

# CHESAPEAKE BULLETIN

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## 35 Bicycles with Helmets and \$800 In toy donations

On November 11, 2023, Veterans Day, the following members made a delivery to the York/Adams Toys for Tots that was nothing short of overwhelming: Tom & Judy Dawson, Mark & Mary Stershic, Al Zimmerman, Tom Young, Steven Morgan, Ron Fleming & Lyndia, Gary Ruby, Jr., Chris, Rachelle & Elizabeth Bodvin, Paula Ruby

What started out several years ago as a small donation of 6 bicycles to help a community service project of student member, Elizabeth Bodvin, has now captured the hearts of the entire club. The 35 bicycles will be used by Toys for Tots to help fulfill almost half of the requests received by children for bicycles. The additional toys purchased were geared to children aged 0-3 and aged 10+ as those are the most difficult ages with the least amount of donated items.



**Next Year's Goal 55 Bikes in  
Honor of Gary Ruby Sr.'s  
Beloved 55 Chevy!!**

# Paula's President's Message



## Hello Chesapeake Members!

It's me again, President of Chesapeake Region back and better than ever and I am excited to take on the role as President once again.

I would like to thank Tom Dawson for taking on the job of President for the last three years. Tom has brought great ideas to the club and I greatly appreciate the time and commitment to the club he has made in his time as President.

I would also like to thank Jack Treadwell for his service as Treasurer for the past ten years. It is quite an accomplishment to hold this position for such an extensive period of time. It has been a pleasure working with Jack and we are sad to see him leave.

Last but not least, I would like to thank our Master Editor Bill Wurzell for his service, probably the hardest job for the Chesapeake Region. No amount of words can summarize my appreciation for everything Bill has done for the club.

To find out who will be filling the shoes of these positions, please visit page 10 in the Bulletin to receive contact information and the names of our new board.

I thank each and every one of our retiring, current, and incoming board members for their dedication and willingness to work for the betterment of the club and overall, the AACA. I look forward to working with our board members to bring a great list of ideas of activities for our general membership to the table. Thank you for entrusting me with this position and I can't wait for the year ahead.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you all in 2024.

*Paula Lynn Ruby*



# Region Activities 2024

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location
<b>January 2024</b>				
1/6	Sat	1:30 p.m.	General Membership Meeting	Divinity Lutheran Church
<b>February 2024</b>				
2/3	Sat	1:30 p.m.	General Membership Meeting	Divinity Lutheran Church
<b>March 2024</b>				
3/2	Sat	1:30 p.m.	General Membership Meeting	Divinity Lutheran Church
3/9	Sat	All Day	Flea Market/Swap Meet	Howard County Fairgrounds
3/10	Sun	2:00 p.m.	St. Patrick's Day Parade	Baltimore



# Martin Aviation Museum

October 20th - Lots of Fun with a great showing of members. Exhibits on "Rosie the Riveter" and other women who assembled aircraft during World War II were featured.



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Green L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum

# Capital Raceway - Featuring Tom Young

October 28th - 5 members attending had a great time revisiting the races of their youth, as member Tom Young came away with a Third Place win! A great time was had by all!



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# Poker Run

October 29th We had 16 vehicles, with 91 members attending and it took approximately 4 hours. All canned goods have been donated.  
The Best Laugh: Selfies with Tom Dawson.



# Tall Cedars Pancake Breakfast and Toy Cruise

November 4th - A large group of us showed up for our favorite breakfast of the year. It was suggested that next year we find tables near the back to put a little distance between us and the great band! Following Breakfast, many of us headed to The Markets at Shrewsbury for the Car Show and Toy Drive.



# Meet the Editor Rachelle Bodvin



Thank you for entrusting me with this very important job of the Chesapeake Region. A little about me... I'm usually known as "Gary and Paula's daughter" or "Gary's little sister" and now usually "Elizabeth's mom" but Rachelle is okay for me. Chris is my husband of 9 years and Bentley is my "furbaby" who is usually close by.

I am a three time graduate of Stevenson University (formerly Villa Julie College). I hold my Associates and Bachelors degrees in PreLaw and my Masters Degree in Legal Forensics. I work from home for CVS Health as a Corporate Compliance Paralegal spending most of my days reading and implementing regulations. Outside of work, family is super important to me and who I like to spend my time with. Scrapbooking is a hobby of mine when time allows for it.



