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# HAPPY CHANUKAH' DEC. 18 to DEC. 26

## Twenty-Twenty Two Annual Banquet: A Much Needed Event

By Bill Wurzell, Editor The Chesapeake Bulletin

Again for 2022 over 90 members and guests gathered at Friendly Farm Restaurant in Upperco, Maryland. They came together to celebrate the forthcoming holidays and to break bread with each other and enjoy visiting with old friends once more. A review of the past year was also in order. We have much to be thankful for.

The annual banquet is always a festive occasion highlighted by awards to deserving members that work mightily for the club. Of course this year was no exception. Phil Hack, Activities Director extraordinaire received the President's Award. So well deserved because Phil finds places to explore that are just absolutely enthralling and they relate so well to the interests of our members.

This past year we visited so many different locations. Phil is very well deserving of this award and we all hope that he continues to be the activity director for the near





future and beyond.

Another member who embodies those traits, is Spirit Award Winner, Michelle Miller. Michelle certainly has the Spirit and is never afraid to take on a new challenge. She contin-

ues to sell raffle tickets like they're going out of style! Michelle was also presented with an award of Appreciation for her many endeavors on behalf of the club.

Other awards went to other members, Directors Tom Young and Paula Ruby, Buzz Diehl, Gary Ruby, Jr., and his daughter Shannon Ruby. Even poor old editor Bill Wurzell was smiled upon and presented with an award sighting how grateful the club is for his publishing of the Chesapeake Bulletin. Bill was presented with an award that had his picture on it. He showed it to a several people, and surprisingly, it didn't frighten anybody!

The above all occurred after everyone enjoyed the typical hot and delicious dinner at Friendly Farm. The side dishes are so good the green beans for instance, they're so tasty and flavorful. Corn, cottage cheese, mashed pota-

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### HALLOWEEN EVE, OCTOBER 30th

### Another Successful Poker Run

By Paula Ruby, Director Chesapeake Region, AACA

Sunday, October 30 was the perfect day for Chesapeake Region members to participate in the Annual Poker Run. The weather was just perfect for a fall run. The foliage was showing its true colors

This year's Poker Run was organized by Gary Ruby, Jr. The route for the run was in Southern Pennsylvania and Northern Carroll County. Participants started their day with some donuts and coffee and snacks at the home of Paula Ruby.

There were three stops for the run. The first stop being at the home of Ed and Darlene Swartz to see the unbelievable collection of Fire Department items that Ed has collected over the years. The second stop was at the Millers Carriage House and One room school house. The third stop was at the home of Brad Shaffer in Hampstead, MD. There was so much to see at the first

two stops that the club plans on setting up another day when we just go back to learn the history of the Fire Department collection and the Carriage House and School House.

The run concluded with a luncheon at the Hampstead American Legion Hall that was prepared by Paula Ruby. After the luncheon we got down to finding out who was able to come up with all of the answers to the questions and obtain the perfect hand of cards. Gary was able to keep everyone on their toes with some of the clues. We had quite a few people that tied so we played a game of OTRIO to come up with our winners.

The winners this year for Best Hand was Al Zimmermann and for the most correct clues was First Place, Al Zimmermann, Second Place to Greg Cook and Family, and Third Place to Kevin and Sara Perkins.

A big thank you goes out to our host families and to Gary Jr. for a job well done.

PHOTOS INSIDE!

MERRY CHRISTMAS' DEC. 25



Club Historian, Chip Miller was given a 'hard luck award.' Chip's 1936 Ford Phaeton convertible was being driven from the trailer to the Macungie showfield...and it ran of gas! Mr. Dawson the presenter, is no stranger to hard luck awards, he has received several over the years.

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Rocco Baldino gives a slide presentation at the banquet about his 1953 DeSoto Firedome sedan that his grandfather purchased new. Rocco is accompanied by his daughter, Briella.

toes and beef with brown gravy, fried Chicken and everybody's favorite fried shrimp. I know I must have had eight or ten. This is all topped off by ice cream and chocolate syrup with nuts or cake or both of them should you choose.

Immediately after dinner the awards were presented. Following the awards, new member Rocco Baldino presented a photo slide program featuring his 1953 DeSoto Firedome four-door sedan. The remarkable thing about this car is it's been in Rocco's family since purchased new by his grandfather. Rocco displayed a picture of his father at 10 years old beside the car. As an adult, Rocco's father showed the car at many different local shows in the Syracuse New York area.

