

# CHESAPEAKE BULLETIN

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On Sunday, February 23rd we had our Membership Luncheon at Greystone Golf Course in White Hall Maryland. The weather gave us a beautiful day with sunshine and a bit warmer temperatures than we had been having. It was a wonderful day of fellowship and a challenging walk down memory lane with our game. Many new friendships were formed with the assigned seating giving members a chance to get to know individuals they may had not sat down at a table with.

Thank you to the wonderful team that put together this event for our membership. All of your hard work is appreciated by all.



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# Paula's President's Message

## Hello Chesapeake Members!

I now know how to get the membership to a meeting. "BRING FOOD". The February meeting proved that as we had 52 people attend the Pizza Party and meeting. It was a great beginning to kick off our 70th Anniversary celebration year.



By the time you are reading this bulletin we will have had our March meeting which was an Ice Cream social celebrating St. Patrick's Day and Mardi Gras. I expect to have another large turnout. Again, this was a FREE event to all that attended.

We also have had our Members luncheon at Greystone Golf Course. We had 71 people attend this event on a beautiful day. I would like to thank Vicky and Gary Wilmer, Elaine and Jack Treadwell and Michelle and Chip Miller for all of their time and effort in putting this event together. Thank you also to Buzz Diehl on putting together the slide show. The event was subsidized by the club to the members. The photo board game was a great walk down memory lane and very challenging to remember all those faces.

Our first community sponsored event, the Annual Flea Market would have also happened. As I write this message, I hope that it will be a great day with the weather. We are due since that last 2 years have not been good.

I encourage everyone to read the bulletin and check your emails for the "BLASTS" that are sent out every week. This is going to be a busy year for Chesapeake members and our calendar of events is quickly growing.

So, in closing I ask, do you like the events that we have planned so far and is there something that you would like to see us do. Let me know.

*Paula Lynn Ruby*



# SAE College Design Competition

Allen Swim wanted to share a recent, interesting experience he had, which many CRAACA folks may not be aware of. The Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) conducts an annual competition for College Students to design, build, and race small BAJA (off-road) and formula style (road) cars. The students spend the fall semester designing their car, and then build it the following spring semester. At the end of the second semester, they take the cars they built to a competition. The competition consists of several categories that include a judging of their designs (both technically as well as cost) by industry experts, as well as a series of dynamic events such as; acceleration, maneuverability, endurance, and efficiency. The BAJA cars compete on off-road courses, while the formula cars compete on paved surfaces. They are separate events that are conducted in different locations.

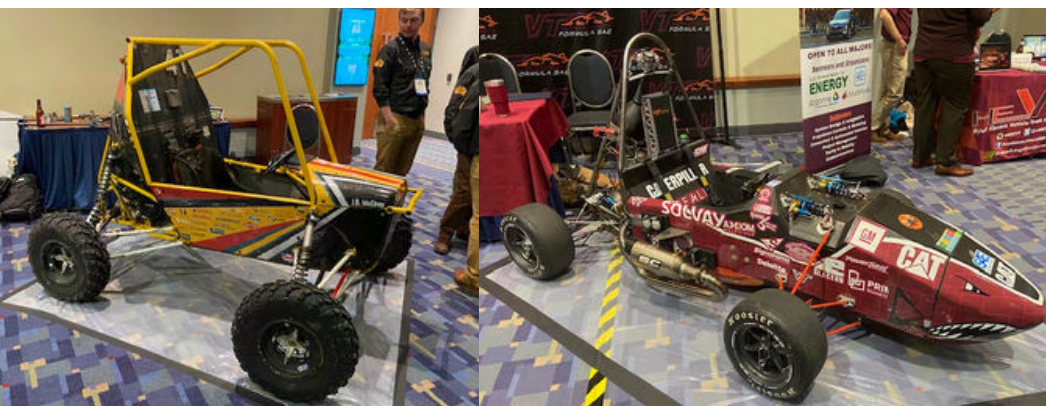
In his Senior Year (1986) as a University of Maryland College Park (UMCP) Mechanical Engineering student, he was on the very first Formula Car Team for the school. His Team placed 2nd overall, which they were very proud of, especially considering that this was the first time UMCP competed. This past December, the Crew Chief from that team, with whom he still keeps in touch and who is now serving as the Faculty Advisor for the UMCP BAJA & Formula Teams, asked Allen to be a Judge for this year's SAE Competition.

