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## Hamden-Medford Site For 2022 Baltimore Mayor's Christmas Parade

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By Nick Prevas, Vice President  
Chesapeake Region, AACA

The day broke clear and sunny. Not too cold. A perfect day for a parade. And parade we did!

Chesapeake Region members fielded ten vehicles, covering a wide span of years from 1947 to 1972, and a wide variety of types from a large 1949 International Harvester dump truck to a 1966 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray roadster. See the list of vehicles, members and guests, inside. As scheduled, our club rolled out at 1 pm, proceeding south on Falls Road, then left onto 36th Street, ending just east of Roland Avenue.

The crowd was one of the biggest ever and was very enthusiastic. Based on the cheers and thumbs-up, Chesapeake Region's performance was a big hit.

The on again-off again parade under a threat of cancellation due to a shortage of police, the city was finally able to muster a variety of law enforcement officers from around the area. Chesapeake Region ensured that they were warmly thanked, cheered, and saluted by grateful members. It's fair to say a good time was had by all.

We hope you can join us next year!



The popular Frederick Douglas High School marching band made a solo appearance with a great sound and precision marching.



Christmas photos courtesy of Elena Volkova of The Baltimore Sun.

Chesapeake Region's Activity Director, Phil Hack leads a long contingent of emergency vehicles in his recently restored 1949 International Harvester dump truck in the 2022 Baltimore Mayor's Christmas parade.

## Tributes to Chris Ritter...

In the 2022 November/December edition of *Antique Automobile* magazine which is mostly a tribute to Chris Ritter. Chris was tragically killed in a bizarre accident, one week before the beginning of the Eastern Fall meet in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

The personally written tributes are from Matthew Hocker, Acting Director; Spencer Paterick, Buick Heritage Archive Curator, and Amoi Goldman, Reference Librarian and Outreach Coordinator.



In the tributes by Chris Ritter's colleagues you can feel their pain and sadness at losing such an important member at 800 West Hershey Park Drive. Chris Ritter was a man of many endeavors. It goes without saying Chris was deeply steeped in library science. You might call him a librarian's librarian. This was a good thing because he was in charge of

the largest repository of automobile information in the world! However, he also had other varied interests including aircraft and flying. He was a licensed pilot. He also restored vintage aircraft.

Chris was heavily involved with the antique automobile hobby. He had several vehicles including a 1937 Buick coupe, 1937 Oldsmobile two-door sedan that he purchased from AACA Chief Executive Officer, Steve Moskowitz. Also in the mix: an early model of a Chevrolet S-10 pickup and for his family, a 1976 GMC Eleganza II motorhome.

The 1939 Oldsmobile two-door sedan was large enough for him to haul the entire family around, his wife Tamara and two children, Pierce and Case. Both boys named after automobiles. Chris had a tattoo on each forearm of the logo of each of those vehicles. Of course his family was number one when it came down to how much time he spent doing any of his hobbies. Chris learned how to play the guitar, apparently largely self-taught. He also made a guitar by hand! He took a course in Japanese Bonsai on how to grow, care for and trim tiny Japanese trees. It is apparent Chris had many divergent hobbies.

Chris was also an avid golfer, it was a bizarre accident on a golf course that took Chris's life when a large tree branch fell on him. It was not caused by lightning.

All the tributes by his colleagues and especially the one written from the heart by Chief Executive officer, Steve Moskowitz were very touching and personal. I urge everyone reading this piece to pick up your *Antique Automobile* magazine if you haven't already and read those tributes to a wonderful gentleman who was taken way too soon.--Bill Wurzell, Editor

## Jay Leno Released After 10 Days Treatment For Burns

Jay Leno was working in his Los Angeles garage on November 7th when a freak accident occurred. Mr. Leno was underneath a car with a clogged fuel line. The former late night talk show host was suddenly sprayed with gasoline. There must have been an open flame nearby that ignited the gasoline fumes. Jay received third degree burns on his face and hands.

Mr. Leno was rushed to a nearby hospital and treated for burns. Much of his treatment consisted of being enclosed in a Hyperbaric chamber.

