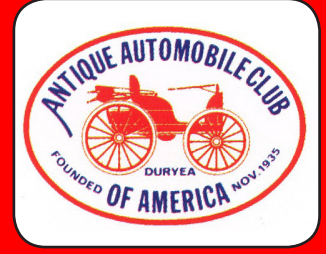


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**LARRY BUTCHER & ELEANOR PACKARD**

## Two Club Members Have Enjoyed The Old Car Hobby Immensely

By Larry Butcher, as told to  
Nick Prevas, Vice President, CRAACA

I got into the old car hobby in the Spring of 1967. I had purchased a 1942 Lincoln Continental (LC) Cabriolet. It was titled as a 1947, but that's a "whole 'nother story." The lady I rented a garage from said I should get in touch with her nephew, Gene Crim. I did and he invited me to the next meeting of the Chesapeake Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America.



At that time, the club was meeting at the Northwood Branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Northeast Baltimore. I met a lot of really nice people who seemed to be interested in my car and would be glad to have me join their group. I got a lot of help from the members since I was new to the hobby.

The greatest help was from Gene Crim. He was an excellent old car mechanic and machinist. Soon I was going to other meetings, car shows and yes...my first Fall Hershey show! This was a big deal, and I saw other cars like my '42 LC. About the same time I joined Chesapeake, I joined the Lincoln Continental Owners Club. Now I was really meeting people with cars just like mine, plus a direct parts/information source.

After a certain time in the Chesapeake Region and going to meetings, I was asked to fill in the remainder of the term of the Corresponding Secretary. This was due to a recent conflict of career and hobby experienced by the then current Corresponding Secretary. Later I was elected to be Chief Judge and have held that job on two separate occasions.

Often when a car hobbyist buys a car, he or

she sees another one similar to the one already owned and adds that to the collection. Several years after owning and working on my '42 Continental, I heard of a 1940 Lincoln Zephyr (LZ) 4-door that was owned by a fellow club member. It was stored in a garage in Northeast Baltimore. I knew the location and since I worked in a job that took me everywhere (C&P telephone repairman), I noticed kids were "torching" garages in this area. I notified the owner (who lived on the other side of town) as to what was going on. Since he was doing nothing with the car, I asked if he would want to sell the car. We agreed on a price and now I had two V12 powered Lincolns! I sold that Zephyr about five months later to a 'father/son bonding project.'

Now I had to make a big decision...I was single, all of my coworkers and friends were married, and I was spending way too much time in the garage! So I sold the '42 to a man in Pasadena, Maryland. He also received a spare V12, transmission, and other parts.

Although I stayed in the hobby and clubs, I was miserable! I knew about a 1938 Lincoln Zephyr Convertible Coupe that I had looked at back in 1968. At that time it was not for sale at any price. The older women who owned it

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Larry's 1946 Ford two-door coupe.

By Eleanor Packard, as told to  
Nick Prevas, Vice President, CRAACA

John Neal Packard's fascination with and devotion to Packard automobiles probably began at birth or at least when he discovered the shared name.

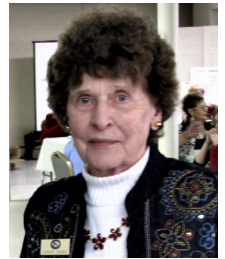
He was driving a Ford when I met him in 1958, and I had no idea what lay ahead. His parents had owned a 1952 Packard which was driven by his older brothers since his parents didn't drive. At about the same time that our second daughter was born, John acquired a 1936 Packard sedan which he proceeded to take apart in the driveway of our home in Baltimore County. I actually have the bill-of-sale from Wilbur Phelps on July 6, 1962, for \$235.00.

There would be many Packards in the future, rescued from barns, fields, previous owners, as well as many car adventures in the years ahead.

John was a graduate of Randolph-Macon College and the University of West Virginia with a Masters Degree in Physics. His working career began at the Martin Company and concluded with 33 years at the Goddard Space Flight Center in nearby Greenbelt, Md.

In March 1966, John joined AACA and Chesapeake Region, and served as President of Chesapeake Region from 2001-2003. He was Editor of the Chesapeake Bulletin from 1995-2005, webmaster of the region's web site, and earned the AACA Master Editor Award in 1995, 1998, 2001, 2003, and 2004. In 2001 he was also honored with a Master Webmaster Award in 2002, and the Ann S. Eady Memorial Award 2003.

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## AACA Spring Nationals May 17th-20th, 2023, Gettysburg, Pa.

