



The

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The President's Page by Luke Stakenborg

Hello everyone!

I hope all of you had a Happy Thanksgiving. I would like to thank everyone for re-electing me for the following year.

Congratulations to Scott Patton for running a second term as Secretary; Nicki Hudson for 22 or 23 consecutive years as Treasurer! Congratulations to George Richardson for Vice-President. Special thanks to Joanne Richardson for serving as Vice-President this past year. Franklin Gage will be our ODMA representative; Ralph Lankford will be ending his tenure, Thank you for your service! Congratulations to the new Board of Directors: Joe Drago, Pete Pandolfi, and Dave Claveloux.

The upcoming month's meeting will be our cookie exchange! Make sure that you bring at least two dozen for all to share. This will be my first time cooking anything, so please be kind! I would like to inform the club that I just recruited a new member, Scot Minesinger. He owns two 1970 Cadillac convertibles. One of them is a very rare, factory four door. His son owns a Sedan Deville of the same year. I hope to get his son involved as well. Please welcome him when you meet him. The installation dinner in January will be held at City Tavern in Manassas during our scheduled meeting time. More of the particulars will be mentioned at our December meeting. The upcoming meeting will also touch upon next year's format for monthly presentations which will officially begin in March. A brief pilot presentation will be given by me at the December meeting. Topic: Virginia Antique Vehicle Safety.

See you for the next meeting at the VFW on December the 8th. Remember to bring your cookies!

Sincerely yours,
Luke

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Calendar of Events and Activities

Dec 7 Manassas Christmas Parade. Please contact Pete Pandolfi at 571-227-2315 for more information.

Dec 8 Monthly meeting at the VFW Hall in Manassas at 4:00 pm.

Jan 12 Monthly meeting – Annual Awards, Officer Installation and Holiday Banquet at the City Tavern at 3:00 pm. See attached flyer and their website:
http://www.citytaverngrille.com/city_tavern/index.htm

Editor's Notes *by Ralph Lankford:*

Our next meeting on the December 8th is the annual Cookie Exchange starting at 4:00 pm at the VFW Post in Manassas. Information for the upcoming Annual Banquet on January 12th is in the attached flyer.

Please let me know if you have any pictures while participating in Bull Run or other AACA events. Please submit any articles, pictures or ideas to me at email: Ralph.Lankford@hotmail.com. I'm especially looking for any articles or suggestions for Tech Tips.

As a reminder, our meetings are usually the second Sunday of the month at the VFW Hall in Manassas unless advised differently – like for our January event.

December Anniversaries

Hal & Kathy Hermann – 30 Dec

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Note: Please let us know if we missed mentioning you. Rest assured it wasn't intentional.

Meeting Minutes for November 10, 2013 by Scott Patton,

Our monthly meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm on Sunday Nov.10 by President Luke Stakenborg at the VFW in Manassas. We began with the Pledge of Allegiance. We had fourteen members present. One of our members present was Darryll Baker who owns a 1939 Chevrolet bus. Darryll explained to us that this bus is a family heirloom and has been used as an RV.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Nicki Hudson presented the Treasurers Report and it was accepted.

Sunshine: Tom and Mary Loren's daughter Teresa has gone through stem cell treatment and is now home from the hospital. Tom and Mary are still in Florida to help Teresa drive to and from the hospital for checkups and blood work. They hope to be back home in Manassas by Thanksgiving.

Old Dominion Meet Association (ODMA) Report: Franklin Gage reports that the ODMA meet and car show will be at the Wyndham Virginia Crossings Hotel and Conference Center in Glen Allen VA on May 16 and 17. There will be a tour of the Capital and war memorial on the 16th and car show on the 17th. ODMA is now on Facebook.

New Business: Our Installation of Officers Banquet will be at the City Tavern at 9405 Main St. in old town Manassas this year on Sunday January 12 at 3pm. Joanne Richardson motioned that members who will attend should send in \$5.00 to hold their reservation, which would then be refunded. Motion accepted.

All were in favor of election results.

Pete Pandolfi updates us on the Manassas Christmas parade on Saturday Dec 7. This year's theme is "Miracle on Center St." Pete says we still have room for about four more cars. Cars can be decorated. If interested contact Pete at usaf04@live.com. This parade will be on Mathis Avenue.

A reminder to members that next month's meeting is our annual cookie exchange. Please bring about two dozen preferably homemade cookies.

Bill Sessler reminds us that this is membership dues renewal time to those who have not yet done so.

A happy birthday to Molly Drago on Nov. 17..

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Lake Ridge Christmas Parade by Pete Pandolfi

Christmas in mid-November! For the past 16 years the community of Lake Ridge, Virginia has held an annual Christmas parade to ring in the holiday season. This is a very nice community parade punctuated by several local organizations and local school marching bands. It is reminiscent of small home town parades I experienced in the 1950's and 1960's. Bull Run Region has been honored to participate in this parade for the last four years.

This year was no exception and thanks to several Bull Run members we really impressed the parade officials. I thank Stan Fetter and his family for bringing their 1957 Dodge complete with a big stuffed Rudolph, Franklin Gage with his 1951 Chevy, my son Paul who drove Pam's 1965 Corvair and I completed the group with my 1967 Oldsmobile Cutlass. The crowd was thrilled with the antique vehicles and shouts of "nice car" were heard throughout the three quarter mile parade route. As the only two convertibles, I was able to drive the parade's Grand Marshall, his wife and young daughter in my car and Paul chauffeured the Grand Marshall's parents.