Breathing normal air the lungs collect about 21 per cent oxygen. When being treated in a Hyperbaric chamber patients breath 100 per cent pure oxygen. The air pressure in the chamber is higher than normal air pressure. The increased air pressure helps the lungs collect more oxygen. The 100 per cent pure oxygen also helps burn injuries heal much faster.

For many years, ocean going vessels that employed deep sea and SCUBA divers had a Hyperbaric chamber on board. This unit was life-saving if a diver did not successfully raise from the depths in the proper protocol, a few hours in the Hyperbaric chamber will save the diver from getting the 'bends' which can be fatal.

## Earl D. Beauchamp Former President Of Chesapeake Region

Earl D. Beauchamp of Florida, passed away on October 7, 2022, he was 83. Earl was President of Chesapeake Region twice, for two non-consecutive terms, 1965 and 1976.

I first met Earl at the 2015 National Meeting in Philadelphia, at the Saturday evening banquet in the hotel's main ballroom. Also seated at our table was Chesapeake Region President, Paula Ruby and her husband Gary Ruby, Sr., Harold 'Buzz' and Barbara Diehl. Buzz and I were present to receive awards for Master Webmaster and Master Editor, respectively.



Earl and his wife were also seated at our table, perhaps because he was a past president of Chesapeake Region. After introductions, I learned that member Beauchamp was also a former editor of *The Chesapeake Bulletin*. I had a very recent copy of the Bulletin with me and I passed it over to Earl. He was very impressed and said that it was a far cry from what

he use to output. During his term as Editor, there were no 'emailed' copies. Every member received a black and white edition in the U. S. mail. I spoke to Earl at every National Meeting since 2015 except last year's held in Gettysburg, Pa.

During our discussion, Earl inquired about some members of Chesapeake Region including Francis and Margaret Werneth. At that time Francis was still program director and of course Margaret was Sunshine reporter. Earl was glad to hear they were still active. Over the years I had conversations with Earl at the annual banquets and in the hospitality rooms. He was a very knowledgeable gentleman especially on Buick automobiles.--Bill Wurzell, Editor

*The following text is reprinted from Antique Automobile.*

Earl was born on October 19, 1938 in Washington D.C. but grew up in Arlington, Virginia. He was in the first graduating class from Wakefield High School in 1956. Earl went to work right out of high school at the age of 17 for the United States Department of Defense, where he stayed for 37 years with top secret clearance. When his job was moved from Arlington Hall in Virginia to Ft. Meade, Maryland, in 1961, he moved to Glen Burnie, Maryland.

Earl married Julia 'Judy' E. Smallwood in 1959. Earl had a lifelong love for antique cars. He and Judy joined AACA in 1961. He was an active member and attended virtually all the AACA annual conventions in Philadelphia through the years.

After retiring from his job at the age of 53, he moved to Montross, Virginia, and became active on the national level. He was elected to the AACA Board of Directors, which he served on for 15 years, as well as serving as AACA National President in 2004.

Earl helped form the Northern Neck Region in Virginia, and was its newsletter editor for many years. On a national level, he chaired a committee that wrote the Newsletter Editors Manual, authored many articles for *ANTIQUA AUTOMOBILE* and other publications, helped convinced the AACA Board to allow vehicles 25 years and older to participate in AACA events, convinced the Board to do a trial run of the Sentimental Tour which became a bi-annual National Tour that includes vehicles from 1928 through 1958. Now one of the most successful tours in the club, Earl considered this his finest accomplishment.

Earl was known for his candor and straight-forward approach. Many learned to not even try to change his opinion on whatever he thought about anything, others found that he was approachable as long as you presented a good argument. He was one of a kind but was respected and appreciated more than he would ever realize. Few people have accomplished anywhere near what Earl has for the antique car hobby and AACA. He still owned his beloved 1939 Buick Special that he and Julia acquired in 1962.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 63 years, Judy; daughters Virginia Finn and Ruth Delaney; and granddaughter Rebecca Delaney.