Once again the Gettysburg Area is the site for a major AACA event. Gettysburg Region is hosting the 2023 Spring Nationals in May 2023. The Gettysburg Region is celebrating seventy years in 2023 and is pleased to host this event. Gettysburg Region members have been working to provide tours on Thursday and Friday. Flea Market and Car Corral will be centrally located for maximum exposure. A local 'Cruise In' on Thursday evening, A catered barbeque Friday evening followed by live entertainment by 'The Evans Sisters'. Show day is Saturday May 20. There will be a special display of Past AACA Presidents automobiles including the Tin Goose Tucker #1 courtesy of Pat Sweigart and the Sweigart Museum of Pennsylvania. Host Hotel will be: Wyndham Gettysburg, 95 Presidential Circle, also Courtyard Gettysburg 115 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325.



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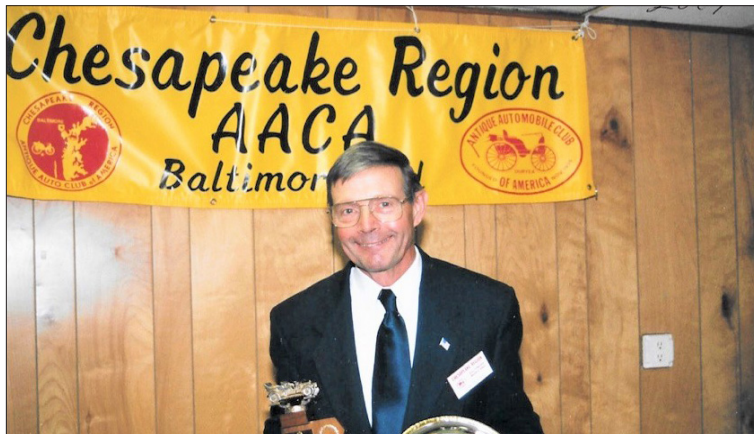
John served on the AACA Library & Research Center Board from 1997-2005, and as President of the Board in 2000 and 2001. He received the Chesapeake Region President's Award in 1998, and the Murrell Smith Spirit Award in 2002-2003.

Our family of three daughters and one son, enjoyed many outings with the Chesapeake Region, ranging from meets at the B&O Museum to the Ladew Mansion and Topiary Gardens. John loved working on his cars, and he also kept all the modern family cars operating. When Francis Werneth bought a car (probably a Desoto) in Maine, John and he went off in our modern car to pick it up. John was also bringing his mother back from Maine. Francis wasn't comfortable driving the antique car, so John drove it. Francis drove our car with John's mother as a passenger and got lost in New York City. Those were the days before GPS or cell phones. Somehow, both cars and the three of them all got back to Baltimore safely.

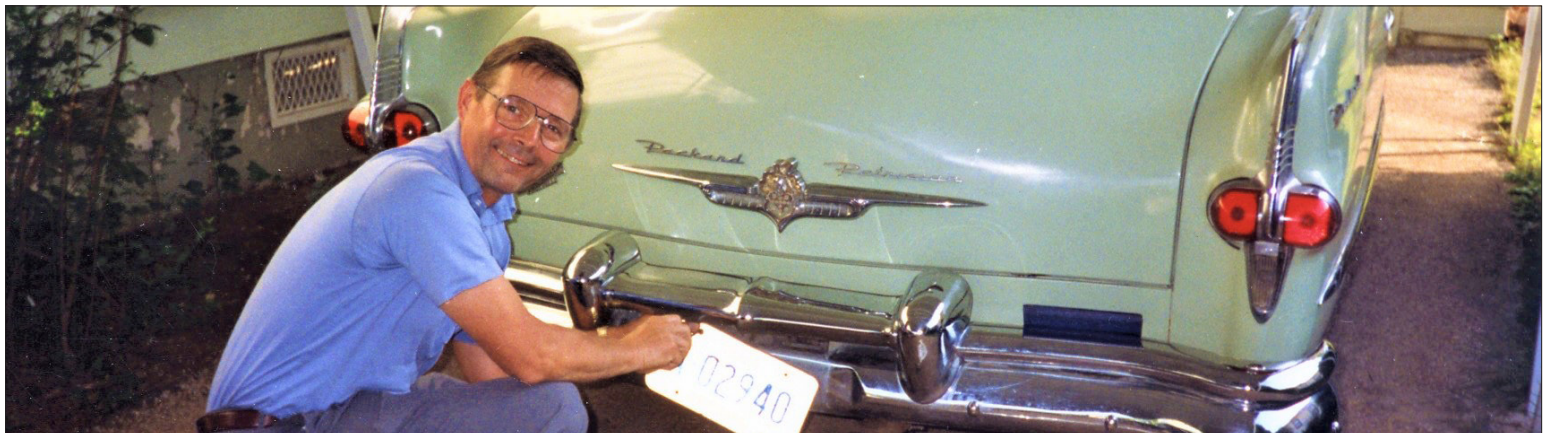
John retired in 2001 and anticipated unlimited hours to restore his beloved cars. Sadly, he became ill in late 2003, and passed away with leukemia on January 11, 2006, at the age of 70. In 2007, Chesapeake Region presented a commemorative plaque in honor of John, along with a \$500 contribution, to the AACA Library and Research Center in Hershey, Pa.

