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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 October 22, 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

Greetings to all. Fall is just around the corner, and we all know its HERSHEY Time. Monday October 7 through Friday evening October 11. Monday is load in for the flea market. Not a prime day but there are treasures to be discovered. Tuesday bright and early through mid-day Thursday the flea market is in full swing. Mid-day Thursday will see many vendors packing up. Plenty to see but not a full complement of goodies. Friday morning from dawn on is the great car show. Watching the cars drive in is a must do. Then enjoy the show field. NOTE THAT THIS IS FREE!!! There is a charge to park across Hershey Drive or free bus service from the Motor Lodge. But the Greatest Show on Earth and it's a no charge event. If you have never attended (can't imagine that) it is a must do. Questions? Call me or any of the other regulars. Remember the Judged Show is on Friday. Nothing on Saturday. Race car and High Wheelers are in the stadium Thursday. Judging school is Thursday. All Free.

Thank you to Paul for our program last meeting. Quite an adventure with more to come. We still need program material. If you have something short that's ok. This is a need that will continue.

We have received 30 Judging Guidelines at no charge from National. Steve Moskowitz, our CEO for AACA made this happen. These will be available at our meeting. Those of us who have attended the judging schools held at the national meets have already received our copy. These are updated every year. I anticipate touching on a few key items and each of you can gather much information from this guide. It is designed to fit in your back pocket or in your small purse. This allows quick reference.

DUES. It is that time of the year. Dues are payable to national and to our region. Our region dues are \$20.00. This covers the entire family. There is an envelope in the current Antique Auto Magazine for national dues. Please get these in as soon as convenient and your \$20 to Mark for the region. Dues are annual and due before January 1st. Having payment drag into the first of the year puts an extra burden on Nora. Thank you in advance for getting this behind us.

Regarding membership. We have FREE National memberships available to prospective first time members. (not renewal or previous members). These are available now. They cover 2025. If you know a good prospect this may help in the decision. Remember that membership in National is required in order to be a member of an AACA Region. This relates to liability insurance among other things.

We have an upcoming club gathering at the VFW Friday September 27. This is a late afternoon gathering for casual socializing. Food is available for a small charge in the VFW. More detail at the meeting and in e mail. All of us who attended the last gathering enjoyed our time together.

See you Tuesday Evening! John.

From Nora: Roster information will be reviewed at the September meeting and updated printed copies will be made available at the October meeting.

MONTHLY MEETING 27 AUGUST 2024

Meeting was held at the VFW Hall in Fredericksburg. There were 27 members and 1 guest in attendance. Craig Sincock was a guest; he's looking forward to joining.

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

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

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

We were short on the number of people at the August 13 ball game. Doug was able to arrange with the ball field that we were not held to pay for the minimum head-count of 40 people.

New members – Craig Sincock is a Veteran (Army) and is now dedicated to his hobbies, including old cars.

Comments on Hampton VA National Meet – Historic Virginia Peninsula Region hosted the National Meet. There was easy access to the host hotel. The show was Inside with a concrete floor and air conditioning. HFRAACA club members did very well. Neil Lauver won a 1st Junior trophy. Doug received a Senior Award. Mark picked up a 1st Junior with his race car. Wally brought home a 25th preservation award. Terry got a Senior trophy and drove his car both ways. John got his 1st Junior on his 1903 Pope. There were over 200 cars there, with a good selection, including an absolutely beautiful '66 Corvair. A lot of past AACA presidents were there and overall, there was great fellowship. Wally has some pictures. Charlotte is in the Spring. Hershey is in a few weeks.

Local news

Cooking for Autism Show run by Jeannette Bignotti netted \$8K for the cause.

Saturday morning, meet at 7 AM at Tractor Supply for Taste of the Mountains. All cars need to be at the library at Madison NLT 0830. Streets will be closed after that. They do pay the club for participation.

September:

- 7 – Manheim auto auction car show, near rt 17
- 14 – Northern Neck Technical Center, Skills USA show
- 19-21 Charlotte Auto Fair
- 19- Central VA Mustang Show at Bass Pro Shops (all Fords)
- 19 – Edgar Rohr Bull Run show at Manassas
- 20-22 Field Day of the Past at the Amelia Courthouse – Route 360 just inside Amelia County
- 21 – 65 Roses Car Show at Spotsylvania High School
- 27 – VFW Cruise In and Dinner (\$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!
- 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 – 2nd Sat of each month.

