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## The 2023 Edition Of The Arcadia Steam Show Does Not Disappoint

By Bill Wurzell, Editor Chesapeake Region, AACA

It has been awhile since I last attended the Maryland Steam Historical Society, Inc., show in Upperco, Maryland. I remember I still had my 1954 DeSoto and I brought it to appear with the other show cars. I was parked next to Chesapeake Region member, the late Doris Phelps who had a beautiful 1950 Cadillac two-door hardtop. I helped Doris open and close the hood on her car.

This show is the 68th 'Steam' show on Saturday September 16th, and it was just like all the other steam shows I've been to. Lots of people, many of whom are farmers and the salt of the earth. This is not just a Saturday show, this show actually begins on Thursday and goes all week until Sunday, it closes at 4 pm. That's one of the reasons why there's so much to see. People bring a lot of heavy equipment out for other people to ponder. Much of it is very old like the 'hit and miss' motors that were so popular back in the day. I think I saw every make and size of farm tractor that you can think of and there were hundreds of them. There were a few steam powered slow-moving farm tractors roaming around the grounds all day. What a sight!

I ran into a lot of members from the club, Gary Wilmer had his 1950 Jeepster on display sitting right next to Jack Treadwell's 1969 Chevrolet Camaro, Z-28. Jack had a friend with him from Williamsburg, Virginia. Other members I ran into were Chip and Michelle Miller, Don and Anne Marie Ramsburg, although I didn't get a chance to talk to them, Lou and Flora Abel had their 1955 Pontiac Chieftain two door coupe on display, among other items. My good friend and CR member, Bob Lenio was present with his 1968 Plymouth station wagon, which I did not get a photo of.

I must pass along my gratitude to the Maryland Steam Historical Society, Inc., for their continued support of this show year after year. Also to The Arcadia Volunteer Fire Company on who's ground the show is held and its members that do a lot of the heavy lifting.

For me, this is one of the easiest and most desirable shows to travel to. I don't have to get on the Beltway or I-83. I simply drive out to route 32, follow that up past Sykesville and up to route 91. I take 91 all the way

across 140 and continue on the other side. When I come to Maryland Route 30, I turn left onto route 30 north. Arcadia Road is only a few miles up on the right. This drive is on excellent roads across rolling hills, past many superbly maintained homes and farms; it is just a delightful drive especially on a nice day like Saturday September 16 was.

As busy as the show was, it was easy to

get into and easy to get out. I think that's because of the huge acreage that the show is on. It can accommodate a lot of parked cars, trucks and trailers.

The show is always held at this time every year, so when this time rolls around next year you might want to check it out, you won't be disappointed.

Picture pages on 6 & 7...

# Harford Vineyard And Winery Cruise-In August 19th, Fields An Electic Mix Of Collector Vehicles



There was something for everyone at the August 19th Cruise-In at Harford Vinyard & Winery. Including wines and cars! Everything from original cars, semi-modified, radically modified, vehicles with flames and without. Cars, trucks and motorcycles. Wines for sale included from dry red to dry whites to semi-sweets and sweets. Winery show photos inside on pages 2 and 3.--Buzz Diehl photo

By Vicky Wilmer, AACA Membership Chair

On Saturday, August 19 th Chesapeake Region partnered with the Custom and Classic Car Education Foundation at their monthly cruise-in at the Harford Vineyard and Winery in Forest Hill, Maryland. A beautiful warm evening that brought out 140 cars to the cruise-in. Paula Ruby and Judy Dawson staffed the membership table and signed up fifteen new members for the Chesapeake Region!

The awesome 50-50 team of Nancy Zimmer-

mann and Rosemary Desmond were able to raise a an amount of money for the foundation as well as the winner, our own Mark Stershic. Jack Treadwell and Buzz Diehl sold raffle tickets for the foundation for a custom painted toolbox and mufflers. Many of our club members helped to park all of the beautiful cars. It was a great evening, and we look forward to partnering with the Custom and Classic Car Education Foundation in the future.



That '47 Chevrolet Woodie looks familiar...



