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Left to right: Vice-President Nick Prevas, Maddie's granddad, Maddie, and Chesapeake Region, President, Tom Dawson. President Dawson read a letter to Maddie from the club that informed her of a \$500 scholarship the club is providing her to help defray college expenses.--Jack Treadwell photo

#### Recognition Of Student Member, Maddie Beckett

The membership meeting of July 10th, 2023 was paused so the club could honor our long time Student Member, Ms. Madelyn Beckett.'Maddie' has been a member of Chesapeake Region since she was a little girl. She is now a young woman and is about to embark on a new facet of her life, COLLEGE!

Ms. Beckett's accomplishments are vast. Maddie has the distinction of achieving a 4.0 grade point average since fourth grade and all through high school at Howard County's Reservoir High. Because of this Maddie earned the BSAP (Black Student Achievement Program) Award.

In addition to her academic achievements, Maddie is also a gifted athlete. She was an outside hitter on the Senior Reservoir High Volleyball team that achieved a phenomenal 18 and 1 record that concluded with Maddie's team as Class 3-A Maryland State Champions!

In addition, Maddie has earned a Presidential Scholarship to Loyola University in Baltimore. She will enter Loyola in the fall, with a double major in Psychology and Forensic Studies.

Maddie is the daughter of William and Virginia Beckett. Maddie has two younger sisters, Olivia and Naomi.--Bill Wurzell, Editor

HOT AND HUMID JULY 8, 2023

# Largest Turnout Ever For A Fire Museum Show!

Tommy Harper is a man on a mission. He has a beautiful 1936 Ford Tudor. He is traveling around the country, visiting car shows like our show at the Fire Museum in Lutherville, Md.

His goal is to show his Ford at every state East of the Mississippi River. Mr. Harper visited the Fire Museum show on July 8th and was awarded a *TOP 25* Award by Paul Rubenson, Curator of the Fire Museum. Tommy was also given an honorary membership to Chesapeake Region.

Of course, there is a lot of other news from the Fire Museum Show on Saturday, July 8, 2023. Namely, at 91 show vehicles attending, this was the LARGEST TURNOUT EVER!

This was the best organized Fire Museum Show I can remember due largely to the efforts of Officer-of-the Day, Vice President Nick Prevas. The cars were arranged so that if someone had to leave early they could just pull straight out, no problem, unlike some of the past shows.

Parking guru, Gary Wilmer and his crew did an outstanding job of getting all the cars on the showfield. Nobody was turned away.--Bill Wurzell, Editor

There are photos of many other show cars inside on pages 3, 6, 7 and 11.



President Tom Dawson congratulates Tom Harper and presented him with an honorary membership in Chesapeake Region. Below is Harper's 1936 Ford Tudor--Nick Prevas photos.







Member Beth Muscedere receives a TOP 25 Award from Chief Judge Henry Chaudron, Sr., and President Tom Dawson, for her 110-year-old Ford Model T Speedster. Beth drove the Model T to the Fire Museum show and she drove the Model T home after the show!

#### AUGUST 19, 2023

### Help Support The Collector Car Hobby At The Classic Car Cruise, At Harford Winery

On Saturday, August 19th Chesapeake Region is joining forces with the Custom and Classic Car Education Foundation at the Car Cruise, held monthly at the Harford Vineyard and Winery in Forrest Hill, Maryland.

The foundation's mission is to promote the custom and classic car culture and history, and to encourage a new generation of collector car enthusiasts. They provide educational opportunities for young adults to share in our passion, and actively assist in the career development of important automotive professions.

Earlier this year our club decided to support this wonderful foundation with a financial donation. We will be further supporting them by assisting with the management of their monthly Car Cruise in August.

There is no cost for participation in the Car Cruise, but contributions to the Foundation are encouraged. We will have a 50/50 raffle as well as some other activities, with all proceeds going to the Foundation.

Your assistance with the parking of participating collector vehicles and the management of various raffles and other fund-raising activities is needed. Contact Vicky Wilmer (wilmervicky@gmail.com) or Buzz Diehl (hdiehl60@hotmail.com) to let them know that you would be willing to help our club at this event.

Bring out your own collector vehicle and participate in this popular monthly gathering. Socialize with the participants and introduce them to the advantages of membership in the Chesapeake Region, AACA.

As fellow Chesapeake Region members, we all need to actively promote the continuation of our collector car hobby that we enjoy so much. This event is a great opportunity to do just that. Please think seriously about joining us. We really need everyone to show up on August 19th. We are counting on all of you.