After his father passed away last year Rocco took over the car and got it into excellent running condition and also looking like brand new. It didn't need a whole lot, just a little more tender loving care. The engine bay is immaculate as is the trunk with a proper trunk mat. He had the interior refreshed and mechanically the brakes were gone over and all six wheel cylinders (Lockheed brake System) on the car were replaced by Mike Bianco, President of DeSoto Owners Club of Maryland and a certified mechanic. Mike also helped get the 276.1 cid early Hemi engine running smoothly. Along with Rocco, was his lovely daughter Briella.

The annual banquet is a time for members to renew friendships with other members seldom seen. Although many of our members stay in touch all year long. It's enjoyabled to get together at such a nice place and have a wonderful dinner.

Many people including myself look forward to the annual banquet every year and I hope we're all here for 2023.

## Twenty One Members Turn Out To Support Henry Chaudron, Sr., At The Tall Cedars Pancake Breakfast

The pancakes were scrumptious and plentiful at the annual Tall Cedars of Lebanon pancake breakfast November 5th. The breakfast was held at the organization's club facility on Putty Hill Avenue. The main entr'ee of course, was pancakes, however you could order eggs if desired. Coffee, milk, orange juice, sausage came along with the pancakes.

A multi-piece orchestra played a variety of tunes while a group of clowns roamed freely throughout the crowd and lent a festival atmosphere to the event.

Attending from Chesapeake Region were: Gary and Vicky Wilmer, Chip and Michelle Miller, Al and Nancy Zimmermann, Ken and Sally Stevenson, Phil and Shelly Hack, Robert and Michael Natale, Ron Fleming and Lyndie Vantine, Buzz Diehl, Paula Ruby, Bill Wurzell, Tom Dawson, Ruth Synodinos, Student Member Michael Taylor and Mrs. Bridget Taylor.



Clockwise: Michelle & Chip Miller, unknown clown (most likely a relative of Ken Stevenson) Al Zimmermann, Vicky Wilmer, Gary Wilmer, Sally Stevenson, Bill Wurzell, Nancy Zimmermann. Missing from photo is Ruth Synodinos, Tom Dawson, Phil & Shelly Hack, Michael Taylor and his Mom, Bridget, and Buzz Diehl who took the pictures.



Clockwise: Robert Natale; Michael Natale; Ron Fleming, Lyndie Vantine; Henry Chaudron, Sr., Paula Ruby, Ken Stevenson.

## Award Winners Not On Page One...All Buzz Diehl photos



Paula Ruby received an appreciation award for all that she does!



Gary Ruby, Jr., received an appreciation award for the 2022 Poker Run.



Vicky Wilmer received an award for her effort on Membership.



Tom Young received an award for his work on the Swap Meet.



Buzz Diehl received an appreciation award for the website redo.



Nancy's hat deserves an award!



Bill Wurzell received an award for his work on the C. R. Bulletin.



Elizabeth Bodvin collected lots of candy for the troops abroad!

# The President's Message From Tom Dawson

### Hello Chesapeake Members!

ell, it has been a terrific year, and it is not over yet! We just celebrated with our annual Banquet hosted by Friendly Farm restaurant featuring a fantastic meal as usual. Great fellowship was enjoyed, and some very well deserved awards were presented. Two full boxes of candy were collected for our troops and a sizable sum of cash raised to make Christmas a little happier for some kids in need.



Election results were announced and I'd like to thank Henry Chauldron, Sr., for filling the post of Chief Judge. I'd like to thank Larry Butcher for his work in that position in the past. I'd also like to welcome Judy Dawson to the position of Secretary replacing Al Zimmermann who filled the post most competently for the last couple of years. Thanks Al!

Don't put the cars away yet! We have two more parades and the "Annual Gary Ruby Sr. Bike and Toy Drive" give away in which to participate. The "Miracle on Main Street Parade" in Westminster is on Saturday, November 26th, beginning at 5:00 P.M. Decorate your cars with Christmas lights and have some fun. The Baltimore Mayor's Christmas Parade is on Sunday, December 4th, beginning at noon. Line up will be earlier for both. More

information will be forthcoming. The bicycle and toy give away and possible lunch will be on December 10th. We will meet at Paula's at 11:30 and proceed to the Target parking lot in Hanover, Pa. for the drop off, with lunch afterwards.