At the time of his passing, John owned the following Packards: a 1928 Fifth Series Single Six Sedan, a 1937 Super Eight Limousine, a 1940 One Ten Club Coupe, a 1947 Custom Super Clipper Touring Sedan, and a 1954 Patrician Sedan. In addition, there were parts, parts cars, tools, and a great deal of literature. Members of Chesapeake Region were a huge help in sorting through everything and helping me to find new homes for his collection. The 1947 Clipper was donated to the Pennsylvania College of Technology in 2016 and is being used to train students in antique auto restoration. The 1954 Patrician remains with my daughter Amy and her husband Lee Heritage, in Toledo, Ohio. They maintain it and take it out for a drive regularly.

Bruce Wheeler wrote of John in 2006 that he "was a soft spoken man who said little, but his keen intellect was always working. He would politely listen to any topic of conversation and was always able to provide intelligent and helpful responses." He enjoyed the hobby and those with whom he shared that interest.



*John received the President's Award in 1998, also the Smith Spirit Award.*



*John Packard affixes new registration to the family's 1954 Packard Patrician sedan.*



*Larry spent years on this 1938 Lincoln Zephyr convertible, getting it near perfect and desirable for interested collectors. It was a long labor of love and Larry received many accolades.*

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said her son purchased it in 1941. Unfortunately, he was killed in Europe in World War II. The woman immediately put it in storage, but she put it back on the road in 1946, and drove it until 1955, then put it back in storage.

Around July 4, 1972, Chesapeake Region held a car show at the Reisterstown Plaza, near where the woman who owned the Zephyr lived. After the show I thought I would stop in and see if she still had the old Zephyr, which she did. As luck would have it, she had just sold her property to a developer, and asked if I wanted the car, I said yes! We agreed on a price and a date when I could take ownership. Later I bought a 1938 LZ parts car to help restore the convertible coupe. I eventually sold the 1938 Lincoln Zephyr convertible coupe to a collector in California.

I now have 1946 Ford two-door coupe that I show and I'm currently restoring a 1948 Lincoln Continental coupe.

As for awards, the 1938 Lincoln Zephyr earned many, both locally and nationally. The 1946 Ford is really a 'twenty foot car' and has won third place, but that's okay as I am now finished with competition.

*As for accomplishments, just being in this hobby for over 55 years is quite a thrill!*



*Three beautiful little girls, one son, John and a 1947 Packard Clipper.*



# Obituaries

**Gladys Marie Tracey Walsh**, 89, of Hampstead, entered the gates of Heaven on February 4th, 2023. Born May 25, 1933 in Owings Mills, she was the daughter of the late George Edward Tracey and Frankie Marie Naylor Tracey. She was the devoted wife of the late Sterling E. Walsh, Sr., who passed in 2014.



Gladys was raised on the family farm and learned the value of hard work and simple pleasures along with her five siblings. She was a 1951 graduate of Hampstead High School. She was then employed by Hampstead Bank and was eventually named Assistant Treasurer. In 1958, she and her husband founded and operated Greenmount Fuel Company for ten years. On the same day that they went into business, they also became parents. Gladys continued to faithfully support Sterling in future business operations and accomplishments while raising their two children.

In the latter half of her life, Gladys enjoyed her favorite role as homemaker, gardener and Mom-mom to six grandkids and eleven great-grandkids and counting. She and Sterling shared a love of the land and restored an 1850's era farmhouse and property which was their home of the last 40 years. There they hosted numerous family gatherings, neighborhood breakfasts in the woods, holidays, and antique and classic car national tours.

