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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 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**

What a great time of the year! Cool weather and sunny skies. High Holy Days at Hershey with perfect weather. Our region was well represented with at least 9 of us in attendance. May have been more that escaped my memory or I didn't see. There are lot of people so you may not see all your friends. By my memory: Jason Javaras, Wally and Tommy Hunt, Greg Chambers, Robert and Silvia Govoni, Carey Leitch, Terry Thomann and myself. In addition, there are great car friends from all over the world. Quite the reunion. It's the show of the year and a definite bucket list item. Always more to do than there is time to do it. Most of the mark clubs have gatherings of some type, seminars, displays, etc. Thursday morning has the traditional race car conditioning run held in the stadium followed by high wheelers. RM Sothebys has a two-day auction held Wednesday and Thursday evening. That constitutes a car show within a car show. Followed by dinner in the Bears Den of the Hershey Motor Lodge.

The show Friday featured 1000+ vintage cars and trucks. I judged, first time since 2011. Nice to get back into the judge role. Long day but interesting. Our team judged most of the trucks. We had quite the range of vehicle including a motorized aviation fuel tank powered by a Crosley engine! Wally had the only car from our region, his beautiful Model T Roadster.

Back to earth and our region. Remember to pay national dues which are due now. Our region dues are also due, paid annually. Region dues are \$20.00. Please plan to get these in to Mark before the end of the year. New prospective members are eligible for free national membership. We have a limited number available for those seriously interested in AACA and our region.

Those of us who gathered at the VFW Friday 27<sup>th</sup> had an enjoyable evening of conversation over dogs and burgers with all the fixings. Thank you to Steve and the VFW.

Car display at Spotsylvania YMCA seemed to be a good first step for the Y toward a larger car event.

As per our Policy and Procedure Manual the nominating committee will present the individuals nominated to serve for the next two years. Members may nominate from the floor at this time. Vote on the nominated individuals will be held at the November meeting. Vote will be by secret ballot if more than one individual is nominated.

Mark will have our proposed budget for review.

Our Christmas Luncheon December 8<sup>th</sup>, VFW, 1:00 PM. Please mark your calendar. We need at least 40 people. Guest and friends are welcome. Cost anticipated \$15.00.

See you Tuesday Evening! Please attend as this is an important business meeting.

John

## MONTHLY MEETING 24 SEPTEMBER 2024

Meeting was held at the VFW Hall in Fredericksburg. There were 25 members in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by John Garnett, President.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Mark presented the treasurer's report.

Next month, we will have the 2025 budget presented; if you have anything you would like included, please bring it up next month. The 2025 budget will be voted on in November.

**New members** – Mark has a new member who could not make it tonight.

### **Sunshine Report–**

Dee Javaras is really struggling with balance and getting around. Connie sent a card to Jason and Dee.

Jane is still in a lot of pain.

**Taste of the Mountains** – It was a good day. The fair has gotten a little smaller, but it is still a good way to spend the day. We had around 15-18 cars there.

### **Upcoming Events**

September

- 27 – Cruise in Friday night at the VFW Post. This is our monthly social event. If the weather is poor, come anyway and bring some old car magazines for trading. (\$13/person for food)
- 28 – Cars and Coffee – Classic Car Center
- 28 – Spotsylvania YMCA is looking to put on a car display, starting around 3 PM, Smith Station Road. Louis Geter spoke at the July meeting and club members expressed interest

October:

- 2 –6 Fall Carlisle
- 8-11 Fall Hershey – Bring your walking shoes! Show is on Friday.
- 12 – Classic Motorcycle Show in Dumfries
- 19 – Toys for Tots Car Show
- 19 – Harvest Festival, Bowling Green
- 26 – Shannon Airport has changed to a paid car show this year - \$40/car and 2 people. ½ the proceeds go to the museum.
- 26 – Cars and Coffee at Classic Car Center
- 26 – Brandy Station Volunteer Fire House Show

Gary Melcher's Belmont - Cars and Coffee – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat of each month.

- Dec 7 - Spotsylvania County Christmas Parade

- Dec 8 - Christmas Luncheon – at VFW Hall – \$15/person, catered buffet luncheon – Mark will start collecting payments for the luncheon next month. Details to follow.

Watch the Facebook Page for Information.

### **New Business**

Free memberships are available for AACA for 2025. This is for new members only, not return members.

