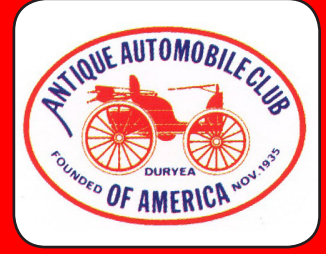


# THE CHESAPEAKE BULLETIN

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Antique Automobile Club of America  
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## March Was A Busy And Successful Month!

How successful? Come to the April membership meeting and find out. Members pulled off the 48th annual collector car parts swap meet at the Howard County Fairgrounds again. The weather wasn't spectacular for the swap meet, but it was way better than last year. It was probably the second best weather day I can remember in the past ten years. I can only remember one year the weather was rather pleasant for the swap meet.

Vendors seemed pleased with the outcome of the swap meet as many of them sold out of merchandise and packed up early and headed home.

Swap meet Czar Tom Young, was beaming from ear to ear all day as he had everything working like a well-oiled machine. Tom had many club members in key positions doing important stuff. Guys like Gary Wilmer, Al Zimmerman, Tom Dawson, Phil Hack, Larry Butcher, Mark Sterstic, Ron Fleming and Michael Taylor, and a host of others. It would be impossible for the club to pull this off if it wasn't for these dedicated members that do this service year after year.

The swap meet wasn't the only activity by far. The day after the swap

meet we had the St. Patrick Parade. Many people enjoy watching this parade and some of the groups and subjects that appear in the parade, such as the Metropolitan Baltimore Fire Emerald Society, and Baltimore City Fire Department Color Guard and Honor Guard

All the while these activities were going on so was the Maryland Auto show at the Baltimore Convention Center, downtown. For many years the show was sponsored by Motor Trend Magazine, but they dropped out last year and now the Maryland Automobile Dealers Association sponsors the show. I'm happy to report that we had a nice representation again at the show with eight vehicles, each more spectacular than the other.

We were counting on having a restored Greyhound bus in the mix, however, due to a brake problem the bus wasn't drivable., Well, maybe next next year.--Bill Wurzell, Editor

## Nice Crowd And Rain Free Sunday For St. Patrick Parade In Baltimore City

By Nick Prevas, Vice President  
Chesapeake Region AACA

The day broke overcast and cool, but not too cool for a parade, and parade we did! Chesapeake Region members fielded four vehicles—it would have been more but we also had vehicles in the Baltimore Auto Show that day. Nick Prevas handled the assembly area while Webmaster/Publicity Chair Buzz Diehl directed our members at a critical turn enroute to the assembly area. Activities Chair Phil Hack and member Michael Taylor were also on hand to assist in traffic direction into the assembly area.

What we lacked in numbers, we more than made up for in quality! Club President Tom Dawson led off in this 1965 Chevy Impala Super Sport. With Tom were: Technical Director Gary Wilmer and his friend

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Left to right: Nick Prevas, Granddaughters, Eva Prevas 7; Naomi Beckett 9; Grandson, Kit Prevas 5; daughter Ginger Beckett.



Chesapeake Region President Tom and Judy Dawson attended the annual AACA convention held in Williamsburg, Virginia this year. I didn't attend, so President Tom agreed to pick up my seventh Master Editor award in nine years as editor. In the above photo, Tom is holding the plaque with the paper certificate for the award. I'm holding the clear Lucite award and the black box it came in. The engraving on the award is difficult to see, that's why I'm holding the black box behind the award to make the engraved text more visible.--Buzz Diehl photo

*The Wilmers*



Past multi-year President of Chesapeake Region and collector car parts mogul, Gary Wilmer and his lovely wife, Vicky, who is currently dressed like 'Nanuk of the North.' They are busy selling collector car parts. I have to give a 'shout out' to Vicky for helping me lift my mobility scooter into my SUV. I thought for sure she was going to pick it up and sling it into the vehicle by herself. She didn't require my assistance! By-the-way, Gary is also Technical Director of the club.--Bill Wurzell, Editor

**Continued from page 1... 'St Patrick Parade...'**

Parker Dean. Chief Judge Henry Chaudron and Carol Sorrel piloted Henry's 1955 Pontiac Star Chief coupe. Jerry Ross drove his 1954 Kaiser Manhattan sedan, and Vice President Nick Prevas trailed in his 1960 Chevy Impala convertible. With Nick were his daughter Ginger Beckett, daughter-in-law Jill Fannon Prevas, and grandchildren Naomi Beckett, Eva Prevas, and Kit Prevas.

