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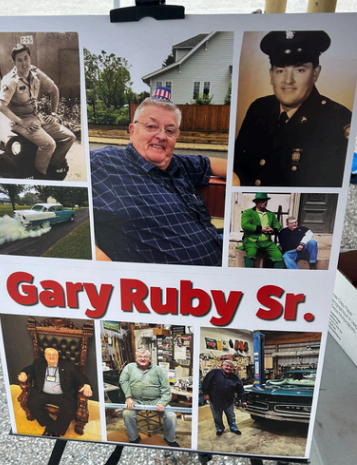


On Sunday, June 8th the Ruby Family (Paula, Gary Jr. with Sarah, Shannon with Chris, and Rachelle, Chris and Elizabeth) joined together to put on the 1st Gary Ruby, Sr. Memorial Car Show at the Moose in Hanover, PA. Even though the rain refused to wait, they were able to register 72 vehicles and a good time was had by all.

Thank you to the Chesapeake AACA members who made it a priority to come out and support the family. It was nice to see all those who are usually working the Chesapeake shows being able to sit and relax while enjoying each others company.

100% of the registration and raffle basket proceeds was donated to Muscular Dystrophy in honor of our guest judge, Bennett Lamb. This organization was selected as a remembrance of Gary Ruby, Sr.'s days spent to "Fill the Boot" while he was an active Baltimore City Firefighter.

There are already discussions being held to make this an annual event so stay tuned for additional information on what may be to come!



Paula's President's Message

Hello Chesapeake Members!



Hello Chesapeake members. With Memorial Day celebrated I guess Summer is officially here. I hope everyone had a terrific holiday weekend celebrating those that have and still are protecting our country. Let us never forget their true sacrifice.

I hope that you have been enjoying all of the treats and special gifts that you have been receiving at the membership meetings. The meetings will continue to hold new surprises, so you don't want to miss out.

We had a beautiful day and a great turnout for the Fire Museum show. It was the best decision to move the show to May instead July. There was a terrific variety of cars and trucks including a 1928 Fire Truck. I hope that everyone enjoyed the new food vendor "Food by Fire". This is our first time using them and I think that what they offered and their prices was great. We have already set our date for next year which will be May 16, 2026.

The bus trip to Boyertown is filling up nicely, we still have 12 seats available on the charter bus. At a cost of only \$20.00 for the bus trip, what a DEAL. I am still trying to finalize a second stop at the "3 Dog Garage". If we can't get in there, I have some other possibilities. Let's get the bus fill for a fun filled day.

I know that the Crab Feast sounds like a long-ways off, but the first bus is completely full and we are working on the second bus now. We will be opening the trip up to non-members this month. All non-members will be paying full fair but it is still a deal. Invite your family members to a fun day on the Choptank River with all the crabs they can eat. Remember that the menu will also serve Fried Chicken and a ton of sides to compliment the perfect Eastern Shore meal.

Hope to see you all at the upcoming events. You never know what special treats await those in attendance.

Paula Lynn Ruby



Student Corner

Elizabeth in Italy

Shortly after the semester ended, Elizabeth Bodvin headed straight to Italy with the High Point University Choir for an International Tour. In her 10 days, she visited the famous sights of Rome including Imperial Rome- the Roman Forum, Palatine Hill and the Colosseum, Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps, and the Pantheon where the choir was able to put on an impromptu performance. She also visited the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica nearly two days before the new Pope was announced. Following Rome, the choir traveled to Sorrento, the Pompeii ruins, the Amalfi Coast, Capri and Naples.

In their time in Italy, the choir performed in Rome, Sorrento and Naples in some of the most beautiful basilica's in the world. Elizabeth was there to witness the Pope's announcement as the White Smoke was shown on the TV in the restaurant that evening. The streets and churches of Sorrento filled with bells as the town celebrated the new selection. It was a celebration to remember on the bus ride back with the tour guide as the first American Pope in history was announced.

