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THE CHRISTMAS DINNER AND INSTALLATION

by Lee Caplan

We thoroughly enjoyed our Christmas Dinner/Installation Banquet on December 7th, at the Easton VFW. Diann Prahl did an excellent job with the arrangements. My job as MC for the night was made so much easier based solely on Diann's thorough preparation. The food and fellowship was fantastic. *Thank you, Diann!*

At the Christmas Party, Craig Duerling gave the blessing and Barbara Gardella swore in the officers and directors. I once again managed to get a smart phone hooked up to the speaker system at the hall, so we had internet music for the evening.

At this year's party, we dispensed with the auction, but we raised over \$1,000 to benefit the Mid-Shore Recovering Veterans Group, for the benefit of veterans reentering civilian life in our area. Come to the meeting on January 16 to see exactly how we did as a club in these charitable pursuits.

Members, particularly Agnes Wilhelm, produced a display of artifacts to commemorate the 73rd anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Agnes had three brothers who served in the war, and she brought photos, citations, and other mementoes from their service.

Forty two members and guests attended, and a jolly good time was had by all!









WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

by Ed Nabb and the Newcombs Photos by Trudy Hamilton

Nine club members and one guest (the Newcombs, Nabbs, Hamiltons, Grants, and Cathy Prouse and her grandchild) gathered at the Beulah Veterans Cemetery for the laying of the wreaths on Saturday December 14, 2019. Several were there early enough for the 9:00 am procession, where the Perdue truck brought the boxes of wreaths into the cemetery with some pomp and circumstance. Jim and I (Darlene) got there around 8:30 and we watched as the Perdue tractor trailer arrived with a parade of police, motorcycles,

and veterans.. The truck stopped at certain points around the circle to distribute the boxes.

The wreath laying ceremony started at 10:00 am and lasted about 20 minutes. Doris Key gave the opening remarks, thanking everyone, including the Veterans Administration, for allowing Wreaths Across America to hold this event here; Perdue for their truck and driver, and for delivering the wreaths on time; the Federalsburg VFW Post #5246 for the complimentary coffee, hot chocolate, and water; and the Hurlock and Federalsburg Fire Companies for their support and participation. After the ceremony those present went to the grave sites, taking the wreaths from the boxes and laying them at the graves. We were instructed to lay each wreath just below the headstone, with the bow at the top, then to say the name of the person in the grave, honoring the saying that "No one is forgotten, so long as someone says their name".

The crowd was smaller than 2018's gathering, probably due to the fog and light rain early in the morning, and at the start of the event. Even with the smaller group, the wreaths were laid out in about half an hour.

After the event, most of us went to Suicide Bridge Restaurant for lunch. Gathered there were the Nabbs, Hamiltons, and Grants, as well as the Fosters, who went directly to the restaurant. We spent about an hour warming up with soup and sandwiches, and enjoying each other's company. Ed Nabb couldn't help but think of Carl Doll, who started the tradition of the club participating in the wreath laying, and going to Suicide Bridge after the ceremony.

Jim and Darlene would like to remind everyone that the removal of the wreaths will be on February 1st at 8:00 a.m. Help collecting those wreaths would be appreciated also.











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STUFFED AND MOUNTED I found this truck in Santa Fe, New Mexico while we were there for a meeting in October.



1941 Dodge 1/2 ton Pick-up Truck

While not an original Santa Fe Builders Supply (SANBUSCO) delivery truck, it is typical of the many used by SANBUSCO to make lumber and building supply deliveries around Northern New Mexico during the 1940's. Trucks like this were similar to those used to secretly deliver materials arriving by train for the building of the Atomic Bomb in Los Alamos during the last two years of World War II.

Inside Sanbusco Mall is an historical display that touches on the entire history of Sanbusco and the Railyard area, beginning in 1882, including both the early years of the Railroad era and memorabilia associated with the legendary Santa Fe Builders Supply Company (SANBUSCO). Please join us for a walk down memory lane inside Sanbusco and experience the rich history of the Guadalupe/Railyard neighborhood.



THE HURLOCK PARADE Well, I made it, and Frank Adams did too, but I only got a glimpse of him, and no photo. Ken







Bay Country and Eastern Shore Region Members

Please join us for a Valentine's Celebration

February 15th at Noon at the

Cambridge Yacht Club

We are planning a sit-down Luncheon/Dinner Choice of

Chicken Marsala or Baked Ham Salad, Starch, Vegetable, Rolls Smith Island Cake for desert

There will be a cash bar.

Final arrangements to be made

Antique Automobile Club of America

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December 16, 2019

Craig Duerling Bay Country Region 204 Johnson St Cambridge, MD 21613

Dear Craig

On behalf of the AACA Publications Committee, I would like to congratulate you as a recipient of a 2019 AACA Master Webmaster Award. These awards are given out to recognize your service to AACA and your region.

