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| 8:00am | General Admission Gate opens/Swap Meet opens | | |
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| 8:00am | Coffee and Pastries available at Food Court | | |
| 10:00am | Opening Ceremonies, with National Anthem Performed by Stacie Brown | | |
| 10:05 am | Parade of Featured Cars! | | |
| 10:15-1:00pm | Judging of Show Vehicles | | |
| 10:15-2:00 pm | Special Display of Rolling Sculpture Cars | | |
| 10:15-2:00 pm | Jaguar Concours | | |
| 10:30-1:00pm | Antique Car rides | | |
| 11:00-11:30 | Walking Tour of St. Joseph's Villa (starts in Chapel) | | |
| 12:00-1:00pm | Youth Judging Program | | |
| 1:00-1:30 pm | History of the Jeep Presentation | | |
| 2:00pm | Awards Presentation | | |
| 3:00pm | Conclusion of the 56th Annual Show | | |
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From the Show Chairman

elcome to our 56th Annual Richmond Collector Car Show and Swap Meet. We hope you and your family enjoy our show on the beautiful campus of St. Joseph's Villa.

Continuing our tradition of highlighting a special class of vehicles, this year's feature is "The Evolution of Rolling Sculpture". This feature highlights the elegant curves of pre-war luxury vehicles to the bold, futuristic lines of the post-



Joe Guckert

war era. The cars in this display are some of the most visually stunning automobiles in history.

Another feature is a sanctioned Jaguar Concours, in which some of best Jaguars from as far away as Michigan will be attending!

Along with these features, there is plenty to see and experience today. You can see all types of remarkable vehicles as you stroll through the Judged Car Classes and the Cruise-in Area. All types of car parts and memorabilia can be found in the Swap Meet area. Come by the large tent where you can hop into an antique car for a ride around the Villa, sign-up for the Youth Judging Program and learn more about our Club. Complimentary ice-cold water is available at several locations – under the Main Tent, under the Cruise-In Registration Tent, and the yellow Model A pick-up truck. Over at the pavilion there is plenty of seating to enjoy food from the food trucks. Air-conditioned trailer restrooms are located by the food pavilion and in the swap meet area.

While you are here, we hope you will learn more about St. Joseph's Villa and its impact on our community. We invite you to join us in a walking tour of the Villa to learn more about their important programs. The tour will begin in the historic Chapel at 11:00am.

All of the General Admissions gate proceeds are donated to the St. Joseph's Villa. Over the last six years, this Show has raised over \$75,000 for the Villa.

Thank you for joining us today! -Joe



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elcome to St. Joseph's Villa. Many people do not know, but we are one of the longest continuously serving nonprofits for children in the United States, founded in 1834, in downtown Richmond.

I hope that as you enjoy the car show here today, you will also enjoy our campus. It has served as a refuge as well as an educational and therapeutic resource for vulnerable children since opening at this location in 1931–it is a community treasure we are proud to share with you!



Jenny Friar, CEO

We are so grateful to the Richmond Collector Car Show for supporting the children and families of St. Joseph's Villa. This year our programs will impact more than 3,000 individuals across Central Virginia facing homelessness, autism and development disabilities, mental illness and other challenges. Your presence here today supports them on their path to heal, learn, and grow.

The Villa offers several integrated, trauma-informed programs to help children, youth, and adults gain stability, engage with their communities, and reach their goals. Every day, as we work with these individuals, we remain committed to our motto to never stop believing in children and their families. I invite you to learn more about the Villa's work at

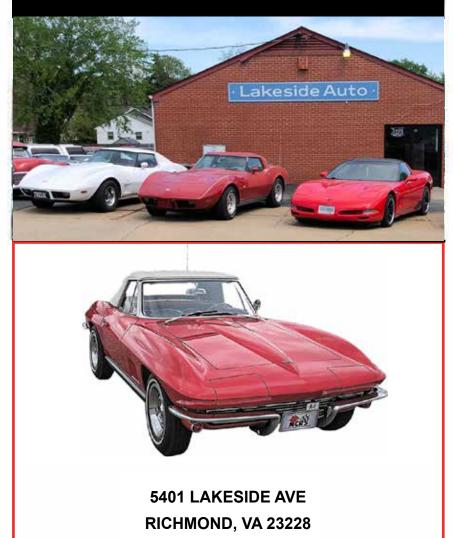
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Thank you for being here, and enjoy your day!