Ah yes, it is Phil Hacks wagon! Phil above with two friends.



Looks like a mid-fifties VW Beetle, roof rack in use!



Be careful crossing the road, might be an old Chevy coming.



How about a ride in a luxurious conversion van?



Oh boy, the food tent. Big old hot dog and a glass of Chablis!



Wow! What a pretty motorcycle. All Buzz Diehl photos



Another Tent...this one has a lot of folks in the shade!



I see a Chevy Chevelle, Tom Dawson's Buick Riviera, Ford Fairlane, and a whole row of Volkswagen Beetles.



I see Mike Natale's beige 1965 Chevy Corvair Corsa.



Debra (Shenton) Janney's GM German Opal coupe, rare.



Vicky Wilmer and Tom Young prepare the CRAACA Membership table.



Jack Treadwell is selling Foundation raffle tickets/items.

# The President's Message From Tom Dawson

## Hello Chesapeake Members!

Well, here we are in October! Autumn is in the air, the weather is cooling, and this could be the busiest month we've had all year, and this has already been one of the busiest years I can remember! Please keep track of all the 'goins' ons' on the events list that Phil has published in our award winning 'Chesapeake Bulletin.'



Really nice to see such a great turn out at our membership meeting in September. Lots of new members attending and lots of new and continuing plans and events coming for the remainder of the year. One of the best ones was the vote to again join with Elizabeth Bodvin in her dedication to the wonderful Toys for Tots organization. We will again be donating \$1,000 toward the purchase of brand new bicycles and helmets for the kids. If you are looking for a fun and rewarding day, we will need volunteers to help assemble the bikes, they generally come new in boxes, and then deliver them.

Speaking of new members, one of our new members, but an old friend, has stepped forward and volunteered to help in assembly, AND, has made a very generous donation allowing us to buy even more good-

ies! More information on this project will be forthcoming. Please contact me or Paula Ruby if you would like to participate or donate.

Don't forget, the once in a lifetime opportunity staring each and every one of you in the face! That being the opportunity to become an officer and/or board member of this great organization. It's a chance to put your ideas and talents to use in forwarding this great hobby that we all love so much. You can see what we can do together, so it's time to jump in with both feet!

Yours in this Great Hobby...



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This 1962 Ford Falcon station wagon was cool!



Willys vehicles were dependable, but had to compete against the Big 3!



Nice looking 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air convertible.



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Plenty of room for a mobility scooter with a low liftover.



Independent makes were often more costly than a Chevy.. Ford, or Plymouth.



Very sporty 1959 Ford Galaxie 500 Sunliner convertible.



Farmall Tractors (I.H.) are celebrating their 100th Anniversary in 2023!



ABOVE: Maybe this photo will give Phil Hack the impetus he needs to add to his dump truck fleet. Phil will calculate just how much more payload he can haul with a dumper such as the Mack 'Thermodyne' Diesel. His 1949 International Harvester dump truck would fit in the bed of this Mack.

BELOW: Ah, a John Deere 7520 Farm Tractor, Paula Ruby's favorite. This vehicle is not for the faint of heart. Especially when the guy at the local repair shop tells you your tractor needs a new set of tires at a cost of \$20,000!--Bill Wurzell photos



