



# The Clutch Chatter

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## The President's Page *by Leonard Paquette*

This month I would like to welcome Gary & Deborah Belt as new members. They live at 8041 Stillbrooke Road in Manassas and own a 1939 Buick Special, a 1953 Ford Crestline and a 1977 MGB. Their phone number is 703-791-6371. Please add them to your roster and welcome them at future events and activities.

We had a nice car display at the Delaplane Strawberry this year. Thanks to everyone who drove their antiques. The weather was just right and several members brought pop-up tents so we had some shade to relax in. The crab cakes were delicious and one member was seen eating a huge piece of cheesecake covered in strawberries and cream! Yum ☺ We added a few more calories to the day by celebrating May birthdays with cake.

Tom and Sally Aman have relinquished their duties as *Clutch Chatter* editors due to other interests, so the club is in need of an editor. If you would like the challenge please contact me. Club member Ernie Newland, our newsletter publisher, has graciously offered to help be our temporary editor.

In these tough times, our fund raising activities are down, and one thing you can do to help decrease the club's expenses is to reconsider getting the *Clutch Chatter* by USPS mail. If you would prefer to have the newsletter emailed to you in lieu of a hard copy, send an email to [pkpaquette@msn.com](mailto:pkpaquette@msn.com) and Pat will see that you receive a PDF copy as soon as it is available.

We are also looking for folks to help out with the car show. This is a mammoth task for the club each year. Remember the old saying about many hands making for light work – well that's what we need for our show – "many hands". Please step up and volunteer – don't wait to be asked – there is a job for everyone.

I want to thank Kathryn & Bill Sessler for providing a wonderful picnic meeting on May 22. As usual, the food was good and the Sessler's were great hosts. Our next picnic meeting will be at Molly & Joe Drago's home on June 13 at 4:00 p.m. Full info is below in the event listings calendar. See you there!

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## Calendar of Events

- June 13**      ***Picnic meeting at the Drago's at 4:00pm located at 8408 Briarmont Lane, Manassas, VA. Phone: (703) 361-2492. Please bring your lawn chair, paper plate and utensils and a dish to share.***
- June 20      George Washington Chapter of the Model A Ford Club of America Father's Day Car Show at Sully Plantation, Chantilly, VA. Call Bill Benedict (703) 430-2441.
- July 11      Bull Run meeting at the Firehouse in Old Town Manassas at 4:00pm.

## Meeting Minutes *by Franklin Gage*

The Bull Run Region May 22, 2010 monthly meeting & picnic was held at the Manassas home of Bill & Kathryn Sessler. After a brief start outside, we migrated inside to avoid the rain. Thanks to Bill, Kathryn and their son David & daughter Rachel - we had a wonderful time.

President Leonard Paquette called the meeting to order at 5 PM; Treasurer Nicki Hudson gave her report and asked someone to audit her books, if not this year then next. Contact Nicki if you can do this (540/522-6533).

Our new website is up ([www.bullrunaaca.org](http://www.bullrunaaca.org)) and Webguy Mike Curry invites members to send him photos or other materials to include. Tom & Sally Aman resigned as *Clutch Chatter* Editors so we will do an abbreviated version with help from member Ernie Newland at the Manassas UPS Store until someone volunteers - please contact Leonard Paquette (703/670-5051). Pat Paquette made a motion, passed unanimously, to post future *Clutch Chatters* on the website after the subsequent issue has come out.

Molly Drago (703/361-2492), with help from Joe, is our new Sunshine Lady. She reported Mary Loren's Father in Ireland recently died, Eck Blankenship is recuperating after falling while pulling the cord to start his gas powered tiller, Pete Pandolfi (who was there) is doing better following back surgery, and Molly herself is doing very much better following gall bladder surgery. We are also sorry to report that former longtime member Bill Humphries died June 3rd; we extend our sympathy to Lois and the rest of his family.

Club Store Manager Nancy Windingland (703/864-7145) has Club shirts, jackets, tote bags, etc. available; Rachel Sessler pleaded with Dad for a "hoodie" and won, so Daddy Bill is a little poorer.

The next picnic/meeting will be **Sunday, June 13, 2010** at the home of **Joe & Molly Drago, 8408 Briarmont Lane, Manassas, VA 20112 at 4 PM.**

Pete Pandolfi warned us the Manassas Firehouse may start charging us a security deposit and rent because of a bad experience with another entity, but nothing is certain yet and we have been donating to them in lieu of rent anyway.

After the regular meeting adjourned, the Rohr Show Committee met. Details are being worked out for the Show on September 18, 2010; there's a 'job' for everyone; volunteers are asked to contact Leonard at (703/670-5051).

Bull Run Region members and their cars were out in force at the AACA Grand National Meet in New Bern, NC last week. All won awards as follows: Repeat Senior Grand National: Ken & Shirley Farley (1963 Chevrolet Impala), Don Shafer (1955 Chevrolet Bel Air), Joe White (1955 Chevrolet Pickup). 1st Grand National: Jim & Sally Batchelder (1957 Chevrolet Bel Air), Bob Mantz (1952 Chevrolet Pickup). Senior Grand National: Charlie Buhl (1965 Mustang), Mike & Dawn Curry (1965 Mustang), Richard & Pat Porter (1966 Mustang). Repeat Preservation: Bob Mantz (1931 Ford Model A). 2nd Grand National: Bob Mantz (1958 Chevrolet Impala).

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