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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Monthly meetings of the Historic Fredericksburg Region AACA will continue at **6:30 pm** on the third Tuesday of each month except December at the Dorothy Hart Community Center, 408 Canal St in Fredericksburg. Members will be notified of any changes. The next meeting is 15 August 2023.

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

Dog days of summer seem to be upon us! Officially July 3-August 11. Glad we all like hot weather. Various car events continue around the area and the Carlisle shows are in full swing. I hope all of you are finding fun things to do with or without your old cars.

Club events to remember: Our second evening at the ballpark is scheduled for August 29th. We have paid the deposit and need a minimum of 30 members, family and friends. The more the merrier. Please forward your check to Doug Makin, 903 Marye St, Fredericksburg Va, 22401. Please make check payable to HFRAACA in amount of \$36.00. This covers the game and standard meal. We may be able to upgrade to BBQ at later date. This outing will be located on the 1st base line under the new covered plaza.

The Show Chairman selection committee met Tuesday evening. Robert Aftel chaired this committee, and we hope to present the new Show Chairman and Vice Chairman at our Tuesday meeting. Robert Govoni is working with J and Connie to develop a show best practices manual. This should be very helpful for future show chairmen.

Elliott Golden will provide our program for the July meeting. He will cover photography as relates to automobiles. We look forward to his presentation.

We need programs for September, October and November. Please consider sharing something of interest with the club. It doesn't need to be car specific.

Terry will chair the meeting Tuesday. Sorry to be away but Lish and I will be traveling to New Hope, Pa. Her favorite young singer, John Lloyd Young, is performing. This is a birthday present to her. I hope it provides a few brownie points toward future car purchases. Please wish me luck.

John

MONTHLY MEETING 20 JUNE 2023

Meeting was held at the Dorothy Hart Community Center. There were 23 members in attendance. Elliott Golden was also present and joined today.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

The **May minutes** were approved as in the Magneto.

Treasurer Report – Mark presented the treasurer's report, including updates from the ball game and the car show.

The meeting room is now renewed in a 3-month cycle. Mark contacts the POC and reserves the 3rd month out every month. The conference room is currently reserved through September.

New Members – The following individuals joined the HFR AACA today.

- Elliott Golden. He has been to the ODMA meet and our HFR meet, as well as to events at Summit Point. He has a '91 MX5.

Two additional applications were received at the HFR meet, but the prospective members were not present to be voted in.

Calendar – Upcoming Events

See the Magento for details

- 7/15 Auburn, IN – AACA
- 7/14-16 – Carlisle Chrysler Nationals
- 7/26-29 – AACA Eastern National Meet, NY
- 8/5 – Wings and Wheels at Stafford Airport, sponsored by Tango Mike's
- 8/10-12 – AACA Grand National in Iowa
- 9/9-10 – Henry Ford Old Car Festival – Dearborne, MI
- 9/23 – 65 Roses – Spotswood Baptist Church
- 11/4-5 – ODMA Tour – Northern Neck Region
- 10/28-29 – Harvest Festival at Shannon Airport (2 day event)
 - Club Support requested, we have actively supported this event in the past.
- Taste of the Mountains – Wally to look into this.

Wally also proposed a Train Ride on the VA Blue Ride Railway to judge club interest. Weekend runs from Staunton to Allegheny are 3 hours and include a meal. They depart at 1030. Cost is \$120.

Sunshine –

- Connie called and sent a card to Lauman and Frances Schooler. Lauman has been progressing.
- Millie Venable is thru radiation treatments and will be taking medication for a while. She is starting back to work.
- Jimmy and Laura Lowe were at our meet. It was good to see them.
- Hank's treatments continue.
- Bill Venable underwent some cardiac testing. No details yet.
- Nancy Makin is doing better.

Hoping everyone continues to heal and can return to club events soon!

Ball Park Update

Doug is looking into details for a second trip to the Fred Nat's Stadium this summer. The possible dates are weekdays in August during the weeks of 8/1, 8/15, and 8/29. The cost will be \$43 per person. Doug is checking to see what dates are available; the club expressed a preference for 8/15 or 8/29.

HFRAACA Meet Update:

J wants to have a wrap up / lessons learned meeting. This will be Tuesday, 6/27, at J's office at 6:30 PM. Bring your chairs and comments.

