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August 2024 President's Message

As the August heat ramps up, so do the opportunities to get out and enjoy our old cars! The General Greene show at the PTI Farmer's Market will be on August 10, and is always one I enjoy going to. In addition to all of the vehicles, I enjoy checking out all of the goodies there! There are usually plenty of fresh fruits and veggies, as well as plants of all varieties. I will be on the lookout for some good peaches again this year to make a peach cobbler with!

Other activities that are coming up are all of the local cruise-ins and shows, a special NC Region 70th anniversary tour, the Spencer Fall Meet, and Hershey is just around the corner. Make sure to check out the upcoming events calendar to make your plans. The NC Region tour will start out in Washington, NC, with stops in New Bern, Morehead City, Wilmington, and finally Southport.

Our next meeting will be on August 10, at the Shiloh Scout Hut. We will meet at 6:30 pm for a potluck supper, fellowship, and updates. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there!

See y'all down the road!

Rick Holmes

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Next Weak Spark Deadline

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Next Club Meeting

August 10, 2024
6:30 pm
at Shiloh Presbyterian Church
Scout Hut
for a pot luck dinner

News from National!

The 2024 AACA National Convention will be held in Charlotte! More specifically, at the Concord Embassy Suites, just off of Bruton Smith Blvd, at the Charlotte Speedway. This is a great opportunity to attend the convention at a minimal travel cost.

AACA has a new member benefit through MemberDeals. This program provides discounts and packages for entertainment and travel packages. The deals include hotels, rental cars, flights, movie tickets, concerts, and sports events just to name a few! Check out the details on the AACA.org website under the members only section (log in with your member number and PIN found on your membership card).

Mileage Award Program (MAP) – AACA program to recognize members who drive an AACA eligible vehicle throughout the calendar year. Each vehicle entered gets a vehicle badge, and mileage awards are earned and are added to the badge. Mileage awards are made at 2000, 5000, and each 5000 miles afterward. Entry details can be found at AACA.org, under the Events tab.

National and Regional Events: (see www.aaca.org/events for full details)

August 22 – Special Eastern Fall Nationals, Hampton, VA

September 12 – AACA Western Fall Nationals, Loveland, Colorado

September 14 – NC Region Fall Meet, NC Transportation Museum, Spencer, NC

September 14 – Shannon Hills Car Show, 900 W. Vandalia Rd, Greensboro, NC

September 15 – Anthracite Region Show, McAdoo, PA

September 22 – 2024 Revival AAA Glidden Tour

September 26 – 29 – NC Region Special 70th Anniversary Tour, Washington, NC & Eastern NC

October 8 - 11 – 2024 Eastern Fall Meet and Flea Market, Hershey, PA

October 23 – 2024 Southeastern Fall Nationals, Huntsville, Alabama

February 6 – 8 – 2025 Annual Convention, Charlotte, NC

1st Saturdays – April through October, Siler City, NC Autozone & Sonic

3rd Saturdays – May through October, downtown Graham. Concert series beside Colonial Hardware!

WANTED: A Few Good Men and Women!

Being a Chapter and Region officer has been a very rewarding experience for me. I was first nominated as Chapter President 17 years ago. The friendships and relationships I have made over these past years have been incredible. I would have never met so many great people across the country if I had not agreed to take a leadership role in AACA.



Once elected as Chapter President, I became more involved in the NC Region. This opened up a whole new group of new friends and colleagues, as we worked together for the hobby. As past NC Region President, I have served the past 6 years on the Region's Nominating Committee. In this capacity, I have called many people and asked them to serve as

a Director or Officer. Unfortunately several times I was met with resistance or just a plain No I can't do it! You may only be one person, but you are one person who can offer something to the AACA, whether it is locally or in a broader capacity.

Everyone is busy and has a lot going on, but this hobby deserves all of our best efforts to make it grow and prosper. Your leadership can and will make a difference. We can't and should not count on the same people who always step up to help--they also need the rest of us to pitch in. New blood helps form better ideas and will keep the club moving into the future. Everybody has a talent and can offer something to bring to this table. You never know what you can do until you give it a good try. If you can write, you can be the Chapter secretary. If you have some skill with your phone camera, you can be the photographer of your chapter newsletter and assist the editor. If your writing skills are better than mine, you can be the Chapter reporter or

editor. If you have good computer skills, you can be the webmaster for your Region. And the list goes on.

Step up and help your Chapter or your Region today! Get involved. Agree to be on a committee. Take on an officer or director position!

