

# CHESAPEAKE BULLETIN

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On Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> we held our Chesapeake Region Picnic at the home of Paula Ruby. We also brought back the auction to raise money for our Toys for Tots Bicycle Purchase. The picnic brought out approximately 60 members and a good time was had by all. Thanks for everyone who attended and brought lots of goodies to share. A special thanks to our President, Paula, for opening up her home to the club.





# PICNIC FUN





# Paula's President's Message

## Hello Chesapeake Members!

Can you believe that half of 2025 is over and in the books. We have been so busy that I don't think that anyone realized that it has passed. The month of June had us participate at Carroll Lutheran Village for a day of food and fun. We had a great turnout with over a dozen or more cars. The staff at the Village has asked us to come back again next year.

I would like to thank everyone that came out to the Gary Ruby, Sr. Memorial car show, at the Moose Lodge in Hanover, PA. on June the 8th. Even though the weather didn't hold out we still had 72 cars register. We were able to raise \$1,400.00 for Muscular Dystrophy at Johns Hopkins Hospital. We were competing with Ford at Carlisle and the NSRA show in York.

To finish out the month of June we celebrated with our Membership picnic. We had over 50 members come out for a great day of food and fun including an old time event of an auction of donated items by those that participated. Auctioneer Gary Ruby, Jr. had people buying things that I'm sure that they did not need. Elizabeth Bodvin acted as our cashier. Thanks to you both. We raised \$575.00 that will go towards the purchase of bikes for Toys for Tots.

The special treat for the July membership meeting was Meatball Subs, Salad and Chips. Keep coming out to the meetings for special surprises and snacks.

July's special trip was our bus trip to Boyertown, PA. to visit the 3 Dog Garage, the Automotive Museum and have lunch. I hope that everyone enjoyed the day. Make sure you put on your calendar August 23rd. We will be hosting the cruise in at the Harford Winery from 4 to 8 pm. Let's have a good turnout. Be sure to keep up on all of the other car events by following our updated calendar of events.

See you all on August 11th for our next membership meeting.



*Paula Lynn Ruby*



# The Appalachian Adventures of Allen and Cindy Swim

I purchased a 1966 GTO Convertible sometime in the mid 1980s. It was the car I had wanted since High School (graduated in 1979). It was a bit run down, but it ran, had a 4 speed transmission and looked pretty good from 20 feet away. The original engine was long gone, so when it came time for restoration I decided that I would do it my way (rather than a factory correct restoration). I wanted the car to look mostly stock on the outside, but decided on a few upgrades including 4 wheel discs brakes.



I had never undertaken a complete frame-off, nut & bolt restoration, but I felt confident that I could undertake such a large task. I wanted to do most of the work myself, but knew I would have to get professional help for the paint & body work, upholstery, and engine/machine work. I began the restoration in 2012, not knowing how long it would ultimately take (a story for another day).

My goal with this restoration was to have a car I could be proud of, to participate in some judged competitions, and then later drive and enjoy the car. So far I have accomplished the first two of those goals.

Earlier this year, with the restoration nearly complete, I set my sights on the first show to enter the car for judging. The Pontiac Oakland Club International (POCI) was having their annual Convention in Louisville, KY on June 9-12. My wife Cindy suggested that we could take in a second show held by the GTO Association of America (GTOAA) the following week in Kingsport, TN (17-21 June). So we loaded the car in our enclosed car trailer, and off we went on a two week journey.



We arrived in Louisville a day early, on 8 June, so that we could “take it all in”. It turned out that June 9th was a set up day and not much happened, so we left the car in the trailer until the next day. POCI requires all judged cars to go through a Technical Inspection to make sure the car is fully functional, and meets safety standards including having a proper fire extinguisher (as specified in the POCI Judging Rule Book). The car successfully passed the Tech Inspection, and we moved the car into the Louisville Convention Center where the Points Judged show was set to take place the next day (11 June).