#### Five Page Layout In Antique Automobile About Member's Ford Truck And Automobile

A big Chesapeake Congratulations to member Ken Briers for the five page layout about two of his beloved vehicles. The layout appears in the latest edition (July/August) of <u>Antique Automobile Magazine</u>.

The layout begins on page 64 and ends on page 69 and it's all about his two remarkable vehicles. A 1950 Ford F1 pickup truck and a 1952 Ford Customline two-door sedan that his father purchased brand new in 1952!

Both vehicles are in remarkable condition. Even though the truck has been restored, Ken has probably put 90,000 miles on the truck since then. Over the years, Ken has had both of these vehicles in the former Motor Trend Auto Shows at the Baltimore Convention Center. Each vehicle drew lots of attention and comments from spectators.

Ken is also a member of Bay Country Region, AACA on the Eastern Shore. He is the long-time Editor of *The Distributor*.

Again, Congratulations Ken!--Bill Wurzell, Editor

## TOP 25 Winners At The Fire Museum Show

\*Tommy Harper 1935 Ford Standard Tudor sedan
\*Mark Stershic 1971 Chevy C-10 Pickup
\*Beth Muscedere 1916 Ford Model T
\*Gary Wilmer 1963 Chevy Impala SS
Guy Letendre 1955 Chevy 210
Bill Shaw 1965 Pontiac GTO
Jim Dickerson 1967 Chevy II Nova
John Kuczinski 1966 Ford Mustang
Dennis Guevievi 1957 Chevy 210 4-door
Davis Porter 1966 Chevy Chevelle SS
Mark Chaires 1950 Chevy Coupe
Ken Schmidt 1972 Chevy Malibu convertible
Pete Muffoletto 1958 Chevy Apache pickup

Doug Hagg 2008 Chevy Corvette
Robert Walton 1939 Chevy Pickup
Mike Derby 1940 Chevy Business Coupe
Nadean Knox 1963 Chevy Nova SS
\*Bob & Kathy Baer 1958 Edsel Pacer convertible
\*Jim Turner 1947 Nash Ambassador sedan
Allen Swim 1972 Olds Cutlass Supreme
John Branock 1964-1/2 Ford Mustang
Nate Wagner 1940 GMC Pickup
(also Fire Museum Sponsor's Choice)
Rob Neighbor 1967 Chevy Corvair
Benito Feostaci 1956 Ford Sunliner
Doug Hopple Sr. 1967 Pontiac GTO



Benito Feostaci, 1956 Ford Sunliner convertible. TOP 25 Winner!



## **IMPORTANT BY LAWS NOTICE**

Proposed new language to be added at the end of Article VI

Any gift or charitable contribution proposed by the Executive Board shall be specifically approved by a majority vote of the members present at a Membership Meeting before disbursement.

-- Jack Treadwell, June 12, 2023

#### **DECADES LONG...**

## Club Member Has A Long Association With A Plymouth Barracuda

By Howard Friedman Chesapeake Region, AACA

In July of 2010 my wife Lydia and I were talking about, wouldn't it be fun to see if we can find another Plymouth Barracuda? When I was dating my wife, now of fifty-one years, I actually had TWO Barracudas. One was a 1968 Navy blue with white vinyl top. I traded that one in for my second Barracuda which was a 1969 white fastback with two black air-scoops and a 340 c.i.d. engine. This was prior to joining the United States Marine Corps.

One day while searching on eBay I found one! It was beautiful and to top it off it was a convertible! It was on consignment, so after much back and forth I purchased the car. It was delivered to my home and was better than the photos. I took it to my mechanic to check it out and it only had minor issues. However, the most exciting part of receiving the car was what was included. The car had lots of paperwork pertaining to the past owners and a binder with all detailed information on repairs.

The original owner who had since passed away had his CERTA Card, and the original owner's manual and also his insurance policy receipts were in the binder.



Howard's 1968 highly optioned Plymouth Barracuda convertible, three speed automatic transmission and factory red stripe tires.



The Barracuda's mighty 340 cubic inch V8, naturally aspirated four barrel carburation. Engine bay is perfection.

My curiosity and interest took hold in wanting to find out more information regarding this car and previous owners. The car was built in the United States, then shipped and sold in Canada. Many receipts had names and phone numbers of previous owners, so I reached out to them.

The original owner was deceased, but his daughter was very nice and explained that she sold the car to help pay for college. She is now an attorney. The other three owners live in Canada and the fifth owner lives in Wisconsin. I am the sixth owner and of course a resident of Maryland.