Presentation by Steve Blancard

1912-1960's Ignition System; Kettering Ignition System – Patented in 1912 for use on Cadillacs

Steve gave a great presentation with lots of hands on demonstrations. Some brief summaries:

Condenser – prevents erosion of points and boosts the voltage to spark plugs. It is hard to find good condensers now. Keep a working condenser!!

Point gap – determines the dwell time of the coil.

Distributors – the cam may need to be polished. There needs to be a tight fit on shaft bushings.

Problem areas include connections. 6V systems need good grounds and proper cables.

Ignition switch – gets worn. This leads to increased resistance thru the system.

Types of coils include tar, oil, and epoxy filled. Steve went over the benefits and drawbacks of each. Coils – heat up with air flow around them. Make sure they are positioned properly for use. Do not use oil ones upside down.

In Your Car Kit:

- Condenser Tester / Capacitor Tester
- Spark Tester
- Coil Polarity Tester (nurex)
- Test Light
- Inductive Clamp ("Amp Clamp")

Other Business –

(This) Friday night at Bowling Green Ice Cream, there will be a Grand Opening from 4-9 PM. Bring cars around 6 PM and enjoy soft serve ice cream.

The club had a good tour after the show (June 4th). There were about 8-9 cars that participated. The club is looking at a Lake Anna Winery Tour or a Lake Anna Nuclear Power Plant Tour for the future.

Cruise Ins are available at Wendy's in Chancellorsville on Wednesday nights, Dairy Queen in Ferry Farm, and Cars and Coffee at the Classic Car Center. Last month, there were about 100 cars at Cars and Coffee.

Ben closed the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

2023 HFR CALENDAR

JULY

- 18 HFRAACA meeting, Dorothy Hart Community Center, 408 Canal St, Fredericksburg.
- 29 Cars & Coffee, Classic Car Center, 8 – 10 a.m., Fredericksburg

AUGUST

- 5 Wings & Wheels Car Show, 10-4, Stafford Regional Airport.
- 15 HFRAACA meeting, Dorothy Hart Community Center, 408 Canal St, Fredericksburg.
- 19 8th Annual Car Show, Madison County HS, Madison.
- 26 Cars & Coffee, Classic Car Center, 8 – 10 a.m., Fredericksburg

SEPTEMBER

- 2 29th Taste of the Mountains Festival, Madison.
- 16 47th Edgar Rohr Memorial Meet, Manassas Masonic Temple, Cockrell Rd, Manassas.
- 16 49TH Annual Wings & Wheels Car Show, Chesapeake, hosted by Tidewater Region.
- 19 HFRAACA meeting, Dorothy Hart Community Center, 408 Canal St, Fredericksburg.
- 27-1 Fall Carlisle, Carlisle Fairgrounds, Carlisle, PA.
- 30 Cars & Coffee, Classic Car Center, 8 - 10 a.m., Fredericksburg.

OCTOBER

- 3-6 AACA Eastern National Fall Meet, Hershey, PA.
- 21 6th Annual Toys for Tots Car Show, Perchwood Dr. Fredericksburg.
- 21 Bowling Green Harvest Festival, Bowling Green, VA.
- 28 9th Annual Harvest Festival Fly-In, Shannon Airport, Fredericksburg.
- 28 Cars & Coffee, Classic Car Center, 8 - 10 a.m., Fredericksburg.

NOVEMBER

- ?-5 ODMA Historic Northern Neck Virginia tour.

