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Museum visitors, left to right: Phil Hack, Ferd Driver and his friend 'Colleen', Cecil Polan, Al Zimmermann, Bob Natale, Lew Bearden, Chuck Piel, Debbie Piel, Mark Stershic, Jim Evans, Ron Fleming, Bobby Evans, Shelly Hack, Mike Natale, Jim Turner, Barb Diehl, Jay Kolb, Buzz Diehl, Judy Dawson, Tom Dawson, Bill Wurzell, Paula Ruby, Michael Taylor. Photo by museum assistant and Buzz Diehl's camera.

#### APRIL 14, 2023, GETTYSBURG, PA

## World War II American Experience Museum Tour

By Bill Wurzell, Editor The Chesapeake Bulletin

The above photo was taken of the group that toured the World War II American Experience Museum in beautiful and historic Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on April 14th.

This group photo was taken before we even entered the museum. We were unaware of everything that we would see in the museum. What awaited us inside were World War II artifacts, vehicles, military equipment, ordinance, small arms military weapons, uniforms and everything you can think of related to a world war.

When we did enter the building we assembled in the lobby and paid the \$10 visitors fee. A tiny amount for what we were about to see. In the lobby was an assortment of the ubiquitous United States Army Jeep. There were a few different models manufactured by different automakers including Willys-Overland and Ford Motor Company. Our docent, Jack Anderson, a member of Chesapeake Region pointed out the easiest way to tell which manufacturer made which Jeep was to note the build plate on the dashboard near the glove compartment door.

Because of the size of our group we were split into two subgroups each with their own docent. The group I was in was lead by Jack Anderson and the other group was lead by Col. Mike Jorgenson, U. S. Army Ret., and a Vietnam Veteran.

The action during world war II was divided into two theaters of *war*, the European theater and the Pacific theater. Jack first discussed the artifacts on the floor regarding the European theater and then a little over halfway through the tour, he switched to goings on in the Pacific theater, and discussions of Japanese war material.

How on earth the museum was able to asemble all this information equipment, artifacts and vehicles together is an amazing story in itself. For instance, one item is a Japanese military vehicle with a 2 cylinder, 2-cycle motor that was used for moving Japanese officers around. The vehicle on display is one of only three in the whole world! A full size Japanese rising Sun flag that flew on a Japanese war vessel attached to the well deck. This was somehow commandeered from the vessel during or after the Japanese unconditional surrender in Tokyo Bay aboard the United States battleship, 'Missouri.'

Much, much more inside!



Museum Docent, Jack Anderson right, begins the tour in the lobby with an explanation of the Jeep vehicles that are on display.--Phil Hack photo



This is the first thing you see on the front door to the Museum.

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## Cruise-In

**AACA Eastern Spring Nationals** 

Gettysburg Gateway Center – Wyndham Hotel Rt 30 and Rt 15 Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

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In this photo, Jack is explaining the importance of radio reception, especially for the citizens in European countries that have been overrun by the German war machine. At one point, the United Kingdom was about the only free country remaining in Europe.--Buzz Diehl photos



There were 80 of these food vending trucks similar to Red Cross Disaster Relief. They were solely operated by women military. The women also performed servicing on the trucks to keep them in good running condition.



This is how military Jeep vehicles were crated for shipment on ocean going vessels and probably on some aircraft. Lots of trucks, tanks, Jeeps, and all sorts of equipment was sent to our Russian and English allies during the second world war. The allies probably found a good use for the wood crate too. U. S. Military Jeeps were so ubiquitous the English were convinced every U.S. soldier was provided with his own personal Jeep.--Bill Wurzell photos



Uniforms for Non-Com's, no officer uniforms among these. After a certain rank, officers must pay for their uniforms.

## The President's Message From Tom Dawson

### Hello Chesapeake Members!

n my opinion, this Spring has got to be one of, if not the nicest, prettiest Springs I can remember! The weather, the trees, the flowers, the grass, even the weeds have been magnificent! The only drawback has been that I'm mowing my lawn every four days! All this leads up to my point ... GET YOUR CARS OUT AND ENJOY THEM!