I've spoken to previous owners and continue on occasion to keep in touch by email. I had the car decoded. Galen Govier, used the build sheet to do so. I learned there were only 133 convertibles made in 1968.

Over the years I've done little things, but have tried to keep it as original as possible. It has been a great vehicle to drive and most enjoyable when driving with top down. My Barracuda has won numerous awards from AACA, top Award for Senior Grand National. It has also been nominated twice for National Award since I've owned it. I've met many great people and made many new friends, but most importantly I've made some wonderful memories!



Howard has a complete set of Cragar SS Chrome wheels and wider tires.



A touch of luxury! High-back bucket seats with an attractive shifter, console and gauge package.

## The President's Message From Tom Dawson

### Hello Chesapeake Members!

uly 8th was **HOT** and so was the Chesapeake Region! July 8th was our annual Fire Museum Show, and it was a four alarmer! Ninety Classics registered, temperatures in the 90's, great attendance, several new members signed up and we received more money by giving away food for donations, than we would have if we had sold it! And...

#### CHESAPEAKE GOES INTERNATIONAL!



We had a guest journalist/news correspondent from Italy inquire about and attend our show. Daniel Compatangelo does a segment on an Italian news broadcast each day and is putting together a segment on American classic/collector cars. These broadcasts are apparently seen all over Europe as we understand that Europeans are crazy about large old American cars, the bigger the better! So, stay tuned viewers, Daniel promised that he would send me a link to his project once he has finished with the editing.

We also had a very well attended membership meeting and preliminary plans are under way for this year's Poker Run. (Thanks Mary and Sue!). Several of our members attended the "Farm Days at Inverness" at their beautiful farm in Monkton over the weekend of 7/15,16. A bunch of us are planning to attend the Mecum Harrisburg auction on July 27th. (Ladies, you may want to grab your husband's/significant

other's wallets/credit cards that morning, just leave him enough meal money!). Probably too late by the time you read this, oh well, what's one more? Also, our friends in the VCCA have had what I hope has been another very successful Reisterstown Show.

August is here and with it comes our first ever Cruise-In at the Harford Winery on the 19th. Lots of help will be needed to make this another successful "Chesapeake Style" event. Let's support our friends in the Vintage Chevrolet Club at their National Convention in Morgantown, Pa., the weekend of August 19 and 20. Lots more in the works so, keep 'em shinin'!

Yours in this Great Hobby,



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Member and former Chesapeake Region Secretary, Jim Turner brought out his recently restored 1947 Nash Ambassador sedan. The Nash drew a lot of attention from people at the Fire Museum show. Many folks were surprised to see the Nash had an OHV in-line six-cylinder motor that looked a lot like a Chevrolet six. The engine is rated at 112 horsepower. Jim reports that the car is a snappy performer, but not as snappy as his 1950 Ford deluxe sedan with a flathead V8. The Nash is about 400 pounds heavier than his Ford--Nick Prevas and Bill Wurzell, photos





Members Bob and Kathy Baer drove their 1958 Edsel Pacer convertible from College Park, Maryland to attend the Maryland Fire Museum Show. They were rewarded with a TOP 25 Award! People rarely get to see an original '58 up close and personal. The very interesting 'Tele-Touch push button transmission in the middle of the steering wheel was only in the 1958 model. They went back to column shift in 1959. The Edsel grows on you. Many people say they like the Edsel more now than they did when it was introduced. In 1958, Edsel sales tanked, partly due to a recession.





Young Nate Wagner, (extreme left) was responsible for the spectacular 1940 GMC pickup truck that drew the SPONSOR'S CHOICE AWARD. Paul Rubenson, Curator of the Fire Museum of Maryland selected the truck from 90 other cars and trucks. The GMC is a beauty no question. It looks like it could be a restomed, but we are told that it has all 1940 running gear, congratulations Nate!





Mid 1960s AMC Rambler Classic hardtop.

Tech Director, Gary Wilmer's fabulous 1963 Chevrolet Impala hardtop with 409 cid engine.



Ken Stevenson's 1934 Ford Tudor, modified.



Al Zimmermann's 1934 Ford Pickup, National Award Winner, meticulous restoration!



Ford Torino hardtop from the mid 1970s. Immaculate!



Another 1930s era modified Ford coupe.

