

CHESAPEAKE BULLETIN



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BIRTHDAY WISHES COME TRUE!!



Phil and Shelly Hack recently agreed to bring out their 1947 Chevy Woody to make the dreams of Don come true for his 80th Birthday. Paula was randomly contacted by his daughter, Lisa, who was looking for a car from the 1940's era to transport her father to his birthday luncheon at Conrad's Seafood Restaurant. Don is a resident of Oak Crest Village and truly enjoyed his trip down memory lane.

It is the generosity of our club members in doing small Acts of Kindness that show the true heart of our club. Thank you Phil and Shelly for agreeing to give your time to this appreciative family.



Paula's President's Message

Hello Chesapeake Members!

As you read this, we are only 100 days from Christmas. Don't panic we still have a lot of activities left before the holidays start. I need everyone to Save the following dates on your calendars for Chesapeake Region events:

- Sunday, September 29th - Autumn Harvest Car Show, Manchester, MD.
- Sunday, October 20th - Fall Picnic for both Chesapeake and Free State VCCA
- Saturday, October 26th - Poker Run
- Sunday, November 24th - Chesapeake End of Year Banquet

All of the above activities require you to register to attend. Please see our prior emails or our website for the registration forms. I would love to see a great turnout for the remainder of activities for 2024.

I am still looking for member feedback on ideas to celebrate our 70th Anniversary of Chesapeake Region. We would love to have a different event each and every month in 2025. I encourage you to come to a meeting to provide your input, send me an email or give me a quick call if you are unable to attend a meeting.

Our annual Toys for Tots campaign is quickly approaching and in years past we have donated thousands of dollars in bikes and toys to this organization to benefit children at the holidays. We would like to continue this support and increase our bike donation to our goal of 55 bikes for 2025. We are hoping for the entire club to support this project by not only approving the club to donate to the project but for each individual family to make a separate donation as well. Donations will be collected at upcoming events and meetings or you may contact me to make other arrangements.

Can't wait to see you at our upcoming events.

Paula Lynn Ruby



ADDITIONAL NB CENTER PHOTOS

This is a very rare "3 olive" machine, made in France circa 1930, and is used for compound curvature metal shaping. It was recently purchased and installed in the machine shop at the NB Center, which the club toured on August 8, 2024. It reduces the time for producing compound curves in metal by about 90% compared to the alternative method using an English Wheel and body hammers.

Please enjoy the various photos taken by Jack Treadwell below.



Chesapeake AACCA Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes, September 9th, 2024

The monthly meeting of the Chesapeake Region of the AACCA (Club or CRAACA) was held on September 9, 2024, at The Divinity Lutheran Church in Towson, MD. There were 30 members in attendance.

Welcome: President, Paula Ruby-

1. Elections: All current members have agreed to stay on for next year, with the exception of Lyndie Vantine, our Treasurer. Alan Swim has agreed to take over her duties. Paula asked if there were any further nominations. Seeing none, a **MOTION** was made by Judy Dawson to accept the roster presented as our official, unchallenged ballot. It was seconded by Tom Dawson. Passed. The slate presented for the 2025 officers will be voted on at our October Membership Meeting.

2. **Toys for Tots Bicycle Drive** - After the monthly Treasurer's Report, a **MOTION** was made by Mark Stershic to appropriate \$1500 this year to buy bicycles for the Toys for Tots Bike Drive. Seconded by Tom Young (and Sara Perkins) Passed. Paula's goal is to donate 55 bikes this year. We will take private donations, and Paula will provide the extra needed funds personally.

3. Paula asked for approval to invite Ron Beck (Printron) and his wife to the Banquet at our expense. **MOTION:** We will invite Ron Beck and a guest to our Banquet at the Club's expense. Made by Nick Prevas, Seconded by Al Zimmermann. Passed.

4. Paula presented an opportunity for owners of cars from the 20's and early 30's to attend a Gala sponsored by the AUSA on September 28th. If interested, contact Paula.