Sincerely,

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All About Children and ST. JOSEPH'S VILLA their Families

oday the Richmond Region AACA welcomes you to the beautiful 82 acre campus of St. Joseph's Villa. Steeped in Richmond history, St. Joseph's Villa is one of Virginia's largest nonprofit organizations serving the needs of children and their families. Their mission is to provide special needs children and their families the opportunity to succeed in life through effective and innovative programs in developmental disabilities, mental illness, education and homeless. The Richmond Collector Car Show and Swap Meet is proud to be a supporter of their community services.

What's New in 2025

The Villa is constantly evolving to meet the greatest needs of the community. This fall, the Villa will open its new Housing Success Center, marking the first full-scale renovation of one of its historic cottages since 1931. Program participants will gain immediate, on-site access to the Villa's mental health services, food pantry, career coaching, and a variety of wrap around services that will help them stay housed and build brighter futures. The Center will also serve as a collaborative environment for community partners, creating a powerful hub for prevention. By co-locating these critical resources, the Villa can respond more quickly to those at risk of losing housing, increase coordinated support, and help more individuals and families achieve longterm stability. With the return of the bus line on Brook Road, the Center will be easily accessible for our neighborhoods in need.

How You Can Help... Begin at http://www.neverstopbelieving.org

The Villa is pleased to offer a wide range of individual and group volunteer opportunities. In-kind donations are also an important part of the basic needs services provided by them. To learn more about the

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The Richmond Region Antique Car Club of America is a vibrant organization with activities for all interests. From monthly meetings and technical workshops to social events including our annual 4th of July Picnic, Ice Cream Social, Steak Fry, and Chili Cook-off. From national to statewide trips and local tours, to our annual Collector Car Show at St. Joseph's Villa -- there is something for everyone to maximize the enjoyment of your vehicle.

We publish a bi-monthly newsletter featuring member vehicles, upcoming events, recent event reports and technical articles. While we are a Club dedicated to vehicles 25 years and older, we have members who own future collectible vehicles. Our members' collections represent manufacturers from all around the world: American; European; and Asian.

We invite visitors to attend a Richmond Region Monthly Meeting, held at the Belmont Recreation Center, 1600 Hillard Road, Richmond, VA 23238 at 7:00 PM. Visit our website at www.RichmondAACA.com for a schedule of meetings and events.

Discounted Membership Available at the Car Show Today

While at the show today, visit our Club Tent to sign up or answer any questions you may have. We are offering a car show special today at reduced membership dues. New members can join both Richmond Region and AACA Clubs for the half year price of \$40.00, June-December, 2025. More information about events, membership and other opportunities are on our website at www.RichmondAACA.com.

Ioin Us!

The best part of the classic car hobby is the people and the events. "Our Year in Review" on page forty-five reminds us of what a great time we

have in this Club! We hope you will join us today and begin your journey in the Richmond Region Antique Car Club of America!

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Today's Family-Fun Activities

Our Car Show is more than just a walk through automotive history. We have fun activities to further inspire the magic of collector vehicles for the whole family.

Complimentary Antique Car Rides

The ever popular Antique Car Rides around the Villa for the whole family begins at 10:30 am. Feel the experience and the fun of an antique car up close and personal. Complimentary rides will be given from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm by the Main Tent and Grandstand seating.



Walking Tour of St. Joseph's Villa

St. Joseph's Villa was established at this location in 1931, and has served the community in a variety of meaningful ways. Join Team leaders from the Villa for a walking tour of the campus and learn all it has done and continues to do for those in need. The tour begins in the historic Chapel at 11:00. Tour should last approximately thirty minutes.

Complimentary Youth Judging Program

After the family has enjoyed an antique car ride around the Villa, be sure to sign them up for our Youth Judging Program, which begins at 12:00 noon. The Program is available for youth ages 8 to 16 and their parents. Registration begins at 10:30. Participants will evaluate a variety of vehicles, interact with owners, learn details, history and fun facts about each vehicle. Upon completion, the junior judges will give out first, second and third place awards to the car owners.