Your award will be presented at the National Awards Banquet that will be held at the Philadelphia 201 Hotel in Philadelphia, PA on Saturday, February 8, 2020. The Banquet is the culmination of the AACA Annual Convention held that weekend. A reception will be held at 5;30PM followed by dinner at 6;30PM. Please use the enclosed registration form to register for the meeting. You are responsible for your own meeting, banquet, and hotel registration.

The enclosed registration form indicates that you are the recipient of a National Award. Please return this registration form to Michael J. Jones.

If you are unable to attend the banquet and would like to have someone pick up your award, please complete the enclosed pick-up form and return to National Headquarters. They will be able to pick up your award #fare the completion of the Awards ceremony.

<u>Very important</u>: Enclosed is a questionnaire to be completed and sent to me. Some of the answers on this questionnaire will be shared with the Awards Night attendees so they can learn more about you and your history.

If you have questions feel free to contact national headquarters at 717-534-1910. Again, congratulations and I am looking forward to meeting you in Philadelphia.

Sincerely,

Mary Bartemeyer

Mary Bartemeyer Vice President – Websites

enclosures

CRAIG'S A WINNER!

Here is a letter that he just received from AACA headquarters informing him that he is a recipient of the 2019 AACA Master Webmaster Award. That is the highest award given by the AACA for a web site. Craig says that "I am very pleased and happy to be able to bring this award to the Bay Country Region.

More from the Christmas Dinner and Installation



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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Friends:

In the past, I've never had reason to question the collective judgment of the membership of the Bay Country Region, but you have re-elected me as your president, so there's that.

All joking aside, please accept my wishes for each and every one of you to have a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and a wonderful holiday season, regardless of how you celebrate.

Before going further, please accept my acknowledgment of, and gratitude for, everyone who volunteered their time to plan and participate in Region Events in 2019. Special thanks go out to departing officers and/or Board Members: Andy Wilhelm, Barbara Gardella, Darlene Newcomb and Danny Morris. I shudder to think what this last year would have been like without them.

Looking forward, I am happy to welcome Betty Nabb, Carol Grant, John Prahl, and Charles Emery as new Officers and/or Board Members. A continuing thank you is in order for those officers and Board Members returning next year. I expect 2020 to be a productive and memorable year with these new and returning leadership volunteers.

As a Region we have just completed a chock-full year of activities, culminating with the final lunch bunch of the year on November 14th, with our Christmas Party on December 7th, where we raised over \$1,000 to benefit the Mid-Shore Recovering Veterans, and with our participation in the Wreathes Across America event on December 14th, where we had an opportunity to dine together at Suicide Bridge.

We can look forward to an even more ambitious year ahead in 2020, with many opportunities to enjoy our vehicles and each other's company. Our calendar starts on January 9th with a lunch bunch, organized by the Wilhelms, to Fisherman's Inn, in Grasonville. The AACA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia takes place February 6-8, where we need Region members to help staff the booth touting the 2020 AACA Eastern Division Spring Tour, to be run within our midst in May. On February 15th, a Valentine's Day meal, headed up by the Emerys, will take place at the Cambridge Yacht Club, in conjunction with the Eastern Shore Region, who will be working with us on the Spring Tour,

Our Dust 'Em Off tour is once again in the proven, capable hands, and minds of members Danny Morris and Jim Newcomb. There is no date and no details as of yet, which is no doubt just as Jim and Danny like it, this far out.

Our Region, and the Eastern Shore Region, are responsible to plan and operate the 2020 AACA Eastern Division Spring Tour, to be run within Dorchester, Talbot, and Caroline counties, between May 13th and 16th, 2020. In order to put our best foot forward, we will need many volunteers, for short periods each, to welcome, register, park and clean up after our guests, who will be visiting from around the East, and potentially from around the nation. This is not a time where shyness or reluctance will be considered appropriate. That said, we will do all we can to accommodate each volunteer to their individual schedules and abilities. Please say yes when we come calling to ask for your time, and your presence, at the host hotel and along our tour route.

We have seven (7) open dates for lunch bunch opportunities between March and November 2020. Please volunteer to organize one of these events. All that is needed is a confirmation that the eatery you choose can accommodate us on the appointed date. No other activity need be planned around lunch bunch other than arranging for an eatery.

CLASSIFIEDS

CHESAPEAKE REGION AACA ALL ORIGINAL 1925 CHEVROLET TWO-DOOR

COUPE--Only 6,600 Original miles. Needs new top, lots of extra parts. Asking \$9,000. Call Chesapeake Region member Wayne McDaniel: 410.525.0625.