It was a once in a lifetime experience and a trip she will never forget. She is incredibly grateful for the opportunities High Point continues to present and can't wait to continue her education there in August!



Getting to know the Treadwells

Jack and Elaine Treadwell have belonged to the club since 2013 and can honestly say that they have enjoyed every moment. It's so nice to be around pleasant, caring people with like interests.

Jack's paternal ancestor came to Maryland from London in 1732 as an indentured servant (I will spare you the details). Although his surname is obviously English, he is predominantly German, have German ancestors on both sides of his family. Elaine is 3/4 Italian (maiden name Pannullo). Her father was born outside of Naples, Italy, and her maternal great grandparents were from Sicily. They first met in 5th grade, dated after high school, and were married in 1971.

Jack procured his driver's license in 1965, and took the driver's test in his dad's 1962 Cadillac Deville convertible. It was a beautiful off white with gunmetal blue leather interior. That was the car which sparked his love of automobiles. Of course, he started driving at the dawn of the muscle car era, so he was naturally drawn to those cars. Just before high school graduation, he bought his first Chevy, a '67 Camaro SS 350, and practically lived in that car for 18 month until the military beckoned. He gave the car to his younger brother, and it disappeared into the mists of time.

Many years later, after education, raising a family, etc., it was time to scratch the car itch once again. In 1997 he stumbled onto a Daytona yellow '69 Camaro Z/28 at Spring Carlisle. The car was rust free with a NOM, but the rest of the car was original. In 2018 it was time for a complete mechanical restoration, which he completed over a 3 year period. New engine from Chevy Racing, added power steering, all new wiring. It's now a "new" 55 year old road racer with a yellow interior!

The other jalopy is a '67 Corvette big block coupe which is nicely optioned (400 horse tri-power, side pipes, 4 speed, posi, leather, AM/FM). When purchased in 2000, the car had been sitting extensively, so a mechanical "freshening up" was in order. That work was completed over an 18 month period. Jack admits that this car is a "bear", and must be driven very cautiously, but it does sing a sweet song when cruising down the road. The radio becomes superfluous with the windows down and the sidepipes growling right in your ear!

Elaine has always enjoyed driving the Z/28 (she learned to drive a manual transmission as soon as she procured her license), especially after the power steering was added. The first car she owned was a new '69 VW Beetle with a 4 speed. Her aversion to the Corvette is because of the excessive power and the car's twitchy handling characteristics. Her two dream cars are the MG TD, and the 1958 Corvette. She hasn't "pulled the plug" on either one yet, but always keeps her eyes opened.

Jack is always on the lookout for another '67 Camaro or a nice C7 Corvette. We never stop dreaming about our next acquisition!

They are both looking forward to the many activities on the calendar for this year, and enjoying the terrific company of our fellow Chesapeake Region members. We'll see you on the road!



The Treadwells continued...



Jack at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway
“Indy 500” in 1967 with his 350 SS Camaro,

Chesapeake AACA Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes, June 9, 2025

Minutes from our June meeting will be emailed to the membership.

*Fondly,
Judy Dawson*

Congratulations Corner

The month of May has been full of celebrations and special events for the Chesapeake members. Remember if you have something special you'd like to share, please let our Editor know so we can share your good news.



Congratulations to our student member, Elaina Gamble, who graduated from high school on Saturday, May 31st. Elaina is the granddaughter of Tom and Judy Dawson. Elaina we are so proud of you and wish you the best in your future endeavors!

Congratulations Corner Continued



Congratulations to Chesapeake members Ira and Elana Katz on the birth of their new granddaughter Naomi Florence who was born on May 2, 2025.



Congratulations to Andrew Wilmer and his fiancée Kylie on their upcoming marriage scheduled for October 17, 2025. Wishing you all the happiness in years to come.



Congratulations to our Student Member, Aidan Ruby who graduated from High School on Friday, May 30th. Aidan is the son of member, Gary Ruby, Jr. and grandson of our President, Paula Ruby. Wishing you the best in your future endeavors!



