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The President's Page *by Pete Pandolfi*

Congratulations everyone! We had another outstanding car show on September 17 and if you missed it, you missed a good one. The crowd of spectators was a little lighter than last year probably due to the overcast and cooler weather. To my surprise that did not affect the turnout of some very fine automobiles. We had 162 vehicles on the field which is a slight increase from last year. Nathan Clark has posted some pictures of the show on our website so check it out. The modified field layout implemented this year worked very well and created some extra space to allow for some modest growth in the show.

Along with this I would like to thank our Car Show Chairman, Bill Sessler, Registration coordinators Joann Richardson, Dawn, Mike and Jessica Curry and Nathan (I apologize for not knowing your last name), Pat Paquette the Guru of Tallying, Molly Drago for running the bake sale and making some delicious jam, Jon Battle for publicity and sponsors, Nancy Windingland for the silent auction and club store, Leonard Paquette for vehicle classing, Franklin Gage as Head Judge and arranging for an outstanding emcee, Richard Porter our field general, George Richardson and Joe Drago for show field set up and parking and all the others that helped with tallying, judging and the general conduct of the show. I received several notable compliments on the show from Mayor Hal Parrish, the Northern Neck Region President and members of Historic Fredericksburg Region. We have even been asked for our show plan by other clubs to use as a template for their shows.

October 9 will be our next meeting. This is the Sunday of Hershey weekend. The Board of Directors considered whether to move this date, but it was decided to stay on our regular date since Hershey ends on Saturday and most people should be back in town. At this meeting, we will discuss our possible participation in the annual Manassas Christmas Parade on December 3. We had a great time last year and if the club would like to participate again, I will contact the parade chairman to make the arrangements. They would like us to participate. We will also be getting ready for our November election of club officers. Dawn and Mike Curry have done a great job in getting people on the ballot, but we still need one more candidate for ODMA Representative. Please notify Dawn or Mike if you are interested.

After the election and parade in the January meeting, we will have our Installation of Officers and Annual Awards Banquet. Pam is starting to put things together for the event as evidenced by numerous decorations being stored at the house. It will be a bring a dish to share with the club providing the main course, and will be held at the VFW Hall in Manassas. Put the date down in your calendars for the second Sunday in January at 4 pm. Pam and I will probably not get up to Hershey this year, but for those of you going we hope you have a great time and bring back some awards. Thanks to all and we will see you on October 9. *Pete*

Calendar of Events

- Oct 5-8 AACA 2011 Eastern Fall Meet sponsored by Hershey Region at Hershey Park PA. Due to all the rain, trailer parking has been moved from its usual spot. See the Editor's Notes.
- Oct 9** **Bull Run meeting on Sunday at the VFW in Old Town Manassas at 4:00pm.**
- Nov 5 1st Heacock Classic Gold Cup Historic Races & Antique Car Show sponsored by Old Dominion Meet Association (ODMA) at Virginia Int'l Raceway, Alton VA.

Meeting Minutes for September 11, 2011 by Nancy Windingland for Franklin Gage

President Pete Pandolfi opened the meeting at the Manassas VFW Hall at 4 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendees: Nancy Windingland, Nicki Hudson Peter Pandolfi, William Sessler, Pat and Leonard Paquette, Dawn and Mike Curry, Joann and George Richardson, Jon Battle, Scott Patton, Pam Pandolfi and Ralph Lankford.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Nicki Hudson and accepted.

Sunshine Chairs Joe and Molly Drago are out of town but left their report with Pete. Mary Kennedy is adjusting without Howard and wants to keep her membership active. Per her wishes a donation was made by our Region to Howard's church. Nancy Windingland thanks the membership for the card acknowledging the death of her brother Carl Nelson. Ed Johnson doing is well after knee surgery. Nicki Hudson is on the road again after her second knee replacement and is doing very well. Ruth and Eck Blankenship are doing well. Sandy Mantz is slowly recovering from hip surgery and a heart attack; since her rehab is in DC Bob has about a 50 mile round-trip 'commute.' Edna Cross and Don Shafer have made remarkable recoveries from strokes; Edna & Jim are going on the Glidden Tour next week, and Don & Betty were at the National Vintage Chevrolet Club Meet yesterday.

Cards and notes are appreciated by all.

Activities (For details, contact Pete Pandolfi):

Car Show All Saints Church 6 to 9pm Friday October 7th

Rockville City Car Show (great show - sort of the Fall version of the Spring Sully Show) October 15 830am

Fairfax Fall Festival October 8 rain date October 9

November 5 - 6 Road Rally No age restriction, grand prize \$2,000. Driver Registration 150.00 side kick 150.00 (This is a charity event sponsored by the Leesburg Rotary Club).

November 5th Old Dominion Raceway, Alton VA (toward Roanoke) sponsored by ODMA.

ODMA - nothing new to report

Old Business - President Pete has AACA Raffle Tickets. A Fairfax County Decal is not required for cars registered as antiques; disregard the notice if you get one.