It's going to be a busy and exciting year. As you read this, local cruise-ins, including the Markets at Shrewsbury have begun. Treasured Motor Cars has had their Spring Open House with Prueitt's Open House coming up at the end of May. We will have had our trip to the Classic Auto Mall, (1200 cars!) and dinner at Shady Maple, and a visit with Boy Scout Troop 328 in Timonium, not to mention Spring Carlisle! And that's just the start!

May is on course to be just as busy and exciting, especially with our BIG AACA Spring Nationals kick off Cruise-In on the evening of Thursday, Mayl8th, at The Wyndham in Gettysburg, Pa. A huge thank you to Jack Anderson for heading this event up and doing an exemplary job. Contact Jack if you are

available to volunteer your assistance, but please, by all means, bring your car and let's fill the parking lot!

Also, please keep in mind that Jack Treadwell is looking for a capable person to fill his shoes at the end of this year. Jack has served this Club well as treasurer for almost a decade. The job is not difficult nor very time consuming and Jack will be right there to guide and counsel. Please contact Jack or me if you have an interest in serving the Club in that capacity.

. That's all I got for now except for...HAPPY SPRING!

Yours in this Great Hobby,



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The M4 high speed tractor was developed during World War II as a means to tow artillery weighing 31,000 pounds and running at top speeds of 35 mph. The M4 was in use from 1943 to 1945 and primarily towed Howitzers and anti-aircraft weaponry. Before the high-speed tractor was was put into use, soldiers had to train to operate the vehicles. Pictured above is a group of soldiers training on bulldozers pulling leftover World War I gun carriages. The bulldozers they trained with averaged speeds of less than 10 mph, a big jump to the M4.



The 1945 M4A2 Sherman tank Easy model with 76 mm main gun. Twin 6 cylinder General Motors Diesel engines, built by Fisher Body. Requires five crew members to operate. Equipped with: 1-50 caliber machine gun mount on turret. 1-30 caliber machine gun M1919 in turret. One 30 caliber machine gun M1919 in Beaumont. Five-45 Waksman M3. Combat loaded weight 73,400 pounds, maximum speed 30 mph. Owned by the Buck family, motor pool at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.--Bill Wurzell photos



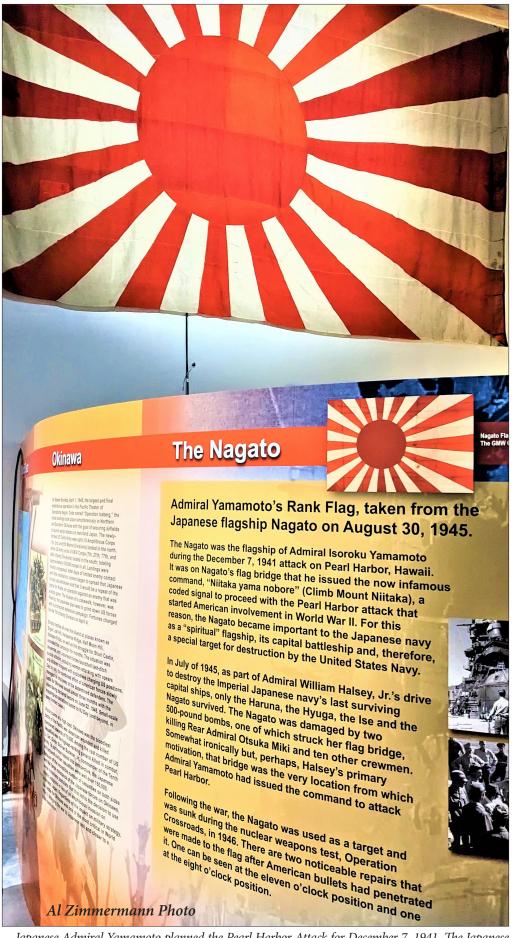
The Oriole Bird showed up on March 17, to help Helen Moody, Director of the Clarlen Nursery School in Ellicott City celebrate another Saint Patrick and 'Wheely Fun Day!'

