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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 February 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. Thanks to John and many other members we have had a very successful year. Our display at Taste of the Mountains was very well attended. Thanks to all who made the trek. Let's try to expand our showing next year. Many people came by to see our cars and talk to us. Our car show at the Fairgrounds was a huge success thanks largely to Wally and Robert. We also had some volunteers to help with the activities. This year's show is shaping up to be an even bigger success. Have you detected a theme here? My goal is to encourage members to expand their participation in club events. More cars on tours, more members attending other shows and Nationals. We don't know yet if there will be an ODMA show but if there is, let's support it vigorously so it can continue on into the future. We had a good turnout for the Spotsylvania and Stafford Christmas parades. These events are a great way to showcase our club and possibly generate new members. When it comes to new members, welcome to all those who joined us last year but we all need to focus on bringing in new members. If you see someone driving an old car talk to them, give them a card with the club contact info on and encourage them to come to our meeting at the VFW. When prospective members come to a meeting, welcome them and make them feel like they will be a valuable member of the club. Don't forget we have some free new member forms and veteran memberships. Use these to get new first time members. If you are a new member reading this and do not have your blue oval membership badge, let me know and I'll get one for you. The club provides your first badge free. Wear your badge proudly at meetings, shows and tours. Upcoming next month is the AACA National Convention in Charlotte North Carolina. It will be four days packed with activities and a judging school. I will be there representing the club. I think others will be there also. If you are going let me know.

June is not far away and our second car show will be held at the Fairgrounds. The show is being expanded this year with the possible inclusion of a flea market and a car corral. These events will expand our attraction to new visitors. This is a great opportunity to gain new members and more cars. Last year we had several cars from members of the Northern Virginia Region Early Ford V8 club. I hope to see that increase this year and have some of our members attend the Fairfax show put on by the Northern Virginia club. This reciprocal activity will help both clubs prosper. Please support our show team and volunteer.

Last year we had some very good presentations at our meetings. We have nothing scheduled this year. Please consider doing a program. One of your cars would be a good topic. We all love old cars and yours is no exception. Tell us what you have done to improve it. Have you been to a show in the last year and what was your experience? Were you a judge, how did that go, what did you learn. Have you visited an historical site and have some pictures to share? If you found it interesting, we will too. Help make our meetings more attractive to members.

That's all for this month. See you on the 28th. at the VFW.

Terry Thomann

MONTHLY MEETING 26 NOVEMBER 2024

Meeting was held at the VFW Hall in Fredericksburg. There were 30 members and 2 guests (new members) in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08PM by John Garnett, President.

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

Treasurer's Report: Mark provided the treasurer's report. Dues are being collected, Christmas Lunch as well.

New members

- Jeff Dozier, KG VA – Mustangs, Challengers
- Bernard Couture – voted in
- Bruce Simpson – voted in

Sunshine – letters were sent to Carey Leitch, who had some medical tests and lost sister this week; Sam Enfield, whose health is improving and who dropped the Magneto off in person, and Ken Loucks, who had surgery.

David and Nichole Armstrong have a new baby; Connie will send a card

Activities

Happy Thanksgiving!! And Happy Birthday, Mark Irving!!

Coming up after Thanksgiving –

December

- 7 - Christmas Parade Spotsy Courthouse – no cost. Looking for cars to drive dignitaries; convertibles preferred (1300 start, be there at 12 by gazebo).
- 7 - Middleburg and Fredericksburg Christmas parades are also on 12/7
- 7 – Toys for Tots toy drive – Central Park Walmart at 9:00 – convoy up Rt 1 and out 17 north to former Big Lots to drop off toys. Jeannette runs that for this area.
- 8 – HFRAACA Christmas Party – VFW Hall, Come at 1300. Eat at 1400. Bring donations for the Food Bank.
- 21 – Stafford Christmas Parade – route will be at Pratt Park.

January –

- Rolex 24 Hours
- Polar Bear Run – Petersburg to Amelia, VA; See CCCVA calendar.