**Chesapeake Region member:****Blaine A. Brown, Jr., Westminister, Maryland**

Blaine Anthanel Brown, Sr., 68, of Westminister passed away unexpectedly on Monday, December 5, 2022 at Carroll Hospital Center. Born June 25, 1954 in Maryland, he was the son of the late Louis "Turtle" Carroll Brown, Sr. and Jane (Wards) Brown, and stepson of Beatrice Biggus of Westminister. Blaine was the loving husband of Jeanette Brown, his wife of 33 years. Blaine graduated from Westminister High School, class of 1972. He was a veteran of the United States Army. He worked at various companies throughout the years including Black & Decker as a line worker, manager for Goodyear, and Congoleum as a manager, until his retirement. He was a member of the Westminister Moose Lodge, VFW Molleville Farm Post #467, American Legion Carroll Post #31, and Westminister Fire Engine and Hose Co. #1.

Blaine was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan and loved going to car shows. He was a well-known DJ and enjoyed singing karaoke. He enjoyed having breakfast with the guys. He was very fond of his fur babies, especially "Princess" Surviving him in addition to his wife and stepmother are children Blair Lee Brown, Blaine Brown, Jr., Bryan Dorsey, and Shyra Echols. He also leaves siblings Charles Biggus, sisters Helen Brown, Cherie Brown, Cheryl Gibson, Anita Biggus, Credella Bowman; brother-in-law James Bowman; 9 grandchildren; countless extended family members and friends. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by brother Louis "Bubbles"



Brown and Larry Brown; and sister-in-law Tonya Brown; and grandson Cameron Dorsey. The family will receive friends on Saturday, December 17, 2022 from 4 to 8pm at Pritts Funeral Home & Chapel. The funeral services will be held Sunday, December 18, 2022 at 3pm at Westminister Fire Engine and Hose Co. #1, 28 John St., Westminister. Interment will be private. Online condolences may be offered to the family. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Westminister Fire Engine and Hose Co. #1 or to a gofundme in his memory [https://www.gofundme.com/f/in-memory-of-blaine-brown.--Pritts Funeral Home, Westminister, Maryland](https://www.gofundme.com/f/in-memory-of-blaine-brown.--Pritts-Funeral-Home,-Westminister,-Maryland).

## *Photos from the 2022 Baltimore Mayor's Christmas Parade*



*Frosty The Snowman*

***The President's Message***  
From Tom Dawson

***Hello Chesapeake Members!***

**W**OW! What a glorious end to a glorious year! The memories we've made will last a lifetime. The weather wasn't always cooperative but we managed to prevail and have successful events, outings, tours and, most importantly, fellowships. I can't remember a busier year, thanks to a most dedicated Activity Director. Thanks Phil! Thanks to all my other Board Members for your thoughts, decisions, opinions, advise and friendship.



The year end has been equally as busy with various activities, parades, banquets and most rewarding, charitable events. Your Club, My Club, Our Club has made Christmas a little happier for a whole bunch of kids and a bit sweeter for our incredible service men and women. These are the things that are the most heart warming and the kind of things I would like to see us do more of all year long, not just at Christmas. We are, after all, truly blessed.

OK...enough preaching! Really looking forward to the new year. I want to thank Al Zimmermann and Larry Butcher for their hard work and dedication to the Club in serving on the Board. I also want to thank Judy Dawson and Henry Chauldron for stepping up and filling those two positions. So, remember, our first three meetings, January, February and March will be held at the same place, Divinity Lutheran, but they will be held on the second Saturday at 1:30 P.M. (Except for March, that will be on the first Saturday due to our Swap Meet on the 11th). *All I have left to say is,*

***Happy New Year!***

*Tom Dawson*

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*The Red Berets*



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*All female drill team*



*A very exuberant parade watcher*

## Chesapeake Region Activities For 2023

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>JANUARY</b>				
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

<b>FEBRUARY</b>				
9-11	Thu-Sat	Daily	AACA Annual Convention	Williamsburg, VA
10-12	Thu-Sat	Daily	Atlantic City Classic Car Show and Auction	Atlantic City, NJ
11	Sat	11-3	Winter Beater Cruise (Ugliest Cars)	Shrewsbury Farm Mkt
18	Sat	1:30 PM	General Membership Meeting	Divinity Lutheran Church
18-19	Sat-Sun	Daily	Motorarama: Car, Truck, Bike Show	PA Farm Complex Harrisburg, PA
25	Sat	9-11	Car Show & Cruise All Club Breakfast	Bel Air Moose Forest Hill, MD