Jeep's History and Legacy 1:00 pm

As we celebrate Flag Day today, we also celebrate the history and legacy of an amazing reconnaissance vehicle which helped the Allies win WWII and led the way to an iconic vehicle that is still being produced and enjoyed 85 years later! See the fascinating story of our Jeep's History at 1:00 pm by the Main Tent and Grandstand seating.





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The Judging Process

Welcome to today's car show, which is sponsored by the Richmond Region Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA). There are over a hundred and twenty-five cars being judged today. Some have been meticulously restored, while others have been lovingly preserved. Some have been upgraded with modern technology, and others have gone oldschool hot-rod. Our judges will judge each car fairly and equally, based on its class. They will determine the top cars in each class, and ultimately the Best in Show stock and Best in Show custom cars.

Today's judges are volunteers who are donating their time to recognize the hard work and dedication that you have put into restoring and preserving your collector vehicle. The judging teams follow criteria established by the Antique Automobile Club of America. Awards are presented to selected recipients based on the evaluation of your vehicle by the teams.

Meet Our Chief Judge

Chad Quella has spent decades organizing and running classic car events. Last summer, he led the American Motors Owners Association convention in Petersburg, VA, a four-day extravaganza for hundreds of people who attended from across the country, raising thousands of dollars for tri-cities charities.

Ever since he was a teenager, Chad has served in various offices for local and national Rambler/AMC/Jeep clubs, assisting with the leadership of events large and small. He's a strong believer in the importance of classic car clubs and recognition of cars that stand out for the exceptional workmanship, authenticity, creativity, rarity, and character they embody.



Chad Quella - Chief Judge

Chad has restored several cars, including his AMC Spirit GT he's owned for 25 years, and his AMC Concord Sundancer currently underway.

Chad is committed to making today's judging process a rewarding experience for all. He looks forward to seeing you on the show field.

Enjoy the day!



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Timeline for Show-Car Owners

Thank you for having your vehicle judged in the 56th Annual Richmond Collector Car Show. During the awards ceremony, first-place winners will be invited to drive up as the announcer provides details about each vehicle. All other award winners will be asked to walk up to receive their well-deserved recognition.

The process to make this award ceremony possible is different from previous years, so whether you are a returning participant, or are new this year, please take a moment and review the information below.

- The judges will judge each vehicle between 10:15 and 12:30.
- It is preferable that you are present when your car is being judged.
- First-place winners of each class will be notified by 1:30 with a ribbon on their car. All owners are asked to check their car frequently. (NOTE: If you did not receive a ribbon, you may still be eligible for a walk-up award.)
- If you received a ribbon, please remain with your car at 1:30.
- Winners will move their vehicle from the show field to the staging area, as shown in the map on page 31, marked lot #23. This can be done without leaving the St. Joseph's Villa property, and there will be volunteers in fluorescent vests to guide you. Please plan to arrive at this staging area between 1:30 and 1:45.
- There will be water and shade available for winning vehicle owners.
- The awards presentation will begin at 2:00. Staged vehicles will be escorted by a golf cart to the awards area at the appropriate time.
- After winners receive their awards, they are encouraged to park their vehicle in a specially designated area so spectators can see the winning cars together.
- We will use the telephone number you provided when you registered if we need to reach you. Please be sure to keep your phone with you, volume turned up, and answer all calls during this period, even if you do not recognize the phone number.

Please contact us if you have questions about any of this, just ask any of the volunteers in fluorescent vests the day of the show. Thank you again for participating and best wishes that we will see you and your vehicle in the awards ceremony!

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Style, Status and the Evolution of Rolling Sculpture

The evolution of automobile design from the early 1920s through the 1980s is a story of art, technology, and culture converging on four wheels. During this period, cars transcended their utilitarian roots to become "rolling sculptures," celebrated for their aesthetic innovation and expressive forms as much as their engineering.

