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## The President's Page by Luke Stakenborg

Hello everyone!

I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas. As all of you are aware, the weather can be very unpredictable. In the future, if there is inclement weather, make sure to contact myself or the officer staff and board of directors for instructions in the event that meeting is cancelled. I would like to thank everyone involved for getting the word out to members this past month.

I would like to remind everyone to renew their National and Regional memberships for the new year. This coming year will be a push for renewed involvement in the club. New members will be initiated along with regular presentations, dinners, and field trips. The first scheduled presentation will be in March. No scheduled presentation for February since I will be attending the National conference in Philadelphia.

The installation dinner will be held at the City Tavern in Manassas on January 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00, an hour earlier than our scheduled meeting time. Make sure to R.S.V.P. Nikki Hudson by January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

See you at the City Tavern! Sincerely yours,

*Luke*

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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).

**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 on the 12<sup>th</sup>.**

## Calendar of Events and Activities

**Jan 12**      **Monthly meeting – Annual Awards, Officer Installation and Holiday Banquet at the City Tavern at 3:00 pm. See attached flyer for more information and the City Tavern website: [http://www.citytaverngrille.com/city\\_tavern/index.htm](http://www.citytaverngrille.com/city_tavern/index.htm)**

Feb 6-8      AACA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia PA

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

Feb 2-22      AACA Southeastern Winter Meet hosted by the Treasure Coast Region in Port St. Lucie FL

Apr 3-5      AACA Southeastern Spring Meet hosted by the Hornets Nest Region in Charlotte NC

## **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](mailto:detailed@verizon.net).

## Greater Manassas Christmas Parade 2013

*by Pete Pandolfi*

Rain, sleet, snow and ice combined with cold temperatures and blustery winds. Such was the weather the day before and the day after this year's annual Manassas Christmas Parade. Parade day brought with it clear skies, sunshine, no precipitation, slightly warmer temperatures but still some blustery winds. All in all it was a great day for a Christmas parade and there was a huge crowd of spectators all along the parade route despite the cutting wind. As we have for the past seven years, Bull Run Region provided several VIP cars and had a contingent of antique vehicles in the parade.

Representing the club with VIP cars this year were Joe and Molly Drago with their 1965 Mustang convertible. They carried the City of Manassas Park Principal of the Year and Teacher of the Year. Patricia Pandolfi, substituting for Pam, in a 1965 Corvair convertible carrying the Manassas Vice Mayor Andy Harrover. Pete Pandolfi in his 1967 Oldsmobile Cutlass convertible drove Tey Barbour and his parents. Tey is a young Manassas resident that collected 741 pairs of shoes for underprivileged children. Ray and Lenita Franklin provided the fourth VIP car with their 1971 Pontiac LeMans convertible. They were slated to drive the Manassas area Delegate Jackson Miller. Unfortunately, the parade committee forgot to invite Delegate Miller, so Ray and Lenita patiently waited for the club to arrive at the VIP staging area and joined in with the group.

The club contingent was comprised of Dave Claveloux with his 1971 Ford Torino, Mike Fogerty with his 1970 Plymouth Fury convertible, Scott Patton driving Bill Sessler's 1936 Buick, Bill and David Sessler in Bill's 1946 Cadillac convertible and Daryll Baker with his 1939 Chevy school bus. No parade is without its mishaps and this one was no exception. Bill's Cadillac began leaking gasoline and had to drop out of the group even before they started rolling. In the end, everyone had a great time and Bill was able to limp his wounded warrior home safely.

Here are some pictures of the Bull Run members staging for the parade. We will have this opportunity again next year. Plan to join in on the fun. The Greater Manassas Christmas Parade is always the first Saturday in December.

**Manassas Christmas Parade Pictures** *by Pete Pandolfi*



Pete Pandolfi's 1967 Oldsmobile Cutlass



Pete's trunk filled with fuel for the participants!



Bill Sessler's 1936 Buick



Dave Claveloux's 1971 Torino



Mike Fogerty and his 1970 Plymouth Fury



Pam Pandolfi's 1965 Chevrolet Corvair Monza

## More Manassas Christmas Parade Pictures



Bill Sessler's 1946 Cadillac



Daryll Baker and 1939 Chevrolet School Bus



Bill and David Sessler with Bull Run vehicles lined up in the background



Pam's Corvair Waiting for the Vice Mayor



Tey Barbour and his Parents ready to roll. Torie Pandolfi looks on from the front seat.



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