



The Clutch Chatter

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The President's Page *by Leonard Paquette*

Everyone's preparation and hard work certainly paid off this year for our Manassas car show. We have had excellent weather every year we have been at the museum. I was surprised we had nearly as many show cars as last year until I browsed the Internet and realized how popular our show has become. Using the key words "Rohr car show", I found articles from several newspapers, Virginia.org, Vacationplanning.net, Northern Virginia Magazine and the Crosley Car Owner's Club (CCOC) which had an interesting article about John Van Sickle's City of Manassas Choice trophy award. We received good cooperation from the city this year. The 50/50 raffle was one of our largest ever, the bake sale sold out and most of the silent auction items sold for good money. Miss Virginia American Sweetheart 2010 Megan Lawless was a hit with the crowd. She posed for a number of pictures, in her crown and bandolier, with some young (and not so young) girls. The club owes a big thank you to everyone who made the show a success. We will have an after show review, good and bad, at our next meeting. If you have some comments or suggestions, please bring them.

I will be asking for a volunteer to conduct our officer's nominations at this next meeting. If you are not running for office, please step up and volunteer. Also, if you would like to run for an office, please let our nominations volunteer know what office you would be interested in running for. New talent is encouraged!

I promised you an update on our purchase of a 1949 Vespa scooter. It didn't happen. Apparently the seller didn't want the antique store it was consigned with, to get a percentage. He wanted to sell it on the side, but the money just wasn't right. Oh well, maybe next time.

Remember, we will not have a meeting on Sunday, October 10th. **Our next meeting will be at the VFW (next to the firehouse) on Sunday, October 17th at 4:00pm. Please park in the back of the VFW, not at the firehouse.**

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Calendar of Events

- Oct 17** **Bull Run meeting on Sunday at the VFW in Old Town Manassas at 4:00pm.**
New location!!! VFW Post 7589...9304 Centerville Rd (Route 28)...Manassas, VA 20108
Right next door to the firehouse where we used to meet. Park and enter in the back.
- Oct 31 *Happy Halloween!*
- Nov 11 Veteran's Day. Please take a moment to thank a veteran for the freedoms you enjoy.
- Nov 14** **Bull Run meeting on Sunday at the VFW in Old Town Manassas at 4:00pm.**
- Nov 25 *Happy Thanksgiving!*

Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2010

by Nancy Windingland, substituting for Franklin Gage, Secretary

The meeting at the Manassas Firehouse was called to order by President Leonard Paquette with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for the passing of Past President Harry Gibson. The Treasurer's Report was read by Nicki Hudson. She advised the bank wants \$2.00 for hard copies of checks. Pete Pandolfi made a motion, it was seconded and passed, so no more hard copies.

Pat Paquette advised she is working on the problem of the wrong paper size for the printed version of the newsletter. Mike Curry is working on changes to the website; should be completed soon.

Joe Drago reported a donation sent in Harry Gibson's memory to the Koinonia Foundation, cards sent to members Howard Kennedy & Neil Sheldon and John Ricketts, husband of the late Janet Ricketts (the first female AACA National President).

Rohr Car Show: 60 vehicles are pre-registered, 8 flea market vendors, 4 car corral cars, and 2 food vendors.

Mike Curry reported he has the registration process mapped out with packets to be given to pre-registered cars. Day of Show registrants will pick up their packets. Cars will be parked in order of arrival to simplify parking, and Judging Teams will be given scoring sheets for each car in their class.

A donation to the Manassas Museum Associates for \$50.00 was approved for use of the museum public address system. Any additional donations to Museum will be voted on at the October meeting after the show.

Everyone working the gate and barricades will have orange vests. Plenty of tents have been offered for our use; thanks to everyone who stepped up. Edna Cross will be our MC, 23 judges are signed up, Molly Drago is managing the bake sale, the Mayor is coming (*Update: the Mayor was not in town but was represented by Council member Jon Way*) and Miss Virginia American Sweetheart 2010 will help present awards. Club members should arrive by 7 to 7:30 AM to help set things up.

Members approved a \$50 donation to Bill Sessler's Masonic Lodge in appreciation of their loaning us a dozen tables for the show.

We are looking for new meeting location as the rent on the firehouse is increasing to \$100 per meeting. Possibilities include the VFW, City Tavern and Dennys. A motion passed to pay \$75.00 for the past three months of rental at the firehouse. (*Update: new location has now been contracted for and is the VFW Post 7589... 9304 Centerville Rd (Route 28)...Manassas, VA 20108. This is next door to the firehouse where we have been meeting.*)

An Old Dominion Meet Association (ODMA) bylaw change was approved to have ODMA absorb costs of a Region sponsoring a show if the show fails to make money.

The meeting was adjourned to enjoy refreshments kindly brought by Lee and Lita Yarberry along with a cake brought by Pat Paquette for September birthdays.

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