Have a Merry and Blessed Christmas!



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# POKER RUN WINNERS



TEAM COOK consisted of: Greg Cook, Ann Cook and Priscilla Garcia (missing from picture Mike Cook). TEAM ZIMMERMANN consisted of Al Zimmerman, Gail Lambros, Chip and Michelle Miller. Seated is Poker Run coordinator Gary Ruby Jr.



There was a first place tie between Greg Cook team and Al Zimmermann team. They had a choice between dueling pistols at 10 paces or play a game of OTRIO. After careful consideration the participants chose OTRIO, as it would be a little less bloody.--Buzz Diehl photos

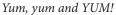


The first Poker Run stop was at the home of Ed and Darlene Swartz. To see the unbelievable collection of Fire Department items that Ed has collected over the years. We need to visit this place again, soon!



ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2023: First row, Michelle Miller, Vicky Wilmer, Judy Dawson, Paula Ruby. SECOND ROW: Michael Natale, Jack Treadwell, Nicholas Prevas, Jr., Philip Hack, Henry Chaudron, Sr., Thomas Young, Walter 'Chip' Miller, BACK ROW: President, Thomas Dawson, Harold 'Buzz' Diehl, Gary Wilmer. Missing from photo, Bill Wurzell.--Barbara Diehl Photo







Director, Paula Ruby, Poker Run coordinator, Gary Ruby, Jr., Rachelle Bodvin, and Elizabeth Bodvin.

## Chesapeake Region Activities For 2022-2023

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
DECEMBER				
3-4	Sat-Sun	9-7	East Coast Indoor Nationals	Timonium Fairgrounds
4	Sun	Noon-?	Baltimore Mayor's Christmas Parade	Baltimore, MD
			JANUARY 2023	
14	Sat	1:30 PM	General Membership Meeting	Divinity Lutheran Church
20-22	Fri-Sun	Daily	AutoMania Indoor Swap Meet	Allentown Fairgrounds, PA
27-29	Fri-Sun	Daily	Winter Carlisle Auto Expo	Carlisle, PA
			FEBRUARY 2023	
9-11	Thu-Sat	Daily	AACA Annual Convention	Williamsburg,VA
11	Sat	1:30 PM	General Membership Meeting	Divinity Lutheran Church
11	Sat	11-3 PM	Winter Beater Cruise (UgliestCars)	Shrewsbury Farm Market
10-12	Fri-Sun	Daily	Atlantic City Classic Car Show and Auction	Atlantic City, NJ
18-19	Sat-Sun	·	Motorarama Car, Truck & Bike Show Farm Complex,	Harrisburg, PA
25	Sat	9-11	Car Show & Cruise All Club Breakfast	Bel Air Moose Forest Hill, MD



Group visit on October 25 to Sun Valley/Carroll Lutheran Assisted Living centers in Westminster, Maryland. Left to right: Pat Wenderoth, Jerry Ross, Robert Natale, Lyndie Vantine, Michael Natale, Tom Dawson, Ron Fleming, Gary Wilmer, Larry Butcher, Buzz Diehl, Jack Anderson, Cecil and Kay Polan.

### New Chesapeake Region Website Available Soon

By Buzz Diehl, Webmaster, Chesapeake Region, AACA

Effective January 1, 2023, Chesapeake Region will have a new, replacement website. It will be located at a new internet address: https://chesapeake.aaca.com "Please make a note of it."

For a short time after that effective date, visitors to the old website will be directed, with a link, to the new, replacement website at the new internet address. Eventually however, the old website will be deactivated. The new website is operational now, so you can check it out while the current

website is still active during December. The upcoming year 2023 Chesapeake Bulletin newsletter editions and our year 2023 event calendars will only be available for reading from the new website.

Chesapeake Region's first website was developed and maintained from 1999 to 2006 by member John Packard. In 2007 it was redeveloped in Microsoft FrontPage software and maintained until 2011 by member Ted Schneider. In 2012 I took over the website operation from Ted and redeveloped it in Microsoft Expression Web software. Microsoft eventually discontinued support for both FrontPage and Expression Web but, as a concession, offered their last version of Expression Web software for free.



Technology has changed considerably over the past decade, and it was time to change our website to accommodate it with improved readability on small handheld devices. Additionally, I wanted to make the maintenance of our website content easier, for both myself and for future club webmasters.

