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### MONTHLY MEETINGS

Monthly meetings of the Historic Fredericksburg Region AACA will continue on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 March 25, 2025.

### 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**

Greetings to all. Well it's February and it's still snowing as I write this. That's OK

Jane and I just returned from the AACA annual convention in Charlotte, NC. What a wonderful time we had. The tour we took to the NC Transportation Museum was spectacular. They were very hospitable and we had a nice lunch on their train. The train and automobile exhibits were very educational. The convention was especially nice too. I went to several seminars and learned a lot. I attended my first Judging school and am now ready to tackle that job at National Shows. I'll be back in Charlotte April 3<sup>rd</sup>. for the Spring National where I will have a car judged and where I will be learning more about judging. I highly recommend becoming a judge. It is a great way to learn more about antique cars and to serve our collecting community. More about that later. The messages conveyed by our 2024 and 2025 presidents were inspiring. Both stressed the need for increased membership drives. Carry information about our club with you at all times and never miss an opportunity to talk to an old car owner about joining the AACA and the Historic Fredericksburg region. The key theme was to be a Spark Plug. We all need to be spark plugs for the club. This echoes our own club's spark plug award given out each year at the Christmas party. Any effort to bring new young members into our club will generate great rewards for all of us.

Wally Hunt received a Senior Master award for his extensive judging efforts over many years. Congratulations. What a great example. Friday evening was a very entertaining 20s Casino Night. This turned out to be one of the most enjoyable events of the convention. No real money is used but poker chips are exchanged for raffle tickets for later use. Next year's convention will be in Chantilly Virginia again so I am urging all of our members to plan to go. It's a great time, very educating and a great way to support our AACA.

There are some great car shows coming up this year. I am encouraging our members to attend them. The Fairfax, VA show is a fine show held on the streets of Fairfax, May 17. and the Richmond show is June 14, just a week after our show. I am trying to get other regions to come to our show and we should support their shows. Mutual support benefits all regions.

Our show is coming up quickly. The show committee is working hard to make it our biggest and best show ever. They need our support. We need to get show partners that help back our show. We will have a flea market and we need vendors. We will have a car corral so we need folks selling extra cars. This all helps us to finance the show. Be a spark plug and generate support for our show and new members for our region.

Welcome to March. Make this the kick off to a great year. That's all for this month. See you on the 25<sup>th</sup>. at the VFW.

Terry Thomann

## MONTHLY MEETING 28 JANUARY 2025

Meeting was held at the VFW Hall in Fredericksburg. There were 30 members and 3 guests (new members) in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Terry Thomann, President.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Mark provided the treasurer's report. He is looking for 1-2 people to audit the books for 2024. John Garnett and Frank DuVal agreed to audit them.

### Guests

- Mike Murray – has been to our shows and has a '49 Plymouth Club Coupe Deluxe
- Joe Butner – Wally has been asking him to join. He is also friends with lots of members. 1948 Dodge Power Wagon, 1958(?) Dodge Truck (Sampson), and 1962 Olds Starfire
- Ramone – into cars since he was about 14, happy to be here.

**Sunshine Report** – Tim Garrett (Mayo's significant other) is in the hospital. Anthony Leonard is pretty sick right now as well.

**New Chaplain** - Terry is appointing Anthony Leonard as the club Chaplain. Ben requested a replacement.

### Activities

The club has had the first car show meeting for the year. The annual car show will be at the Fairgrounds on June 7, followed by a tour on June 8. The Tour Master is Mark Irving. Wally has asked the Model T club for the Take Apart T. We are looking to expand the show with a Car Corral and Flea Market.

The 100 Year Celebration of Route 1 will be in 2027. The club has started working on events to support that.

There may still be time to register for the Annual Convention 2/6-8, in Charlotte, NC. Hotel blocks have likely expired, but there are lots of hotels in the area. There is a good judging school at the convention.

