

# THE CLUTCH CHATTER



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## THE GAGE PAGE

by Franklin Gage, President

**Included in this issue** of The Clutch Chatter are a couple items that need your prompt attention:

---**Your 2009 Membership Renewal Form should be in by January 1st**, but renewing now means you won't forget AND you'll make **Membership Chair Sally Batchelder and her 'Deputy Jim'** very happy (they have kindly agreed to do this again next year). Please feel free to bring your form to our November or December meetings, or send it to Jim & Sally.

**Several of us have noted a decline in the number of members attending our monthly meetings**, so I hope you'll pay special attention to the "Suggestions" section and let us know your opinions. For example, we wonder if weekend meetings might be preferable, especially during the winter, to a majority of our members?

---**Our Ballot for next year's Officers, Board of Directors and Old Dominion Meet Association (ODMA) Representatives is also included.** Although much of it is a bit Stalinist with only one nomination per office, there is a bit of a contest for Board Members. Write-ins are welcome and your taking the time to vote will be appreciated.

**Please note we would like you to bring your ballot to our November meeting**, but if you can't make it there

please follow the directions to e-mail it or snail mail it in time to our **Election Administrator, Mike Jones**. Thanks to **George & Joann Richardson** for serving as the Nominating Committee.

**Speaking of our next meeting**, at which we will conduct our election, it is Veterans' Day - NOVEMBER 11, 2008 at 7 PM at the Prince William County Fairgrounds, Manassas, VA.

Thanks to **Auctioneer Nancy Wind- ingland** (assisted by **Mary Kennedy** and merchandise delivery guy **Leonard Paquette**) and all the generous donors/ buyers, our annual auction at our October meeting went well. Donors got rid of things they didn't need, buyers went home with things they couldn't live without, everyone seemed to have a good time and the club netted a few hundred dollars.

And in that vein, although I have done so privately, I would like to repeat here our **collective thanks to a special friend of the Bull Run Region, Dave Cammack**. Many of you know Dave as the owner of **The Tucker Museum** in Alexandria where he has hosted, at no charge, innumerable visitors to his best-in-the-world collection of Tucker automobiles and memorabilia. It was a wonderful surprise when a generous, unsolicited and unanticipated donation to our Region recently arrived from him; **thank you Dave!**

## THE GAGE PAGE (CONT'D)

by Franklin Gage, President

**Finally I note with sorrow the October 8th passing of a longtime friend and sort of old-car institution in our vicinity, Bob Ruckman.**

Some may not recognize the name, but anyone who attended many shows around here probably will remember him as the guy who attended innumerable shows with the 'different' wardrobe; he sometimes arrived in a sports jacket and tie, or short shorts and gold shoes.

He had restored and collected cars for decades (he attended the 'First Hershey' in 1954), almost manically collected show dash plaques (he donated about 1500 to the AACA Museum in Hershey) and held strong opinions about everything which he never failed to share in conversation or his COMMENTARY col-

umns sent to car club newsletter editors everywhere. He was a retired physicist at Goddard Space Center in Greenbelt, an accomplished artist and had a great singing voice.

**It would be an understatement to say Bob was not an advocate of Federal Regulation of cars;** I distinctly recall the first time I met him was when I saw him next to his two-tone blue 1968 Chevrolet Bel-Air with a paper bag proudly taped to the center of the steering wheel on which he had written "Air Bag." He turned some people off, but he generated a lot of laughs for many of us and in fact often raised interesting issues. He is missed.



This historic photo, taken at the annual Rockville [MD] auto show on October 16, 2004, shows Bob "Iron Man" Ruckman (l.) and Andy Lofstrand (r.) with Andy's 1906 Cadillac.

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# BULL RUN AACCA MEETING MINUTES

## Bull Run Region AACCA Meeting Summary

October 14, 2008 at the Prince William County Fairgrounds  
By Pat Paquette for Mary Loren, Secretary

Meeting came to order at 7:20 pm

**Officers present:** Franklin Gage, President; Leonard Paquette, Vice President; Nicki Hudson, Treasurer.

**Board members present:** Jim Batchelder, Joe Drago.

**ODMA representatives present:** Richard Porter, Pat Paquette. Total membership present was 25.

Meeting opened with the pledge.

**Treasurer's Report:** Read and accepted. Tentative car show financial report was also read.

**Membership:** Six new members signed up at the car show. Club rosters are still available. Contact Jim or Sally Batchelder.

**Club Store:** Shirts and hats were available at the meeting for \$10 each.

**Sunshine:** Please see Ruth Blankenship's report in this Clutch Chatter.

**Clutch Chatter:** Mike Jones made note that many, many great photos of our car show are now available on-line. The club also extends a special thank you to Bill Haegele for his photographic time and efforts.