My dream car to one day own is a 1969 Chevy Camaro.

My favorite car in the Ruby fleet has always been the 1955 Chevy Bel Air. I grew up with the car in the family and have so many memories!!

## Special Thank You to Bill Wurzell

By: Rachelle Bodvin



How do you properly thank someone for giving countless hours over the years for the betterment of an organization when they served in a completely selfless but most demanding role. Times have changed, the methods of distribution of the newsletter changed and our membership grew. With each step, Bill ensured that the Chesapeake members were well informed, and our Bulletin's documented each event like a scrapbook to be revisited in the years to come.

Upon the announcement of Bill's retirement everyone who may have considered the role had to have thought, "those are some huge shoes to fill" as it also was my hesitation in taking the job. Knowing that Bill is in my corner rooting me on to be successful is reassuring that I will make him proud.

To Bill, I hope that you take the time to relax and do what you want to do but don't forget to come to all of the Chesapeake events so we can capture you in the photos that you were always so proud to share. Remember, often when you are at the end of something that was so important to you for so long, you are really just at the beginning of something new that will fill that passion.



# Tech Talk...with Gary Wilmer

Tech Talk is Dedicated to Gary Ruby, Sr.

A couple of random technical issues that were submitted by Chesapeake members. First, if you have any kind of trailer that is used to carry a vehicle or just a load of trash to the dump, make sure that the hitch ball that you have is correct for the trailer tongue receiver. There are several sizes of ball (2 inch is most common) but bigger and smaller ones are also used. A ball smaller than the receiver car pull out causing a major catastrophe. Also keep track of the age of your tires. Most trailers are seldom used therefore sitting in one spot for many months. They may look new but are possibly unsafe. Replace them with automotive rated tires, if possible.

Second, if you are having issues with stopping your vehicle, make sure you have the correct hardness of your brake shoes. Phil Hack had trouble getting a good pedal on his 63 Thunderbird and found out his shoes were too hard. Also, shoes for my 37 Ford were originally an asbestos material but replacement ones are made of harder, newer type material. I found the correct asbestos ones and now the car stops like it should.

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## MEMBERSHIP REMINDERS

**Swap Meet volunteers** - March 9th will be here before we know it. This is our annual swap meet and is an event that takes a lot of manpower.

Please reach out to Tom Young at [tbirdtoms60@verizon.net](mailto:tbirdtoms60@verizon.net) if you can give an hour or two of your time to help at this event.

**70th Anniversary** - Please reach out to Paula Ruby at [paulaspackard@hotmail.com](mailto:paulaspackard@hotmail.com) with any ideas which you may have for celebrating the 70th anniversary of the club which will be in 2025.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Please don't forget to return your membership renewal for 2024 by December 31, 2023 in order to remain a current Chesapeake Region member. You don't want to miss out on the exciting things that we have planned for 2024!

Return your renewal form with payment of \$25 to Vicky Wilmer!



# Chesapeake AACA Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes, October 9, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Chesapeake Region of the AACA (Club or CRAACA) was held on Monday, October 9, 2023 at The Divinity Lutheran Church in Towson, MD. There were 20 members in attendance.

President: Tom called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM

Program: Al Zimmermann presented two videos: "Living in a Garage" and "Limousines".

Secretary: Judy summarized the motions made at the last Board Meeting: **MOTION** passed to approve the slate of officers for next year. **MOTION** passed to provide extra postage as well as pizza for a committee gathering to stuff our Membership Envelopes. **MOTION** passed to provide funding for the fall picnic to be held at the Dawsons.

Treasurer: Jack gave his detailed monthly report. A motion to approve the report was made by: Mark Stershic and seconded by: Henry Chaudron. Passed. The motion passed and the report will be held for audit. Another motion was made by Paula Ruby to donate \$25 to the National AACA Library in memory of Ron King. Seconded by Al Zimmermann. Passed.