Congratulations to Tom and Lauri Rosso. AACA Old Dominion Meet Association (ODMA), an AACA Region made up of about a dozen VA AACA Regions held their Annual Meet May 17 in Colonial Heights VA and CRAACA member Tom Russo obtained his first time Drivers Participation Class Award but also won the David Crump Memorial ODMA Chrysler Award for his rare right hand drive Australian Plymouth Valiant Wayfarer - an El Camino-like "Ute."

Congratulations Corner Continued



Tom Young went to Ford Carlisle with his 1960 Thunderbird and was able to display his vehicle in the 70 Years of Thunderbird Tent.

Here he is posing with his son-in-law, Chris, who stopped by to support Tom and enjoy some time together.

Congratulations to Tom Rosso who attended the Chesapeake Antique Fire Apparatus Associations Annual Spring Muster at the Pleasant Valley Community Fire Company on Saturday, June 7th. He heard about the event at our Chesapeake AACA Fire Museum Show and decided to attend. He was awarded one of the 12 awards handed out for the day. There were 55 pieces of equipment that braved the rain to display for the show.



On June 7th, Phil and Shelly Hack attended the Chesapeake Bay Motoring Festival at the Kent Island Yacht Club in Chester, MD and won a Best of Queen Anne County Road Tour Award.



Tech Talk...with Phil Hack

Tech Talk is Dedicated to Gary Ruby, Sr.

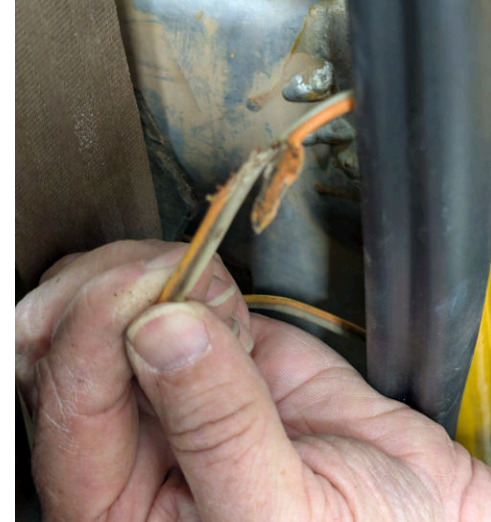
A Tech Session was held at my home on Thursday May 22. The purpose of the session was to locate and hopefully repair electrical gremlins hiding in Mark Stershic's 1971 Chevy C10 truck. It was attended by members Robert Brown, Bruce Stumpp, Rocco Baldino, Jack Treadwell and of course Mark and myself.

The backup lights, the interior courtesy lights and the bed light did not work at all. Mark chose to start with the backup lights. No offense to anyone, but the first thing we did was check the light bulbs. We quickly determined that one bulb was out but there also was no power going to either socket. The backup light switch on these vehicles is mounted directly on the steering column underneath the dash. The switch has two sets of contacts, one for the backup lights and one for the neutral safety switch. The switch is operated by a cog connected to the shifter so the backup lights are energized when in Reverse and the neutral safety switch prevents starting the engine except in Park and Neutral. We placed a jumper wire across the contacts energizing one light confirming the switch had failed. A corroded socket prevented the other light from turning on. We cleaned the socket and had both lights working. Problem solved...sorta. Mark had purchased a new switch, but it was the wrong one. He'll have to wait for the new one.

The interior lights and bed light are mounted back to back at the top of the cab. I expected to find one circuit feeding both. Not so. There are two separate circuits from under the dash feeding these lights. The bed light must be a very rare option. It wasn't even on a wiring diagram. We quickly found that the switch for it was bad. Again...easy fix.

