

CHESAPEAKE BULLETIN

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On Saturday, September 20th, the Region celebrated their 70th anniversary in true style on the Boat Cruise at Suicide Bridge. The day was a beautiful celebration of our friendship and strength of our organization.



Boat Trip Continued...



Autumn Harvest Show



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Paula's President's Message

Hello Chesapeake Members!

WOW! WOW! WOW!, The month of September has truly been one to put in the books. The month started out with our monthly meeting that was well attended.



Our first event was the Fall Harvest show on Sunday, September 14th at the Manchester Fire Company's Carnival grounds. It was a beautiful morning with cars arriving at 8 am for a 10 o'clock show. By 10 am we had 167 cars registered with more still coming. By the end of the day there were at least 175 cars on the field. Some were coming in after we had already started our judging. The Fire company had been cooking since 7:30 anticipating a big crowd. They had provided Roast Beef, Turkey and Ham sandwiches. The line for food was steady and they did very well. At 1:30 we gave out 52 plaques and a Best of Show plaque went to a 1966 Chevy Chevelle Malibu. This was the most cars that we have ever had at the Fall Harvest show. Thank you to all of the club members that handed out flyers and those who came out that day to work and participate. As always, it would have been nice to see more members.

On Saturday, September 20th our big celebration for our 70th anniversary finally happened, our crab feast and boat trip that the membership had suggested. The morning started early with everyone arriving to meet the 2 buses at 8:00. By 8:15 we were on our way with 95 people heading to the Eastern Shore of Maryland to the Suicide Bridge Restaurant in Hurlock, Maryland. We had a few people who choose to drive to the restaurant and meet us there. The weather was just perfect. We did have a brief shower when the boat got underway but did not last long. We enjoyed a great meal of steamed crabs and Maryland fried chicken with all of the sides. The 3 hour boat ride took us down the Choptank river to the Bay Bridge and returned. I heard from many people at the end of the day that they wanted to do it again. It's a shame that not more members participated, you really missed a great day.

Reservations for the Holiday Banquet are coming in for the final event of this year. We presently have 62 people attending. You don't want to miss this event. In addition to a great meal at Friendly Farms, we will have some special gifts for everyone and give out our awards for the 2025 year. I hope to see everyone attend.

Keep in mind that the Fall is upon us and the days are getting shorter. The deer are running in the evenings, so please be careful coming to the next meeting at the church.



Paula Lynn Ruby



Chesapeake AACA Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes, October 13, 2025

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

Fondly,
Judy Dawson

Tech Talk...with Phil Hack

Tech Talk is Dedicated to Gary Ruby, Sr.

Tech Talk will resume in the upcoming months. Remember if you have technical questions feel free to reach out for assistance or to schedule a tech session.

Phil Hack

Update from MD Department of Transportation



Bulletin

D-08-25-06

Date: August 22, 2025
To: Dealers and Tag & Title Agents
From: Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) - Central Operations
RE: New Vehicle Services Fee Changes

PURPOSE

This bulletin summarizes the update to COMAR 11.11.05 that become effective on September 1, 2025.

Vehicle Services Fee Changes

Service	Current Fee	New Fee
Corrected Title	\$40	\$80
Duplicate Title	\$20	\$40
Security Interest Filing (Original and Duplicate)	\$20	\$40
Salvage Titles (Original and Duplicate)	\$25	\$40
Salvage Inspection Fee	\$25	\$75

Vehicle Registration Fee Changes

Service	Current Fee	New Fee
Replacement Registration plates, validation tabs, and registration card	\$20	\$40

Miscellaneous Fees

Service	Current Fee	New Fee
Vehicle emissions inspection fee. Every other year for eligible vehicles.	\$14	\$30
Vehicle emissions reinspection fee. After initial free inspection.	\$14	\$30
Vehicle emissions inspection kiosk testing fee (every other year for eligible vehicles)	\$10	\$26
Vehicle emissions inspection late fee. (assessed the day after payment is due and every 28 days thereafter)	\$15	\$30
Vehicle emissions inspection for participants in the Fleet Inspection Program.	\$14	\$30

The MVA website will reflect the above changes on September 1, 2025.

As discussed by our legislative chair, Michael Natale at our last few meetings, the new prices for the State of Maryland Department of Transportation were officially released.

As you can see many of these fees have doubled. Don't be surprised when you have to have services performed.



Getting to Know Nick Prevas

Nick was born in 1947, and grew up in the Lauraville neighborhood of northeast Baltimore (just south of Hamilton). His mother Marie, a WWII Gold Star Widow, raised him as a single parent. His salute to the greatest generation! Nick met Carol Linda Herold at age 16 and began going steady. They both graduated high school in 1965: Linda from Mergenthaler and Nick from Calvert Hall. They were married in 1966 at age 19.