Vice President: Nick Prevas No Report

Membership/Facebook: Our current membership stands at 370 adults, and 10 students, for a total of 380 members. New members Gary and Donna Wilhelm of Manchester, MD were presented and approved by a motion by Paula Ruby, seconded by Mike Natale and approved

Activities: In Phil's absence, Tom Dawson reported on upcoming activities reported on upcoming activities as outlined in the CHESAPEAKE REGION ACTIVITIES FOR 2023 chart enclosed in this month's copy of the Bulletin. Of particular interest: Bob Natale reported that he'd received notification that the mayor of Baltimore is holding November 20th at 1:00 for the Opening of the Phoenix Road Bridge. Also, Paula reports that reservations for our November 12th Banquet have been slow coming in. We need them as soon as possible! Anyone interested in participating in the Westminster "Miracle on Main Street" Parade needs to contact Tom Dawson asap.

Technical: Gary Wilmer – No Report

Chief Judge: Henry Chaudron -No Report

Legislative: Mike Natale -No Report

Bulletin: Bill Wurzell -No Report (absent)

Website: Buzz Diehl – The website has been updated into 2024. The Maryland Auto Show has been scheduled for June 14-16, much later than usual. Mail-In forms for our March Swap Meet are ready for distribution.

Directors: Paula Ruby – Toys for Tots: 30 bikes have been purchased. Helmets are in progress. We will deliver them on November 11th, leaving Paula's home at 9:30 AM.

Tom Young – No Report (absent)

Historian: No Report

Social Committee: No Report

Sunshine: Need to send cards to Linda Dorsey, Teresa Baust, and Sally Stevenson. We also discussed Ron King's passing. Tom Young was able to attend his funeral on October 3rd. Kind words were spoken by Paula Ruby and others about Ron's talents.

Old Business: A revised list of General Membership dates will be sent to the church for approval. Winter General Membership Meetings will be requested for January 6th, February 3rd, and March 2nd, making these meetings on the FIRST SATURDAY of those months.

New Business: After an explanation of the award and the nominating process, a **MOTION** was made by Judy Dawson to nominate Elizabeth Bodvin for AACA's Young Person's Award. It was seconded by Jack Treadwell and passed unanimously. Accompanying letters will be sent by Tom Dawson, Judy Dawson, and Jack Treadwell.

Roundtable: Gary Wilmer walked 26 miles through Hershey's Vendors and Show Field. He said the quality of cars was excellent. Although 938 cars were registered, there were many no-shows due to the weather that day. Diamond Detailing in Owings Mills was recommended. Mark Stershic reported that he attended both the Arcadia Steam Show in Upperco and The Hagley Show in Wilmington, Delaware and both were excellent Mark also visited The Lane Motor Car Museum in Nashville, Tennessee and recommended visiting there, if anyone is in that area. The 50/50 Raffle for \$16 was won by Bob Natale.

\*The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM with a motion by Don Ramsburg and seconded by Paula Ruby.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Judy Dawson,*  
Secretary



# Chesapeake AACA Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes, November 13, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Chesapeake Region of the AACA (Club or CRAACA) was held on November 6, 2023, at The Divinity Lutheran Church in Towson, MD. There were 28 members in attendance.

President: Tom called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Secretary: Motions and important items of business from the last Board Meeting were shared, including:  
Decisions on Chief Judges' Report:

**MOTION:** No By-Laws changes need to be made to implement the report

**MOTION:** Judges for all "judged" shows are to be assigned prior to the event. They need to be educated as to the criteria to be used, using personal preferences, but being mindful of public relations and the participants' perceptions.

**MOTION:** There is to be a sign at the Registration Table stating our Judging Policies and Criteria, available for all to see.

**MOTION:** We shall adopt a clearly visible means of indicating when each car has been "judged" (such as Post-Its to be removed, or stickers to be attached to Dash Cards).

It was also suggested that we consider including a "Kids' Choice Award" at all shows, determined by giving ballots to each child in attendance and letting them nominate their favorite vehicle. JC Taylor has kits that could be used to support this program.

Other Motions:

**MOTION:** We shall participate in the "For the Love of Veterans Stocking Drive", suggested by Student Member, Elizabeth Bodvin. Chocolates will be collected at the November Banquet.

**MOTION:** WE shall award a \$500 Scholarship to Elizabeth Bodvin to honor her academic excellence, and in recognition of the altruistic programs she has brought to the club.

Treasurer: Jack gave his detailed monthly report. It was suggested that the \$725 donated for the Toy Drive be given to Paula Ruby to purchase toys to be added to our donation of 30 bikes and helmets. A motion to approve the report was made by: Henry Chaudron and seconded by: Vicky Wilmer. The motion passed and the report will be held for audit.