# Chesapeake Region Activities For 2023

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION		
OCTOBER						
27- 1	Wed-Sun	Daily	Fall Carlisle	Carlisle, PA		
1	Sun	10-2:30	Baltimore Cancer Support Group	Joppatown Plaza		
3-6	Tue-Fri	Daily	AACA Eastern Fall Nationals	Hershey, PA		
4	Wed	noon-7	Al Prueitt Restorations Open House	Glen Rock, PA		
4-8	Wed-Sun	Daily	Cruisin' Ocean City	Ocean City, MD		
7	Sat	TBD	Fall Picnic	Judy & Tom Dawson's		
9	Mon	7:00 PM	General Membership Meeting	<b>Divinity Lutheran Church</b>		
14	Sat	11-3:30	Rockville, Antique & Classic Show	Rockville, MD		
15	Sun	9-3	Historical Car Club of PA Fall Meet	Media, PA		
21	Sat	11-2	Open Cockpit & Car Show Day	<b>Martin Aviation Museum</b>		
21	Sat	4-8	Save the Hobby Car Cruise	Harford Winery		
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NOVEMBER						
3-5	Fri-Sun	Daily	Hilton Head Concours d'Elegance	Hilton Head, SC		
4	Sat	8-noon	Tall Cedars of Lebanon Show	Parkville, MD		
4	Sat	11-3	Kiddies Toy Cruise - Amish Market	Amish Market Shrewsbury, PA		
13	Mon	7:00 PM	General Membership Meeting	<b>Divinity Lutheran Church</b>		
12	Sun	12:00-3:30	Membership Banquet	Friendly Farms		
25	Sat	5:00 PM	Miracle on Main Street Parade	Westminster		

DECEMBER							
2-3	Sat-Sun	9-7	East Coast Indoor Nationals	Timonium Fairgrounds			
3	Sun	Noon - ?	Mayor's Parade	Baltimore, MD			

#### **FALL PICNIC**

WHERE: The Dawson's 1920 Gibson Rd. White Hall, Md. 21161

WHEN: October 7th-- (Rain Date: October 22nd)

TIME: Noon-- Eat at 1:00

WHAT: We will provide: Hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments,

drinks, ice and paper products.

BRING: a chair, a side dish or dessert.

RSVP: Judy at her NEW email address:

(jdgibson1920@gmail.com) or text @ (410) 812-2090

#### Chesapeake Region Antique Automobile Club of America, Monthly Membership meeting minutes, September 11, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Chesapeake Region of the AACA (Club or CRAACA) was held on September 11, 2023 at The Divinity Lutheran Church in Towson, MD. There were 37 members in attendance.

Welcome: President, Tom Dawson - Tom called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He then asked all to stand for a Moment of Silence to honor all those lost on 9/11/2001. New members were introduced, including: Rita and Manny Cobian (and their pup, Razamataz!), Allen and Cindy Swim, Steve Morgan, Bob and Mary Eubank, and Danny and Teresa Baust.



**Secretary's Report: Judy Dawson** - Judy read motions made and passed at our last Board Meeting. Included was a discussion (not a motion) to invest \$10,000 in a CD to earn interest over the coming year. A Motion was made by Paula Ruby and seconded by Judy Dawson to subsidize the cost of the Poker Run and charge participants only \$15 each. Passed.

**Treasurer's Report: Jack Treadwell** - Jack gave his detailed monthly report. He reported that he will investigate CD options

available and report back at our next General Membership meeting. A MOTION to allocate \$10,000 for a CD was made by Don Ramsburg, seconded by Paula Ruby. Passed. A motion to approve the report was made by: Mark Stershic and seconded by: Tom Young. The motion passed and the report will be held for audit.

Vice President's Report: Nick Prevas No Report, absent.

Membership/Facebook Report: Vicky Wilmer - Michelle Miller reported for Vicky who was absent, due to school commitments. Our current membership stands at 369 adults, and 10 students, for a total of 379 members. It was reported that our recent cruise-in at The Harford Winery included 140 cars, with the registration of 15 new members! We will be partnering with the Custom and Classic Car Educational Foundation again in the future to help support their goal of educating future generations in auto repair and restoration. New Members Rick and Laura Dorsey were presented and approved.

Activities Report: Phil Hack - Phil reported on upcoming activities as outlined in the CHESAPEAKE REGION ACTIVITIES FOR 2023, chart enclosed in this copy of the Bulletin. Of particular interest 9/26, a visit to Brightview Towson Sr. Residential Home (10 AM) Lunch at Mod Pizza. Rain date 9/28. October 7, possible Phoenix Road Bridge Opening (May be coordinated with Club Picnic at the Dawsons, weather permitting (See Social Report below)

**Technical Report: Gary Wilmer** - No inquiries this month.

**Chief Judge Report: Henry Chaudron** - There have been three meetings of The Judging Committee.

Legislative Report: Mike Natale - No Report.