Early cars, such as the Ford Model T, were designed to meet basic transportation needs for families and businesses. These utilitarian vehicles often replaced the horse and wagon and were designed to travel on unpaved dirt roads and, if necessary, ford shallow streams. The high ground clearances led to the addition of running boards to help reaching the seats.

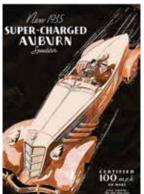
The 1920s-1930s: Art Deco and the Birth of Rolling Sculpture

By the end of the 1920's, paved roads became more common. With the "Roaring Twenties", a market developed for luxury automobiles. The automobile became a canvas for the burgeoning Art Deco movement. Designers blended modern decorative arts with industrial design, resulting in vehicles synonymous with luxury and glamour.

Bold, sensuous shapes, handcrafted details, and luxurious finishes defined the era, with automakers embracing streamlined forms and aircraft-inspired materials. Many of these designs came from independent coachbuilding companies such as LeBaron, Murphy, and Fleetwood.

These firms would build custom bodies for wealthy clients which would usually be mated to a high-performance factory frame and running gear. Iconic American-built examples include the Murphy bodied Duesenberg Model J's, the LeBaron bodied Chrysler Imperial and numerous custom-bodied Packard's.

Other car manufacturers used their in-house designers to create iconic designs – such as the American built Auburn Boattail Speedster, and the European-built Delahaye and Lagonda.



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Rolling Sculpture (continued from page 23)

All of these marques were a testament to the era's pursuit of elegance and innovation.

During this time, car mascots and hood ornaments also flourished as miniature sculptures, allowing owners to personalize their vehicles with unique artistic flair. These ornaments, often crafted in the thousands of designs, reflected the individuality and aspirations of early motorists, before mass production and safety regulations led to their decline by the late 1930s.

The 1930s–1940s: Streamlining and Aerodynamics

The late 1930's saw the continuation of the Great Depression. Many of the independent coach builders disappeared through bankruptcy or were bought out by the major automobile manufacturers (e.g. Cadillac – Fleetwood: Chrysler – LeBaron). As design moved in-house, the automobile companies became inspired by advances in aviation and a fascination with speed.

Thus began the integration of aerodynamic principles into car design, The teardrop silhouette, with its flowing lines and smooth surfaces, became



a dominant motif. Side-mounted spare tires and running boards disappeared, headlights and fenders became integrated into a single unit and the use of chrome became more subtle. Cars like the Cord 810 and 812 and the Packard Darrin-body cars exemplified this trend,

World War II brought a hiatus to

civilian car production, but the postwar years resumed the quest for futuristic forms, with designers pushing boundaries in both aesthetics and engineering.

The 1950s–1960s: Modernism, Mass Production, and Pop Culture

In the 1950s, automobile design reflected the optimism and consumerism of the postwar era. American manufacturers went for bold designs. Streamlined forms persisted, but were joined by tailfins, chrome, and bright color schemes, echoing the era's fascination with jet-age technology



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Rolling Sculpture (continued from page 25)



and space exploration.

Key designers during this period were Harley Earl for GM and Virgil Exner for Chrysler. Their influence can be seen in the Cadillac Eldorado and Chrysler letter cars. The European designers were more conservative, resulting in the iconic

designs of the Porsche 356 and Mercedes-Benz 300SL.

The 1960s marked a shift from the curvy, chrome-heavy 1950s to more streamlined, aerodynamic shapes inspired by aerospace and futuristic themes. During this period the personal luxury car segment expanded as automakers recognized a growing market of affluent buyers, particularly younger professionals and baby boomers. These cars emphasized distinctive styling, premium interiors, and a sense of exclusivity, such as the Ford Thunderbird and Buick Riviera. European brands like Jaguar offered sportier, more understated luxury coupes.

The 1970s–1980s: Functionality, Safety, and the End of an Era

By the 1970s and 1980s, changing regulations, fuel crises, and shifting consumer preferences led to a greater emphasis on safety, efficiency, and practicality. While some luxury and sports cars continued to showcase sculptural forms, the era marked a departure from the unfettered creativity of earlier decades. The focus shifted toward mass-market appeal, with design increasingly dictated by wind tunnel testing and cost considerations.

