



The Clutch Chatter

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The President's Page *by Pete Pandolfi*

The April club meeting was another well attended success. I was particularly happy to see some of our long standing members who we have not seen at a meeting in a while. A number of things were accomplished. The highlight was a decision to give the City of Manassas one final chance to provide the permit for the show before moving to another location. Thanks to Chip and Nancy Rohr along with Mayor Parrish, I am pleased to announce that received our permit for the show well before the deadline we set with street closing costs borne by the City. Show preparation is now in full swing. In May, I hope to have a meeting with Mayor Parrish to discuss a process that would guarantee the show at the museum without all this last minute intervention. If we can arrive at a process that is not dependent on particular individuals, I will bring the idea to the club for a decision. One last thing on this issue, thanks to Joe Drago and Bill Sessler for their work with the Manassas Mall as a possible show location. The Mall was very excited at the possibility of hosting our show and that option still remains available for future years, if needed.

Activities are beginning to flood in to the club. The ODMA meet in Lynchburg is May 6 & 7. The Richardsons are looking for members who plan to attend and are willing to judge at the show. On May 8 at Stratford Hall outside Montross, Virginia, Coaching Day will be held and they are looking for stock antique vehicles, no years specified. 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. On June 4 at the Loudoun County Fair Grounds in Leesburg, Virginia an Old Tyme Country Fair will be held. This charity event for the homeless is looking for vehicles 1950 and older. 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 on June 25. They are looking for cars 1936 and older. Again let me know if you are interested.

REMEMBER, our May meeting has moved to May 22 due to Mother's Day. Only the date has changed the location and time are the same. We have a special treat in May. Phil Graves will be giving his annual presentation on antique toys. Our June 12th meeting will be a picnic meeting at the Sessler home. Please plan on attending and bring a dish or desert to share. Thanks, Bill. Hopefully this year the rain will stay away.

Thanks to all for your support and participation. There is a lot going on and I hope to see you at some of our functions and meetings.

Pete

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Calendar of Events

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| 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 . |
| Jun 4 | Historic Fredericksburg Region 54 th Annual Meet, downtown Fredericksburg, VA, rain or shine, 8am to 3pm, judged cars must be on the show field by 11am. Registration: \$15 by May 27 or \$20 on show day. Info: J. Gordon Brown @ (540) 372-6896. |

Meeting Minutes for April 10, 2011 by Franklin Gage, Secretary

President Pete Pandolfi opened the meeting at the Manassas VFW Hall at 4:05 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. On a motion by Richard Porter, Treasurer Nicki Hudson's Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Our Sunshine Committee (Joe & Molly Drago) were sunshining in Florida, but we discussed the passing of longtime member and generous supporter Billy Thompson of White Post Restorations. On a motion by Bill Sessler the Region voted to contribute to the Boyce (VA) Fire Department in conformance with the family's wishes. Nicki Hudson will be getting a new knee in May.

Activites: Joann Richardson reminded everyone that the Old Dominion Meet Association Show is in Lynchburg May 5-7, 2011. Judges are needed for the show May 7; please contact Joann if you can help (703/768-1569).

Our next Bull Run Region activity will be our regular monthly May meeting, except it will be the 4th Sunday of the month instead of our customary 2nd Sunday to accommodate Mother's Day. **Please join us Sunday, May 22, 2011 at 4 PM at the Manassas VFW Hall** when member Phil Graves will share some of his famous toy collection with us, including a recent 'find' of a 1933 Plymouth model that set his recently repaired heart beating a little quicker.

Our annual display at the **Strawberry Festival at Sky Meadows State Park in Delaplane, VA is May 28, 2011** (rain date May 29 - call Franklin Gage 703/869-8434 if in doubt). Free entry if you arrive by 9 AM in an antique car. Some 'regulars' can't attend this year, so participation from 'irregulars' would be appreciated!


The main business of the meeting was to make decisions regarding our **Rohr Car Show on September 17, 2011**. Having not received approval of our permit application from the City of Manassas to hold the show at the Manassas Museum, and with the necessity of planning now for the show, Joe Drago and Bill Sessler had explored other options. These included the Manassas Mall, where they got a friendly reception. There was considerable discussion concerning the desirability of each location; Members Chip & Nancy Rohr reported that Manassas Mayor Hal Parrish and the City Council wanted us to stay at the Museum and offered to do what they could to assure prompt approval of our permit application without cost to the Region for closing the street in front of the Musuem. The membership voted unanimously to allow the City until 5 PM on Friday, April 15, 2011 to provide President Pete with the permit or Show Chair Bill Sessler would start making arrangements with the Mall. **(Secretary's Note: The permit was subsequently delivered to Pete in good order, assuring our return to the Museum.)**


In addition to our May meeting and Strawberry Festival display, other upcoming area events include the City of Fairfax Show on May 21 at the Fairfax Courthouse, Historic Fredericksburg Region Annual Downtown Show June 4 and on June 25, a display of 1920's-1950's cars to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Shenandoah National Park at Big Meadows. For information on these events contact Joann Richardson 703/768-1569.

Bill Holmes reminded us that 'The Great Race,' going this year from Chattanooga, TN to Bennington, VT, will probably pass through Front Royal the afternoon of June 13. Their currently planned lunch stop is in Harrisonburg; it is a great chance to see lots of old cars in action. The oldest registered so far is a 1911 Velie. Information is available at www.greatrace.com.


Our first summer picnic/meeting will be Sunday, June 12, 2011 at 3 PM at Bill & Kathryn Sessler's home, 8411 Briarmont Lane, Manassas. Please bring a chair, utensils and dish to share.

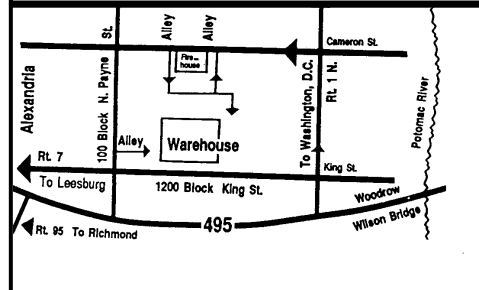
There were audible but friendly suspicions raised when the winning 50/50 ticket, worth \$25, turned out to have been bought by Dawn Curry from her husband Mike, and the meeting adjourned to enjoy refreshments including potato chips direct from the Herr's Factory Tour sponsored by the Chevrolet Club a week earlier.

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