We were able to do some minor cleaning to the car (yes it got dusty while in the trailer) prior to judging. The Points Judged cars were to remain inside the Convention Center until after the Awards Banquet on 12 June. There were approximately 280 cars registered for the Convention, which consisted of the Points Judged cars (Stock & Modified), Popular Vote cars, & Road Warrior cars (a non-judged class).



# The Appalachian Adventures of Allen and Cindy Swim Continued...



There was a wide variety of cars at the show from a 1929 Oakland Landau Sedan to a 2008 Pontiac G8. At the Awards Banquet, I was thrilled when I was presented with a Gold Award Trophy in the Points Judged Modified Class!

The Trophy is a replica of a 1930s Pontiac Hood Ornament, it is very unique and beautifully crafted. The next day we loaded the car back into the trailer and left for Kingsport, TN. We arrived in Kingsport in the late afternoon on Friday 13 June. The GTOAA Convention was not scheduled to begin until Tuesday 17 June, so we relaxed in the hotel for a couple of days. Similar to the POCI Judging rules, the GTOAA also requires that each show car must pass a Technical Inspection to be eligible for judging. I noticed right away that the folks at the GTOAA were being much more thorough during the Tech Inspection. The car passed inspection without incident, but I had the feeling that this show was to be tougher than the previous week's show.



After I pulled the car into the Convention Center, I once again cleaned the car off, but decided I should spend a little extra time looking things over to make sure I was ready for judging set to begin the next day (18 June). I wasn't able to get an accurate count of the number of registered cars, but I estimated there to be about 150 cars. Of that number 70 of them were Points Judged (Concourse Original Restored, Performance Modified & Factory Original Unrestored). The remaining cars were either in the Popular Vote Class, or Street Survivor (a non-judged class). Before judging began, I attended a meeting for the Points Judged Car Owners where I learned how the judging was to be conducted. I was surprised to learn that the GTOAA encourages car owners to talk to the judges while they are assessing your car. This is different from POCI where talking with the judges was not permitted. When the judging team came around (4 judges each assigned to a specific area of the car), I was a bit nervous, and also amazed at how much time and detail was being taken looking over my car. I did receive some very positive feedback from a couple of the judges, which made me feel a bit better, but still uncertain how I was going to do. At the Awards Banquet I was ecstatic when my name was called to announce that I had received a Gold Award in the Performance Modified Class!

# The Appalachian Adventures of Allen and Cindy Swim Continued...



When the award was presented to me I also received the Judging Form with all the Judges' comments, and the total score I received. I earned 369 points out of a possible 400. Later, I looked over the Judges' comments on the Judging Form to see where I lost points, so that I can make improvements to earn a better score in the future.

This trip was the culmination of a years-long process to restore my High School dream car. It has been a difficult journey at times but in the end very rewarding to receive such great recognition for all the hard work that went into this restoration. We met many nice people on this trip, had a great time attending both Conventions, and taking in local attractions such as Churchill Downs in Louisville & Bristol Motor Speedway in TN. Showing a car at this level requires many hours of dedication, patience, and attention to detail, but to me, it all seems worth it in the end.

## Chesapeake AACA Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes, July 14, 2025

Minutes from our July meeting have been emailed to the membership.

*Fondly,  
Judy Dawson*

## Interesting Membership Facts

### Vehicle Statistics by Year

Years 1900-1909 - 3 Vehicles  
Years 1910-1919 - 10 vehicles  
Years 1920-1929- 30 vehicles  
Years 1930-1939 - 65 vehicles  
Years 1940-1949 - 52 vehicles  
Years 1950-1959 - 83 vehicles  
Years 1960-1969 - 150 vehicles  
Years 1970-1979 - 58 vehicles  
Years 1980-1989 - 29 vehicles  
Years 1990-1999 - 30 vehicles  
Years 2000-2009 - 10 vehicles

Did you ever wonder what the most popular decade is for our membership's vehicles? The chart to the left shows the most popular decades of vehicles disclosed by our membership.

