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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Monthly meetings of the Historic Fredericksburg Region AACA will continue on the 4th Tuesday each month, except December, starting at 7 pm at the Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne St, Fredericksburg. Members will be notified of any changes. The next meeting is September 24, 2024.

MEMBERSHIP

We are always looking for new members. 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 Wally Hunt at 540-424-0212.

Please call Connie (540-993-7941) with input for the **Sunshine Committee.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another month is almost in the books. A big thank you to the Powell family for sharing their lovely river home with the club. Despite threats of rain the turnout was outstanding. A most pleasant afternoon with good food and fellowship.

Our second for the season Evening at The Ball Park was another fun club outing. The weather was absolutely perfect!!! Doug is the master of weather selection. Food and good times for all who attended. The ballpark does require a minimum number for the deck and food service, and we were short a few people. This falls to the club to make up. Several members brought friends which is always a good opportunity to meet other folks. We also had a few newer members and had the opportunity to get to know them better. Thank you to Doug for organizing this event.

As you read this the Hampton National show will be in the books. We have several members showing, some for the first time and others for Senior or Preservation awards. More on this at our meeting Tuesday evening. This is a great location for our region to attend and no weather issue as it is inside.

We have the very enjoyable Taste of The Mountains event in Madison August 31st. The drive up features good roads and light traffic. Our parking area is a prime location with music and food close at hand. Trailer parking is readily available. Watch your e mail for caravan details for those who wish to drive together. Our club receives a small payment for attending. Let's please have a good showing!! (I will be in Fredericksburg for a family wedding – at least these cousins didn't pick Hershey weekend as happened a few years ago. Can you imagine getting married instead of going to Hershey!!!!)

On the subject of Hershey. Show car registration has been extended. Check AACA.org for information. There is no charge or registration required to attend the flea market starting Tuesday AM or the show on Friday. If you have never been you have missed a life altering event. Old car folks from all over the Globe. Cars, parts and various treasures you didn't know you needed are in abundant supply. October 8 – 11. Questions?? Call me. I have attended since the early 60's.

AACA judging and the Judging Guidelines. I am still working on getting these. My first approach is asking for free! I started with Jim Elliott, VP Judging, who moved the idea to National office. From there the idea has been bumped up to Steve Moskowitz, our CEO. May have answer by our Tuesday meeting. The worse they can say is NO. At least the no will be from the top. I am trying to save the club a few dollars. The Guidelines will be a good first step toward a better understanding of how we judge cars.

We are looking at another date for a Friday evening gathering at the VFW. Steve will have details at our meeting. The Harvest Festival at Shannon is coming up after Hershey. It appears there is new leadership and a paid car show. Details to follow.

See You Tuesday! John

Ed Note: Hershey online registration extended to 28 Aug.

MONTHLY MEETING 23 JULY 2024

Meeting was held at the VFW Hall in Fredericksburg. There were 27 members and 2 guests in attendance. Vickie Rankin and Louis Teeter were the guests.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by John Garnett, President.

Minutes: The June 2024 minutes were approved as published in the Magneto.

Treasurer's Report: Mark presented the treasurer's report. Deposits have been made for August 13 game.

New members/guests – Louis Teeter – YMCA talking about doing events.

Sunshine

- Nancy Makin is unwell and unstable in rehab.
- Calls made – Jane Shelton
- A card was sent to Carey Leitch. His mom passed away.
- Richmond member Reggie Nash fell, broke both hips, arm, punctured a lung. He is in the ICU. He may be discharged tomorrow; he still has a chest tube.
- Richmond members Tommy and Debbie Nolen were in a car accident. They are recuperating at home. Cards have been sent for Reggie and the Nolens.
- Wayne DuBois has low blood pressure and has been having lots of treatment.
- Nick Ryan's aunt died
- A Card of appreciation was sent to the Sales for the visit to their river home. There were about 40 people in attendance.

Events (Wally)

Ball park outing on the 13th. Tickets are \$43 including dinner. Game time is 7. We have 12 people committed.

The picnic at Powell Sales' was very successful

August 1 is the deadline for the National Meet in Hampton on August 24. It is only 2 hours away.

Deadline for Hershey registration is August 15.

