

# CHESAPEAKE BULLETIN



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March 3rd we held our very first New Member recognition luncheon at Greystone Country Club. It was a fantastic turnout and lots of feelings of friendship in the air. What a great opportunity for existing members to start to get to know the new members, learning about their passions for the club and where they would like to see the club grow.

Remember we are always open to new ideas and new events that you may know of in our area so be sure to share them with an officer or bring your ideas to our membership meetings. We hope to continue to grow our membership and continue this event on an annual basis.



# Paula's President's Message

## Hello Chesapeake Members!



It looks like Spring is upon us. If you haven't noticed yet the Jonquil's are popping out of the ground and the trees are budding.

Now is the time to start working on getting the cobwebs off your cars and check them over from a long winter's nap. Be sure to change your oil, check the air in your tires and look at all of belts on the motor and be sure to put in a fresh tank of gas. Taking these precautions could element any problems that might come up on that first time out on the road.

On Sunday, March 3rd we celebrated our first new member luncheon. This was a beautiful day to have this affair at the Greystone County Club in Baltimore County in celebration of our new members to Chesapeake Region in both 2022 and 2023. It was attend by approximately 80 members both old and new.

I would like to thank Vicky Wilmer, Jack and Elaine Treadwell and Buzz Diehl for all of their hard work to make the day happen. If we keep building our membership like we have the past two years we could make this an annual event!

Just a reminder day light savings time is approaching and so we will resume our regular meetings on Monday nights at Divinity Lutheran church. The next meeting will be Monday, April 8 th at 7:00 pm. Be sure to attend and hear all about up coming events, we can't wait to see you there!

*Paula Lynn Ruby*



# Chesapeake AACA Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes, February 3rd, 2024

## Chesapeake Region AACA Membership Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Chesapeake Region of the AACA (Club or CRAACA) was held on February 3, 2024, at The Divinity Lutheran Church in Towson, MD. There were 30 members in attendance.

Welcome: President, Paula Ruby– Paula called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. She introduced new members Norma and Bruce Stump.

Secretary's Report: Judy Dawson – Motions and important items of business from today's Board Meeting were presented. There were no new motions and business will be shared in committee reports today.

Treasurer's Report: Lyndie Vantine – Lyndie gave her detailed monthly report. A motion to approve the report was made by: Henry Chaudron and seconded by: Al Zimmermann. The motion passed and the report will be held for audit.

Vice President's Report: Mark Stershic - No Report

Membership/Facebook Report: Vicky Wilmer – Our current membership stands at 322 adults, and 9 students, for a total of 331 members.

Activities Report: Tom Dawson– Tom reported on upcoming activities, as outlined in the CHESAPEAKE REGION ACTIVITIES FOR 2023 chart enclosed in this month's copy of the Bulletin. He discussed our upcoming plans for June 25th when we will host a big event at the Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg for The Great Race, which will be passing through on their journey across the country. Lots more to come on this as plans develop, but keep the date open, as we will need ALL HANDS ON DECK!

Tom also distributed a survey to see if anyone would be interested in a Tour of the Swigart Museum in Huntingdon, PA. The response was highly positive! More to come!

Technical Report: Phil Hack- Phil told of his recent escapades with his '49 International Dump Truck. He claims someone must have slipped it some Viagra, as once it started to go up, it wouldn't stop! He also reported going to Crazy Ray's, (now PYP Auto Parts in Edgewood, Route 40 East). He said it is now cleaned up, safe, and organized, and he highly recommends it if you need to search out some used parts! There is a \$3 entry fee, a 30-day return policy, and multiple locations.

Chief Judge Report: Henry Chaudron – Henry is working on Fire Museum Awards (30, plus Best of Show and Appreciation Plaque for the Museum)

Bulletin Report: Rachelle Bodvin – Rachelle was unable to attend today's meeting but welcomes all contributions and feedback on The Bulletin. Student Member, Elizabeth Bodvin has been helping her mom with some technicalities!

