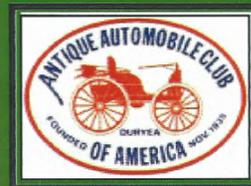


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CHESAPEAKE REGION BANQUET NOVEMBER 15

Capacity Crowd Enjoys Dinner, Awards And Festivities

The main dining room of Friendly Farm Restaurant was a beehive of activity on Sunday, November 15, 2015. One hundred seventy nine members and guests attended our annual banquet. Among them were AACA National President, Donald Barlup and wife Carol, Chesapeake Region President, Paula Ruby, board members, elected and appointed officers.

Prior to the official 2 p.m. dinner, members, friends and visitors, had a chance to visit with each other and swap car stories or bring one another up to date about family happenings.

The lower parking lot of the massive facility was reserved for those members that chose to arrive in their old rides. Twenty seven vintage vehicles adorned the lot and it looked like a pretty well organized car show. As a matter of fact, immediate past president, Gary Wilmer who performed a yeoman's job as the 'chief car parker, quipped during his remarks after dinner: "Last year I was President of this club; this year, I finished parking cars!" -The members staff outdid themselves serving dinner. Even though there were over twenty more diners than in 2014, the staff had everybody seated and enjoying dinner in about fifteen minutes. See more Buzz Die/11 color photos inside on pages 2 and 11.



Chesapeake Region President Paula Ruby addresses diners with opening remarks and introduces special guests, AACA President, Donald Barlup and his wife Carol.



Chesapeake Region was proud to have as special guests, AACA President, Donald Barlup and Carol Barlup. Above, C. R. President Paula Ruby presents the couple with a gift and the abundant gratitude of the membership.



Chesapeake Region President Nick Prevas displays a copy of the outstanding 60th Anniversary Book compiled by the 2015 'President's Award' recipients, above; left to right, Craig and Mary Whitcraft, Thelma and Dave Johnson. Congratulations!

Season's Greetings

DECADES LONG LOYALTY ACKNOWLEDGED

AACA President Barlup Bestows Service Pins

By Bill Wurzel, Editor

If one were to add up all the years the membership pins awarded on November 15 at the annual banquet, it would come to a total of 540 years service. This figure includes the people that received membership pins at the banquet and the four members that were unable to attend. The '540' figure doesn't include the many folks that have already received their 40 and 50



Henry Ver Valen receives a 50-year membership pin from AACA and a 50-year pin from Chesapeake Region year membership pins in previous years. 'Loyalty.' There is something to be said for 'loyalty.' Former U.S. President, Theodore Roosevelt has been quoted as saying "It is better to be faithful than famous." I suppose most people would agree with that statement.
Dyed in-the-wool car people...

There is probably nothing Henry Ver Valen would rather do than slip into his classic 1957 Jaguar convertible and go for a spin in the country or to a Chesapeake Region car show. Same goes for Mort Bullock, only difference: the car would be a thirties era Pierce-Arrow convertible or maybe a Packard. Harry Wilhelm, Jr., still involved with a classified ad running on page seven for sale of TWO cars from his collection. Harry probably has his eye on something else and needs to make room.

How delightful seeing these longtime dedicated members. Though many don't get around quite as well as they used to. However, they still have fire in their bellies for old cars; the passion is still there. Just talking with these folks you can sense the desire. It is also relevant to note that six of the awardees are women! These women stood shoulder to shoulder with their male counterparts in the club, especially, their husbands in nurturing and advancing the Chesapeake Region.

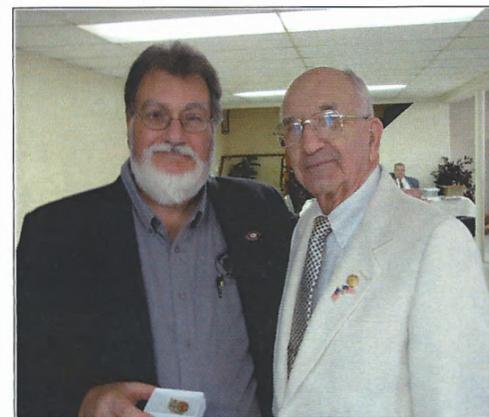
Ed and Dorothy Frank of the famous Frank family of Howard County has ties to Chesapeake Region from its earliest beginnings. Late brother Burgoyne Frank, a charter member, along with sister Mabel, who unfortunately could not attend, drove his 1911 Buick brass era touring car to shows and meets in the club's infancy. Later generations of the Frank family



