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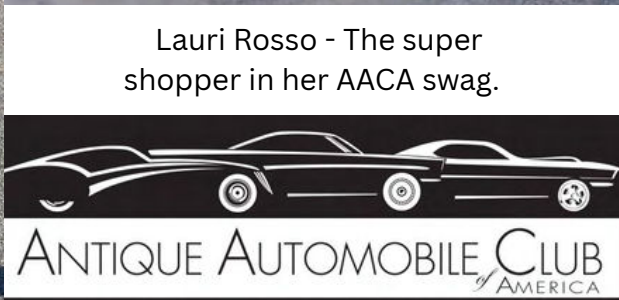
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The Chesapeake Region was well represented at Hershey this year. The show took place on Friday October 10, 2025 on the grounds of the AACA Library. The weather was sunny and pleasant but the temperature was cool in the morning (around 40 degrees). Six of our members displayed cars in various classes. Rocco Baldino with his 1988 Lincoln Mark VII, Tom & Lori Rosso with their 1965 Plymouth Valiant, Allen Swim with his 1988 Chevy Silverado Pickup, Bob & Mike Vitalie with Bob's Lincoln, Gary Wilmer with his 1963 Pontiac Bonneville Convertible & Tom Young with his Dodge Race Car. A group of us gathered at Tom Young's car and then walked around to see the other members cars on the show field. Everyone's cars looked amazing. When we walked over to Tom Rosso's car and looked it over, Tom Young made the prediction that Tom R would win a First Junior Award for his Valiant, and he went on to say "If you don't win a First Junior, I will buy you a steak dinner!" Well Tom Young's prediction came true and Tom Rosso did in fact win a First Junior for his excellent restoration and meticulous attention to detail. Several of us also won Awards, including Rocco Baldino with a 1st Preservation (following a 1st Junior in 2013, and a Senior in 2023), Allen Swim with a Senior Award in the Original Class, Gary Wilmer for Repeat Preservation for his Bonneville, and a Preservation Award for Tom Young's Race Car. Congratulations to all.



Lauri Rosso - The super shopper in her AACA swag.



Spirit Trust Car Display



On Wednesday, October 15th, several members traveled to Spirit Trust Lutheran Retirement Village in New Freedom, PA to put on a vehicle display for the residents. All seemed to enjoy the cars that were displayed and there was great conversation with our membership while we were there.

Paula's President's Message

Hello Chesapeake Members!



Our 70th year celebrations are winding down. What a busy year it has been. As we approach the end of 2025 let's reflect back on the many events we have done this year. Our meetings included pizza parties, ice cream, donuts and meatball subs as well as special treats like flags and flag pins for our members to wear proudly.

We held two fantastic shows this year, had a great picnic with an auction like was done in years passed. We had a fantastic day for our Crab Feast and Boat trip on the Choptank River taking two buses to the Eastern shore of Maryland. In October we held our Poker Run that ran through Baltimore and Harford Counties. It was a beautiful fall day with great participation by a lot of new members. Right now, we are gearing up for our annual bike delivery for the Toys 4 Tots Campaign which we will deliver 55 bikes on Saturday, December 6th. Join in for this great event. We will finish the year off with our annual banquet at Friendly Farms restaurant on Sunday, November 16th. We have over 100 members and guest coming. I hope you got your reservation in.

As we are soon to begin our 71st year as a region we have so much to be proud of in what we have accomplished. We are committed to increasing our membership by going into new areas of Maryland. As a member of Chesapeake, we are depending on you to offer a membership to your family and friends. Even if they don't have a car, think all of the activities that we do which makes our club enticing. We will be having a Membership Luncheon in February to start our year, so bring a friend.

I will conclude my letter wishing everyone a Blessed Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Health New Year. Enjoy your family and friends throughout the holidays and always remember the reason for the season.

Paula Lynn Ruby



Chesapeake AACA Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes, November 10, 2025

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

*Fondly,
Judy Dawson*

Macungie Car Show

A few of our members ventured to the Macungie Car Show in Pennsylvania the first week of August, 2025.



Getting to Know Greg Cook

My name is Greg Cook, and yes, I admit it, I am a life long car nut. I was born and raised in Chicago, Mom says I loved cars at age two. Toy cars, then 1/25 scale AMT model cars were the center of my universe. I started tinkering with real cars in 1964, things got more serious in 1966 when I turned 16. After high school I joined the Teamsters and became a union truck driver. I was hauling down some pretty good coin for an 18-19 year old. Then came the letter, yes, Uncle Sam wanted me. A year later I found myself in Vietnam as an Infantry Sergeant. Other than the Agent Orange I made it through the "senior trip" just fine. After that army the hobby got a bit more serious. I bought a 1951 Ford Club Coupe that I did a very nice "street restoration". Many other cars followed. I quit truck driving in 1975 and took a "working manager" position at a three bay full service Shell station in suburban Chicago. The owner was a bit of an idiot, we made good money but I learned a lot about how NOT to run a business. A great education for me!