Most people are intimidated at first of agreeing to a leadership role. Starting up as an assistant or teaming up with another person might make both of you confident that you can be a leader in your Chapter or Region. Just remember, you will never be alone in participation or in leadership--there are many resources available to you from the National headquarters. There are people to answer all your questions and people who are willing to come to your area and offer assistance. Being an active member in AACA in a leadership role is hugely rewarding at every level. All it takes is to say YES one time and you never know where it might take you.

Everybody is capable of doing something big or small. We are in this together!



Guest Article by *Jack Harris*
2024 AACA National President

Jack Harris'
Personal AACA
Mentor

What can you do at a National Level with AACA?

National Meet - Hershey, PA and Collector Car Swap Meet - Oct.8 to Oct. 11, 2024

800 volunteers; 9,000 Flea Market Vendor Spaces; 700 Car Corral Spaces; More than 1,000 Antique Cars in the Judged Car Show on Friday and 200,000 + visitors over 4 days. Hershey is considered to be the largest event of its kind in the world.

Headquarters and Library - Every member gets 2 hours of free research each year with the Library. How do I access? Call the library or use the online request form, email the library or visit them. Send a letter with your request form with all your information. Also, check their fee schedule in case your situation requires more time than your 2 free hours

February 6 to 8, 2025 - Annual AACA Convention

This will be held in Concord, NC at the Embassy Suites Convention Center. This is the closest to us that it has ever been. Seminars in multiple areas about old cars. Please plan to attend.

Lastly, the N C Region is planning a tour for September 26 to 29. You can drive your classic or your new car. Route will be starting in the Jacksonville/Washington, NC area. The tour continues to New Bern, Morehead City, on to Wilmington, then will take the Fort Fisher Ferry to Southport. Details will be shared once we have them. You do not have to be a NC Region Member to participate.

BUGSTOCK: A 60's VW Happening!

A retro return to the 1960s set the scene along with inspiration from Aquarius and Woodstock for a special collaboration between Richmond Region AACA and the creation of Henrico County Recreation and Park's most unique thematic special event.

BUGSTOCK: A 60's VW Happening! began as a brainstorming idea to expose the public to one of Henrico's newest parks and to create an entirely new and unique twist to a community special event/car show by highlighting the much-loved Volkswagen and the 1960s era. As we know, within the local classic car community, there is an ongoing effort to expose and engage youth interest in the antique collector car.

The 1960s era was one that is very vivid in the hearts and minds of the target family audience, currently experiencing new wave of retro interest. The development of a new special event that creates a platform for these three seemingly dissimilar themes would at first seem to be a challenge but proved to be highly successful for Henrico Recreation and Parks, Richmond Region AACA and all community organizations and businesses involved.

Held each year on a Sunday afternoon from 12-4 p.m., car show VW vehicles could enter the show field from 10:30 am until 12 noon. Show car parking, Registration and Popular vote tallying was managed by RRAACA. After parking, owners registered and then given numbered window cards to identify their vehicle for the public vote awards. Spectators and owners voted too! Recreation and Parks exposure overall.

At 3:30 pm, awards were presented VW topped trophies and 1960's jargon in 8 categories, including *Most Far Out Fab Best in Show, Most Stoked Engine, Most Psychedelic – Best Paint, Most Shaglicilous – Best Interior, Most Happening Display, Most Groovy Air-Cooled Classic Vehicle, Most Hip Modern Vehicle, and Farthest Distance Traveled.* Richmond Region AACA volunteers parked show cars, greeted public handing out the public voting forms to event attendees, and coordinated and tallied the public vote competition. The value alone of the promotional **BUGSTOCK** event display of the classic Volkswagen Beetle and marketing literature at West Broad Volkswagen's dealership showroom for a week is priceless not just for the event itself but also for Henrico Recreation and Parks exposure overall.

Reminiscing about their VW roots, and sharing '60s, Woodstock and Herbie stories was the order of the day for

many under the shade of the main festival tent! The event featured a wide variety of activities for spectators to enjoy, including enjoying 1960's DJ music, Hula Hoop and Twister contests, getting airbrush tattoos, and creating their very own lava lite craft! They had fun playing Volkswagen Trivia spinning for a prize at the Henrico Recreation and Parks and Tourism Booth. Grocery representatives gave away bananas. The afternoon rounded out for families by painting on the huge public art boards, bouncing in a tropical house, running through the nearby park spray ground, and eating frozen yogurt concoctions and typical festival foods. The Henrico located West Broad Volkswagen dealership brought their antique VW bus and new Volkswagen vehicles for an interactive display.