Morton Bullock receives a 50-year membership pin from AACA and a 50-year pin from Chesapeake Region



Eleanor Packard is presented a 40-year Chesapeake Region membership pin by Don Barlup



Harry Wilhelm, Jr., is presented with a 40-year Chesapeake Region membership pin from Don Barlup



Sandi Stroud is presented with a 40-year Chesapeake Region membership pin, by AACA President Don Barlup



Ed and Dorothy-Frank receive a 40-year Chesapeake Region membership pin, from AACA President Barlup



Mary Jane Fuhrman is presented a 40-year Chesapeake Region membership pin by Don Barlup

still care for and maintain the 104-year old Buick and other classics in the family. The Frank Family Buick still leads the Howard County Parade every year for the opening of the Howard County Fair.

Loyalty, my friends, 'loyalty.' How perfecting fitting it is then that these loyal and dedicated members receive their milestone recognition bestowed by the highest ranking official in all

of the Antique Automobile Club of America, President Donald Barlup. Congratulations to all the 40 and 50 year membership pin awardees. It is our sincere hope you'll be returning next year and thereafter to see which members join your ranks. You are the human beings that breathed life into the Chesapeake Region AACA at the beginning and continued to do so for decades. We salute you all!



From the editors 's desk...

Chesapeake Region's sixtieth anniversary year of 2015 rolls on toward 2016, which to my way of thinking calls for a bit of a review of some of the happenings during the past year.

Our annual banquet is now in the record books and was a record setter in every sense of the word. Personally, I had a delightful time, as always. The best part of which is visiting with other members I haven't talked to for awhile.

It was great to see Rick Berger looking fit as a fiddle. We had a pleasant but albeit, too short of a conversation. When Rick and I, whom are both originally from the same area of Southwestern Pennsylvania get together we tend to lose track of time as we did at the 2014 crab feast at Patapsco Valley State Park. As youngsters, we were both enamored with the 1953 Buick Skylark convertible. Rick was able to fulfill his dream and restore a Skylark!

Rick and I discussed the forthcoming 'Buick Club of America' 50th anniversary show being held in Allentown, Pa., next summer. Rick said he doesn't plan on taking his flawless 1953 Buick Skylark to the show as he doesn't want to drive it that far. Rick's car has already won every award there is, so let someone else have a chance. Rick does plan on attending the show.

My friend Doris Phelps was seated right across the aisle from me but I didn't get to talk to her until after the festivities. Doris showed me professional color photos of her gorgeous model A Ford convertible. I've never seen the car in the flesh but the pictures looked like it was an excellent restoration. Doris has owned the Ford since 1964!

AACA President Don Barlup joined our conversation; turns out, President Barlup and Doris are old friends. Don enjoyed looking at the pictures while Doris explained that after 111ally, many years, she finally got to take the Model A to a show in Ocean City. Doris said her youngest son, trailered the car to Ocean City. Doris said she was delighted to be in Ocean City with the car and had a great time. Mrs. Phelps is a wonderful lady, trail blazer and a tried and true 'car guy'!

Also, when most everybody was leaving I got to have a conversation with my good friend, Bob Lynch. Bob told me about the days when he was in elementary school and he and his buddies wandered into a garage in the Walbrook section of Baltimore that belonged to none other than Chesapeake Region cofounder, Ed Hook. Bob said that he and his gang were sure they would be shown the door by Mr. Hook. They were taken aback when Ed graciously invited them into the garage to look at the vintage cars and explained many things to the youngsters about the cars. I was fascinated by Bob's nearly total recall of the days that probably occurred seventy years ago or more.

Other venues that I attended during the year 2015: How about the Motor Trend 2015 new car show at the Baltimore Convention Center

that began January 1. What a blast that was. The eight cars we had on display wowed the crowd and scored major points for Olu club.

In February, I attended my first ever AACA Meeting in Philadelphia where I witnessed my esteemed colleague, Harold Diehl accept the highest award bestowed on website administrators, 'The Master Webmaster Award' I also got to meet one of my all-time favorite celebrities; Jay Leno at Baltimore's Lyric Opera House. The absolute ultimate 'car guy.' Also, who could forget our bus excursion to 'ground zero' at the 9/11 Memorial in New York City. That trip is etched permanently in my memory.

I Probably attended a dozen or so car shows and even won a two-foot high trophy at the Arbutus Arts Festival and Car Show very early in the season.

