

CHESAPEAKE BULLETIN

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On November 16th, the club celebrated the end of the 70th anniversary year with our annual banquet at Friendly Farms Restaurant in Upperco, Maryland. We had a great turnout and great weather to wrap up our year.



Holiday Banquet Continued



Recognition of 50
years of
membership for
both
Ken and Nancy
Schaffer
and
Jerry and Mary Vinje



Certificate of Appreciation to Ron Beck of Printron
for all of the work he does for us



President's Award to Harold "Buzz" Diehl for
all of the work he does for our Region.



Thanking the ladies who held offices in 2025 and
others who gave such much of their time
this year!



Thanking the men who held offices throughout
2025 and gave time to all of our activities.

Paula's President's Message

Hello Chesapeake Members!

Happy New Year to Everyone, I hope that your holiday season was wonderful and you are looking forward to a new year filled with new activities.



Our annual Holiday Banquet could not have been better. We had 115 members and guests in attendance. Every family received a special Christmas ornament to display on their tree to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the club. If you did not attend, I do have some additional ornaments, but you must attend a meeting or an activity to receive it. They cannot be mailed. I would also like to thank the Board and the Membership for my Gift Card which will be put to good use.

We finished 2025 with our annual Toys 4 Tots donation. We were able to reach our goal of 70 new bikes and helmets in celebration of our 70 years as a Region. Thank you to everyone for your donations. Some members Elves got together at the Ruby's workshop to assemble the bikes that only took about 2 ½ hours, after which we had lunch. It was quite an assembly line. Look for the pictures in this bulletin. The Elves returned to load the bikes on December 6th for our delivery to Hanover, PA and again, as always, we had lunch. We just love to eat.

I would like to thank the members of the board for staying on for another year and welcome to Tom Rosso for stepping up as our new Activities Director. I am looking forward to a new and busy year with some new activities. As members of the Region let's hear from you what you want to do.

Be sure to attend our daytime meetings in January thru March at the church and check your emails for updates on the calendar.

In closing, I wish everyone a Happy and Healthy 2026. I hope to see everyone new and old to come out this year and have fun with friends and your cars.

Paula Lynn Ruby



Westminster Holiday Parade

On Saturday, November 29th, several Chesapeake members participated in the Westminster Miracle on Main Street Holiday Parade. It was certainly an adventure that evening as we had several car “mishaps” happen but thankfully after the parade had concluded. Despite the challenges of two vehicles malfunctioning and evacuating individuals from the rear of Phil’s vehicle in the middle of Maryland Route 140 we still had a great night.



Chesapeake AACCA Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes – January 10th

Membership Minutes will be emailed following the meeting.

*Fondly,
Judy Dawson*

Upcoming Membership Luncheon

Our Annual Membership Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, February 22nd at Greystone Golf Course. The registration form is attached to this newsletter so be sure to look at the attachments.

As a reminder, you cannot attend the luncheon unless your annual dues are paid in full. Dues were due to Vicky Wilmer by December 31st.

Tech Talk...with Phil Hack

Tech Talk will resume in our next issue.

Phil Hack

Email Housekeeping for 2026

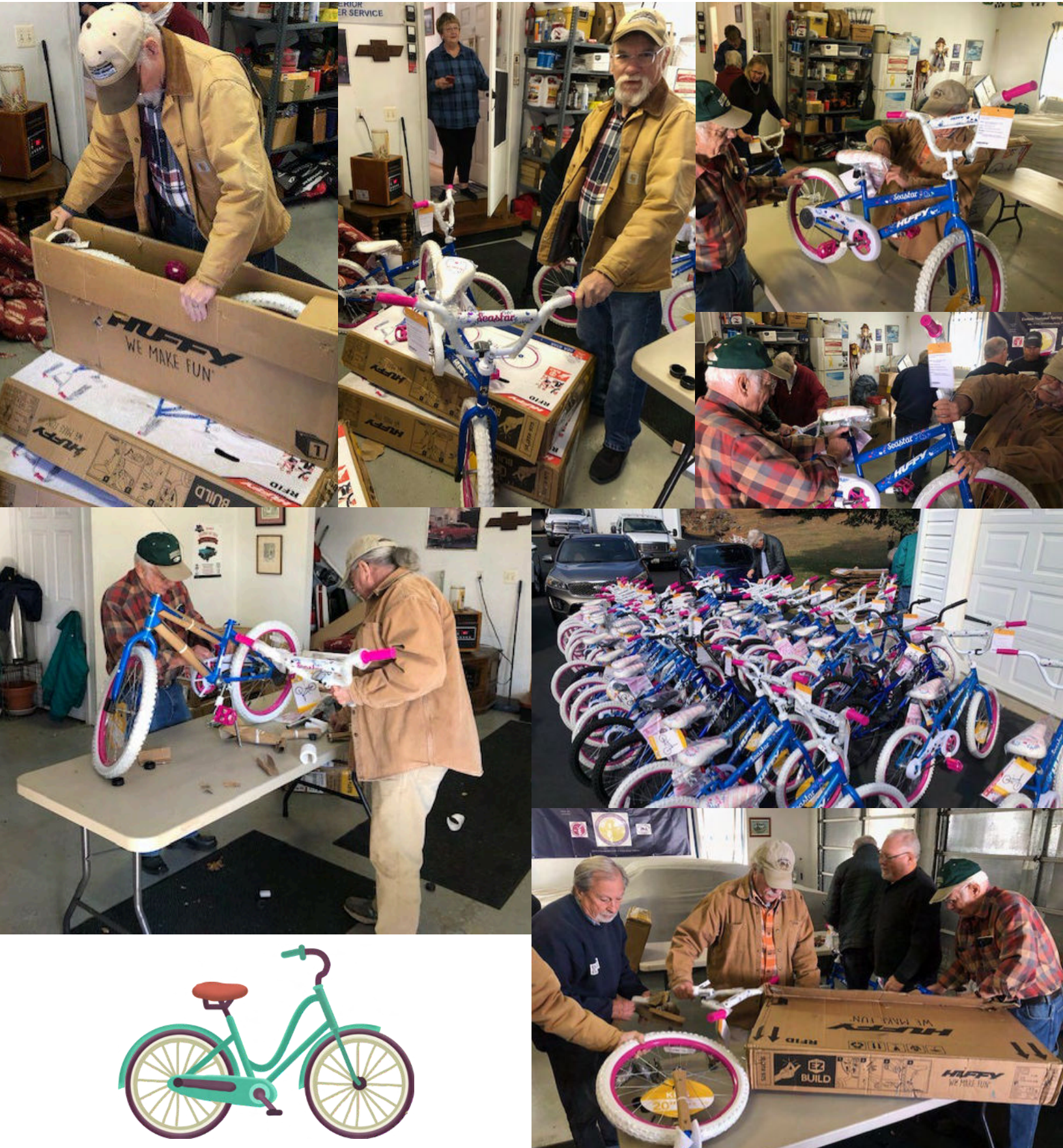
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The emails will typically contain information on who to contact if you need assistance in any way. Please ensure that you are responding to the appropriate individual to ensure your questions are answered timely.