<b>MARCH</b>				
4	Sat	1:30 PM	General Membership Meeting	Divinity Lutheran Church
4	Sat	8-11	Kent Island Cruisers All Club Breakfast	Kent Island Fire House
10-12	Fri-Sun	Daily	Baltimore Auto Show-CRAACA Region Dis	Baltimore Convention Center
11	Sat	7-3	CRAACA Collector Car Swap Meet	Howard Cty Fairgrounds
12	Sun	12:30	St Patricks Parade-CRAACA Member Drive	Mt Vernon Place
24-25	Fri-Sat	8-3	AACA Sugarloaf Region Swap Meet	Carroll Cty Ag Center
25-26	Sat-Sun	Daily	Mid Atlantic Indoor Car & Bike Show	Philadelphia Expo Center



*Princess Leia of Star Wars...May the force be with you!*



*Chesapeake Region Student Member, Elizabeth Bodvin--Miss Pennsylvania Teen 2023*



*Chesapeake Region parade coordinator, Nick Prevas, Jr. driving his 1960 Chevy Impala with son Nick III and children in backseat.*

***Chesapeake Region members and guests participating in the 2022 Baltimore Mayor's Christmas parade December 4, 2022 are:***

***Tom and Judy Dawson, 1965 Chevy Super Sport hardtop.***

***Phil and Shelly Hack, with Barb and Dan Artley and Michael Taylor, 1949 International-Harvester dump truck.***

***Henry Chaudron, Sr., with Carol Sorrell, 1955 Pontiac Star Chief hardtop.***

***Paula Ruby, with granddaughter Elizabeth Bodvin; Rachelle and Chris Bodvin, 1972 Oldsmobile Cutlass 442 convertible.***

***Nick Prevas Jr, with son Nick Prevas, III and grandkids Eva and Kit, 1960 Chevrolet Impala convertible.***

***Jerry Ross, 1954 Kaiser Manhattan sedan.***

***Kenny and Sally Stevenson, with guests Stacey and Todd, 1947 Ford convertible.***

***Ron Fleming with Lyndie Vantine, 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air convertible.***

***Ray and Doris Eller, 1966 Chevrolet Corvette Sting Ray coupe.***

***Chester Rease, 1968 Buick Riviera hardtop.***



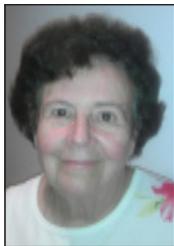
*International dump truck attendants: L-R: Ron Fleming, Mike Taylor, Shelly Hack, Phil Hack. They specialize in transporting wood mulch and all types of manure. Call BR549.*

*The Editor wants to thank all those people that took pictures of the parade and submitted them for publication. Thanks to Phil & Shelly Hack, Rachelle Bodvin, Nick Prevas, Ken Stevenson, Tom Dawson. Sorry if I missed anyone!*

**SUNSHINE REPORT:**

By: Margaret Werneth

*I sent get wells cards to John Young, Sally Stevenson and Bill George. Sympathy card to Joe & Flora Sordillo on the passing of Joe's Mother. --Margaret*



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Tech talk with:.....Gary Wilmer

Last month I wrote this tech article about putting your car away for the winter months. One of the things I suggested was to cover your car, even in the garage. This month's tech talk relates to how I would choose the proper cover and what material to use.

About 20 years ago I was given a '63 Chevrolet Impala that was well used and in need of serious help. The car is stored in my father-in-law's, David Kelley's, large barn. I covered it with a very large plastic tarp that was lying around. (I know I shouldn't use plastic.) Because he has combines and tractors out daily and the doors were open quite often. Birds and critters frequently got in. The paint wasn't perfect, and I have yet to get it on the road, so the tarp was ok. Recently I got it running and cleaned it up. The white paint looked very presentable. Time to think of a better cover.