Also on hand were 10 members of the DeSoto Owner's Club of Maryland, displaying their classic cars.

Even though the day was a bit chilly and it rained off and on there were a lot of unique vehicles, such as a brand new International. School Bus, a nearly new and spotless trash compactor truck, a late model medium size excavator, ready for action! A couple new Howard County Police vehicles complete with LED flashing lights. The Howard County Emergency Response Vehicle that allowed adults and children to walk through the Command Center. This vehicle can go anywhere and assume control of any emergency situation.



World War II era riding toys most likely only given to children in the U.S.A. and Canada.



Japanese Admiral Yamamoto planned the Pearl Harbor Attack for December 7, 1941. The Japanese flag above was taken from Admiral Yamamoto's ship the 'Nagato' which was badly damaged by U.S. war ships. Admiral Yamamoto was himself killed when U.S. ships intercepted a radio message that Yamamoto would be airborn at a certain time and place. American fighter aircraft shot his plane out of the sky.

E Park Shop Ctr, Glen Burnie, MD

N. Plaza Shop Ctr, Parkville, MD

Friday Evenings

Fri-Sat Evenings

5:30-9

5-9

CHESAPEAKE REGION ACTIVITIES FOR 2023				
DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
MAY				
4	Thur	11:30 - 1PM	St Elizabeth School Visit	St Elizabeth School
8	Mon	7:00 PM	General Membership Meeting	Divinity Lutheran Church
12-13	Fri-Sat	Daily	Carlisle Import & Performance Nationals	Carlisle, PA
18	Thu	5-9	CRAACA Cruise-In	Wyndham, Gettysburg
18-20	Thu-Sat	Daily	AACA Eastern Spring Nationals	Wyndham, Gettysburg
18-21	Thu-Sun	Daily	Cruisin' Ocean City	Ocean City, MD
20	Sat	10-3	Chariots of Fire Classic Auto Mall Show	Morgantown, PA
20	Sat	10-2	JB Machine St Clare Car Show	Essex, MD
21	Sun	9-2	Early Ford V8 Club Show	Howard Cty Living Farm Museum
28	Sun	8-1	Street Survivors Memorial Day Show	Severn, MD
29	Mon	10-2	The Chapel Memorial Day Show	Gettysburg Outlets
31	Wed	noon-7	Al Prueitt Restorations Open House	Glen Rock, PA
JUNE				
2	Fri	5-8	Hershey Region AACA Cruise Night	Hershey, PA
2-4	Fri-Sun	Daily	Carlisle Ford Nationals	Carlisle, PA
2-4	Fri-Sun	Daily	National Street Rod Nationals	York, PA
10	Sat	10-2	100F VFW Car Show	Sparrows Point
12	Mon	7:00 PM	General Membership Meeting	Divinity Lutheran Church
15	Thur	10-2	SpiriTrust Lutheran Assisted Living Show	York, PA
16-18	Fri-Sun	Daily	Tucker 75th Anniversary Experience	Hershey, PA
17	Sat	10-3	Rolls-Royce Owners Club Show/Tour	Wyndham, Gettysburg
17	Sat	10-3	Chariots of Fire Father's Day Show	Morgantown, PA
17	Sat	9-1	Coopstown Car Show	Jarrettesville, MD
19	Mon	10-3	Carroll Lutheran/Sun Valley Retirement	Westminster, MD
24	Sat	10-3	Philadelphia Concours d'Elegance	Simeone Auto Museum
23-24	Fri-Sat	Daily	Carlisle GM Nationals	Carlisle, PA
25-28	Sun-Wed	Daily	AACA East Div. Chris Ritter Memorial Tour	Denver PA
JULY				
8	Sat	11-2	Fire Museum of MD Collector Car Show	Timonium, MD
10	Mon	7:00 PM	General Membership Meeting	Divinity Lutheran Church
13-15	Thu-Sat	Daily	Camaro Nationals - Classic Auto Mall	Morgantown, PA
14-16	Fri-Sun	Daily	Inverness Brewing Farm Days	Monkton, MD
14-16	Fri-Sun	Daily	Carlisle Chrysler Nationals	Carlisle, PA
26-29	Wed-Sat	Daily	Mecum Auctions Harrisburg	Harrisburg, PA
30	Sunday	9-3	VCCA Reisterstown Regional Park	Reisterstown, MD
4th Fridays		4-8	Markets at Shrewsbury Cruise-In	Amish Market Shrewsbury, PA
Saturday Evenings		4-8	Lost in the 50's Cruise-In	Marley Station Mall
Saturday Mornings		8-10	Hunt Valley Cars and Coffee	Hunt Valley Towne Center
Established 1				