Earlier than anticipated, our club rolled out at 2:30 pm, proceeding south on Charles Street, then left onto Pratt Street, and ending at Pratt and Market Place at 4 pm. Our members were pleased to be announced at the reviewing stand, which also gave the club a nice recruiting boost. Our vehicles also featured new club signs which included a Quick Response (QR) Code to aid in recruiting.

As usual the crowd was highly enthusiastic. Based on the cheers and thumbs-up, Chesapeake Region's performance was a big hit. We ensured that supporting police were warmly thanked and cheered by grateful members. It's fair to say a good time was had by all.

We hope you can join us next year!



Spied at the Collector Car Parts Swap Meet on Saturday, March 11, were a couple of very smart gentlemen, Left, Dan Materazzi and on the right, Franklin Gage. They are an asset to whatever organization they belong.--Bill Wurzell photos



Another smart gentleman, Don Ramsburg! Don must really be smart because in the short time I spoke with him, he kept moving stacks of money around like it happens every day. Anne Marie took the day off as she was a little under the weather.



Tom Dawson, Judy Dawson, Paula Ruby, standing: Michelle Miller

# St. Patrick Parade & Festivities



Get in line! Henry Chaudron, Sr., 1955 Pontiac Star Chief; Nick Prevas, 1960 Chevy Impala convertible; Tom Dawson, 1965 Chevy Impala hardtop.



Tom Dawson driving in parade with Gary Wilmer and Parker Dean.



Chesapeake Region valued members...Henry Chaudron, Sr., Nick Prevas and Dr. Jerry Ross.--Buzz Diehl photos

Dear Fellow Members & Friends:

After nine years, I've decided to end my tenure as Treasurer for the club, and I'm seeking a replacement. The job is an easy and straightforward one: managing the club's finances by making deposits and paying bills, doing two very simple filings each year for the State of Maryland, and the IRS, and attending membership & board meetings.

If you have an interest in helping the club in this capacity, I'd be happy to meet and provide a detailed description of my job. Please feel free to call me at 410-925-7024, or email at [jetreadwell@comcast.net](mailto:jetreadwell@comcast.net)

Sincerely,  
Jack Treadwell

*The editor wishes to thank all those who submitted photos of the three large events we had going on at the same time.*

*My undying gratitude to Buzz Diehl, Nick Prevas, Phil Hack, Tom Dawson, and Gary Wilmer. A thousand apologies to anybody I missed.--Bill Wurzell*

## *The President's Message*

From Tom Dawson

### *Hello Chesapeake Members!*

**A**ll I can say is HOORAY, ITS APRIL! We have just come off an incredibly busy and amazingly successful weekend. The Lord was good to us weatherwise, (I would like to be a weather man in my next life, wrong 85% of the time and still get paid!), a little rainy on Friday set up, windy and cold on Saturday, swap meet day, and dry for the most part on Baltimore Auto Show weekend, as well as Sunday's St. Patrick's Day Parade. Way better than last year's deluge!!



It was great to see all of the volunteers that came out on set up day for the flea market. As I said, the weather held off, everything went smoothly, and a big THANK YOU to Judy Dawson for providing a wonderful lunch! Also, another large THANK YOU to Gary Wilmer and Phil Hack for working their field layout magic. Again, the weather held off for Saturday's event which was very well attended, Club volunteers were plentiful, and our food vendors had a good day which provided us with a nice little bonus to our proceeds. Another large THANK YOU to Al Zimmermann and his parking crew. Parking went smoother than expected given the two other events that were happening at the Fairgrounds at the same time as ours! (I only saw Al pull his weapon twice!)