August 31 – Taste of the Mountains. The Model A club may also participate. Meet at 7:00 AM at the Tractor Supply on Route 3. We need to be in place by 0830 as they will be closing the streets. Trailer parking is available if you arrive early enough. Bring your car keys. Attendance has been dwindling in past years; please participate. This is a paid event for the club.

Bull Run meet is on Sept 21. The location has moved; check their website.

July 27-28. There is a model train exhibit at the Keystone Museum in Colonial Heights.

August 17 – Cooking for Autism Show, Jeannette is running it at the Stafford airport. Bring your own shade and weights to hold it down.

Louis Teeter – Rosner YMCA (Spotsylvania) spoke. He would like to do a show at the YMCA this year. Looking for inputs and assistance from club on dates and organization. Looking to have it as a fundraiser for YMCA. Needs help with promoting the event. Wally proposed doing a cruise in on a Friday and solicit donations for the YMCA.

August 3 – Fredericksburg Fairgrounds event. Carey will be playing from 8-930.

VFW enjoyed having the club at their cruise in last month, would like to do it again. Dates TBD.

Next Thursday, Steve Blancard's music group will be singing the national anthem at the Fred Nats game.

Comments on the show

J wanted to make some comments on our recent show. J found the fairgrounds to be an excellent location given that we cannot be downtown anymore.

Complaint that we opened the show to non qualified AACA vehicles. He acknowledged that they were kept off on their own. He counted 30 of those vehicles. But he opposes having non AACA vehicles at our show, and he believes that it will crowd out AACA vehicles. He cited Richmond as an example, where non-AACA are as prevalent as AACA vehicles. He was appalled that the decision was not presented to the general club for consideration. If it was a matter of making more money he felt it was not worth changing the nature of our show. It is not who we are as a club, even if other shows have 'prostituted' themselves to profit off of non-compliant cars at the show. He thinks this is turn off to AACA folks for no gain; we have money in the bank and we will dilute the brand.

Terry- opposed J's opinion. He said it is not about money, it's about attracting new members to the hobby. At the national convention, one of the things talked about was that the national AACA supported exactly what we did to have a bigger tent to attract more people. It's not about money, it's about getting new members.

John Garnett said it will be more difficult to get national award winning cars at our meet. The popularity of the driver participation class is another indicator of reaching out to other hobbyists. It is not easy to get the numbers in Fredericksburg.

Rob Govoni asked if driver participation ever got turned away. They never get turned away from showing, but they may not get the certification.

Steve Blancard – noted that several folks asked about doing a swap meet. Based on Richmond, spaces were 15x30 selling for \$30, 60 spaces available, all sold out. He proposed that we add a swap meet.

Wally mentioned possibility of a car corral as well.

Mark Irving noted that the car show was an AACA show. Non compliant cars were separate, and were not judged.

Lauman – recalled the June 1959 meet where he met the folks that started the Fredericksburg AACA Region, including Edgar Rohr. Lauman became member in 1979. He agrees with J's opinion that non-compliant vehicles should not be welcome at our shows.

He's been struggling with voicing his opinion. He feels that we need better judging, and we need greater participation and education of judges to perform the task. He's had two vehicles that have accumulated tens of thousands of miles just pulling car trailers to shows. He has a plan for judging. We should take about 30 minutes at each meeting to have a school on how to judge a vehicle. He recalled seeing driver quality cars consistently getting 3rd place trophies without much effort, beating out several other cars on the field. He'd like to see the club use the AACA judging manual as a guide and take time from our meeting times to train the membership on how to judge a vehicle to AACA specifications. He noted that Model Ts and As were once dominant on the field but as time passed the owners passed and the knowledge and experience of these cars passed.

Wally recommended greater participation in National Meets, especially as a judge to get more familiar with the process. Go to the National Judging Schools held before each meet.

John noted that judging has been a challenge. He added that the judging schools at national meets are free and provide a lot of information. All meets except grand nationals have apprentice judging teams. Judges breakfasts run about \$10.

There seemed to be a general interest in incorporating some of these ideas to increase overall knowledge of the judging process.

Mark suggested that the club purchase 30 judging manuals to pass out to the members to inform them on judging standards. Motion passed.