**Street Survivors Cruise Nights** 

Parkville Weekend Cruise

#### Chesapeake Region Antique Automobile Club of America, Monthly Membership meeting minutes, April 10, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Chesapeake Region of the AACA (Club or CRAACA) was held on April 10, 2023 at Divinity Lutheran Church in Towson, MD. There were 31 members in attendance.

**Welcome: President, Tom Dawson** called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

Secretary's Report, Judy Dawson Paula Ruby motioned that we dis-



pense with the reading of the last Board meeting, except for one item under Membership which required a vote by the General Membership. Paula then moved to allocate approximately \$600 for advertising in the next six issues of the Car Cruise Guide. It was seconded by Judy Dawson and passed. Text the word Sting Ray to 410-812-2090 for three free raffle tickets at the May meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Jack Treadwell in JACK'S ABSENCE, Tom Dawson gave a summary of our current financial stand-

ing. A motion to approve the report was made by Paula Ruby and seconded by Mark Stershic. The motion passed and the current monthly report will be held for audit.

Vice President's Report, Nick Prevas Nick thanked all who assisted him with the last Board Meeting, in Tom's absence, and especially Vicky and Gary Wilmer for hosting. He also thanked Vicky and the Membership Committee for all their recent efforts with the Membership Committee.

Membership/Facebook Report, Vicky Wilmer Membership currently stands at 328 adults plus 10 students for a total of 338 members. A new venue for a show with Membership table was suggested for The Harford Vineyard and Winery for August 19,2023 from 4-8 PM. It was moved to approve the suggestion by Mark Stershic. Seconded by J. D. Kurzmann. Passed.

**Activities Report, Phil Hack** Phil reported on upcoming activities, dating from 4/14 through the summer, For details, please refer to the CHESAPEAKE REGION ACTIVITIES FOR 2023 Chart listed in this Bulletin.

At this point we took a break for two special presentations. Phil Hack presented a most informative presentation on fuses and related safety issues, initially mentioned in last month's Tech Talk. Al Zimmermann showed the first half of a tour of an amazing private collection of Corvettes. The second half will be presented at our May Meeting.

**Technical Report, Gary Wilmer** Gary is working on an article "Looking at a Car Before You Buy It".

**Legislative Report, Mike Natale** It was mentioned that SEMA is working on legislation referring to Military vehicles.

Chief Judge Report, Henry Chaudron No Report.

**Bulletin Report, Bill Wurzell** Bill is looking forward to reporting on our up-coming visit to the World War II Experience Museum. Please submit stories and photos to Bill from any and all of our activities!

Website Report, Buzz Diehl Buzz has updated the website with general updates, fliers for future events, and our most recent Bulletin.

**Director's Reports:** 

**Director Paula Ruby** - Paula reminded us that AACA awards the I. C. Kirkham Trophy annually to the chapter who has the most new members. She suggested that we apply next year, in light of our recent success with building membership.

**Director Tom Young** - Tom reminded Tom that we need to contract for next year's Swap Meet at the Howard County Fairgrounds. He also mentioned that next year we will need two lanes for vendors entering, and more help for the early 5:30-6:00 shift. We will also need cones and signage for the lanes.