KENT ISLAND CRUISERS

- **'27 Ford Model** T Roadster Pickup hot rod, turn key, 302, C6, 12 bolt, almost all Ford, \$16,500.
- **'30 Chevy Doodlebug,** No Engine, 2 transmissions in line, \$1000.
- **'31 Ford Model A** Rumble Seat Roadster, 98% stock, Turn Key, needs some detailing, \$23,500.
- **'35 Plymouth Rat Rod** Sedan, 440, 727, Ford 9", Air ride, \$13,500.
- **'40 Packard Coupe** Hot Rod, Amazingly solid project, Crate 350, \$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

Bob, 443 496 2887, or with pics at bchevy7@yahoo.com

GARAGE SALE: Sunday, 12/29. Cleaned out THREE GARAGES. Lots of stuff for sale: tools, saws, fasteners, generator, chipper/shredder, air comp. air tank, jacks, work bench, sickle mower, GARAGE SALE: Irene Way, Bay City on Kent Island, Stevensville, MD 21666. Early sales: 443 496 2887

Ken and Sally are more than willing to host the Summer picnic again, but would graciously step aside if someone else wanted to take a turn.

Believe it or not, 2020 is the 35th Anniversary of the Bay Country Region. We are looking for ideas from members, for the best way to mark and celebrate this milestone. The ideas can run from adding a driving tour to designing and selling Region apparel or merchandise, plus anything else you can think of.

Please consider volunteering to organize our 2020 Fall Tour. This event need not be complex, but can be made more involved if you volunteer and start planning early. I am looking for a member or a couple, to step up and do their best for all of us to organize a Fall Tour year. You can count on the President to get involved with you on the planning, rostering, and execution of the Region's next Fall Tour.

Looking almost a year forward we once again hope to enjoy a Christmas party together, and other pleasurable year end events.

Bottom line: Please come to our next General Membership Meeting, on January 19, 2020, with ideas and a willingness to involve yourselves in the planning of the many activities we have in store for 2020.

Lee Caplan, [Still your] President

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

- Toast the New Year with Classic Motor Museum at Black Walnut Point. Meet 10:00 am at the museum.
- BCR Board Meeting. 1:00-2:00 pm; at the home of Cathy Prouse
- Lunch Bunch to Fisherman's Inn, by the Wilhelms
- BCR Monthly Business Meeting. 7:30 pm; Dinner (optional) at 6:00 pm, Easton Diner

FEBRUARY

- Wreath collection at the Veterans Cemetery
- BCR Board Meeting. 1:00-2:00 pm; at the home of **Cathy Prouse**
- 6-8 AACA Annual Convention—Philadelphia PA 717-534-
- Valentine's Day Lunch, by the Emerys
- BCR Monthly Business Meeting. 7:30 pm; Dinner (optional) at 6:00 pm, Easton Diner

Use the BAY COUNTRY REGION HOTLINE to:

- find out about activity changes, club emergencies, etc.
- pass along urgent information to all club members

Contact Lee Caplan at 919-636-0955 or lcaplan@icloud.com

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.

Photos by Darlene Newcomb

THE NOVEMBER 14TH LUNCH BUNCH









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Coming up: Jan 9th lunch bunch February 1st Wreath pickup February 15th Valentine lunch (Page 3)

FIRST CLASS MAIL

INSIDE: THE FALL TOUR TO DOVER'S AIR MOBILITY COMMAND MUSEUM

BIRTHDAYS					
12/18	MARK OBERENDER	1/28	Ј Ј М N Е W С О М В	3/7	DAN NELSON
1/2	CATHY MAXWELL	2/2	CHARLES REICHARD	3/8	SARA BURTON
1/11	CAROL GRANT	2/3	WALTER TRICE	3/15	MARIE SCHMIDT
1/19	NORMA HUBER	2/8	JEAN BROWN	3/21	KIM HATCHER
1/22	JOE GLIME	2/19	CHARLOTTE NICKERSON	3/27	MARY STORY
1/23	JOHN PRAHL	3/7	CRAIG DUERLING	3/27	AGNES WILHELM

BCR CLUB NOTES

2020 Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your Bay Country Region membership. Please update your information on your renewal form, and send it in, with a check. The form was included with the last issue of The Distributor. All instructions were included on the form. If you need another one, contact Editor Ken and he will send it.

Thanks to all who have already paid up. Happy New Year!

Lou

Burton Junction HO Model Train Display

Buck Burton's annual train display has pulled into the station again in the Burton garage on Bonhill Drive in Salsibury MD. The display will be ready by Monday Dec. 30th and will

be up through the end of February.

There won't be regular running times but he'll be happy to get them rolling for a special showing for you, and your family and friends. To set up a time please use the following contact info:

Buck Burton—cell phone 410-251-1121 home phone 410-860-8476 home email burtons31981@comcast.net