#### CHESAPEAKE REGION ACTIVITIES FOR 2023

DATE	DAY	TIME	<u>IESAPEAKE REGION ACTIVITIES FOR 20</u> EVENT	LOCATION	
DAIL	DAI	111111	AUGUST	ESCATION	
5	Sat	8-2	Real Man's Yard Sale	Shrewsbury Farm Mkt	
5	Sat	10-2	Lazy 8's Cruisers Car and Truck Show	Essex, MD	
<del></del>	Fri-Sun	Daily	Carlisle Truck Nationals	Carlisle, PA	
4-6 4-6	Fri-Sun	Daily	Das Awkscht Fescht Car Show	Macungie, PA	
10-12	Thu-Sat	Daily	AACA Grand Nationals	Bettendorf, Iowa	
8-12	Tue-Sat			,	
		Daily	VCCA National Meet - Classic Auto Mall	Morgantown, PA	
14	Mon	7:00 PM	General Membership Meeting	Divinity Lutheran Church	
19	Sat	4-8	Harford Winery Cruise-In/Show	Fallston	
24-26	Thu-Sat	Daily	Corvettes at Carlisle	Carlisle, PA	
26	Sat	10-2	Rally for the Wreaths Car Show (Veterans)	Turf Valley Resort	
26	Sat	8-3	Lion's Club Car Show	Chesapeake City, MD	
SEPTEMBER					
2	Sat	9-2	Wheels from the Past Labor Day Show	Green Turtle Edgewater, MD	
9	Sat	9-3	Bel Air Moose Lodge Show	Forest Hill, MD	
11	Mon	7:00 PM	General Membership Meeting	Divinity Lutheran Church	
16	Sat	3-7 PM	Guntry Café Toys for Tots Show	Owings Mills, MD	
17	Sun	Day	Hagley Museum Excursion	Wilmington, DE	
14-17	Thu-Sun	9-1	Arcadia Steam Show	Arcadia, MD	
22-24	Fri-Sun		Annual Boardwalk Show	Wildwood, NJ	
24	Sun	9-1	Autumn Harvest Collector Car Show	Manchester, MD	
24	Sun	9-3	Buick Owners of MD all GM Show	Boyle Buick Abingdon	
22-24	Fri-Sun		St. Michaels Concours d'Elegance	Kent Island, MD	
24	Sun	7-4	St. Michaels Concours d'Elegance SHOW	Kent Island, MD	
30	Sat	9-2	Treasured MotorCars Open House	New Freedom, PA	
OCTOBER					
27- 1	Wed-Sun	Daily	Fall Carlisle	Carlisle, PA	
1	Sun	10-2:30	Baltimore Cancer Support Group	Joppatown Plaza	
1	Sun		Immanuel Episcopal Church Festival & Show		
4	Wed	noon-7	Al Prueitt Restorations Open House	Glen Rock, PA	
3-6	Tue-Fri	Daily	AACA Eastern Fall Nationals	Hershey, PA	
4-8	Wed-Sun	Daily	Cruisin' Ocean City	Ocean City, MD	
9	Mon	7:00 PM	General Membership Meeting	Divinity Lutheran Church	
14	Sat	11-3:30	Rockville, Antique & Classic Show	Rockville, MD	
21	Sat	11-2	Open Cockpit & Car Show Day	Martin Aviation Museum	
29	Sun	Day	POKER RUN	Balto/Carroll Counties	
4th Fridays	,	4-8	Markets at Shrewsbury Cruise-In	Amish Market Shrewsbury, Pa.	

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Saturday Evenings	4-9	Lost in the 50's Cruise-In	Marley Station Mall, Glen Burnie
3rd Saturdays	4-8	Harford Winery Cruise-In	Harford Winery, Forest Hill, Md.
Friday Evenings	5:30-9	Street Survivors Cruise Nights	E. Park Shopping Ctr., Glen Burnie
Fri-Sat Evenings	5-9	Parkville Weekend Cruise	N. Plaza Shoping Ctr., Parkville
Fri. Evenings	5-9	VFW Post 467 Cruise-In	Westminster, Md.
Saturday Evenings	4-9	Cruise at Home Depot	Sykesville, Md.
Saturday Evenings	4-9	Boulevard Cruise Night	Abingdon, Md.

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

The monthly meeting of the Chesapeake Region of the AACA (Club or CRAACA) was held on July 10, 2023 at The Divinity Lutheran Church in Towson, MD. There were 34 members in attendance.

Welcome: President, Tom Dawson - Tom called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He introduced Steve Morgan from RidgeBrook Insurance Group who spoke to the group about insurance, specifically classic car insurance. Questions and answers followed, along with several personal endorsements for Steve's services. This program was followed with a formal presentation of a \$500 Scholarship to Maddie Beckett, grand-daughter of Nick Prevas, for academic excellence. Maddie's entire family was present for the ceremony, and refreshments were provided by Nick and the Becketts in appreciation.