Gladys was a member of Shiloh United Methodist Church where she taught 5th & 6th grade Sunday school classes for many years. She was an avid follower of world events and Biblical prophecy.

In addition to her parents and husband, Gladys was predeceased by sister and brother-in-law Doris and Lawrence Cooper; brother Vernon Tracey; and son-in-law Bruce Woodring.

She is survived by daughter Celeste Walsh Woodring, of Upperco; son Sterling E. Walsh, Jr. and wife Janet, of Dover, Pa.; grandchildren Sterling Walsh, III of York, Pa.; Kristen Haegerich of Hampstead, Jordan Haegerich and wife Alyssa of Hampstead; Esther Gaskill and husband Brandon of South Burlington, Vt.; Hannah Jaggard and husband Steven of Brooklyn, Oh.; and Nathan Walsh and wife Samantha of York, Pa.; and great-grandchildren Juliet, Joanna, Alice, Silas, Oliver, Henry, Ivy, Jasper, Scarlet, Levi, Blake and at least one more on the way.

Gladys is also survived by brothers George Tracey and wife Mary of Hampstead; and Charles Tracey and Denise of Hampstead, sister Judy Wilhelm and husband Richard of Hampstead; and sisters-in-law Marie Treadway of Georgia and Julia Walsh Gouge of Hampstead.

**Edward Rossetter Frank, Jr.** passed away on January 13 at Encore, Turf Valley. Born on May 20, 1923, on Triadelphia Road, Ellicott City. He was the son of the late Edward Rossetter Frank, Sr. and Edna May (Ridgely) Frank. He was the husband of the late Dorothy Lucille Brown Frank who died in 2019. Edward was also predeceased by his siblings, Eileen May Frank Kazer, Burgoyne Jerome Frank and Mable Olivia Frank and granddaughter, Melissa Dawn Jett.

At the age of 99 years and almost 8 months he still enjoyed gardening, mowing grass and 'piddling' in the garage until recently. His life's vocation was a mechanic and he was the original owner of Frank's Garage, a staple business still operated by the family in the West Friendship/Ellicott City community for over 80 years. Ed, aka 'Junior', was an absolute delight of a person, always greeting people with a smile and a story. He was an avid videographer, making historical and educational videos of rural and agricultural life. As proprietor of his own production company, E & D Productions, he was still producing videos on DVDs of old-time historic life up until a month before his passing. He was a founding member of the Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club and the Howard County Living Farm Heritage Museum. He took joy in sharing stories of the days gone by with younger generations. As a docent at the Living Farm Heritage Museum, Ed shared his knowledge of historical activities with thousands of visitors to the museum. Ed was a long-time member of numerous Antique Automobile Clubs on a regional and national level. As a collector of antiques of all kinds, automobiles, trucks, tractors, tools, etc. he was a frequent visitor to antique automobile, steam engine, and tractor shows throughout the country. A highlight for Ed, in recent years, was his participation at the age of 92, in an episode of the American Pickers TV show aired on the History Channel. He will be greatly missed by his entire family and his many friends.

He is survived by his sons and daughter, Edward R. Frank, III, Dorothy M. Jett and John W. Frank and wife Virginia Ridgely Frank, six grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Howard County Antique Farm Machinery Club, P.O. Box 335, West Friendship, MD 21794. Burial will be private.

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*A Celebration of Ed's Life will be held on May 20, 2023 at the Howard County Living Farm Heritage Museum 12985 Frederick Road West Friendship, MD 21794*

## **WE NEED YOU!**

**Our Annual Collector Car & Swap Meet at Howard County Fair Grounds is right around the corner. We need a lot of help. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and we need...**

**ALL HANDS ON DECK!**

**Friday, March 10: Help is needed to layout the building and field spaces for vendors--starting at 9:00 am--Contact Phil Hack or Gary Wilmer.**

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**Saturday, MARCH 11:**

- 1. Car parking--7 am until ? Contact Al Zimmerman**
- 2. Directing Vendors to spaces--6 am, Contact Tom Young**
- 3. Membership Table--8 am Contact Vicky Wilmer**
- 4. 50/50 Table--8 am Contact Michelle Miller**
- 5. Delivering food orders to vendors--8 am Contact Vicky Wilmer**
- 6. Clean up--2 pm Contact Tom Dawson**

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**...Above are start times, but we can use your help throughout the day.**

**Rain  
Or  
Shine**

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**

## *The President's Message*

From Tom Dawson

### *Hello Chesapeake Members!*

**H**appy St. Patrick's Day!! First, I'd like to thank Nick Prevas for presiding over the February meeting and to Al Zimmermann for taking the minutes while Judy and I were attending the Annual AACA convention in Williamsburg, Va. The weather in Williamsburg was fantastic, (except for the trip home on Sunday), the people equally fantastic, the facility was great, (food still a little iffy), and the meetings, tours and seminars very interesting. We met and sat at the dinner table with Fred Trusty, the incoming 2023 National President. Fred seems to be a down to earth, good 'ole farm boy from Kentucky with lots of good ideas and intentions and stories.