Website Report: Buzz Diehl – Buzz continues to add new activities and flyers to the website. He reports that National says they are trying to resolve the continuing issues with speed during the day. (Someone was heard saying it is CRAP!?) The Car Cruise Guide has all our information on our Swap Meet.

Legislative Report: Mike Natale – The Legislature is currently in Session. SEMA has been dealing with issues pertaining to exhaust noise. A discussion of rising Insurance costs came up. It was suggested that members call a member, Steve Morgan, to have him investigate competitive pricing. Also, if you have a newer car that has recently been damaged in an accident, you should investigate Diminished Value Estimation.

## Director's Reports:

Gary Wilmer – Owen Garland is selling a very nice '51 Ford. Let Gary know if you might be interested.

The set-Up for the Flea Market will be on Friday March 8th, starting at 8:00 AM to lay out the buildings. He will need additional help by 9:00 AM to lay out the fields. Lunch will be served for all volunteers.

Tom Young – Tom deposited \$2390 with Lyndie today. So far, we have collected \$5500, and have fully paid The Howard County Fairgrounds, despite having no contact with anyone there, despite our many efforts! We have sold 22 spaces inside, 79 spaces outside, 58 spaces in the barns, and 4 car corral spots.

Tom had 2 very nice signs made to assist with Parking.

Historian Report: Chip Miller – No Report

Social Committee Report: Judy Dawson – Sign-up Sheet is being passed around for Social Gathering Ideas, Activities that don't require reservations and payments ahead of time work best. Let Judy know if you can think of anything!

Sunshine Report: Margaret Werneth – Let Paula or Margaret know if anyone needs a card!

Old Business: St Patrick's Day Parade is to be held on March 10th. Let Nick Prevas know if you'd like to join in!

New Business: None

Roundtable Discussion: None

50/50 Raffle: None today

\*The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM, with a motion by Mark Stershic, and seconded by Michelle Miller. Motion passed.\*

Fondly,  
Judy Dawson



# Chesapeake AACA Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes, March 2nd, 2024

The monthly meeting of the Chesapeake Region of the AACA (Club or CRAACA) was held on March 2, 2024 at The Divinity Lutheran Church in Towson, MD. There were 27 members in attendance.

President, Paula Ruby – Paula called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. She asked Steve Morgan to give a brief explanation as to recent increases in Insurance Premiums. Steve, an active member, and someone who handles a lot of our insurance needs, gave a comprehensive explanation as to what is going on in the insurance world and why these premiums, across the board and across the world are increasing.

Secretary's Report: Judy Dawson – Motions and important items of business from the last Board Meeting were shared, including: MOTION: The Club will pick up the cost for one or two minibuses, plus gas to transport members to The Swigert Museum on April 22, 2024. Approved by a motion from Kevin Perkins and Seconded by Al Zimmermann. Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Lyndie Vantine – Lyndie gave her detailed monthly report. A motion to approve the report was made by: T.W. Scott and seconded by: Tom Young. The motion passed and the report will be held for audit. Lyndie reported the taxes were completed with help from Jack Treadwell, and the audit will be sent off to Richard Boyd.

Vice President's Report: Mark Stershic  
No Report. Mark and Mary are still in Florida – lucky ducks!

Membership/Facebook Report: Vicky Wilmer – Our current membership stands at 330 adults and 9 students, for a total of 339 members. New Members Luncheon: Tomorrow, March 3, 2024, at 1:00 87 people will attend. Bring your old cars!

Activities Report: Tom Dawson – Tom reported on upcoming activities as outlined in the CHESAPEAKE REGION ACTIVITIES FOR 2023 chart enclosed in this month's copy of the Bulletin. Tom distributed a three page printed sheet of a partial list of activities from March 1st through December. He passed around a sign-up sheet for our Swigert Tour on April 22nd and our World War II Museum Tour on April 6th. We still have not received that Bullet List from Jeff Stumb on his expectations for us with The Great Race for June 25th.

Technical Report: Phil Hack - No Report

Chief Judge Report: Henry Chaudron – No Report

Bulletin Report: Rachelle Bodvin – No Report. Send articles and photos when possible.