Historian Report, Chip Miller No Report.

**Social Report, Judy Dawson** Judy asked Phil to put out a blast about our Tour of The Classic Auto Mall in Morgantown and dinner at The Shady Maple Smorgasbord on April 25th. Participants should meet at The New Freedom Restaurant for breakfast at 8AM. Paula Ruby also reported on options for our 2023 Annual Banquet menu at Friendly Farm. A motion was made by Paula and seconded by Tom Young that we charge members \$25/ person for a three entree meal charged at \$41.95, with the club picking up the remainder. Non members will need to pay the full price. Passed

**Sunshine Report, Margaret Werneth**. No Report. But we were glad to hear she is off cruisin' the world!

#### **Old Business:**

Chalk paint will be purchased by Tom Young.

#### **New Business:**

The next Board Meeting will be on Monday, April 24th at Phil Hack's house (upon approval by Shelly!) Tom brought up the question of providing club apparel again. Discussion to follow, Let Tom know what you are interested in! Vicky Wilmer reminded us that the Early Ford V-8 Club Show will be on May 21st from 9-2PM at the Howard County Living Farm Museum.

ROUNDTABLE: Prediction: Our 2024 Swap Meet will be a WARM one...we are due!

There were no further announcements or discussions.

The 50/50 Raffle was won by Jerry Blumenthal for \$18.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM after a motion by Ron Fleming and a second by Vicky Wilmer.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Dawson, Secretary

#### SUNSHINE REPORT:

By: Margaret Werneth

I have nothing to report for May Sunshine, a good thing! Just got back from vacation. Thanks!





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

By: Gary Wilmer



A few weeks ago, my friend Bill Dorsey from Chesapeake Region and the Early Ford V8 Club called me to see if I would go with him to look at a 1956 Ford Thunderbird his son told him about in Westminster. He was told it really looked nice and knowing that I also had a lift in my garage we could inspect it top to bottom. How we got it started and what happened on the way to my house has nothing to do with this tech write up, so we'll skip that.

The car looked beautiful in its shiny black paint and most people would have assumed the car was excellent. A magnet check on all exterior sheet metal showed very little filler. However, once in the air, both sides of the car's inner body panels and body supports were gone, rusted away. Needless to say, we were done looking.

The point of the story is if you or someone you know is looking to purchase a vehicle, do not assume that a shiny, beautiful car or truck is what it appears to be (such as at as auction)--a perfect car. I used to work for a company out of Michigan as an auto appraiser with my territory being Pennsylvania, Maryland, Washington, DC, and Virginia. A lot of my assignments were 'pre-purchase inspections.' That means inspecting a vehicle for someone too far away to look at it themselves. I would take a jack and jack stand (a lift was always a bonus) to inspect the underside and also take 100 to 150 pictures and give a detailed write up of condition. Therefore, I suggest you have someone else go with you to look at a possible purchase and/or pay someone to carefully inspect it if you can't look at it yourself, especially underneath. Money well spent.--Gary Wilmer



#### **KUROGANE TYPE 95 SCOUT CAR**

The type 95 Scout car was a lightweight 4x4 reconnaissance vehicle that was developed after an incident which demonstrated to the Japanese Army the need for such a vehicle. The type 95 was built by Kurogane and was the Japanese Army's only totally native designed vehicle of its type. Most of the others were derived from American designs. This vehicle was first manufactured in 1937 and was the most widely used vehicle of its type by Japanese forces on all fronts during World War II. There were a variety of body styles and the total number produced was around 4,800. This was the 'Jeep' for the Japanese Army and was nicknamed 'Black Medal.' The gold star in the grille is meant to convey it is an officer's transport.

This vehicle is a two-cylinder, two-cycle vehicle and it looks to be about as comfortable as a buckboard with square wheels.

There are only THREE of these vehicles remaining in the whole world and the American Experience Museum in Gettysburg has one of 'em!--Bill Wurzell photos





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