5. **MOTION:** made by Judy Dawson to hold our winter meetings as follows: Saturdays, January 11th and February 8 will be held at the Divinity Lutheran Church at 12:30 PM. Board Meetings will be held the same days at 10:00 AM at a location to be determined. March Meeting date and time to be determined. Seconded by Bob Natale Passed.

6. Paula presented another opportunity for a National party for Autumn Lake Health Care to be held at Raven's Stadium on December 12th. With a theme of "Decades", they are looking for cars from the 40's to 80's to be showcased from 3:00 to 9:00 that day. Members had concerns about the safety of the area and the time of day. **MOTION:** We do not participate in this event. Made by Tom Dawson, Seconded by Mark Stershic. Passed.

7. A **MOTION** was made by Mark Stershic that our annual dues be increased from \$25 to \$30. Seconded by Tom Dawson. Passed.

Vice President's Report: Mark Stershic- Mark showed his impressive trophy for winning a Top 30 Award at a recent show in Bel Air held at the Moose Lodge.

Secretary's Report: Judy Dawson - Motions and important items of business from the last Board Meeting were shared, including a review of all proposed By-Laws changes. A discussion of proposed changes were discussed, corrected, and amended. A final document of proposals will be presented and published in the Bulletin. First to text me "Free Raffle Tickets" get 3 fifty-fifty tickets at the October MEETING.

Treasurer's Report: Lyndie Vantine - Lyndie gave her detailed monthly report early to accommodate discussion of Toys for Tots Bike donation amount. The report will be held for audit.

Poker Run - Mary Stershic reported that so far, we have 52 people in 22 cars registered. Registration will be closing soon!

Membership/Facebook Report: Vicky Wilmer - In Vicky's absence, Gary reported that our current membership stands at 347 adults, and 9 students, for a total of 356 members.

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. Tom also asked members for their interest in: Westminster Fall Fest Parade, Westminster Christmas Parade, the Boyertown Museum, America on Wheels in Allentown, PA, Cresswell's Junkyard in Nottingham.MD, the Auto Mall in Morgantown, Pa with lunch at Shady Maple, and attending a Tom Young Racing Event. If you are interested in any or all of these events/ideas, contact Tom Dawson!

Technical Report: Phil Hack- Absent.

Chief Judge Report: Henry Chaudron - Henry is preparing for the Autumn Harvest Show to be held on Sunday, September 29th from 9-2. **This event will need the support of ALL our members!** Please be in touch with Henry as to the time and place you will be needed. Also please be sure Henry has your correct phone number.

Bulletin Report: Rachele Bodvin - No Report.

Website Report: Buzz Diehl - Feel free to bring any crafts you might want to share (and a table) to our picnic on October 20th. Buzz is working on a flyer for The Swap Meet.

Legislative Report: Mike Natale - No Report.

Director's Reports:

Gary Wilmer - The Arcadia Steam Show will be held September 13-15. The Hagley Show will be held on Sunday, September 15th. The Rockville Show will be held on October 19th.

Tom Young - Paula reported that although we still don't have a contract with the Howard County Fairgrounds for our March Swap Meet, they have agreed to a \$200 discount to make up for last year's numerous challenges. We will now pay \$2200 for March 7th and 8th. Their Food Service provider is not available, so we will be on our own again this year. Also, the 50/50 Raffle Tickets have been OK'd and ordered. Tom wondered if the Kids Clothing Sale will be held the same weekend.

Historian Report: Chip Miller - No Report

Social Committee Report: Judy Dawson - See Tom's proposal for a visit to the Auto Mall and lunch at Shady Maple. (He stole my idea again!)

Sunshine Report: Margaret Werneth - No Report.

Old Business: For those not attending the Poker Run, there will be a car show at Smyth's Jewelers in Timonium on October 26th .

New Business: See President's Report.