The clear winner is.....





# Getting to Know Kevin and Sara Perkins

Kevin grew up on Cape Cod, MA and is the 3rd oldest of 9. Just 10 days out of high school he was on a bus to Boot Camp at the US Coast Guard training facility in Cape May, NJ. After retirement from serving 22 years in the US Coast Guard he settled down in Baltimore County, MD. He was employed for 19 years with Pete's Cycle in Bel Air as their Service Dept writer/manager. More recently he enjoyed 12 years driving cars for the Bel Air Auto Auction. Kevin officially retired last August!

Sara grew up in Lutherville then attended Maryland Institute College of Art to major in Graphic Design. She put 22 years into businesses of graphic design, structural package design and the printing industry before changing careers to become a franchise owner of Dream Vacations, a travel agency. That ownership has been 33 years, however, she's been cutting back on her hours and clients to work towards retirement.

Kevin & Sara met in 1996 while attending a Country Dancing evening at an American Legion in Aberdeen he became her 2-step teacher/partner. Two years later they married. From Kevin's two daughters of a previous marriage, they are grandparents to 5 grandsons.

Their combined interests include travel, the beach, wineries & breweries. spending time with family & friends or just at home together. Their travels have been far and wide, taking them around the US as well as to many European countries. Did you notice "cars" isn't part of that list? Well, Kevin is the 'car guy' while Sara is his avid supporter. She appreciates & admires cars, just isn't one to sit at car shows ... unless there is travel involved & especially if it takes them out-of-state. She does enjoy the camaraderie of the car clubs, though! Sara is more the 'gardening gal' and Kevin is her supporter of that. Her back yard garden is her pride and joy.

One of their outings, while they were just engaged, was going to Corvettes of Carlisle to just look around. Kevin had admired & educated himself on Corvettes for at least 20 years but never owned one. Here he could 'impress Sara' with his knowledge of all things Corvette! Well ... by the end of that day, Kevin was driving home a 1984 Gold-on-Gold C4 Corvette while Sara followed him. They went up there with no plans to purchase therefore they had no cash on them. How they made this purchase happen is another story for another time! Since then, they have owned 4 more Corvettes with the current one being a 1999, 6-speed, fixed roof coupe. Kevin acquired his 'high-speed' license while at the Poconos track where he drove 2 of their Corvettes, one being a 1999 Lingenfelter-prepped track car.

Over the years together, ownership of various cars and motorcycles have filled their home's 2-car garage. Kevin's current and favorite, 1959 Chevy Impala with continental kit, has to be stored elsewhere since it is too long for the home garage. They owned micro cars for a while which fit wonderfully in their garage; a 1990 Mitsubishi Mini Van, 4-speed, right-hand drive and a 1969 FIAT 500L. Sara still drives her 2003 Acura CL and loves not having all the fancy stuff of newer cars. There is a running joke they have as they're out driving about ... Kevin will often point to a car and say, "I had one of those!" referencing all the cars he's owned over his lifetime.





## Additional Photos from Kevin and Sara



## Fun Times with Members



Mark Stershic was spotted in a 57 Chevy while riding along in Pennsylvania.

Kenny Stevenson,  
"Moosing Around"