I want to thank Vicky Wilmer for initiating a new Membership Committee. I capitalize Membership Committee because of its importance in the survival of this Club and this hobby. As I mentioned last month, our membership has dropped precipitously recently for a variety of reasons. It's not just us, but as I have learned at the convention, it is everywhere. National gives us four free memberships per year, and we can ask for more. We have flyers to post and pass out as well as invitation cards to distribute. We are all in this together!

Phil Hack has also been a busy boy and I'd like to thank him for his efforts. The Baltimore Auto Show is coming up March 10th through 12th, and we can move our cars in on Thursday, March 9th Phil made arrangements for us to pick them up on the Monday following the show. Then the big one! March 11th, is our 48th annual Swap Meet at the Howard County Fairgrounds. It goes without saying that we need all hands on deck for set up on the 10th and to volunteer for the 11th. This is our major fund raiser for the year and a huge THANK YOU goes out to Tom Young for again doing an incredible job of making this thing work! And last but not least, (for that weekend), the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 12th ramrodded by Nick Prevas! See Nick for more details. (Where would I be without these guys and gals?). Thanks Nick for all that you do!

I would like to see us do some local touring this year with our cars. We live in a beautiful part of this great country and we should take advantage of it. Any suggestions are welcome. Let me or Phil hear your thoughts. All I have left to say, (for now), is **COME ON SPRING!**

*Yours in this great hobby,*

*Tom Dawson*



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# Next Time, Strike While The Iron Is Still Hot!

Just as most old car guys I love looking at old cars whether they are at a car show or at an estate sale.

About the second or third of February I received an email from a fellow by the name of Chuck McDonald. Mr. McDonald informed me that there was going to be an estate sale on a property in Finksburg, Maryland. The email contained a video that clearly showed many of the cars that were going to be in the sale. They looked really nice, and I was intrigued right off the bat. There were a couple cars I saw that I might be interested in. What's more, they had prices on all the cars.

The prices were very attractive and the reason they were attractive is because the people conducting the sale priced the cars at a what a number four old car price would be. This is because most all the cars wouldn't run so you couldn't hear the motor or you couldn't test drive the vehicle. Therefore they made the price very attractive. They wanted to sell as many cars as they could. That's the whole object of an estate sale.

I forwarded this email around to several of my old car colleagues whom I thought would be interested in this sale. Two of my good friends Willis and Murray jumped at the opportunity. On the day of the estate sale they even swung by my residence and picked me up so I didn't have to drive. Finksburg is fairly close by. It only took about 40 minutes to get there.

The cars were in many different buildings on the property, but the buildings were all in good shape. A few of them even had concrete floors, and there were some buildings with dirt floors.

There were a number of 25 and 35-year-old Cadillacs. They looked to be in excellent condition. I didn't see any rust or damage of any kind on these cars. They had very reasonable sale prices on them. We weren't particularly interested in the Cadillacs but there was a variety of other makes of vehicles. "I was particularly inter-

ested in a 1954 Plymouth Belvedere sedan, but that car was sold before we even got there. Bummer!

Willis found a 1939 DeSoto four-door sedan that he was interested in and he ultimately purchased it. So did Murray. He's a Packard fan and he found a 1954 Packard Patrician sedan. It seemed to be in excellent shape and after much thought he purchased the Packard even after saying on the way up he wasn't going to buy anything because he didn't have any garage space.

We ran into another colleague of ours, 'Bob'. He was looking around at the cars, however I don't think he bought anything. Another colleague of ours 'Jim', purchased a nice 1947 Nash Ambassador sedan that was in excellent condition and the price was very attractive. The sellers were obviously motivated, they wanted to sell all the rolling stock and probably the real estate too.

One car that got away was a 1950 Chrysler Royal sedan. It had a canvas cover over it which we removed. We looked the car over. The odometer indicated it had 46,000 miles on it and we believed that to be accurate because the car was so much intact.