Their son Nicholas III was born in 1981, married Jill Fannon, and has a daughter Eva 8 and a son Kit 7. Their daughter Virginia-Marie was born in 1976, married Will Beckett, and has three daughters: Maddie 20, Olivia 16, and Naomi 11 (all CR student members). In 2024 Maddie became engaged to Chase Wilkens of Ellicott City—a most welcome addition to the family.

Sadly Nick lost Linda in 2018, but they remain a close family.

Nick's career ambition was to follow his father's path and serve in the Army, which he did by enlisting in 1968. He served in Vietnam in 1970, where he was privileged to be assigned to the distinguished 3rd Infantry Regiment (aka The Old Guard). Although the Old Guard's primary mission is to honor the fallen at Arlington National Cemetery, its units have participated in every major conflict beginning with the American Revolution. The Old Guard is the oldest regiment in the Army. Following Vietnam, Nick completed college and began a career in the Army Reserve. He retired in 2007.

Nick's full-time job was in federal civil service with another historic organization...the US Marshals Service headquarters. Founded in 1789, it is America's oldest federal law enforcement agency. Car note: In 1993 Nick oversaw the transfer of a forfeited Tucker (car # 1039) to the Smithsonian, where it is periodically displayed in the American Museum of American History. It has also toured the country allowing thousands to view this rare piece of history. No bullet holes to patch but Smithsonian craftsmen recreated a missing wheel cover from scratch. Nick retired in 2006.

Nick's love of cars began quite early. At age 5 his Mom found him in the garage with a gallon of red paint and a three-inch flat brush...he was "touching up" faded images on the hubcaps of her 1950 Plymouth. By age six he could identify every make of car on the road, but admittedly there were a lot fewer makes back then. That led to a plethora of car drawings...one he did in 1957 was eerily prescient of 1960's styling. He also built every model car he could get his hands on and still have them.

Nick bought his first real car in 1963 at age 15. It was a 1956 Chevy Bel Air two-door hardtop, which was not running and lacked a front clip. His buddies helped him cram a 348 cubic inch "big block" engine into it and convert the car to standard shift. He added bucket seats, did all the bodywork, and painted it himself. This build turned out to be quite ambitious for a kid equipped with no training, no manuals, and few tools—only an idea. Not bad for a 50 footer!



Getting to Know Nick Prevas

Three other cars are also significant in his life:

Nick bought his dream car in the fall of 1965. It was a brand new, factory-ordered 1966 Corvette Stingray coupe, equipped with a high performance 327 engine (RPO L79), close ratio Muncie 4-speed, and a 3.70 positraction differential. Linda and he drove it to and from various Army installations before my deployment to Vietnam. They sold it just before he deployed. Unfortunately two days after the sale it was stolen, stripped and destroyed. Mom wrote that the remains were later recovered by police and the perps got jail time, but the car was probably too far-gone to restore.

Fast forward to 2013 when Linda and Nick agreed to find a replacement car. And replace it we did! Nick found a virtually identical 1966 Stingray that had been restored by a NASA Goddard engineer. It was his favorite car. Sadly he had passed away unexpectedly and his widow wanted it to go to a good home. It's alive and well cared for...a real time warp to drive. Nick calls it Carma!

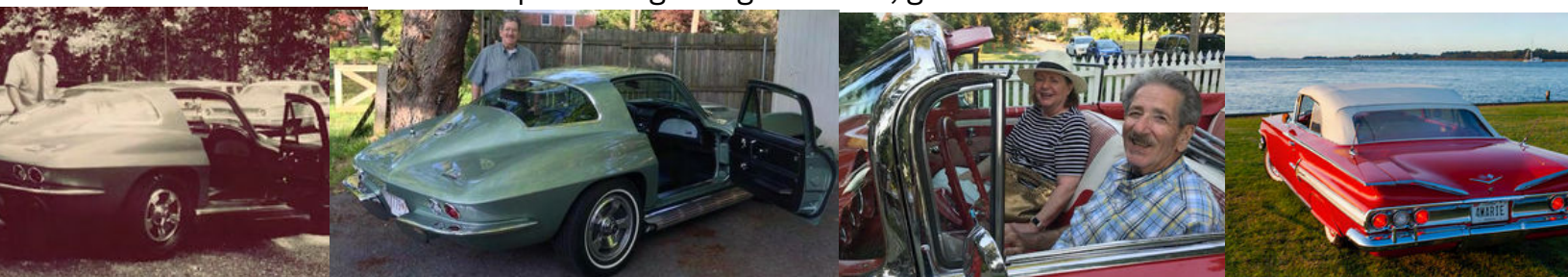
The third significant car is another time warp of the 1960's...a 1960 Impala convertible. His Mom owned one back in the day and would let him drive it occasionally. Linda and he enjoyed riding in that car. It was his favorite Impala and he always dreamed of finding a replacement. That day came in 2015 when he found a nice specimen in State College. Gary and Paula Ruby trailered it home for him. I named it "4MARIE" in honor of Mom. It previously held AACA Junior and Senior awards. In 2020 it earned a Grand National award. It has also participated for the past two years at the St. Michaels Concours d'Elegance. Like the Stingray, it is alive and well cared for. It gets nice reviews wherever it goes...a pleasure to own. Hurray Marie!