We had a very nice and impressive display at the Baltimore Auto Show. The cars were required to be on the show floor on Thursday for the Friday, Saturday, Sunday Show. Lots and lots of interest in our cars and our Club! Again, a large THANK YOU to Phil Hack for arranging our attendance again this year. (His Dump Truck was a big hit!) I would also like to give a special HUGE THANK YOU to Rocco Baldino, for not only displaying his fabulous 1971 Big Block Corvette, but for spending his entire weekend manning the show, answering questions and recruiting potential new members!

Then there was the St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Baltimore. And what a parade it was. I had the privilege of having St Patty himself riding along with me! Another **GREAT BIG THANK YOU**, goes out to Nick Prevas for coordinating this popular event.

All in all, a great weekend, financially and exposure wise. I believe we signed up several new members. THE BIGGEST THANK YOU to all who volunteered, helped, cooked, prepared, spent, picked up, sold, joined, drove, rode with, and just plain had fun! If this weekend is any indication of what Phil has planned for the rest of the year, I personally can't wait.

*Yours in this great hobby,*

*Tom Dawson*

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# Photos From 2023 Collector Car Swap Meet



Left to right: Chesapeake Region President Tom Dawson, Mark Stershic, Hank Chaudron. These guys handled traffic for hours in the cold!



A view on the midway of outside spaces. Vendors had plenty of people to speak with. The parking lot looked like it held a over 1,000 vehicles.



It wasn't exactly 'roasty-toasty' inside the building, but it was better than being outside in the wind and cold.



Yankee Ingenuity! Little red wagon hooked onto a mobility scooter, works like a charm!



At the 2023 Collector Car Swap Meet: A late model Chevy truck and trailer hauling what appears to be a 1946 Buick Super or Roadmaster Sedanette. I didn't see any signage or price on the Buick, but it looked original and restorable.--Bill Wurzell photos

# ~ 2023 Baltimore Auto Show ~



Norm Fox's rare 1983 Plymouth Scamp Pickup



Tom Dawson's pristine 1960 Chevrolet Bel Air sedan

*More Autoshow cars on page 11*



The car owners in the above group are from left to right, sitting: Phil Hack, Maryann Fox, Norm Fox; standing: Michael Taylor, Chester Rease, Tom Dawson, Sara Perkins, Kevin Perkins, Gary Wilmer, Rocco Baldino.



Wide angle shot of our corner of the Auto Show floor space.

## BALTIMORE AUTO SHOW 2023

By Phil Hack, Activities Director

This year's Baltimore Auto Show was another knockout for Chesapeake Region! It was probably the most eclectic mix of cars (and trucks) we've ever had. We had eight cars on display. Filling out two opposite corners were Kevin and Sara Perkins' stunning black 1959 Impala and Rocco Baldino's award winning 1971, all original, red 454 ci Corvette. I think these were the two cars that really drew folks over to our display. The luxury award must go to the 1968 Buick Riviera owned by Chester Rease. If you haven't yet seen this car, you must! It's beautiful. The car with the best story line and probably the most loved would be Michael Taylor's 1955 Chevy. Michael and his faithful dog 'Bullseye' were on hand to proudly show the car and tell its story to all who were interested...and there were many. For the record, this special '55 did not want to participate in this show (more about that later). The 'grocery getter' award could go to none other than Tom Dawson's 1960 Bel Air sedan. This is his 'Plain Jane' 4-door sedan, 6-cylinder 3 speed that has been in his family since new. Gary Wilmer brought his 1987 Oldsmobile Cutlass (previously owned by a little old lady who only drove it to church).