The Chrysler began life in California as it had a build plate from Los Angeles on the firewall. The chrome was nice and the black paint was smooth and looked as if it would respond well to some tender loving care. The interior was complete. The seats had seat covers on them over the original mohair upholstery. The headliner was also pristine, the dashboard had padding on top and it was in excellent condition. The floors were solid, the door panels were immaculate.

We knew that this car had Chrysler's semi-automatic, Press-Toe-Matic transmission. Also known as M6. All of us are familiar with this transmission because we have a couple of them in our club. Our members restored a 1949 DeSoto Custom sedan that has the same transmission only it's called Tip-Toe shift in DeSoto owner's manuals.

The more we looked at this car the more convinced we became that we should buy it. We looked at it for the better part of an hour and the more we look the more we liked the car. "But, we probably hesitated too long because somebody bought the car out from under us." Double bummer! Lesson learned. When you find a car at a good price that you like, make a decision and buy the car before somebody else does!--Bill Wurzell, Editor



## Join The Parade!

### Baltimore's Annual Saint Patrick Parade



**Sunday March 12, 2023**

Join the fun participating in this colorful event!  
12:30 pm Assembly - Near Mount Vernon Place

Parade Route: South on Charles Street to the Inner Harbor  
Great fun and great crowd. Car decorations greatly encouraged.  
Outrageous costumes most welcome.

**ADVANCED SIGN-UP REQUIRED**

Email: Nick Prevas at [highlandmd@yahoo.com](mailto:highlandmd@yahoo.com) with name and vehicle year/make/model/color. Details will be sent to you.



This is the 1947 Nash Ambassador sedan Jim Turner bought at the Estate Sale. The 1954 Packard Patrician that Murray Cole purchased is in the story text above.--Bill Wurzell photo





Tom likes the logo on the elevator doors!



The Governor's Palace



Below left: Judy was hoping for Red Velvet cake!

Paula addresses the Membership Meeting.

Below right: Lots of horse drawn Carriages...be careful where you step.





# Chesapeake Region Activities For 2023

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>MARCH</b>				
4	Sat	8-11	Kent Island Cruisers All Club Breakfast	Kent Island Fire House
<b>4</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>General Membership Meeting</b>	<b>Divinity Lutheran Church</b>
5	Sun	7-2	AACA Ontelaunee Region Swap Meet	Hamburg, PA
<b>10-12</b>	<b>Fri-Sun</b>	<b>Daily</b>	<b>Baltimore Auto Show-CRAACA Display</b>	<b>Baltimore Convention Center</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>7-3</b>	<b>CRAACA Collector Car Swap Meet</b>	<b>Howard Cty Fairgrounds</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>12:30</b>	<b>St Patricks Parade-CRAACA Members</b>	<b>Mt Vernon Place</b>
24-25	Fri-Sat	8-3	AACA Sugarloaf Region Swap Meet	Carroll Cty Ag Center
25-26	Sat-Sun	Daily	Mid Atlantic Indoor Car & Bike Show	Philadelphia Expo Center
26	Sun	8-3	AACA South Jersey Region Swap Meet	Woodstown, NJ
<b>APRIL</b>				
<b>10</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>General Membership Meeting</b>	<b>Divinity Lutheran Church</b>
13-15	Thu-Sat	8-3	AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals	Charlotte, NC
15	Sat	10-4	Romancing the Chrome	Jarrettsville, MD
15-16	Sat-Sun	Daily	Arcadia Steam Show	Arcadia, MD
16	Sun	8-4	Classic Auto Mall Show Swap Meet	Morgantown, PA
19-23	Wed-Sun	Daily	Spring Carlisle	Carlisle, PA
<b>22</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>11-3</b>	<b>Desoto Owners Spring Fling Show</b>	<b>Parkton, MD</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>10:30 -1</b>	<b>Boy Scout Troup 328 Car Show</b>	<b>Timonium United Methodist</b>
29	Sat	9-2	Treasured Motorcars Open House	Hanover - New Freedom, PA
<b>MAY</b>				
<b>8</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>7 PM</b>	<b>General Membership Meeting</b>	<b>Divinity Lutheran Church</b>
12-13	Fri-Sat	Daily	Carlisle Import & Performance Nationals	Carlisle, PA

## 48TH ANNUAL COLLECTOR CAR SWAP MEET

BUY/SELL/SWAP

VENDOR REGISTRATION FORM  
ON OUR WEBSITE— ADDRESS BELOW

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- 1) Print form on website
- 2) Enter form information
- 3) Send with payment to the Swap Meet Manager.