AACA hosts our website for free and, following their recommendation, I have developed the new Chesapeake Region website with widely used WordPress website software, utilizing one of several simpler WordPress "themes" that AACA supports. I believe it will work well for our club.

The home page photo on the new website was taken at a 2013 club event: a Garage Tour at the home of AACA member Sterling Walsh. Do you recognize the gentleman walking toward his car on the grass parking area?

### Chesapeake Region Antique Automobile Club of America, Monthly Membership meeting minutes, November 7, 2022

The monthly membership meeting of the Chesapeake Region of the AACA, (Club or CRAACA), was held on November 7, 2022, at the Divinity Lutheran Church in Towson, MD. There were 26 members in attendance.

**Welcome: President Tom Dawson** - President Tom Dawson called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. and welcomed all members. He also asked if there were any anniversaries or birthdays taking place during this month, so several members shared their information. Since the Poker run was completed just over a week ago and Gary Ruby Jr. was present early in the meeting, he and Paula were applauded for hosting a fun-filled event that included great food. It was planned so well that there was no cost to the Club.



Secretary's Report: Al Zimmermann - Al read the minutes from the September 26th Board Meeting. A motion was made by Jack Treadwell, seconded by Mark Sterschic, and passed to approve the minutes as read.

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 Tom Young. The motion passed and the current monthly report will be held for audit.

**Vice President's Report: Nick Prevas** - Nick said that a membership story should be ready for the December Bulletin. Eleanor Packard has returned, and Larry Butcher is submitting a story as well.

**Membership/Facebook Report: Vicky Wilmer** In Vicky's absence, Michelle Miller reported that we currently have 363 adult and 10 student members, a total of 373 members.

**Activities Report: Phil Hack** - Phil gave detailed information on upcoming shows, noting that the monthly Bulletin is a great resource for up-to-date information. It also is good to refer to the www.chesapeakeaaca.org website under Activities/Calendars and/or Activities/Reservation Forms. The National AACA website calendar also provides info on all their scheduled events.

Phil talked about the following upcoming events during the meeting: The East Coast Indoor Nationals Car Show will be held at the Timonium Fairgrounds on December 3rd and 4th; the Baltimore Mayor's Parade will be held on December 4th; VCCA Dinner December 11th (VCCA Members contact Stew Chandler by December 4th); Early Ford V8 Club Dinner December 18th (V8 Members contact Al Zimmermann by December 10th). Phil will also be looking into 2023 tours to the garages we visited during the recent Poker Run.

**Technical Report: Gary Wilmer** - Gary received no calls recently but will have an article in the Bulletin. Chief Judge's Report: Larry Butcher - No report.

**Bulletin Report: Bill Wurzell** - Bill said the November Bulletin is coming together well.

**Publicity/Web Site Report: Buzz Diehl** - Buzz has been updating the event calendar and has provided photos of the Poker Run, the Assisted living runs, and the Tall Cedar's Breakfast, all for the Bulletin. He also has updated all current flyers and is preparing the PowerPoint presentation for the Christmas Banquet.

**Director's Reports: Paula Ruby and Tom Young** - Paula said that we will meet at her house to deliver the Club procured bikes, accessories, and any other toys to Hanover for Toys for Tots on December 10th. She explained that these are rewarded by request to families in need.

Tom Young said that we have sold 44 Flea Market spaces so far, and he expects much more activity after the beginning of the year.

Historian/Program Report: Chip Miller - No Report,

Social Report: Judy Dawson - No Report,

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

**Old Business:** President Tom said Club Officer election results will be announced at the Banquet. He also reminded the membership that we are to bring chocolate or other candies suitable to fit in a Christmas stocking to the Annual Banquet "For the Love of a Veteran Chocolate Drive" to be coordinated by Elizabeth Bodvin.

The Autumn Harvest Car Show is being scheduled for Sunday, September 24, 2023, in Manchester to avoid conflicts with sporting events adjacent to Fireman's Park on Saturdays.

Paula Ruby made a motion to make an overdue donation of \$200.00 to the Manchester, MD Fire Department in appreciation of the use of their facility for the 2022 Autumn Harvest Car Show. The motion was seconded by Bill Wurzell and passed.