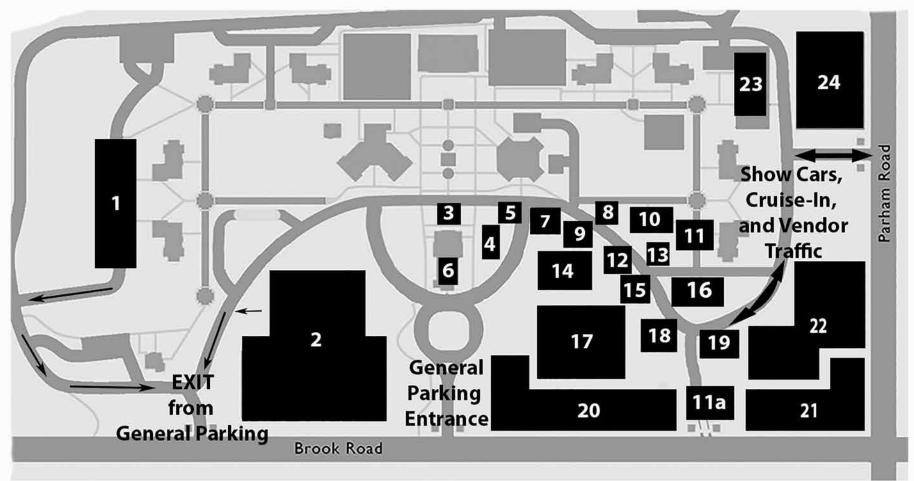
The Future:

Today the legacy of the rolling sculpture endures - these "rolling sculptures" stand alongside the great works of modern art, embodying the

intersection of design, technology, and human imagination. With new manufacturing technologies such as 3D printing and small lot manufacturing, coupled with yearning for uniqueness....bodes well for the creation of new and innovated Rolling Sculptures.



Show Map



LEGEND

- 1. General Parking Lot A
- 2. General Parking Lot B
- 3. General Admissions Gate
- 4. Jaguar Display Nationally Sanctioned Concours
- 5. Youth Judging Program
- 6. Chapel Walking tour begins here at 11:00am
- 7. Speedy's Garage
- 8. Cars for Sale
- 9. Show Grounds Entrance Road
- **10. Food Court**
- 11 and 11a. Restrooms
- 12, Main Tent Anouncements, Special Programs and Awards

- 13. Grandstand Seating
- 14. Featured Cars Fabulous Fins!
- 15. Antique Car Rides
- 16. Judged Show Car Check-in
- 17. Judged Show Cars
- 18. The Purple Heart Truck & Marine Corps League Honor Guard Team
- 19. Show Car and Cruise-In Registration
- 20. Swap Meet Area
- 21. Swap Meet Area
- 22. Cruise-In Display Area
- 23. Staging Area for Awards Parade
- 24. Trailer Parking

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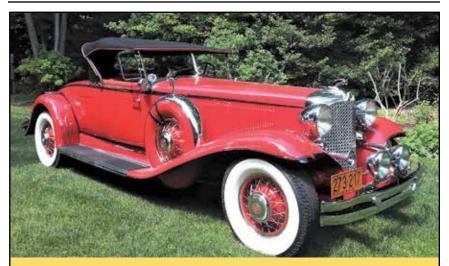




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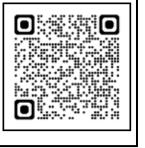
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Virginia Jaguar Club Concours

Concours is like a beauty pageant - the better and more original a car looks, the better it will show in Concours results. As a Jaguar Clubs of North America (JCNA) sanctioned club, the Virginia Jaguar Club conducts its Concours (a "show within a show" at this year's AACA show) according to JCNA's philosophy and rule book.

Jaguar is an automotive brand with roots reaching much farther than mere luxury. Jaguar made its name in sports car racing from the 1950's through the 1990's, winning the LeMans 24 Hour race 5 times in the '50's and again in 1988 and 1990. In the hands of Bob Tullius's Group 44 team, Jaguar won the Daytona 24 Hour race as well as SCCA and Trans-Am champtionships.