OTHER

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

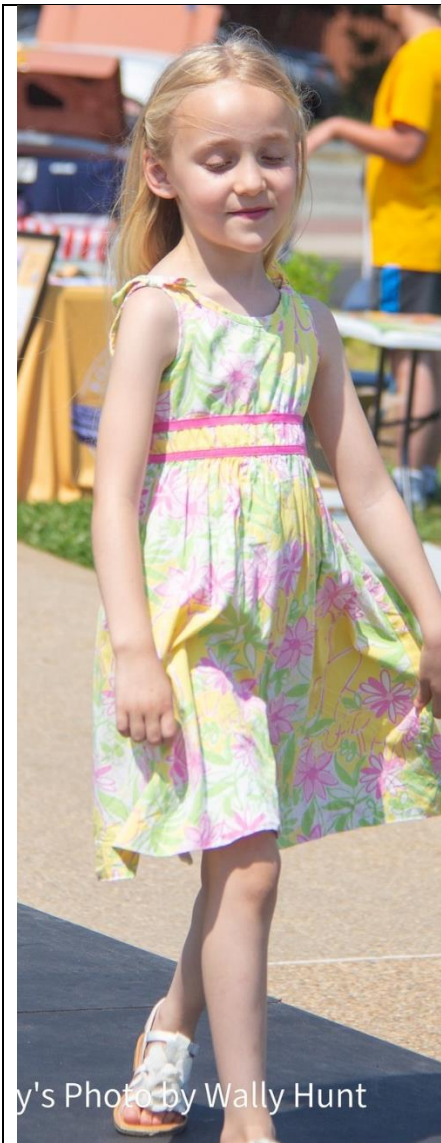
Wally's photos: HFR car show 3 June.







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John's latest addition: 1912 Model T Ford Torpedo Runabout.



The Other Greenfield Village

By Neil, the Magneto's *Mystery Author and Contributor*

Article 21

Two hundred miles south of Dearborn, Michigan, is the *other* Greenfield Village: Carillon Historical Park, in Dayton, Ohio. Like its Michigan neighbor, the Ohio Park is an expansive site (65-acres) dedicated to the preservation of historically significant locations and events, but focused on the people in the Dayton area where the sparks of early electronics, automotive, and flight genius were occurring, in seeming abundance. The Park has a museum, railroad, sprawling campus containing dozens of relocated and reconstructed buildings of the early 1900s where the breakthrough engineering developments occurred, animatronic theater, and a 1950's-style diner replete with a full-size railroad dining car.

Inside the Park is *Edward Deeds' barn* where Deeds and Charles Kettering invented the electric automobile ignition (1908) and starter (1910); the massive warehouse-size *Corliss Engine* and building (to house it) that provided the electrical power for all 57 buildings of John Patterson's National Cash Register Company (NCR); Orville and Wilbur Wright's Wright Cycle Company building and 1905 Wright Flyer III flown in Kitty Hawk, NC; Sun Oil Station (Sunoco); Dayton (automobile) Sales building featuring an early Courier, Hatfield, Lambert, Speedwell, Stoddard, and Xenia; NCR room (museum within the museum) with 90 exquisite registers; Carousel of Dayton Innovation; Dayton Engineering Laboratory Company (DELCO) exhibits; U.S. Navy WW-II female code-breaking cabin; a Miami (Ohio) and Erie Canal Lock and Canal Superintendent's Office; gristmill; covered bridge; a 100' tall early steel observation tower (try running it up and then down); one-room school house for children first through eighth grades; and, of course, the Park's namesake Carillon tower – 150' tall with reportedly 57 operating bells.

The Park is quite similar to Greenfield village, as it captures the days and lives of yesteryear – and your imagination – across the well laid out complex, in an easy-to-navigate continuum of innovations building-to-building at whatever pace suits the traveler. Old soul comfort.

Just outside the Park is America's Packard Museum – the only known surviving Packard Dealership. The APM features two halls – packed with pre-war and post-war Packards. The APM also houses the Robert and Sonia Turnquist Library, where I have had the honor and pleasure of having two of my books accepted and catalogued. Imagine my surprise, when we entered and saw that the leadership (who knew we would be visiting) had placed my books on the main research table for us to see! Wow! Cool! A feeling never before experienced.

And, just three streets north of the APM is Deeds' and Kettering's early DELCO engineer building. It still stands on the corner of 4th and St. Claire streets in Dayton. And, still white. Inside, ideas and teamwork, hand-forged tools and parts, trials and successes, and improvements and scaling operations drove the achievements. Awe inspiring. Men and women who actually built things. In a can-do/will-do attitude. Pursuing dreams and achievements. Like Wilbur said "Gentlemen, I will fly."



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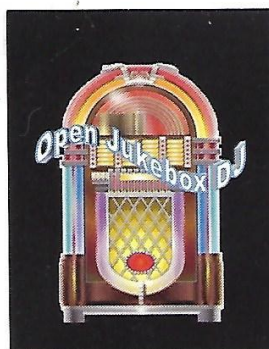
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