- Dec 7 - Spotsylvania County Christmas Parade
- Dec 8 - Christmas Luncheon – at VFW Hall – see details below – Mark and John leading the effort

Other Events:

Looking for a September social event – J Gordon Brown is working on it.

VFW Cruise In – 2 potential dates – Oct 18 or **Sept 27** – Friday evening with meal. POC Steve Blancard. **Sept 27** – agreed upon by the club. Cars arrive around 4:30. Canteen starts at 1700.

Watch the Facebook Page for Information.

Sunshine Report

J notes that in general, we are getting to be an older club.

Nancy Makin is rehabbing at home. She has PT to regain strength.

Jane is also home from rehab. Neuralgia is still a problem.

Bill and Millie are doing OK. Bill had a pacemaker installed. A sympathy card was sent; Bill's brother passed away.

J and Connie's son, Seth is recovering well.

John noted that Tommy, Debbie, and Reggie were at the National Meet. It was good to see them.

Wayne DuBois is now using a wheelchair

Nick Rein's aunt died (apologies for the misspelling last month)

Thanks to Powell Sale for the outing at his river home. Since then, Powell has had COVID for a couple of weeks. He has had to shut his store for a bit due to his and his staff's health. We hope everyone is recovering.

Lauman has a few comments:

Last month, he opened up a can of worms saying that we need to learn how to judge to AACA standards. He is looking at this as a “glass half full” situation. Last month, he did not specify who he thought should lead the judges training. He would like to see the president, VP, and Membership Chair, and Chief Judge lead the training for the club. He recommends those 4 people to help the rest of the club learn. In the ‘20’s, there were over 200 models of vehicles. In 1935, there were almost 200 types of vehicles as well. No one knows everything about every car. Lauman’s ’63 Ford was at the last show and the judges couldn’t make a decision. Lauman’s grandson provided documentation; hopefully, it helped.

The other point he wanted to make is that this is an opportunity to learn. No one will ever know everything about every vehicle. Lauman has been on national judging teams for many years. This is an opportunity, not a demand.

Lauman mentioned the Bass Pro Shops All Ford Show and has taken several awards there, including Best Ford in Show, Best Paint, and other at multiple shows 10 years apart.

John Garnett mentioned that Steve Moskowitz is sending 30 judging books from AACA National to our Region, no charge. At National Shows, you can attend judges training for no charge. It is a good experience to learn about cars and about judging. Wally added that the judging program has come a long way. Judging schools are often the day before the National Meet. There are now 4 different level judging schools. There are lots of ways to stay challenged and learning. In order to judge, you have to have attended judging school in that calendar year. It is free.

New Business – printed rosters. We are working on that.

Christmas Luncheon – Dec 8th – use VFW larger room, 12-4 PM plus an hour on each side. We typically do this around 1300. Countyline Catering, Eastern NC BBQ, and menu – estimate is about \$1800 for the luncheon. Budget included \$1200 for the event. If we have 40 people, it would be \$15 per person. Terry donated his stipend for the National Meeting back to the club.

Presentation – Paul Myers

“Paul’s Summer Trips”

Paul gave a slide presentation about his summer vacation. His travel and therefore, the majority of the pictures were car related – very fun events. The following is an outline of his events. Talk to Paul if you are curious or missed the photos.

Family Reunion – Fairborn OH June 8

Hot Rod Power Tour – 5 cities in 5 days.

Bowling Green KY – Corvette Museum

- 1st emblem that was supposed to go on the Corvette – had the US Flag. Day before, they were told that they were not allowed (by govt) to use the US Flag (1953)
- 1992 – Corvettes that fell in the hole. The millionth Corvette, restored

- Beech Bend Raceway – and Amusement Park

Nashville Speedway

University of Louisville, Cardinal Stadium

Speedy Cop (his vehicle got wrecked in an accident in Cincinnati)

National Trails Raceway, Hebron OH

- Now at 1400+ miles on his car.

Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park

End of Tour, 1800+ miles total

Oldsmobile Homecoming, Lansing MI

- Car Show
- RE Olds Museum –

Home to VA – 8 days later

- AC Quit 1st day
- Lost center cap from left rear wheel
- Wore out drivers side window crank
- Exhaust manifold leak
- Rattle in passenger side door
- Lost oil fill cap and 3 quarts of oil...

Since then...

- June 22 – GM National at Carlisle
- July 20 – Hampton Heat at Langley Speedway
- South Boston Speedway
- Cumberland MD

Next stop – Martinsville Speedway...

Paul's 2025 planning is underway

Ben closed the meeting with a prayer.

Adjourned at 8:26

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2024 HFR CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 24 HFRAACA meeting, 7 pm, Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne, Fredericksburg.
- 27 HFR social , 5 pm, Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne, Fredericksburg.
- 28 Cars & Coffee, 8-10, Classic Car Ctr, Lee Hill Dr, Fredericksburg.
- 28 Rosner car show, 5pm-dark, YMCA, Smith Station Rd, Fredericksburg..

OCTOBER

- 2-6 Fall Carlisle, Carlisle Fairgrounds, Carlisle, PA.
- 8-11 AACA Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA, hosted by Hershey Region.
- 12 King George Fall Festival & Car Show, 10-3, King George HS.
- 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 Cars & Coffee, 8-10, Classic Car Ctr, Lee Hill Dr, Fredericksburg.

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

- 7 Spotsylvania Christmas parade.
- 8 HFR Christmas lunch, 1pm, Fredericksburg VFW, 2701 Princess Anne, Fredericksburg