The basic philosophy of a JCNA Concours is to present the cars as they were intended to be when they left the factory. The Concours rule



book establishes many different classes, from the earliest pre-War Austin and Swallow cars (before the Jaguar name was adopted), to the early post-War cars like the Jaguar XK-120, introduced in 1949 to showcase their latest "XK" engine. Other classes include later cars, both sports cars and saloons (aka "sedans" in American-speak), from the classic and extremely wellknown E-Types (aka "XKE") to the big MK VII and MK IX saloons, to the late-20th Century XJ sedans and late-model cars such as the F-Type, XE, and F-Pace SUVs.

Some very minor changes are permitted. Consumables such as tires and batteries can be changed, though in the JCNA "Champion" class, these period-correct items can garner higher points totals.

ICNA Concours competition comes in two basic "flavors" - the aforementioned "Champion" class, and the "Driven" class.



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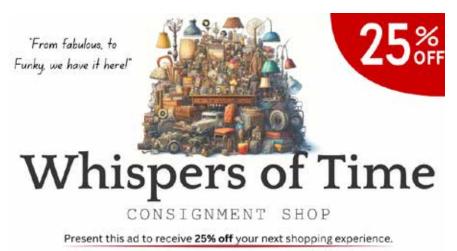
In the Champion class, everything is judged – exterior, interior, engine compartment, and underside. Cleanliness and attention to detail is key here. "Driven" class, however, only judges the exterior and interior of the car.

Judges are allotted 15 minutes to judge each car, and complete a form which aids in scoring each car and determining the trophy winners. Finally, JCNA provide judging guides which help each judge better understand the nuances of the various cars and classes.

As you observe the Jaguar cars being judged, you'll note the judges observing even the tiniest of details. It may seem like nit-picking, but it's what separates a really good car from a great car.

Please feel free to ask questions of the judges and car owners, and we hope you enjoy the show!





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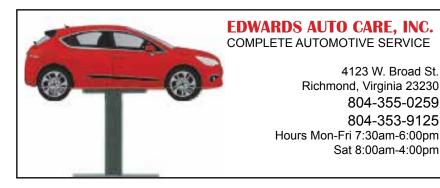
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The Year in Review



by Carol Groom Woodson

e have a lot of catching up to do! We last saw you at the 2024 Richmond Collector Car Show and Swap meet on June 8th. Our features included Fabulous Fin Cars and an adorable exhibit of micro cars! Club members, Pete and Carla Waldron, led an entertaining and informative presentation of "See the USA in your Chevrolet", complete with Kristi Price from the KOS Band serenading attendees with the Dinah Shore classic.



The show concluded with a parade of award-winning cars in each class! The Fredericksburg AACA region held their tour June 9-13. The AMC National meet was in Richmond at the Keystone tractor museum, June 12-15. Attendees were lucky enough to see a 1970 AMX/3, one of only seven built. I wonder if today's show attendees will also be that lucky?!?!

July 4th had members enjoying patriotism at our annual cookout and picnic at Osborne Landing Park. Nobody went home hungry that afternoon! On July



20th, members attended the Tech for Troops Luau in Henrico. This organization takes donated electronics, refurbishes them and gives them to Veterans along with the training necessary to use them! Check out techfortroops.org.

"I scream, You scream for ice cream" would have been the mantra on August 3rd for our annual ice cream social. But one of our hosts, took a tumble and messed up his 'ice cream eating' arm! He has healed nicely, even got a new knee! We hope to be able to enjoy twice as much ice cream this year. Hoping to make up for the cancelled ice cream social, a group of members trying to beat the heat headed down scenic Route 5 on August 23rd. First stop just happened to be at "Just for Kicks", an ice cream and cupcake store! Next was a visit to Dwight Schaubach's amazing car collection. After lunch at Smithfield Station, the group made it to the Hampton Convention Center for the AACA Special Eastern Fall National meet. Thirteen club members brought home awards from this cool event held inside the Convention Center.