Secretary's Report: Judy Dawson - It was moved by: Mark Stershic, and seconded by: Paula Ruby to approve the reading of the last Executive Board Meeting, as summarized. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report: Jack Treadwell** - Jack gave his detailed monthly report. A motion to approve the report was made by: Bill Wurzell, and seconded by: Ruth Synodinos. The motion passed and the report will be held for audit.

Vice President's Report: Nick Prevas (See Chief Judge's Report)

Membership/Facebook Report: Vicky Wilmer - Our current membership stands at 343 adults, and 10 students, for a total of 353 members. The new members brought before the membership for approval were: Rob Neighbour and Andrew Dan, Steve Morgan, Allen and Cindy Swim. Walter and Linda Troyer, Mark Faldzinski, and Patrick Covahey. A motion to accept was made by: Mike Natale and seconded by: Al Zimmermann. Passed.

Activities Report: Phil Hack - In Phil's absence, Tom Dawson reported on the following upcoming activities: Mecum Auction, Harrisburg (7/27), VCCA Reisterstown Show (7/30), VCCA Eastern Regional Meet, Morgantown, PA (8/12), Harford Vineyards Cruise-In sponsored by CRAACA (8/19), Notre Dame Prep Moving Anniversary (featuring Phil's Woodie) (9/22), Autumn Harvest Show (9/24), St. Michael's Concourse d'Elegance (9/22-24), Glenn L. Martin Show (10/21), and presentation to Michael Taylor and St. Elizabeth's School (TBD). Bob Natale also mentioned the possibility of the club participating in the Opening Ceremonies of the new Phoenix Rd. Bridge, some Saturday in August. Mary Stershic and Sue Chaudron have volunteered to run our Poker Run this October 29th. The Impala Nationals will be held at the Wyndham in Gettysburg (July 23-29).

**Technical Report: Gary Wilmer** - Gary reports that some repairs may be cheap, but labor may be intensive

Chief Judge Report: Henry Chaudron - Henry reported on our most successful Fire Museum Show last Saturday. There were 90 cars registered, 25 awards were presented, as well as Best of Show, Nate Wagner's 1940 GMC Pickup, nominated by the Fire Museum Staff. An award was presented to the Fire Museum in appreciation of the use of their facilities and cooperation. A plaque and name tag were presented to Tommy Harper and his family-owned '36 Ford Tudor, that he is attempting to show in every state east of the Mississippi. Thanks to Al Zimmermann for helping to fulfill a Bucket List dream of Walter Troyer (and wife, Linda) to take a ride in a Rumble Seat! A special thank you to Daniel Compatangelo, a journalist and correspondent in DC for Studio Aperto Mag Italia UNO-RTI, in Milan Italy. Daniel spent last Saturday at The Fire Museum Show recording film and narrative for a TV show that will be broadcast across Italy and all of Europe. Apparently our big, old cars are very popular over there! Daniel spent the day before at the White

House and was very excited to spend the day with our old cars! It was suggested that we raise our registration fee from \$10 to \$15 next year. We also need to clarify with the Museum if they will allow participants to see the Museum free of charge (in which case tickets will need to be given out). We will discuss appropriating a thank you donation to the Museum at our next Board Meeting.

**Legislative Report: Mike Natale** - Mike reports that, according to recent SEMA emails, electric cars are NOT a positive option for the future. Mike heartily disagrees!

**Bulletin Report: Bill Wurzell** - Bill requests that anyone having photos from the Fire Museum show to send them to him asap.

Website Report: Buzz Diehl - No Report

#### **Director's Reports:**

**Paula Ruby** - Paula was at a National Meet in Auburn, IN last Saturday, and was sorry to have missed the Show. Next year's National Convention will be held in Chantilly, VA. You can now register online. Paula again encourages us to apply for the Kirkhan Membership Award from National.

**Tom Young** - Tom gave kudos to Gary Wilmer and his team for an excellent job of parking more cars than expected last Saturday, out in the usual brutally hot weather. Good job again, Mr. Wilmer!

