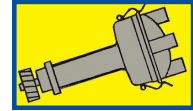


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NEWS FOR MEMBERS OF THE
BAY COUNTRY REGION
ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AMERICA



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REMEMBERING JOHN PRAHL, 1940-2020



The Club suffered a major loss with the passing of John Prahl on June 20th. We will miss his smile, and the good times we had with him.

Here is a gallery of photos that remember "Jackie."

Please keep Diann in your thoughts.



April 18, 2010

December 1, 2018



December 04, 2010



June 20, 2015

OUR MEMBERS REMEMBER JOHN

LOU DOLL

I remember John managing the trophies at my first car show and many of the following car shows. He and Dianne took their Chevy to car shows and events that many of us passed on.

John and Diann did a lot for the club over the years.

DARLENE NEWCOMB

John had a very ingenious idea when we went on our Doo-wop trip to Lancaster. Check out the October 2016 Distributor for the story. If you don't have it, I will try & send it. John to the rescue again!

John to the rescue again: We arrived at the Comfort Inn at Lancaster, Pennsylvania in the middle of the afternoon. Betty had arranged for us to gather for social hour in the breakfast area, but when we got there, management said there would be a \$50 cost. The Sales Rep Betty had talked with said there would be no charge. Therefore, we declined. The Manager agreed we could use the pool courtyard without a charge, so we gathered there. The only problem was - no tables. John goes in his room and decided the ironing board would make a great table to put our appetizers & drinks - and it worked out great! A good time for everyone that weekend and the Doo-wop show was fantastic. Jim & I will surely miss him. He also gave us some suggestions for our Dust 'Em Off trips.

ANDY & AGNES

We have many pleasant memories of John, or as we preferred to call him, John Boy, generated during many overnight tours taken with John and Diann along with the Storys and Garners. John Boy was always ready to go, after checking with Diann. John loved his 56 Chevy, a really nice car, but for a while it had a starter problem, which gave John much heart-ache, and gave Bud, Don, and me the fodder for many good stories. I remember one time, while on a tour, his car wouldn't start. Don had a battery booster along, so he connected it to the Chevy and some wires started to smoke! That didn't help. John had the AAA Service on his speed dial and when they unloaded the car at his garage, wires shorted out and the starter began to turn! John finally got the starter problem cured and had no more problems. Of course, we never let him forget it!

About three weeks before John's passing, on a warm, sunny Saturday, I thought it would be a great day to get the old cars out, even while during the Covid-19 shutdown. So, we called the Prahl's and Storys and suggested we get the cars out and meet at Godfrey's Produce Farm for ice cream. Well, Bud was in the field farming so the Storys couldn't make it, but John said sure, they would meet us there. Remember, this was during the shutdown, and neither John, nor I, had been to a barber. I had never seen a long hair flat top hair style before, plus he had not shaved since the start of the shutdown. He did look a little different. We put our masks on, got our ice cream and sat outside at a picnic table and enjoyed ourselves. Neither Agnes, nor I, ever thought John had such a serious medical problem. We had a great time. When we left Godfrey's, we drove past the Story's farm for a drive by wave. Fond memories!!

John, along with Diann, was very active in our Club, he would do anything he was asked to, except be President!

We miss you John Boy!

BETTY NABB

First let me say that it is impossible for me to think of John without including Diann because they were always together.

After I retired, Ned and I enjoyed going to local soup days in the Fall and Winter. We were enjoying one when we looked up to see John and Diann entering. Kind of a long distance to come for good soup, but okay. So, they sat with us and told us that they had been visiting John's sister-in-law who lived outside Trappe. I also found out that his sister-in-law had been one of my bank customers. After that, until she passed away, I always asked for "Miss Ida."

For two years Ned and I put together the overnight trip to Lancaster, Pa for the car club. It usually included a show at the American Music Theatre and lots of food and fun. The first year we saw the "Doo wop" show and I asked John and Diann if they had enjoyed it. Their response was that it was a little loud. They were probably only a few in our group who didn't wear hearing aids that could be removed or turned off. The second year they declined to go to the show but participated in everything else—especially the eating.

Always ready to help, John will be sorely missed.

KEN BRIERS

John always went out of his way to greet me. As a "Come Here" from the Western Shore, that always was appreciated. I think of John as part of the "Telephone Mafia," a group of Club members who had been employed by the old C&P Telephone Company. They included Don Brown, Bob Grey, Don Garner (I think!), and maybe a few others. John was the last one.