Please keep your email addresses current and empty your email boxes regularly so that you receive our communications. If your email begins to bounce back we will have no alternative but to remove you from our communications.

Bike Assembly Day

On November 14th several Chesapeake members assembled at Paula Ruby's house to assemble the 55 bicycles which were in the original purchase of the bikes which were to be donated. A great day together, lunch provided by Paula and the start of what will be several happy children.



East Coast Indoor Nationals

The East Coast Indoor Nationals (ECIN) Car Show held at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium occurred on December 6th & 7th, 2025. This show is one of the largest (if not the largest) indoor car shows in the area, with approximately 280 cars that were registered this year. The show features; Muscle Cars, Custom Cars, Classic Cars, Hot Rods, Motorcycles and Trucks. The show used to be run by a local car club in the Baltimore area, but it has since been taken over by Motorama Productions that also put on similar (indoor) shows throughout the winter months in other locations including Lebanon, PA, Harrisburg, PA & Philadelphia, PA.

This year several CRAACA members were in attendance showing their cars. Tom Kornick brought his 1963 Pontiac Catalina Convertible, Tom and Lauri Rosso brought two of their cars, a 1965 Chrysler Valiant Signet and a 1965 Plymouth Barracuda Formula S, Allen Swim brought his 1966 Pontiac GTO Convertible and Tom Young brought his 1960 Thunderbird.

Additionally, the Rosso's, Allen Swim and Tom Young were honored with Awards. The Rosso's won two of the AACA Hershey Museum Top (10) Picks for their Valiant and their Barracuda. Allen Swim won an Outstanding Vehicle Top 50 Award for his GTO, and Tom Young also won one of the AACA Museum Top Picks for his Thunderbird.



Congratulations Corner



Congratulations to Todd Wilmer and Mattison on their engagement and upcoming wedding in May 2026.

Congratulations



Congratulations to student member, Shannon Ruby, on her December graduation from Bloomsburg University and Johns Hopkins School of Medical Imaging, Nuclear Medicine Technology Program. Shannon also received an award for Outstanding Professionalism.


Congratulations
we are so
PROUD OF YOU!

Region Activities 2026

Date	Time	Event	Location
January 2026			
1/10	11:00 a.m.	Chesapeake Region Membership Meeting, Divinity Church	Towson, MD
February 2026			
2/5-7	All Day	AACA National Convention	Chantilly, VA
2/14	11-3	Winter Beater Cruise - Markets at Shrewsbury	Shrewsbury, PA
2/14	11:00 a.m.	Chesapeake Region Membership Meeting, Divinity Church	Towson, MD
2/21	9-11 a.m.	All Clubs Breakfast - MUST RSVP, Jarrettsville VFW	Forest Hill, MD
2/22	1-4 p.m.	Chesapeake Region Membership Banquet	White Hall, MD

Toys for Tots Bike Delivery

On Saturday, December 6th a group of Chesapeake Members assembled together to deliver our 70 bicycles to Toys for Tots. Following our delivery we of course enjoyed lunch together with great conversation. Thank you to everyone who participated by making a donation, attending the bike assembly or bike delivery day.



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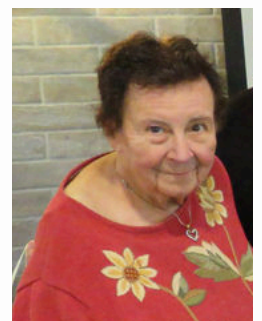
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SUNSHINE REPORT FROM MARGARET

Sympathy cards sent to Jen Porter on the passing of her husband, Gary Rosecrans and Ed Butler on the passing of his wife, Pat Butler.

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