Nick joined Chesapeake Region in 2010 for two reasons: love of original vehicles and receipt of a warm thanks and dash plaque from CR member Jerry Gordon at the end of the 2009 Baltimore Christmas Parade. He's served the Region as property officer, editor, and vice president. He's proud to be a member and values his friends. He's grateful for the experiences and invaluable information gained. He never dreamed at the outset that membership would one day lead to a Grand National award.

When not under the hood of a car, he's helping his kids or caring for his grandkids. He's also active in several Army associations, and serve as the coordinator for the Calvert Hall Veterans Group. Check out our veterans monument and searchable database at veterans.calverthall.com

He's fortunate to spend many happy hours together with his partner Jane McClard, enjoying life and caring for their families.

He hopes to keep motoring as long as he can, and proud to be cruising alongside members of Chesapeake Region—great folks, great car club.



Region Activities 2025

Date	Time	Event	Location
October 2025			
10/15	2-4 p.m.	Spirit Trust Car Display	New Freedom, PA
10/18	4-7 p.m.	Matthews Tire Car Show	Hampstead, MD
10/24	4-8 p.m.	Markets at Shrewsbury Cruise-In	Shrewsbury, PA
10/26	All Day	Poker Run - Chesapeake Region	Harford County, MD
10/26	11-3	Rumble in the Ruins Car Show	Glen Rock, PA
November 2025			
11/1	Morning	Tall Cedars Pancake Breakfast	Parkville, MD
11/1	11-3	Markets at Shrewsbury Toy Run	Shrewsbury, PA
11/6	9:30 a.m.	Let's Talk Cars Jacksonville Senior Center	Jacksonville, MD
11/8	3:00 p.m.	American Music Theater Christmas Show	Lancaster, PA
11/8	5-9 p.m.	Graul's Market Cruise In	Hereford, MD
11/9	11-3	Sunday in the Park Car Show	Hampstead, MD
11/10	7:00 p.m.	General Membership Meeting Divinity Lutheran Church	Towson, MD
11/16	11 a.m.	Chesapeake Region Holiday Banquet - Friendly Farms	Upperco, MD

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Our Spooky Friends



Tom Rosso attended the 9th Annual Ralph C. Adams Memorial Car Show in Sykesville MD to benefit Oil Heat Cares and the Dove house. His Ambo along with his skeleton friend Tavo proved to be a favorite with the kids again as he was awarded the Kids Choice trophy for the 4th year in a row!

Congratulations Tom!

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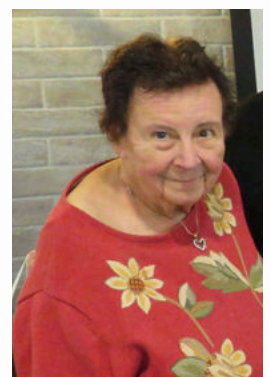
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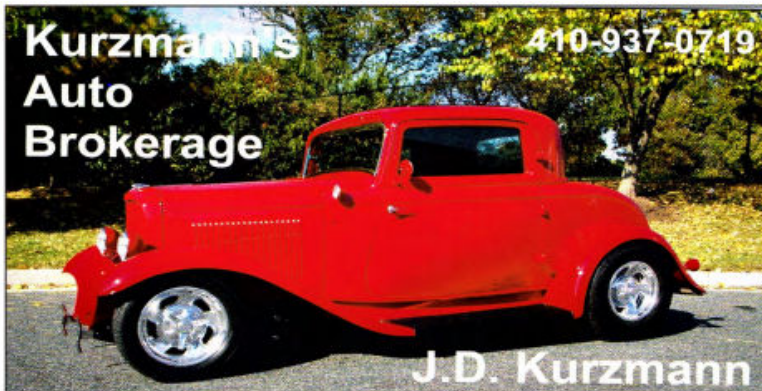
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