Historian Report: Chip Miller - No Report

**Social Committee Report: Judy Dawson** - No report, as our calendar is too full right now for additions.

**Sunshine Report: Margaret Werneth** - Anyone interested in writing to Jo Ann Day, she is now living at SEATON TOWSON 7925 York Rd, Towson, MD 21286

**Old Business:** Jack Treadwell submitted to the Secretary on June 12, 2023 an amendment to our By Laws, proposed new language to be added at the end of Article VI of our By Laws: "Any gift or charitable contribution proposed by the Executive Board shall be specifically approved by a majority vote of the members present at a Membership Meeting before disbursement." This proposed amendment will be published in the August and September Bulletins, and be voted upon at our October Membership Meeting.

**New Business:** Next Board Meeting: July 24th at The Stil Restaurant in Timonium, dinner at 5:30, meeting at 7 pm.

Roundtable Discussion: None

**50/50 Raffle:** \$18 to Nick Prevas (That should help defray the cost of tonight's refreshments!)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM with a motion by Al Zimmermann, and seconded by Anne Marie Ramsburg. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Dawson, Secretary

#### SUNSHINE REPORT:

By: Margaret Werneth

I send a get well card to Ron King and 'a thinking of you card' to JoAnne Day. --Regards Margaret



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### • Tech Talk...with Gary Wilmer

- ...with input from members and friends...
- Tech Talk is Dedicated to Technical Director. Gary Ruby Emeritus



A recent article in the Antique Automobile magazine about the growing popularity of newer antique vehicles presents a whole new area of fix it yourself repairs. Cars and trucks from the 70's, 80's, and 90's are desirable for several reasons such as they are eligible for AACA events, are more suitable for today's roads and traffic, and are equipped with A/C and many other comfort features. However, a lot of these things, if they break, are not as easy to fix as the older, simpler antique vehicles.

Case in point, I recently purchased a 1993 Lincoln Town Car previously owned by long time member Paul Habicht and found that the digital radio and right rear power window were not operating, I was hesitant in purchasing this car simply because I do not like all these electronic gadgets on "newer" cars, and this Lincoln certainly has every power option imaginable in 1993, plus it was 30 years old.

I tackled the radio first. Called several junk yards, with no luck. However, with today's internet, member Scott Chaney (who lives in North Carolina) found the exact match. No splicing wires like I used to, no fit issues, just plug it in. Works great.

On to the power windows I could hear the motor running so I assumed it was the regulator. Took door panel apart and pulled the motor and regulator assembly out (very labor intensive). The regulator looked okay, so I took the motor housing apart and found inside very small broken pieces of nylon. The gear itself was good but three nylon gear plugs (look like roller bearings) were shot. This time Vicky found me these pieces online for about \$12.00 with free shipping. Now the window also works.

With the help of *YouTubeVideos* and someone who can research this information for you, repairs on most newer vehicles can be done fairly easily and inexpensively.--*Gary* 



C. R. Director Tom Young's 2003 Ford Thunderbird convertible A/C and chrome wheels!



Restorod? 1950 Chevrolet coupe...



Howard Friedman's 1968 Barracuda-Feature article on this car, page 3!



C.R. Members, Mike and Cheryl Bianco's superclean, low mileage 1955 DeSoto Firedome HEMI!



Chesapeake Region Member, Steve Clark's pristine 1972 Cadillac Eldorado hardtop.



Really cute mid-thirties Ford Model A, rumble seat convertible.

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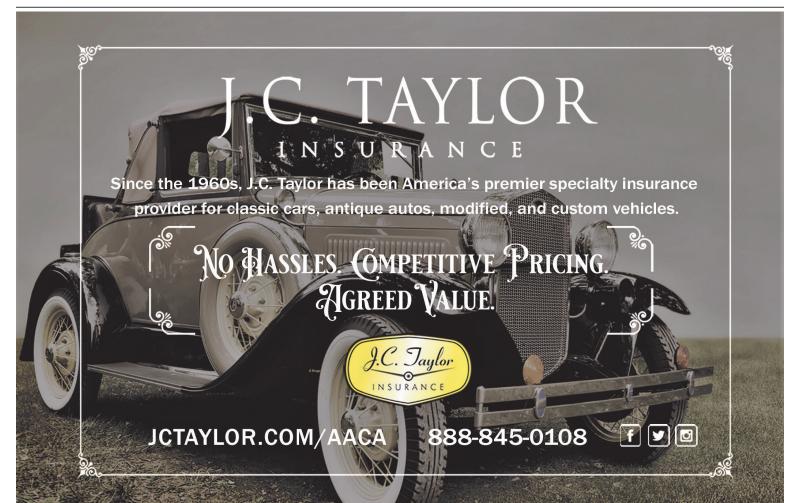
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