Roundtable Discussion: None

50/50 Raffle: \$22 to Mary Stershic (Save this up for a big October Anniversary Celebration!)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM with a motion by wealthy Mary Stershic, and seconded by Don Ramsburg.

Fondly,
Judy Dawson

CONGRATULATIONS TO TOM YOUNG

On August 11th, Tom returned from Grand Rapids, Michigan attending The Vintage Thunderbird Club International Convention. They did a 90 minute judging of his car for their Authenticity Award, and he received, scoring 53 out of 57 points. After Saturday's show he came home with a Best of Show Award. This was Tom's first restoration that he finished in 2006.

★ YOU'RE A ★
★ Star ★



PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE FOR 2025

At our July Board meeting a proposal was made to increase our annual dues from \$25.00 to \$30.00. The cost of operating our club continues to increase as costs of postage, paper supplies, plaques for our shows and club sponsored events rise. In the past, the club has subsidized our Annual Banquet, New Member Banquet, Bus Trips, Picnics and Poker Run for all members using the funds received as dues in addition to other fundraising events.

We have discussed this at our August and September meetings. At our October membership meeting on October 14th, we will hold a final vote to decide whether or not to increase the dues for 2025. Please come to the meetings to share your opinion and vote.

THANK YOU FROM HARRY WILHELM

Harry would like to send a special Thank You to all of the Chesapeake Club members who sent him a birthday card in honor of his 97th Birthday. He was truly touched by the outpouring of wishes.

FUN TRIVIA



Did you know Double Bubble bubble gum has Pennsylvania roots? Walter Diemer, an accountant for Fleeer Chewing Gum Company, made history in 1928 when he concocted a gum that wouldn't fall apart or stick when blown into a bubble. The only dye available at the factory was pink, so Diemer had no choice but to use it. The iconic color stuck and became the standard for gum made around the world. Diemer's bubble gum was the first-ever commercially sold bubble gum. In the first year, sales surpassed \$1.5 million -- one penny at a time.

CLASSIC CAR TRIVIA

Test what you know about classic car trivia:

1. The Ford Mustang first made its debut in 1964.
2. The car in the 1977 "Smokey and the Bandit" movie was a modified 1976 Pontiac Firebird Trans Am Special Edition. The 1977 version was not yet available.
3. The Chevrolet Corvette is built exclusively in Bowling Green, Kentucky.
4. A total of 309 Dodge Chargers were used in the original "Dukes of Hazzard" television show.
5. The first Chevrolet Camaro to come off the production line was black.
6. The word "automobile" is a combination of the word "auto," which means "self," and "mobile," which means "moving."
7. A total of only seven Plymouth Hemi Barracuda convertibles were made in 1971 and 14 in 1970.
8. Vehicles manufactured between 1896 and 1915 are known as horseless carriages, which by definition are "antique" vehicles.
Vehicles built between 1916 and 1925 are known as "vintage" vehicles.
9. The world's first automobile insurance policy was bought in 1897 in Westfield, Massachusetts.
10. The Ford Model T was the first mass-produced automobile. It was also the first car that the "average" worker could afford costing \$780 in 1910 and was reduced to \$290 in 1924 the equivalent of \$25,156 today.



Tech Talk...with Phil Hack

Tech Talk is Dedicated to Gary Ruby, Sr.