Jack Anderson is heading up the cruise-in during the Eastern National Meet at the Wyndham in Gettysburg on Thursday, May 18, 2023, from 5 pm to 9 pm. It will be open to all car clubs and individuals. Preliminary plans include an ice cream truck, food truck, and possibly a local radio station. A lot of advertising will need to take place. Jack will be looking for CRAACA volunteers to make up committees for Parking, Reception, Audio, Food, etc. Budgeting and consideration of fees has not yet been started.

New Business: N/A

**Roundtable Discussion:** Paula Ruby made a number of suggestions as follows: The Club needs to design and make available new stationary to update our image; The Club Banner needs to be replaced since it has become tattered and worn; The price of ads placed in the Bulletin should be increased from \$35.00 to \$45.00 to offset increased costs; We should sell more ads for the Bulletin as well. These suggestions will be addressed at the next board meeting in January.

After a discussion, the consensus was that we should look into whether we can use the church for Saturday daytime general meetings during the 2023 winter months on January 14th, February 11th , and March 4th. Tom Dawson will inquire at the church to see if it is available. The proposed dates will be the second Saturday each month, except for March due to the Flea Market on the following weekend.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paula Ruby, seconded by Mark Sterschic, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 P.M.

**Special Note:** There will be no General Membership Meeting in December.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Zimmermann, Secretary

#### SUNSHINE REPORT:

By: Margaret Werneth

I sent get well eards to: Ron King, Kenny Stevenson, Howard Friedman and Michelle Miller.

See you at the banquet! -- Margaret



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### • Tech Talk...dedicated to Gary Ruby,

Technical Director, Emeritus

By: Gary Wilmer



With winter approaching and getting close to putting our old cars away, I will give my 50 years' experience on how I store my vehicles for the next 3 or 4 months. I'm sure that we all have heard different procedures that collectors swear by, and you may not agree with me, but I have never had an issue with winter storage when it's time to get the old cars out in the spring.

There are many more steps you can take (put car on jack stands, drain fluids, wax entire car, etc.) but if you have multiple cars, it can just be too much. I try to keep it simple and easy.

First, fill the gas tank and add Stabil to fuel. Second, keep a maintainer on each cars' battery. Yes, some people worry about a fire, but I still do it. Third, change oil if you feel its needed. I usually change oil once a year even if mileage is very low. Fourth, hang a bag of Damp Rid inside the vehicle to eliminate moisture and mold. Also, moth balls and/or rodent repellent if necessary.

Finally, once the first snow falls and road salt is spread, I put the cars away, under a car cover, and I don't start them until spring. I know some guys say start the engine every couple of weeks and let them idle for at least 20 minutes or more. I have not done this and have not had any issues.

Yes, some collectors do a lot more but these procedures, especially when you have multiple cars, will work just fine.

# Poor old Buzz Diehl got run ragged this month. We have a lot of photos left over that we want to make sure see the light of day.



At the third Poker Run stop at the Brad Shaffer residence, just look at those two Bel Airs! A 1955 on top and a 1957 on the floor. The '55 is exactly the color combination my friend Tommy's older brother bought in 1956. Tommy's brother Ron, was stationed in Korea for two years. When he came home the first thing he did was go down to the Chevrolet Dealer and purchase a very slightly used 1955 Bel Air sedan in 'buckskin brown and tan.' Of course it had the 265 cid V8...with Powerglide AND power steering/power brakes! Their parents never had an automatic transmission. When they drove Ron's Chevy they were blown away. It didn't take long for them to trade their venerable 1953 Pontiac straight eight, stick shift on a brand new 1957 Bel Air sedan with a V8, Powerglide, power steering/power brakes, true story.--Bill Wurzell

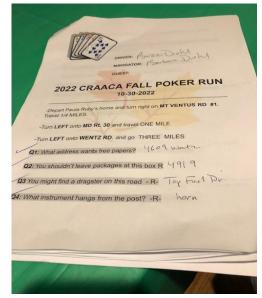
# **More Chevys!**



Behind the 1956 Bel Air convertible in the foreground is a 1957 Bel Air with a yellow bottom and a black convertible roof.--All Buzz Diehl photos



Outgoing Secretary, Al Zimmermann makes an announcement at the annual banquet. Al's team was co-winner in this year's Poker Run.



Directions and clues to this year's Poker Run on October 30.



Gary Ruby, Jr., provides information on Poker Run rules. Our Poker Run is not for sissies!

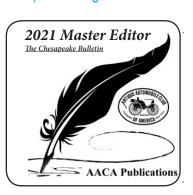
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