We all had a very enjoyable time and the parade officials were thrilled with our support. We will have the opportunity to do this event again next year. If you think you would like to join in the fun, reserve November 8, 2014 on your calendar. We would welcome your participation. You don't want to wait that long to have Christmas parade fun? We still have space for 4-5 vehicles for the Manassas Christmas Parade on December 7, 2013. Just let me know you want to join us and I will put your name on the list.

Membership Renewal by Pete Pandolfi

Bill Sessler sent out a mailing in late September of membership renewal forms to everyone on the current roster. It has come to his attention that several members have not yet received their renewal form. A renewal form is included with this newsletter. Bill can be contacted at 703-368-2367 or by email at sesslerize@comcast.net. Membership renewals are due by December 31 and don't forget you have two options with an email Clutch Chatter for \$15 or with a hardcopy mailed Clutch Chatter for \$20. Also, do not forget to renew your membership, if necessary, with National AACA. Those members who have received their renewal forms need not respond to Bill unless you are sending in your renewal.

Lake Ridge Christmas Parade Pictures by Stan Fetter



Bull Run Region Sponsorships by Bill Holmes

I recently sent out some emails with the newly approved Bull Run Sponsorship policy and application form for your use. We need to enlist all club members in helping develop a group of businesses and individuals interested in providing small sponsorships of the club. As you can see from the policy they range from \$50 to \$250 per year. Sponsorship provides opportunity for Sponsors to be reorganized in the monthly Clutch Clatter and on the Club Website www.bullrunaaca.org. This Sponsorship also provides an opportunity for the Sponsor to promote the club through display of a Sponsorship Poster and linking to our website.

Please print out some copies of the application and drop them off at any appropriate businesses or with individuals you think might be interested. Please call me anytime if you want to discuss. All the instructions are on the form. Invite them to check out the website.

We want to promote the hobby and the preservation of our motoring history, so help us expand the group. Thanks for your support of the Bull Run Region and AACA.

We also need to appoint a "Sponsorship Manager". That person would be responsible to keeping up the list, getting the details to the Webmaster, Nathan Clark and following up on renewals for existing Sponsors. If you are interested please let me know. R/Bill

December Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Marty Rendon – 1 Dec
Nancy Newland – 2 Dec
Bob Martz – 5 Dec
George Richardson – 9 Dec
Sandy Martz - 11 Dec
Lori Beer – 14 Dec
Larry Pleasants – 17 Dec
Roberta Wilhelm – 19 Dec
Gary Belt – 26 Dec

Membership Presentations by Jon Battle

Got an automotive passion? Why not share it with your fellow Bull Run Region members!

Starting in February, we'd like to enliven each monthly Bull Run meeting with a presentation by one member, on his or her car-related interest. This could include the history of an automotive make or model. A reminiscence of one's first car. The display of some vintage toy or model cars. Even a short tech session. The list of possibilities is endless!

Some might hesitate to step forward, citing stage fright or a lack of something to say. But once you get started, we'll have a hard time shutting you up! That's why we ask you to limit your presentation to about 15 minutes. That may seem difficult, but it will help you focus on your message.

Some suggestions: Choose a single subject, one you can cover thoroughly in a short time. Be modest in your aims. Don't bite off more than you can chew: the story of your first car might be covered nicely in 15 minutes; the history of General Motors can't. Arrange your talk logically. Think about the high points which will advance your narrative and supply enough information to illustrate your theme without boring people and wasting valuable time. Tons of unrelated facts and figures, or lots of personal "asides", make people sleepy. Keep to your central point.

You don't need fancy props, but if you do have movies, videos or a PowerPoint presentation -- and don't have the correct equipment on which to show them -- we'll try to find that equipment. (If you happen to own a video projector that we could borrow occasionally, please contact me!)

You probably have a fascinating story to share with your friends. They'd love to hear it. Please consider stepping forward to give us the benefit of your knowledge! For more information or advice on your presentation, contact Jon Battle at (540) 364-1770, or via e-mail at detailed@verizon.net.

November Meeting Minutes (continued from Page 3):

Our annual BBQ next year will be April 13 instead of March.

Jon Battle invites members to do a presentation on anything old car related lasting no more than ten or fifteen minutes at any of our future meetings.

Franklin Gage wins 50/50.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm



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Bull Run Region, AACA

Annual Awards, Installation of Officers and Holiday Banquet

Sunday, January 12, 2014

3 p.m. until?

Dress: Casual/Festive

City Tavern
9405 Main Street
Manassas, VA 20110

Buffet includes Relish tray w/garden vegetables, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Roast Chicken, Roast Sirloin of Beef au jus, Green Beans, Oven brown potatoes, Dessert, bread and butter, and tea or coffee

\$5.00 per member (to be returned at dinner)

Get your reservations in early (maximum 40)

Door prizes and Award Announcements

Send reservations and checks payable to "Bull Run Region" to Club Treasurer,

Nicki Hudson
11535 Southampton Ct.
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

Reservations must be received no later than January 3, 2014.



Cut and return this portion with your check.

Bull Run Region Holiday Banquet Reservation

Name of Member:	_____	\$5.00
Name of Spouse:	_____	\$5.00
Number of Guests:	_____ @ \$17.95	\$_____
	Total Remitted	\$_____