



The

# Clutch Chatter

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## The President's Page by Luke Stakenborg

Hello everyone!

I hope this letter finds you well. The conclusion of this year's car season is upon us. Few shows and events remain. On October the 20<sup>th</sup>, Scott Patton and I attended the Rockville Maryland show. Great turnout despite the threatening rain! I met many interesting people with awesome cars. I also liked the "big band era" music in the background. At the show, I ran into fellow members: George Richardson, Dave Claveloux, Bill Holmes, Jon Battle, Mike Fogarty, and Ron Davis. Capitol Cadillac will be hosting the Cadillac/LaSalle show on October 27th. This is a must for Cadillac lovers!

The upcoming month's meeting will focus upon the election of club officers and board of directors. An e-mail was sent out by Joanne Richardson with the election ballot attachment. Results will be announced at the meeting. I had spoken with several members as to what they would like to see conducted at meetings. The consensus was that in addition to the business meetings, there would also be presentations. I am in favor of this as well. The first presentation will be given on the December meeting; topic to be announced.

As mentioned in an earlier edition of the Clutch Chatter, we as a club have to do better on our participation and attendance on the whole if this club is to survive. Don't allow it to rest on the shoulders and responsibility of the same individuals time and again. If there are things that you would like to do or perhaps change, then this is your opportunity to do so. As also previously mentioned, I value all of you very much and welcome your input. I do look toward the future of this club and want it to continue for many generations to come. This is your club, work toward making it the best in the region!

See you for the next meeting at the VFW on November the 10<sup>th</sup>. Remember to bring your election ballots!

Sincerely yours,

*Luke*

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## Calendar of Events and Activities

### **Nov 10      Monthly meeting at the VFW Hall in Manassas at 4:00 pm.**

Nov 16      Lake Ridge Christmas parade. Flyer attached

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.**

### **Editor's Notes** *by Ralph Lankford:*

**Our meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> is Election time – ballot included as last page of this newsletter. Please also remember to vote no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> in the AACA Elections. A voting card was included in the AACA magazine.**

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](mailto: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.**

As members may have noticed, I was not able to send an October Clutch Chatter, so this is a combined October and November edition. My laptop crashed while working on the newsletter and I ended up having to replace both the hard drive and the battery. Unfortunately, I was not able to recover any files on the hard drive, to include my newsletter files. Fortunately, I had backup copies of just about everything – except the newsletters in Word document format. I compose the newsletter in Word and then convert it to an Adobe PDF document. I tried to reverse the process, but ended up building a newsletter from an old May 2011 version – my only file copy in Word format. So, here we are back in business. Hopefully it won't ever happen again! Thanks to Pete and Nicki, I now have one of the club's laptop computers and I additionally have files stored on a flash drive.

In the interest of getting this newsletter on the wire, I will do a November supplemental edition of the newsletter with pictures from the Rohr Memorial Meet in September and other activities in which club members participated.

I'm going to miss the next meeting since Colette and I have family visiting from Madagascar and we'll be out of town over the long Veterans Day weekend. **A BIG Thank You to all the Veterans out there for your Service and the sacrifices you and your families have made in the Defense of Our Great Nation!!**

**Meeting Minutes for October 13, 2013** by Scott Patton, Secretary

Our monthly meeting every 2nd Sunday of the month at the Manassas VFW was called to order at 4:09 pm by President Luke Stakenborg and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Only ten members were present, not enough to meet Quorum.

The meeting continued however with Treasurer Nicki Hudson presenting the treasurer's report that was given and accepted. Nicki did note that we did make some money from the show but not much. Ninety nine cars attended our Rohr meet. Rain was in the forecast which gave us a lower turnout than last year.

Sunshine: Sunshine committee chairperson Molly Drago sent a sympathy card to Edna Cross whose sister died of a brain tumor. Thomas and Mary Loren's daughter Teresa will be having stem cell treatment at a hospital in Florida in the near future. Pete Pandolfi reports that he is on his way to complete recovery.

New Business: Pete Pandolfi reminds us that our Christmas parade will be on Dec. 7. Those who want to participate in this event can decorate their car any way they want but cannot dress as Santa. This event will begin for us at about 8:30 am.

Our installation of officers banquet will tentatively be held at the City Tavern Restaurant in old town Manassas. We will announce a date for that soon.

A reminder to members that you can advertise your car for sale in our Clutch Chatter.

A happy birthday last month to Nicki Hudson 9/28 and Scott Patton 9/20. Anyone can send us their birthdate and we will announce it in our monthly minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

## Christmas Parades 2013 by Pete Pandolfi

Hello everyone.

First, thanks to Dave Claveloux for joining me for the upcoming **Lake Ridge Christmas Parade**. It is not too late for anyone else who would like to join us. Right now I have Dave with his 71 Torino and my two cars. This is a fun little parade. The route is less than a mile. The parade starts on **Saturday November 16 at 10 am, lineup is at 9 am**, and we are usually done by 11 am. Please let me know if you want to participate by our November meeting on Sunday the 10th.

