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Clutch Chatter

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The President's Page *by Pete Pandolfi*

We had another great turnout at the March meeting. For those of you who could not make it, you missed delicious BBQ and wonderful, member provided desserts. Thanks Joe and Molly Drago for setting all that up.

By now most of you have heard of the passing of long-time member and benefactor, Billy Thompson. While we did not see him at many functions, he was always there with his support. He funded our youth program, donated the large tent for the Rohr car show, and provided the many antique toys and collectibles the Region sells through eBay and our silent auction. He will be truly missed by both the Region and hobby in general.

Activities are beginning to start at full steam. On May 28 we will have our display of cars at the Strawberry Festival in Delaplane, Virginia. Come in or trailer an antique car by 9 am and admission is free. We also have our function at Rippon Lodge on June 11. We still could use two or three more cars in the 1924 through 1953 vintage. If interested, contact me and thanks to those who have already signed up. We have also been invited to the 75th anniversary of Shenandoah State Park in Luray, Virginia. They are looking for cars 1936 and older. Again let me know if you are interested. There is a function on May 8 at Stratford Hall outside Montross, Virginia. The event is called Coaching Day and they are looking for stock antique vehicles, no year models specified. You will receive a plaque and two free admissions to the event. The cars are needed from 9 am to 3 pm. I am waiting for flyers that should provide more information.

The most important activity we have in the near future is the annual ODMA show. George and Joann Richardson have done a great job in getting the word out on this show. It is being held on May 6 & 7 in Lynchburg, Virginia. As an ODMA member, our Region is responsible for providing six judges for the show. Please contact George or Joann quickly to express your intent to attend and your willingness to judge.

Speaking of car shows, you will read in the minutes some discussion on relocating the Rohr Car Show. First, let me assure the club that Bill Sessler has the event well in hand. There is some question on our need to pay for the closure of the street in front of the Manassas Museum if we have the show there. Club members have been exploring other options for the show location should the City not come through. Information on the present site as well as alternate sites will be presented to the membership during our April meeting to determine the location for this year's show. We still have time to put everything together, but we cannot wait beyond April.

Thanks to all for their support and participation. See you at the April meeting. Pete

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Calendar of Events

<u>Apr 10</u>	<u>Bull Run meeting on Sunday at the VFW in Old Town Manassas at 4:00pm.</u>
Apr 15	58 th Annual ODMA Meet registration deadline. Info: Joann Richardson, (703) 768-1569. Flyer attached to email newsletter.
May 5-7	58 th ODMA Meet, Kirkley Hotel/Conf. Center, 2900 Candler's Mountain Rd, Lynchburg, VA.
<u>May 22</u>	<u>Bull Run meeting on Sunday at the VFW in Old Town Manassas at 4:00pm.</u>
<u>May 28</u>	<u>Bull Run Region Car Display at the Strawberry Festival in Sky Meadows State Park, Delaplane, VA – 9am arrival in antique car for free admission.</u>
May 28	Northern Neck Region 18 th Annual Antique Auto Show, Rice's Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern, 39 Monument Place, Heathsville, VA. Info: (804)443-4478. Flyer attached to email newsletter.
Jun 4	22 nd Annual Orphan Car Tour, vicinity of Burkettsville, MD. Info: Jon Battle, (540)364-1770 or www.orphancartour.org or email TourDirector@orphancartour.org .

Meeting Minutes for March 13, 2011 by Franklin Gage, Secretary

President Pete Pandolfi opened the meeting at the Manassas VFW Hall following the Region-supplied BBQ dinner with desserts contributed by members. Granddaughter Torrie led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pete introduced our Webguy, Nathan Clark, who recently moved from upstate New York to nearby Maryland. Everyone is appreciative of his work keeping the site updated (www.bullrunaaca.org), and Nathan asked members to send him photos of their cars for the website.

Pete reported he had driven the 'Miss American Sweetheart' (who has agreed to appear at our Rohr Show) in the Manassas St. Patrick's Day Parade in the Corvair convertible.

In Treasurer Nicki Hudson's absence, Pete read her report which upon Bill Sessler's motion was unanimously accepted. Membership Chair Pat Paquette reported the Region Roster was sent to AACA Headquarters as required by AACA, and that she had emailed it to members with email. Paper copies will be available at club meetings.

Sunshine Lady Molly Drago reported that Lenita Franklin's swollen arm was better and we could see for ourselves since she was present. The sad news is that our recent members Ken & Oreltha Browning lost two great-grandchildren in a house fire this past October.

ODMA Representative Joann Richardson reminded members that this year's Meet is fast approaching in Lynchburg, VA on May 5-7, 2011. She would appreciate participation from Bull Run members; judges are especially needed. Please call her (703/768-1569) for information.

Other upcoming area activities include the Chevrolet Club's April 1-2 tour to Pennsylvania/Delaware and the Mustang Grand National Meet in Waldorf, MD September 2-4, 2011.

We will have our traditional display at the May 28, 2011 Strawberry Festival in Delaplane, VA; rain date is May 29. If you arrive in an antique vehicle (or trailer one) by 9 AM admission is free; non-members are welcome to join us with their antique vehicles.

Our Region will be paid for a display of 1924-1953 vehicles at Rippon Lodge on June 11, 2011; those bringing cars can enjoy the event free, including the recreation of a baseball game with 1898 rules and uniforms. Contact Pete if you can attend.

There was some discussion of AACA's "10 Point Rule," which is under consideration for elimination or revision. It says that even if a vehicle at a National AACA Meet has been judged to have enough points to achieve an award, it must also be within 10 points of the highest scoring car in its class. Bull Run member Ken Farley is on the National Committee soliciting AACA Members' views on this issue; if you have an opinion either way please contact Ken (540/248-0635 or kkf163@ntelos.net).

Rohr Show Update: Chair Bill Sessler will have a spreadsheet at future meetings to keep track of expenses. There is a continuing problem with our being asked to pay a police fee for closing the street in front of the Manassas Museum; Pete has contacted Manassas Mayor Parrish and was told he would work to resolve the problem. Bill and Joe Drago have investigated other back-up sites. With the show scheduled for September 17, 2011 it is hoped we can make a final decision at our next meeting, Sunday, April 10, 2011 at 4 PM at the Manassas VFW hall.

Members donated \$87 toward our BBQ dinner expense. Thanks to Joe & Molly Drago for coordinating the dinner. The 50/50 was skipped and the meeting adjourned.

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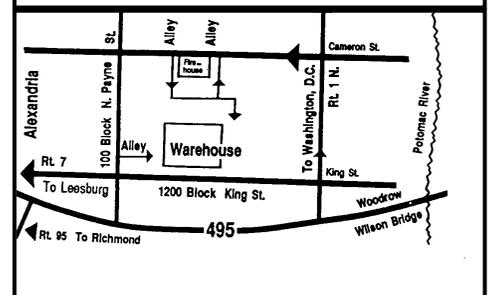
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