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The President's Page *by Pete Pandolfi*

I hope everyone is having a great summer. We had a very good meeting in July. Thanks to all who attended. Everything is on track for the September 15 Edgar Rohr Car Meet. Registration forms are on our website, in the Clutch Chatter and scattered about the area. Bill Sessler has even mailed forms out to past participants. I encourage you to pre-register as soon as possible. Not only will it save you \$5, it helps the club in preparation and planning. Don't worry about the weather. I put in a reservation with the National Weather Service for great weather that day. And while you are filling out that registration form, check that little box that says you want to be one of the show judges. Effective judging is critical to the show's successful outcome and the more judges we have the better and quicker the judging will be. Besides judges get a great thank you gift and get to wear that distinctive button badge while judging.

Looking into the future, it is only five months until Christmas. That signals several actions for the Region. First, we will need to discuss the holiday party and installation of officers in January. We will do this after the car show. But speaking of officers, November brings us to our elections and a new slate of officers.

In the next month or so, I will be contacting club members to serve as a nomination committee. The nomination committee members are not eligible to run for an office. Please don't everyone volunteer at once. The committee is responsible for contacting the membership to fill the slate with nominees, create the ballot and tabulate the results.

I also ask each of you to consider running for an office. The club needs members to step up and lend a hand to keep the Region active. We have taken in several new members over the past year, and getting active with the Region is a great way to expand your enjoyment of the hobby. For those members who have been with us for a while, consider stepping up to help your club and benefit from the rewards of taking a leadership position. The positions available to you are President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, three Directors and two ODMA representatives.

So when you are contacted by the nomination committee please strongly consider running for one of these positions. This applies to those of us already holding office as well.

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Events & Activities Calendar:

Aug 12

Meeting at the VFW Hall in Manassas at 4:00 pm.

Aug 13-17 AACA Founders Tour (1932 & later), Alleghany Mt Region, Altoona, PA, 814-251-2299

Aug 27-31 AACA Reliability Tour (1915 & earlier), Richmond Region, Richmond VA, 804-370-7523

Sep 13-15 AACA Central Fall Meet, Amarillo Region, Canyon TX, 806-477-0418

Sep 15 37th Edgar Rohr Memorial Meet, Bull Run Region, www.bullrunaaca.org

Oct 10-13 AACA Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey Region, Hershey PA, 717-566-7720

Oct 21-26 AAA Revival Glidden Tour (pre-1943), VMCCA hosted, Brenham TX, patandjamie@hughes.net

Meeting Minutes – July 8th:

by Pam Pandolfi

President Peter Pandolfi opened the meeting at 4:00p.m. at the VFW Post # 10, in Manassas. Treasure report approved as presented.

Membership committee: Nothing to report this month.

Sunshine Committee (Molly Drago): The club has sent get well cards to: Chip Rohr, recovering from surgery; Richard Porter, recovering from knee surgery; Ruth Blankenship having inner ear and balance troubles, and Tom & Mary Loren's daughter who has lymphoma.

During the History Car Tour in Colorado Springs, CO, Brian had a fire develop in the 1928 Buick. Chris and Tyler Danzig and Brian's parents were not hurt but Brian suffered 3rd burns on his leg and will be treated in a Colorado Springs hospital. It is not clear if Brian will have to have surgery or skin grafts. Chris and Tyler stayed in CO and his parents took the truck and empty trailer home for them. Anyone who wants to send Brian a card should send it to: 22 Lakeside Dr. Stafford, VA 22554

We wish them all a speedy recovery and good health news in the days to come.

Activities report of upcoming events: Shenandoah Valley Car Show on July 21st 2012. No entrance fee. Pr. William Cruiser's are having a car show to benefit the Wounded Warriors on September 16th, registration fee \$15.00. The Sugarloaf Car Show in Urbana is the week before our Rohr Show. On May 4th 2013 is the ODMA show in Fredericksburg, VA. It will be held at the old Sheridan off I95. If we can have a good attendance then it would be possible for our club to win big in trophies. Of course if you would be interested or willing to judge contact Franklin for additional information.