### February

- National Convention in Charlotte – Embassy Suites, Concord, NC. There is information in this month's Antique Automobile Magazine. Register through AACA online.

### April

- April 3-5 - Charlotte Auto Fair
- April 5 – Spotsylvania FFA Car, Truck, and Tractor Show at Spotsylvania High School
- April 23-27 - Spring Carlisle

## **May**

- May 17 - Northern Neck Region's 31st Annual Auto Show and Parts & Cars Swap Meet, at Stan's Skateland, Rt 3 Montross, VA, 8:30 - 2:00. Rain date is May 18.
- May 9-10- Mid Atlantic PreWar Swap Meet, Luray, VA
  - Sunday is a tour (Model T Tour)
- May 10 – Apple Blossom Meet in Winchester

## **June**

- June 7-8- HFRAACA Car Show and Tour

## **August**

- Mustang Club of America is having their Grand national Aug 29-31<sup>st</sup> at the Fred Fairgrounds.

**ODMA** – no date, no location – There are 14 regions in ODMA. We hosted 3 years ago. John Garnett asked about the financials – Wally said it was unlikely that the ODMA show would break even. Hosting it on June 7, in conjunction of our show would muddy the waters. Mark reminded the club that car shows need to make money and the amount in our treasury right now will not cover our show, never mind an ODMA show too. 2023 ODMA cost took in approximately \$7.7K and cost approximately \$7.4K. A big part of the cost is the venue. Combining show venues could save that cost. After-show picnics have been replacing award banquets; this is also cost saving. John proposed having a meeting to discuss and brainstorm regarding the ODMA, next Tuesday 7 PM, Car Shows meeting, ODMA and HFRAACA.

The HFRAACA Annual Car Show still has a lot of positions to be filled. Wally will be looking for volunteers.

## **Comments on 2024 Christmas Parades**

Steve B participated in Spotsylvania parade; there were about 7 cars from HFR. He also participated in the parade at Stafford's Pratt Park; there were about 5 cars from the club. It was cold for Stafford's parade. It was a good time, but they were very thankful for the shelter in the cars from the cold.

Terry added that he had Magnetic Car signs made up for the parades. He suggested that the club have some sets for exhibits and/or shows to advertise and help generate interest in the club.

## **Name tags**

Anyone who doesn't have a name tag, please give Terry your name and the club will supply you with your first name badge.

## **Emails**

Terry is working on an email mailing list; if you are not getting emails from Terry, please make sure he knows and he will try to ensure he has all emails correct.

## **Social Events**

J Brown has been scheduling social events for the club. If you have any ideas, talk with J and we can set up some nice social events for this year.

## **Old Business**

Bricks – Terry has information going forward for this year.

Scholarship letters – should go out soon.

Wally provided a presentation on his trip to the 2025 Rolex 24 including many pictures to share with the club.

### **2025 Rolex 24 at Daytona International Speedway**

John and Wally and their sons and some friends have been going to this race for several years. It is the 24 hour race at Daytona International Speedway, part of Weathertech racing series, Rolex sponsored series. Winners get a Rolex watch.

The schedule is from Thursday thru Sunday with lots going on. Previous weekend includes some other races. Wally usually goes down on Tuesday.

As always, the trip included running into old friends and lots of cars on display in the Midway.

Some of the cars (and photos shared) included:

- 1990 Miata – now in production for 35 years.
- the Miata shares similarities with the Lotus Elan.
- Mini Cooper
- Citroens
- Corvair Wagon
- Z Cars (rust free)
- and some images from a Historic Racing vehicle race was also going on that weekend.

Wally shared a Quick ride around the track with Tommy – Group 66 Racing (you tube link). About 135 mph, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in that race.

There were 61 cars entered in the Rolex 24 race.

Wally shared pictures from the garage area and described how busy the area is during the race.

Ford had a nice display, GT-3 Mustang – to compete with Corvette. Both Mustangs were winners in their class. Lyn St. James will be a speaker at the AACA Convention this year.