The SAE was trying something new this year, where the BAJA and Formula Teams could present their designs at a Preliminary Design event, since the teams are still working on their 2025 cars for competition this coming June. The idea or purpose for this event was to provide each team that volunteered a "practice session presenting their design" to gain valuable feedback from the judges. In an effort to encourage the teams to participate, the SAE awarded a cash prize to the top BAJA & Formula Teams. A total of 10 teams (5 BAJA & 5 Formula) volunteered to participate in the Preliminary Design event.

Teams from Johns Hopkins University, George Washington University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, University of Virginia, University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC), and of course UMCP all came to the Judging, which was conducted in conjunction with the annual SAE Government and Industry Meeting on January 29th at the Washington D.C. Convention Center. Some of these teams brought their last year's car for display (see photos below).

Allen was part of a 5 Judge Panel that reviewed each design briefing, submitted in advance. Due to time constraints, they could only allot 30 minutes for each team on Judging Day. Since this was considered a Preliminary Design Review, each team had 10 minutes to present their design, then the Judges broke out for 10-minute, one-on-one sessions with the individual team members to focus on specific areas of each car (chassis, suspension, powertrain, brakes, & ergonomics/vehicle integration). The judges got back together to tally each score for the final 10 minutes.

This was a lot of work to prepare for, but it was a fun and rewarding experience to be able to help mentor some young engineers, and to reconnect with some of my old teammates from UMCP. Three of the five judge panel were part of that very first 1986 UMCP Formula Team.



UMBC 2024 BAJA Car

Virginia Tech 2024  
Formula Car

UMCP 1986 Formula Team

# Chesapeake AACA Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes, March 1, 2025

Minutes from our March meeting will be emailed to the membership once they are available for distribution.

*Fondly,*

*Judy Dawson*

## Student Corner - Briella Baldino

Brie Baldino is a 14 year old high school student in Westminster, Maryland. She is an honor roll student who likes to be challenged in her academics and so far in her freshman year has earned all A's. She works hard daily to keep achieving this goal. After she graduates high school in 2028 she plans to attend Carroll Community College to receive her associate's degree, then go to University of Maryland to receive her bachelors degree to study photography and criminal justice.

In 2016 her family moved to Finksburg, Maryland and she was just 5 years old, in the middle of kindergarten and had to switch from a private school to a public school but she overcame that obstacle.

Brie has a variety of interests such as playing the guitar, painting, baking, working with some of my mother's students, working on cars, chilling with friends, cheerleading, my go-kart and so many more. During Covid, She got a go-kart on her 10th birthday and Rocco took her out to the yard to learn how to drive it. It sparked a deeper interest in cars. While at various car shows especially Carlisle, she enjoys taking photos of the cars at the event's. The years of taking photos of cars has really helped ignite my interest in photography.

A huge part of her interest in cars comes from the DeSoto Owners Club and her dad's 1953 DeSoto that was his Grandfather's. She enjoys going to Murray's Garage and working on the cars, lunch with the ladies of the club, and yearly conventions at various locations.

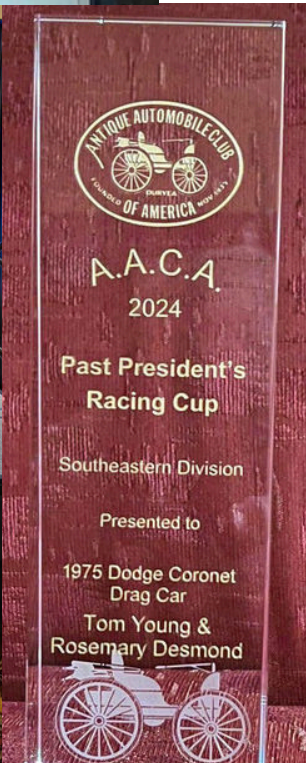
She also has a lot of love for Corvettes and enjoy rides to the local ice cream store with her dad, attending Corvettes at Carlisle, Hershey with the AACA club, and lots more. She became involved with the club around 12 years old, by her dad Rocky Baldino who was already in the club. Her interest deepened and she and her dad have bonded over their shared interests. It brings joy and she is so glad they share this together.