The interior lights presented a more vexing issue. Interior lights are wired hot and the socket is not grounded. The ground lead runs from the bulb to each of the door switches and the headlight switch on the dash. Opening either door or twisting the headlight switch grounds the lead, completing the circuit and lighting the light. The three switches were working properly. Voltage and resistance measurements at the light pointed to something very strange going on; there was a problem with both the hot and the ground wires. Tracing the leads I discovered that both wires had been pinched under the driver's door latch plate inside the B pillar. The ground wire was permanently grounded and the hot wire had perhaps one strand grounding out, causing some current to flow continuously but not enough to blow a fuse. The latch had been removed last year when Mark had the truck painted. Both wires got pinched when the latch was reinstalled. We repaired damage with crimps and heat tape.

Mark purchased pizza for all, and we called the day a success.



Phil Hack

Region Activities 2025

Date	Time	Event	Location
June 2025			
6/15	9-2	Liberty Street Rods Summer Car Show	Finksburg, MD
6/27	4-8	Markets at Shrewsbury Cruise-In	Shrewsbury, PA
6/28	4-8	Harford Winery Cruise-In	Forest Hill, MD
6/29	1 - ?	Chesapeake Region Picnic at Paula's House	Manchester, MD
July 2025			
7/3	9:30 a.m.	Let's Talk Cars Jacksonville Senior Center	Jacksonville, MD
7/11-13	All Day	Chrysler Carlisle	Carlisle, PA
7/12	9-2	Wheels of the Past National Car Collector Day	Edgewater, MD
7/12	5-9	Graul's Market Cruise-In	Parkton, MD
7/14	7:00 p.m.	General Membership Meeting, Divinity Lutheran Church	Towson, MD
7/19	All Day	Boyertown Bus Trip	Boyertown, PA
7/25	4-8	Markets at Shrewsbury Cruise-In	Shrewsbury, PA
7/26	4-8	Steve Shott Memorial Car Show, Harford Winery	Forest Hill, MD
7/27	9-2	VCCA Free State Car Show	Reisterstown, MD

Garage Space Wanted

New club member Larry Anderson is looking to rent storage next fall & winter for his 1998 M3 roadster. The car is happily garaged in Garrett County in the summer, but it would be swell to have it stored closer to Towson to be able to participate in club activities. Commercial options are fine but tend not to allow in-and-out privileges, defeating the purpose. Got any leads?

Contact Larry at (703) 994-0038 or larry.debbie.anderson@gmail.com.

VCCA Annual All-Vehicle Show

Please join our fellow club members in attending the Free State Region, VCCA (Chevy Club)'s annual All-Vehicle Show on July 27th.

It's a well-attended show that always draws a great variety of vehicles: cars, hotrods, trucks & motorcycles. Many of our AACA members are also VCCA members so it's fun to share our support in attendance!

The flyer is attached to this email or visit their website site:
www.FreeStateRegionVCCA.org/Annual-All-Vehicle-Show

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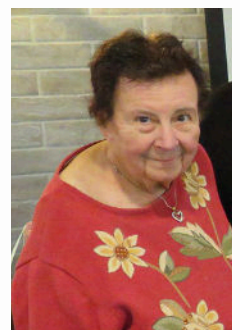
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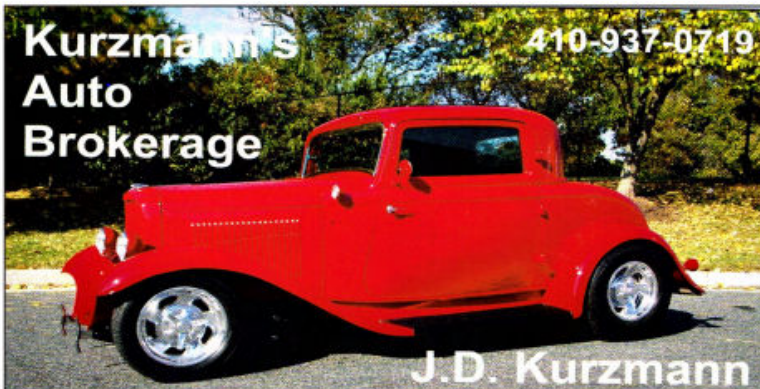
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