Ten members attended the First Friday at the Virginia Museum of History and Culture on September 6th. Members were also seen at the ACCA Shriners show, the Ford and Mustang show at BassPro in Ashland, Dearborn, MI and up north in Watkins Glen, NY! The Mustang has turned 60 years old. Featured articles in our Gaslight magazine included the Wiseman's mostly uneventful trip to Michigan, David Lythgoe's Mustang collection and the "Pony Passion" article featuring our members Mustang stories. George Field headed

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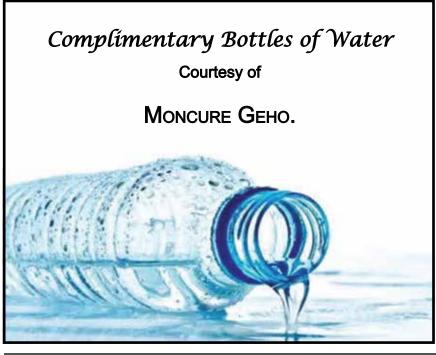


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At least 22 members attended the Fall National meet in Hershey, PA where the Club Hot Dog Luncheon has become a Hershey legend. Five members brought home awards from the Hershey show. While in Hershey, Joe Guckert



have very similar penmanship. The Hawthorne's hosted our annual Steak Fry on October 20th. The bounty included fresh cut and grilled steaks, fried chicken, hotdogs and a plethora of sides and desserts. The only folks that may have been hungry when they got home were the Skomps...visiting from Key West, Florida!

that Leroy and

Bob Richmon

Several members attended the Hilton Head Concours d'Elegance, November 2nd-3rd. Martha and Jerry Sneary had a great time on the ODMA Fall Tour. The highlight of the trip was "My Three Chambered Heart", a reptile natural history museum in Gum Spring, VA. Featured in the November/December Gaslight was an article titled "Why Fiero" by Randy Agee. The Looking Back column focused on Regional Meets that began in 1958 and were part of the Urbanna Oyster Festival. [This group has been enjoying old cars and eating out for a long time!!] Members from the Richmond Region AACA and Central Virginia British Car Club joined together for our Christmas Party on December 8th. The party soon turned ugly with the murder of Lord Bentley, and on his birthday no less! Luckily, that was all part of the script for the Murder Mystery Game! Several members transformed before our

eyes into a lady race car driver, a sophisticated aristocrat, a tech was hounded savvy inventor, by some guy a travel explorer, named Leroy. a German wom-Leroy left sevan of mystery, eral notes reand a respected questing a call but questionable back to buy doctor. Soon the Joe's '32 Chrysler. I am told



mystery was solved and the party went on!! You have heard the saying that "Three time's a charm". That's exactly how many tries it took to get Santa in town for the Christmas Parade at St. Joseph's Villa. Car Club friends brought 24 cars out for the kids enjoyment, including the Polar Bear (Mini) Express and Santa's (Corvette) Sleigh. And if you are wondering, folks gathered for lunch after the parade! The Gaslight had a diagnostic quiz about Ken Boyle under pressure. If you still needed a gift or two, the Classifieds had some great options; a rebuilt 1966 Pontiac 389 Star Chief engine, 1928 AR Sport Coupe with an extra engine, a 1931 Chevrolet Independence 5 Window Coupe and a 1937 Cord 812 Phaeton!

Fred Fann from the Car Club Council of Central Virginia put together a Polar Bear Run, the "annual mystery run to somewhere good". On January 18th, 50 people headed out to enjoy the mystery. After a leisurely drive through the scenic back roads of Chesterfield County, the tour learned the mystery stop was at the Hawthorne Museum! After a



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nice visit, the group headed out, you guessed it, for lunch!! Several members were spotted at the Asphalt Angels Show January 31 and February 2, 2025.

A group of 24 members caravanned to the show after meeting for lunch at the historic Hanover Tavern. Others had cars and motorcycles entered in the show. A gentleman from Maryland had a Smokey and the Bandit Trans Am and a lot of movie props on display, along with a TV actually showing the movie! Sadly, he was not allowed to offer any Coors Light to attendees!

Our annual tech session hosted by Bruce Woodson was February 1st at Luis "Speedy" Quinones shop. James Bowler was the featured speaker on repairing sheet metal. James left attendees with his three words of wisdom, "Practice, practice, practice".



