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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 November 26, 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

This will be my last message as my two years as your president comes to a close. I appreciate the opportunity to serve in this capacity. It has been a pleasure to work with each of you over the years. It is fun to see the willing hands when we have events such as our June car show or host the ODMA Meet. I think a collective "well done" is in order for all. It is somewhat risky to single out individuals but will do so, knowing that inadvertently I will miss someone who I intended to mention. As we all know the president may preside at meetings but the real work is accomplished by a host of other individuals.

We have enjoyed a wide range of presentations at our monthly meetings. A big thank you to all who took time to share with the club. We have faithful members such as J and Connie who have kept in touch with members dealing with illness or other issues. Ben who leads us in a closing prayer at each of our meetings. Sam continues to do a great job with the Magneto. The Executive Board has always been ready to assist with any question or need. s Each of the Committee chair have done a great job for our club. A very big thank you to Nora and Mark for their work as secretary and treasurer but most of all being my right hand presiding at the meetings.

Our November meeting will be the last for the year. We will hold elections at this meeting and look forward to a presentation by Mark. The last official event for 2024 will be our Christmas Luncheon, December 8th, at the VFW. We will be using the larger hall for the meal which will be catered by Country Lane Catering. I hope all will be able to attend and enjoy the fellowship. Cost is \$15 per person. Guest are welcome.

Wally will have details on the Spotsylvania Christmas Parade, Saturday afternoon, December 7th. This is a fairly short – quick event. Mark your calendar.

Memorial Bricks were purchased this year to remember Earl Beauchamp, William Sale, Nancy Enfield and Theresa Petrill. I hope these can be placed adjacent to the other member bricks.

I hope that each of you have a safe, healthy and enjoyable holiday.

John

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MONTHLY MEETING 22 OCTOBER 2024

Meeting was held at the VFW Hall in Fredericksburg. There were 34 members and 3 guests in attendance.

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Mark is on the Wing Warriors trip for the 55th anniversary of winged cars. John presented the treasurer's report.

Please pay dues at the next meeting. John will also take checks tonight. Money for the Christmas party can be paid at the next meeting as well.

New members / guests – There were 3 guests present at the meeting: Bernard Couture, Bruce Simpson, and Joe Boggs. Membership will be voted at the next meeting.

Sunshine Report– There are several members with recurrent or ongoing issues. It's always appreciated if you reach out to ailing members.

Toys for Tots – HFRAACA had 7 cars at this show. Additionally, some of the new folks here tonight were at this show. Jim Holt got Kid's choice for his Model A, Mark Irving got Marine's choice for his Superbird.

****Safety Note**** – A T-bucket hot rod towing a trailer unexpectedly ran away down the show field with no driver.

Jim Holt noted that Wally talked to most of the people there about our club and invited people to join our club. He was working hard – much appreciated.

The Hunt's Route 66 Trip: Wally and Liz drove Route 66 out to California and turned around with the price of diesel.

The Model A Club of America is doing a tour of Route 66 next year from Chicago to Santa Monica Pier.

They returned home and immediately headed for Hershey. Club members there, larger crowd than seen in years. John G. and Wally judged. There were well over 1000 cars on the show field. Tommy showed the Model T.

Upcoming Events:

October

- **Southeastern Fall Nationals, Alabama, this weekend**
- **26 – Courtland HS Show**
- **Classic Car Center – Cars and Coffee**
- **26 - Shannon Harvest Festival** – Luke Curtis called and asked where we had been. Wally let them know that we were not invited. Luke noted that they want us to do the same thing we did before. Wally would like to encourage club members to arrive by 0830 and park where we were last year (free of charge). Some members have made other plans, but Wally encourages us to come if possible. This raises money

for the museum at the Shannon Airport. This airport has many of the pieces that used to be at the air museum in Richmond. Bring Candy. Day ends at 4 PM.

November

- 7-10 – Old Dominion Tour – Budd Lacey organizing with the Richmond Region. Details are on the ODMA website – The tour starts Thursday night at the Country Inn and Suites near Bass Pro Shops. On Friday they will tour the Bell Foundry; Saturday they will go see the car collection, VA Museum of History and Culture, and Louis Ginter Gardens. There will be an ODMA meeting during tour. ODMA has not found a place for the spring meet.

December

- 7 - Christmas Parade Spotsy Courthouse – no cost. Looking for cars to drive dignitaries
- 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.
- 21 – Stafford Christmas Parade

February

- National Convention in Charlotte – Embassy Suites

Business Items for the Club

Proposed Budget for the club – FYI – Any information to be conveyed to Mark, John will try to do so. – this budget will be voted on at the November meeting.

We note that the November meeting is the week of Thanksgiving, but the VFW is not available on the previous Tuesday.

Nominating Committee (Liz Hunt, Rob Govoni, Mike Sizemore, Frank Duval, Carey Leitch) recommends:

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

The club will vote at the November meeting and hand off in December.

HFRAACA Annual Meet – John noted that he wanted to address some comments that have come out of the last show. A Board Meeting was held on 10/17/24 to discuss.