New Business Web site maintenance offered by Street Side Auto.com. They want us to link to them. It was decided not to participate.

At the next (October) meeting Nominating Committee members Mike & Dawn Curry will present a slate of officers; please contact them if you wish to be nominated. The election will be at the November meeting when ballots will be counted.

Dues renewal is to be discussed next month; email versus hard copy. Ralph will do a hard copy report.


Car Show: The Manassas Museum is ready for us. Vern Parker will be the MC (*Editor's note: Vern had agreed, reluctantly, to MC but persuaded former longtime Channel 7 personality and car enthusiast John Harter to do the job*). The Model T assembly, is scheduled, the Ault Award car will be located directly in front.


Franklin Gage needs Judges. Chairman Sessler is bringing tables and chairs from his Lodge. Workers should be at the Museum by 7:30 a.m.

Trailer parking will be at the adjacent Osborne school. The banner will be up next week. We are set for a successful show.

Meeting adjourned by President Pandolfi.


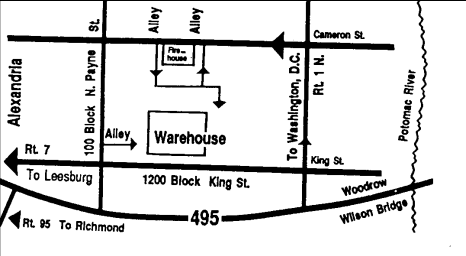
Our next meeting is Sunday, October 9, 2011 at 4 PM at the Manassas VFW Hall.

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36th Annual Edgar Rohr Memorial Meet – Saturday, September 17, 2011

Here are some pictures from our meet on the Manassas Museum grounds last month. More photos are available on the web site at this link:

http://www.bullrunaaca.org/index.php?option=com_phocagallery&view=category&id=17:rohr-2011&Itemid=9



Editor's Notes *by Ralph Lankford:*

Please let me know if you have any pictures while participating in Bull Run or other AACA events. I may not be able to include them all in the newsletter, but I'd like to use some. Please submit any articles, pictures or ideas to me at email: Ralph.Lankford@hotmail.com

See you at the next meeting on Sunday October 9 at 4:00 at the VFW Hall in Manassas. Take care!

Heacock Classic Gold Cup Race & Antique Car Show – November 5, 2011 – Virginia International Raceway

Please join us for an antique car show hosted by Virginia Old Dominion Meet Association and North Carolina Region at Virginia International Raceway for the Heacock Classic Gold Cup Historic Races & Antique Car Show. Registration will include entry to the Gold Cup Vintage race event, trackside parking, entry to the pits and optional parade laps around the race track. We hope to have an AACA Judging School. Trailer parking will also be available at the track.

This will also be the Fall meeting for the representatives of ODMA. At this time, it looks like the planning meeting will be at 2:30 p.m. We think the parade laps will take place sometime around lunch and the planning meeting will begin after that. Will let you know later where the meeting will be held.

Registration is \$5.00 per person in advance only. They cannot offer discounts the day of the event at the gate and I am not sure of the cost if you wish to pay at the gate. Children 15 and younger are admitted free. There will be plaques for the first 150 registrations.

To register, please call 434-822-7700 ext. 117 and use the promo code GCAACA11 for the discount. The promo code will be active through October 15. If you want them to mail the tickets to you, it is \$6.00. If you wait and pick them up at the gate, there is no extra charge.

Bring out your antique car and sit back and relax while watching Gold Cup drivers race their restored race cars. This will be a non-judged "fun" antique car show where everyone is able to socialize with their friends without the stress of a judged event.

There will be food vendors at the track or you can bring a picnic lunch, but NO glass bottles are allowed at the track. Also, please remember to bring your folding chairs.

The hotels that can be found on Hotels.com are as follows:

Danville:

Super8 - \$49/night

Holiday Inn Express - Danville - \$85/night

Hampton Inn - Danville - \$104/night

South Boston:

Fairfield Inn & Suites - \$89/night

Super 8 - \$65/night

Holiday Inn Express - \$81/night

VIR is within about fifteen to twenty minutes of either South Boston or Danville.

Bull Run Region Member Running for AACA Board

Our very own Jim Cross of Leesburg has been nominated for a place on the 2012 AACA Board of Directors ballot. There are 10 nominees and all AACA members should vote for seven. Brief background sketches of the 10 nominees are in the Sep/Oct issue of AACA's Antique Automobile magazine. Those elected will serve three-year terms.

Last Minute Changes for Trailer Parking at Hershey

AACA Headquarters just received word that due to the recent rain the car show trailer parking has moved to a new location from Route 39 and Canal St. Beginning Wednesday 5 October, car show trailer parking will be at the old Pumpkin World parking lot, which is black top and gravel, near the AACA Museum on Route 39 (approximately 1/8 mile from original parking). Show field parking is fine.