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# Clutch Chatter

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## The President's Page *by Leonard Paquette*

I want to congratulate all of the officers who were elected at our last meeting. They are... Pete Pandolfi, President; Bill Sessler, Vice-President; Franklin Gage, Secretary; Nicki Hudson, Treasurer and Joe Drago, Pat Paquette and Ralph Lankford for Board of Directors. O.D.M.A. representatives will once again be George and Joann Richardson. Thanks to each of you for stepping up to participate in the management of our club. I assure you, Pete will bring good organizational and management skills to the club as the new President. Good luck, Pete!

As you can see in the Meeting Minutes report, new member Scott Patton did a great job filling in as meeting Secretary for Franklin. Thank you Scott!

Our last club driving event of the year will be the Manassas Christmas parade on December 4<sup>th</sup>. We have fifteen cars signed up to participate. If you can't participate, join in with the crowd of spectators as we display the Bull Run banner and advertise our September 2011 Rohr show. We hope to have red, white and blue Mustangs leading the Bull Run procession. Our parade unit theme is "Off to Grandma's House we go!"

Our December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting (at the VFW at 4:00pm) will feature our popular cookie exchange. Please bring two dozen cookies (I prefer homemade!) and take your selection of a different two dozen from cookies that other members have brought. We all seem to go home light-handed because we have eaten most of our "exchanges" at the meeting ☺

This year our installation dinner will be at the VFW at our regularly scheduled meeting time... Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. We voted on having a potluck, so dust off those recipes and bring your best side dish. The club will furnish meats and drinks and paper products. This should be a relaxed and informal installation. Please show your support to our newly elected officers by joining us for this meeting and potluck.

In closing, Pat and I want to wish each of you and your families a happy and healthy holiday season!

## Calendar of Events

- Dec 4** **Bull Run participation in the Greater Manassas Christmas Parade.**  
Call or email Pat Paquette ... (703)670-5051 or [pkpaquette@msn.com](mailto:pkpaquette@msn.com). Parade start time is 10:00am but all units must be in place at their assigned rally point **before** 9:30am – no exceptions are made for late arrivers.
- Dec 12** **Bull Run meeting on Sunday at the VFW in Old Town Manassas at 4:00pm.**  
This meeting will include our holiday cookie exchange.
- Dec 25 Merry Christmas!
- Jan 9** **Bull Run meeting on Sunday at the VFW in Old Town Manassas at 4:00pm.**  
This will be our officer installation and pot luck meeting.

## Meeting Minutes for November 14, 2010

by Scott Patton, substituting for Franklin Gage, Secretary

The meeting at the Manassas VFW Hall was called to order by President Leonard Paquette at 4 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. Treasurer Nicki Hudson gave her report, which was accepted.

Elections were conducted for 2011 Officers. The Nominating Committee of Mary Loren & Molly Drago had a full slate of candidates for each position (all candidates were unopposed and there were no write-ins) with the following results:

**President: Pete Pandolfi**

**Vice-President: Bill Sessler**

**Secretary: Franklin Gage**

**Treasurer: Nicki Hudson**

**Board of Directors: Joe Drago, Ralph Lankford & Pat Paquette**

**ODMA Representatives: George & Joann Richardson**

**City of Manassas Mayor, Hal Parish and Debbie Haight and Mark Olson from HMI** (Historic Manassas, Inc.) attended to meet us and talk about how they can help promote, facilitate and make our 2011 car show at the Manassas Museum another success. Among concerns were coordinating traffic flow, better signage, advertising and anything they can do to help bring in visitors. Jon Battle reminded everyone of the importance of street signage and advertising to pull people in from outlying areas.

**The Manassas Christmas Parade is Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** and open to club members. Please contact Pat Paquette to sign-up (703/670-5051 or [pkpaquette@msn.com](mailto:pkpaquette@msn.com)).

**Changing our meeting time was discussed** and it was agreed that we would like to meet Sundays at 2 PM if the VFW is available. Joe Drago will check with the VFW and let us know in December.

**Our next meeting will be Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 4 PM at the VFW Hall** and will include a Holiday Cookie Exchange. Please bring two-dozen cookies to share, and an empty plate to collect two-dozen to take home.

The meeting on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 4 PM will be a potluck meeting and installation dinner. Please bring your utensils and a dish to share. The club will furnish drinks and the main dish – ham and turkey. The meeting will be at the VFW Hall.

It was noted there were two antique cars in the parking lot; Ralph Lankford had his '39 Chevrolet and Bill Sessler drove his brother's (Chris) '57 Pontiac.

**Scott Patton won the 50/50 raffle** with \$41 and the meeting adjourned to celebrate November Birthdays with another Pat Paquette cake.

*Secretary's note: I've been absent the last couple of meetings due to conflicting car events; thanks to Nancy Windingland and new member Scott Patton for substituting.*

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