Wally's presentation included images from the Miata race, the GTD (GT-Daytona) class, GTD Pro, the winning car, pre-race interviews, car haulers, the view from the stands, autograph sessions and displays for the public. There was a lot going on throughout the week and a lot of information and excitement for everyone.

Wally camps in his RV for the week with no electricity or water hook-ups. The campground does have provisions for Propane refills, sewer emptying, and water refills. Having the same neighbors each year means lots of reunions and fun. Events included karaoke, Elvis Tribute Artist, fireworks, and more.

The race covered 781 laps in 24 hours; the Grand Touring Prototype (GTP) finished 50 laps ahead of the GTD cars. The GTP is a hybrid car, which adds a big boost on acceleration.

This is a great trip for race fans.

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Mike Berrios and Robert Aftel volunteered for presentations.

Ben gave the closing prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

*Terry photo:* Flashback: young Terry & his 1957 Porsche on the beach near Athens, Greece while stationed in Europe.



## **2025 HFR CALENDAR**

### **FEBRUARY**

25 HFRAACA meeting, 7 pm, Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne, Fredericksburg.

### **MARCH**

25 HFRAACA meeting, 7 pm, Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne, Fredericksburg.

### **APRIL**

3-5 AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals, Charlotte, NC, hosted by Hornets Nest Region.

5 Spotsylvania FFA 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Car, Truck, Tractor Show, 10-2, Spotsylvania HS.

22 HFRAACA meeting, 7 pm, Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne, Fredericksburg.

23-27 Spring Carlisle, Carlisle Fairgrounds, Carlisle, PA.

26 Cars & Coffee, Classic Car Center, 8-10, Lee Hill Dr, Fredericksburg.

### **MAY**

3 Spring Fling Car Show, Harrison Rd ES, 9-2, Spotsylvania.

3 2d Annual Skills USA Car Show, Northern Neck Technical Center, 9-?, Warsaw, VA.

9-10 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-Atlantic Pre-War Swap Meet, Luray, VA, sponsored by MTFCl.

10 65<sup>th</sup> Apple Blossom Car Meet, Winchester, VA, hosted by Shenandoah Region.

17 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Auto Show, 8:30-2, Stan's Skateland, Montross, benefits N Neck Tec Ctr.

27 HFRAACA meeting, 7 pm, Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne, Fredericksburg.

31 Cars & Coffee, Classic Car Center, 8-10, Lee Hill Dr, Fredericksburg.

### **JUNE**

7 68<sup>th</sup> Annual HFR Show/Swap/Corral, 9-3, Fredericksburg Agricultural Fairgrounds.

8 HFR Annual Tour, 9-?, start at Classic Car Center, Fredericksburg.

14 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Collector Car/Swap Meet, St Joseph's Villa, Richmond, VA.

24 HFRAACA meeting, 7 pm, Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne, Fredericksburg.

28 Cars & Coffee, Classic Car Center, 8-10, Lee Hill Dr, Fredericksburg

### **JULY**

11-13 Carlisle Chrysler Nationals, Carlisle Fairgrounds, Carlisle, PA.

23 HFRAACA meeting, 7 pm, Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne, Fredericksburg.

26 Cars & Coffee, Classic Car Center, 8-10, Lee Hill Dr, Fredericksburg.

## **AUGUST**

- 9 Annual Car Show, 9-2:30, North Stafford HS, sponsored by 610 Cruisers.
- 15 WWII USO Dance, Dorothy Hart Bldg, Fredericksburg, sponsored by HFFI.
- 23 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show benefitting Autism, 9-3, Stafford Regional Airport.
- 26 HFRAACA meeting, 7 pm, Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne, Fredericksburg.
- 30 Cars & Coffee, Classic Car Center, 8-10, Lee Hill Dr, Fredericksburg.