**Chesapeake Region Antique Automobile Club of America, Monthly Membership meeting minutes, February 11, 2023**

The monthly meeting of the Chesapeake Region of the AACA (Club or CRAACA) was held on February 11, 2023 at the Divinity Lutheran Church in Towson, MD. There were 21 members in attendance.

President Tom Dawson, Secretary Judy Dawson, and Director Paula Ruby were not present for the meeting since they were representing our Club at the 2023 AACA Annual Convention in Williamsburg, VA.

**Welcome:** Vice President Nick Prevas called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M. and welcomed all members. Nick also mentioned that Steve Morgan was invited to do a presentation on automobile insurance but was unable to attend this meeting and will be available for a future meeting.



**Secretary's Report:** Al Zimmermann read Secretary Judy Dawson's minutes from the January 28th Board Meeting. A motion to approve the report was made by Nick Prevas, seconded by Jack Treadwell, and passed.

**Treasurer's Report, Jack Treadwell:**

Jack gave his detailed monthly report. A motion to approve the report was made by Jack Anderson and seconded by Henry Chaudron. The motion passed and the current monthly report will be held for audit.

**Vice President's Report, Nick Prevas:** Nick explained the use of "QR" (quick response) codes which provide links to gain access to websites, etc. He handed out examples of codes linking users to the CRAACA website, and demonstrated the use of smart phone cameras to take advantage of the technology. These codes are well suited to be included in future Club publications and cards for easy web access for members and potential members.

**Membership/Facebook Report, Vicky Wilmer:** Vicky reported that we have had some additional membership renewals but due to computer issues could not update the membership totals in time for this meeting. Vicky also presented two new Membership Applications, for David Dukehart and Allen Smith. Both applications were approved unanimously. She also said that the Facebook page has been updated with a flyer for the flea market and will later feature a flyer for the upcoming cruise-in at the AACA National Meet in Gettysburg.

New membership forms were presented to help with signing up new members, and Vicky pointed out that word of mouth is still most important in growing our membership.

**Activities Report, Phil Hack:** Phil reported on upcoming activities. For specific dates and locations please see his Activities Calendar located within this Bulletin. Also refer to our new website (<https://chesapeake.aaca.com>) for further information and downloadable flyers. Phil also discussed revisiting last year's postponed Keystone Truck and Tractor Tour in Richmond, VA, and went over plans for the Auto Show at the convention Center. If interested, please contact Phil.

**Technical Report, Gary Wilmer:** Gary is open to questions and suggestions. He recently referred a member to a source for help with an electrical problem, and we heard about a few recent repair successes from members.

**Chief Judge Report, Henry Chaudron:** Henry reported that he's getting started and now has the materials needed for the job.

**Bulletin Report, Bill Wurzell:** Bill said that the March Bulletin is coming along well, and he has enough material to fill this issue.

**Website Report, Buzz Diehl:** Buzz reports that he is working on the new website <https://chesapeake.aaca.com>. New links are being added to the

new website to improve navigation and make it easier to find information. The old website will not be updated but will remain up until Buzz is able to get it closed down. Meanwhile, it has a link directing everyone to the new website. Buzz also reported that he has been working on publicity for the swap meet, including Craigslist ads, and is preparing the cruise-in flyer.

**Director Paula Ruby:** No report

**Director Tom Young:** Jack Treadwell reported for Director Tom Young that all flea market inside spaces, two of the five barns, and one-half of all outside spaces are sold. This is similar to previous years and looks promising for this year's turnout.

**Social Report, Judy Dawson:** No Report

**Sunshine Report:** Margaret Werneth: Margaret's full report will appear in the Bulletin.

**Old Business:**

**May 18th Cruise-In in Gettysburg:** Jack Anderson reports that plans are progressing. Registration, Parking, and Marketing Committees have been set up and manned and arrangements for a DJ are made. If you would like to join in, please contact Jack. Yet to be finalized are signage, food vendors, and registration forms. We will need a separate committee to coordinate Trailer Parking for this event. More information is coming.

**Autumn Harvest Car Show:** A discussion to decide whether to include an automotive flea market during the Autumn Harvest Car show in Manchester, Md. was held so a decision could be made well in advance of the show this Fall. A vote was held resulting in a unanimous decision to keep the event as a car show only.