#### National Convention Report:

Bill Wurzell thanked the Club for subsidizing his fees at the February National Convention. He said the hotel was super and even the food was good! Bill was there to collect his final, and well-deserved 8th National MASTER EDITOR'S AWARD! Elizabeth Bodvin also was awarded the JOHN AND JANET RICKETTS SCHOLARSHIP. And the Club won the well-deserved KIRKHAM AWARD for most improved Membership in 2023. Member Franklin Gage was also honored by being presented with the AACA FIALA OLD FAITHFUL AWARD, a special award given to a non-elected, non-appointed member of AACA for service, accomplishments, and enthusiasm for AACA. Congratulations to all of our CRAACA award winners! You make us proud!

Website Report: Buzz Diehl – No Report. Increased speed on website from National is appreciated.

Legislative Report: Mike Natale – No Report (Get well wishes to Mike as he recuperates from hip surgery!)

#### Director's Reports:

Gary Wilmer – Gary updated us on plans for next week-ends Swap Meet set-up.

Tom Young – Swap Meet Report We had a moment of silent prayer for good weather at next week's Swap Meet. Spaces sold to date: 106 Outside spaces; 22 Inside spaces (sold out); Barns: #2,3, and 4 are sold out; 2 spaces remain in Barb #5. Barn 6 is still open. We have sold 4 Car Corral spots. \$1420 deposited with Lyndie today. \$6800 in so far. 50/50 has collected \$807. Food: Hot dogs, donated BBQ, chips, water, coffee, sodas and donated baked goods. Still no word if we will have kitchen access!

Historian Report: Chip Miller – No Report

Social Committee Report: Judy Dawson – No report. See you at tomorrow's Luncheon!

Sunshine Report: Margaret Werneth – No Report

Old Business: St. Paddy's Day Parade: Nick needs to preregister your cars: year, make, and color.

New Business: None

Roundtable Discussion: T.W. reported that Spring Nationals will be in Charlotte and asked for a show of hands from those planning to attend. 50/50 Raffle: None today.

\*The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM with a motion by Judy Dawson and seconded by Tom Young. Passed\*

Fondly,  
Judy Dawson



# New Member Luncheon



# Vintage Thunderbird Club Convention

## August 2024 - Register Now

Contact Bob McNeill at [bobmcneill.vtci@gmail.com](mailto:bobmcneill.vtci@gmail.com)

### Hotel Information

DoubleTree by Hilton, Grand Rapids Airport Rate: \$105 per night

4747 28th Street SE, Grand Rapids MI 49512-1915 (616) 957-0100

Reservation Link: Posted on VTCI Website:

Cutoff Date: July 17, 2024

Schedule: 2024 VTCI International  
Convention Tuesday / Early Bird Day -

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#### Tuesday / Early Bird Day - August 6, 2024

- Registration > Early Arrivals
- Hospitality > Setup

#### Wednesday / Opening Day - August 7, 2024

- Registration & Hospitality: Wolverine Room
- Gerald R Ford Presidential Museum
  - Bus Leaves from Lobby @ 12:30 PM
  - Bus Returns @ 5:00 PM
- VTCI Welcome Reception: Michigan Grand Ballroom
  - 6:30 PM – 10:00 PM

#### Thursday / Gilmore Day - August 8, 2024

- Registration & Hospitality: Wolverine Room
- Gilmore Car Museum
  - Bus Leaves from Lobby @ 8:30 AM
  - Bus Returns @ 5:00 PM
- Birds, BBQ and Beer Buffet: Courtyard
  - 6:00 PM - Cocktails
  - 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Buffet Service

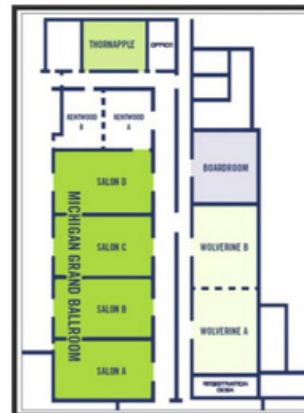
#### Friday / Board Meeting Day - August 9, 2024