**HFRAACA Meet discussions** - Looking for interest on additional ideas for the show, such as a swap meet, etc.

**Nominating committee.** Will bring nominations next month with a vote in November.

**Policy and Procedure Manual** - Lauman brought up the Policy and Procedure Manual – He recommends that we have printed copies available for all new members and distribution to those who do not have one.

**Dues** – National Dues are due now. Club dues (\$20) will be collected at the November meeting.

The local club roster will be updated this month and paper copies will be distributed next month.

**Cars for Sale:** Widow in Richmond is selling her husband's cars. 1923-1931 Three Fords and 1 Pontiac. Cheryl Miller has the phone number.

**Judging Manuals** – We have 30 available. Everyone should learn about AACA judging. Mark will speak to the manual; Robert Aftel will present some points about judging as well.

Mark notes that the manual won't read itself. There are lots of pointers on information in the front cover. Manual talks to the judging process and the mechanics of how the judging should be done. Authentic and original. Good workmanship, done in accordance with how the OEM would have done them. There is a lot of good information in the manual. Mark uses the book as a reference on how to present a car for judging. The car should be clean and presentable. The manual talks to brands, replacement parts for items that require replacement (oil filters, batteries, etc). The manual describes the classes and the sub-sections. If it's an obvious question, the owner should be able to provide documentation.

John G. notes that there is history of AACA in the judging manual and a lot of good information about what happens when you take a car to a National Meet. Take opportunity of local members who have judging experience.

You are not dinged for over restoration. Paints, etc. have changed since the cars first came out.

Robert notes that the manual covers what goes on at a national meet. They also have a standard set of slides for the judges training. Robert will see if he can get the slides to shorten for a club presentation. We can try to schedule some sample judging of club members cars.

There are judging schools at all National Meets. Check the schedules for each show.

## **Presentation – Terry Thomann**

### **Clayton NY, Early Ford V8 Club**

Terry had an accident on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. He reached back into his car to shut it off and the car rolled back and knocked him down. He was dragged under the car, but not run over. His neighbor helped him and saved his life. By the grace of God, Terry had no internal injuries or broken bones. Terry still went to the Early Ford V8 Show the next day.

Saturday and Sunday, Terry and his wife drove their '38 Ford to Clayton, NY, about 600 miles from home. The host hotel was the Thousand Island Harbor Hotel on the water of the St. Lawrence River.

Monday, they visited the antique boat museum with 1920s and '30's mahogany boats. He also submitted his car for a mandatory operational check for the show.

Tuesday, they went to Bolt Castle on Heart Island via a boat tour. Bolt was a hospitality professional. He built the castle for his wife, but abandoned it on her death. It was never finished or lived in. NY State bought the property and completed and restored it as a tourist destination. The island has its own engine house to supply water and electricity to the house. Terry shared beautiful pictures. There was a 1903 2-story houseboat. The houseboat has no engine; it was moved by a tug.

The car show – all the cars were members of the Early Ford V8 club. All cars were 1932-1953 Fords (Flathead Ford). Terry shared some pictures of cars and tractors from the show. Mercury and Lincolns are included at the show. In their judging, the judges review all deficiencies with the owner. Terry's car is all original; he earned a first place, losing only 27 points of 1000. It took a full hour to judge his car.

'65 Roses Show – Fredericksburg Regional had a good group show up. There were over 600 cars. \$26K for cystic fibrosis raised.

We need more program material for club meetings. Think about what you might share.

Ben closed the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26

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## **2024 HFR CALENDAR**

### **OCTOBER**

- 22 HFRAACA meeting, 7 pm, Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne, Fredericksburg.  
24-26 Southeastern Fall Nationals, Huntsville, AL, hosted by North Alabama Region.  
26 3d Annual Courtland HS Car Show, 9-1, Courtland HS, Spotsylvania.  
26 Cars & Coffee, 8-10, Classic Car Ctr, Lee Hill Dr, Fredericksburg.

### **NOVEMBER**

- 10 Southern Roots Farm Annual Car Show & Festival, 10-4, Bumpass, VA  
26 HFRAACA meeting, 7 pm, Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne, Fredericksburg.

### **DECEMBER**

- 7 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Spotsylvania County Christmas parade, 1 pm, Spotsylvania Courthouse.  
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.

### **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.

*From Wally:* Thomas showed the 1924 Model T at Hershey and received it's 26<sup>th</sup> AACA National Senior Presentation award



Hunt Model Ts at Hershey





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