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### MONTHLY MEETINGS

Monthly meetings of the Historic Fredericksburg Region AACA will continue on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month, except December, starting at 7 pm at the Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne St, Fredericksburg. Members will be notified of any changes. The next meeting is March 26, 2024.

### MEMBERSHIP

We are always looking for new members. If you or someone else you know is interested in joining our club, please come to one of our membership meetings. For more information on membership, please contact our Membership Chairman Wally Hunt at 540-424-0212.

**\*\*Please call Connie (540-993-7941) with input for the **Sunshine** Committee.**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Another month is moving along quickly with car show season just around the corner. Our January monthly meeting was well attended with everyone seeming well pleased with our new home. Steve's presentation on tools was interesting and informative. Might also have been considered expensive for some of us. I have invested in the map gas torch. It's here and ready for use. I already have both inexpensive utility drill bits and high-speed high-quality bits. I am guilty of using taps and dies to clean up threads and understand the explanation given as to why they are the incorrect tool. A set of thread chasers is on the to buy list. And the opportunity to purchase tools continues. Thank you Steve for an interesting presentation and to Mark for the computer and projector.

I was not able to attend the National Meeting held at Dulles Airport. Reports from several of you indicate it was a well-managed event. I hope to have several of you who attended provide a short recap at the February meeting. Will be interesting to see if this location is utilized in the future. It is quite convenient to our region and to many AACA members.

Please consult the Antique Automobile Magazine for upcoming events for 2024 and our Face Book page. Charlotte Auto Fair will feature both a National Meet and Grand National as well as their excellent flea market. Lots of car stuff that you can't live without as well as cars of all descriptions needing to be in your garage.

We will have copies of the regions Policy Manual available at the meeting. It needs a few updates. Please take a few minutes to read the AACA National Policy which can be found online. We need as a region of AACA to follow the form and content of National. It appears to me we are currently reasonably well aligned. There are a few house keeping items such as specified date of monthly meetings and business specified for the non-existent December meeting.

There may still be a few of us who have not gotten dues to National or to our Treasurer, Mark. If you have not paid, please do so as soon as possible.

I received a call from Todd Brown, Director of Parks, Rec and Special Events for City of Fredericksburg. He had talked with J concerning our show plans. J advised that we had relocated the show and shared some of the reasons for the decision. Todd (City of Fredericksburg) is interested in having some type of car show during the summer, potentially at the park. A smaller scale than our June show. I mentioned that our region participated in Madison's Taste of the Mountain event and in past years the Park and Shop show. I explained these events were fund raisers for our club. I was pleased that he seemed receptive to some contribution to our club if we could work out a mutually agreeable event. He assured me the only responsibility on our part would be showing up with the cars. They would handle all the other details. I committed to bringing the idea to the membership and reporting back to him.

I think this has good potential and worth considering.

Thank you to Robert for giving an update on the June show. I would like to emphasize that no plans include blending modified cars with the show field. I agree with the position expressed that we need to emphasize preservation, restoration and the enjoyment of the automobile as manufactured. I also agree with the concept of providing an opportunity for

a fun field, VIP parking or whatever you wish to call the area which will be separate from the judge field. We have not had the space previously to take advantage of this potential money maker. We need to consider all car hobbyist as potential members. Those of you who have attended the Richmond Region show have seen this concept work with positive results and if you attend Hershey and other National AACA shows you will see a rather large class called DPC. These are a grand mix of everything that might be considered an automobile with the only real criteria that they be at least 25 years old. At Hershey you get premium on field parking by entering this class.

Looking forward to seeing all of you Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM

John

### **MONTHLY MEETING 23 JANUARY 2024**

Meeting was held at the VFW Hall in Fredericksburg. There were 27 members and 1 guest in attendance. Greg Chambers joined this evening.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by John Garnett, President.

**Minutes:** The November 2023 minutes were approved as published in the Magneto.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mark presented the treasurer's report.

The treasurer requested an audit of the books to follow the meeting tonight.

Please update information for the roster and the email list by the end of the month.