**Bulletin Report: Bill Wurzell** - Due to our Autumn Harvest car show being late in the month, Bill has asked that all other articles be submitted as soon as possible. The Poker Run will likely be covered in the November issue.

Website Report: Buzz Diehl - Updates to the Calendar have been made. Flyers for future events are ready to be printed. Due to being inadvertently omitted from the last printed edition of the Car Cruise Guide, they have given us a free full-page online ad for our Autumn Harvest Collector Car Show.

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

Paula Ruby - Reservations are now being accepted for our November Banquet to be held in the recently renovated Banquet Facility at Friendly Farm on November 12, 2023. (Reservation forms available online) Paula also reported that there are currently under 1,000 cars registered for Hershey. This year's National AACA Convention will be held in Chantilly, VA, near Dulles Airport.

**Tom Young - No Report.** We are still awaiting a signed contract from the Howard County Fairgrounds for our March Swap Meet, although they have acknowledged receipt of our deposit.

Historian Report: Chip Miller - No Report

**Social Committee Report: Judy Dawson** - We will hold a Potluck picnic at the home of Tom and Judy Dawson on Saturday, October 7 (perhaps coordinated with the Phoenix Road Bridge Opening?) At noonish. Raindate will be Sunday, October 22nd. Details and further sign-up to follow.

**Sunshine Report: Margaret Werneth** - We were saddened to hear of the passing of Carolyn Benson.

**Old Business:** A MOTION was made by Al Zimmermann and seconded by Tom Young to pass the Bylaws revision made by Jack Treadwell (June 12, 2023) to add to 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." MOTION Passed.

**New Business:** A MOTION was made by Jack Treadwell, seconded by Al Zimmermann to allocate \$1,000 for our annual Gary Ruby Sr., Bike and Toy Drive to support Toys for Tots. MOTION Passed. Other contributions by individual members are welcome and have already started to roll in!

Nominations for Officers and Board Members are now being accepted.

**Roundtable Discussion:** Jack will write a check to Divinity Church for next year's rental agreement. We did not receive a contract for this current year, but he will request one for next year.

**Fifty/Fifty Raffle:** No Raffle tonight due to Chip and Michelle's 30th Anniversary, and they did not plan to stay for the entire meeting!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM with a motion by Jack Treadwell and seconded by Mike Natale. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Dawson, Secretary

#### SUNSHINE REPORT:

By: Margaret Werneth

Last month I sent a sympathy card to the family of Richard Holler and to Mr. & Mrs. Henry Chaudron, Jr. on the passing of Susan's mother. Get well cards to: Carol Sorrel and Gene Sauter.

This month I sent a get well card to Bruce Knott, Jan Terrett and Bill Wurzell.





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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



## Automotive Type Fire Extinguishers

I'm fairly certain that this article on automotive fire extinguishers contains information that everyone is familiar with, but a reminder can't hurt. Most collector cars have some sort of extinguisher in the vehicle somewhere, probably in the trunk. However, when was the last time you pulled it out and checked it? Is it buried in the trunk under all kinds of stuff? I'm guilty of this neglect. Find it, pull it out, check the charge level, and if possible, put it under the front seat. Also check the date of manufacture, which should be stamped somewhere on the cylinder body. Since most extinguishers have no expiration date, 10-12 years is the life expectancy of these small extinguishers.

Now, what kind of extinguisher should you have? For automotive use, a class 5 B:C is recommended. The best is known as an AFFF type, or Aqueous Film Forming Foam. They cause less damage and less mess than the typical dry powder, also highly rated is the gas type. These two are also more expensive.

For most of us average car collectors, a 5 B:C handheld extinguisher purchased at any local big box store is adequate. Just make sure you do have a fully charged one in your collector vehicle.

