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# *Clutch Chatter*

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## **The President's Page** *by Pete Pandolfi*

I hope everyone is enjoying the beginning of Fall. As promised, Pam and I did not get up to Hershey and I hope all who did attend had a great time. At least the weather was spectacular.

At the October meeting, Nicki gave the members a preliminary report on the finances for the car show, and we did quite well. Not that we want to go spending willy nilly, but in the November meeting we will be discussing next year's show and some possible purchases to position the club better for the future. We will also decide whether we will continue to keep the show at the Manassas Museum for next year given that the permit application will have to be submitted by December. I did receive a number of very positive comments on the show and its location.

The November meeting will be an important one for many reasons. In addition to car show decisions, we will be having our annual election of officers and we will need to commit to the Manassas Christmas parade. Regarding the election of officers, I am happy to announce we now have a full ballot of candidates thanks to Ralph Lankford. In addition to running as a Director and being editor of the Clutch Chatter, he has also volunteered to run for ODMA Representative alongside Franklin. Thanks, Ralph, for all your hard work. At the last meeting, the membership decided to do a 100% mailing of the Clutch Chatter to all Bull Run members to ensure everyone has the opportunity to vote. Please do not let this expenditure go wasted and turn in your ballots as soon as possible or bring them to the meeting.

Regarding the Manassas Christmas parade, we have the opportunity again this year to participate free of charge. The Coordinator is waiving the entrance fee since Pam and I have been supporting the parade with our Corvair convertible for the past several years to take honored guests through the parade. This year Pat and Leonard Paquette will also be taking one of the Pageant Queens in one of their cars. Anyone with a convertible or open car that would like to drive a distinguished guest, please let me know and I will get the information to the Coordinator. If you choose to do so, you will be driving separate from the club. That is why we bought those magnetic Bull Run Region signs last year. As for the club participation, we can have up to 10 vehicles of any type. We are encouraged to decorate the cars in a Christmas motif. Each owner can decorate as much or as little as they wish. There are awards for the best unit. I would like to get a firm count of who would like to participate by mid-November, but I will submit the application now in anticipation of our participation. We can always back out. The parade is being held in Old Town Manassas on Saturday December 3, 2011. I will get more details later, but the show time for lineup is usually at 9 am. The parade kicks off around 10:30 or 11 and it takes about 45 minutes to drive the route. After the parade, everyone is free to go.

That is all the news I have for now. See you in November. *Pete*

## **Calendar of Events**

- Nov 5 1<sup>st</sup> Heacock Classic Gold Cup Historic Races & Antique Car Show sponsored by Old Dominion Meet Association (ODMA) at Virginia Int'l Raceway, Alton VA.
- Nov 13 Bull Run meeting on Sunday at the VFW in Old Town Manassas at 4:00pm. Annual voting of club officers – we need maximum participation and attendance!**

## Meeting Minutes for October 9, 2011 *by Pam Pandolfi for Franklin Gage*

Thanks, Pam!!

Bull Run AACA Regional Car Club meeting was held October 8th, 2011, at the Manassas VFW Post. President Peter Pandolfi called the meeting to order at 4:00p.m., after the Pledge of Allegiance, it was confirmed that there was a quorum. Nicki gave the treasurer's report, Joe Drago moved to accept the report as read and JoAnn Richardson seconded the motion. Approved.

Sunshine report: Molly Drago had been in contact with Ruth & Eck Blankenship; Mary Kennedy, Bud and Erma and all are improving. Don Shaffer is improving after his recent stroke; Jim Cross updated us on Edna's stroke and broken shoulder. Well wishes were extended to all our members who are dealing with health issues.

Membership: Several applications were handed out at the Rohr Show to prospective members. One who has applied for membership is Dave Claveloux. Dave owns a 1971 Ford Tornio, be sure to introduce yourself at the next meeting and welcome Dave to the Club.

Activities: October 15th is the Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show in Rockville, MD. , they are in need of judges if anyone is available. Scott reported this is a good show to attend and is usually quite large.

Also on the 15th is Mantua Elementary School in Fairfax, is having a Community wide Celebration commemorating the School's opening 50 years ago. They are hoping some cars from the 1960's era will register to help set the scene.

November 5th the Leesburg Rotary is sponsoring a Cruise. Pete explained that a Cruise is a 2 person driving course; the driver and the navigator follow a course stopping along the way at check points and completing the cruise. Entrance fee is \$150.00 each, (\$300 for the team).

November 5th is also the ODMA's Show at the Virginia Roadway, in Danville, VA. Come out and watch the restored race cars compete in races and enjoy the event. Advance tickets are \$5.00 for the track events. At 2:30pm they will hold the ODMA meeting. The Roanoke region will sponsor next year's meet.

### OLD BUSINESS:

The Rohr show; Pete thanked Bill Sessler, the Show's Chairperson, for all the behind the scene accomplishments and praised everyone involved for pulling together once again and getting the job done. The Show was a complete success and enjoyed by all the attendees. Even though the weather was iffy at times there were 162 – 163 cars registered in attendance, just imagine if the weather had been great all day. The 2 local newspapers provided excellent event coverage starting with a pre-show article and a post-show article and picture, written by Pete, in the Manassas Observer.

The 43 Street Rods were displayed on the street in front of the Museum and the owners were quite delighted with the location, except for those across from the port-a-potties. If you see any of the Street Rod owners please pass along that the City of Manassas and the Chili Cook Off decided to provide the portable restrooms and did not coordinate the location with Bill or anyone affiliated with our show. It was a complete surprise to all of us Saturday morning.