Not to miss a meal, attendees gathered at O'Tooles for lunch following the tech session. The AACA National Convention was in Charlotte, NC from February 6-8. Members enjoyed the Casino Night where it was discovered why the game of "Craps" got its name! Retired Racecar Driver, Lyn St. James, was the guest speaker at the First Lady's Luncheon. Bruce Woodson, Joe Guckert, and Tommy and Debbie Nolen all won awards. Our local Awards Banquet was February 16th at the Glen Allen Masonic Lodge. Western wear was encouraged and members did not disappoint! Robert Griffey won the "Iron Butt" pillow award for driving his 1946 MG TC to AACA Meets in Charlotte, NC and Hampton, VA. Norman Boswell received a very special Masonic bolo tie for his 60 years of Masonic service. Many members received awards and enjoyed the luncheon. Gaslight Editor, Bruce Woodson, declared February 19th a snow day and encouraged members to submit photos of their cars playing in the snow. In typical cat fashion, George Parker's Jaguar XK120 stuck



one paw in the cold and said that's far enough! Other members cars were more adventurous!

James and

Debbie Mask hosted our annual Hot Chili and Cool Cars event on March 11th. Over 70 members and guests turned out to enjoy the day. The trip started at Mechanicsville Antiques and Collectibles. Morris Cameron led the charge inside and was the first to come out with a bag full of treasures. Once

at the Masks, there were 13 pots of chili, lots of side dishes and TWO tables of desserts! Brett Tignor provided the music for Debbie Mask's music bingo game. Roger McGinnis and his daugh-



ter Adrienne won the Long Distance award having driven their 1911 Model T from Chester to Mechanicsville. The chili winners were Jim Perkins, Morris Cameron (we were told that bear was (Continued on page 51)



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his secret ingredient!) and Debbie Guckert. Our monthly meeting was held on March 11th at the Henrico Theater. Members were encouraged to dress in their favorite era attire. In attendance were Cowboys, Indians, Lucky Irish, 50's housewife, gas station attendant, a musician, a tie dyer and a business man in a suit from 1975.

The 5th Annual Beverly Hills Shopping Center Cruise In and Car Show was April 19th. The weather was perfect! Ace Hardware managers grilled burgers, hot dogs and brats for attendees. To round out lunch, baked beans, chips, drinks and mini eclairs from the Mixing Bowl bakery were also served. Lots of awards and door prizes were given out. My favorite award was the "Youngest Driver - Oldest Car" award won by Bob Richmon with his 1910 Buick (might need to check Bob's ID)! The Mid Atlantic Pre War Swap Meet was in Luray, VA on May 9th and 10th. No need to attend if you are looking for anything newer than 1953! Members were also spotted at the ODMA meet at the Keystone Truck and Trailer Museum on May 16-17. Featured articles in the Gaslight include "A Nash that Really Counts" and 'Speedy's Story, The American Dream" by Javier Quinones Topolansky.

If you are looking for a new summer ride, the Gaslight Classifieds have many options including a 1930 Model A Town Sedan, 1957 Ford Fairlane convertible, 1960 Chevrolet El Camino, 1979 Jeep J-10 pick up, and a 1980 Trans Am.

Whatever you enjoy driving, please join us. We have fun all year, and I promise you won't go hungry....!

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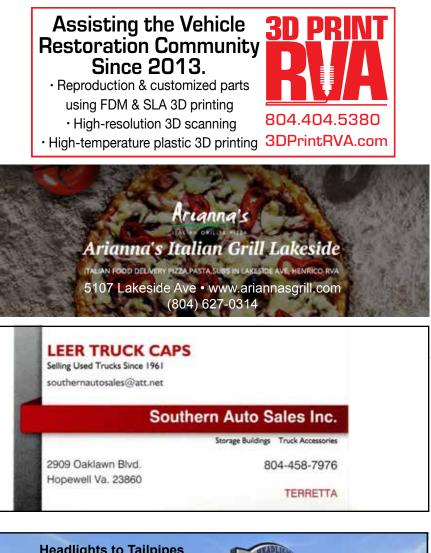


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