1977, I'm 27 years old, tired of the Chicago city/suburb routine. Long story, I ended up in Gettysburg PA where I live with my wife Ann. We live in the same house I bought in 1978. We have four children, four grandchildren, and one great grandchild. My wife says we're old, I disagree. Settled into Gettysburg PA I took a job as the service manager at Don Warner Chevrolet-Buick in Gettysburg, 1978/1982. Then I took a job as a line tech at H&H Pontiac in Gettysburg, 1982/1984. Then finally my last job in service management at Gene Latta Ford in Hanover PA.

On January 15, 1988 I reached the point where I just couldn't deal with the retail automotive world any longer. So I quit my job and went home.

By this time the "home hobby shop" had evolved into a pretty well equipped shop. I had restored many cars for myself and had one AACA First Junior-Senior-Preservation behind me. I was working on a 1954 Buick Skylark which ended up being the first restored 1954 Skylark to win an AACA National First Prize (1st Junior). I didn't really have a plan but the word got out that I was working at my home shop. Retail work started rolling in but within a year I was full time into restoration only. The first serious customer restoration was a 1953 Buick Skylark which won an AACA First Junior at Hershey.

Well, the word got out that I was a "BUICK EXPERT", even though I'm actually a Ford guy. That started the parade of '53-'59 Buicks and '53-'59 Cadillacs. Over the next 33 years my shop put out a BUNCH of cars! It was just me with one or two dedicated part timers who loved the work. Full service, one stop shopping, all done in house. I really don't know how many cars but every American make from 1949 through 1970 went through the shop except for a Hudson, Nash, and a Kaiser. All GMs, all Fords, all Chryslers, Studebaker, Packard, Rambler, we got most of them!

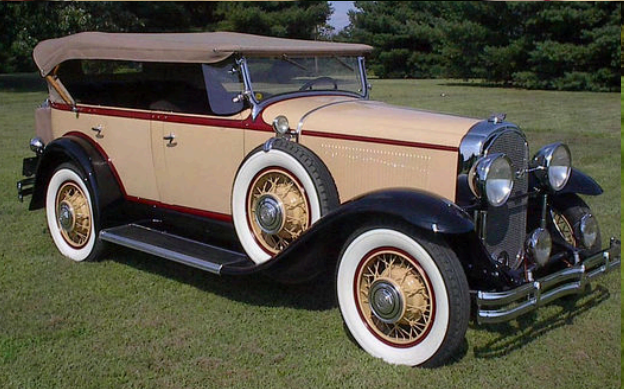
I went back through my pictures and best I can tell there were 30 AACA First Juniors, most followed with Senior and Preservation. Even got a few AACA Grand Nationals. In 2001 a 1959 Cadillac Biarritz I restored won Best of Show (post war) at the Cadillac Grand National. There were four "victories" at the Meadowbrook Concours d'Elegance (Detroit) with a '59 Caddy Biarritz, a '59 Buick Electra Convertible, a '59 Buick Estate Wagon, and a '66 Chevelle Funny Car CHEVOOM. You can google the last one.

In the mid 70s I was active in dirt track racing, I "quit racing" for a few years but in 1994 I got active in semi-pro drag racing, did okay, but quit in 2012. Racing is fun but it can get expensive.

In 2021 I found myself in the middle of a battle with Agent Orange cancer so I decided to retire. I was 71 and was tired of the daily routine so I closed the shop and retired. Or so I thought. Keeping up with my twelve cars is a part time job in itself and my friend Skip Boyer from Hanover PA has convinced me that I have to help him with his collection of Buicks. So, between that and maintaining my "museum" I find plenty to do. We just did Hershey, those rows are a bit longer than they used to be!



Getting to Know Greg Cook



Tech Talk...with Phil Hack

Tech Talk is Dedicated to Gary Ruby, Sr.

