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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – GETTING READY FOR THE SEASON

Well here we are in March, the battery is charged and the car is ready to go. By the time of the next meeting night, I'm sure we will have been on the road. This cabin fever is killing us, first snow and rain, oh well the Christmas trees need it.

We had an excellent turn out at our ODMA meet planning meeting at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House on Saturday, March 17th.

We need all our members on board to sign up and commit if possible to make this a successful meet.

Here is a little humor that I thought you all might like:

A dad was telling his boy what his own childhood was like. He said, "I had a swing made

from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We drove our old car to the A&W Root Beer stand and talked about the size of our motors. We'd sneak into drive-in movies in the trunk of the car." The little boy was wide-eyed, taking this in. As last he said, "Gee, dad, I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

- Ron Rees, HFR AACA President



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 Nora Aftel, Webmaster

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**CLUB INFORMATION**

**2013 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

EXECUTIVE BOARD		COMMITTEES	
Ron Rees	President	Meet Chairman	J Gordon Brown
Ken Loucks	Vice President	Chief Judge	Ben Schooler
Wayne DuBois	Treasurer	Magneto Editor	Andy Gotchel
Linda Gotchel	Secretary	Webmaster	Nora Aftel
J Gordon Brown	Past President	Membership Chairman	Lauman Schooler
Doug Makin	At-Large Member (through 2013)	Legislative Chairman	Don Mohr
Hank Mausolf	At-Large Member (through 2014)	Sunshine Chairman	Rena Rees
		Club Chaplain	Ben Schooler

**MONTHLY MEETINGS**

Monthly meetings of the Historic Fredericksburg Region AACA are held at 7:30 PM on the third Tuesday of each month except December at the Dorothy Hart Community Center, 408 Canal Street in Fredericksburg. All members will be notified of any changes.

March Meeting—Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

April Meeting—Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

**MEMBERSHIP**

We are always looking for new members. So if you, or someone else you know is interested in joining our club, please come to one of our membership meetings. For more information on membership, please contact our Membership Chairman, Lauman Schooler (540) 373-1955.

**REFRESHMENTS SIGN-UP**

If you would like to contribute drinks or desert for an upcoming club general membership meeting, please sign up for one of the open spots at the meeting. We thank Rena Rees for providing snacks and drinks at the March meeting.

	SNACKS	BEVERAGES
April	Dan Fergusson	Dan Fergusson
May	Fred Becker	Connie Brown
June	Laura Lowe	Jason Javaras
July	Linda Gotchel	Powell Sale
August	Frances Schooler	Jane Shelton
September	Wally Hunt	Connie Brown
October	Mausolfs	Don Mohr
November	Suzanne Schooler	Linnie Coppage

**BIRTHDAYS**

The following members will be celebrating their special day in March:

Karen Liebenow	5
Harriet Castro	7
Margaret Stosch	7
Laura Lowe	8
Jane Shelton	10
Vickie Headley	16
Allen Taylor	21
David Terzian	21
Ruth DuBois	24
Ernest Bareford	28
Michael Mote	28

CLUB NEWS

2013 ODMA MEET

Our club will be hosting the 2013 ODMA meet in Central Park Fredericksburg, May 3-4th. This presents a big challenge to our club, since we have to plan and put on two major shows back-to-back; ODMA in May followed by our annual car show the in June. We need a significant commitment from the members of the club for these shows to be a success. Also, J Brown is now accepting items to be donated for the silent auction to be held during the show.