# Tom Young, National Award Winner



On the weekend of February 7th - 9th, Tom Young and Rosemary Desmond ventured to the AACA National Convention to receive his Past President's Racing Cup Award. We are very proud of you!!



# Chesapeake Region Website National Award Winner

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*Harold Diehl*  
VP Regions & Chapters Website  
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Congratulations to Buzz Diehl for his ongoing hard work in the upkeep and development of our website. He and the Club has been awarded with an Award of Excellence.

# Getting to know Steve Morgan

I started my insurance career in 1990 as an Allstate agent in Hunt Valley Mall. After 18 years as an exclusive Allstate agent, in 2008 I had the opportunity to join 3 fellow agents to start Ridgebrook Insurance Services. Today our agency has 9 staff members and 8 sales executives handling insurance needs from NJ to FL and several states in the Midwest and western states. In my spare time, my wife and I are avid hikers frequently traveling to AZ, CO, CA, ID and UT to hike various mountains. This summer we are going to Glacier Park in MT for 2 weeks to do some serious hiking...13-15 mile hikes with 3000-4000 elevation gain. We had scheduled this trip for 2020, but the pandemic cancelled those plans and it has taken us 5 years to get this trip rescheduled! However, those 5 years passed pretty quickly as we welcomed 6 grandkids from our 3 children. And, late this summer we will be welcoming #7...our 3rd granddaughter, Lucy!



Although I currently do not own a classic vehicle, I keep eyeing a neighbor's 1970 Bronco... candy apple red, lifted, with the rear roof removed, but otherwise in original stock condition. I keep hinting if he wants to sell, I would be interested! But, a very good friend of mine owns 3 classic cars.... a 1967 Lincoln Continental convertible, a 1963 Mercedes 220SEB convertible and 1966 MG convertible. Usually, we participate in the annual Towson 4th of July parade and I get to drive the manual transmission Mercedes!



I thank everyone in the Club for their continued support and look forward to the next Chesapeake AACA function!

## Donation to Hurricane Relief Victims

As voted on by our membership, the Chesapeake Region has made a donation in the amount of \$1500.00 to Valley Strong Disaster Relief who are continuing to assist individuals impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton in North Carolina. This organization is helping to rebuild the areas of Swannanoa, Bee Tree, Craigtown and Black Mountain.

The majority of these funds were funds which remained from our Toys for Tots Fundraising Campaign. Thank you for your continued compassionate hearts to those in need.



# Ice Cream Social - March General Meeting



On Saturday, March 1st we held our General Membership Meeting at Divinity Lutheran Church in Towson. We had 39 members in attendance to enjoy our St. Patrick's Day/Mardi Gras Celebration with an Ice Cream Social.

It is always a nice afternoon to have the camaraderie of friends and take care of the upcoming club business.

Hope everyone enjoyed their sweet treat with lots of toppings. Thank you to Vicky Wilmer, Judy Dawson and Elizabeth Bodvin for being our Ice Cream Scoopers for the day.

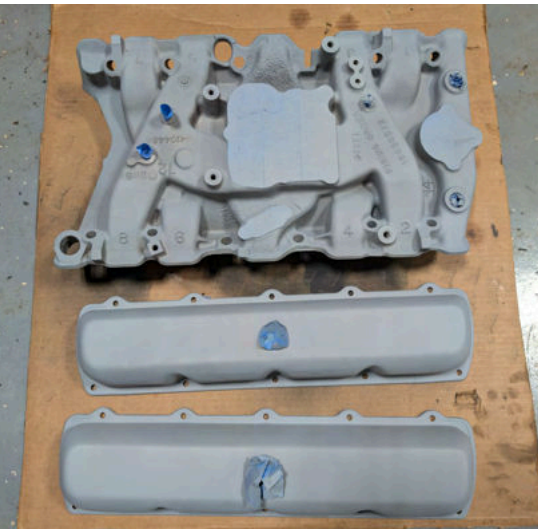


# Tech Talk...with Phil Hack

Tech Talk is Dedicated to Gary Ruby, Sr.