Can't make the Lake Ridge parade, but would like to be a part of the holiday celebration? We still have room for a couple more vehicles for the **Manassas Christmas parade on Dec 7**. As of now I have 9 members interested in participating. We are allowed a maximum of 10 vehicles, but several of our members' convertibles will be used for parade VIPs and do not count toward the 10 total vehicles. We can easily accommodate 4-5 more. If you have already told me you would like to participate, there is no need to respond to this message. I will send more detailed information out to participants after the parade organizational meeting on November 21, but you can let me know of your interest anytime.

Thanks to all.

Pete  
571-227-2315  
Cell: 202-441-7438

## 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](mailto: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.



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## 2013 Santa's Old Bridge Parade INFORMATION and RULES

**Date and Time:** Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013. Start lining up by 9 a.m. Step off at 10 a.m.

**Theme:** Illuminate the Holidays

**Entry Fee:** \$30. Check or Credit Card.

**Entry Deadline:** November 10, 2013

**Bad Weather:** If weather is severe, parade will be cancelled.

**Parade Route:** TBD. Marching time about 1 hour.

### **Safety, Insurance, Traffic and Crowd Control issues**

- For safety of spectators and participants – NO handouts/no tossing or throwing items – no candy, no food or drinks, no favors, leaflets, flyers, etc – are to be thrown from vehicles or floats or handed out.

- No solicitations of any kind from parade crowd or from parade participants are permitted

- Animals other than trained horses are not recommended due to loud and unusual noises, large crowds and small children. Animals must be under control at all times. Those who bring animals do so at their own risk, and they accept total and complete responsibility and liability for the animal (s) behavior.

### **General Information**

**Decorated vehicles:** Decorations in keeping with «Illuminate the Holidays» theme encouraged.

**Holiday Sounds:** Each group is encouraged to have a sound to capture the spirit of the parade and to avoid dead spots. Sounds can be as simple as a holiday song, cheers, jingling bells, shoe taps, clapping routine, taped music, etc.

**No Santa Clauses:** The only Santa will be at the end of the Parade. Do not plan any kind of «Santa» with your unit. Several Santas are confusing to children.

**Uniforms/Costumes:** All parade participants should be in full uniform or costume to be easily identified as a group. Warm clothing should be worn under uniform or costume. Santa hats ok.

**Unit Identification:** Each unit shall have an identifying sign or banner with name of participant or participating organization. Please cover advertising to preserve the noncommercial spirit of the Parade.

**Briefing / Information:** Call Observer newspaper office at 703-369-5253 with questions.

**Cancellations:** If unit must withdraw, please call us at 703-369-5253. Night before parade call 703-361-5379. Parade morning call 703-380-3401. No refunds.

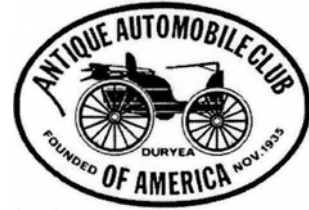
**Judging and awards:** Units will be judged during the parade. Judging criteria: adherence to theme, overall appeal and precision.

**Parking:** Parking in the lineup area is for parade vehicles. Please park personal vehicles at WSHS lower lot and walk to assigned lineup position.

**Submission of entry form constitutes acceptance of terms & conditions set forth above.**



# BULL RUN REGION AACA



## APPLICATION/RENEWAL FOR MEMBERSHIP

PLEASE PRINT

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_, City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Tel#: \_\_\_\_\_ Work or Cell # (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address (if you have one): \_\_\_\_\_

Make, model and year of antique/classic automobile(s) you own:

*NOTE: It is not necessary to own an antique/classic automobile to be a member.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the National AACA? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (Check One)

AACA Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*NOTE: You must be a member of the National AACA in order to become a member of a Region or a Chapter. If you answer "No", National membership forms are available at [www.aaca.org](http://www.aaca.org). Your Bull Run application will be held pending receipt of a National membership number.*

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Dues:** \$15.00 with emailed newsletter or \$20.00 with USPS mailed newsletter.

*Dues must accompany this application.*

Make check payable to *Bull Run Region AACA*

Mail this completed application to: William Sessler  
8411 Briarmont Lane  
Manassas VA 20112

The Region newsletter, *The Clutch Chatter*, is distributed by email or the USPS. Please specify which version you prefer. Note that choosing the email version saves you \$5/year in dues and expenses for the club.

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Thank you for joining our region!

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**Bull Run Region**  
**2014 Officers Election Ballot**

**President – Vote for 1**

Luke Stakenborg \_\_\_\_\_

Write In \_\_\_\_\_

**Vice President – Vote for 1**

George Richardson

Write In \_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary – Vote for 1**

Scott Patton \_\_\_\_\_

Write In \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer – Vote for 1**

Nicki Hudson \_\_\_\_\_

Write In \_\_\_\_\_

**Board of Directors – Vote for 3**

Dave Claveloux \_\_\_\_\_

Joe Drago \_\_\_\_\_

Pete Pandolfi \_\_\_\_\_

Write In \_\_\_\_\_

**ODMA Representative Two Year Term – Vote for 1**

Franklin Gage \_\_\_\_\_

Write In \_\_\_\_\_

Ralph Lankford is our other ODMA representative entering the second year of his term.

**Please bring this ballot with you to the **November 10** meeting or mail to:**

**Joann Richardson**

**Bull Run Region, AACA**

**1509 Baltimore Road**

**Alexandria, VA 22308**

**Mailed ballots must be received by **November 8** in order to be counted.**

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