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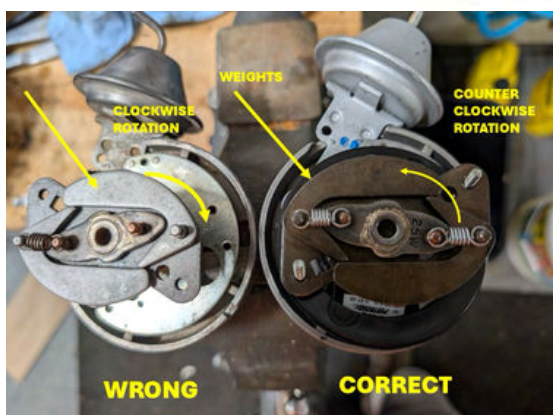
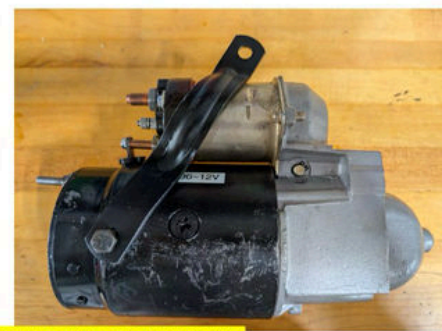
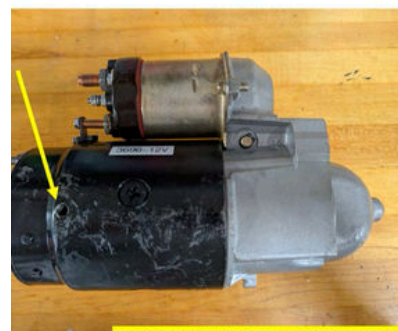
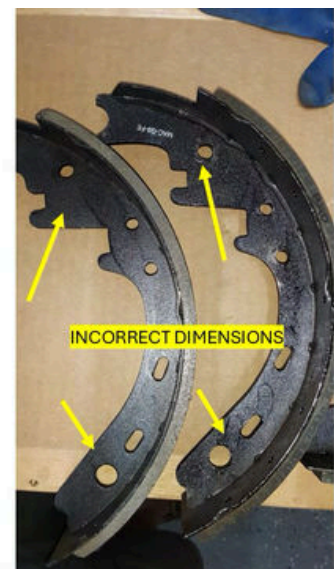
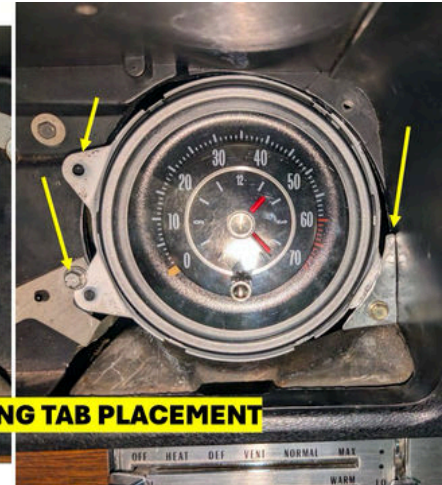
# Tech Talk...with Phil Hack

Tech Talk is Dedicated to Gary Ruby, Sr.

I've come to the realization that I'm not continually kicking a dead horse. The horse is alive and well and I keep kicking it anyways.

**MISFITS:** New parts for our old cars that don't fit. This time however I have some photos as a picture is worth a thousand words. As you can see, many of these MISFITS aren't particularly obvious and may not even be noticed until after installation on your car. A rebuilt starter was missing a tapped hole for a support bracket. A rebuilt distributor was assembled with a counterclockwise vacuum advance and a clockwise mechanical advance. A power steering pump was offset incorrectly by about 20 degrees. Mounting tabs on Rally Pac gauges didn't match the original. Hole patterns on brake shoes were off just enough to prevent the brakes from working properly. These are just a few of the MISFITS I've encountered recently. They're often very subtle. Many, I didn't even notice until the installation. These MISFITS were all provided by well-respected vendors and rebuild shops. No supplier is immune.

BE AWARE AND NEVER RETURN A CORE UNTIL YOU KNOW THE NEW PART FITS.



Phil Hack



# Chrysler Carlisle with Tom and Lauri Rosso

Lauri & Tom recently attended the Carlisle Chrysler Nationals during the week of July 8th.

While the show officially runs for 3 days (Friday, Saturday, & Sunday), they managed to stretch it out to 6! Started hauling cars on Tuesday, then just hanging with friends from up and down the coast starting on Wednesday and watched the show build. The show had a lot of extra displays and featured vehicles that were gathered specifically to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Chrysler Corporation. Of the many extra vehicles on display, the most stunning was a Chrysler powered Sherman Tank! Even though the usual is 90 degree plus heat, there were still just over 3200 vehicles registered on the show field alone.