This past month I've spent a lot of my time helping Michael Taylor with his 1995 Corvette Refurbishment project. This Corvette sat outside, dormant for 5 years, while the owner (Michael's cousin) was deployed overseas with the military. Since his return, he approached Michael about getting the car running again. Of course, he would pay him for his labor. The car was towed to my garage and work commenced. First up was replacing the battery. The car started immediately! This says a lot for the Mass Air Flow Sequential Port Fuel Injection System on this car. We gutted the mouse-stained interior, freed up the locked brakes and took it for a short spin using milk crates for seats. We then returned the car to the lift and flushed the coolant system, changed the oil, and started replacing all the weatherstripping. Fortunately, one of our first purchases were the GM Service Manuals (\$85 on Ebay). The coolant system is nothing like what I'm used to. There is much more to it than two radiator hoses and heater hoses. There are several smaller coolant lines to the cylinder heads, throttle body and radiator. There are knock sensors on each side of the block that had to be removed to thoroughly flush the engine. We're now diagnosing problems with the electric windows and mirrors. Next on the agenda will be replacing all the brake hoses and all four calipers. A must for safe return to the street! Technically, this is an old car at 30 years old. However, it is equipped with many parts and systems I am not familiar with. It's been a joy learning about them!



Phil Hack



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Car cover included. Wire wheels and tires available for separate purchase. \$75,000 OBO - Contact Tom Young for additional information



Region Activities 2024

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location
September 2024				
15	Sun	10-4	Hagley Car Show	Wilmington, DE
21	Sat	11-2	Martins Airport Open Cockpit Show	Middle River, MD
27	Fri	4-7	Markets at Shrewsbury Cruise In	Shrewsbury, PA
29	Sun	9-1	Autumn Harvest Show	Manchester, MD
October 2024				
2	Wed	8-3	Pruitt Open House	Glen Rock, PA
2-5	Wed-Sat	7-5	Fall Carlisle	Carlisle, PA
5	Sat	9-2	Treasured Motor Cars Open House	New Freedom, PA
8-11	Tues-Fri	7-3	Hershey AACA Fall Meet	Hershey, PA
12	Sat	5-9	Graul's Market Cruise-In	Hereford, MD
13	Sun	12-3	Car Show Excursion	Media, PA
14	Mon	7	General Membership Meeting	Towson, MD
16	Wed	TBD	Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles Tour	Boyertown, PA
19	Sat	11-3	Rockville Classic Car Show	Rockville, MD
20	Sun	12:30-?	Joint Club Picnic Chesapeake and Free State VCA	Manchester, MD
25	Fri	4-7	Markets at Shrewsbury Cruise-In	Shrewsbury, PA
26	Sat	8:45-4	Poker Run	White Hall, MD
27	Sun	10-4	Jerry's Chevrolet Fall Car Show	Carney, MD

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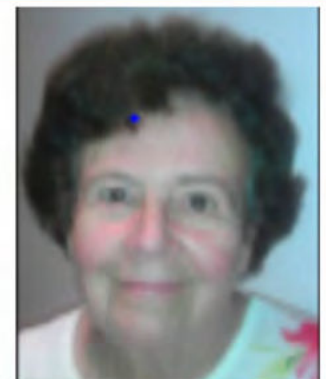
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SUNSHINE REPORT FROM MARGARET

Get Well cards have been sent to Steve Clark, Joe Sordillo, Wanda Garland and Owen Garland.

Stay well everyone and enjoy the new fall weather that we are starting to experience!!

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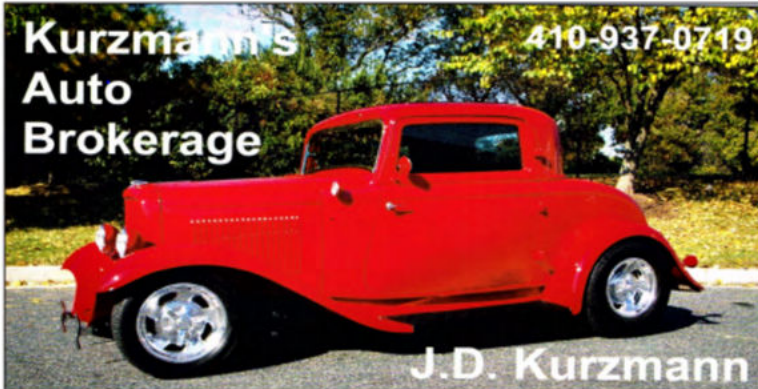
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