Rohr Show Committee: Registration mailers were sent out the week of July 9th – 13th. The mailing list was compiled from the last 2 years attendees. It was decided that since the club members receive the newsletter the registration form does not need to sent to the club members as it's included with the electronic newsletter.

The Judging dash card: After some discussion it has been decided that the card will be one color and a stamp of some nature will be used to identify which vehicles are to be judged and which won't be judged.

Locations for special features: 1) The Model A Ford Club will be presenting the take apart and rebuild of the Model A again this year and the location will be back on Prince William street. 2) The Ault Car display location will be the same as last year; there should not be any problem with the location interfering with the Model A. 3) The Ice Cream truck/vendor will have its own generator for the event and they will turn the power off during the Model A demonstrations. 4) The City of Manassas Historic Society promises the port-a-potty will be placed in a better location.

Jon Battle has started contacting the Trophy sponsors and reminds everyone to contact Jon (703 392-6870 or e-mail detailed@erols.com.) if you want to sponsor a trophy or change the category. Pete reports that all the trophies are in his garage and there is 1 extra for each category.

Nancy Windingland is in charge of the **Club Store and the Silent Auction**. Nancy is collecting items for the Silent Auction; you can contact her by phone 540 752-8063 or e-mail windykitty@direcway.com. Nancy and Pat have purchased the club door prizes and will bring them to the show.

Molly Drago is in charge of the **Bake Sale** and is looking forward to all the wonderful baked treats that will be donated to assist the club and satisfy the crowd's sweet tooth.

There has been a **request for additional tents** to help shade the store, auction, bake sale, trophies. We have 12 tables and 3 tents available for these locations, but additional tents would help out.

Judges: Franklin Gage states there are a few signed up but as always more are needed. Remember the more Judges the faster everything goes and the quicker the tallies can be completed and a smooth transition to the presentation.

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Meeting Minutes – July 8th (continued):

OLD BUSINESS:

An invoice for \$110.00 from JC Taylor insurance has been turned in. This is for regional director liability, AACA provides the coverage but request each club share in the cost responsibility, and our portion is \$110.00. Joe Drago moved we pay the invoice and Nancy Windingland seconded the motion.

Pat Paquette and Franklin Gage were approached by Joe Aftell, a local appraiser for antique automobiles, requesting permission to walk the show grounds the day of the Rohr show cold selling his appraisal business. It was determined that like any vendor Mr. Aftell should purchase a vendor slot and market his business from there, and if Mr. Aftell did purchase vendor permission then he could provide flyers and it would be included in the registration packets.

The Advertising banner that is displayed on Center Street advertising the Rohr show has been updated with this year's date and will be displayed the week before the show, starting on Sunday.

NEW BUSINESS:

George and JoAnn Richardson presented last meeting a brochure on portable PA systems, and since we did not have a forum Pete brought in for today's meeting. This is a compact portable table top device that usually sales for \$199 and is currently on sale for \$139. It was determined that at this time there is not a satisfactory reason to purchase 1 now. There may be a need in the future, but for now the Museum's system is the best solution.

No additional business. President Pete Pandolfi adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Bull Run Region Website

Our website can be found at: www.bullrunaaca.org

BRR members can submit inputs for two sections: 1) "Members Cars " photos. First name only will be used to identify owner. Need photo, year, make and model. 2) "Links" tab so please send interesting links for consideration to Bill Holmes at wholmes2@cox.net.

President's Page (continued from Page 1):

December brings with it our annual awards. I will also be asking for a couple of members to serve on the awards committee. Some of our annual awards have specific committees such as the Ault Award and the Continuous Service Award. In addition there is the Howard Hamm Award and the Ambassador's Award. The recipients will be announced at the installation dinner/meeting in January.

That just about wraps things up for this month. I hope to see you all at the August 12 meeting. *Pete*

Editor's Notes by *Ralph Lankford*:

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

The next meeting is this Sunday August 12th at 4:00 at the VFW Hall in Manassas!

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