

# CHESAPEAKE BULLETIN



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On Saturday, March 8th, Chesapeake Region hosted their 50th Annual Swap Meet at Howard County Fairgrounds. After having several years of weather that did not cooperate, we finally had Mother Nature on our side. Thank you to everyone who supported this event in some way.



Tom Young, in charge



# Swap Meet Continued



What are the ladies doing to Henry in the photo to the left?.....  
Caption that photo!!

Thank you all for jumping in and making the day a great one.



# Swap Meet Continued



Waiting for the last sale



# Paula's President's Message

## Happy Easter Chesapeake Members!



This is NO April Fool's joke, we are already 4 months into 2025, but boy have we been BUSY! We started this month off with our final day time meeting with a Meatball sub lunch. I don't know about you but I have enjoyed our daytime meetings.

We finally had a great flea market. The weather did cooperate even though some of the outside vendors were lite. I would like to thank Tom Young for another terrific effort in getting the job done. Special thanks goes to Vicky Wilmer and all of the ladies and gentlemen that worked at the event including those that donated food and snacks. Also, thanks to Gary Wilmer and Phil Hack and everyone that came out on Friday to set up the field and barns, we had a lot of volunteers and the job went very smoothly. It was great to see some new faces this year and I hope you had a good time. We appreciate you jumping in to help out.

Events are not slowing down by any means. The flyers and reservation forms are now out for the bus trip to Boyertown Museum in July and also the Crab Feast and Boat Cruise in September. It might sound like a long way off but both of these events will sell out quickly. Remember these two trips are being heavily subsidized by the club treasury. The total cost of the buses and partial cost of the crab feast is being paid for by the club. Don't be left out of all of the fun, get your money in soon. If the membership does not fill the 2 buses for the crab feast, we will open it up to the general public. We will have the entire boat to ourselves. If you have never done this trip just talk to someone who has done it in the past. You won't be disappointed.

In closing I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter. Let's remember the true reason for the holiday. Be sure to come out to the next meeting you won't want to miss any surprises.

*Paula Lynn Ruby*





# Chesapeake AACA Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes, April 5, 2025

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

*Fondly,  
Judy Dawson*

## Remembering Anne Marie Ramsburg



On March 7th, the Chesapeake AACA lost a special member of our club who was always an absolute ray of sunshine to all she came into contact with. Anne Marie truly had a love for people and had a smile whenever we were blessed to have her in our presence. Anne Marie was always willing to pitch in and help out with whatever our club needed and conversations with her were always a pleasure.

Anne Marie will be missed by all who knew her.

The Chesapeake members will continue to provide our friendship and support to Don and their family as they move forward.



♥ YOU WILL ♥  
*be missed*





# Student Corner - Caleb Frederick

Caleb Frederick is a remarkable 14-year-old middle school student from Hanover, Pennsylvania. As the grandson of Tom Young, Caleb has demonstrated exceptional academic achievements and has a wide range of interests.

Academically, Caleb has been recognized as a star student for three consecutive years at Emory H. Markle Middle School. He has also showcased his musical talents by participating in both concert and marching bands. Furthermore, Caleb has demonstrated his athletic prowess as the center for the varsity football team.

Recently, Caleb was accepted into The York School of Technology, where he will pursue his passion for diesel mechanics. His ultimate goal is to become a skilled diesel technician, specializing in the repair of semi-trucks and buses.

Caleb's enthusiasm for automotive culture is deeply rooted, having grown up surrounded by car enthusiasts, including his grandfather and stepfather, who are both avid drag racers. He has also developed a fondness for antique cars and trucks, and is currently restoring a 1983 Chevrolet C10 with his father.

In addition to his academic and automotive pursuits, Caleb is an outdoorsman with a passion for hunting, fishing, and wildlife conservation. He is a member of the Hillside Fowl Fish and Fur Club and enjoys hunting in West Virginia and locally in Hanover, PA.

Most notably, Caleb has applied to become a volunteer firefighter at the Hanover Fire & Rescue-Clover Lane Station. He is eagerly awaiting the opportunity to serve his community and develop valuable skills in firefighting.

Please join us in recognizing Caleb's outstanding achievements and ambitions. His dedication, passion, and commitment to his community are truly admirable.





# April Meeting - Meatball Subs



On Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, we held our last Saturday daytime meeting for the year with another great attendance. The meeting had lots of great conversation and friendships continued to build over some delicious meatball subs, chips and cookies.

Special thanks to our President Paula for putting together each of these meeting special treats for everyone in attendance to enjoy.



Everyone also left with a little carrot goodie to enjoy at home even for those who aren't vegetable fans.



Carrots for everyone!