Vice President: No Report due to medical absence.

Membership/Facebook: Our current membership stands at 372 adults, and 10 students, for a total of 382 members. Our application for the Kirkham Membership Award has been submitted.

Activities: Phil reported on upcoming activities and some are featured in this Newsletter others will follow in January's edition.

11/12 - Annual Banquet: Cost for members this year will be \$25 (with a \$17 subsidy from the Club). Cost: \$42.

11/20 - Phoenix Rd. Bridge Opening: Brunch at Ashland Café will precede the event at 10:00 AM. Otherwise meet at the York Rd. side of the bridge at noon. Respond to Phil Hack for your RSVP.

11/25 - Miracle on Main Street Parade: No volunteers this year.

11/26 - Change-Over Meeting at Paula Ruby's home: Meet at 1:30. Old and New Board Members are invited.

12/2 and 12/3 - East Coast Indoor Nationals

Technical: Gary reported that he knows of someone looking for a '60 Chevy carburetor. Phil Hack reported that if you modify your car, you need to know that you can run into problems you might not expect. Moral: Stop screwing with your car!!!

Chief Judge: No Report

Bulletin: No Report due to current inability to produce the Bulletin due to a software failure.

Website: The slide show for the Banquet is ready Flyers for future events are ready.

Legislative: No Report

Director's Reports: Paula: National AACA

Bulletin Awards were evaluated as of October 1st, so our Bulletin and Bill's efforts should qualify for this year's awards. Paula announced new members: Jim and Lisa Karrenbauer. Welcome!

Tom - \$1,435 collected so far for next year's Swap Meet. This will be Tom's 24th Year of chairing this event! We STILL HAVE NO CONTRACT FROM THE HOWARD COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS!

Historian: No Report

Social Committee: Possible ideas suggested: a Tupperware Party and a Harford County Quilt Hunt!

Sunshine: Al Zimmermann said he needed a hug and Vicky Wilmer gave him one! Les Robinson and his wife are both ill with "Long Covid" A card will be sent.

Old Business: No Old Business

New Business: Jack Treadwell made a **MOTION** to allocate \$500 for a Scholarship for Elizabeth Bodvin, as well as \$25 to the AACA Library in memorial to John Young.

Seconded by Gary Wilmer. Passed.

**MOTION:** Pay \$600 for a year's advertising (6 issues) in Car Cruiser's Guide of a ¼ page ad each issue. Made by Buzz Diehl.

Seconded by Alan Swim Passed.

Hemmings Great Race will be coming through the Gettysburg area. We have notified them that we would be interested in hosting an event. We are waiting to hear back.

Roundtable Discussion: National Ice Cream for Breakfast Day is 2/3/24. Gary Wilmer reported that Cranberry Mall holds two car shows/ year. Upcoming is "Show Before the Snow". Kevin Perkins reported that Mothers of Gold Stars holds two shows/ year in York, PA. Jim Karrenbauer reported a Veterans Cruise at the Perryville Fire Co. at Perry Point on 11/11 at 12:30-1:00. Paula reported that Doris Phillips' family is selling both of her Cadillacs.

50/50 Raffle: \$18 to Jack Treadwell.

\*The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM, with a motion by Paula Ruby, and seconded by Phil Hack.

Respectfully submitted,

*Judy Dawson,*

Secretary

# Elected and Appointed Officers for 2024 (Elected Positions Make up the Executive Board of the Club with full voting rights)

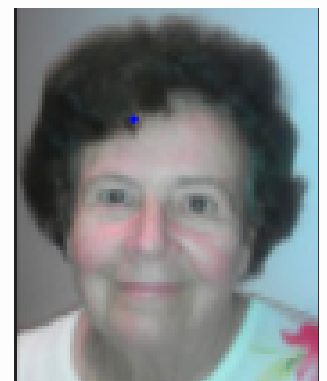
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## SUNSHINE REPORT FROM MARGARET

I sent sympathy cards to Christine Young on the passing of her husband and Tom Young on the passing of his brother. A Get Well Card to Leslie and Darlene Robinson.

Congratulations to Margaret on winning the Maryland Senior Citizens Volunteer Hall of Fame Award.



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