They took 5 cars to the show. Their 1965 Canadian Valiant Signet was displayed inside Building T as part of the collection of feature vehicles to commemorate the anniversary in addition to 4 cars on the show field in our Class, "1960-1966 Plymouth A Body Stock". The planets were perfectly aligned and they collected 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Awards in our Class. A Carlisle first and in a year that had over 30 cars in the group. They also received a Celebrity Judges Choice Award for the Wagon from Lou Costabile with My Car Story with Lou, who does car reviews on YouTube. Looking for the video in the coming weeks. All the winning was briefly interrupted during the second trip back home when we suffered a blowout on a trailer tire. Minimal damage to the trailer, but it was a real attention getter! All in all, a great week of friends & cars!!





# Region Activities 2025

| Date                  | Time      | Event  | Location          |
|-----------------------|-----------|--|-------------------|
| <b>August 2025</b>    |           |  |                   |
| 8/1-3                 | 8-4       | Macungie Memorial Park Car Show              | Macungie, PA      |
| 8/7                   | 9:30 a.m. | Let's Talk Cars Jacksonville Senior Center   | Jacksonville, MD  |
| 8/9                   | 8-2       | Real Man's Yard Sale, Markets at Shrewsbury  | Shrewsbury, PA    |
| 8/9                   | 5-9       | Graul's Market Cruise In                     | Monkton, MD       |
| 8/11                  | 7:00 p.m. | Chesapeake Region General Membership Meeting | Towson, MD        |
| 8/15                  | 11-3      | Active Minds Learning Center Car Display     | Towson, MD        |
| 8/21-23               | All Day   | Corvette Carlisle                            | Carlisle, PA      |
| 8/22                  | 4-8       | Markets at Shrewsbury Cruise In              | Shrewsbury, PA    |
| 8/23                  | 10 - ?    | Summer's Army Car Show, Gitt's Library       | Hanover, PA       |
| 8/23                  | 4-8       | Chesapeake Region Harford Winery Event       | Forest Hill, MD   |
| 8/23                  | 8-1       | Rally for Wreaths Car Show, Turf Valley      | Ellicott City, MD |
| <b>September 2025</b> |           |  |                   |
| 9/4                   | 9:30 a.m. | Let's Talk Cars Jacksonville Senior Center   | Jacksonville, MD  |
| 9/6                   | 9-3       | Bel Air Moose Car Show                       | Forest Hill, MD   |
| 9/8                   | 7:00 p.m. | Chesapeake Region General Membership Meeting | Towson, MD        |
| 9/13                  | 5-9 p.m.  | Graul's Market Cruise-In                     | Monkton, MD       |
| 9/14                  | 10-2      | Autumn Harvest Chesapeake Region Car Show    | Manchester, MD    |

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Congratulations to Andrew Wilmer and  
Mattison on their engagement

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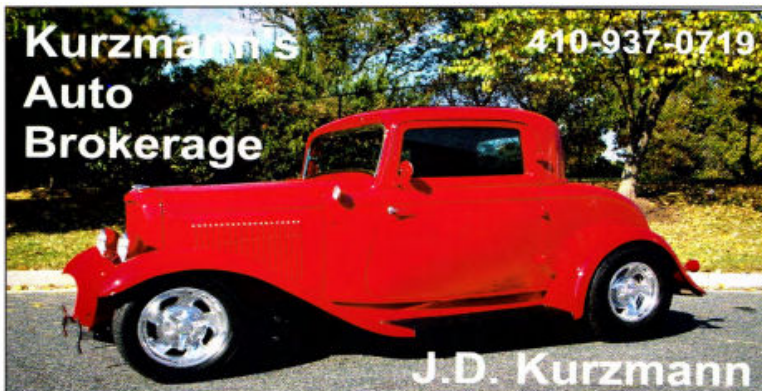
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