Buzz in Action



Al with his winnings



# Getting to Know Tom and Lauri Rosso

Tom's passion for everything automotive started at the young age of 16. He obtained his driver's license the day he was eligible and then immediately bought his first car from his dad, a 1965 Plymouth Valiant 100, 2-door post car with Slant Six power and three on the tree. He ran the ever-living snot out of that car! Then briefly came a '68 Chevelle at the end of his senior year, then his first new car a '77 Trans-Am. Tom met Lauri during graduation and has been married for 43 years. They are blessed with three daughters and seven grandchildren. Once the three girls were all out on their own, Tom found himself free to, well ..... collect some cars! Now keep in mind that Lauri came from a family of six sisters whose idea of a car getting washed was a hard rain storm. Proud to say that she has graduated in leaps and bounds and is an integral part (as well as CFO) of our automotive empire! After leaving the home they raised their children in for 23 years, a fifth acre pie-wedge lot and a half car garage, they moved to their current home in Finksburg on three acres with a 1600 sq ft Rancher and a 2400 sq ft garage. Perfectly sized! As it happens space soon ran out, so six years ago they built an 1800 sq ft barn with a full storage attic that of course is now full. Tom worked as an auto mechanic at Towson Dodge back in 1979-1981 when Chrysler was circling the drain and things were really slow. He then worked through the ranks of the Fire Sprinkler industry, while Lauri worked in banking. They ended up together in ownership of buying into a Fire Protection contracting company. They are now two years fully retired!

Their collection is all Mopar. Following his early passion he settled into Early A-bodies of the early 60's. Their road worthy collection right now consists of two 1965 Barracudas, a 1965 Valiant Wagon, 1963 Valiant Signet Hardtop, 1965 Canadian Chrysler Valiant (essentially a rebadged American Dart GT), a 1965 Australian Chrysler AP6 Valiant Wayfarer Utility, and a 1965 Australian Chrysler AP6 Valiant Ambulance (yeah, that's a long story!). In the back wings of the collection in the "not quite road worthy" category is two more Barracudas, another Ute, a 1965 Valiant Signet convertible, and a 1970 Australian Chrysler VG Valiant hardtop. Four more parts cars as well as a 1943 Dodge truck are hidden in & around the compound.

Together they work on the fleet in our own shop doing everything that we can possibly do ourselves. Body work, limited painting, engine assembly, interior work, general restoration and "making nice". Lauri will admit that her favorite piece of equipment is the blast cabinet, and lord knows she's spent a lot of time there! Our motto is: "It's better than it was"!

They love sharing their cars with folks and look forward to the Chrysler Carlisle Nationals as our annual highlight to be reunited with our Early A-Body friends coming from Canada to Virginia. Having grown used to the friendly light-hearted ribbing about having so many cars, those who know them started to refer to their hoard as The Rosso Collection. They like it, and it has stuck. It's not hoarding if your stuff is cool!

Not having any real local club affiliation other than with our online and once a year friends at The Early Valiant & Barracuda Club, they followed the lead and recommendation of a friend in Virginia Beach and joined the AACA. So far, they say that this was a great decision as they feel that they have been welcomed in with open arms and look forward to growing into their years along with the AACA.





# Tom and Lauri Rosso Continued...



Tom's First Car

## Jay Leno Fighting to keep Classic Cars on the Road

California Senator Shannon Grove has introduced SB 712, called Leno's Law with Jay Leno.

California has a rich automotive heritage, with some of the first classic cars rolling off assembly lines right here in our state. These rolling pieces of history are more than just vehicles—they have strong cultural ties in our communities and supply thousands of jobs in the aftermarket parts industry. Senate Bill 712 will update the current law to include all classic cars that are 35 years or older, allowing enthusiasts to enjoy their hobby without burdensome restrictions that are driving some collectors and industry businesses out of the state.

Already receiving incredible support from organizations such as @semaactionnetwork. For more information, you can read the article found here:

<https://www.mensjournal.com/news/jay-leno-classic-car-smog-law>





# Tech Talk...with Phil Hack

Tech Talk is Dedicated to Gary Ruby, Sr.

I received my Oldsmobile short block and cylinder heads back from JB Machine Shop this week. They recommended degreasing the new cam shaft which included installing the newly machined crankshaft, new pistons, camshaft and timing gears and chain. The timing marks on new gears may not be a precise match to a new cam and crankshaft. "Degreasing" a camshaft involves verifying and fine-tuning the synchronization between the camshaft and crankshaft, ensuring the valves open and close at the precise timing intended by the camshaft manufacturer. This process assures optimum engine performance. The process is performed with Degree Wheel, a large aluminum disc with 360 degree markings to precisely measure crankshaft and camshaft rotation.

Spring is here! We have tentative plans for technical sessions to include electrical work on Mark Stershic's Chevrolet truck, fuel system work on Buzz Diehl's Pontiac and valve seal replacement on Allen Swim's Chevy truck. Stay tuned for dates!