February

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

The **ODMA Meeting** occurred in November. No member Region has volunteered to host a meet for 2025. There will be a meeting to discuss this in February. HFRAACA hosted 2 years ago and in 2014. The ODMA Meet is a show that closely mirrors AACA National Meets and is geared toward preserved, original or restored show cars. The judging is on par with National Meets. Topic of hosting will be brought up for discussion at the January HFR meeting.

100th Anniversary of Route 1 Celebration

June 5, 2027, Route 1 Opened May 1927

Tours from Maine to Fredericksburg, and Key West to Fredericksburg,

Convoy through Fredericksburg to the Fair Grounds to the HFRAACA Car Meet. This would change our Region's car show for the year. The show would have a theme (100 years of Route 1) and we would not have time for judging. The main focus would be on dash plaques and culmination of multiple tours.

Mayo notes that East Coast Clubs would be encouraged to celebrate Route 1 for the year leading up the June 2027 celebrations. Route 1 was the culmination of 25 years of jockeying to get the through-way on this path. Route 1 is older than the Lincoln Highway and Route 66. This was one of the biggest events of its time. People can join into the various tours as they progress (north or south).

Mayo and Wally will send a letter to all East Coast Regions along Route 1 encouraging them to participate by doing something along Route 1 and ending in Fredericksburg for the show. Wally and Mayo requested the club's support in pressing forward with this event. Club members expressed interest; it looks promising.

HFRAACA Car Show Meeting for 2025 will be held sometime in December. The car show is 7 June 2025 at the Fredericksburg Fairgrounds. Progress is beginning; we have the Insurance Certificate in hand, deposit for fairgrounds paid, and we are on the AACA Calendar.

Discussion of Budget – Copies of Budget were handed out and the budget was projected on the screen. Discussion occurred; motion passed, budget is approved.

Nominations were presented last month – No new nominations from the floor.

- President – Terry Thomann
- VP – Rob Govoni
- Treasurer – Mark Irving
- Secretary – Nora Aftel
- At Large Member (2024-2025) Frank Duval
- At Large Member (thru 2025 and 2026) Steve Blancard

These officers were approved since there was no competition.

VFW Post Updates

VFW recently installed an AED. Free training on Dec 15th from 1-3 PM at the Post. Let Steve Blancard know if you want to attend the training.

We have been meeting here for almost a year. Steve invites veterans who are qualified as VFW members who are interested to talk with him about membership in the VFW.

Mark Irving presented on his recent trip to the 2024 Wing Warrior and Aero Car Reunion

Talladega in 2019. “We will have a pace car, stay single file, drive what you can afford.”

This is an annual event for winged autos. This year was at Atlanta Motor Speedway. Participants got to run laps on the track. Mark said they were doing 80-90 mph behind the pace car.

Day #2 – drove to Alexander City for the Welborn Muscle Car Museum. This is at an old restored Dodge dealership. Participating cars were parked around the grounds.

Day 3 – Talladega – non-race weekend. They were able to go on the racetrack and do laps. Mark shared some of the on-track videos (running about 90+ mph).

Day 4 – International Motorsports Hall of Fame – outside the race track in Talladega. Mark’s car was on display for the day in the car show. Mark shared pictures from the museum.

The event had over 100 Winged Cars including, 12-15 Ford Talladega Turino’s and Several Original NASCAR Race Cars. This reunion is held once every 5 years.

Ben closed with a prayer.

Happy Thanksgiving – Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

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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.

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 4th 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..

MAY

9-10 11th Annual Mid-Atlantic Pre-War Swap Meet, Luray, VA.

10 65th Apple Blossom Car Meet, Winchester, VA.

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

JUNE

7-8 68th Annual HFR Meet & Tour, Fredericksburg Fairgrounds.

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

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

JULY

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

23 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.

Member Activities

Wally photos: HFR at Spotsylvania Christmas Parade Dec 7





HFR Christmas Dinner at Fredericksburg VFW on Dec 8





**Antique Automobile Club of America
Southeastern Spring Nationals
April 5, 2025 at Charlotte AutoFair**
Hosted by Hornets Nest Region, AACA
Meet Email: hornetsnestregionaaca@windstream.net



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