- Registration & Hospitality: Wolverine Room
- VTCI Board Meeting: Kentwood Room
  - 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM
- Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park
  - Bus Leaves from Lobby @ 12:30 PM
  - Bus Returns @ 5:00 PM
- Michigan's Backyard Buffet: Michigan Grand Ballroom
  - 6:00 PM - Cocktails
  - 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM Buffet Service

#### Saturday / Judgement Day - August 10, 2024

- Registration & Hospitality: Wolverine Room
- Owners/Judges Meeting: Kentwood
  - 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM
- Concours Judging: Parking Lot
  - 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
- Tally Room: Kentwood
  - 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- VTCI Annual Awards Banquet: Michigan Grand Ballroom
  - 6:00 PM - Cocktails
  - 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM Awards Banquet

Registration Hours	
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Tuesday
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Wednesday
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Thursday
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Friday
7:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Saturday
Hospitality Hours	
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Wednesday
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Thursday
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Friday
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Saturday
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Sunday



# Reminder!

Sounds of Spring is now starting to fill the air. As you are out with your cars cleaning them up and dusting them off, Pick ups those flea market and show flyers to share with the group.

# Toyota: Quality Problem or Cheap Dealership?

## By Don Ramsburg

November 21 st of 2023, I bought a used 2023 Toyota Tacoma from Koons Westminster Toyota with only 8706 miles on it. I really only bought it because it had a 6-speed manual transmission that no one else was offering. It had some features that were very good, like the headrests were removable so they could not interfere with the brim of my hat when I was wearing a fedora, and I have the ability to turn off the daytime running lights.

The problem I have is the rear differential will sing when I am on the gas, and be silent when I am backing down. You motor-heads know that this is caused by an incorrect meshing of the ring and pinion gears in the differential. I find this very irritating! When I complained to the Koons dealership, I was told that this was normal. Rob Stoll, the service manager at the Koons dealership, told me that they did not repair differentials, but only replaced them, and a new differential would be likely to have the same problem. Really! Has the quality of Toyotas sunk to that level?

I suspected that this dealership was cheap when I received my license tags in the mail, and I found that my truck had no front tag bracket. When I went back to the dealer to complain, I was told that they did not provide front tag brackets for used vehicles, and I could probably buy one on Ebay. Really! I suspect that the previous owner drove this truck on the hard road in 4-wheel drive. If you do that, the differential will wind up in this condition. 50 years ago, I accidentally drove a military jeep in 4-wheel drive for a couple miles, and it ended up just like this. The Koons dealership had a Toyota Field Technician coming to their facility, so they asked me to bring my truck in for his inspection. According to Rob Stoll, after 12 miles, no abnormal problem was observed.

As for Koons Westminster Toyota: If your customer is disappointed with your product, there is a problem!

## Save the Date

April 22, 2024

VAN TRIP TO...Swigart Museum in Huntingdon, PA

Meeting at the Park N Ride at Route 83 and Route 439

Approximate Cost to attend \$20.00, space will be limited to the first paying individuals.

We will be departing at 8:30 a.m. and will return late afternoon

Contact Tom Dawson for more information at 410-688-8358



# Tech Talk...with Phil Hack

Tech Talk is Dedicated to Gary Ruby, Sr.

## Two Tech Tips from CRAACA Member- Russell Love

**Rough engine:** If your car won't start or is running rough, pull the hose off the power brake booster and spray starting fluid or carb cleaner into the hose. The vacuum will pull the fluid into the engine.

If the condition improves, you know you have a fuel problem and not an electrical problem.

**Fan Belt Noise:** If you are hearing a noise coming from your engine and you think it could be the water pump, generator or power steering pump, remove the drive belt and run the engine. If the noise goes away, this will narrow it down to one of these items.