Board Meeting 10/17/2024

Minutes read by Nora Aftel from executive Board meeting:

Present: David Armstrong, John Garnett, Mark Irving, Nora Aftel, and Terry Thomann, Paul Myers (all members present)

The Executive Board met and discussed the issues that the club members have raised with respect to the car show.

The Executive Board is presenting a motion of a document upon approval of the club as the guidance that the car show committee will use for direction of our annual car show. (document handed out to all members present at Oct 22 meeting)

We have rented the Fredericksburg Fairgrounds, so we are still within the City of Fredericksburg. Now that we have land, we have more spots and space that we can sell for swap meet, car corral, and Show Field and DPC show field. This document is a proposal to the show committee chair on how to put on our show. Frank proposed that this document be guidance for the show chairman to carry out the execution of the show.

The President will select a Chairperson, who will recruit help from club members and non-club members.

The committee has the opportunity to do some or all of the 4 areas (show field, DPC field, swap meet, car corral). The final section is a way of raising funding and support from local businesses for the show.

Fairgrounds is about \$2500; we have a 2 year contract with 2 more years option of renewal. J says "fairground is good game; let's go". Fairgrounds is also easy for visitors to park to enjoy the show.

The next show will be 7 June 2025– 1st Saturday in June.

Swap Meet – Classic Car Center does not do their swap meet anymore, so this may be an unmet market in the Fredericksburg area.

Discussion: J has some things to discuss with the club. When we moved the show downtown, we had to eliminate some things that are now coming back. Cars for sale and vendors are a good thing / addition. J has a problem with the proposal being presented tonight. J thinks that last year changed the mode of operation from the last 60 years. Our car show was one where people were striving to meet AACA standards. Most of us drive "DPC" cars, not show cars. In the past all cars were striving to be AACA cars – some better than others. That is the club we all joined – it is in our policy that we promote the preservation of antique cars. Last year, was not a DPC class – we got hot rods, customs, rat rods, "bring what you want" to our show. That's not who we are. In changing that, we will need to change our policy manual. Richmond is a profitable show. If we are after profit, that's fine. If we are after preservation, that's different. What kind of club do we want to support? He doesn't think that the club board has the authority to change who we are without a club vote. J does not support it. Even AACA is unclear about what DPC is.

Paul read the description of DPC from the AACA Policy Manual – Chapter 4-5. He notes that it refers to DPC cars as authentic with minor upgrades or modifications. The Manual states 25 years old, with minor modifications. He encourages our DPC Field to meet AACA DPC guidelines.

Wally notes that he agrees with the DPC definition in the AACA DPC. He is not happy about rat rods and tubbed cars either. Wally notes that Tidewater used to say that any car with National Recognition did not get judged. They were awarded a plaque with new chits added annually. This would allow the trophies to be set aside for others.

Wally suggests standard for field – all AACA Compliant vehicles – DPC or better. Exclude judging of AACA prizewinners and judge only cars that are not national winners? He encourages members to read about DPC on the AACA webpage.

John notes that the area of judging is not part of this document / tonight's discussion. This is to try to give some guidance about what the club expects. Last year, we did preregistration (for vehicles to be judged) & judging area. The day-of-show, cars were parked separately. There was no one at Hershey turning modified cars away. John noted lots of modifications on a truck he judged at Hershey.

J agrees to back down, if we have standards to the DPC Class.

Wally notes that the "VIP Parking" was a parking area, not part of our show last year. It was paid, closer parking.

Frank agreed that none of us are going for the open to everyone image.

Carey notes that he thought that if you wanted your car judged, you had to be registered. If you wanted to be in a different car, the club offered them a place to pay extra money and park over there. Because we put them over there and charged them extra money, he's not sure why we are upset. He is confused as to why there is a problem with the extra parking field last year. It was not part of the show field.

Terry proposed a vote. Those in favor – outweighed the nays (2).

John noted that the question on judging is another area that we will need to discuss. John notes that we have never really done AACA judging – one of the key points is that we do not judge one car against another. You have potentially multiple 1st place awards. The show last year had several cars that were close in points and the judges had to decide 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Do we want to readdress that for next year, to not put the judges in that position?

New Business:

Dues should be paid at the next meeting.

Money and a head count for banquet will also be collected at the next meeting.

Steve mentioned that a bunch of magazines are available from the club trade we had at the VFW get-together. Take some on the way out.

Ben closed the meeting with a prayer.

Rosters are available on the front table.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45

2024 HFR CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

7 47th Annual Spotsylvania County Christmas parade, 1 pm, Spotsylvania Courthouse.

7 Toys for Tots cruise to warehouse, 9 am, Walmart, Central Park, Fredericksburg.

7 Fredericksburg Christmas Parade, 5:30 pm, Caroline St, Fredericksburg.

8 HFR Christmas lunch, 1pm, Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne, Fredericksburg

21 Stafford County Christmas parade, 3 pm, GEICO, Rte 17N, Stafford.

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.

22 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.

HFR at Toys for Tots Car Show on 19 Oct.



HFR at Shannon Airport Harvest Festival 26 Oct





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