

CHESAPEAKE BULLETIN

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On July 11th, the Chesapeake Region held their first picnic at the home of our President, Paula Ruby. With about 60 members in attendance, it was a great time and a beautiful day. We had a lot of fun catching up with each other and ended the day with an auction that raised over \$200 for our Toys for Tots Bike Drive. Thank you to everyone who brought an auction item and a delicious dessert to share.



More Picnic Fun



Toys for Tots Campaign

As you know, each year the Chesapeake Region has made it a priority to donate to Toys for Tots in the way of bicycles for the children. We cannot do this without generous donations of our members and our fundraising efforts. Now is the time to consider making a donation if you are so inclined as we will have to start ordering the bicycles and helmets in the weeks to come.

If you do not want to donate money to this cause, pick up a new, unwrapped toy and bring it to the coming meetings.

Did you know last year the division of Toys for Tots that we assist served 8556 children and 25,540 toys were included?

Paula's President's Message

Hello Chesapeake Members!

I hope that everyone has been handling the warm temperatures that we have been enduring the past couple of weeks. The lack of rain has not helped either. Hopefully no one has had any damages to the homes or loss of air conditioning during the storms that we have had in the past couple of weeks.



We still have a lot of activities on the calendar before we finish out the year. We just held our summer picnic at the Ruby home. We had a great turn out with 63 people attending. The picnic was catered and everyone brought such delicious desserts. We had a great auction with a lot of fun and laughs and raised over \$200.00 for Toys 4 Tots bike purchases. Hope you all enjoyed the day. Our next big event will be our Fall Harvest show in Manchester, MD., on Sunday, September 13th., and our Fall picnic on Sunday, September 20th at Codorus State Park in Hanover, PA. 17331. This picnic will also be catered. Be sure to look at the calendar for all activities both Chesapeake and other locations.

Please be sure to attend the next club meeting on Monday, August 10th at the church. You never know what treats might be waiting for you.

Until we get together again, enjoy the rest of your summer.

Paula Lynn Ruby



Tech Talk...with Phil Hack

Monday July 13, I held a very successful tech session working on several different vehicles. Attending were Bob and Mike Natale, Jack Treadwell, Buzz Diehl, and Ron Fleming. First on the docket was Jack's new 1963 Corvette. The rear turn signals and brake lights were operating intermittently. We initially suspected poor grounds as this is a common issue with Corvettes because of their fiberglass bodies. Watching the lights operate as Jack manipulated the brake pedal and turn-signal lever, Ron and I quickly determined the problem had to be in the turn-signal switch. On many cars, including Corvettes, the brake lights and turn signals share the same bulb filament. All the logic for controlling whether the light is blinking for a turn signal or steady for braking is performed in the turn-signal switch. (I had an old one to demonstrate the operation) These switches are typically located in the steering wheel hub requiring removal of the wheel for access. The associated wiring is threaded down inside the steering column and plugs into the main harness under the dash. Looking under the dash to inspect the connections, I found that on this car the switch was located on the column near the firewall, making it a cinch to remove and inspect, which we did. The switch is operated by a mechanical cable threaded up the column to the lever. We cleaned the switch contacts on the bench, tested the switch for reliability and reinstalled it. Problem #1 solved! By the way, a couple months ago I was working on a similar problem with Gary Wilmer on his 1964 Corvette. The switch on his car is located under the steering hub. Would GM have changed the design between 1963 and 1964? We called Gary who checked his Assembly manuals and sure enough, the location changed. Hey Jack Anderson! Note that in your encyclopedic memory on the details of these cars.

Next on the agenda was Barb Diehl's rattling exhaust on her late model Mustang. Buzz had had the car at the dealership for diagnosis and repair several times to no avail. Up on the lift Ron and I quickly traced the problem to an aftermarket catalytic converter (a very costly repair). So, we thought. After poking around some more and listening to the rattle, we discovered the real culprit was a completely loose connection between the exhaust manifold and exhaust pipe. The bolts were rusted in place and required extensive heating and WD-40 to crack loose and tighten. We did it. Problem #2 solved.

The next problem to diagnose was a really bad knock in my new Oldsmobile motor I thought was a failed hydraulic lifter. Lord help me! NO!!! Ron put his better ears to work and we quickly found a leak at the exhaust manifold. I had forgotten to bend the locking tabs over on the manifold bolts and a couple had worked their way loose. WHEW!! Problem #3 solved.

Last problem was simple. Ron put his Chevy Cobalt on the lift and changed his oil. Problem #4 solved. Buzz treated us all to lunch from Jake's and we called it a successful day!

Phil Hack



More Tech Talk Photos



Chesapeake AACA Monthly Membership Meeting Minutes- August 10th

The Meeting Minutes will be distributed by email following the meeting.

*Fondly,
Judy Dawson*

Elections are Coming!!!

As you may know, our Chesapeake Region Elections will be coming up in the next few months and now is the time to think about stepping up to either run a committee or be an officer. If you are considering a position, please take the time to talk to those who are currently in the office and ask them what it takes. Everyone has the ability to hold a position and the Board is friendly (we promise).

All positions are open for nominations.

If you have questions, please reach out to Paula to discuss or the current officer.

**NOMINATIONS
NOW OPEN**



Members Out and About



Our wonderful Treasurer, Allen Swim, enjoyed his day as George Washington.

Activities Director, Tom Rosso, just a little tired after a long day at Chrysler Carlisle.



Congratulations!



Congratulations to Collin and Madeline Ruby on their marriage held on Sunday, June 28th in York, PA. Collin is the son of member, Gary Ruby, Jr. and grandson of President, Paula Ruby. Mr. and Mrs. Collin Ruby will continue to reside in Virginia.

Mattison Clay and Todd Wilmer were married on Saturday, May 9th in Harleton, TX. Gary Wilmer drove the happy couple on the tailgate of Todd's 1968 Chevy Pickup to their Honeymoon Cabin. Mr. and Mrs. Todd Wilmer will reside in Lufkin, Texas. Todd is the son of Gary and Vicky Wilmer and grandson of David Kelley, Sr.



Region Activities 2026

Date	Time	Event	Location
August 2026			
8/8	5-8 p.m.	Graul's Market Cruise-In	Parkton, MD
8/10	7:00 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
8/22	8:30 - 3 p.m.	Car, Truck, Jeep, Big Rig and Cycle Show	Frederick MD
8/28	4-8 p.m.	Markets at Shrewsbury Cruise-In	Shrewsbury, PA
September 2026			
9/9 - 14	All day	AACA Founders Tour	Williamsburg, VA
9/12	5-8 p.m.	Graul's Market Cruise-In	Parkton, MD
9/12	9-3 p.m.	Bel Air Moose Car Show	Forest Hill, MD
9/13	10-2 p.m.	Chesapeake Region Autumn Harvest Car Show	Manchester, MD
9/14	7:00 p.m.	Chesapeake Region General Membership Meeting	Towson, MD
9/20	12 - ?	Chesapeake Region Fall Picnic, Codorus State Park	Hanover, PA

Save the Date!!!

Remember to Save the Date for our Fall Picnic which will be held on September 20th. We will be sending out more information in the next few weeks. This will be another catered event so it will be imperative that you RSVP by the set deadline. Look at the calendars now so you will know if you can attend when the information is sent out.



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SUNSHINE REPORT FROM MARGARET

Sympathy card to Charles Poole on
the passing of his wife Lois.

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