FREDERICKSBURG & ODMA 2013: PERFECT TOGETHER



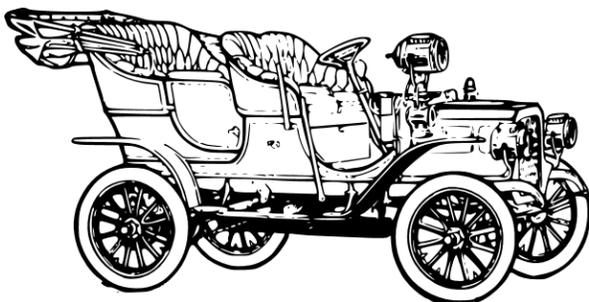
2013 HFR AACA ANNUAL SHOW

It's not too early to start thinking about our annual show in downtown Fredericksburg, which will be held this year on Saturday, June 1st. It is becoming one of the region's must-go-to car events. We need your help to continue to make this a success. As we begin our planning this year. Please step up and volunteer for one or more of the many jobs that need to be to be staffed. Also, the flyer and entry application is available on the club website.



CHANCELLOR MS USO DANCE

The Chancellor Middle School USO Dance will be held this year on Friday, April 26th. The students dress up in World War II vintage clothing, and our club supports the event by providing cars for display at the beginning of the event for about 1 hour. We are looking for World War II era cars (1932-1949). Participants should arrive at 6:45 PM. If you are interested contact Andy Gotchel.



SUNSHINE REPORT

Our wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Bill Jamerson, who is recovering from recent back surgery.

If any club member would like a card sent to anyone, please contact the Sunshine Chairman, Rena Rees. If not in, please leave a message.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES

The Club Secretary, Linda Gotchel, will have the new 2013 membership directories available at the March membership meeting. If you cannot attend a membership meeting to pickup a printed copy contact Linda by email at l\_glodek@hotmail.com or phone at 540-775-4177 to have an electronic copy emailed to you.

## MAGNETO MAGAZINE

## AACA MUSEUM TO CELEBRATE 10th ANNIVERSARY

In just ten years, our AACA Museum in Hershey has become a first class venue for all forms of automotive historical displays and just plain fabulous vehicles. This notoriety throughout the hobby has only been possible through the generosity of our AACA family and its Regions and Chapters. A dedicated staff and passionate volunteers make each visit there an unforgettable experience.

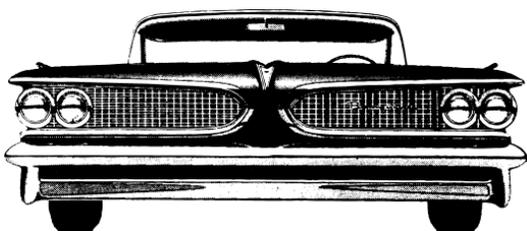
The year 2013 will be the year of celebration of the first ten years. On June 22rd (the actual opening date ten years ago) the AACA Museum staff and its volunteer Special Events Council (the Museum's oldest volunteer group predating the Museum construction) will host its 18th Annual Car Show on the Museum grounds. Plan to attend!

Anniversary celebrations are great, but the Museum Board of Directors needs your support to move the Museum forward, towards the next ten years and beyond. Our individual support and the continued support of our Regions and Chapters has never been more important than it is now.

Here are just a few suggestions for individuals and Regions and Chapters to insure the Museum's continued success:

1. Host your next function at the Museum, whether it is a car show, wedding, anniversary party or meeting. Catering is available.
2. Participate in the Adopt-A-Car program.
3. Buy a commemorative engraved brick. Two sizes are available. Bricks are located at the main Museum entrance.
4. Become an AACA Museum supporting member. Several levels are available and benefits vary with the membership level chosen.
5. Join the exclusive 161 Club, the highest level of support. Visits to private collections are a part of this program.
6. Donate an artifact or vehicle to the Museum, which is available for immediate sale.
7. Include the AACA Museum in your estate planning

- Don Barlup, VP AACA Museum



## EVENTS-R-US

After 40 wonderful years of enjoying activities across AACA, I've observed that a large portion of our members are enjoying events in their local area but have never attended anything of a national nature. We have nearly 400 Regions and Chapters around this country who do a great job locally and with statewide events. We love these regional events because we see new sights, different cars, and make new friends. But, when asked about doing this for out of state members, many say it's too complicated, we don't have judges for meets, we don't know how, etc. Your AACA National folks have worked hard to make National Meets and Tours easy for local groups to put on.