**Dues:** National and Local Dues need to be paid for 2024.

**New Member:** Greg Chambers joined as an HFRAACA member tonight. He has an 89 Chrysler 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Sunshine Report:** There is nothing new for Sunshine Report tonight. Connie has not made phone calls but has not heard anything new. Jane is still having a rough time; please keep praying for her. J was at the meeting and in great spirits. Glad to see lots of members at the meeting tonight.

**Presentation** – Sam Enfield. Member of the Year. Club is appreciative of what you do with the Magneto every month. Please feel free to send any input to Sam for the newsletter.

**Car Club Council – Legislation** in play includes 6 bills trying to get speed cameras installed all over the state, similar to MD. They try to use Safety, but it is really to raise money. Contact the governor regarding vetoing the bill(s).

There is a bill called the “Collector Bill” which applies to cars under 25 years old but deemed to be collectible. There is a special plate, but you still have to pay the taxes, applicable for only 2 years.

Exhaust Bill – authorization to police to cite any car even on your private property if the muffler is missing or too loud. (95 dB)

## Funding for VA Museum of Transportation

State has adopted some of the CA rules for emissions. They are trying to push toward EVs. Pressure on the car companies will also force car companies to sell more EVs to meet required gas mileage requirements.

Antique tags – Mark I. knows the regional area monitor for police – code does require that the car must be able to pass a safety inspection at any time. Generally, police don't worry about it. Mark will ask him about coming to speak to the club. Antique or classic vehicles do not have to pass emissions but they can't be "excessive"; "excessive" is not defined.

**National Meeting** is upcoming. Funds for National – Terry will deliver as representative for HFR. Seminars are listed online; it is \$40 to attend seminars.

**Update on June Meet** – Robert Govoni spoke about the ongoing planning.

- Plaques have been ordered
- 1 June 2024 is locked in
- 7 June 2025, 6 June 2026 are penciled in.
- Marketing plan; Wally is ordering business cards for members to pass out at events letting people know about the show. He will also have some available at the national convention.
- Mass email is to be sent out with registration form and info about the show. Thanks, J, for the list of close to 400 names. It is important to get email addresses of people registering this year. Some mailings (via post) will be needed this year.
- Flyers will stress the requirement for pre-registration for judging.
- Wally has checked with Richmond and our show will have some similarities to their show. Richmond has judging for pre-registrations only. Registrations on the show day have a separate VIP parking area and do not get judged or trophies. The VIP section will also include non-AACA quality cars. They do try to look for AACA quality cars and get them to pre-register for the following year.
- Richmond also has a swap meet, but we won't do that this year. We may consider that for future years.
- We have a big area for trailer parking at the fairgrounds. Plenty of spectator parking too. Map shown at the meeting.
- Food trucks will be onsite too.

There was discussion regarding whether the club voted on the admission of non-AACA cars. John G. pointed out that the show chairman and committee has made a decision based on the additional space at the fairgrounds and the ability to raise additional funds. Keeping a separate judged show field with AACA classes is in concert with our mission. The fairgrounds location is a big opportunity. The VIP parking opens the display to other potential members and our members to bring additional cars to the show that don't meet AACA guidelines. John encouraged members to give this a chance for a year and see how it goes.

**Tour on 2 June** – The tour will be 80 miles, starting at 9AM - meet at Classic Car Center. The tour will run until approximately 2PM.

**Southeast Divisional Tour** (6/9-13) –Buzzards Breath Touring Region, to be held in Fredericksburg area with the Host Hotel being the old Hospitality House in Central Park. **They are looking for help**; members are needed. They will need help from local members with registrations, stops along the way, etc., A silent auction can be held with proceeds benefitting HFRAACA. The tour will include mainly AACA cars – post WWII, highway capable cars.

### **Old Business**

Status of the bricks – The bricks have been created; John has asked the museum for an update.

**Name tags** Terry Thomann will get nametags for new members – see him to order.

### **New Business –**

Doug was asked to set up club outings for a baseball game. Can we look for an earlier date this year? The club likes the 3<sup>rd</sup> baseline side. Suggestions were for a game in May and another in August.

### **Presentation**

Steve Blancard gave a great presentation on:

#### ***My 10 Favorite Tools***

Steve loves old tools – his shop is crowded and tight. His dad loved old cars and would point them out to Steve at an early age, although he didn't own any. Steve did have a couple of pedal cars to enjoy though. Steve's love of tools and working on things came from his dad.