After a couple month hiatus to care for Shelly after her surgery, the Hack garage has reopened. First on my list was to complete my Oldsmobile engine and get the car back on the road before “convertible weather” ended. This project started last December when I hosted a tech session and several of you helped me remove the engine for an overhaul. As so many of our projects go, this turned into a much longer and pricier endeavor than planned. Upon initially installing and running the newly rebuilt engine in April, the rockers rattled so badly I had to pull the engine again to confirm my suspicion of a wiped camshaft. I returned the engine to JB’s Machine shop for a professional inspection and diagnosis. They got back to me the following day with good news. The new camshaft and lifters were fine. The rattling was caused by the original pushrods being too short for the new cam. New rods were easily installed without having to tear the engine down again. I reinstalled the engine and took a break to care for Shelly.

I finally got the car running again just in time to drive to Ocean City October 9th for the fall cruise-in. The car performed flawlessly on her maiden voyage following 200 miles of break in. A great time was had with friends cruising down the boardwalk with about 1,000 other cars tossing candy to the spectators.

With this project behind me, I’m ready to host a tech session. What project do you need assistance with?



Phil Hack

Heartfelt Thanks

A huge thank you to the members of the Chesapeake Region AACA who sent get well wishes, encouragement and food during my recovery. Philip and I are humbled by the outpouring of kindness and generosity from the club.

Special thanks to Tom Dawson for cutting our grass during my extended hospital stay!

Love and gratitude to all, Shelly and Philip Hack

Chesapeake Bay Concours d' Elegance

Sunday September 28, Phil Hack was honored to be invited to attend the Chesapeake Bay Concours d' Elegance with his 1947 Chevrolet Fleetmaster Woodie. Elegant it was! The featured mark this year was Rolls Royce. The cars were stunning to look at on what turned out to be a beautiful sunny day at the Kent Island Yacht Club. In addition to the rows of gorgeous full classics lined up along the water's edge, there were several rare Corvettes and a display of "pony" cars including a completely original '69 Z/28 Camaro that had been raced in its early days and a '71 Mach 1 the original owners drove up from North Carolina. Best in Show was a 1930 Cadillac Model 4203 V-16 Roadster. Phil's personal favorite was a 1931 Pierce-Arrow Model 42 Convertible Coupe.



Tall Cedars Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, November 1st, Chesapeake members attended the annual Tall Cedars Pancake Breakfast in Parkville, MD. It was a great morning of fellowship, a wonderful breakfast, music and craft vendors. This annual tradition is always a great morning supporting our member, Henry Chaudron, Sr.



Region Activities 2025

Date	Time	Event	Location
November 2025			
11/16	11:00 a.m.	Chesapeake Region Annual Banquet, Friendly Farms	Upperco, MD
11/29	5:00 p.m.	Westminster Holiday Parade	Westminster, MD
December 2025			
12/6 & 7	All Day	East Coast Indoor Nationals Car Show	Timonium, MD

Poker Run



On October 26th, we had a wonderful Poker Run that spanned throughout Baltimore and Harford Counties. The stops that were planned along the way were nothing short of remarkable and showcased quite the collections of automobiles. Everyone who was in attendance truly enjoyed the day. Special thank you to Mark and Mary Sterschic for planning this day for everyone, to the individuals who volunteered to open up their collections and homes to the participants and to the Moose Lodge for serving a delicious meal to end the day.



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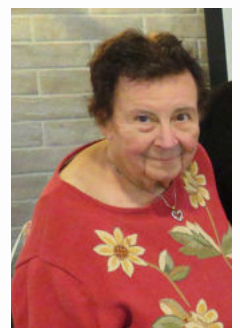
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A get well card was sent to Henry Chaudron, Sr.

Former member Ginny Habicht has been hospitalized.

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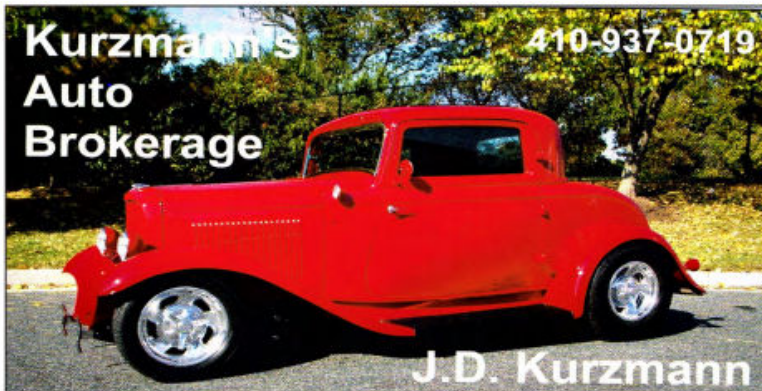
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