

On Sunday, June 14th, the Ruby family hosted the 2nd Annual Gary Ruby Memorial Car Show at the Hanover Moose Lodge in Hanover, PA. The Ruby's could not have had such a great day without the support of the Chesapeake members who attended the event. There were 122 cars in attendance and all of the registration fees were donated to Roots for Boots. \$1,830 was raised for this military organization who also donated a trike motorcycle at the event.



Paula's President's Message

Hello Chesapeake Members!

HAPPY 250th BIRTHDAY AMERICA



We will be celebrating the birthday of our country with a picnic on Saturday, July 11th at my home. If you would still like to come, please call me right away upon reading this bulletin. This will be the first of two picnics planned for this year. Be sure to check the activities for the date and location of the next picnic.

Our summer so far has really been busy. Two shows down and more to come. I know that the Ruby car show was not something that Chesapeake ran but myself and my family would like to thank all members that came out and supported our show. We had 122 cars registered on a beautiful sunny day. The registration benefited "Roots for Boots". We were able to raise \$1,830.00 to help them in their future endeavors.

It sounds like our membership has been enjoying showing their cars at a lot of local shows as well as traveling to our events in distant states. I hope that everyone is sharing pictures and their awards to Rachelle so that we can congratulate them in the bulletin.

Our next meeting at the church will be in August unless someone has any other idea to do something different. So for now enjoy your summer and all of the events you choose to attend.

Paula Lynn Ruby



Chesapeake AACA Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes

In lieu of a July meeting we will be having a club picnic to enjoy each other's company.

*Fondly,
Judy Dawson*

Allen and Cindy Swim Catching a Ride?



While on the way to the Pontiac show in Pontiac, Michigan, Allen and Cindy Swim were considering catching a ride in this Amazon truck to save some money on gas. Good thinking Allen! I think your truck and trailer may have fit! We hope that you have a great time when you arrive at the show. We know your beautiful car will bring home the trophies.

Len Stoler Free State Corvette Club Show



On Saturday, June 13th, several Chesapeake members attended the Len Stoler Free State Corvette Club Show in Westminster, Maryland. We spotted Gary Wilmer, Kevin Perkins, Tom Rosso, Ira Katz and Jerry Blumenthal enjoying the day.



AACA Eastern Spring Meet

On May 29th Tom & Lauri travelled to Indiana Pennsylvania to attend the AACA Eastern Spring National Meet hosted by the Shannock Valley Region. Held on and around the University of Indiana Pennsylvania College campus, there was plenty of room for the more than 275 vehicles in attendance. There was a bus tour on Thursday through Indiana which included the Jimmy Stewart Museum, a 50's/60's Reception Friday evening and then the Awards Banquet on Saturday night at the Kovalchick Convention & Athletic Complex. The weather was beautiful and sunny although a bit breezy which actually kept temps on the blacktop tolerable. The Shannock Region Chapter was made up of just 18 members when they started into planning the event but pulled in resources from neighboring chapters and a few local car clubs.

Campaigning their 1965 Canadian built Chrysler Valiant Signet hard this year, Tom & Lauri were successful in obtaining their Senior Award for the car at this meet. Now on to Allentown for the Grand Nationals!



Tech Talk...with Phil Hack

LED Tail-light Conversion

Most of us know that the lights on our collector cars often are nowhere near as bright as those on modern vehicles. For me, this has been especially true with the taillights on my Corvair Rampside and Chevrolet Woodie Wagon. I know LED replacement bulbs have improved dramatically in recent years, so I thought I give them a try. Installing LED taillights in an antique car can work very well, but not always. There are a few common issues that may show up because older electrical systems were designed around incandescent bulbs.

First; Proper polarity is necessary. Most LED bulbs are set up for negative ground systems. Another problem that pretty much has been solved was irregular flashing. Older thermal flashers rely on the current draw of incandescent bulbs to heat up and blink. LEDs draw very little current, which can cause no flashing or sometimes hyperflashing (very fast). This could be solved by substituting an electronic flasher for the thermal one. Many bulbs today work okay with thermal flashers.

A larger problem where there is no simple solution is that vintage taillight housings and lenses were engineered around the glowing filament of incandescent bulbs. These bulbs emitted surround light in all directions. Housings typically had highly reflective coatings to take advantage of these bulbs. LEDs are typically directional causing weak reflector performance resulting in uneven brightness and poor visibility. This is the problem I ran into when I replaced the bulbs in my cars. I first tried Direct Emitting bulbs and was completely dissatisfied. I refurbished my housings, replaced the corroded sockets and tried Reflective Emitting bulbs and still was not happy. The LED bulbs simply did not perform as well. After a short time, I went back the original incandescent bulbs. You can see the difference in the photo below.

Phil Hack



Left Incandescent and Right LED



Refurbished Taillight Housing



Direct - Reflective - Incandescent

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Allen and Cindy Swim on the marriage of their daughter on June 6th. Katie & Jared Wise had a beautiful day to begin their marriage.



Tom Young Takes the Win

Tom Young took the win at Mason Dixon Dragway We know your brother is cheering you on as you continue racing!



Mark Stershic Wins Too!



On Saturday, June 20th, Mark attended the Cooptown Car Show in Jarrettsville, MD and took the win for Best Truck! With over 200 registered vehicles this was a well attended show.

Mark we are so proud of you and everyone seems to love that truck.

Region Activities 2026

Date	Time	Event	Location
July 2026			
7/22-25	All Day	Mecum Auction, Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex	Harrisburg, PA
7/24	4-8 p.m.	Markets at Shrewsbury Cruise-In	Shrewsbury, PA
7/26	9-1:30 p.m.	VCCA Reisterstown Regional Park Show	Reisterstown, MD
August 2026			
8/1	8-2 p.m.	Real Man's Yard Sale, Markets at Shrewsbury	Shrewsbury, PA
8/2	8-2 p.m.	Hammersla 14 th Annual Car Show	Hanover, PA
8/8	5-8 p.m.	Graul's Market Cruise-In	Parkton, MD
8/10	7 p.m.	Chesapeake Region General Membership Meeting	Towson, MD
8/15	9-3 p.m.	Reese VFD Car & Truck Show	Westminster, MD
8/19-21	All Day	AACA Grand Nationals	Allentown, PA



Do you want to put your car in Movies?

We were recently contacted by Rob Rutledge of USAMovieCars.com who wanted to know if any of the Chesapeake Region members would be interested in joining the Registry Pool of possible cars for upcoming movies in the Baltimore area. There is not a guarantee that your car will be picked or even used in a movie but you would be in a pool of possibilities. All vehicles are welcome to be added to the registry.

If you are interested in learning more, please reach out to Rob at the following:

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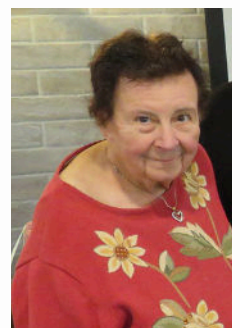
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