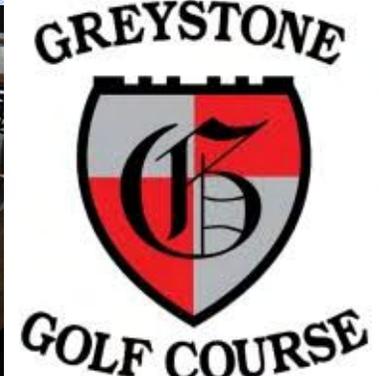


CHESAPEAKE BULLETIN

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On Saturday, March 7th the Chesapeake Members gathered together for our Annual Membership Luncheon at Greystone Golf Course. Special thank you to Vicky Wilmer (Gary too) as well as Jack and Elaine Treadwell for organizing a wonderful afternoon. We are sad for those who were unable to attend due to our original date change but look forward to next year and hopefully no snow.



Paula's President's Message

Hello Chesapeake Members!

Well, here I thought that Mother Nature was done with all of this snowy weather but I was wrong. We had to make the call in regards to the Membership Luncheon at Greystone and it was good that we postponed it. In this bulletin you will see pictures of the luncheon that happened on March 7th.



By time you read this we would have already had our Flea Market at the fairgrounds in Howard County. The pictures will prove what the weather looked like for that day. Sooner or later Spring will eventually appear.

Some of the members of the board attended the All Clubs Breakfast at the VFW in Fallston. They had a great turnout and breakfast and we got to hear about a lot of upcoming events during the car cruising season. We will try and add some of these events to our calendar.

Please mark your calendar for the April club meeting at the church which will be Monday, April 13th at 7:00 pm. Remember this will be our first evening meeting which will continue until November. Changes for meetings might still change as we plan a picnic which will combine with that's months meeting. By the looks of the present calendar, I think that we will have plenty of this to do.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WATCH FOR THE "BLASTS" THAT COME OUT FOR UPDATES. As always if you know of something of interest please either send it to me or Tom Rosso who is our Activities Chairman.

I would like to wish everyone a Blessed and Happy Easter.

Paula Lynn Ruby



Chesapeake AACA Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes - March 7th

Meeting was combined with our Membership Banquet.

*Fondly,
Judy Dawson*

February Meeting Fun

February 14th, 2026 Chesapeake held their General Membership Meeting. To share the love we have for each other and this hobby, our President, Paula, blessed everyone with delicious meatball subs and chips for lunch. We also had delicious cookies baked by Lauri Rosso and some candy for dessert. There were 47 members in attendance which continues to prove that where there is food the members will come.



Getting to Know Debbie Harris and Joyce Howell

Both Debbie & Joyce are retired. Debbie worked for Exelon/BGE and Joyce for Maryland General Hospital. They love to travel and are making their way through their bucket list! They are avid boaters, visiting ports along the Chesapeake Bay. Joyce has a master captains license. She enjoys captaining their 32' cruisers in the summer. Debbie serves as the first mate.

Although they both like and admire cars, the classic car experience chose them rather than them choosing it! In addition to the '60, we have a 2008 Mustang Convertible, 2005 Nissan Titan, 2016 Toyota Highlander and a 2020 Lexus GX460.

They became the caretakers of her grandfather's 1960 Chevy Impala after Debbie's grandparents passed away. The car was always her grandfathers pride and joy. Debbie's first ...and last... experience behind the wheel of Poppy's car came in 1978. Poppy asked her to get gas in the '60. When she returned, he asked if she rubbed a curb and she said yes. It was the last time she drove that car! She still, to this day, will not drive the '60.

Poppy bought his '60 Chevy Impala at Luby's Chevrolet on Monument Street in Baltimore. It is a 1960 Chevy Impala 2 door with a 283 V8 and power glide transmission in Cascade green with Jade green highlights. The car was built at the Broening Highway Assembly Plant in Baltimore. It spent most of it's life in her grandparent's garage, until 2016 when it was moved to their garage! So it really hasn't left the Baltimore area much in it's lifetime.

They are lucky enough to have retained the original title and bill of sale. Her grandfather purchased the car when "the Point"(Bethlehem Steel) was on strike. He didn't take it out much, but would start it, pull it out of the garage and then put it back. He did take it on several trips. It has been to Ocean City, Niagara Falls and Connecticut.

We know from the oil change stickers that half the miles, just around 5,000 were put on in the first 5 years. This was never his daily driver. The '60 currently has 11,500 original miles. The car was parked in the garage for almost 50 years until they recently started taking it to shows.

When they first got the car out of the garage, they only repaired items required to maintain safety and performance, but kept as much originality as possible. They had it towed to their friends shop, where all of the fluids were changed, a tune up and a bumper to bumper check was performed. They replaced the tires with period correct tires from Coker Tires. At that point they decided they would keep the car exactly as Poppy had left it.

It wasn't until we were encouraged by several family members and friends that we decided we should share Poppy's car and the story of how we got here. Debbie was very hesitant to bring Poppy's car out and she still is. Remember, she did hit the curb and was never allowed to drive it again!

