



The Clutch Chatter

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The President's Page *by Leonard Paquette*

Now is the time for all the good folks of Bull Run Region to come to the aid of their club! Very shortly our September 18th car show will be upon us and ***volunteers are still needed***. Here are some things you can help with. We really need several small (10-12ft) **pop-up tents**. We will have the street in front of the museum blocked off from traffic so we need several people to **man barricades** and direct traffic. We are trying to staff in two hour shifts so everyone has time to enjoy the show. We have some nice auto related items for the **silent auction** donated by Billy Thompson of White Post Restorations but we need additional **items** to auction. Nancy Windingland is handling the silent auction, so please bring your donations to her at the show. Despite what I stated in my August President's Page, the Boy Scouts will be unable to participate this year, so we need additional **volunteers to park show cars and trailers** in the morning. We will also be having a bake sale lead by Molly Drago, so please bring **baked goods** packaged in small single-serving size bags. **We also need you to register your antique car!** Last year at this time we had 75 pre-registrations. As of today, we have only 45. *Last but not least, hope for good weather and we'll see you at the show!*

NEW INFO JUST IN....Or September meeting at the Manassas firehouse looks to be our last. We have really enjoyed the firehouse location and their hospitality but an unruly party has forced some room rental changes. If we were to stay, our rental fee would go from a donation of \$25 per meeting to a fixed fee of \$100 per meeting plus a standing deposit of \$150. This takes the location out of financial reach, so we are looking for a couple of volunteers to find a new meeting place beginning with the October meeting. Please call me if you can assist with this effort.

On a personal note, Pat and I came across a 1949 Vespa motor scooter at an antique store the other day. After some research, we are considering taking a second look if it hasn't sold. Why an Italian scooter? Well, it's small enough to carry in the back of our truck and I can probably restore it for a fraction of the cost of our ongoing Thunderbird projects...and, it's AACA judging eligible. Can't beat that! But there is a down side – it still has its Italian title. If you are familiar with these scooters or with foreign titles, please give me a call. I'll keep you posted on our findings and/or success.

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Calendar of Events

Sept 12 **Bull Run meeting on Sunday at the Firehouse in Old Town Manassas at 4:00pm.**
This will be our last meeting at the firehouse. It is also our last meeting before the show, so please plan on attending!

Sept 18 **35th Annual Rohr Memorial Car Meet, Manassas Museum, 9101 Prince William St. Manassas, Va.** Car registration 8-11am. Pre-registration before 9/11/10 is \$15. Day of registration is \$20.

Oct 6-9 Eastern Fall Meet - Hershey, PA. Hosted by Hershey Region.

Oct 10 **Bull Run meeting on Sunday at 4:00pm.** This is tentative pending location of a new meeting place.

Meeting Minutes for August 8, 2010 by Franklin Gage, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Leonard Paquette at 4:08 PM at the Manassas Firehouse. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Treasurer Nicki Hudson gave her report which was unanimously accepted on a motion by Joe Drago.

Mike Curry reported that our website will emphasize that we do not provide cars for weddings. He would like photos of members' cars for the site; please send them to him at mcurry1@verizon.net.

Sunshine Chairs Joe & Molly Drago reported that Ken Browning is recovering from knee surgery, Eck Blankenship's younger brother died recently and Harry Gibson, while recuperating from his stroke, was rehospitalized for pneumonia.

Membership Chair Pat Paquette reported no changes, except a possible new member or two having inquired about joining.

Pat requested that members aggressively distribute flyers for our Rohr Show on **September 18th**. We also need **pop-up tents** and **members to help direct traffic** at barricades and **park cars**; if you can help please contact Pat at pkpaquette@msn.com or 703/670-5051. We thank Bill Sessler (with help from Joe Drago) for bringing tables from his Masonic organization. Jon Battle (detailed@verizon.net or 703/986-8785) has secured sponsors for all our trophies. Jon is also collecting any back issues members would like to donate of *Antique Automobile* magazine for membership recruitment. Molly Drago is coordinating the **Bake Sale** at the Show; please contact her and plan to bring something (joe.drago@comcast.net or 703/361-2492). Nancy Windingland (www.kittywindy@live.com or 703/864-7145) will coordinate the **Silent Auction** and **Club Store** at the Show; she would appreciate donations of quality items (they need not be auto related); please contact her if you have questions or need Club shirts, hats, etc. before or at the Show. Pat Paquette reported she had seen car club towels at a recent show for \$5 each and that they might be a good future project for us.


A profile of Nancy Windingland's 1984 Chrysler LeBaron convertible is on Vern Parker's website (www.vernparker.com).


Old Dominion Meet Association Representative Joann Richardson reported a proposed amendment to the ODMA Bylaws for us to vote on at our September meeting designed to have ODMA financially assist a member Region if an ODMA Show sponsored by that Region loses money.

Pete Pandolfi, pointing to some stains on the ceiling tiles, announced that the Fire Department plans to put a new roof over our heads and the construction could possibly affect our meeting schedule.


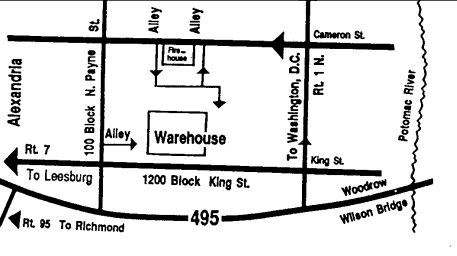
Members were reminded of upcoming events including Vern Parker's "Out of the Past" display of cars profiled by him in *The Washington Times* and his website on September 5, 2010 at the Springhill Recreation Center in Vienna, and the Armed Forces Retirement Home Show off of North Capitol St. in D.C. the morning of October 3, 2010. Both shows always attract an interesting array of antique vehicles, and the Armed Forces show is much-anticipated each year by many of the our veterans.

On a motion by Joe Drago, the meeting was adjourned to celebrate Nancy Windingland's birthday today with a homemade cake courtesy of Pat Paquette.

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