunset Lane Park York, PA
11	Sat	5-9	Cruise In- Graul's	Hereford
13	Mon	7:00pm	General Membership Meeting	Divinity Lutheran Church
16-19	Thu-Sun	Daily	Cruisin' Ocean City	Ocean City, MD
24	Fri	12pm	Cruise In	Markets at Shrewsbury
29	Wed	12-7	Prueitt's Restoration Open House	Glen Rock, PA
31-2	Fri-Sun	Daily	National Street Rod Association Nationals	York, PA
31-2	Fri-Sun	Daily	Carlisle Ford Nationals	Carlisle, PA

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SUNSHINE REPORT FROM MARGARET

I sent a card to Joe Sordillo and a sympathy card to Betty Sauter and family on the passing of Gene. I also sent a Get Well card to Judy Dawson.

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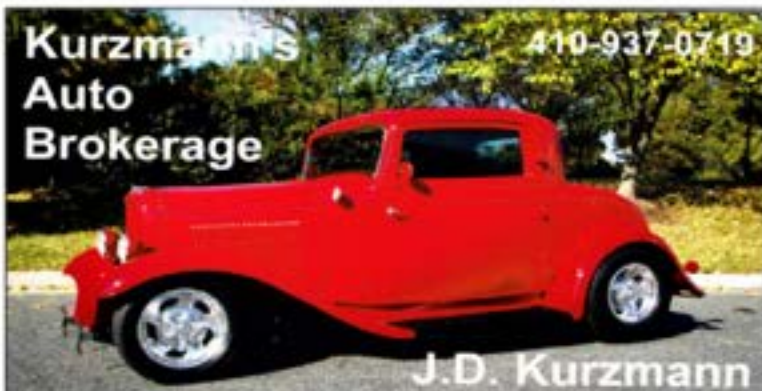
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