**Flea Market:** Vicky Wilmer talked about the possibility of getting volunteers to help get food to vendors unable to leave their spots. Gary Wilmer talked about laying the field out on March 10th. He needs five people at 8:00 A.M. and ten to fifteen people at 9:00 A.M. Lunch for the volunteers will be provided by Judy Dawson.

**New Business:**

Next Board Meeting February 26th at 2 P.M.

Next General Membership Meeting March 4h at 1:30 P.M. (As of April, meetings will return to evening hours.)

**Roundtable Discussion:** Contact Henry Chaudron for information on model cars being sold from a large collection.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kevin Perkins, seconded by Vicky Wilmer, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 P.M.

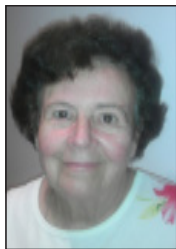
*Respectfully submitted,*

*Judy Dawson, Secretary*

**SUNSHINE REPORT:**

By: Margaret Werneth

*I sent a sympathy card to the family of Gladys Walsh.--Margaret*



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### ••••• • *Tech Talk...dedicated to Gary Ruby,* • Technical Director, Emeritus

• By: Gary Wilmer



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This month's technical write up consists of several different pieces of information not specifically related to one another. The first submitted by Jack Treadwell is about wrenches. We've all heard of, and probably own tools made by Mac, Snap-on, Craftsman, and others. Some good, some terrible, Jack recently purchased some ratchets and wrenches made by Wera Tools in Germany called JOKER. Made in both SAE and metric with a lifetime warranty, they feature a unique bolt and nut holding feature that allows one handed attachment and operation. Also it has fine tooth ratcheting that fits and turns in tight areas. If you have any questions contact Jack.

A side note on Craftsman tools. Since the demise of Sears some people think the lifetime warranty on Craftsman tools died too. Not true. Lowes now sells Craftsman, will honor the warranty. Just like Sears, take your broken tool into Lowe's and they will exchange it for free.

Second piece of technical information, if you have an early Ford V-8 flathead engine, the recommended oil to use is Valvoline VR-1 racing oil, 20W-50 viscosity.

Finally, if the speedometer on your antique car or truck is not working, is noisy, or fluctuates, there are a couple of things you can do cheaply and easily that may fix the issue. Remove the knurled nut behind the speedometer under the dash and pull out the cable. If it is not broken, put some grease on the entire length of cable and reinstall. Also shoot some lubricant (Silicone, WD40) with long straw on spray nozzle into the hole at the connection into the speedometer. It's worked for me.

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## MEMBERSHIP MEETING SATURDAY 1:30 pm

### March 4th, 2023

DIVINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
1220 Providence Road  
Towson, MD 21286

#### TREASURER CRAACA

My Dear Friends:

After nine years, I've decided to end my tenure as Treasurer for the club, and I'm seeking a replacement. The job as an easy and straightforward one: managing the club's finances by making deposits and paying bills, doing two very simple filings each year for the State of Maryland, and the IRS, and attending membership & board meetings.

If you have an interest in helping the club in this capacity, I'd be happy to meet and provide a detailed description of my job. Please feel free to call me at 410-925-7024, or email at [jetreadwell@comcast.net](mailto:jetreadwell@comcast.net)

Sincerely,

Jack Treadwell





Above is the table where Chesapeake Region President Tom Dawson and Mrs. Dawson sat. Also seated at this table is Past President of Chesapeake Region and now AACA official, Paula Lynn Ruby.



Judy and Tom 'see the sights' in Williamsburg, Virginia. The fellow behind them is from the movie the 'Day The Earth Stood Still.' His spaceship is in the parking lot.



This remarkable piece of craftsmanship hangs in the Governor's Palace during the time when Virginia was still an English Colony. The Governor was appointed by the reigning king or queen of England.



Tom volunteered to check the many ordnance displays around Williamsburg, Yorktown and Jamestown. He wanted to make sure there were no cannonballs stuck in any of the numerous canons in the historic colonies. He demonstrates his technique above.



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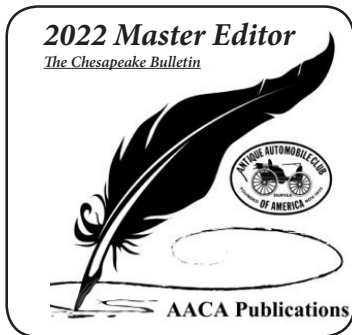
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