*Phil Hack*



## April Automotive Historical Moments

The month of April has many milestone events in auto history with groundbreaking products being introduced since the birth of the automobile.

**April 25, 1901** – The state of New York is the first to require a license plate on cars for a one-dollar fee.

**April 24, 1908** – Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Murdock cross the United States from L.A. to New York in a Packard. This is the first confirmed cross-country car trip.

**April 8, 1910** – The Los Angeles Motordome opens. This track was constructed entirely of wood 2x4's and utilized steeply banked corners. This one-mile track was known for speeds at or in excess of 100 mph. Expensive costs for upkeep on the wooden track and the Great Depression ended this racing spectacle.

**April 5, 1923** – Firestone introduces inflatable tires. These tires reduced the amount of rubber required per tire when compared to solid rubber tires. This reduced manufacturing costs and prices for Firestone tires.

**April 17, 1964** – Ford unveils the Mustang at the New York World's Fair. This iconic automobile has been produced by the millions and remains very popular to this day.

**April 1, 1967** – The United States Department of Transportation is created. The DOT is responsible for overseeing all interstate travel and commerce. Lyndon B. Johnson is the first American President to oversee DOT operations.

**April 21, 1976** – General Motors reaches a milestone of 100 million cars produced in the United States.

**April 3, 1987** – NASCAR driver Bill Elliott sets a qualifying run speed record at Talladega Motor Speedway. His top speed of 212.809 mph still stands to this day.



# Region Activities 2025

Date	Time	Event	Location
<b>April 2025</b>			
4/19	10-2	Cecil County Dragway Show and Swap Meet	Rising Sun, MD
4/23-27	All Day	Spring Carlisle	Carlisle, PA
4/25	4-8	Markets at Shrewsbury Cruise-In	Shrewsbury, PA
4/26	9-2	Treasured Motors Open House	New Freedom, PA
<b>May 2025</b>			
5/1-4	All Day	Cruise-in Ocean City	Ocean City, MD
5/3	10-3	Power and Precision Auto Show York Vo-Tech	York, PA
5/9	5-9	Food Truck Friday and Cruise In Shrewsbury V.F.C.	Shrewsbury, PA
5/10	11-2	Chesapeake Region Fire Museum Show	Lutherville, MD
5/10	5-9	Graul's Market Cruise In	Hereford, MD
5/12	7 p.m.	Chesapeake Region General Membership Meeting	Towson, MD
5/16	11-1	St. Elizabeth's School Car Display	Baltimore, MD
5/17	10-2	Watersedge Spring Car Show	Dundalk, MD
5/18	9-1:30	Vintage Car Lovers Car Show	Taneytown, MD
5/23	4-8	Markets at Shrewsbury Cruise In	Shrewsbury, PA
5/25	7-5	Maryland Mayehm Car Show, Ag Center	Westminster, MD
5/31	11-?	Roseda Black Angus Farm Beef, Beer and Classic Cars	Monkton, MD

## Motorama Mid-Atlantic Indoor Nationals

Tom and Lauri Rosso showed their 1965 Australian Chrysler AP6 Valiant Wayfarer Utility at the Motorama Mid-Atlantic Indoor Nationals Car, Truck & Motorcycle the weekend of March 22nd. The Ute was warmly received as it always is, and did receive an award as selected by the judging staff. We had also shown the Ute this past December at the Motorama East Coast Indoor Nationals where we were awarded an AACA sponsored trophy. We didn't know it at the time, but we were displayed behind and had spent some time over the weekend talking with the AACA Chesapeake member's own TW Scott. It's a small world!





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## SUNSHINE REPORT FROM MARGARET

Get Well Cards have been sent to Harry Wilhelm and Howard Friedman.

A Sympathy Card has been sent to Cecil Poland on the passing of his sister-in-law Peggy.

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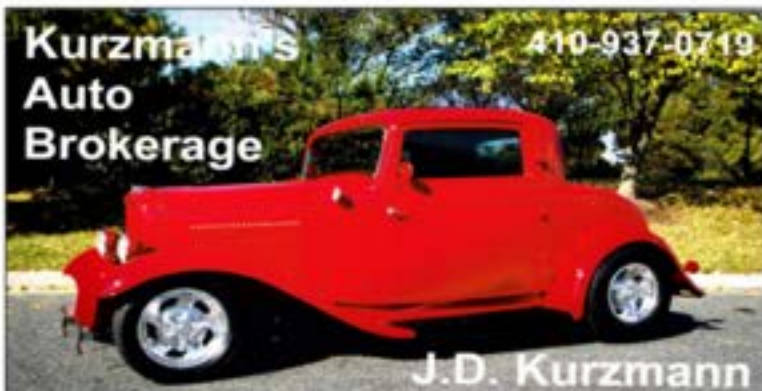
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