'We had one of those' remarks from the spectators. This Olds really brought back memories to all. To round out the display, we had to have a couple 'weirdos.' Norman and Maryann Fox towed their 1983 Plymouth Scamp all the way from Hancock, Maryland! Most of us couldn't remember what it was. I had to Google it when I first heard about the Scamp. It's a really cool little pickup truck Chrysler made for only a couple years. I know I haven't seen one in 30 years. Having just met them, Maryann and Norm were a delight to talk to. We were thrilled to have them join us. Lastly was my 1949 International dump truck. Folks were amazed! I let anyone who wanted to climb aboard and check it out. The week before the show, Jack Anderson gave it a 'professional' polish and waxing. It really stood out.

Now, about Michael and his 'reluctant' Chevy. Last year, on the way down to the show, the brakes started to bind up. One of the front wheels locked up right at the convention center entrance. The car would not move any further and had to be towed home. Michael thought the car must have gotten stage fright. This year, the Chevy made it to the show but only made it to Charles and Baltimore Streets on the way home Sunday evening. A shorted battery cable and failed fuses necessitated a tow home again! Many thanks to Gary Wilmer for sticking with us. Check out the technical info in this issue with further important tips and explanations coming later at the general meeting. This is always a great experience. Most of the visitors to this show have never seen cars like ours and love to look at them and hear all our stories. I encourage you to join us next year.

# CHESAPEAKE REGION ACTIVITIES FOR 2023

| DATE         | DAY     | TIME     | EVENT                                      | LOCATION                   |
|--------------|---------|----------|--|----------------------------|
| <b>APRIL</b> |         |          |  |                            |
| 10           | Mon     | 7:00 PM  | General Membership Meeting                 | Divinity Lutheran Church   |
| 13-15        | Thu-Sat | 8-3      | AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals         | Charlotte, NC              |
| 14           | Fri     | 10-2     | WWII American Experience Museum Tour       | Gettysburg, PA             |
| 15           | Sat     | 10-4     | Romancing the Chrome                       | Jarrettsville, MD          |
| 15-16        | Sat-Sun |          | Arcadia Steam Show                         | Arcadia, MD                |
| 16           | Sun     | 8-4      | Classic Auto Mall Show Swap Meet           | Morgantown, PA             |
| 19-23        | Wed-Sun | Daily    | Spring Carlisle                            | Carlisle, PA               |
| 22           | Sat     | 11-3     | Bush River Yacht Club Car Show             | Abingdon, MD               |
| 22           | Sat     | 10-2:30  | Southern High FFA Car, Truck, Tractor Show | Edgewater, MD              |
| 22           | Sat     | 11-3     | Desoto Owners Spring Fling Show            | Parkton, MD                |
| 25           | Tue     | 9-3      | Classic Auto Mall & Lunch Trip             | Morgantown, PA             |
| 29           | Sat     | 10:30 -1 | Boy Scout Troup 328 Car Show               | Timonium United Methodist  |
| 29           | Sat     | 9-2      | Treasured Motorcars Open House             | Hanover - New Freedom, PA  |
| 29           | Sat     | 7-1      | Street Survivors of MD Swap Meet           | 7900 Crain Hwy Glen Burnie |
| 30           | Sun     | 9-2:30   | Chesapeake Classic Car Show                | Easton, MD                 |

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| <b>MAY</b> |         |           |   |                               |
| 4          | Thur    | 11:30-1PM | St Elizabeth School Visit               | St Elizabeth School           |
| 7          | Sun     | 10-2      | Cars & Coffee                           | Michelle & Chip Miller        |
| 8          | Mon     | 7-9       | General Membership Meeting              | Divinity Lutheran Church      |
| 12-13      | Fri-Sat | Daily     | Carlisle Import & Performance Nationals | Carlisle, PA                  |
| 17-21      | Wed-Sun | Daily     | Cruisin' Ocean City                     | Ocean City, MD                |
| 18-20      | Thu-Sun | Daily     | AACA Eastern Spring Nationals           | Wyndham, Gettysburg           |
| 18         | Thu     | 5-9       | CRAACA Cruise-In                        | Wyndham, Gettysburg           |
| 21         | Sun     | 9-2       | Early Ford V8 Club Show                 | Howard Cty Living Farm Museum |
| 31         | Wed     | noon-7    | Al Prueitt Restorations Open House      | Glen Rock, PA                 |