We are now glad to bring it out and share our story. We think this is what Poppy would want. Even though, we never envisioned being classic car or car show people, it has been a blast. We have met some of the nicest people. Folks don't mind sharing advice and teaching us how the classic car organizations and shows work. We have had help with everything from what class of car are we? To one of our friends working hard to get Poppy's original paint to shine, after 60 years of dirt! We have even had folks say they worked at Broening Highway at the time it was built and may have worked on it! The biggest plus though, is we often show the car as a family. Everyone has a story about Poppy's '60.

We still have not changed the '60. His precious dog Princess still guards the backseat. He and grandmom's McDonald's cup holder is still ready to hold their cokes and the trashcan is still available to keep things tidy. The '60 was even used as the Limo when Debbie's mom and stepdad were married. There is a piece of rice under the passenger seat and we will not remove it. The work we have performed on the car is as follows: the tires have been replaced except for the spare, we had the carburetor rebuilt, radiator recored and replaced the gas tank. And most recently, we had to replace the emergency brake cable and the brake lines.

The car has been in our family since Poppy drove it off the showroom floor. Debbie is proud and lucky to be the current owner. Although she is always wondering if she will get struck by lightning if something would happen to Poppy's baby. We cherish the memories and consider it an honor to keep Poppy's '60 as he would want it. We will never sell the '60 as we believe it should be kept in the family and honor that.

We are looking forward to our next adventure, the Eastern Fall Nationals in Hershey. Once again, we are entering an unknown domain for us. With the family by our side and the help of our new classic car friends, we hope to once again make Poppy proud by entering his prized 1960 Chevy Impala.

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Poppy with the 60 in Ocean City, MD in the 1980's

The family at the Big M Car Show at Hopkins Brewery



Debbie and Joyce at Jake's Tavern April, 2024

Tech Talk...with Phil Hack

The Hack garage is looking a little barren right now. I sold the Triumph last fall. My Corvair Rampside has been at Treasured MotorCar Services for several months. They have just completed several small rust repairs involving cutting and welding in new patches. The work is now completed and looks fantastic. Soon it will be off to the mechanical shop for replacement of the valve seals. I could do it but just have too much other stuff on my plate. Jack Anderson's new '67 Corvette has been here for a bit while he detailed and prepped it for spring driving. We do have several club tech sessions in the plans. Paula needs new rear brakes on her '62 Bonneville. This car is equipped with those gorgeous 8-lug wheels which may present some extra work as they are not all the same from year to year. Allen Swim needs valve seals replaced on his Silverado pickup. Mike Natale needs the Evaporative Emission Control System repaired on his Silverado. Ken Stevenson needs help with electrical issues on his street rod. And lastly Tom Dawson has his perennial electrical issues to be dealt with on his '65 Impala. Stay tuned for some dates!

Phil Hack

All Clubs Breakfast



On Saturday, February 21st, a group of our Chesapeake Members attended the All Clubs Breakfast at the Jarrettsville VFW in Forest Hill, MD. This gave our members the opportunity for fellowship but we were also able to promote our upcoming shows and hear from other clubs about their events planned for the year.



For Sale Items

Set of Five 1964 Chevy SS wheel covers \$100, OBO

Pickup truck ramps, galvanized \$50 OBO

Set of approx 20 MD car and truck license plates from 70's & 80's \$20, OBO

Also two bay garage space available in Towson, rental is \$300/month. If interested, I will pass on info to the owner. I can show if interested.

Contact Bob Battista 443-401-5011

Thanks from Chip and Michelle Miller

We would like to express how
Grateful we are for everyones
Well wishes and prayers!
We have truly been blessed with
Such wonderful friends. Your
Support has meant the world to
Us and has touched us more
Than you know. Thank you all so much!
Love
Chip and Michelle



Region Activities 2026

Date	Time	Event	Location
March 2026			
3/15	All Day	Baltimore St. Patrick's Day Parade	Baltimore, MD
3/21-22	All Day	Motorama Mid-Atlantic Indoor Nationals, Philly Expo Center	Oaks, PA
3/27-28	All Day	Sugarloaf Region Swap Meet, Ag Center	Westminster, MD
April 2026			
4/9-11	All Day	AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals	Charlotte, NC
4/11	10:00 - 3	Romancing the Chrome Show	Jarrettsville, MD
4/11	5-8	Graul's Market Cruise-In	Parkton, MD
4/12	10-3	Spring Thaw Cruise-In Town Mall	Westminster, MD
4/13	7:00 p.m.	General Membership Meeting Divinity Church	Towson, MD
4/18-19	All Day	Spring Crank It Up Steam Show	Upperco, MD
4/22-26	All Day	Spring Carlisle	Carlisle, PA

It's All About the Stories

At the Membership Banquet, Vicky Wilmer made a statement that has resonated with me since we left that afternoon. During her game she had members stand up and tell everyone about their vehicles that were featured and the stories behind them. Then she said, this club is "all about the stories". It's so true. For those of you who knew my father, Gary Ruby, Sr., he was the biggest Story Teller of them all. You could hear his voice before you saw him. He may not have remembered your name but he certainly would have remembered that you had a certain vehicle or that you were on the trip where there were lots of laughs going through the McDonald's drive thru.

Tell your stories. We want to know about you, your family, your cars or maybe lack thereof. If you would like to be featured in our next newsletter, please reach out to me, your Editor, and I promise to make it a painless experience.



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