**Activities/Upcoming Events:** Please see complete list in this Clutch Chatter. **Our next meeting will be on November 11<sup>th</sup> at the Prince William County Fairgrounds. This is our Election Meeting and will begin at 7:00 pm.** Please be sure to bring your ballots with you. The first of two ODMA planning meetings for the upcoming May show will be at VFW Post 1503 in Woodbridge on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. **Our Installation Banquet will be on Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 also at VFW Post 1503.**

**Car Show Committee:** Bill Sessler was not present

(and time was short since this was our Auction meeting) so car show discussions were brief except to note that the weather was perfect and the club appreciates everyone who worked to assist with the show. Our show next year is scheduled for September 19, 2009.

**2009 Nominating Committee:** A special thanks to **Joann Richardson** for obtaining our slate of candidates and to **Mike Jones** for volunteering to be Election Admin. The floor was opened for additional nominations and those running for office are as follows:

**President: Leonard Paquette**

**Vice President: Pete Pandolfi**

**Secretary: Franklin Gage**

**Treasurer: Nicki Hudson**

**Board of Directors: Joe Drago, Jeanne Welch, Michael Perlberg, Sally Batchelder (3 positions available)**

**ODMA: Richard Porter (1-yr term), Joann Richardson (2-yr term)**

Other items:

- **Sally Batchelder** asked if the club would be collecting donations of cleaning supplies for Koinonia at the Installation Banquet this year. It was decided that donations would be collected and could be brought to either the November or December meetings or the Installation Banquet in January.
- **Sally** also suggested that we collect toy donations for Toys for Tots at the November and December club meetings. It was decided that donations would be collected and new, unwrapped toys could be brought to either the November or December club meetings.
- **Pat Paquette** requested a vote for the Northern Virginia Car Club Council concerning our desire to support/not support Virginia legislation that would allow for the display of only one license plate on a registered vehicle. Topic was briefly discussed and a vote taken. Bull Run Region does NOT support this legislation.

## MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

- **Pat Paquette** also requested a discussion/decision on subsidy for the Installation Banquet. Will there be one? If so, how much? A motion was made to subsidize the cost of each banquet ticket by \$10 with out-of-pocket costs per meal not to exceed \$25. Motion passed.
  - **Franklin Gage** requested discussion concerning how people felt about a possible change to our meeting day. Meeting turnout has been declining and he inquired if year-round weekend meetings might increase turnout. A brief discussion was held and it was decided to take a membership poll on the reverse side of the upcoming dues renewal form. Please look for it.
  - **Richard Porter** made a motion to donate \$200 to Boy Scout Troop 131 in recognition of their much appreciated and much needed assistance at the car show this year. Motion passed. **Treasurer Nicki Hudson** immediately wrote a check and handed it to Troop representative **Lee Yarberry**. Thank you Troop 131!!!!
  - **Lee Yarberry** opened a discussion reference the possibility of a Bull Run Region function in conjunction with Fall Hershey 2009. Anyone interested?
- A big thank you to **Nicki Hudson and Nancy Wind-  
ingland** for providing tonight's yummy refreshments!
- No 50/50 was held due to the auction.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm so that everyone could enjoy auction festivities with **Nancy Wind-  
ingland as auctioneer and Mary Kennedy** as her assistant. Thank you Nancy and Mary...we had a fun time!

## ONE MORE NOTE OF THANKS!!!

When one tries to name everyone involved in an effort as monumental as our show, someone seems to invariably be left out — and the Thank You list in last month's Chatter was no exception: **David McGlothlin**, your tireless efforts on show day were deeply appreciated and we apologize for leaving you off the list. Thank you.

## 2008 EVENTS CALENDAR

### November

**2-6:** Easley, SC - AACA Founders Tour, hosted by South Carolina Region

**8th:** **Bull Run ODMA Show** planning meeting for the upcoming May show will be at VFW Post 1503 in Woodbridge starting 1:00PM

**11th:** **Bull Run Membership Meeting & Election of Officers** (7:00PM) PWC Fairgrounds. Ballots will be distributed in the November Clutch Chatter.