AACA is the premier antique vehicle organization because we know how to do the big things that truly impact our hobby. One has only to look at the Hershey Fall Meet to see how one large Region has figured out how to work together, put on the greatest show on earth, and have a great time doing it since the 1950's. But they started out small just like any other Region that chooses to put on a National event.

AACA has created guidelines for hosting all types of national events—and that's all available online at [www.aaca.org](http://www.aaca.org). The Meet and Tour guidelines are Sections 4 and 5 of the Policy and Procedures Manual—and that's all available to you to take the guesswork out. Lots of members have had input to these sections with what has worked and what has not in creating events. We have a wonderful computer program that handles registration and judging for our Meets. Don't have a Chief Judge or a Registrar? Let your Headquarters staff know, and we'll find you one. How about negotiating with hotels—we taught a seminar on that at the Annual Meeting this year. We do 10 national meets annually, named 5 day tours, and 2-3 day Divisional Tours. If you can do shows and tours locally, just expand your thinking a bit and show off your area to the greater AACA. Your club will be stronger for the experience and you'll meet a lot of new friends. Properly advertised locally, a national event can really grow your membership!

So don't wait. We have open slots for activities for 2014-18. Just give me a call at 281-814-4081 or send an e-mail to [flivverway@gmail.com](mailto:flivverway@gmail.com) and we'll get started!

- Chuck Crane, AACA VP, National Activities

## MAGNETO MAGAZINE

## OWNERS RESPONSIBILITIES

You finally made the decision to purchase the antique dream vehicle of your life. It could be the first vehicle you owned, the one you had when you got married or it carried your first born home from the hospital. Whatever the reasoning you are now in the market to locate and purchase. You want it to be original just like the one you had. Your friend in the neighborhood has been enjoying his antique dream vehicle for years and talks about a terrific antique automobile club he is a member of, AACA. He has won several beautiful awards with his vehicle and you would like to travel with him and achieve similar awards and recognition with your dream machine.

So begins the search. After months of calls, photos, electronic communication, and possibly a couple of non-productive trips you find exactly what you are looking for, or is it? The seller's advertisement reads, "beautifully re-stored to original condition, ready to show." The vehicle is setting in the driveway when you arrive to check it out. Wow! The paint job glistens in the sun, but you don't re-member that color being available. The interior appears professionally done but the one you had had cloth seat coverings instead of leather. You raise the hood; the engine compartment and engine look as great as the body. You don't remember yours ever looking so good. Kneeling down to check the undercarriage, you find it too is beautifully done. Returning to your feet you begin the negotiations with the seller. Finally an agreement is made and now

you are the proud owner.

Back home with your dream vehicle you can't wait to call your neighbor over and share the sweet deal you just made on your vehicle. He remembers your desire to enter the vehicle in national meets to win awards and recognition; however, he begins to question the authenticity of a few things. He asks, is the color correct for this year's model? He, like you, didn't remember leather seat coverings. The small block engine is detailed great but a close look proves it to be from a newer year model. The give away was the dual exhaust. You remember the one you had was single exhaust, but you always wanted duals. By this time you could be thinking, I wish I had taken my neighbor with me to check out my purchase or better yet taken the time to do the research to verify the authenticity of my purchase.

AACA General Policy states: the objective of AACA judging is to evaluate an antique vehicle which has been restored to the same state as when the dealer received the vehicle from the factory. Any feature, option, or accessory shown in the original factory catalog sales literature or company directives for the model year of the vehicle, will be accepted for judging.

AACA judging of a vehicle is based on two major components: **Authenticity** and **Condition**. It is critical that the vehicle be 100% authentic in reference to the conditions listed in the AACA General Policy. Then, and only then, is the condition of the vehicle considered.