Joe opened the topic of the closure of Prince William Street, by stating he has realized the benefit and we should budget the \$500.00 when planning next year's show and future shows, especially as the show continues to grow. The question of how to pay the \$500 was raised; the general consensus was that raising the show registration would not be the best route. Pete reminded everyone that the club can apply for a grant from the city of Manassas and though we have missed the deadline for this year's grant submission, the Club could apply to the City of Manassas for a 2012 Grant to cover the costs for the 2013 show. Without a larger attendance at the meeting further discussion is tabled, but felt it was a good idea to budget for the expense and apply for the grant for 2013's show.

### NEW BUSINESS:

March Bar-B-Que dinner: As Joe & Molly will be wintering in Florida this year and Joe makes the arrangement for the dinner, could the dinner be postponed until the April meeting. Agreed by all.

Ballots/Election: Franklin sent a request that the October Clutch Chatter be mailed, via the US Postal service so that each member would have an actual ballot to bring to the November meeting. A motion was made by JoAnn that the November Clutch Chatter is mailed to the membership. Joe, seconded the motion. Motion approved.

It was announced that it is time to renew another year lease with the VFW Post if we want to continue meeting here. It was agreed that Joe is to extend the lease through October, 2012.

George Richardson reported that Hershey was a great show and the weather was great.

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Jim Cross talked about the Glidden Tour, it was a great tour through Maryland and next year the Tour will be hosted and held in Texas. The Glidden Tour, is for vintage vehicles 1942 and older, and there is always an abundance of helping hands to make sure all the cars finish the tour. Franklin even had the honor of lending a helping hand (rather than requesting it) to Jim this year.

Jim Cross also mentioned that he is on the ballot for a directorship with the AACA Board of Directors. Please send those ballots in with Jim as your choice, he'd be honored to represent the Region and looks forward to an exciting year with AACA.

Molly invited everyone to visit the table of goodies in the back; there were jars of strawberry jam (that Molly had made. Quite delicious, for those who did not get the opportunity to purchase some), and packaged snacks that had been donated for the bake sale.

Being no further business, Pete adjourned the meeting at 5:15p.m.

Thanks, Pam!!

**Our next meeting is Sunday, November 13, 2011 at 4 PM at the Manassas VFW Hall.**

## Make Your Car a Movie Star!!

Carlyn Davis Casting is seeking 1970s style cars for the feature film "ARGO" directed by and starring Ben Affleck. They are looking for nondescript cars, trucks, vans, etc. They are NOT looking hot rods at this time. If you need clarification on what types of cars they're looking for, please go to [www.facebook.com/carlyndaviscasting](http://www.facebook.com/carlyndaviscasting) and look under the photo album "Argo Cars."

The film will shoot in the DC area November 18, 19 and 20. If you are interested and available, please email [suzanne.cdc@gmail.com](mailto:suzanne.cdc@gmail.com) with a photo of your car, provide valid registration/proof of ownership, valid proof of insurance and all forms of contact for consideration. Thank you!

Suzanne Kang, Casting Director

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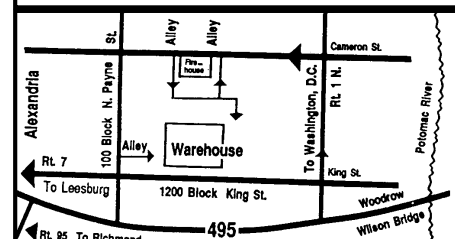
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## **Editor's Notes** *by Ralph Lankford:*

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](mailto:Ralph_Lankford@hotmail.com)

See you at the next meeting on Sunday November 13 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. Check out this link: <http://local.aaca.org/odma/heacock.htm>

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.

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

Please plan to attend the first of what we hope will be an annual event at Virginia International Raceway. Additional information will be forthcoming. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call Sandy Hall at 757-482-2821 (home number). We look forward to seeing you on November 5.

## **More Photos from the Rohr Memorial Car Meet**

Thanks to Andy Gotchel, additional photos of the Rohr meet can be found at the following link:

<https://picasaweb.google.com/HFRAACA/BullRunAACAShow#>

## **Time to Renew Your Annual Bull Run Region Membership**

A membership renewal form is included with this newsletter (actually the same form for a new membership). You can either bring the completed form with you to the next meeting or follow the mailing instructions on the form. Dues are \$15 for 2012 or \$20 if you prefer a paper copy of the monthly newsletter (same prices as this past year).

## **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. Ballots must be postmarked by Tuesday November 15 – no exceptions!

## **2012 Election Ballot on the Next Page**

We need maximum participation for the election of our officers and representatives for 2012. Please bring the ballot with you to the next club meeting on Sunday November 13 or return to ballot by mail in time for them to be counted at the meeting.

**Bull Run Region  
2012 Election Ballot**

**President- Vote for 1**

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

**Vice President- Vote for 1**

**Nancy Windingland \_\_\_\_\_**

**Secretary- Vote for 1**

**Pam Pandolfi \_\_\_\_\_**

**Treasurer- Vote for 1**

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

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

**Board of Directors- Vote for 3**

**Pat Paquette \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Ralph Lankford \_\_\_\_\_**

**ODMA Representatives- Vote for 2**

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

**Ralph Lankford \_\_\_\_\_**

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to:**

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Ballot should be mailed no later than Tuesday November 8 for it to  
be received in time to be counted at the Sunday meeting on  
November 13.