### December

**9th:** **Bull Run Membership Meeting** (7:00PM) PWC Fairgrounds

### January 2009

**10th:** **Bull Run Holiday Party & Installation Banquet** at VFW Post 1503 in Woodbridge (times and menu TBD)

# November 11<sup>th</sup> Election: Bull Run Ballot #1

(all individual AACA memberships vote here)

## Club Officers & Representatives

President (choose 1)

Leonard Paquette

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Vice President (1)

Peter Pandolfi

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Secretary (1)

Franklin Gage

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Treasurer (1)

Nicki Hudson

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ODMA Representatives (2)

Joann Richardson (2 year term)

Richard Porter (1 year term)

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## Board of Directors - vote for three (3)

Jeanne Welch,  Joe Drago,  Michael Perlberg,  Sally Batchelder

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# November 11<sup>th</sup> Election: Bull Run Ballot #2

(enter second party vote for AACA Joint memberships here)

## Club Officers & Representatives

President (choose 1)

Leonard Paquette

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Vice President (1)

Peter Pandolfi

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Secretary (1)

Franklin Gage

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Treasurer (1)

Nicki Hudson

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ODMA Representatives (2)

Joann Richardson (2 year term)

Richard Porter (1 year term)

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## Board of Directors - vote for three (3)

Jeanne Welch,  Joe Drago,  Michael Perlberg,  Sally Batchelder

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- Blank lines are for *write-in* candidates and *you must have* their permission.
- If unable to attend the Election Meeting, your ballot must be in the administrator's hands by 4:00PM on Nov 10<sup>th</sup>. The ballot is online at <http://local.aaca.org/bullrun/Ballot2008.doc> and you may email your completed ballot to [bullrunaaca@hotmail.com](mailto:bullrunaaca@hotmail.com) or FAX it to 804-371-0074 (Attn: Mike Jones). If you think it will arrive in time, you may mail it to:

**Michael Jones**  
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- Blank ballots will not be available at the meeting, so please do not lose this ballot

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Nov Anniversaries

1: John & Cecelia  
Zampino  
4: Kenny & Peggy Lohr  
5: Arnold & Mary Beth  
Borsetti  
12: Richard & Tanis Hil-  
legass  
17: Howard & Mary  
Kennedy  
23: William & Karen  
Holmes  
29: Ralph & Colette  
Lankford

### Dec Anniversaries

1: Ted & Wendy Fike  
14: Joseph & Margaret  
White  
18: William & Ernestine  
Gibson  
21: Walter & Shirley  
Newland  
23 Bill & Lois  
Humphries  
30 Hal & Kathy  
Hermann

### Nov Birthdays:

2: James Cross  
Linda Pleasants

3: Lyn Beer  
9: Jack Smith  
13: Jon Battle  
14: Margaret White  
Kristine Titzer  
17: Molly Drago  
Scott Gibson  
18: Mary Loren  
19: Mariann Kremer  
26: Bob Robb  
29: Chris Danzig

### Dec Birthdays:

2: Nancy Newland

5: Robert Mantz  
9: George Richardson  
11: Leslie Belforti  
Sandy Mantz  
14: Lori Beer  
17: Larry Pleasants  
19: Roberta Wilhelm  
20: Hoang Oanh Rod-  
gers  
21: Kathryn Sessler  
25: Chuck Johnson  
27: Oretha Browning  
Jeff Haydon

## SUNSHINE

### Get Well Wishes

Good news from the Danzig Family, Brian is home after along stay in Cleveland Clinic. He will return to Cleveland Clinic in December. He sends his appreciation for the cards and prayers to all members

Mary Loren can eat better, chewing still tires her mouth muscles. She is feeling stronger but still needs a lot of rest. She appreciates all the cards from the club and the members.

Bud Lewis has back and leg pains since early spring. After many test and trips to the doctor, it has been determined he has a condensed vertebrae plus nerve damage in the legs. Treatment will be a series of cortisone injections if that fails, surgery is recommended.

Shirley Farley scheduled for major surgery on October 30, 2008

Mary Kennedy scheduled for complete replacement on her right knee on November 4, 2008.

Ken Browning scheduled for hip replacement on November 25, 2008.

Edna Cross fell and broke her ribs at her spine and is out of commission.

### Congratulations To:

Joe and Margaret White a new granddaughter, Evelyn Kathleen Maynard, born September 24t 2008, weighing 8lbs and 2oz, length 19.5 inches. They are waiting for the third grandchild due very soon.

**Keep all in your prayer's**



The Bull Run Region of the Antique Automobile Club of American includes the area generally known as "Northern Virginia." The purpose of the Bull Run Region is the collection and preservation of antique automobiles and related items. All members of the AACA are welcome. Meetings are typically 7:30PM on the 2nd Tuesday of the month (unless otherwise noted) during Winter months, at the Prince William County Fairgrounds, Manassas, VA. Bull Run members host monthly picnic meetings from Spring through Fall. Meetings are announced in the Clutch Chatter, and any time or date changes will be noted.

Articles, advertisements and photos of interest are encouraged. Please submit such items to the Editor by the 15th of the month for inclusion in the next available issue of the Chatter. Submissions may be sent to [bullrunaaca@hotmail.com](mailto:bullrunaaca@hotmail.com) or to Mike Jones, Bull Run AACA, PO Box 1731, Mechanicsville, VA 23116.

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