I was intrigued to read in the current November/December edition of *Antique Automobile* magazine on page 14, 'a letter to the editor' from past Chesapeake Region president (1965) and past AACA president (2004), Earl D. Beauchamp, Jr. Member Beauchamp was also a former editor of *The Chesapeake Bulletin*.

The thrust of Earl's letter had to do with the recent three-part article that appeared in *Antique Automobile* in the three previous editions, titled 'Shiftlessness.' It was all about the progression of automatic transmissions. I read the piece and enjoyed the last installment the most because it

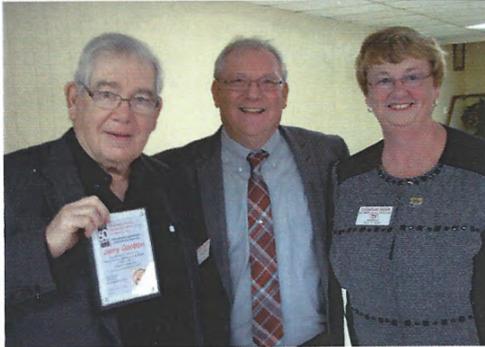
dealt with transmissions we all became familiar with, i.e., Hydramatic, Dynaflo, Powerglide, Ford-A-Matie and Powerflite. Anyway the article apparently incorrectly stated that Dynaflo was optional on the 1948 Buick Roadmaster and standard on the 1949 Roadmaster and optional on the Super and Special models. However, Earl pointed out that this is not correct because the 1949 'Special' model was only a 1948 'warmed over' model that did not share the '49 body and had a smaller displacement inline eight cylinder motor that didn't pack enough power for Dynaflo. Saine thing for the 1950 Special model, no Dynaflo for you! It wasn't until 1951 that Dynaflo became available on the Special. Buick did something similar in 1953 when they introduced their nifty new 'nailhead' V8 motor. The V8 went into the Super and Roadmaster, but not the Special. It was still using the old tried and true inline eight cylinder motor, although with higher engine displacement.

The editors completely agreed with Earl and didn't rebut his well documented assertion. They replied simply: "Excellent information, Earl."

I met Earl Beauchamp in Philadelphia at the AACA National Meeting ill February of this year. Earl and his wife sat at our table. They very fondly inquired about Francis and Margaret Werneth and Paul and Ginny Habicht. The Beauchamps are Florida residents.--Bill Wurzel!



Maddie, holding baby sister Naomi, Elizabeth, Olivia, Rees, Tyler, Calab, Savannah, Andrew and Todd. All children and grandchildren of members. Many of these kids are already junior members of Chesapeake Region. Andrew and Todd will graduate from North Carroll High School in the spring and are college bound. Buzz Diehl photo



Director Tom Young and President Paula Ruby present Jerry Gordon with an award for his many years service as a member of the board.



Donald Barlup, AACA National President sits to the right of President Paula Ruby, with the slate of 2016 Chesapeake Region board members, elected and appointed officers. Immediately behind Paula and Don are left to right, Membership Chairman, Dan Materazzi; Program Director, Jim Lucas; Treasurer, Jack Treadwell, Director, Gary Wilmer; Vice-President, Nick Prevas, Jr.; Secretary, Tom Dawson, Director, Tom Young; Technical Director, Gary Ruby; Bulletin Editor, Bill Wurzell; Publicity Chairman, Harold 'Buzz' Diehl. Missing from picture: incoming Activity Director Phil Hack, and Chief Judge, Gene Sauter who is on a Caribbean cruise. Barbara Diehl photo.



It took no fewer than three board members to award Dr. Thomas Kenney the 'Energizer Bunny' award for his years as Activity Director. Tom shares the award with his favorite bunny, wife Anne.

Right, Immediate Past President and current At Large Director, Gary Wilmer presents 2015 President Paula Ruby with the 'Chick' Smith Memorial award to the club member that has demonstrated the most effort on behalf of Chesapeake Region during the year. Well deserved!

Below and right: Paula and Gary present the Murrell Smith Memorial 'Spirit' award to Bill Wurzell.

Below: Always at the ready, Ruth Synodinos stepped into announce award recipients.



President Paula and incoming Secretary, Tom Dawson award Jim Turner with grateful appreciation for his years as Secretary and his dedication to CRACA. Many thanks Jim!



Jack Treadwell presents Nick Prevas an award for his chairing the 60th Anniversary Celebration program. Nick is holding his youngest daughter, Naomi... check that, better make it 'granddaughter.'