In special event programming, success is often determined in attendance, public "event day" reaction and "buzz" after the event. Each year, over 1,600 to 2,500 spectators mostly attired in tie dyed apparel attended the event, staying most of the afternoon, and the show field was swarmed by 45 to 75 Type 1 sedans and convertible Beetles, four types of Type 2 busses, Kharmann Ghias, Things, Type 3 Fastbacks, dune buggies, and even MGs built on VW chassis! Air-cooled classics and modern, rat rods, modified, daily drivers and show cars were present from all across VA and surrounding states. Best of all, over 300 to 500 spectators enjoyed voting on their favorite Volkswagens for the show awards each year! There were numerous social media photo posts and positive endorsements, as well as a feature newspaper article in print and on the web after the event. Judging from the numerous social media posts,

emails, messages, and telephone calls received from both the public and owners in support of the event and its continuation, **BUGSTOCK** was a great success and a grand time for all!

RRAACA members feel strongly about preserving history while giving back to the community and have had a long-term relationship with the Division over the years. Henrico Recreation and Parks provided the platform for local antique car clubs to give back to the community and a substantive amount of volunteer service has been provided by the Richmond Region's membership that shows their tremendous support of Henrico County. **BUGSTOCK** proved to be a perfect example of a synergistic partnership between local government and special interest groups working together to offer a creative, fresh new special event to the public that is a win-win situation for both groups.



August 2024 Treasurer's Report

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e have new members! They are Tony and Elizabeth Solazzo from Graham. They are already members of our national AACA organization. They visited with us at our last club meeting at the Scout Hut and are friends

of Mike Blalock. Please welcome them at our next meeting. I received our property tax bill on our new land from the county this week. We will investigate the possibility of being exempt because we are a 501(c)3 corporation.

Jeannie Johnson

Minutes from the August 2024 Meeting

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ur July meeting was held at the Shiloh Scout Hut on July 13, with a potluck meal. We had a full house, with visitors Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vines, and Tony and Elizabeth Solazzo. The Solazzo's will be joining our Club. Our program was presented by Stuart Brandt on the history of the military Jeeps, "When is a Jeep not a Jeep; When it is a Ford!".

Updates were given on the progress of clearing our clubhouse land and the plans for building. Butch McKenzie

and the team have made tremendous progress clearing the land and burning the tree debris. The plans for the building have not been submitted to us yet, but are in the works.

The NC Region will be having a 70th anniversary tour Sept 26 - 29 in eastern North Carolina, hitting Washington (NC), New Bern, Morehead, Wilmington, and Southport.

Mike Blalock

People Remember Our Classic Cars

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rowing up in the small town of Graham NC, people would often mention someone they knew here in town, and how they were such good football or basketball players "back in the day".

Or some ladies would be talking about how beautiful a certain woman used to be when she was younger.

But us car folks have our own way of remembering people. It's by this one certain car that everyone in your group of friends remember!

For me it was my 1966 Pontiac Tempest hardtop. I bought the car for \$50 from a member of the church that my dad was the pastor of. Got it running in the man's yard, and left a line of oil in the road from East Burlington to our home on Jones St. in Graham.

After many months, days, and nights of hard work with help from my family and good friends, in the heat and

freezing cold, parts in the yard, afternoon's rambling through Crutchfield's junk yard, engines hanging from the tree in the yard. Making a mess in my Mom's carpoint, making a mess in Richard Holmes' shop. I finally had a beautiful silver-blue Pontiac (with crushed velvet interior). Of course I had to replace the 326 2-barrel engine with a 400 4-barrel (that goes without saying!), and the sound system of the day was an Audiovox AM/FM cassette player with Craig speakers.

40 some years later, I run into old friends, and they ask about that Pontiac, and remember what an awesome car it was. On several occasions I have recognized people, but they didn't recognize me until I told them I was the guy from Graham High with the silver-blue 66 Pontiac Tempest.

I would love to hear from y'all about your car that everyone remembers you by.

Best Regards,

Donnie Nance

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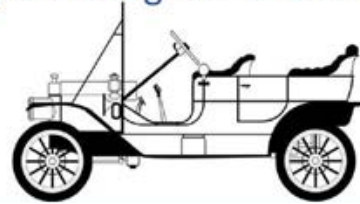


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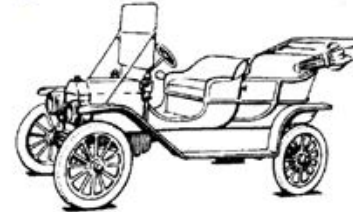
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