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| <b>JUNE</b> |         |         |   |                          |
| 2           | Fri     | 5-8     | Hershey Region AACA Cruise Night          | Hershey, PA              |
| 2-4         | Fri-Sun | Daily   | Carlisle Ford Nationals                   | Carlisle, PA             |
| 2-4         | Fri-Sun | Daily   | National Street Rod Association Nationals | York, PA                 |
| 10-11       | Sat-Sun | Daily   | Chesapeake Day Motoring Festival          | Kent Island Yacht Club   |
| 12          | Mon     | 7:30 PM | General Membership Meeting                | Divinity Lutheran Church |
| 17          | Sat     |         | Rolls-Royce Owners Club Show/Tour         | Wyndham, Gettysburg      |
| 23-24       | Fri-Sat | Daily   | Carlisle GM Nationals                     | Carlisle, PA             |
| 25-28       | Sun-Wed | Daily   | AACA East Div. Chris Ritter Memorial Tour | Denver PA                |

**Local car clubs that sponsor periodic car shows and cruise-ins will begin resuming in April**



**Chesapeake Region Antique Automobile Club of America, Monthly Membership meeting minutes, March 4, 2023**

The monthly meeting of the Chesapeake Region of the AACA (Club or CRAACA) was held on March 4, 2023 at the Divinity Lutheran Church in Towson, Md. There were 23 members in attendance.

**Welcome: President, Tom Dawson:** President, Tom Dawson called the meeting to order at 1:37PM. Tom introduced member, J.D. Kurtzman who explained his auto sales business.



**Secretary's Report, Judy Dawson:** It was moved by Paula Ruby and seconded by Mary Stershic to dispense with the reading of the last Board Meeting.

**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 Jack Anderson. The motion passed and the report will be held for audit.

**Vice President's Report, Nick Prevas:** No Report as Nick was home, recovering from surgery.

**Membership/Facebook Report, Vicky Wilmer:** Vicky was out of town, but Michelle Miller reported that we currently have 313 adult members and 9 student members, for a total of 322 members.

**Activities Report, Phil Hack:** Phil reported on upcoming activities, as listed in The Bulletin. Of special interest is the WWII Experience Museum Tour on April 14. We will meet at 10:00 AM at Paula Ruby's home and caravan to Gettysburg. Lunch will be at 1:00 pm at Dunlop's. On May 4 we will do a repeat tour at St. Elizabeth's School. Phil announced that he is willing to host another tech session. If interested contact him with requests. Jack Anderson also reported on his progress in planning the Cruise-In scheduled for May 18, the night before the Eastern National Meet in Gettysburg. Jack Anderson, Gary Wilmer, Phil Hack and Tom Dawson will meet with the Gettysburg Region Planning Committee as well as representatives of the Wyndham on March 8 to further develop plans. Jack has contracted a DJ and two food vendors. Info has been sent to 55 different clubs.

**Technical Report, Gary Wilmer:** No Report

**Chief Judge Report, Henry Chaudron+:** No Report

**Legislative Report, Mike Natale:** Mike will contact State Delegate, Kevin Hornberger, from Cecil County. He will contact Vicky Wilmer for advice on how to send a link to members so they will have direct access to relevant legislative information.

**Bulletin Report, Bill Wurzell:** Tom Dawson presented Bill Wurzell with his Master Editor Award from AACA. We also discussed the need to limit obituary information included each month.

**Website Report, Buzz Diehl:** Buzz reported that the calendar has been updated on the website. Placards for the Auto Show are currently at Printron. An ad has been placed in The Car Cruise Guide.

**Director's Reports:**

**Director Paula Ruby** - Much help will be needed for the Swap Meet, especially for Parking and Food Delivery for our vendors.

**Director Tom Young** - There are still spots available for vendors in the Barns and Outside. Vests and flashlights will be needed. Friday Set-Up by 9:00 AM. Lunch will be served 11:30-12:00.

**Historian Report, Chip Miller:** No Report

**Social Report, Judy Dawson:** On April 24t we will caravan up to the Auto Mall in Morgantown, PA. Afterwards we will stop at Shady Maple to enjoy their Smörgåsbord. Plans for breakfast and meeting to start TBD.

**Sunshine Report, Margaret Werneth:** No Report

**Old Business:** No Old Business

**New Business:**

Motion to fund a \$500 donation to the Custom and Classic Car Educational Foundation made by Paula Ruby. Seconded by Mary Stershic. Passed. Motion amended to include free memberships to program participants by Paula Ruby. Seconded by Mike Natale. Passed. Motion made by Mary Stershic that Mary Stershic is Mary and not Sue Stershic! Seconded by Mary! No vote taken. Since we have decided not to do a Swap Meet at the Manchester Show, we need to inform the Manchester Fire Department so they can hold their own if they so desire.

**Roundtable Discussion:**

The 75th Anniversary Tucker Celebration will take place in June at the Museum in Hershey. Also, the only surviving Liberty Car, a 1917 Cadillac, used in WWI, will be featured all summer as well. Both Jack Anderson and Bill Wurzell spoke of cars and trailers that are currently for sale.

**NOTICE: Jack Treadwell is currently looking for someone to fill his shoes as Treasurer next year!**

There were no further announcements or discussions.

**The 50/50 Raffle was won by Tom Dawson!**

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM with a motion by Jack Treadwell and a second by Jack Anderson.

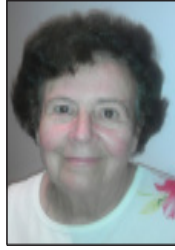
*Respectfully submitted,*

*Judy Dawson, Secretary*

**SUNSHINE REPORT:**

By: Margaret Werneth

*I sent get well cards to Anne Marie Ramsburg and Nick Prevas--Margaret*



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**Tech Talk...dedicated to Gary Ruby,**  
*Technical Director, Emeritus*

By: Gary Wilmer



**For April, Phil Hack is  
Pinch-hitting for Gary Wilmer**

Did you know your antique car's electrical system may not be protected and could be at risk of a catastrophic fire? Many cars prior to the '60's had few fuses for the electrical accessories and many had no protection at all for the whole system. A "Hot" wire went from the battery right to the ignition switch with no protection against overloads or short circuits.

Any accessory fuses were downstream. A short in the unprotected wiring will result in a meltdown and possible fire. To protect against this, manufacturers installed fusible links in the circuit. They are basically a short piece of wire that acts very similarly to a fuse. This wire is 4 gauges smaller than the wire it is protecting.

A 10 AWG wire requires a 14 AWG fusible link. Under heavy overload or short circuit conditions, the link melts open first, breaking the circuit before the main wiring is damaged. Some automotive components require momentary high peak currents or inrush. A fuse may blow under these conditions making them unsuitable for the application. If your antique car does not have this protection, I highly recommend installing a fusible link near the battery. They are inconspicuous and can even be easily removed if you're concerned about authenticity during judging. I'll be talking more about this at the next general meeting.

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**March 4th, 2023**

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# ~ 2023 Baltimore Auto Show ~



*Chester Rease's luxurious 1968 Buick Riviera coupe.*



*Phil Hack's 'resurrected' 1949 International-Harvester dump truck.*



*Rocco Baldino's 1971 'Little Red '454' Corvette.'*



*Kevin and Sara Perkins awesome 1959 Chevrolet Impala coupe.*



*Michael Taylor's restored 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air sedan.*



*Gary and Vicky Wilmer's dazzling 1987 Oldsmobile Cutless coupe.*

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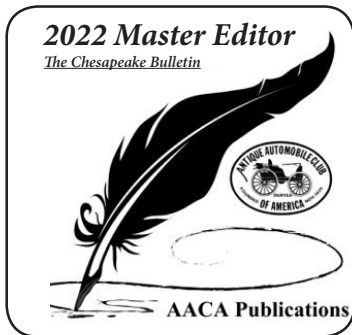
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