## Jerry Ross And Phil Hack Invited To Photoshoot At The Baltimore Streetcar Museum

Until now, I've never taken the opportunity to visit the Baltimore Streetcar Museum. Finally on Tuesday September 12th, along with fellow Chesapeake member Jerry Ross, I did. However, this visit was by invitation. It all started a couple of weeks ago with an email from Ken Briers. You all know Ken. His beautiful 1950 Ford F-1 pickup was featured in the July/August AACA Antique Automobile magazine. If you read the article, you know that Ken is as much a railroad enthusiast as an antique car enthusiast having spent a career at the controls of mammoth railroad engines.

Ken stated that the Streetcar Museum was looking for a 1940s to 1950s era cars for a photo-op, and asked if I would be able to recruit a club member to participate. He put me in touch with John Roth, a director at the museum, for details. Streetcar 7303, which had served the Baltimore area from 1930 to sometime in the 1960s, was in the final stages of restoration and they wanted to photograph it with a couple antique cars from the period. I sent out the request to the club and received quite a few positive responses. Ultimately, Mr. Roth chose Jerry Ross's 1954 Kaiser Manhattan and my 1947 Chevrolet Fleetmaster Woodie. So, at the chosen date and time, Shelly and I loaded our friends Anne & Stew Chandler into the Woodie and drove down to the Falls Road site and met Jerry Ross and his wife Ruth for the photo shoot.

We were not disappointed! Mr. Roth, along with train engineer and conductor Mark Dawson, aligned the tracks, switched on the overhead electric cable and towed old number 7303 outside for photos. Jerry and I posed our cars as they directed, and we all took pictures. We had to hurry as the sun was setting fast and beginning to cast some unwanted shadows. We got an up close look at several other streetcars and had a nice evening talking about streetcars and motor cars.

The photos are to be used in an upcoming flyer and will be posted on the museum website. Look for them. I encourage you to visit the museum for a brief travel back in time. The museum is open 12-5 Saturdays and Sundays.--By Phil Hack, Activity Director and Photographer



Nearly 200 Chevrolet Corvette owners helped to produce a gigantic American Flag during Corvettes at Carlisle 2023 in Pennsylvania. This photo was taken from the air by a member that shared the photo. Seems like it would be a monumental undertaking to get all the red, white and blue Corvettes in the correct position. Photographer unknown. Submitted by VP Nick Prevas



L to R: Phil and Shelly Hack, Anne Chandler, Stew Chandler, our streatcar conductor, Mark Dawson, Ruth Ross and Jerry Ross.



Dr. Jerry and Ruth Ross' rare and magnificent 1954 Kaiser Manhattan sedan.



Phil & Shelly Hack's venerable 1947 Chevrolet Fleetmaster wood bodied station wagon.



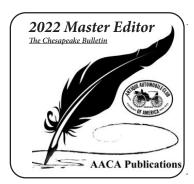
Altogether, both vehicles along with newly restored Baltimore Streetcar, 7303.

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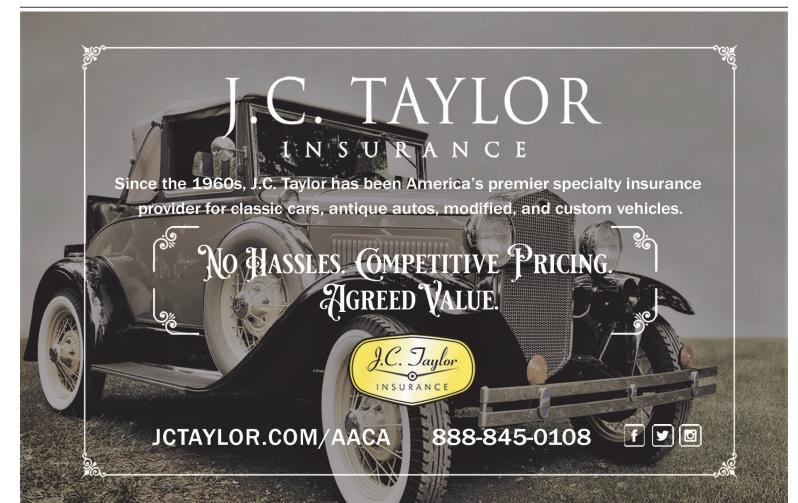
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