In the previous bulletin I lamented about the “Can of Worms” I had opened. Since then, it has become a “Barrel of Worms”. That’s okay. I’m fortunate that I can deal with all of it. So, I’ll spare you all the details, but here’s where I’m at. The grease and grime on the engine block were way more than I could deal with here at home. Off to JB Machine Shop in Rosedale for complete cleaning and assessment. The crankshaft journals and cylinder bores were just within spec. I could have reassembled as is, but I decided to “do it right”. The crankshaft is being turned, the cylinders bored, and the heads refurbished. This of course means all new bearings, pistons and rings, etc. I also opted for a new camshaft and lifters and am replacing many ancillary components. At home I’m disassembling, degreasing, cleaning, sanding and painting everything under the hood. So, what are you working on this winter? Send a short line to Rachelle for posting in the next Bulletin. We’d love to hear what you’re working on. Any technical questions, feel free to give me a call, 410-292-3656

*Phil Hack*



## Great Race Adventures with William Moore

One of our newer members, William Moore, who joined Chesapeake at the Gettysburg stop of the 2024 Great Race had the opportunity to actually participate in the 2023 Great Race Experience. William was gracious enough to share with the membership his blog that he kept on each day of his experience. His Blog can be found at [www.1951hippo.com](http://www.1951hippo.com) and contains 15 chapters of contributions, starting with the story of the car. The active link to the blog will be contained in our email distribution for easy access.





# Region Activities 2025

Date	Time	Event	Location
<b>March 2025</b>			
3/21-22	All Day	Sugarloaf Swap Meet, Westminster Ag Center	Westminster, MD
<b>April 2025</b>			
4/5	12:30 p.m.	General Membership Meeting	Towson, MD
4/12	7 am - ?	Romancing the Chrome Car Show	Jarrettsville, MD
4/12	5-9 p.m.	Graul's Market Cruise-In	Hereford, MD
4/19	10-2 p.m.	Cecil County Dragway Car Show and Swap Meet	Rising Sun, MD
4/23-27	All Day	Spring Carlisle	Carlisle, PA
4/25	4-8 p.m.	Markets at Shrewsbury Cruise-In	Shrewsbury, PA
4/26	9-2 p.m.	Treasured Motors Open House	New Freedom, PA

## Change in April Meeting Date!



Given the wonderful attendance that has been evident in having our meetings on Saturday afternoons, we have changed our April meeting to **Saturday, April 5th** at 12:30 p.m. This will be our last meeting on Saturdays for this year as our weekends will soon be filled with Car Shows, Cruises and other fun activities as the weather warms. Please plan to attend.

THERE WAS A CONFLICT WITH THE SUGGESTED APRIL 12TH DATE WITH THE CHURCH AVAILABILITY.



# Elected and Appointed Officers for 2025 (Elected Positions Make up the Executive Board of the Club with full voting rights)

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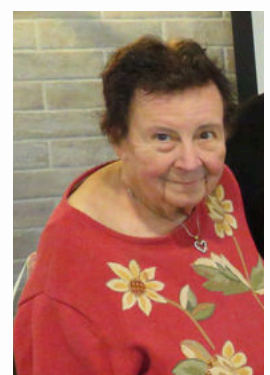
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## SUNSHINE REPORT FROM MARGARET

Get Well Cards have been sent to Carol Trimble and Bill Wurzell.

A sympathy card has been sent to Donald Ramsburg for the passing of Anne Marie.

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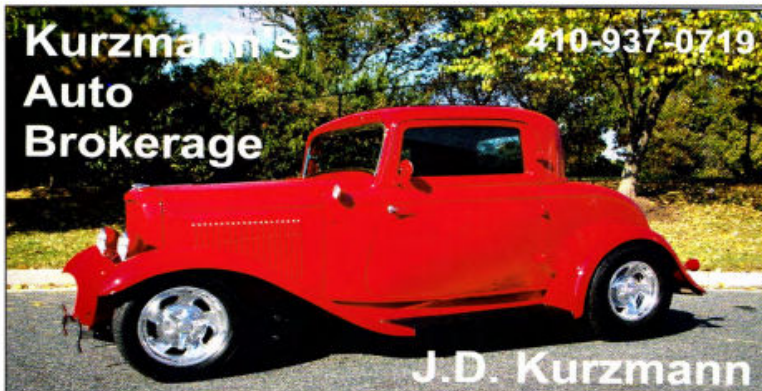
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