#10 – Hollow Ground Screwdriver Set – Hollow Ground Screwdrivers do not cam out of a screw slot. The blade is not a wedge. You can turn hard and the screwdriver won't cam out of the screw. They are also magnetic.

#9 – Flex Head Dremel Tool – use for grinding, cutoff disc, polishing, etc. Flex cable and small tool head allow for use in small places.

#8 Bernzomatic Mapp Torch - Torch with variable pinpoint flame. Much hotter than propane. Very fine flame. Great for heating frozen nuts, bolts, etc. Handy for quick soldering jobs.

#7 – Thread Chasers – NOT TAPS – although they look like them. They are used for cleaning and straightening threads. They do not cut threads or remove metal.

#6 – High Quality Drill Bits – Cheap drill bits dull quickly. These are very sharp, stay sharp and drill nice round holes.

#5 – Hobart MIG & Shop Made Welding Table – this runs on 115 or 220V and works beautifully. Easy to weld with, welds beautifully. It's homemade table made of 1/2 " steel and some metal pipe with a 3-side enclosure for smaller jobs. A heavy base makes it possible to fasten things and position them properly for working on them.

#4 – Simpson 260 Multimeter – Accurate, rugged, and reliable. Dial meter provides a good, steady reading.

#3 – Media Blast Cabinet – Steve calls it a “rust eraser”. It is important to use this with a proper venting and vacuum system. Vent it outside of the garage – get all that dust out of there. Can use with a variety of media. If you use it a lot, be sure to empty the vacuum filter and change the media periodically.

#2 – Dake 3 Ton Arbor Press – press in bearings and bushings, remove tight bolts and screws (on Steve’s generators, for example), straighten axels, shafts, or any straight stock.

#1 – 1946 Atlas 12” X 24” Metal Lathe – the more you learn to use it, the more useful you realize it is. Steve has made hundreds of parts, fixtures, bushings, etc. through the years.

There were other neat old tools that Steve wanted to mention as well.

Teens Era Kellogg Air Compressor – chain driven air pump powered by a 220V Emerson Motor. A Christmas present from Steve’s wife. Steve cleaned it and repaired it and it works beautifully.

Champion Spark Plug Tester – from the 1930’s-1940’s. From an era when spark plugs were rebuildable and expensive. You can see how the spark works, even under pressure.

Rimac #71 Axle Rethreading Tool – straightens the threads on the end of an axle without cutting them.

1950 Walker Turner WT-900 Drill Press – Resto-mod. – with an added variable frequency device to give the press variable speed. Plugs into standard 115V.

Champion Blower & Forge Drill Press - Hand crank drill press from around 1900 with a set of original drill bits.

90+ Year Old Weidenhoff Generator Test Bench – late ‘20s, early 30’s generator test bench. 220V variable speed and reversible motor. For Steve’s passion of working on generators – he uses it regularly.

Let Steve know if you are interested in Part II of his Tool Bench. He has a You Tube Channel as well.

**Volunteers are needed for future presentations. Please consider how you can contribute – it does not have to be technical or even car related.**

**Pass the Hubcap – \$52**

Ben closed the meeting with a prayer

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Audit — Liz Hunt and Jeannette Bignotti review the treasurer’s books from 2023.

*John presents Member of Year Award to Sam:*



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## **2024 HFR CALENDAR**

### **FEBRUARY**

27 HFRAACA meeting, 7 pm, Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne, Fredericksburg.

### **MARCH**

9 Auto Swap Meet, Nansemond Suffolk Academy, 7-2, hosted by Tidewater Region.

26 HFRAACA meeting, 7 pm, Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne, Fredericksburg.

### **APRIL**

4-6 AACA Gd Natl & SE Spring Nationals, Charlotte, NC, hosted by Hornets Nest Region.

17-21 Spring Carlisle, Carlisle fairgrounds, Carlisle, PA.

23 HFRAACA meeting, 7 pm, Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne, Fredericksburg.

### **MAY**

10-11 Mid-Atlantic Pre-War Swap Meet, Luray, VA, sponsored by MTFCL.