## **OTHER**

Other local car shows can be found in the AACA publication Antique Automobile, at [www.capitalcruisin.com](http://www.capitalcruisin.com), at [www.carclubcouncil.com](http://www.carclubcouncil.com), & on the HFR Facebook page. Cars & coffee at Classic Car Center last Saturday each month Apr thru Oct

### *HPOF Change (from AACA)*

AACA ANNOUNCES CHANGE TO OUR UNRESTORED (HPOF) CLASS. Our members have seen changes to the Historic Preservation Original Features (HPOF) classification in our judging system since its inception in 1987. Years later we added the AACA Original designation. Over time, it has become increasingly evident that the name of the class was confusing to members. The AACA is officially renaming our program for original, unrestored cars. The 2025 Judging Guidelines have been updated with a comprehensive explanation of the changes, Section 4.II.B excerpt included, but simply, HPOF will now be known as AACA Original and the former AACA Original will be a Senior AACA Original. This aligns with our restored classes' progression from a First Junior to a Senior. Please note that although the AACA Original class will now have a Senior status designation, the Annual Grand Nationals are still only open to Senior National First Prize vehicles. The change will officially launch at the Southeastern Spring Nationals in Charlotte. Vehicles in the HPOF Class will move to the new AACA Original Class; members who have previously won these awards are not required to do anything as our system will recognize the award they should receive. New badging will be awarded to all previously shown vehicles that are recertified as an AACA Original or Senior AACA Original vehicle engraved with the current year (2025). We hope that continuing to provide the finest judging system and awards in the hobby will justify your loyalty to AACA and our shows. Thank you for your participation and we look forward to seeing your AACA Original vehicle on the show field.



## Member Activities

Wally received a Senior Master Judging Award at the Feb AACA Convention.



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## Event Schedule



### Thursday April 3, 2025

7 AM Charlotte AutoFair Vendors Admitted  
 8 AM—5 PM Show Car Trailer Parking Open  
 8 AM Charlotte AutoFair Public Gates Open  
 10 AM—3 PM Registration Pick-up in AACA Tent  
 10 AM—3 PM Hospitality & Info in AACA Tent

### Friday April 4, 2025

7 AM Charlotte AutoFair Vendors Admitted  
 7 AM—5 PM Show Car Trailer Parking Open  
 8 AM Charlotte AutoFair Public Gates Open  
 10 AM—4 PM Registration Pick-up at AACA Tent  
 10 AM—4 PM Hospitality & Info in AACA Tent  
 11 AM Race Car - Bike Condition Run  
 Outside Show Car Trailer Parking area  
 AACA Judging School \*  
 2 PM—4 PM AACA Team Captains School \*  
 2 PM—4 PM Media Center Speedway Infield \*

**\*CAF Admission Credentials are mailed to all registered AACA Judges and Vehicle Owners. The Judges parking pass will be mailed to all registered AACA Judges.**

### Saturday April 5, 2025

6:30 AM Judges Parking Opens  
 6 AM—11 AM Show Car Trailer Parking Open  
 7 AM—11 AM Registration Pick-up on Nationals Field  
 7 AM—11 AM Show Cars enter Nationals Field  
 7:30 AM Judges Breakfast in AACA Tent  
 8 AM Charlotte AutoFair Public Gates Open  
 9:30 AM Judges CJE on Nationals Field  
 9:30 AM Youth Program on Nationals Field  
 10 AM New Owners Clinic at AACA Tent  
 11 AM All Vehicles must be on Nationals Field  
 11 AM AACA Judging Begins  
 3 PM Vehicles may leave Nationals Field  
 4 PM AACA Awards in AACA Tent  
 5:30 PM Picnic in AACA Tent

**Emergency Phone Calls during AACA Nationals:  
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**Thanks to Editor Jerry Clemmons for Photos**



The 2025 Spring Meet is not affiliated with Charlotte AutoFair.

## 2025 AACA Southeastern Spring Nationals



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