There is a general interest from new members to learn about old cars, and efforts to provide technical information.

New Business – none

A student from King George High School, Rushi Vatel, was awarded the HFRAACA scholarship. The check was cashed and a thank you received.

Mark mentioned that we still need a caterer for December.

Ben closed the meeting with a prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

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2024 HFR CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 27 HFRAACA meeting, 7 pm, Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne, Fredericksburg.
- 31 Taste of Mountains Main Street Festival, 9-4, Madison, VA.
- 31 Cars & Coffee, 8-10, Classic Car Ctr, Lee Hill Dr, Fredericksburg.

SEPTEMBER

- 14 Skills USA Car Show, 9-2, Northern Neck Technical Center, Warsaw.
- 19-21 Auto Fest & Car Show, Charlotte, NC, produced by Hornets Nest Region.
- 21 48TH Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet, 8-3, Manassas, hosted by Bull Run Region.
- 21 9th Annual 65 Roses Car Show, 9-3, Spotsylvania HS, Courthouse Rd.
- 24 HFRAACA meeting, 7 pm, Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne, Fredericksburg.
- 28 Cars & Coffee, 8-10, Classic Car Ctr, Lee Hill Dr, Fredericksburg.

OCTOBER

- 2-6 Fall Carlisle, Carlisle Fairgrounds, Carlisle, PA.
- 8-11 AACA Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA, hosted by Hershey Region.
- 19 7th Annual Toys for Tots Car Show, 9-?, Aviation Way, Stafford.
- 19 34th Annual Harvest Festival, 9-4, Bowling Green, VA.
- 22 HFRAACA meeting, 7 pm, Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne, Fredericksburg.
- 26 10th Annual Harvest Festival, Shannon Airport, Fredericksburg.
- 26 Cars & Coffee, 8-10, Classic Car Ctr, Lee Hill Dr, Fredericksburg.

NOVEMBER

- 26 HFRAACA meeting, 7 pm, Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne, Fredericksburg.

2025 HFR CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 28 HFRAACA meeting, 7 pm, Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne, Fredericksburg.

FEBRUARY

- 6-8 AACA National Convention, Concord Convention Center, Charlotte, NC.
- 25 HFRAACA meeting, 7 pm, Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne, Fredericksburg.

OTHER

Other local car shows can be found in the AACA publication [Antique Automobile](#), at www.capitalcruisin.com, at www.carclubcouncil.com, & on the HFR Facebook page.

From Wally: The AACA Antique Automobile Club of America Special Fall Meet in Hampton VA is a wrap. It was a great meet in an indoor facility at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. There were over 200 antique cars, trucks and motorcycles registered. The HFRAACA was well represented. John Garnett, 1908 Pope, 1st Junior; Mark Irving, 1994 Ford Thunderbird, 1st Junior; Terry and Nancy Thomann, 1939 Ford, Senior Award; Doug Makin, Dodge, Senior Award; Neil and Julie Lauver, 1996 Hyundai, 1st Junior; Wally and Liz Hunt, 1924 Ford, Senior Preservation.

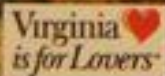


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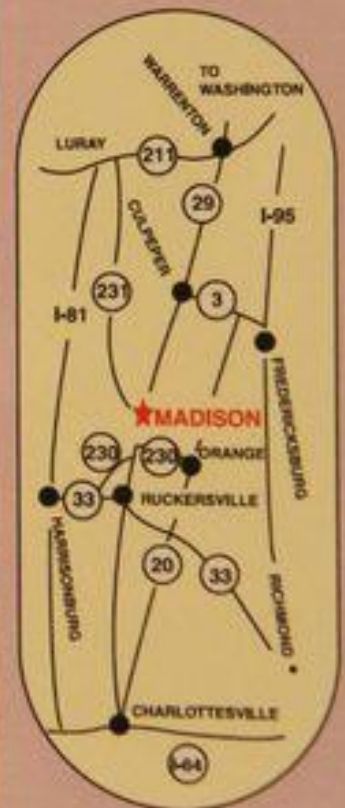
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All individuals participating in the competition at the show are required to adhere to the rules set by the show management. Additionally, both the show producer and the owners of the NNTC grounds where the event takes place are not held responsible.

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