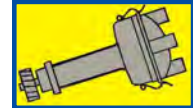


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THE 2026 SUMMER PICNIC

We had a good group, with 27 in attendance. This was the 15th year that Ken & Sally hosted the picnic at their home in the village of Choptank. Again, Robin Lewis was the caterer, providing fried chicken, pulled pork barbeque, potato salad, coleslaw, fruit salad, assorted cookies, and iced tea. Our newest members, Danny and Florence Adams were there.

Moderate temperature and low humidity made for a comfortable setting, but many chose to eat inside. There was a full crowd at the dining room table. Sally's puzzle table, in the sunroom, was fully occupied. All the rest of the chairs in the room were occupied as well. Outside, there were only eight.

Some brought their cars and trucks. Lee Caplan always has something different. This time it was a Toyota FJ Cruiser. Ken's and Sally's friends, Bob and Kathy Taylor, came from North Jersey in their recently-purchased 1955 Ford Sunliner.





UPCOMING THINGS TO DO

LET'S GO TO THE SKIPJACK RACE!

The 30th annual Choptank Heritage Skipjack Race will be held on September 26, 2026. Viewed from Long Wharf in Cambridge, the Cambridge race provides an excellent opportunity to see traditional Skipjacks up close and under sail as they race on the Choptank River.

We have been invited to bring our antique cars for display at Long Wharf in the morning. Participants should arrive by 9:00 am to get situated in advance of the Skipjack parade at 10:00 am. **Those displaying cars (2 people per car) are invited to join the captains and crew of the boats for lunch.** The race starts about 11:00 AM and finishes around 1:00PM.



SKIPJACK NATHAN *of* DORCHESTER

The races help preserve these wooden skipjacks. Each participating Skipjack receives around \$1500 in show-up money which gives each boat much needed funds for ongoing maintenance and preservation. Over the past 30 years, the Dorchester Skipjack Committee has raised and donated over \$200,000 to help preserve our vanishing fleet of skipjacks.

Today fewer than 20 Skipjacks still sail, and skipjack races help keep tradition alive and the boats afloat. The Triple Crown of skipjack races starts with the Deal Island Labor Day race on September 7th which is held in out in Tangier Sound, followed by the Skipjack Heritage Days Race, held off Sandy Point, on September 12-13.



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LET'S ALSO GO TO THE RICHARDSON BOATYARD BASH!

Join us for an unforgettable afternoon on Cambridge Creek at Richardson Maritime Museum's Boatyard Bash, a celebration of our Chesapeake Bay maritime heritage. **We are invited to show our antique cars with vintage boats that will be on display. If you bring yours, you get free admission-a \$20 value.**

The date is October 10th. There will be food and other vendors there. Enjoy fresh oysters, listen to live music, explore classic boats, shop with local artisans and vendors, and connect with nonprofit partners making waves in our community. And be sure to catch the Boatyard Challenge, a fun new competition to see which local boatyard has the strongest crew!



OTHER BCR OUTINGS

COLLECTOR CAR APPRECIATION DAY

The Bay Country Region celebrated Collector Car Appreciation Day on Thursday, July 9. We had lunch at Doc's Grill in Oxford and then went on to Scottish Highland Creamery for ice cream.

It was a small group: Ned and Betty Nabb, Buck Burton, Nan and Craig Duerling, Tom Wilson, and Charles and Barbara Emery, but we had a very enjoyable lunch right on the waterfront, and wonderful ice cream afterward.



THE APRIL LUNCH BUNCH

On April 15, we gathered at The Neck District Grill for our April Lunch Bunch. We had 15 people including a new members Danny and Florence Adams (front, left at right). Because of limited parking, we had to leave a few cars at Beckwith Church, about two miles from the grill and carpool there. This was one of the Churches Nan served as pastor. Nan also met some folks she knew at the grill who have a house right across the street from the grill, and they allowed us to park some cars in their driveway. Some interesting logistics, but everyone had a good time.



PHOTOSHOP MAGIC

One of the two photos Craig sent me actually looked like the one below. My first thought was what can I do with Jim Newcomb's head? The solution was to copy the near half of the table in the other photo and paste it in the same location, covering him. Notice, in the photos to the right, how the stuff on the tables is the same in both. Jim may be gone from this one, but he still is smiling from the end of the table on the upper photo.



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

WOW! August is almost over! The year and summer have slipped by. It is time to look at Fall and what is on tap for the rest of the year.

For the past three months we enjoyed the usual club activities. In May the club members participated in the "Dust'em Off Tour". We toured the Miles River on the **Patriot**- the tour boat out of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. After the boat ride we went to Chesapeake landing for a late lunch/early dinner. Thank you, Danny Morris, for arranging the afternoon. June brought the traditional Summer Picnic. Club members once again enjoyed Ken's and Sally's hospitality as they hosted the event at their Choptank home. The event was well attended, even Lee Caplan joined us from North Carolina! Thank you, Ken, and Sally! For July, we enjoyed a relatively new tradition. For several years Craig Duerling has arranged for club members to celebrate National Collector Car Day. This year it was lunch at Doc's in Oxford then ice cream at the Highland Creamery further in town. We celebrated on Thursday, July 9 rather than the actual date of Friday the 10th. Thank you, Craig!

For August, Craig planned a Lunch Bunch at Carmella's Cucina in Cambridge on Wednesday, August 19th. Craig and I met the group, who caravanned from Easton.

We have our first general membership meeting after the summer hiatus on Wednesday, September 16. It will be at the Easton Elks Lodge on Dutchman's Lane- lunch at noon, meeting at 1:00PM.

I am inviting club members to two events in Cambridge this fall. First is the 30th Annual Skipjack Race on Saturday, September 26. It is also the last leg of the Triple Crown of Skipjack Races- something new this year. The organizers of the event have asked for old cars to be displayed at Long Wharf in the morning. The race starts about 11:00 AM and finishes around 1:00PM. They hope to have various exhibits at Long Wharf to entertain spectators while the boats are at a distance, then have the spectators enjoy the finish when the boats return. Those displaying cars (2 people per car) are invited to join the captains and crew of the boats for lunch. There are some colorful people involved- I think you will enjoy the event. I help run the race and would appreciate support from the club.

The second event is the Richardson Maritime Museum's Boatyard Bash. It is October 10th. We are invited to show our vintage cars with vintage boats that will be on display. If you bring your vintage car, you get free admission-a \$20 value. There will be food and other vendors there. Craig and I showed our cars there last year (a last-minute request) and enjoyed the event. I hope we can get more cars with longer notice.

October should be a Lunch Bunch month, with no membership meeting. I am looking for someone to volunteer to arrange an outing for the month. I'll ask again at the September meeting if no one contacts me before then.

November 18 is our Annual General Meeting. In addition to regular business, we will elect officers and

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

1 BCR Board Meeting. 1:00-2:00 pm; via zoom

9-14 AACAA Founders Tour-Williamsburg

16 BCR Pre-meeting lunch-Easton Elks

16 BCR Business Meeting

19 Eastern Shore Region/Hebron Lions Show

20-26 AACAA 80th Revival Gliddin Tour-Dover

26 Skipjack race-Cambridge; ask Ed Nabb

OCTOBER

6 BCR Board Meeting. 1:00-2:00 pm; via zoom

10 Richardson Maritime Museum's Boat Bash; ask Ed Nabb

21 BCR Lunch-TBD

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The purpose of the club shall be the preservation, use, and enjoyment of self-propelled antique, classic, and special interest vehicles and related parts, materials, and services. The Board of Directors of the Region shall meet on the first Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise specified. Membership meetings are scheduled for the third Wednesday of each month, except July and August. Meeting announcements will be carried each month in the newsletter. Articles for the newsletter are welcomed and members are encouraged to submit news about personal interest items to the editor by the 20th of each month.

directors for 2027. Danny Morris has a slate prepared for the club.

December 5 is our Christmas Dinner. The club voted to hold the event at Olive Garden in the afternoon, as we did last year. It will run from 2:00 PM to 4:00PM. The new officers and directors will be sworn in then. There is no other club meeting or function for December.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join club members for these events!

Sincerely,
Ed Nabb, Jr., Pres.

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Membership renewal

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BIRTHDAYS

8/26	SABRINA SUMAN	10/2	DIANN PRAHL	10/16	SHIRLEY WISE
8/27	ARTHUR NORTH	10/8	JONNETTE KVAMME	10/24	NANCY HOLT
8/31	RHONDA HIGGINBOTTOM	10/8	RON McCARTY	11/19	FAITH BROWN
9/9	BETTY NABB	10/8	SUSAN NORTH	11/26	TERESA McCANN
9/9	BETTY SANGER	10/12	PAT McCANN	11/27	DONNA GLIME
9/15	JACK HAMILTON	10/15	DARLENE NEWCOMB	11/30	JOE ZIMMERMAN

THE SUMMER PICNIC AT KEN'S AND SALLY'S