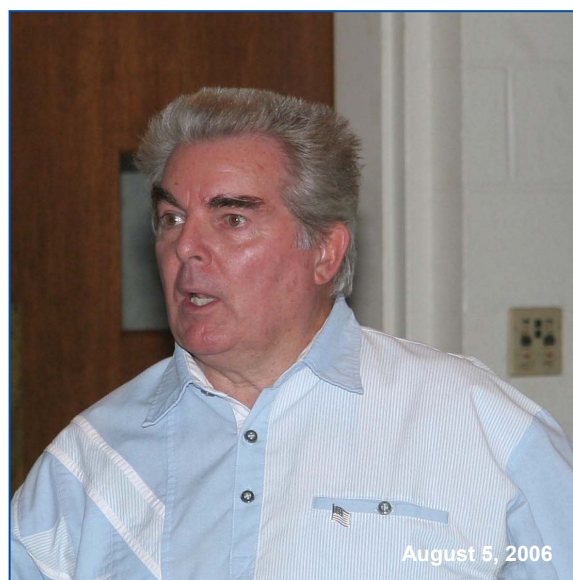




September 11, 2005



October 22, 2005



August 5, 2006

JOHN DAVID "JACKIE" PRAHL, 1940-2020

John retired from Verizon (formally Bell Atlantic) [and C&P before that] Telephone Company in 1995. He was also a member of the Bay Country Region AACA. He served 4 years in the United States Navy. John enjoyed steam and Gas mechanics, working on his 1956 and 1929 Chevrolet cars and spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He also enjoyed long distance traveling with his wife and went on many great adventures. He was a member of the Hillsboro Queen Anne United Methodist Church.

He is preceded in death by his parents Orlie and Molissa Prahl, his brothers, Robert P. Taylor, Charles T. Prahl, and Erich A. Prahl and his sister Elizabeth A. Prahl.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Diann K. Blades. His daughter Roxanne (Richard) Davenport of Kingsport, TN. His 3 grandchildren, Kent Callahan of Trappe, John (Jordan) Callahan, III of Aurora, CO and Emily (Andrew) Pierce of Baileyton, TN. His 4 great grandchildren, Owen and Ollie Pierce, Lilly Callahan, and one to be announced in January 2021.

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Memorial donations may be made to Veterans of the Eastern Shore or Hillsboro Queen Anne United Methodist Church.



December 4, 2011



December 1, 2012



October 21, 2006



July 14, 2007



January 26, 2008



November 1, 2008



December 4, 2010



July 19, 2014



December 6, 2014



January 24, 2015



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Friends:

It has become too common in my short tenure as President of this wonderful Region to announce the passing of long time members. It must be said that the best way we can honor those who have left us is to redouble our efforts to recruit and bring into the Region new members. In spite of the recent losses of long tenured members the size of our Region's roster has remained stable, but just barely. New blood rejuvenates and extends the longevity of our Region. It recognizes the evolution of the hobby we love, and the joy that sharing our vehicles brings to ourselves, and the public, at lunch bunch outings, cars and coffee events, car shows, and on tours and cruises. The best way we can honor and memorialize those members we have lost is to insure the hobby and the Region they loved extends well beyond the too-short length of time we had with them

In this now all too often chore, I was deeply saddened recently to have to inform you of the passing of our friend, current Board Member and longtime Bay Country Region Member, John Prah. I know everyone in the Region has thought of Diann during this time. We all wish for Diann to be able to summon the strength to face these most difficult of days. John Prah was as private as they come. That means in my short time with the Region I am not the best to identify and memorialize what John meant to the development and energy of the Region but here goes.

I never knew John was ill. That's how private he was. John always appeared vibrant and full of energy to me. John was a five-time Vice-President of the Region. He also was responsible for trophies at the Region's long ago car shows, an apparently time consuming and difficult job. John was a vital member of the Bay Country Region Board at the time of his passing. In my short time with the Region I learned John, who was often quiet, commanded an unmistakable presence. When he spoke John was always substantive, on point and persuasive. Everyone gratefully stopped and listened to him. I look forward to reading the recollections, in this special edition of the Distributor, of those memories and stories involving John, submitted by Region members who knew John longer and much better than did I.

John and Diann have always been friendly and welcoming to me. We shared an interest in Tri-five Chevrolets. That meant I always approached them when we had our cars out at the same venues. Embarrassingly for me, particularly early in my membership, they recognized me before I recognized them. In spite of my social foibles they would start our conversations and always immediately made me feel comfortable in their presence. My time together with John on the Board was excruciatingly short and truncated by the ongoing pandemic. I had the pleasure of speaking with John on the phone several times during this Region term, regarding the club's business. The final such call took place the week before he passed, regarding the General Membership Meeting we held in Easton on June 17th. In his typical fashion John informed me then he would need to bow out of Board activities but despite my inquiries spared me any details of his struggle. Now I just wish I'd had more time with John.

In light of John's extraordinary history of volunteerism, on behalf of this Region we all love, I asked the members to approve a small (\$50) but thoughtful donation in John's name to the Mid-Shore Veterans Recovery organization. This is the charity to which the Region regularly contributes funds raised at the Christmas Party, which has been organized by Diann Prah ever since I

CLASSIFIEDS

KENT ISLAND CRUISERS

'27 **Ford Model T** Roadster Pickup hot rod, turn key, 302, C6, 12 bolt, almost all Ford, \$16,500.

'31 **Ford Model A** Rumble Seat Roadster, 98% stock, Turn Key, needs some detailing, \$24,500.

'40 **Packard Coupe** Hot Rod, Amazingly solid project, Crate 350, 700R4, tons of parts \$15,000

'41 **Ford Super Deluxe Coupe**, Flathead V8 with goodies, been in storage 3 years, fine car that needs TLC, \$23,500.