All my cars are in garages, and all have various makes and material fitted car covers on them. A lot of owners use blankets or sheets to cover their cars. They are ok but do not usually cover the entire car or you need 2 or 3 to fully cover the car.

Getting back to the '63, I began to look for what covers were out there, their features, and of course, their cost. Walmart and some auto parts stores sell generic covers that list what size car or truck it will fit. However, the sizes are approximate - medium, large, x-large. Newer vehicles that are considered large are not really large. My '63 is big (Cadillacs even bigger) so to get a good fit, measure the car's length and make sure the cover you get is big enough. The new cover should have length in feet and inches noted on the box.

Now what material to get. Is your car stored inside or outside? Is the material rain and snow resistant? Does sun shine on the car? Is it just a dust cover?

California Car Cover Co is probably one of the best companies out there selling quality covers. Believe it or not, they list 10 different types of covers that offer the best protection for all conditions. Super nice and a perfect fit for any style and size car, they are, however, not cheap. The best ones can cost over \$300; trucks close to \$400. I've had one of the cheaper ones on my '37 Ford for over 40 years, and it is still in great condition. Quality does come with a price.

The one I just got for the '63 Chevy comes from a company called Budge. They set up at Hershey ad Carlisle, so I am familiar with their product. A nice fit for my Chevy and around \$100 it suits my needs (inside storage only) perfectly. If you've have a nice car and want to protect its finish, keep it covered with a soft, form fitting cover, not a moisture-trapping plastic tarp.

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Please make sure you have paid you National AACA dues as well.

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Thanks,  
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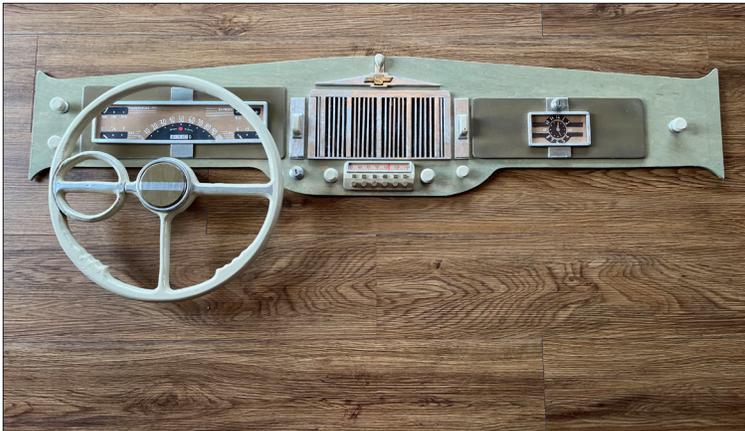
Rocco Baldino's 1953 DeSoto Firehome was at the two-day show in Timonium Maryland. The DeSoto received an Outstanding Vehicle award. Tough show with some high end cars. My daughter Briella and I attended and were able to share our story and car with many who appreciate the DeSoto!--Rocco



*Paula and 'Roscoe'*

Chesapeake Region Director, Paula Lynn Ruby, cuddles with her new best friend, 'Roscoe' Chaudron. Roscoe is Henry Chaudron's, Sr., new puppy and he is adorable. Paula says Roscoe has grown a lot since Henry 'adopted' him. Roscoe won't get much larger.--Rachelle Bodvin photo

VCCA Member Stewart Chandler Carves Various Models Of Chevrolet Dashboards From Wood!



*This is Stew Chandler's 1940 Chevy dashboard in wood*



Stew displayed these carvings at the recent VCCA Christmas banquet. He also has carvings of 1955 and 1959 Chevrolet models. We will print them in the future editions of The Chesapeake Bulletin. Tom Dawson purchased the 1940 dash.



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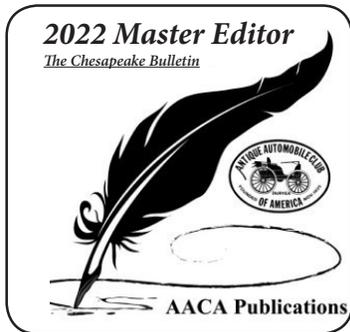
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