

## **Historic Fredericksburg Region, AACA - Monthly Meeting – August 15, 2017**

President Doug Makin called the meeting to order at 730 PM.

There were 25 members present and one guest. Mark Fingerholz was present as a new member. He has a 1937 Packard Super 8 Right Hand Drive.

**July 2017 Minutes** – Minutes were included in the August Magneto. Minutes were approved as published in the Magneto.

Anyone who has not gotten a green Roster, please pick one up.

**Treasurer's Report** – Mark Irving presented a brief report. Membership approved paying the bills.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Refreshments** – please continue to sign up for future months. At this point, we do not have September drinks or October snacks.

**Sunshine Club** – Rena sent Neil and Julie Lauver a sympathy card. Julie's mother passed away.

**Legislative** – Don noted that the DMV is doing more and more of the paperwork online. It's getting more and more difficult to do anything by paper.

**Magneto newsletter** – Please send articles and/or updates. VA BBQ cruise in has moved to Mine Road McDonald's.

**Web site** – Nora had nothing new on the website; apologies for the lack of updates last month.

**Membership and Activities** – Wally provided the following updates:

Guest from July 4<sup>th</sup> event – Mark Fingerholz is going to join HFRAACA.

Some notes and additions to calendar:

Taste of the Mountains. A sign up is going around. We will meet at Tractor Supply, 9/2 at 7 AM. We need to have all cars in place at the show from 0830-1600.

Cookout at the Irvings' - 9/3 – bring an old car and covered dish.

Bull Run Region Show, 9/16

Tidewater Region Meet, 9/23

Tour to B. A. Sunderlin Bellfoundry in Ruther Glen, VA, 9/30\* (may change to 23<sup>rd</sup>) – club event, meet at Classic Car Center, we will meet up with Richmond Region for the tour, lunch in Ladysmith, drive up to Fredericksburg together.

Week of 10/7 – Hershey Meet. Signup deadline for cars is today.

Rockabilly Rumble, 10/14 – Four Mile Fork

Fall Harvest Festival at Bowling Green, 10/14

Vintage Racing at Dominion – 10/21 - come early, stay late on Saturday, Come early on Sunday. Wally is trying to organize an antique car display at Dominion in the North Paddock (TBD). Bring out your antique cars for an antique car race – bring old car and dress for the weather.

10/28 – Fall Harvest Festival – Shannon Airport – club event.

Eagle Village – Wally trying to get set up for 11/5

Old Dominion tour is the week after Eagle Village – 11/10-11. Information is on the HFR Facebook FB page, ODMA page, and Richmond webpage

Heartfields – would like to have car display in Sept – likely on a Sunday – hoping for 10-15 cars – TBD.

1<sup>st</sup> Sun in Dec – Christmas Banquet – canned foods for the food drive – aiming for around 600 lbs. Plan ahead and bring lots of food for donation!

The State Fair wants to do a display with a 1927 automobile (indoor) – late Sept.29 –Early Oct.8 - Brian Danzig might be able to help.

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Car Show** – J reported on the meeting from 8/8. Discussions included reorganizing flyers – working with email instead of mailing everything (registration, thank you's, and requirements). We also discussed a checklist given to owners on arrival about getting ready for the show – fire extinguisher, windows up, etc. We will include the location of the visitor's center for GPS. Trailer parking attendant needs to have contact information for all trailers. Plans to implement changes. Some notes about promotions, plaque car, etc. Meetings for car show will start right after the first of the year.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Doug and the club thank Robert Aftel for his presentation on Big Engines last month. Doug would like to see more presentations in the future.

Historic Marker – Emily and Ken Loucks have been digging for information. Some is contradictory; developing questions, looking for answers. There is conflicting information on whether the first car belonged to Kispough vs Spotswood.

## **NEW BUSINESS –**

Donators are asking for how their funds are used; what good is done for the community when they donate to our club?

We would like to start a program of charitable giving. At the meeting at J's office on 8/8, we discussed scholarship, benevolence fund, and charitable giving (beneficiary to be rotated annually). Scholarship would be for VoTech education. Benevolence fund would be for emergency local needs in the community. And the charitable giving would be for a rotating charity, since there are so many good charities in our community.

Mark Irving presented the budget worksheet and reviewed it with those present. He distributed summary sheets for both the benevolence fund and the scholarship fund. The sheets discussed values, application processes, and distribution restrictions. By donating a scholarship, we would be seen by students, teachers, and community members – increasing the club visibility and potential future membership. For charitable giving we would have rotating beneficiaries to be able to give to more good causes (there are so many in the local area).

50/50 proceeds and alternate month's (on the even months) "pass the hubcap" to be given to the food bank.

The budget discussion was tabled to be brought up in September for discussion, follow up, and acted upon. With \$1500 of giving, we will have an overall budget shortfall. We need to think about where we can adjust. This stands to depreciate the overall kiddy, but we can adjust each year as we decide. We should consider holding \$6-7K in reserve for car show and hope to make it back each year.

This is the recommendation of the board. Discussion should be based on this as a recommendation, not on all the details. Some discussion follows:

Emily – thinks it's great that we are going to focus on specific ways to give back, especially the scholarship fund. She worries about counting on the profit of the car show. This year was a very good profit for the car show; last year broke even. Mark replied that the following year's budget would be adjusted based on the results of the current year's show.

J agrees that the majority of the yearly funds are from the car show. He said that the overall balance in the bank appears to stay around the same over time.

Ben pointed out that after 40 years, this is the first budget discussion he remembers. He thinks that using the funding to help the community will also help the club.

John Garnett agrees; for 2018, we have a good cushion. We can adjust outgoing costs for following years if we have a down year of income. And the Benevolence fund may or may not be used. He thinks it is a good proposal and it is good that it can be adjusted annually.

Wally commented that a threshold balance of \$6K might be too low – if a show fails, there still needs to be funding available for the following year. A threshold of \$8K might be more appropriate to allow for a bad year and less income.

FY begins in January. Spending for the show also begins in January.

Discussion is tabled for next meeting.

**Other New Business:**

Ken Loucks just returned from a cruise that included 2 days in Cuba. He has some photos to share. We tried to rope him into a presentation for next month. He said that the Cuban tour guide said that there are “No mechanics on these cars, only magicians”. He saw lots of Russian Ladas. On their trip, they also visited the Tampa Bay Auto Museum – one man’s collections. This included a reproduction of 1770 wood framed steam powered contraption and a 2-engine, 4 wheel drive Citroën 2CV.

Wally also mentioned the Oldsmobile and Gilmore Car collection photos that he has put on Facebook.

**50/50 Raffle** – Lauman Schooler won the 50/50 raffle. He donated the winnings back to the club (\$10).

Ben Schooler closed the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM.