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The President's Page *by Pete Pandolfi*

As our club begins a new year, I am excited at the good times this coming year will bring us. Before looking to the future allow me a quick look back.

The entire club wants to thank Leonard Paquette for his excellent leadership and hard work as President for the past two years. Much like the economy, we went through a couple of tough years, but Leonard guided us through and we are in a better position to continue promoting the collector vehicle hobby. Thanks, Leonard for a job well done.

I would also like to thank Pat Paquette whose organizational skills gave us one of the best Rohr Car Meet in recent years considering participation, coordination with the City and above all finances. I am especially pleased that she along with Franklin Gage, Nicki Hudson, Joe Drago and Joann and George Richardson will continue in their positions on the Board of Directors, Club Officers and ODMA Representatives. I am also looking forward to working with some new additions to the Club leadership, Vice President Bill Sessler and Director Ralph Lankford. Mike Curry is also staying on as our website coordinator, a great relief to me. With such a talented people to work with, I know this will be another great year for the Bull Run Region.

As I start my seventh year with our club and with AACA, I look forward to expanding my knowledge and advancing our hobby. It will start next month as Pam and I will be attending the AACA National Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. I will be reporting on the meeting events at our next club meeting on February 13, if the weather allows. Pam and I will be returning from Philadelphia that day.

In this coming year, I hope to see increased participation in our meeting and club events. Most of all I hope we have a great deal of fun with our vehicles and our hobby. Come on and join us in the fun!

Pete

Calendar of Events

Feb 13 **Bull Run meeting on Sunday at the VFW in Old Town Manassas at 4:00pm.**

Mar 5 Tidewater Region Swap Meet, Hickory Ruritan Clubhouse, 2752 Battlefield Blvd S., Chesapeake, VA. Info: Neil Sugermeier (757)486-5456.

Mar 13 **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

Meeting Minutes for January 9, 2011

by Franklin Gage, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by outgoing President Leonard Paquette at 5:25 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, we enjoyed club-supplied turkey and ham accompanied by side dishes provided by members. About an hour later, order was restored and Nicki Hudson gave her Treasurer's Report which was accepted. Joe Drago will audit her books for 2009 and 2010.

Leonard proceeded to announce the recipients of **2010 Awards** as follows:

AMBASSADOR (for the member(s) best representing the Region): Joe & Molly Drago

HOWARD HAMM (for the member(s) especially helpful to the President): Lee & Lita Yarberry

HOWARD HAMM again (for 2009 as the recipients were absent last year): Richard & Pat Porter

CONTINUOUS SERVICE (for the member(s) most active for 10+ years): George & Joann Richardson

ARTHUR AULT (for the member(s) most helpful to the Region): Pete & Pam Pandolfi

SPECIAL APPRECIATION: Ernie Newland and Team UPS for their help printing our newsletters and show flyers, and Jessica Curry and Nathan Caudill for assistance at our show in September.

Leonard was presented with a token of the Region's appreciation for his Presidency over the past year - a twin 'Ford' barstool to the one presented last year, which has reportedly landed in the Paquette basement workshop. There was some laughter after speculation that it too may travel to the basement, and with a suitable seat, Mrs. Paquette may be spending more time in the basement.

Leonard then installed the 2010 Board of Directors as follows:

PRESIDENT: Pete Pandolfi

VICE PRESIDENT: Bill Sessler

SECRETARY: Franklin Gage

TREASURER: Nicki Hudson

BOARD MEMBERS: Joe Drago, Ralph Lankford (unavoidably absent), Pat Paquette

George & Joann Richardson will continue to be our Old Dominion Meet representatives. Joann reported that ODMA may become an AACA Region, which has several benefits including insurance. The ODMA Meet Activities will be May 5-7, 2011 in Lynchburg with the show on Saturday, May 5. A vote to renew our ODMA membership passed.

Pete announced that several Bull Run members have stepped forward to take on tasks, but more volunteers are needed:

---Bill Sessler will be our Rohr Show Chairman (help needed from the rest of the membership), and will continue as Estate Assistant. Among his duties as Vice-President is arranging for summer picnic meetings and refreshments at regular meetings; please volunteer (sesslerize@comcast.net or 703/361-5491).

---Pat Paquette will continue handling membership and temporarily continue editing the Clutch Chatter (pkpaquette@msn.com or 703/670-5051).

---Joann Richardson will compile a Calendar of Region Events and other auto-related activities of interest to members; please forward information to her (richardson13@cox.net or 703/768-1569).

---Joe & Molly Drago will continue as Sunshine Couple. Sally Batchelder and Larry Pleasants recently had knee surgery and are recovering well, Dorothy Johnson is seriously ill and Ed has had leg trouble recently.

---We need a volunteer to organize a Spring or Fall Tour. Contact Pete if you can help.

---Since we have many rarely-seen members, it was suggested all active members try to contact less-active members to encourage their participation in Region events.

Joe Drago moved that our March 13, 2011 meeting at the Manassas VFW Hall at 4 PM feature a Region-supplied BBQ dinner. The membership approved with the suggestion there be a contribution to defray costs.

Pat Paquette reported Nancy Windingland is replenishing the Club Store with shirts and caps; if you would like a shirt please contact Nancy so she can order the right style and size (703/864-7145).

On a motion by Bill Sessler and amended after discussion, it was agreed to subsidize Pete's representation of the Region at the AACA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia up to \$500 to help cover hotel, transportation, registration and meal costs.

Mike Curry showed everyone the new Bull Run logo magnetic signs he ordered online. Jim Cross reminded members that fellow member Paul Rose of Vintage Motorcar Restoration offers Bull Run members a discount. Lee & Lita Yarberry announced that their move south is coming a sooner than planned, so this would be their last meeting. Mike Curry sold 50/50 tickets and the lucky winner was Jon Battle who donated his proceeds back to the club.

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