11 64<sup>th</sup> Apple Blossom Meet, 8-3, Winchester, VA, hosted by Shenandoah Region.

11 Classic Car Show, 9-2, Harrison Rd Elementary School. Fredericksburg.

18-19 ODMA Annual Meet, Roanoke, hosted by Roanoke Valley Region.

28 HFRAACA meeting, 7 pm, Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne, Fredericksburg.

### **JUNE**

1 67<sup>th</sup> Annual HFR Car Show, Fredericksburg Fairgrounds.

2 HFR Tour, start from Classic Car Center, 9-2, Fredericksburg.

8 Richmond Region Car Show, St John's Villa, Richmond.

9-13 AACA Eastern Divisional Tour, Fredericksburg, sponsored by Buzzards Breath Regn.

15 Car Show to end Alzheimers, Spring Arbor, River Rd, 10-2, Fredericksburg.

25 HFRAACA meeting, 7 pm, Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne, Fredericksburg.

### **JULY**

23 HFRAACA meeting, 7 pm, Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne, Fredericksburg.

### **AUGUST**

22-24 Special AACA Eastern Fall Nationals, Hampton, hosted by VA Peninsula Region.

27 HFRAACA meeting, 7 pm, Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne, Fredericksburg.



## SEPTEMBER

- 21 48<sup>TH</sup> Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet, Manassas, hosted by Bull Run Region.
- 24 HFRAACA meeting, 7 pm, Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne, Fredericksburg.

## OCTOBER

- 8-11 AACA Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA, hosted by Hershey Region.
- 22 HFRAACA meeting, 7 pm, Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne, Fredericksburg.

## OTHER

Other local car shows can be found in the AACA publication Antique Automobile, at [www.capitalcruisin.com](http://www.capitalcruisin.com), at [www.carclubcouncil.com](http://www.carclubcouncil.com), & on the HFR Facebook page.

## Member Activities

*From Steve B:*

Cruising around Fredericksburg recently. Joe Butner's 1948 Dodge powerwagon; Steve's 1935 Ford touring car; Powell's 1940 Ford coupe.



*From Greg Chambers:*

### Automotive Quarterlies

While wandering around the vendors at Hershey about 3 years ago, I discovered a copy of Automotive Quarterly. The photos and write-up inside looked great. The vendor explained to me that the series started publishing in spring of 1962, and the last issue was published in 2012. He considered the issues a great source when restoring vintage autos.

After returning home, I decided that a complete set of Automotive Quarterly's would be a great addition to my automotive library. Checking eBay, I realized a complete set of 208 or so issues would be hard to find. Most sets on eBay were missing a several issues and were in the \$1,500 to \$2,000 range! Plus, \$200 for shipping! After looking for 3 years, I still had not found a set at a reasonable price.

Imagine my surprise last fall when the AACA Library advertised a complete set to sell, first-come, first-served, and the price was much lower than eBay! I grabbed my phone and immediately called the AACA Librarian, Jen Wolfe (photo below). Luckily, I was the first caller and the entire set could be mine, all 8 boxes, 208 issues! All I had to do was pick them up or pay for shipping. I felt like I had won the lottery!

Since fall Hershey was only a short time away, I arranged to pick up the set at that time. Jen reminded me that I may want to bring a large vehicle, since the volumes filled-up 8 storage boxes! I arrived at the AACA Library at the appointed time and Jen and her assistant, Matt, wrestled the boxes down the elevator and out to the truck. It took a few minutes to figure out how to load all the boxes into the back seat of my crew cab, but we managed. Jen and her staff were great to work with and they also assisted in researching my next restoration projects, a 1973 Corvette T-top and a 1973 Charger SE.

I now have the volumes safely at home and on these past cold, damp days I enjoyed a pot of coffee while perusing through the quarterlies and wishing I still had some of the used cars I used to own. Just like me, they are now considered antiques!