- Hulon C. McGraw, VP Class Judging

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 29-30, 43rd Swap Meet, Sugarloaf Mountain Region, Westminster, MD, 301-829-2000

April 4-7, Southeastern Spring Meet, Hornets Nest Region, Charlotte, NC, 704-841-1396

April 20, Classic Car Center Swap Meet and Show, Fredericksburg, VA

May 3-4, ODMA Meet in Fredericksburg, VA.

May 11, Apple Blossom Meet, AACA Shenandoah Region, 540-247-8634

May 18, Northern Neck Region Show, Montross, VA

May 30-June 1, Eastern Spring Meet, Gettysburg Region, Carlisle, PA, 717-582-3209

June 1, HFR AACA Annual Show, Downtown Fredericksburg, VA

October 9-12, Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey Region, Hershey, PA, 717-586-7720

**Historic Fredericksburg Region, AACA  
Monthly Meeting Minutes – February 19, 2013**

The President called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30pm. There were 28 members present. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the January 2013 Meeting Minutes. Ron Rees acknowledged two 2012 National AACA Awards of Distinction winners: Andy Gotchel as webmaster and Doug Makin for editor of the Magneto; both accepted their certificates. Wayne DuBois presented the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to pay the bills presented.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership** – Lauman Schooler introduced a prospective member Tony Hawker. Tony was welcomed as the members accepted his application request through a motion, which was seconded and passed. February 1<sup>st</sup> was the due date for membership dues. For those individuals who did not pay their dues, they will be removed as members. If they return, they will have to reapply to the club as new members. As a reminder, Lauman is looking for a committee successor. For those members who are interested in stepping into this committee role, please speak with Lauman.

**Sunshine (Cards & Letters)** – No report.

**Legislative** – No report.

**Magneto** – No report.

**Website** – Nora Aftel shared that she met with National and is working on getting access in order to upload the newly developed site. In the interim, Andy Gotchel is helping Nora update the club's existing website with pertinent content.

**Social** – No report.

**2013 Car Meet** – J. Brown shared that the June meet is listed as an event in the Fredericksburg's downtown vacation guide. The vacation guide is available at the Visitor Center. The dash plaques are in, the city applications have been submitted, the insurance is ordered, the radio station contract has been signed, and the no parking signs and barricades have been ordered. Wally Hunt has lined up the Model-T take apart and rebuild demonstration.

**ODMA: May 3, 2013** – J. Brown informed the members that the ODMA agreed to cover the cost of the judging school trainer. Silent auction items are needed. Please see J. Brown to donate an item for the silent auction; it does not have to be car related.

**Unfinished (Old) Business:**

**Magnetic car signs** - Are still available at \$30 a pair. Those who are interested, please see Wayne DuBois.

**Club shirts** – The ordered shirts are in and cost \$25 a piece. Please contact J. or Connie Brown. If you missed out, another order will be placed and requires a minimum of 6 shirts. Contact J. or Connie Brown if you are interested.

**Membership Information Review** - Linda Gotchel reminded the members to review their member information and update where needed because the roster will be submitted to National by the end of February. New membership directories will be available at the March meeting.

**ODMA** – Meet flyers are available. The ODMA Meet is rapidly approaching and will be a lot of work. The club is depending upon members to participate in the running of the meet. Volunteers are needed and the club will look to assign meet jobs. The club will host a meeting at the Hospitality House on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 2pm so all members can see the meet site, understand how the meet will run, and can volunteer for jobs.

**New Business:**

**AACA Calendar** – A question was raised to see if the club can get our June 1, 2013 Meet added to the online AACA calendar. It will be worked on.

**Check Signers** – Ron Rees stated that the President and Vice President of the club will be set up as check signers at the bank.

**Chancellor Middle School Dance** – Andy Gotchel is seeking individuals with cars from 1932-1949 for a 1 hour commitment for a dance at Chancellor Middle School. The dance will be Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> and cars will need to be in place by 6:45pm. If you are interested in participating, please contact Andy.

**50/50 Raffle** – Hank Mausolf won the 50-50 raffle.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20pm and Ben Schooler closed in prayer. Refreshments were served.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Gotchel, Secretary

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