

Looking Ahead To National Conventions, Events And Anniversaries In 2016

By Bill Wurzell, Editor

While Chesapeake Region members continue to celebrate our 60th anniversary, a look in the old crystal ball will give us a glimpse of more events and anniversaries that will be happening in 2016. It's not too early to mark your calendar or put these dates into your phone.

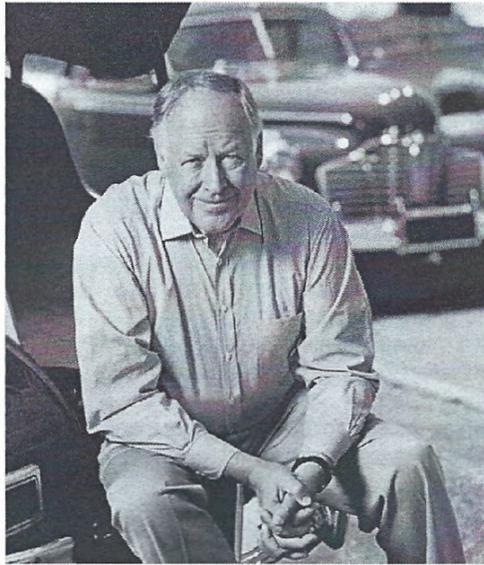
It's no secret that many Chesapeake Region members belong to other car clubs, in fact, we probably have members that belong to just about every club on the planet. Among those would be the DeSoto Owners Club of Maryland claims: Francis and Margaret Werneth, Tom Kenney, Jim Turner, Bob Lenio, Will Terrett, Joll Clulow and yours truly are members of the DeSoto club. You have probably heard by now the DeSoto club is sponsoring the 2016 National Convention and Meet in Timonium, July 10-15, 2016. This will be the first national DeSoto convention held on the East Coast for many years. The convention and meet will be held in conjunction with the Airflow Club of America. The showfield will display DeSotos and Airflows. The two organizations will each have dedicated judging and award banquets.

The host hotel will be the newly refurbished Radisson Hotel that is currently transitioning from 'The Baltimore Plaza.' Car show activities will be held at the Maryland Fairgrounds Race-track infield. This facility will provide attendees lots of room for secure truck and trailer parking and related activities.

Tom Kenney is spearheading the convention along with DeSoto club President, Jim Turner, Will Terrett and John Clulow, Eastern Director of The Airflow Club of America.

The Bulletin will be reporting more on the National DeSoto Convention and meet in the months ahead.

Another widely anticipated milestone will be



Nicola Bulgari was born in Rome, Italy in 1941. He sits among his automobile collection in Allentown, Pa. Over his left shoulder, one can clearly discern the iconic front end of a 1941 Buick. The '41 Buick was a mainstay in movies of the 1940s.

by the Buick Club Of America marking its 50th anniversary in 2016. From what I have learned, this is going to be a noteworthy celebration.

The 50th Anniversary will be held in Allentown, Pennsylvania, July 27-30, 2016. This event is a unique opportunity for car club members of every ilk to help Buick Club members celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Buick Club of America. The Buick brand is 112 years old.

The host for the convention and meet will be world renowned businessman, Mr. Nicola Bulgari, who has been a Buick club member for all of its fifty years, since inception in 1966. Though Mr. Bulgari's home is in Italy, he has assembled one of the world's largest private

collections of antique and vintage automobiles at his American Motorcar Complex in Allentown, where he spends much of his free time. If you're unfamiliar with the Bulgari name, think 'Bulgari Watches.' If you happen to read or subscribe to *Gentlemen's Quarterly* or *The New Yorker* magazines often contain display ads for the famous and expensive wrist watches. The Bulgari brand is valued at \$1.27 billion dollars.

Interestingly, the monetary value of an automobile carries little weight in what Mr. Bulgari chooses to collect or restore. Each vehicle is significant in its own way. Many vehicles in the Bulgari Collection have been loaned to the AACA Museum in Hershey, Pa.

Mr. Bulgari has been an avid Buick fan since childhood in Europe. He has stated in the past: "I fell in love with Buick automobiles because they were a symbol of America. They had glamorous styling, personality, power and responsiveness. They are luxurious without being ostentatious and offer quality normally associated with far more expensive import cars."

Sunshine Grille Show Is Another Delight!

By Read Van Zile, Officer-Of-The-Day

Saturday morning, September 19, started out foggy and damp, by noon, the weather was beautiful. Speaking of beautiful, you should have seen the beautiful cars that showed up at Sunshine Grill. Patrick, the sous chef at Sunshine Grille, was Judge this year. Patrick's selections were: third place, Henry Ver Valen's 1957 Jaguar; second place, Rick Denny's 1969 Pontiac Custom 'S'. First place went to Jim Richards for his 1957 Porsche Speedster drop-top. Congratulations to the winners!



Henry Ver Valen's 1957 Jaguar award winner

Participants included: Jim Hatfield, 1952 Plymouth station wagon & trailer; 1932 Ford Roadster and a 1949 Mercury; Robert Natale, 1965 Buick Riviera; Joanne Day, 1963 Ford Thunderbird convertible; Al Zimmerman & Nancy Matheu, 1934 Ford Cabriolet; Paul Habicht, 1993 Lincoln Town Car; Henry Ver Valen, 1957 Jaguar XK140M; Rick Denny, 1969 Pontiac Custom 'S' two door; Trip Ffänklin, 1955 Ford pickup; Linda Franklin, 1959 Corvette; Don & Anne Marie Ramsburg, 1939 Ford standard coupe; Ron & Julie Siegrist, 1952 Olds 98 convertible; John Shenton, Jr., 1949 Chrysler Windsor; Tom & Judy Dawson, 1964 Corvette; Buzz Diehl, 1990 Corvette; John Shenton, 1970 Dodge Little Red Express truck; Jim Richardson, 1957 Porsche Convertible Speedster; Jerry Ross, 1954 Kaiser Manhattan; Charlie Shenton, 1967 Plymouth Barracuda.

Chesapeake Region Joins Lake Montebello Celebration

By Nick Prevas, Vice President

Chesapeake Region was honored to participate in the centennial celebration of the Montebello Water Filtration Plant in Baltimore, on September 19.

Joining dozens of community, civic, cultural, government, and historic preservation organizations, Chesapeake Region members, Gene Sauter, 1937 Wolseley; Ruth Synodinos, 1947 Cadillac; Larry Butcher, 1938 Lincoln Zephyr; Ed and Margie Meusel, 1935 Buick, and Jim Turner, 1953 Desoto, were on hand to display their antique cars. The Maryland Fire Museum was also present displaying an antique fire truck. The CR support staff included Nick Prevas, and Junior Member Maddie Beckett and her mom, 'Ginger' who handled reception and direction for the display cars.

Chesapeake Region knocked this one out of

the park. Thousands of city residents viewed our cars, many relating nostalgic stories of similar cars in their past. CR members fielded many questions, explaining features, the driving experience, and CR activities. Ed Meusel was interviewed by the Baltimore Sun (see 'City Celebrates 100 years of Lake Montebello Water', by Mike Dresser, Baltimore Sun, September 21, 2015). Several hundred CR information brochures were distributed.

A highlight of the day was the unveiling of the historic landmark, courtesy of the Maryland Historic Trust (Maryland State Highway Administration). The Montebello plant plans to install a time capsule of remembrances, for opening at the next centennial. CR will be included. We're sure CR members in 2115, will be on hand to enjoy it and leave another time capsule in its place!