## Event Schedule



### Thursday April 4, 2024

- 7 AM Charlotte AutoFair Vendors Admitted
- 8 AM—5 PM Show Car Trailer Parking Open
- 8 AM Charlotte AutoFair Public Gates Open
- 10 AM—3 PM Registration Pick-up in AACA Tent
- 10 AM—3 PM Hospitality & Info in AACA Tent
- 10 AM—4 PM **Zenith Awards Display in AACA Tent**
- 4 PM **Zenith Awards Presentation - AACA Tent**
- 11 AM Race Car - Bike Condition Run
- Outside Show Car Trailer Parking area
- 2 PM—4 PM AACA Judging School \*
- 2 PM—4 PM AACA Advanced Judging School \*
- Media Center Speedway Infield \*
- 4:30 PM Ice Cream Social in AACA Tent

### Friday April 5, 2024 **AACA Grand National**

- 6:30 AM Judges Parking Opens
- 6 AM—11 AM Show Car Trailer Parking Open
- 7 AM—11 AM Registration Pick-up on Grand National Field
- 7 AM—11 AM Show Cars enter Nationals Field
- 7 AM Charlotte AutoFair Vendors Admitted
- 7 AM—5 PM Show Car Trailer Parking Open
- 8 AM Charlotte AutoFair Public Gates Open
- 10 AM—4 PM Registration Pick-up at AACA Tent
- 10 AM—4 PM Hospitality & Info in AACA Tent
- 11 AM All Vehicles must be on Grand National Field
- 11 AM AACA Judging Begins
- 3 PM Vehicles may leave Nationals Field
- 4 PM AACA Awards in AACA Tent
- 5:30 PM Picnic in AACA Tent

**\*CAF Admission Credentials are mailed to all registered AACA Judges and Vehicle Owners. The Judges parking pass will be mailed to all registered AACA Judges.**

### Saturday April 6, 2024 **AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals**

- 6:30 AM Judges Parking Opens
- 6 AM—11 AM Show Car Trailer Parking Open
- 7 AM—11 AM Registration Pick-up on Nationals Field
- 7 AM—11 AM Show Cars enter Nationals Field
- 7:30 AM Judges Breakfast in AACA Tent
- 8 AM Charlotte AutoFair Public Gates Open
- 9:30 AM Judges CJE on Nationals Field
- 9:30 AM Youth Program on Nationals Field
- 10 AM New Owners Clinic at AACA Tent
- 11 AM All Vehicles must be on Nationals Field
- 11 AM AACA Judging Begins
- 3 PM Vehicles may leave Nationals Field
- 4 PM AACA Awards in AACA Tent
- 5:30 PM Picnic in AACA Tent

### Sunday April 7, 2024

- 7 AM Charlotte AutoFair Vendors Admitted
- 8 AM Charlotte AutoFair Public Gates Open
- 10 AM AACA Show Car Trailer Parking lot - Please remove Trailers by 10 AM - Thank You!

(Please note that Vendors are not required to remain on Sunday.)

**Emergency Phone Calls during AACA Nationals:**

## 2024 AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals



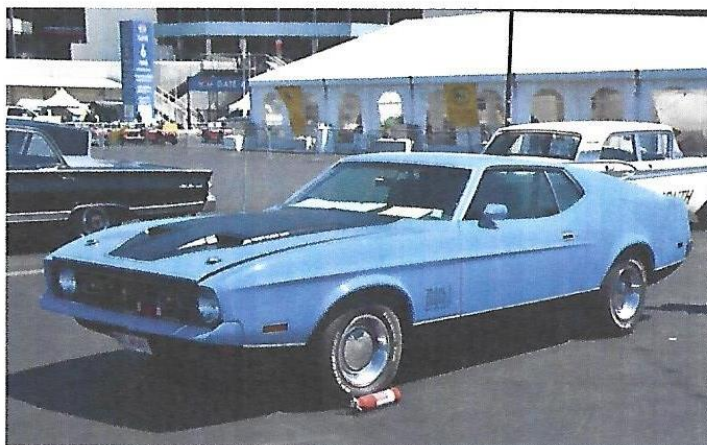
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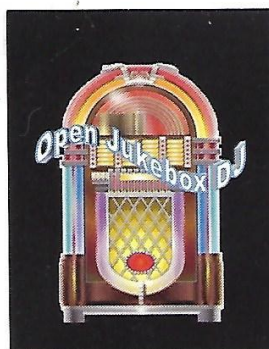
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