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The Clutch Chatter

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The President's Page by Pete Pandolfi

Thanks to all the members who came to the February meeting. We had a great turnout and it was nice to see some faces I hadn't seen in a while. Let's keep this kind of attendance going especially for the March meeting. Mark your calendars for the March 13 meeting as the club is providing a bar-be-cue dinner with all the trimmings. If you would like to bring a dessert, that would be welcome. We will also accept voluntary donations to help defray the cost. Thanks to Joe Drago for setting this up.

The meeting was very productive and there are a number of activities coming up in the near future. Jim and Sally Batchelder invited the club to join the Vintage Chevrolet Club on their Spring Tour to Longwood Gardens near Philadelphia. They are also going to stop at the Herr's potato chip factory and the Auburn Heights mansion and Stanley steamer collection. All makes of antique and modern cars are welcome. It promises to be a great trip. George and Joann provided information on the ODMA car show in May which is also a wonderful time. If you have never been I recommend you give it a try.

March 12 is the Manassas St. Patrick's Day parade. Pam and I will be using our Corvair to drive Miss American Sweetheart Megan Lawless in the parade. Megan was Miss Virginia American Sweetheart last year and attended our car show in September helping to hand out trophies and selecting the Youth Choice award. Now she has won the national competition and will be attending our show once again this year. Speaking of this year's car show, plans are progressing steadily. Our show chairman, Bill Sessler, has contacted the city and expects to receive the show permit in the next couple of weeks. Everything is falling into place and the show flyer is almost finalized thanks to Jon Battle. If you would like to help out with the show and show preparation, contact Bill.

A new event has recently come to my attention at Rippon Lodge in Woodbridge, Virginia. On June 11, they are hosting a historical event highlighting the time the property was owned by Judge Ellis, 1924 to 1953. They are looking for vintage cars from that period to be on display and add to the festivities. I sent out the information to most of the club via email and have already received some interest. If we can get six cars to commit to the event, the lodge will pay our club \$250. Let me know if you are interested and have not already responded.

Our club is only as strong as the members make it. Thanks to all of you who do so much to keep our club active and progressing. So let's get out there and have some fun. See you in March.
Pete

Calendar of Events

Mar 12 Chesapeake Region Flea Market, Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship MD, 7am to 3pm. Info: Ted Schneider, ted-schneider@verizon.net

Mar13 **Bull Run meeting on Sunday at the VFW in Old Town Manassas at 4:00pm.**

Mar 25 & 26 Sugarloaf Mountain Region Swap Meet, Frederick Fair Grounds, Frederick, MD. Info: Robert Clubb (301) 831-0300

Mar 26 Northern Neck Region Swap Meet, Rice Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern, 73 Monument Place, Heathsville, VA, 7am to 2pm. Info: Bob @ 804-462-3225 or bobandbj37@yahoo.com

APR 10 **Bull Run meeting on Sunday at the VFW in Old Town Manassas at 4:00pm.**

Meeting Minutes for February 13, 2011

by Franklin Gage, Secretary

The meeting at the Manassas VFW Hall was called to order at 4 PM by President Pete Pandolfi, with the Pledge of Allegiance led by his granddaughter, Torrie. Just back from the AACA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, Pete delivered the Webmaster Achievement Award to Mike Curry, who with webguy Nathan Clark has been updating our website (www.bullrunaaca.org).

Treasurer Nicki Hudson made her report, which was accepted. Joe Drago's audit of the 2009-2010 books showed everything was in order. Membership Chair Pat Paquette reported not all of last year's members have renewed and she included reminders with the last Clutch Chatter.

Upcoming area activities include the Chesapeake Region AACA Parts Meet on March 12, 2011 at the Howard County Fairgrounds in W. Friendship, MD, followed by the Sugarloaf Region AACA Parts Meet March 25 & 26 at the Frederick (MD) Fairgrounds. The Batchelders invited Bull Run members to join the Chevrolet Club April 1 & 2, 2011 on a tour to the Kennett Square area of PA which includes a visit to the Herr potato chip factory, a section of the Underground Railroad, the famous Longwood Gardens and Auburn Heights, the estate home of a Stanley/Packard dealer with an impressive collection of Stanley Steamers (rides provided), other cars, rides in a mini steam train and a tour of the mansion. Contact Jim/Sally for info: (703/339-2064 or sjkbatchelder@aol.com).

ODMA Rep. Joann Richardson reminded us this year's meet with cars from all across Virginia and Northern North Carolina will be in Lynchburg May 6 & 7, 2011 (slight Secretary's error last month) featuring a silent auction. Plans include a tour to Appomattox on Friday and the Show on Saturday. Contact Joann if you wish to participate, including being a judge (703/768-1569 or richardson13@cox.net).

Sunshine Guy Joe Drago delivered the sad news that longtime member Virginia Burke had died yesterday. Past member Brian Danzig finally had his liver transplant.

We need an Editor for the Clutch Chatter - please contact President Pete if you can help.

Rohr Show Chair Bill Sessler reported plans are moving along for our 2011 show at the Manassas Museum on September 17, 2011 (subject to city permit). Plans include a repeat appearance by Little Miss America Sweetheart, and by next month the list of Trophy Classes will be available for sponsorship. Bill recommended we expand the Take Apart Model T demonstration to two performances, and without objection it was approved.

Because our meetings are the second Sunday of the month and in May that would be Mother's Day, we voted to reschedule our meeting to Sunday, May 22, 2011 at the VFW at 4 PM. Pete will transport Little Miss America in the Manassas St. Patrick's Day parade on March 12, 2011; if you want to join with your antique car, please contact Pete. Also if you want to participate in a local wedding April 30, contact Joann Richardson.

Pete reported on his attendance with Pam at the AACA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, the very first National AACA event they'd been to. Joe Gagliano will be the 2011 President and Herb Oakes will be Executive Vice President. A major upgrade to the AACA website is underway; membership declined slightly last year but the Club is financially stable. Among the seminars Pete attended, there was a message that there needs to be attention paid to preserving "newer old" cars - e.g. those from about 1970 to 1986 and as time passes post-1986 cars, or they and their increasingly hard to find parts will disappear. It is also thought newer cars will attract younger members who will remember them from their youth. Pete also reported what most of us know; increasingly cars are being bought/sold by computer. Craig's List is popular for cars up to about \$20-\$25,000, while E-Bay is more popular for higher priced vehicles. E-Bay has an insurance plan for up to \$50,000 but check the details.

Our next meeting will be March 13, 2010 at the VFW in Manassas at 4 PM and will feature a BBQ dinner courtesy of the Bull Run Region, arranged by Joe & Molly Drago. Contributions and/or desserts cheerfully accepted, and we look forward to meeting our Webmaster Nathan Clark, recently transplanted from upstate New York to Bowie, MD. The meeting adjourned to enjoy a large table of goodies provided by Mike & Dawn Curry.

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