'51 **Ford Custom Tudor**, Flathead V8 with goodies, been in storage 3 years, fine car that needs TLC, \$24,500.

'56 **Thunderbird**, also a solid project, both tops, cont. kit shaved, manual trans, stuck motor from sitting \$10k

Vintage Bumper Car Tub, \$450.

Load of Ford Model T Parts. \$900

Model A Engine, Rotating assembly w/o pistons, Fresh. \$500.

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joined the Region, and probably before. I am happy to report the email response to my request was unanimously favorable. I have asked our Treasurer, Betty Nabb, to cut a check and forward it to the charity as a memorial to Jon Prah. Thank you to everyone who responded.

Until we can meet again, I will leave you with the understanding our hearts are made heavy by the loss of John Prah. Our spirits are lifted however by the experience of having known our very private and unique friend.

Thank you to Ken Briers, for publishing this special edition of the Distributor, dedicated to John Prah. Thank you as well to those members who submitted documents, photographs and memories of John Prah's time in the Region, in support of this special edition newsletter. This fitting tribute to our long time member and friend represents an important document in the long history of our Region. Additionally, this newsletter serves as the Region's gift to Diann, and the Prah family, communicating our gratitude for the time we had with John and for the fond remembrance of the fun and good times we shared with him and Diann.

Let's all take this opportunity to let Diann know we love her, and want her know we simply loved, and will miss her John, more than he would ever have let us tell him while he was still in our midst.

Lee Caplan, President



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- pass along urgent information to all club members

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THE BAY COUNTRY REGION, AACA

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.

ITEMS FOR THE DISTRIBUTOR should be submitted by the 20th of the month. Submissions from members are greatly appreciated. Tell us about, or show us, your cars (and trucks) and what you are doing with them. If you're planning an event, here's the place to describe it.

Electronic submissions are preferred. Having avoided learning how to type all these years, the Editor doesn't want to have to learn now. On the other hand, photos and illustrations can be scanned, with no typing necessary, so send anything that you would like the membership to see.

12-15 AACA Eastern Divisional Tour (up to 1995); Cambridge, MD; Charles Emery: 410-742-8342

19 BCR Monthly Business Meeting. 7:30 pm; Dinner (optional) at 6:00 pm, Easton Diner (Tentative)

22 Joint AACA Eastern Shore Region/Hebron Lions Club Show Hebron MD More info to come

21-22 AACA Annual Grand Nationals—Allentown PA

29 Neck District VFC Poker Run/Car Show—Cambridge MD— Registration for Run 65 mile Poker Run from Cambridge through Blackwater Reserve to Hoopers Island and back to the Neck District VFC. Car and Bike Show from 10:00-2:00 at Neck District VFC. Poker Run pins/Car Show dash plaques, class judging for trophies, cash award for best Poker Run hand. Food and drinks for sale in the fire hall. See Facebook for more info or Brian Holliday @ 443-521-4099

September

1 BCR Board Meeting. 1:00-2:00 pm; at the home of Cathy Prouse (Tentative)

16 BCR Monthly Business Meeting. 7:30 pm; Dinner (optional) at 6:00 pm, Easton Diner (Tentative)

19 45th Edgar Rohr Memorial Car Meet sponsored by the Bull Run Region AACA at the Manassas Museum, 9101 Prince William St., Manassas, VA. 20110. 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Free spectator admission and garage parking. Open to antique cars/trucks and street rods 1995 and earlier, and rare/exotic/limited production cars, post 1995. Thirty six 'class' and 14 special awards. Antique car parts flea market, car corral, Model T Ford assembly demonstrations, 50-50 raffle, participant door prizes, silent auction. A minimum of 150 vehicles are expected; dash plaques go to first 175 vehicles registered. Located within 2 blocks of Old Town Manassas shops and farmer's market. The show goes on, "rain or shine." Information: Pete Pandolfi, (703) 919-8343; Bill Sessler, (703) 361-5491. On line flyer and latest updates: <http://bullrunaaca.org/rohr-show-information/>

27 12:00-4:00 pm: 2nd Annual Rolling Sculpture Fun Car Show, Zion United Methodist Church, Cambridge MD. Noon-4:00 pm in concurrence with the Dorchester Arts Showcase. Prizes and door prizes will be awarded. Registration is \$11 online in advance and \$15 at the door. <http://RollingSculpture.org>

October

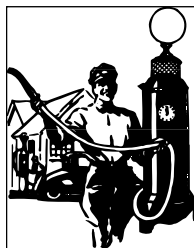
6 BCR Board Meeting. 1:00-2:00 pm; at the home of Cathy Prouse (Tentative)

10 AACA Eastern Fall Nationals, Hershey, PA. This year will be a car show, only, on a single day.



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BIRTHDAYS

8/9	MARY McCARTY	9/23	HAINES HOLT	10/16	SHIRLEY WISE
8/19	CAROLE WILLIAMS	10/2	DIANN PRAHL	10/24	NANCY HOLT
8/27	ARTHUR NORTH	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	12/2	ADA BLYSMA

John's cars



1956 Chevrolet Bel Air



1929 Chevrolet