*Phil Hack*

## Region Activities 2024

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location
<b>March 2024</b>				
22-23	Fri-Sat	8-3	AACA Sugarloaf Region Swap Meet	Carroll Cty Ag Center
23-24	Sat-Sun	Daily	Mid Atlantic Indoor Car & Bike Show	Philadelphia Expo Center
<b>April 2024</b>				
4-6	Thu-Sat	8-3	AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals	Charlotte, NC
7	Sun	8-4	Classic Auto Mall Show Swap Meet	Morgantown, PA
<b>8</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>General Membership Meeting</b>	<b>Divinity Lutheran Church</b>
13	Sat	9-noon	Carroll Cty Rec & Parks Annual Car Show	Carroll Cty Ag Center
14	Sun	10-2:30	Mid Maryland Ford Car Show	Westminster, MD
20	Sat	10-4	Romancing the Chrome	Jarrettsville, MD
17-21	Wed-Sun	Daily	Spring Carlisle	Carlisle, PA
20-21	Sat-Sun	Daily	Arcadia Steam Spring Crank up	Arcadia, MD
<b>22</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>8:30-6</b>	<b>Swigart Museum Trip</b>	<b>Huntington, PA</b>



# Region Activities 2024

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location
<b>April 2024</b>				
26	Fri	4-8	Markets at Shrewsbury Cruise-In	Amish Market Shrewsbury, PA
27	Sat	9-3	Desoto Owners Spring Fling Show	Casa Mias, Parkton, MD
27	Sat	10:00-noon	Boy Scout Troup 328 Car Show	Timonium United Methodist
27	Sat	9-2	Treasured Motorcars Open House	Hanover - New Freedom, PA
27	Sat	7-1	Street Survivors of MD Swap Meet	7900 Crain Hwy Glen Burnie
<b>May 2024</b>				
2	Thur	11:30-1	St Elizabeth School Visit	St Elizabeth School
3	Fri	10-3	Carroll Lutheran/Sun Valley Retirement	Westminster, MD
11	Sat	12-4	Big Truck Brwery Car Show	Parkton, MD
13	Mon	7:00 PM	General Membership Meeting	Divinity Lutheran Church
10-11	Fri-Sat	Daily	Carlisle Import & Performance Nationals	Carlisle, PA
16-19	Thu-Sun	Daily	Cruisin' Ocean City	Ocean City, MD
31-2	Fri-Sun	Daily	National Street Rod Association Nationals	York, PA
31-2	Fri-Sun	Daily	Carlisle Ford Nationals	Carlisle, PA

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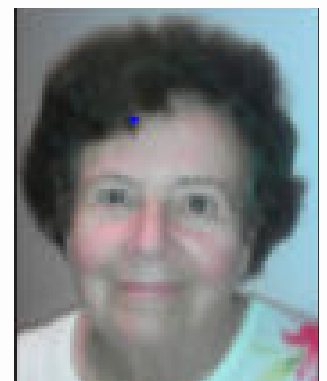
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## SUNSHINE REPORT FROM MARGARET

I sent get well cards to Mike Natale as well as T.W. Scott.

Happy St. Patrick's day to all!

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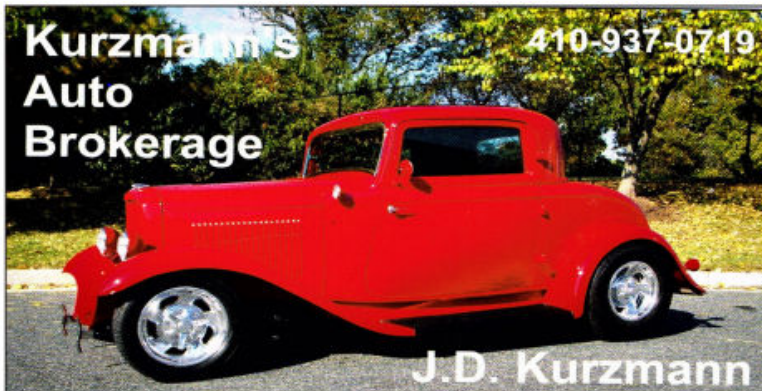
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