2025 HFR CALENDAR

JANUARY

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

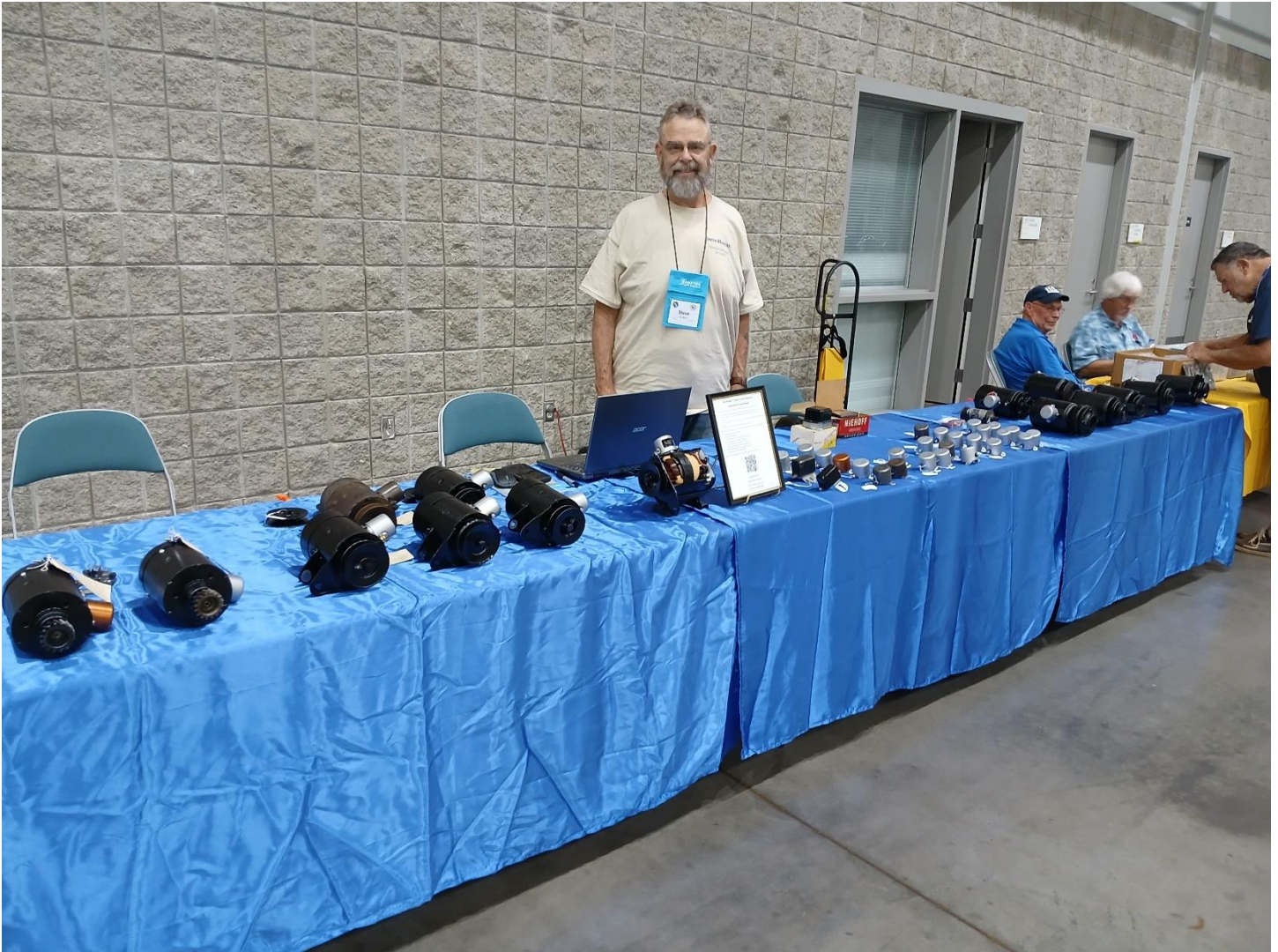
FEBRUARY

- 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.

Neil photo: Steve B at Hampton with Model T & A generators & cutouts.



Steve B photo: HFR at Madison



Wally photos: HFR at Madison



Western Fall Nationals

By Neil, the Magneto's *Mystery Author and Contributor*

Article 25

The AACA Western Fall Nationals Meet was held September 12th through the 14th in remote Loveland, Colorado, an hour north of Denver and an hour east of Estes Park, Roosevelt National Forest, and Rocky Mountains National Park. The highlight of the first day of the Meet, the 12th, was visiting the Clive Cussler Automotive Museum in Arvada, Colorado, about an hour southwest of Loveland and about a half-hour northwest of Denver. Clive authored over 50 books, beginning in 1973, and collected scores of rare antique cars, many of which were featured on the rear covers of his books. Approximately 55 of his cars - ranging from 1906 to 1958 - were in the Museum, including an Allard (1953), Auburn (1936), Bugatti (1939), Cadillac (1908), Chrysler (1955 and 1960), Daimler (1951), Duesenberg (1929), Ford (1936), Hispano Suiza (1926), Kaiser (1951), Locomobile (1911), Mercury (1956), Meteor (1952), Minerva (1925), Packard (1948), Plymouth (1958), Pontiac (1957), Rolls Royce (1921 and 1937), Stanley Steamer (1906), Studebaker, Talbot-Lago (1948 and 1951), and Tatra (Czechoslovakian) (1947). Each appeared to be 400-point AACA cars.

The second day of the Meet, Friday the 13th, was the Meet Registration and Member's Roundtable Meeting at the luxurious Embassy Suites Hotel in Loveland, directly adjacent to Loveland's large rodeo grounds. The Member's Meeting had 29 attendees and was well focused, with active discussion on additional future western meets as well as working plans for aligning AACA events with and along Route 66's Centennial Celebrations in 2026. Discussion also included an announcement that AACA Headquarters would make available a \$5,000 Grant for Regions who never had organized a National Meet to help in so doing.

The third day of the Meet, Saturday the 14th, was a beautiful day in Loveland with cerulean skies above the western-towering Colorado Rockies and across the Colorado eastern high plains. Forty-four cars arrived on the show field, with 12 being Driver Participation Class (DPC) and Historical Preservation of Original Features (HPOF). Of the Judged cars, the oldest was an exquisite 1902 White Steamer followed by an equally-compelling 1915 Ford Model T Touring. Other cars of exceptional note were a 1929 Duesenberg, 1929 Auburn, Cord, and 1936 farm fruit and vegetable delivery truck.

Cussler Automotive Museum in Arvada







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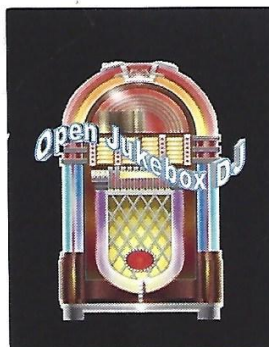
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